

Ohio State Linebacker Tommy Eichenberg, Quarterback J.P. Andrade Shed Black Stripes



Linebacker Tommy Eichenberg and quarterback J.P. Andrade became the latest freshman to lose their black stripes following practice on Wednesday evening, signaling their status as official members of the Buckeyes' football program.

👍 No stripe!! @tommyike41 got his black stripe off today!!#GoBucks #ToughLove
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The 6-3 225-pound Eichenberg was a four-star prospect from Cleveland St. Ignatius. He missed most of preseason camp with an undisclosed injury, but saw his first action on the final play of Ohio State's 76-5 win over Miami (Ohio) on Sept. 21.

"I want to thank everybody for welcoming me in," Eichenberg said. "I want to thank the linebacker room, the strength staff, all the trainers — especially (head physical therapist and assistant athletic trainer Adam Stewart). I couldn't have done it without them."

👍 STRIPE ALERT!! Congratulations @JPAndrade12 on getting your stripe off!!#GoBucks
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The 6-3, 205-pound Andrade, meanwhile, picked a preferred walk-on opportunity at Ohio State over scholarship offers from South Alabama, Fordham and Morehead State and a preferred walk-on offer from Florida. He's yet to see any playing time for the Buckeyes, but recently drew praise from quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator Mike Yurcich for his effort on scout team this fall.

"I just want to thank God for this opportunity," Andrade said. "I want to thank you guys for welcoming

me in. Thank the quarterback unit, coach Yurchich, (quality control coach) Corey (Dennis), coach (Ryan) Day, the rest of the quarterbacks. Go Bucks.”

A full list of newcomers who have shed their black stripes is below:

NAME	POSITION	YEAR	DATE OF BLACK STRIPE REMOVAL
LOGAN HITTLE	LB	JR*	3/21
CADE KACHERSKI	LB	FR*	3/21
BEN SCHMIESING	LB	FR	3/21
JUSTIN FIELDS	QB	SO	3/ 25
DARRYL SINCLAIR	CB	SO*	3/25
MAX WRAY	OL	FR*	4/1
RYAN BATSCHE	SAF	FR*	4/1
GARRETT WILSON	WR	FR	4/8
AUSTIN KUTSCHER	WR	FR*	4/8
ZACH HARRISON	DE	FR	4/12
JONAH JACKSON	OL	SR*	8/6
HARRY MILLER	C	FR	8/8
JAMESON WILLIAMS	WR	FR	8/8
RYAN JACOBY	OL	FR	8/12
MARCUS CROWLEY	RB	FR	8/12
CADE STOVER	LB	FR	8/13
BRYSON SHAW	SAF	FR	8/15
NOAH POTTER	DE	FR	8/15
STEELE CHAMBERS	RB	FR	8/15
CRAIG YOUNG	LB	FR	8/19
DANNY VANATSKY	QB	FR*	8/19
ZAID HAMDAN	DT	FR*	8/24
DAWAND JONES	OT	FR	9/4
ENOKK VIMAH	OG	FR	9/4
CHRIS BOOKER	WR	JR	9/11
TOMMY EICHENBERG	LB	FR	9/25
J.P. ANDRADE	QB	FR	9/25

**Redshirt*