Josh Simmons, Seth McLaughlin, Ty Hamilton Named Midseason All-Americans By Senior Bowl

Through five games of the regular season, Ohio State had three players recognized as midseason All-Americans by the Senior Bowl on Oct. 10.

Left tackle Josh Simmons, center Seth McLaughlin and defensive tackle Ty Hamilton received recognition when the lists were revealed, showing the Buckeyes have been strong in the trenches early on.

After last season when the offensive line was one of the weaker position groups on the team, the early recognition is just further confirmation of the improvements it has made so far. Through five games, the front five has only allowed four sacks, and the Buckeyes as a team are running for 6.2 yards per carry, a major improvement over last season's 4.2 yards.

Hamilton has also had a strong season through five games in which he has recorded 18 tackles, 2½ for loss and 1½ sacks while also forcing a fumble that the Buckeyes recovered against Iowa. The defensive line as a whole has done a great job filling gaps and has held opposing teams to just 72.6 rushing yards per game this season, which is third in the country.

Only three teams had three players make the midseason All-American list, with Penn State and Georgia joining the Buckeyes. The Bulldogs had linebacker Jalon Walker, defensive back Malaki Starks and offensive lineman Dylan Fairchild recognized while the Nittany Lions had running back Nick Singleton, tight end Tyler Warren and defensive back Jaylen Reed included.