

2020 Texas 4-Star DT Vernon Broughton Includes Ohio State In Top 6

Vernon Broughton, a four-star defensive lineman from Texas, narrowed down his hefty offer list to six schools via Twitter.

“My goals never changed, only the plans!” #Faith #Godspeed †
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— Vernon Broughton II (@Broughton1Vernon) May 20, 2019

While 247Sports’ crystal ball predictions have Broughton staying home to play for Texas, he is certainly a player that Ohio State is interested in. In addition to OSU and Texas, Broughton included Alabama, Arkansas, LSU and Texas A&M in his top-six schools.

Broughton (6-5, 286) plays defensive tackle for Houston Cypress Ridge, but possesses the versatility to play end in some schemes.

At The Opening in March, Broughton clocked in at 5.03 seconds in the 40-yard dash and completed the 20-yard shuttle in 4.75 seconds, displaying excellent athleticism for an interior lineman.

At 6-5, Broughton has a large frame with room to gain muscle mass and become a force on an elite defensive line in college.

He is the nation’s No. 70 overall prospect and No. 5 defensive tackle, as well as the No. 10 player in Texas, per the 247Sports Composite.

The Ohio State target will be in Columbus in June to visit with Ryan Day and his staff ahead of his senior season. The four-star defensive tackle plans to make his decision in August, and while Texas might currently be the favorite, a lot can change three months.

One reason why Broughton is so high on Texas is how close he could be to his family. His family is very important to him, with his mother and grandmother very involved in his life and his younger brother accompanying him on visits. The Longhorns did a good job of making Broughton feel at home on his visit to Texas.

“The highlight for me probably was seeing how they cared for my family,” Broughton said. “Seeing how they did things. It was us hanging out and eating out. Just seeing different things like that was great.”

If Ohio State wants to pry Broughton out of his home state, it will have to give him a familial feel and earn his trust to where he feels comfortable.

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