

Former Ole Miss Running Back Quinshon Judkins Visiting Ohio State



Former Ole Miss running back Quinshon Judkins sent out a tweet Sunday evening indicating that he was in Columbus, with several reports later indicating that he is on an official visit with the Buckeyes.

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— Quinshon Judkins (@qaj4_) January 8, 2024

Judkins, a former three-star prospect out of Pike Road, Ala., was a surprise entry to the transfer portal on Jan. 5 with two seasons of eligibility remaining. In his two seasons with the Rebels, he rushed for 2,725 yards and 31 touchdowns and averaged 5.0 yards per carry.

He was a first-team All-SEC selection in his freshman season - and was named SEC Freshman of the Year - after rushing for 1,567 yards and 16 touchdowns, the second-best ever rushing season by an SEC freshman behind Herschel Walker's 1,616 yards at Georgia in 1980.

Ohio State is still awaiting word as to whether or not running back TreVeyon Henderson will return for his senior season with the Buckeyes ahead of the Jan. 15 deadline for underclassmen to declare, but even if Henderson were to return, Ohio State is still in a position where it could use some help at tailback following the transfers of Chip Trayanum and Evan Pryor.

Judkins' addition would obviously be an important one if Henderson were to depart, but even if he stays, Henderson and Judkins could also be utilized in a split backfield, operating as a one-two punch to help limit wear and tear with both receiving a healthy number of carries. Ohio State is also expected to return Dallan Hayden, who redshirted this past season, and welcome incoming freshmen running backs James Peoples and Sam Williams-Dixon.

Ohio State has already made three transfer additions this offseason - all on offense - including former Kansas State quarterback Will Howard, former Alabama center Seth McLaughlin and former Ohio University tight end Will Kacmarek.