

2019 NFL Draft: 9 Ohio State Players Picked, 4 Buckeyes Undrafted But Signed



When the 2019 NFL draft ended Saturday in Nashville, Tenn., Ohio State saw nine players from its 2018 team taken and four signed as undrafted free agents.

Headlined by two selections in the top 15, the Buckeyes' nine prospects selected from Thursday through Saturday finished second to only Alabama. The Crimson Tide led all college football programs with 10 prospects drafted.

OSU got the ball rolling once the first round started Thursday when the San Francisco 49ers selected defensive end Nick Bosa (2016-18) with the second overall pick. Thirteen slots later, the Washington Redskins selected quarterback Dwayne Haskins (2016-18) with the 15th overall pick.

Had another Buckeye been picked Thursday, Ohio State would have made program history with three first-round selections, but the next name had to wait until Friday when rounds two and three resumed the action. Wide receiver Parris Campbell (2014-18) went off the board in the second round, selected by the Indianapolis Colts with the 59th overall pick.

Campbell was OSU's only one taken in the second round, but two more Buckeyes flew off the board across a five-pick span when the third round picked up. After the Denver Broncos selected defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones (2015-18) with the 71st overall pick, the Redskins reunited wide receiver Terry McLaurin (2014-18) and Haskins with the 76th overall pick.

The last three rounds carried out the end of the draft with Ohio State's final five Buckeyes chosen. Kendall Sheffield (2017-18) kicked off the activity in the fourth round when the Atlanta Falcons selected the cornerback with the 111th overall pick, followed by offensive guard Michael Jordan (2016-18) via the Cincinnati Bengals at No. 136 overall.

After an idol fifth round for OSU, the Miami Dolphins selected offensive tackle Isaiah Prince (2015-18)

with the 202nd overall pick in the sixth round. Mike Weber (2016-18) waited longer than expected, falling to the seventh round, but the Dallas Cowboys picked the running back with a steal of a selection at No. 218 overall.

Beyond the draftees, four Ohio State products signed as undrafted free agents through Sunday, including two with the same franchise. The Houston Texans inked wide receiver Johnnie Dixon (2014-18) and offensive lineman Malcolm Pridgeon (2017-18) while offensive guard Demetrius Knox (2014-18) and linebacker Dante Booker (2014-18) went to the Seattle Seahawks and Arizona Cardinals, respectively.

Sean Nuernberger is still on the market for NFL teams in need of a leg. The former Buckeyes kicker (2014-18) participated in front of all 32 NFL teams at OSU's pro day March 20, working out for the Bengals and Cleveland Browns during local pro days for each franchise before the draft.

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