

Recruiting Outlook: Ohio State Set For Another Important Recruiting Weekend



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It's June, and at Ohio State that means official visitors will be in and out of the Woody Hayes Athletic Center all month long.

The Buckeyes hosted several official visitors last weekend and set to host at least 15 this weekend, including several committed and uncommitted prospects in 2023.

The top prospect that will be on campus this weekend is Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) American Heritage five-star wide receiver Brandon Inniss (6-0, 190), one of the nation's top receivers and the No. 18 overall prospect in 2023.

I'm here!!📍❤️

— Brandon Inniss (@brandon5star2) June 17, 2022

Inniss has been a high-priority target for Ohio State at wide receiver along with Bradenton (Fla.) IMG Academy five-star Carnell Tate (6-2, 185).

Inniss, a former Oklahoma commit who decommitted from the Sooners in November, will be making his second trip to Columbus after an unofficial visit earlier this spring. He's also made a stop this spring at Alabama for an official visit and has a top six of Alabama, LSU, Miami (Fla.), Ohio State, Texas A&M

and USC.

As for someone that will throw the ball instead of catching it, Memphis (Tenn.) Lausanne Collegiate School four-star quarterback Brock Glenn (6-2, 195) will be making his first trip to Ohio State for an official visit.

Glenn's visit to Columbus comes just 10 days after receiving an offer from the Buckeyes. He was widely predicted as a future Auburn commitment before his Ohio State offer, but it could now be between him and Dripping Springs, Texas, four-star quarterback Austin Novosad (6-3, 185), a Baylor commit who took an official visit to Ohio State last weekend, to see who joins the class first.

On the defensive side of the ball, Ohio State will welcome in three defensive backs for official visits in Lynn (Mass.) St. John's Prep five-star safety Joenel Aguero (6-0, 195), Hillside (N.J.) St. Peters Prep four-star safety Jayden Bonsu (6-2, 205) and Cincinnati Winton Woods four-star cornerback Jermaine Mathews (6-0, 175).

Im on my way to Columbus Ohio for my OV ☐ #Buckeyes

— Joenel Aguero (@Joenel_33) June 17, 2022

In Columbus Ohio this weekend ☐☐ pic.twitter.com/loWkd3fmIS

— Jayden Bonsu ☐ (@JaydenBonsu) June 16, 2022

Ohio State already has two safeties committed in West Chester (Ohio) Lakota West four-star Malik Hartford (6-3, 175) and Cocoa, Fla., four-star Cedrick Hawkins (6-0, 175) and could look to take two (or even three) more if the situation is right, and much of that depends on how things shake out with Hoschton (Ga.) Mill Creek five-star Caleb Downs (6-0, 185), who will take an official visit next weekend.

At cornerback, the Buckeyes are looking to take three and have one committed in Tampa (Fla.) Wharton four-star Dijon Johnson (6-1, 190). Mathews has come on strong this summer, earning an offer earlier this month after camping with Ohio State, and he is now the No. 373 overall prospect in 2023, according to 247Sports, and the No. 32 cornerback in his class, according to On3 Sports.

Rolesville, N.C., four-star wide receiver Noah Rogers (6-2, 180) will also be in attendance after some question as to whether or not he would make the trip. A report from 247Sports indicated that Rogers was experiencing plane issues and would not visit, but a later update indicated that he found a new flight and would make the trip.

Rogers is the No. 50 overall prospect and No. 9 wide receiver in 2023, and Ohio State is in a heated battle for the top prospect with several schools from his home state, including Clemson, NC State and North Carolina.

Other notable visitors for the weekend include four-star offensive tackle Oluwatosin Babalade (6-5, 296), Rome, Ga., four-star defensive lineman Stephiylan Green (6-4, 267), who is set to commit on June 22, and Waxahachie, Texas, four-star cornerback Calvin Simpson-Hunt (6-0, 175), who is committed to Texas Tech.

Several of Ohio State's current commits will be on official visits this weekend, including Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) American Heritage four-star running back Mark Fletcher (6-1, 225), Johnson, Thompson's Station (Tenn.) Independence four-star Ty Lockwood (6-5, 225), Huber Heights (Ohio) Wayne four-star offensive lineman Josh Padilla (6-4, 265), Zephyrhills (Fla.) Wiregrass Ranch four-star wide receiver Bryson Rodgers (6-1, 175) and Middletown (Ohio) Lakota East four-star offensive lineman Austin Siereveld (6-5, 320).