

BSB TV: Early Enrollee Ryan Jacoby Ready To Compete On Ohio State OL



Back in December when head coach transitioned from Urban Meyer to Ryan Day, Ryan Jacoby was one of Ohio State's longest-tenured commitments for the 2018 recruiting class.

After the Buckeyes' announcement Dec. 4 mapped out Day's elevation Jan. 2, Jacoby received an in-home visit from Day and offensive line coach Greg Studrawa. An official visit followed with fellow Mentor, Ohio, four-star pledge and defensive end Noah Potter the weekend of Dec. 7-9. The sequence of events led to Jacoby's Dec. 19 signature and Jan. 7 enrollment, catapulting the four-star offensive tackle into an OSU career that started with Jan. 17 winter workouts and continues March 4 when spring camp starts at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center.

While the 2019 roster currently lists Jacoby at 6-5 and 270 pounds, the freshman reported a weight jump to 291 pounds Feb. 6. As the climb continues off the field, Jacoby gets ready for his first spring camp with Studrawa and the coaching staff looking for him to compete immediately. Before practices begin, Jacoby sat down with BSB, delving into his path to Columbus and more as he settles in.

Ryan Jacoby

On the transition at Ohio State in December and why he ultimately stuck with his commitment...

"I don't think there was ever a doubt in my mind that I wasn't coming here after I committed. Coach Meyer is a great guy and I'm going to miss him a lot, but Coach Day brings a new face to the program, new opportunities, and a new energy that I think is going to be good for the program. When he visited with me and I talked with him more, and it started back in the fall when he took over as interim head coach, we've become really close."

On how much Studrawa kept him comfortable during Day's elevation and Meyer's retirement...

"He knew that most of the things were going to stay the same. We're still doing Real Life Wednesdays, and the statements like the brotherhood around the program are still going to be the same. There's just a new face leading it."

On if he has a position preference between guard or tackle in his Ohio State career...

"I'll play wherever they need me to play. I'm going to do the best that I can at any position to help the team win."

On how he can impact Ohio State's offensive line in his opportunity to compete...

"I think I can be able to bring another person that is going to be able to compete. I don't like losing. I hate losing. Once I get all of the mental stuff down, then I'll be the best I can be."

On his goals as he enters spring camp with Ohio State for the first time...

"I just don't want to mess up a lot. I want to get all of the mental aspects down in the game and know the playbook in and out. Know every position. And I just want to compete at the highest level."

On who he looks up to on the team the most since his arrival to Ohio State...

"(Sophomore center) Josh Myers the most. I met him the first time on my official visit. He was my guide on the official visit and ever since then we've become really close. He has a house here. I hang out with him a lot. Everyone says me and Josh look alike too. I don't see it, but everybody says we do."

On what he thinks of his Mentor teammate, Potter (6-5, 250), joining him at Ohio State...

"Being up here with Noah is really cool because we've become way closer friends here than we were in high school. We know we have someone to talk to if we need to here now because we know each other so well. It's pretty awesome, honestly. He goes home a lot too and I go home with him."

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