

Eichenberg To Return To Ohio State For 2023 Season



Linebacker Tommy Eichenberg announced on Thursday that he will return to Ohio State next season rather than enter his name into the NFL Draft.

Eichenberg emerged as Ohio State's leading tackler this season, amassing 120 tackles — 12 for loss — to go along with 2.5 sacks. The Cleveland native was labeled the "leader of the defense" by his teammates this season, primarily thanks to his leadership qualities and the workmanlike attitude he brings to the sport.

"After a lot of consideration and thought, I've decided to return for a final season at Ohio State," Eichenberg said in an Instagram post. "Back to work. Go Bucks."

Prior to last season, Eichenberg burst onto the scene with a Rose Bowl-record 17 tackles to cap off his sophomore season, in which he produced 64 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss.

Eichenberg joined the Buckeyes as a four-star prospect out of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, ranking as the No. 19 inside linebacker in the 2019 class.

With Eichenberg back in the fold, Ohio State retains both of its starting linebackers from last season, as Steele Chambers announced his intent to return to the Buckeyes on Dec. 14. The Buckeyes also have depth at the position with fourth-year linebacker Cody Simon and rising sophomore C.J. Hicks slotting in behind Eichenberg and Chambers.