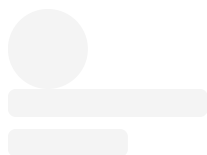


# Former Ohio State Defensive End Alex Williams Announces Transfer To Vanderbilt



Former Ohio State defensive end Alex Williams announced on Instagram Wednesday night that he will be transferring to Vanderbilt.



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A post shared by Alexander (@theeighthandroid) on Jan 29, 2020 at 4:40pm PST

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Williams also announced he will wear No. 8 with the Commodores in honor of late NBA superstar Kobe Bryant, who passed away in a tragic helicopter accident on Sunday.

A three-star prospect from Pickerington (Ohio) North, Williams played in five games (64 snaps) for the Buckeyes as a redshirt freshman last season. But seemingly buried on the depth chart behind Jonathon Cooper, Tyreke Smith, Tyler Friday, Zach Harrison and Javontae-Jean Baptiste heading into spring practice, he announced his decision to enter the transfer portal on Jan. 15.

Williams has three seasons of eligibility remaining, but must receive a waiver from the NCAA in order to play in 2020.