

Carpenter, Dingler Named Captains Of Ohio State Baseball



Infielder Matt Carpenter and catcher Dillon Dingler have been named captains of the 2020 Ohio State baseball team, which was announced by head coach Greg Beals.

“Both Carp and Ding have the pulse of the locker room,” Beals said. “They each have a great feel for the game and they know how to win. Both are well-deserving of their roles as captain.”

The captains, who were selected by their teammates, bring a lot of experience to the table, having played in a combined 169 career games.

Carpenter, a fifth-year senior, has appeared in 67 games, including 41 starts as a fourth-year junior in 2019. The Aurora, Ohio, native hit .257 with eight doubles, two triples 25 runs scored and 15 RBI as the Buckeyes won the Big Ten Tournament and advanced to an NCAA Regional in Nashville in 2019.

In the classroom, Carpenter is a four-time OSU Scholar-Athlete and three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection.

“Matt’s body of work here at Ohio State screams ‘student-athlete’ and what it means to be a Buckeye,” Beals said. “Matt has worked really hard to get where he is on the field and I know his teammates respect that as much as we do on the coaching staff.”

Dingler will serve his second term as team captain after being picked by his teammates to lead the team as a sophomore in 2019. Dingler turned in a second-team All-Big Ten season and earned Big Ten All-Tournament team recognition last season.

In 2018, Dingler was selected to the Big Ten All-Freshman team. The North Canton, Ohio, native as appeared in 102 career games, including 88 starts, totaling 17 doubles, three triples, seven home runs, 62 runs scored and 36 RBI in two seasons. Also excelling in the classroom, Dingler is a two-time OSU Scholar-Athlete and a 2019 Academic All-Big Ten selection.

“Dillon returns for his second year as captain,” Beals said. “Dillon has great leadership skills, primarily by example, which are especially critical at the catching position. I have said it before, he has ‘dude factor’ which has earned his teammates’ respect.”

The Buckeyes begin their 2020 season against St. Joseph's at 1 p.m. Feb. 14 in Port Charlotte, Fla.

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