



Observations: Abundance Of New Looks As Ohio State Starts Spring Camp

Football is back at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center, where Ohio State opened [spring camp](#) Wednesday with an 8:30 a.m. practice. After an open hour to the media, BSB has observations from the Buckeyes' first day of drills.

- Fifth-year senior safety [Jordan Fuller](#) and junior left tackle [Thayer Munford](#) are [out for](#) the spring as they recover from their undisclosed injuries, but both were in attendance. Fuller dressed and did conditioning work on the sideline. Munford did not dress and watched.
- Throughout the practice, the following players joined Fuller for side work: Redshirt freshman defensive end [Alex Williams](#), redshirt freshman wide receiver [Kamryn Babb](#), freshman safety [Ronnie Hickman](#), junior running back [Demario McCall](#), redshirt freshman running back [Master Teague](#), senior offensive lineman [Brandon Pahl](#) and sophomore defensive tackle [Jerron Cage](#).
- Former wide receiver [Parris Campbell](#) (2014-18), who was among the NFL scouting combine's [top performers](#) over the weekend, attended.
- Following warmup stretches, the practice broke out for punt with fifth-year seniors [K.J. Hill](#) and [C.J. Saunders](#) as the two returners.
- Contrary to his time as acting head coach in September when he doubled as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, head coach [Ryan Day](#) was mostly hands off throughout the individual periods of practice. Passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach [Michael Yurcich](#) and senior offensive quality control coach [Corey Dennis](#) worked with the signal callers while Day scanned all positions from midfield.
 - Speaking of quarterbacks, sophomore [Justin Fields](#) and redshirt freshman [Matthew Baldwin](#) led the group. Baldwin was first out in stretches with Fields following, rounded out by fifth-year senior [Chris Chugunov](#) and sophomore walk-on [Danny Vanatsky](#). In position drills, Fields appeared to be the first one out, followed by Baldwin, Chugunov and Vanatsky.
- Among the breakouts, linebackers featured several new wrinkles. Co-defensive coordinator [Greg Mattison](#) and linebackers coach [Al Washington](#) oversaw the linebackers as each worked with two different parts of the unit. Mattison mentored what appeared to be a hybrid position while

Washington worked with the inside and outside players.

- Junior safeties [Brendon White](#) and [Jahsen Wint](#) were most notably with Mattison and the hybrids. Senior [Justin Hilliard](#), junior [Pete Werner](#) and sophomore [K'Vaughan Pope](#) also mixed in with the group.
- Redshirt freshman [Marcus Hooker](#) participated in drills but was in an orange (limited) penny. He had a black hard cast on his right wrist. Prior to the 2018 season, Hooker was sidelined with a wrist injury.
- Throughout the practice, position drills and inside-run period provided a peak at potential lineups across both sides of the line of scrimmage.
 - First-team offensive line: Fifth-year senior right tackle [Branden Bowen](#), sophomore right guard [Wyatt Davis](#), sophomore center [Josh Myers](#), junior left guard [Gavin Cupp](#) and fifth-year senior left guard [Joshua Alabi](#).
 - Second-team offensive line: Redshirt freshman right tackle [Nicholas Petit-Frere](#), freshman right guard [Ryan Jacoby](#), redshirt freshman center [Matthew Jones](#), fifth-year senior left guard [Kevin Woidke](#) and redshirt freshman left tackle [Max Wray](#).
 - First-team defensive line: Junior defensive end [Chase Young](#), senior defensive tackle [Davon Hamilton](#), junior defensive tackle [Haskell Garrett](#) and senior defensive end [Jonathon Cooper](#).
 - Among others to work in were seniors [Jashon Cornell](#) and [Robert Landers](#) at defensive tackle. Sophomore defensive end [Tyreke Smith](#), sophomore defensive tackle [Tommy Togia](#), junior defensive tackle [Antwuan Jackson](#) and sophomore defensive end [Tyler Friday](#) were first in with the second unit. Followed by redshirt freshman [Javontae Jean-Baptiste](#), freshman defensive ends [Noah Potter](#) and [Zach Harrison](#) worked in with the second unit.
- Despite three starters set to return at linebacker, the position group was all over with its lineup mixes.
 - Among the linebackers to mix in with the first team during the inside-run period, senior [Malik Harrison](#) and junior [Baron Browning](#) were the first ones out, respectively at outside and middle. Werner worked the hybrid spot, along with White. Other notable lineups featured sophomore [Teradja Mitchell](#) as the next one in the middle after Browning, while sophomore [Dallas Gant](#) and Pope flanked Mitchell on the outside.
- With two coaches in the defensive backfield, the position group appeared to be split between co-defensive coordinator/secondary coach [Jeff Hafley](#) and special teams coordinator/assistant secondary coach [Matt Barnes](#). Hafley was hands-on with the cornerbacks, while Barnes manned the safeties.
 - Speaking of cornerbacks, when practice broke for 7-on-7 drills, the position group appeared increasingly physical. Off the bat, senior [Damon Arnette](#) and sophomore [Sevyn Banks](#) started the portion with pass breakups, as did junior [Jeffrey Okudah](#) later on, against first-team offensive players. Defensive holding calls came in a flurry afterward, but the cornerbacks noticeably came in hot and physical to start.
- Among the handful of recruits on hand, Westerville (Ohio) Central 2021 quarterback [Judah Holtzclaw](#) was in attendance. The 6-5, 195-pounder does not yet have an offer but is coming off visiting Clemson last Saturday among other schools he has taken trips to in the offseason.

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