

Ohio State Picks Up Local Punter For 2019



Just over two weeks after Ohio State offered Michael O'Shaughnessy on Nov. 15, the in-state punter from New Albany committed to the Buckeyes' 2019 recruiting class.

The 6-4, 197-pounder spent Nov. 24 at OSU for its 62-39 win over Michigan. Six days later, on Friday morning, he took to Twitter and announced his decision.

Committed to THE Ohio State University! #GoBucks pic.twitter.com/YXMBPyS5p6

— Michael O'Shaughnessy (@mikeosh23) November 30, 2018

O'Shaughnessy emerged onto the coaching staff's radar over the summer, spending June 16 in Columbus at Ohio State's specialists camp.

There he connected with cornerbacks coach/special teams coordinator Taver Johnson, quality control/kicking coach Parker Fleming in addition to fifth-year senior kicker Sean Nuernberger and former Buckeyes punter Cameron Johnston.

Into the season, O'Shaughnessy visited Akron (Sept. 8) and Toledo (Sept. 15). He then returned Sept. 22 to OSU for its 49-6 victory against Tulane, followed by trips to Cincinnati (Oct. 6) and Virginia (Nov. 10).

O'Shaughnessy picked up an offer from Toledo on Nov. 14. Ohio State entered the equation the next day with a non-scholarship opportunity.

Prior to his camp performance with the Buckeyes, he went to Kentucky (Feb. 3), Princeton (April 2), John Carroll (June 3) and Purdue (June 10).

Chris Sailer Kicking ranks O'Shaughnessy as the No. 18 punter in the nation and No. 2 in Midwest

behind another Ohio punter in Akron Copley's Porter Wilson, who committed June 21 to Duke.

"Michael is a very talented high school punting prospect," O'Shaughnessy's evaluation reads. "He is big, tall, strong and athletic. Michael has an ideal D1 college punting frame. He shows he can hit great college level ball and his consistency is improving. He averages 40+ yards with 4.4+ hang time. There is tons of potential here. I look forward to seeing what the future holds. He should have a huge 2018 season turning the heads of college coaches. He is a fine young man that is always a great pleasure to work with. Michael is going to make a great addition to a college football program. Excellent prospect."

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