

James DeHoop (18) is entering his freshman year at Auburn University. He was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) at 17 and is currently undergoing maintenance treatment. James was diagnosed just before his senior year of high school when he was looking forward to being the captain for the football team and mulling over multiple scholarship offers to play college baseball. He had spent his entire childhood thinking that sports would be his future legacy and he worked hard to build it. As an athlete, he hated to lose. James is applying the same determination and focus he gained on the field to his cancer fight. Despite being sick, he never missed a game and supported his team from the sidelines. His letterman jacket is adorned with a patch reading "ALL" because he is proud to have earned it by being a "Cancer MVP". After his diagnosis, James realized that although cancer may have cost him a professional sports career, he has the potential to build an even greater legacy by pursuing a career as a pediatric hematology oncologist.