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CHAPTER ONE

The **TALENTED** Young Athlete

Baker Mayfield was sitting on the bench on September 20, 2018. It was the usual place for a **rookie** NFL player. Mayfield was drafted by the Cleveland Browns first overall in the 2018 NFL Draft. That didn't mean that he would get to play right away. The Browns already had a starting quarterback, Tyrod Taylor. Mayfield was the backup.

The third game of the season was not going great for the Browns. Taylor had attempted 14 passes against the New York Jets by late in the second quarter. He had ended up with a negative three-yard loss. It looked like the Browns would lose yet another game. Cleveland had not won a game since December of 2016. Now they were down 14–0.

Everything changed when Taylor was injured at the end of the second quarter. Coach Hue Jackson had to put the rookie in to play. Mayfield was ready. He first led the team to a field goal in just over a minute of play time. In the second half, he led the Browns to score another field goal and two touchdowns. The Browns won 21–17.



Quarterback Baker Mayfield looks for a receiver during his first game playing for the Cleveland Browns on September 20, 2018.



Mayfield signs autographs for some of his young fans.

The fans celebrated the end of the Browns 635-day losing streak. Long-time Browns fan Denny Kochever said after the game, “You get goose pimples. Baker Mayfield is going to pack that stadium. He’s going to electrify.”

Baker Reagan Mayfield was born April 14, 1995 in Austin, Texas. His parents are James and Gina Mayfield. He has an older brother, Matt. The Mayfield family was close and loved games of all kinds.

Mayfield attended Lake Travis High School. He played baseball and football. At the beginning of his junior year, Mayfield became the starting quarterback. He led the Lake Travis Cavaliers to a 25–2 record in his two years playing. They won the 2011 4A State Championship.

Now it was time to go to college. That brought some problems.

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