

# Buckeye Sports Bulletin's 2023 NFL Draft Hub



Ohio State saw six players taken during the 2023 NFL Draft, matching last year's mark for the program.

| Round-Pick | Player             | Position | Team                 |
|------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 1-2        | C.J. Stroud        | QB       | Houston Texas        |
| 1-6        | Paris Johnson Jr.  | OT       | Arizona Cardinals    |
| 1-20       | Jaxon Smith-Njigba | WR       | Seattle Seahawks     |
| 3-75       | Zach Harrison      | DE       | Atlanta Falcons      |
| 4-111      | Dawand Jones       | OT       | Cleveland Browns     |
| 6-190      | Luke Wypler        | OC       | Cleveland Browns     |
| UDFA       | Ronnie Hickman     | SAF      | Cleveland Browns     |
| UDFA       | Tanner McCalister  | SAF      | Cleveland Browns     |
| UDFA       | Cameron Brown      | CB       | Los Angeles Chargers |
| UDFA       | Jerron Cage        | DT       | New Orleans Saints   |

Quarterback C.J. Stroud was the second overall pick to the Houston Texans and the second quarterback off the board behind Alabama's Bryce Young, who was taken with the first pick by the Carolina Panthers.

## 2023 NFL Draft: C.J. Stroud Selected No. 2 Overall By The Houston Texans

With the selection, he becomes the highest-drafted quarterback in Ohio State history, surpassing former signal caller Art Schlichter, who was taken by the Baltimore Colts with the No. 4 pick in 1982.

**READ MORE:** [Former Ohio State Quarterback C.J. Stroud Steps Into Franchise Quarterback Role](#)

It didn't take long for offensive tackle Paris Johnson Jr. to come off the board, either, as the Arizona Cardinals traded up to select Johnson at No. 6, making it two Buckeyes among the top six selections.

## 2023 NFL Draft: Paris Johnson Jr. Selected No. 6 Overall By The Arizona Cardinals

Johnson's selection at No. 6 makes him the highest-drafted offensive lineman from Ohio State since Orlando Pace was taken with the first pick in 1997.

READ MORE: Paris Johnson Jr. Felt Connection With Arizona Cardinals Ahead Of Draft Selection

While wideout Jaxon Smith-Njigba had to wait longer than some predicted to hear his name called, he was eventually selected by the Seattle Seahawks with the No. 20 overall pick.

## 2023 NFL Draft: Jaxon Smith-Njigba Selected No. 20 Overall By The Seattle Seahawks

Smith-Njigba was the first wide receiver taken in the draft and is the third first-round receiver for Ohio State over the last two drafts.

READ MORE: Smith-Njigba Excited To Land With Seattle Seahawks As First Wideout Off The Board

With three first-round selections, Ohio State was able to extend its lead for the most first-rounders ever taken from a college, with the Buckeyes now boasting 90 first-round draftees.

Defensive end Zach Harrison was the first Buckeye off the board on the second day of the draft, joining the Atlanta Falcons in the third round with the No. 75 overall selection.

## 2023 NFL Draft: Zach Harrison Selected No. 75 Overall By The Atlanta Falcons

Moving to the third day, former Ohio State offensive tackle Dawand Jones - once rumored to be as high as a first-round pick - saw his stock slip a little bit before finally being scooped up by the Cleveland Browns in the fourth round with the No. 111 overall pick.

## 2023 NFL Draft: Dawand Jones Selected No. 111 Overall By The Cleveland Browns

Two rounds later - further along in the draft than projected by some - former Ohio State center Luke Wypler came off the board at pick 190 in the sixth round to the Cleveland Browns.

## 2023 NFL Draft: Luke Wypler Selected No. 190 Overall By The Cleveland Browns

Safeties Ronnie Hickman and Tanner McCalister were both viewed as potential selections in the final rounds but went undrafted. It didn't take long for them to find a home, though, as Hickman and McCalister signed with the Cleveland Browns as undrafted free agents shortly after the draft concluded.

Cornerback Cameron Brown has also signed as an undrafted free agent, inking a deal with the Los Angeles Chargers, while defensive tackle Jerron Cage has signed as an undrafted free agent with the New Orleans Saints.

Other undrafted Buckeyes still hoping to sign a deal with a team include defensive tackle Taron Vincent, fullback/tight end Mitch Rossi and kicker Noah Ruggles.