Four-Star Cornerback Bryce West Staying In State, Commits To Ohio State



Cleveland Glenville four-star cornerback Bryce West (5-11, 177) announced Saturday that he will remain in-state to play college football, verbally pledging to Ohio State.

His commitment to the Buckeyes comes after taking his official visit to Columbus over the weekend, one of several visits that the in-state prospect has made to campus since being offered by Ohio State in December 2021.

BREAKING: Four-Star CB Bryce West tells me he has Committed to Ohio State!

The 6'0 185 CB from Cleveland, OH chose the Buckeyes over Michigan

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- Hayes Fawcett (@Hayesfawcett3) June 24, 2023

West is the No. 49 overall prospect and fourth-ranked cornerback in 2024, and is also the top-ranked prospect in Ohio for the cycle, committed to Ohio State over Michigan and USC, his other top schools. He intercepted four passes last season and helped lead Glenville to a 15-0 record and the first state title in program history, named a Junior All-American by MaxPreps in the process.

His interceptions totals point to West's impressive ball skills, and his physicality and speed – with a 10.93 second 100-meter dash under his belt – offer versatility for defensive coordinator Jim Knowles and cornerbacks coach Tim Walton.

West is the first cornerback in Ohio State's class, with the Buckeyes also pursuing Waco (Texas) Connally five-star Kobe Black (6-0, 190), Springfield, Ohio, four-star Aaron Scott (6-0, 170) and Chandler (Ariz.) Basha four-star Miles Lockhart (5-10, 185), with the latter two joining West for official visits last weekend.

His commitment could signal a continued opening of the pipeline between Glenville and Ohio State, as West is the second commitment from the school in as many years – incoming freshman linebacker Arvell Reese is the other. While the Buckeyes were already viewed as the favorite for four-star tight end Damarion Witten (6-4, 215) out of Glenville, West's pledge gives Ohio State an additional boost in his recruitment.