

Ohio State Hosts Several Visitors, Including Former N.C. State Commitment

While the spring evaluation period continues through May 31 with Ohio State assistant coaches on the road and offers out to new prospects, head coach Ryan Day's staff hosted several unofficial visitors from the 2020 recruiting class Friday as the weekend kicked off.

Joseph Johnson

On his visit less than a month since he emerged on OSU's radar, Joseph Johnson headlined the few. With an Ohio State offer since April 26, the three-star cornerback out of Chester (Va.) Life Christian reopened his recruitment last Wednesday when he decommitted from N.C. State. The 6-3, 180-pounder's commitment to the Wolfpack was short-lived — Johnson originally pledged March 30.

As the 247Sports composite's No. 469 overall prospect, No. 31 cornerback and No. 10 player in Virginia for 2020, Johnson's process has taken off over the past two months. Johnson considers the Buckeyes with recent offers from Penn State (March 16), Indiana (March 17), West Virginia (March 18), Virginia (March 19) and Baylor (April 8).

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@DemetricDWarren pic.twitter.com/DF4S8GO1Pe

— Joseph Johnson III (@joseph_johnson7) May 17, 2019

Van Fillinger

All the way from Draper (Utah) Corner Canyon, 2020 three-star defensive end Van Fillinger visited Ohio State and left with an offer. The Buckeyes became his latest, joining recent bids from Southern California April 10 and Vanderbilt Monday. Now including OSU, he boasts 16 scholarships in total.

Fillinger is the 247Sports composite's No. 483 overall prospect, No. 21 strongside defensive end and No. 4 player in Utah for 2020.

Wow ! I'd like to give a BIG thank you to Ohio states coaching staff for their hospitality on this visit. With that being said I am blessed to have received an offer to The Ohio State university.
#gobuckeyes pic.twitter.com/OluFyNEFpd

— Van Fillinger (@van_filli) May 17, 2019

Gage Keys

A short drive from Hilliard (Ohio) Davidson on the west side of Columbus, 2020 three-star defensive end Gage Keys made an Ohio State visit worth keeping tabs on.

While he has yet to receive an offer from the Buckeyes, his interest is growing. The 6-5, 240-pounder has started May by picking up a pair of Big Ten bids from Minnesota last Monday and Maryland Thursday. The Golden Gophers and Terrapins gave him 14 scholarships in total, following Rutgers March 27 and Indiana April 12.

Keys is the 247Sports composite's No. 1,075 overall prospect, No. 53 strongside defensive end and No. 45 player in Ohio for 2020.

Had a wonderful visit to @OhioStateFB today! B1G thank you to the whole staff for having me down. Can't wait to be back!!! #gobucks pic.twitter.com/rjr9pGabwr

— Gage Keys (@5100keys) May 17, 2019

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