

JOSH RUSSELL

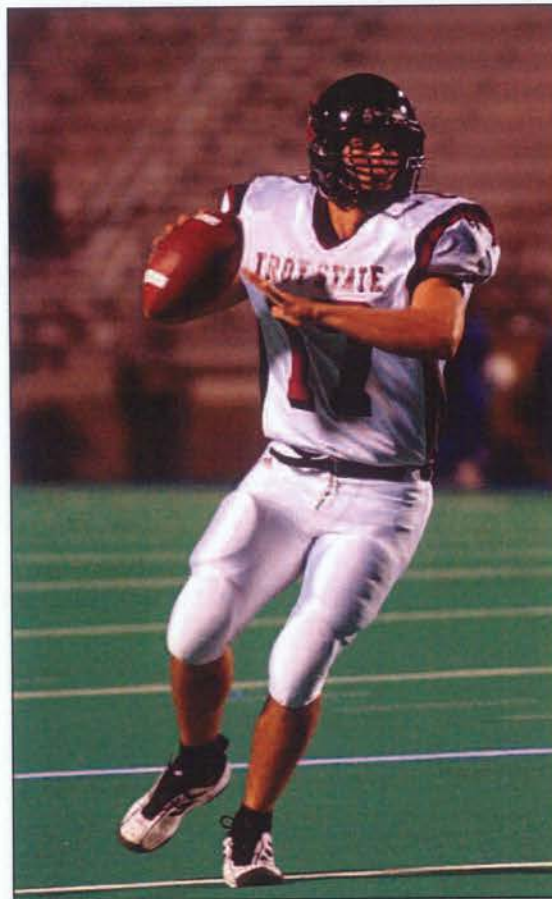
JOSH WAS BORN IN JASPER, AL ON JUNE 1, 1983 TO KENNETH AND EUNICE RUSSELL.

He has two siblings: an older brother, Adam, and a younger sister, Meagan.

Russell played quarterback for Sumiton Christian from 1997 to 2000. In 1998, as a sophomore quarterback, Russell helped the Eagles earn a spot in the playoff for the first time in school history. He was honored with being named First Team-All State, as well as a member of the Eagle Elite Football Team.

In 1999, Josh helped lead the Eagles to their first playoff win in school history and was chosen as All-State Honorable Mention and again selected to the Eagle Elite Football Team.

In 2000, Russell finished the season with 40 touchdown passes, which is the ninth best in Alabama high school history. He threw for 3,097 yards, which is 20th best in state history. He was chosen as the ASWA 2000 1A Back of the Year, Birmingham 1st Team All-Metro (1A-5A), First Team All-State, and 2000 Daily Mountain Eagle Player of the Year. He led the Eagles to a perfect 10-0 record in the regular season and the school's first regional championship. The team set a school record with 515 points scored in a season. Josh threw seven touchdown passes against Cedar Bluff, which is tied for third most in state history.



John Russell was a three-sport athlete in high school, where he excelled in basketball and baseball, as well as football. In basketball, he was selected to the Eagle Elite Team his 10th-12th grade years and averaged 18 points per game his 11th and 12th grade years. In 2001, he had a .390 batting average on a team that made it to the 4th round of the playoffs. Josh finished his high school football career with 91 touchdown passes, 7,080 yards passing, and had 413 completions on 683 attempts.

Josh's high school athletic career was greatly influenced by the coaching staff at Sumiton Christian. He had the privilege of playing football under his uncle and fellow Walker County Sports Hall of Fame member, Coach Dave Campbell. He played basketball under Coches David Ball and Marc Sargent, and baseball under Coach Lance Blair.

Russell continued his football career at Troy University under legendary Head Coach Larry Blakney. He played from 2001-2004 and was a three-year letterman as quarterback, a skill that seems to be exemplified in his family. Josh's brother, Adam, played quarterback at Dora High School and went on to play at Mississippi State and Troy University. Josh's father, Kenneth, also played quarterback during his years at Dora High.

Josh Russell currently resides in Spanish Fort, Alabama, where he serves as an Account Executive at Point Clear Insurance. He lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Brenner and Eva Rose.