

OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Hartline Jumps At Chance To Join '05 Class

On June 28, Brian Hartline joined a group that includes names such as Steve Rehling, Curt Lukens, A.J. Hawk, Rob Sims, E.J. Underwood, Jay Richardson and T.J. Downing.

Aside from all being members of the Ohio State football team, the group Hartline joined also has something else in common — they all got their official scholarship offers from the Buckeyes after attending OSU's one-day senior advanced camp and each committed shortly afterward.

Hartline attended the advanced camp June 26, spoke with offensive coordinator Jim Bollman the following evening and learned a scholarship offer from Ohio State was on the way, and waited just about 24 hours before giving the coaching staff his verbal commitment.

He becomes the sixth member — and the fifth Ohioan — in OSU's recruiting class of 2005.

"At the very beginning of this process I was thinking, 'I'm Ohio State,'" the 6-2, 174-pound wide receiver out of Canton GlenOak told BSB. "Then the process started going a little bit more and I started to think maybe it wasn't the place for me. But I went down to camp and stayed with Dustin Fox, I got to work out in the facility for five days, and I just decided that it was the place to be. The coaches are awesome and I fit in really well there."

Most of the Big Ten schools had been in contact with Hartline, and schools such as Iowa, Michigan State, Pittsburgh, Stanford and Vanderbilt had already offered scholarships. He said that right before his commitment, Purdue was talking with him as well, and a high school coach and Florida alum at the OSU camp was talking up the Gators to Hartline.

With Stanford and Vanderbilt involved, one can rightfully assume that Hartline is in fine academic shape, as he currently has a grade-point average of 3.80.

Hartline attended the OSU camp June 22-25 with his younger brother, Mike, who will be a junior at GlenOak in the fall and is the team's quarterback. During their time in Columbus they both stayed with Fox, who is a graduate of GlenOak.

"I've known him ever since my freshman year," Brian Hartline said. "We went to the same high school. He's been helping me out a little bit. He had his brother to look up to during the recruiting process, and he helped me out a little bit."

As a junior, Hartline caught 40 passes for about 300 yards, including six touchdowns. He combines his size with athletic ability — he has been timed at 4.59 seconds in the 40-yard dash and boasts a vertical leap of 31 inches.

Hartline is ending the recruiting process relatively early, but he believes he has made the right decision.

"I'm going to miss some of it because it's always fun being pampered through the whole process, but I was getting



Brian Hartline

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torn so many different ways that I just want to concentrate on my season," he said. "I want to concentrate on my team at GlenOak. I can't be much happier than committing to the Ohio State University."

Kicker Skeete Becomes Late Addition To Class Of '04

Jonathan Skeete, a kicker/punter from Gahanna (Ohio) Lincoln, became the latest member of Ohio State's recruiting class of 2004 when he accepted and signed a scholarship offer from the Buckeyes in mid-June.

"The coaches called me and offered me a scholarship," Skeete told BSB. "I gladly accepted."

"They've been interested in me since the season was over. Last January, they asked if I'd be interested in walking on. But I had made plans to go to Northwestern."

An honors student with a 3.70 grade-point average and scores of 30 on the ACT and 1320 on the SAT, Skeete was to receive a \$20,000 academic scholarship from Northwestern. Then he was going to walk on with the Wildcats.

But when he expressed interest in OSU again, the Buckeyes responded with a scholarship offer.

"They said they were still interested in me, so I took that offer," Skeete said. "Now I'll be ready to join the team in the fall."

Skeete is both a kicker and a punter. Last season — his first and only season with the varsity team — he earned first-team All-Ohio honors in Division I after making 13 of 18 field goals and 27 of 30 PAT attempts. In the process, he set school records for most field goals in a single season, longest field goal (48 yards) and average kickoff distance.

He also is a punter and kicked for an average of 38.1 yards per attempt.

Skeete said he will likely redshirt in 2004 if he stays at kicker but would join the crowded field of possible punters if that is what the OSU coaches wanted him to do.

Skeete also offered some insight into the punting situation, intimating that veteran Josh Huston may have the inside track on that job this fall.

"I'm thinking that I may try to challenge Josh Huston for the punting job," Skeete said. When asked if he had been told Huston had the job, he replied, "That's what they've told me. They told me that Huston's supposed to be starting this year."

Skeete (5-10, 170) also played soccer at Lincoln High School for three years and was on the varsity volleyball team as well.



Jonathan Skeete

OSU Football Verbal Commitments

Football players in the class of 2005 who have issued verbal commitments to play college football at Ohio State.

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	High School
Alex Boone	OL	6-8	296	Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward
Jim Cordle	OL	6-5	285	Lancaster, Ohio
Todd Denlinger	DL	6-3	280	Troy, Ohio
Brian Hartline	WR	6-2	174	Canton (Ohio) GlenOak
Jamario O'Neal	DB	6-1	190	Cleveland Glenville
Ryan Williams	DL	6-5	240	Mission Viejo, Calif.

The addition of Skeete makes a crowded kicking situation at OSU even more so.

Mike Nugent will exhaust his eligibility after the 2004 season as kicker, but the Buckeyes could get another year out of Huston, who will petition the NCAA for a sixth year.

Along with Huston and Skeete, OSU also has promised a scholarship to Aaron Pettrey of Raceland, Ky., who is grayshirting and expects to join the team next winter. John Barker of Westwood, Mass., also is expected to walk on with the team during the upcoming year with the possibility of earning a scholarship.

At punter, walk-on transfer Kyle Turano — who appears to have won the holding job for Nugent this fall — is a senior, but there are Huston and Skeete as well as freshman A.J. Trapasso, who graduated from high school early to participate in spring drills, and freshman walk-on J.D. Bergman.

"They've told me that they want to keep their streak of great kickers going and the best way to do that is have competition for the jobs," Skeete said. "They told me they wanted to bring in a whole bunch of kickers."

Skeete said getting the scholarship offer from Ohio State is "a dream come true because I think it's the best school for football and academics. I was always hoping they'd call."

Originally planning to major in biomedical engineering, Skeete said that since OSU offers that course of study only as a minor, he will switch to chemical engineering for his undergraduate major with an eye toward biomed engineering as a postgraduate.

QB Signs With Pirates, Leaves OSU Options Open

Quarterback Joe Bauserman of Tallahassee (Fla.) Lincoln, who verbally committed to play college football at Ohio State, signed a professional baseball contract in late June with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Bauserman was a fourth-round selection by the Pirates in baseball's first-year player draft held earlier in the month.

"I have chosen to pursue a professional baseball career at this time," Bauserman said in a news release. "Although I was looking forward to playing at the 'Shoe, playing pro baseball is an opportunity that I couldn't pass up."

"I want to first say thank you to all the fans of Ohio State University football. At different times over the past year, I have run into fans from all over the country that have shown excitement in my football commitment to the

Buckeyes. They have shown tremendous support and patience with me coming to a decision between football and baseball."

Bauserman was to have grayshirted during the 2004 season, delaying his enrollment at OSU until 2005. The Buckeyes currently have three scholarship QBs on the roster — sophomores Justin Zwick and Troy Smith and freshman Todd Boeckman.

They are expected to sign at least one quarterback this coming recruiting season, but with Bauserman's decision could opt to go after two. Rob Schoenhoft of Cincinnati St. Xavier and Mark Sanchez of Mission Viejo, Calif., are quarterbacks the Buckeyes have already offered and both are reportedly interested.

Despite signing with the Pirates, Bauserman did not completely close the door on a possible collegiate football career at Ohio State.

"Coach (Jim) Tressel has left open the door for me to eventually become a Buckeye," he said. "Today, I am a Pittsburgh Pirate. However, tomorrow I might be a Buckeye. We will see. No one knows what the future holds."

In the past, players have pursued minor league baseball careers and still been allowed to play college football. John Elway played minor league ball in the New York Yankees system while at Stanford, putting his baseball contract money in escrow during his college career.

More recently, Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke pursued a baseball career in the Toronto Blue Jays system before joining the Seminoles and eventually winning the 2000 Heisman Trophy at the age of 28.

Prospects Weigh In With Thoughts On OSU Camp

Aside from Hartline and Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary defensive end Lawrence Wilson, both of whom emerged from OSU's football camp with scholarship offers, there were numerous other top prospects from around the state and nation in town to get an in-person look at Ohio State — and vice versa.

BSB was able to catch up with several of those to get their thoughts on how the camp went.

Alex Daniels didn't have to travel far: The senior-to-be has prepped at Columbus Marion-Franklin for the first three years of his high school career, though he told BSB that he would be playing his senior year at Columbus Brookhaven in an attempt to leave high

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Son Of Browns' Coordinator Among Campers

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school on a winning note.

Daniels is a 6-2 physical specimen and has already been offered by the Buckeyes, although there is a bit of a bone of contention there because they want him to play linebacker as they had him do throughout the camp. He would prefer to be a defensive back at the next level.

"I ran a 4.4 (40-yard dash) and I weighed 230 (at the camp)," Daniels said. "I did OK for my respective position. (Cleveland Glenville standout) Freddie Lenix and I were the fastest linebackers (there), but I don't really play linebacker."

Daniels places OSU and Oklahoma atop his list, though the Sooners could hold an edge because they want him to play strong safety.

Traveling in from Chagrin Falls outside of Cleveland was 6-3, 190-pound wideout Brian Robiskie. The son of Terry Robiskie, first-year offensive coordinator for the Cleveland Browns, Robiskie was in town with members of the Chagrin Falls team for the second

camp session, which ran from June 22-25.

Robiskie will be considered one of Ohio's top prospects at the receiver position, and he just recently received an offer from Miami (Fla.).

"My favorite aspect of the (OSU) camp would be the one-on-ones we did, because I know that really gave me a chance to show some of my skills," Robiskie said. "I really got a chance to work with my QB as well. He was down there so he got to throw some balls to me."

The Buckeyes have not yet extended a scholarship offer, but Robiskie — who has been timed at 4.52 seconds in the 40-yard dash — is interested and he hopes to hear from the OSU coaching staff soon.

Hartline's GlenOak teammate, linebacker Brandon Long, also was in town for one of the one-day advanced camps. Though he plays primarily defensive end at the prep level, the 6-2, 219-pound Long figures he will project as a linebacker in college.

The Buckeyes could have even further plans. It's possible Long could get a look at tight end after showing good hands in an impromptu two-on-two football game with Fox and others during some downtime at

the camp.

"We were joking around, and Dustin and I and a couple of other guys were playing two-on-two and I was able to catch one for a touchdown," Long told BSB. "When you're a linebacker, that feels pretty good."

Long — who has posted a 40-yard dash time of 4.56 — has offers from MAC schools such as Cincinnati, Akron and Bowling Green, but he's going to try to hold out for offers from some BCS schools.

He likes Ohio State and came away from his camp experience impressed.

"It seemed super-organized," Long said. "Recruiting coordinator and tight ends coach John Peterson had a lot to deal with, and he did a really good job."

Pair Of Nation's Best Make Separate Trips To OSU

During the month of June, two prospects ranked the best at their positions nationally by Rivals.com trekked to Columbus to visit the Ohio State campus.

Mark Sanchez, a 6-3 1/2, 211-pound quarterback out of Mission Viejo, Calif., was the first of those prospects to visit. A prep teammate of Buckeye commitment Ryan

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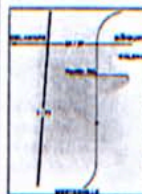
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Williams, Sanchez was in Columbus June 17-18.

"Ohio State was amazing," Sanchez told BuckeyeSports.com recruiting analyst Bill Kurelic. "You couldn't ask for more. The town is great. The area is nice. The facilities are wonderful. We toured the campus. It's beautiful. The stadium was unreal."

Sanchez stopped in Columbus on a trip to the Midwest in which he also visited Notre Dame. He listed those two schools as ones he is looking at, along with Texas, USC, Nebraska and Florida. All of those schools have offered except the Irish.

As a junior, Sanchez completed 143 of his 191 passes (74.8 percent) for 2,460 yards and 29 touchdowns, along with seven interceptions. One would think

that any university would be willing to wait for such a highly rated prospect, but Sanchez doesn't seem quite as sure.

"I'd like to wait and take official visits, but I don't know if I'll be able to wait that long," he said. "The game works different now. Schools can take someone else and not have something for you."

The Buckeyes could pull a trio from Mission Viejo. They have also offered 6-5, 295-pound offensive tackle Kevin Bemoll, ranked No. 11 at his position and No. 73 overall nationally by Rivals.com, and Bemoll will visit the campus in early July along with Williams. He lists Miami (Fla.), Florida and LSU along with the Buckeyes.

"I really wasn't looking at Ohio State too much before Ryan committed," Bemoll told Kurelic. "I know they are an awesome school. And I think right now it's Mark Sanchez's number one choice. I want to see it."

Dan Doering has already seen it. Ranked first nationally at the offensive tackle position, the Barrington, Ill., standout was in Columbus June 22 and

detailed his trip to Rivals.com recruiting analyst Tim O'Halloran.

Doering got first-class treatment from the Buckeye coaching staff. He was given a tour of the Woody Hayes Athletic Center and the facilities surrounding it by running backs coach Dick Tressel before also meeting with strength and conditioning coach Allan Johnson, academic advisers and a representative from the sports information department.

The 6-6, 300-pounder — ranked the nation's No. 6 overall prospect by Rivals.com — proceeded to take a full campus tour.

"The campus was actually smaller than I thought, which is a good thing," Doering told Rivals.com. "I expected Ohio State to be this monster-sized school all

spread out for miles, but the campus is relatively close together and I liked that quite a bit. We had lunch with T.J. Downing and Dick Tressel, and I really liked sitting and talking with T.J. and having a chance to talk with him about Ohio State and the day-to-day things that I'll have to deal with in college."

Before talking with head coach Jim Tressel — whom Doering termed "a very straightforward coach and a very good person" — for over an hour, Doering also had the chance to tour Ohio Stadium, where he received a personal touch from the Buckeyes.

"Just being on the field in the Horseshoe was pretty impressive," Doering said. "We toured the stadium and the locker rooms, and hanging from one of the lockers was an Ohio State jersey with my name and number on the back. I was really floored by that — it was a really cool touch."

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Mark Sanchez



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