

Ryan Day Talks Position Changes, Scrimmages



Ohio State head coach Ryan Day addressed the media for the second time this week as Ohio State hit the halfway point of spring practice, with the annual spring game scrimmage set for April 17 to conclude spring camp in Columbus.

- Two offensive skill players are on the move to new positions, at least temporarily. Day said that H-back Demario McCall came to the staff about a move to defensive back and wide receiver Gee Scott did the same with a move to tight end.
- “He’s a very mature young man and sees a future for that in him... He thinks Kevin Wilson can really teach him how to block,” Day said of Scott, a sophomore.
- “The defensive guys have been really excited about him,” Day said of McCall. He’s been spending his time in the nickel spot, along with Marcus Williamson.
- “He’s had a great offseason. Probably the best offseason he’s had.”
- Day said that position changes are not a move that Ohio State takes lightly. “I think, for us, my approach is that I want to do what they feel comfortable with. If they’re not comfortable playing a position, we won’t do it. I think sometimes guys look at it as opportunity, as well.”
- McCall is one of several defensive backs that have stood out to Day, along with a group of youngsters that he praised. “I think we have some good young guys that are showing up.” Ryan Watts, Lejond Cavazos and Latham Ransom have been battling for playing time there with Sevyn Banks and Cam Brown out with injuries.
- Day said that Ohio State ran through a scrimmage today and that Ohio State is “going to grade the film coming off the weekend and see where we’re at.”
- He mentioned the halfbacks room specifically as impressing him with their scrimmage showing, saying that he “thought in the scrimmage today that the running backs really came off the ball.”
- He said that he has to restrain himself from putting too much on his young quarterbacks early on as they make mistakes for the first time.
- Day disagreed with the reports earlier this week that Justin Fields didn’t have great work ethic.
- “When I think of Justin Fields, I think of somebody who got off the field against Clemson and for the next year just grinded toward getting back to that same situation and winning that game. “Not only does he not opt out, he fights to get the season back... I think the world of him.”