

Ohio State Freshmen Ryan Watts, Jakob James Shed Black Stripes



Two more members of the Ohio State 2020 recruiting class officially became members of the Buckeyes.

Freshman cornerback Ryan Watts and freshman offensive lineman Jakob James shed their black stripes, becoming freshman No. 14 and freshman No. 15 to be recognized as official team members.

Watts is expected to play cornerback for defensive coordinator Kerry Coombs, as he was rated as the No. 18 safety and No. 202 overall player in the nation out of Little Elm, Texas.

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Shoutout to @TheRyanWatts for losing the stripe! Welcome to #BIA ☐#GoBuckeyes
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— Ohio State Football (@OhioStateFB) October 19, 2020

James became the third offensive lineman in the 2020 class to shed his black stripe. The Cincinnati Elder product was a three-star prospect, rated as the No. 55 offensive guard and No. 852 overall player in the country.

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Doing all that needs to be done on the O line! Congrats @jakobjames00!#GoBuckeyes
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"I just want to thank my family and friends back home, Coach Mick and his staff, Coach Stud, Coach Tuck and the whole O-line unit," James said. "Go Bucks!"

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