

Former Ohio State Guard D.J. Carton Announces Transfer To Marquette



Former Ohio State point guard D.J. Carton announced his decision to transfer to Marquette on Wednesday evening.

It's official let's go pic.twitter.com/xHdDUZGqd5

— DJ Carton (@DJCarton) April 16, 2020

A former four-star prospect from Bettendorf, Iowa, Carton came to Columbus as the 34th-best prospect in the 2019 recruiting class and the Buckeyes' highest-rated signee since D'Angelo Russell in 2014. He averaged 10.4 points, 3.0 assists and 2.8 rebounds in 20 games as a freshman.

Carton scored a career-high 17 points in his final game at Ohio State, a 71-59 win over Northwestern on Jan. 26. But just four days later, he announced he'd be taking a leave of absence from the team in order to improve his mental health.

"I have been through a lot," Carton said in a statement he posted to Twitter on Jan. 30. "I'm disappointed to say I'm not 100 percent right now. I am not doing my teammates justice if I don't work on this now. I am doing everything in my power to strengthen my mental health. I will fight for my team and Buckeye Nation and I will come back stronger!"

Head coach Chris Holtmann did not put a timetable on Carton's potential return, though it was always unlikely he'd do so during the 2019-20 season. He did return to in-person classes in late February, but then entered his name into the transfer portal on March 19.

Unless he receives a waiver, Carton will have to sit out the 2020-21 season due to NCAA transfer rules. He will have three seasons of eligibility remaining for the Golden Eagles, provided he uses a redshirt next year.

It's worth noting Marquette — which is located in Milwaukee, Wisc. — is roughly three hours away from Carton's hometown, while Columbus is a little over seven.

Carton's announcement comes just 24 hours after his former teammate, Luther Muhammad, announced Arizona State as his own transfer destination.