

A Big Weekend For Buckeye Quarterbacks, Present and Future



Current Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud and Ohio State class of 2022 commitment Quinn Ewers both attended the prestigious Steve Clarkson Quarterback Retreat this weekend in Los Angeles, Calif.

Because the camp is for high school athletes, Stroud was actually there with several other college quarterbacks working as instructors. According to 247Sports, Buckeye receiver Chris Olave was also in attendance catching passes.

Analyst Tom Loy was impressed even after just one day of seeing Ewers.

“The arm talent is there,” he wrote. “The Ohio State commit can throw the ball from a variety of angles and you could tell he was having fun working on that yesterday. The arm strength was second to none. That dude can bring the heat.”

Then, following the event’s conclusion, fellow 247Sports analyst Greg Biggins named Ewers was the top camper at the event.

The ball just comes out of his hand differently and no one threw a tighter ball with more velocity than Ewers. ‘He’s got some Pat Mahomes in him the way he throws it,’ Bryce Young said. ‘The kid is legit, he can really spin it,’ Miller Moss said. ‘I can see why he’s the top No. 1 guy, he’s special,’ D.J. Uiagalelei said. The comments just kept coming all weekend long and it wasn’t just how good he threw it that stood out about Ewers but his approach.

We mentioned the environment at the camp is always pretty loose and relaxed and most of the other quarterbacks go through the drills at about 70% intensity. Ewers competed hard in every drill we saw and it was refreshing to see. When you critique his skill set in terms of his arm talent, release, mobility and ability to throw in and out of the pocket from different arm angles, as well as change speeds and throw down the field with touch, it’s no wonder some are calling him the best quarterback prospect to come out of the H.S ranks since Trevor Lawrence four years ago.

In addition, Biggins analyzed the college athletes who were present.

“The one quarterback I saw who probably threw more than anyone and looked very good doing it was CJ Stroud,” he said. “Physically, Stroud looks great and has really filled out in his upper body. He made a few throws during 7v7s that looked like NFL level throws and he would be a good candidate to have if you’re looking for a breakout player this fall.”

Finally longtime NFL scout and executive director of the Senior Bowl Jim Nagy came away impressed with what he saw from the OSU signal callers.

After seeing the two guys coming up at @OhioStateFB throw the ball yesterday the Buckeyes going to be just fine at QB without Justin Fields.

— Jim Nagy (@JimNagy_SB) May 30, 2021

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