

Early Signing Period: Four-Star Safety Jaylen McClain Signs With Ohio State



Get to know West Orange (N.J.) Seton Hall Prep four-star safety Jaylen McClain, who signed with the Buckeyes on Wednesday.

Jaylen McClain – DBU’s newest enrollee is tough, smart, physical and fast. He is up next in a long and storied tradition of Silver Bullet defenders from the Garden State. Ready to make an impact early and often, here comes the Pride of Rahway, NJ. Welcome to THE Brotherhood...
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Height, Weight: 6-0, 185

247Sports Composite Ranking: He is rated as the No. 270 overall prospect, 28th-ranked safety and third-ranked recruit out of New Jersey.

Commitment Date: McClain committed to Ohio State on June 12.

Other Offers: Boston College, Cincinnati, Duke, Georgia, Iowa State, Kentucky, LSU, Miami (Fla.), Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ole Miss, Oregon, Penn State, Tennessee, USC.

How He Did In High School: McClain started each of the past three seasons at Seton Hall Prep, and recorded 126 tackles with three recovered fumbles, a blocked punt and a blocked field goal in his senior season.

Where He Fits For 2024: Not much should be expected of McClain next season, though as Malik Hartford showed, a freshman can be just a few plays away from seeing the field. That being said, Ohio State has plenty of depth at safety, which should result in mostly a special teams role for McClain in his first season with the Buckeyes.