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# Beau Thomas, Kentucky Wesleyan freshman linebacker, dies at 18, school says



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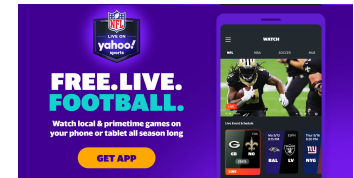


Kentucky Wesleyan freshman linebacker Beau Thomas has died unexpectedly, the Division II school said.

The news of Thomas' death was announced on the university's social media pages on Saturday.

"The entire Kentucky Wesleyan family is extremely saddened to hear about the death of football player Beau Thomas. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time," the school's athletic department [posted on Twitter](#).

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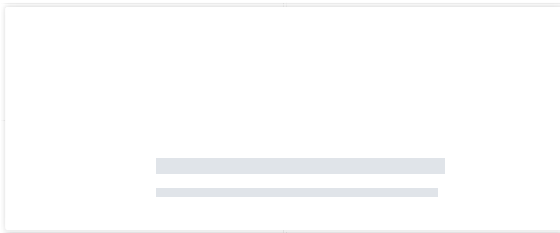


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In his first season with the Panthers football team, Thomas appeared in one game, participating in Kentucky Wesleyan's 31-12 loss to Hillsdale College on Nov. 6 with no recorded stats, [according to the school's athletic website](#). He was 18 years old and no cause of death was announced.

"We join Kentucky Wesleyan in mourning the loss of football player Beau Thomas. Our condolences to his family, friends and teammates," the [NCAA posted on Twitter](#).



Prayers for the Family of Freshman LB - Beau Thomas.

Beau would light up any room he walked into with a genius smile and great personality.

We are grateful for all the prayers and thoughts as our program is going to need them.

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— Kentucky Wesleyan Football (@kwc\_football) [January 2, 2022](#)

Before joining the Panthers program, Thomas was an iron man athlete on at Wyoming High School in Cincinnati, where he played linebacker and running back as his team [did not lose a regular season football game](#) throughout his high school career. He graduated from the school in 2021.

"Beau was 

His smile literally lit up a room," Jeff King, Wyoming assistant athletics director, [said in a statement](#).

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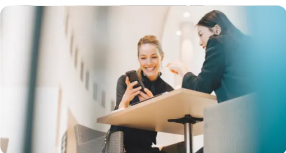


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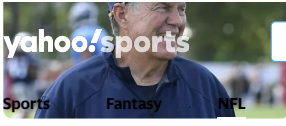


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