



[2019 4-Star Ohio LB Announces Commitment](#)

Ohio State got the boost its [2019 recruiting](#) class needed Thursday when Cleveland St. Ignatius four-star linebacker Tommy Eichenberg announced his commitment to the Buckeyes.

Officially committed to The Ohio State University ☐☐ [#GoBucks](#) pic.twitter.com/PsXWx6HeqC

— Tommy Eichenberg (@tommyike41) [December 7, 2018](#)

Formerly committed to Boston College since June 27, he was recruited by OSU over the past year. Ohio State jumped back into his process with an offer Sept. 26. Michigan extended a scholarship Oct. 3.

Since both offered, Eichenberg unofficially visited each campus. He took in Ann Arbor, Mich., for the then-No. 5 Wolverines' 42-7 rout of then-No. 14 Penn State on Nov. 3.

Three weeks later, his trip to Columbus the weekend of Nov. 24 resulted in the then-No. 10 Buckeyes' 62-39 [romp over](#) then-No. 4 U-M. The week of Eichenberg's experience at OSU, he reopened his recruitment Nov. 19 and decommitted from BC.

Cleveland St. Ignatius 2019 four-star linebacker and Boston College decommitment Tommy Eichenberg. pic.twitter.com/ZjLhLFxYEA

— Garrett Stepien (@GarrettStepien) [November 24, 2018](#)

The 6-3, 225-pounder marks Ohio State's first pick up since Rockwall, Texas, four-star wide receiver [Jaxon Smith-Njigba](#) pledged Nov. 4 to the Buckeyes' 2020 class. OSU's most recent commitment for the 2019 class also came Nov. 4 in the form of Jacksonville (Fla.) Trinity Christian Academy three-star running back [Marcus Crowley](#).

With Eichenberg's addition, Ohio State's count for the current cycle rises to 16 — four [from Ohio](#). Eichenberg joins Lexington, Ohio, four-star outside linebacker [Cade Stover](#) as the Buckeyes' second player at the position while Fort Wayne (Ind.) Wayne three-star athlete [Craig Young](#) might end up there as well.

Eichenberg is the [247Sports composite](#)'s No. 339 overall prospect, No. 19 inside linebacker and No. 8 player in Ohio. His commitment bumps OSU's 2019 class up two spots in the 247Sports composite [team rankings](#), cracking the top 10 in the nation and remaining second in the Big Ten behind Michigan. The Wolverines are seventh in the country with 24 commitments.

Eichenberg is Ohio State's first pledge since athletic director [Gene Smith announced Tuesday](#) offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach [Ryan Day](#) replacing [Urban Meyer](#) as the Buckeyes' 25th head football coach. [Meyer retires](#) Jan. 1 after [No. 6 OSU](#) (12-1) faces [No. 10 Washington](#) (10-3) in the [Rose Bowl](#) at 5 p.m. ET.

Despite the change, Day for Meyer brings Ohio State continuity. [The familiarity](#) of the Buckeyes' coaches under Day starts with Meyer's [support staff](#) — head strength coach [Mickey Marotti](#), football operations director [Brian Voltolini](#), player personnel director [Mark Pantoni](#) and player development director [Ryan Stamper](#) — staying in Columbus. In Eichenberg's recruitment, Pantoni was among OSU's key cogs.

More On The Story

- [Urban Meyer Announces Retirement Plans As Ryan Day Becomes Next Head Coach](#)
- [Day Expects To Retain 4 Key Ohio State Staffers](#)
- [Top 5 Moments Of Urban Meyer's Ohio State Career](#)
- [REPORT: Day Agrees 5-Year Contract With Buckeyes](#)
- [Recruit Reaction: Ohio State Commitments On Urban Meyer's Retirement, Ryan Day's Hiring](#)
- [Smith, Meyer, Day Hold Press Conference](#)
- [Continuity Key In Ohio State's Decision To Hire Ryan Day](#)
- [Urban Meyer, Gene Smith Have Discussed Possible Role For Outgoing OSU Head Coach](#)
- [Ohio State's 2020 Class Suffers 2nd Decommit In Days](#)
- [Ohio State Head Coach Ryan Day: 'It Will Continue To Be Our 1st Priority To Recruit Ohio'](#)

[nectar_btn size="jumbo" button_style="regular" button_color_2="Accent-Color" icon_family="none" url="http://www.buckeyesports.com/boards/" text="Join The Conversation"]