Ohio State Defensive End Javontae Jean-Baptiste Enters Transfer Portal



It was announced Monday evening that Ohio State defensive end Javontae Jean-Baptiste is the latest Buckeye to enter the transfer portal.

Jean-Baptiste recently completed his fifth season with at Ohio State, reaching new career highs with 19 tackles (4.5 for loss) to go with four sacks on the year. The former four-star prospect – originally a linebacker out of Bergen Catholic in Oradell, N.J., in the 2018 class – leaves Columbus having played in 47 games with six starts, accounting for 53 tackles (10.5 for loss) with eight sacks, a forced fumble and a pass breakup.

Jean-Baptiste is the fifth Ohio State player to enter the transfer portal in recent weeks and the second since the Buckeyes' loss to Georgia in the Peach Bowl, joining long snapper Mason Arnold, who announced his entry to the portal on Sunday.

Other Buckeyes in the portal include linebacker Teradja Mitchell (Florida) and safeties Jantzen Dunn (Kentucky) and Jaylen Johnson (undecided).