## Ohio State Linebacker Dallas Gant To Miss Remainder Of Spring Practice



Ohio State senior linebacker Dallas Gant announced during his media availability on Thursday morning that he will be out for spring practice after suffering a foot injury.

"I have a foot issue at the moment, so I am not participating in spring ball," Gant said. "I'll be back by the summer with a full recovery."

Gant, a former four-star prospect from Toledo, recorded 17 tackles, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in eight games for the Buckeyes last season. He's expected to start at middle linebacker this fall in place of the departed Tuf Borland.

Although he's unable to participate, Gant spoke to the importance of spring practice for the linebackers as Ohio State looks to replace its top four players at the position in Borland, Baron Browning, Pete Werner and Justin Hilliard, who are all off to The NFL.

"With losing those four guys, they were big leadership guys," Gant said. "I think that role has been put upon myself, Teradja (Mitchell) and K'Vaughan (Pope) through this spring, this year and the rest of our time here. It's a big stride we have to take, and the spring is a good time to do it."

With Gant out, sophomore Tommy Eichenberg and early enrollee freshman Reid Carrico will presumably see more reps this spring.

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