Four Buckeyes Claim Victory In Senior Bowl



Former Ohio State linebackers Tuf Borland, Baron Browning and Justin Hilliard, along with defensive end Jonathon Cooper all left the Senior Bowl with a victory on Jan. 30, as the National Team knocked off the American Team, 27-24.

It was a pretty good day for all four Buckeyes involved, starting with Cooper, who had 2 tackles, 1.5 TFL and 0.5 sacks, twice teaming up with a fellow defender to take down quarterback Jamie Newman in the backfield.

Jonathon Cooper sacks Jamie Newman pic.twitter.com/p6MIUFHpLc

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Cooper got Newman again pic.twitter.com/O1jIDheQ5I

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Browning added a sack of his own on Newman shortly after, though he was not officially credited for it in the box score. He finished with three tackles, lining up as both a linebacker and an edge rusher.

Then Baron Browning got in on the party pic.twitter.com/YQLjT5ykvr

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Hilliard led the way for the Buckeyes in tackles with four, including a pair of big time stops in the first quarter of the game. He started for the National defense, along with all three of his one-time teammates.

Justin Hilliard showing up early in the Senior Bowl pic.twitter.com/Sx8I0KKveO

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Hilliard in on the fourth-down stop later on the same drive pic.twitter.com/byEVGuEjvy

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Borland had the quietest day of the bunch after a rough week in Mobile, Ala., but he did notch two tackles, one for a loss, and a pass breakup that was very nearly an interception.

Nearly an interception for Tuf Borland pic.twitter.com/TA0QTwjsqr

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All four of these Buckeyes, along with all of their draft eligible teammates, will learn their NFL fate during the 2021 draft, held April 29-May 1.