

# Ohio State Men's Basketball Signee EJ Liddell Named USA Today Illinois Player Of The Year



Ohio State four-star forward signee EJ Liddell was named the USA Today Illinois Player of the Year on Tuesday afternoon.

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The 6-6, 220-pound Liddell averaged 20.2 points, 9.3 rebounds and 3.8 blockers per game to lead Belleville (Ill.) West to its second consecutive Class 4A state championship last season.

In addition to this honor, Liddell — who accumulated more than 2,500 points, 1,000 rebounds, 500 blocks and 300 assists in his four-year high school career — was previously named Illinois' Mr. Basketball, the City/Suburban Hoops Report Player of the Year and the Prep Hoops Illinois Player of the Year.

Liddell is considered the eighth-best power forward and No. 45 prospect overall in the class of 2019. He, along with Iowa four-star point guard DJ Carton, Cleveland native Alonzo Gaffney and recently committed center Ibrahima Diallo combine to give the Buckeyes the top-rated class in the Big Ten this recruiting cycle.

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