

# Ohio State “Hoping” To Have Jaxon Smith-Njigba Back This Season



News has been sparse as of late concerning Ohio State wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba, who hasn't been on the field for the Buckeyes since they played Iowa on Oct. 22.

Smith-Njigba appeared briefly in the contest, hauling in one reception for seven yards, but he left shortly before halftime after appearing to tweak his hamstring, which has ailed him ever since the opener against Notre Dame. Ohio State head coach Ryan Day said at the time that Smith-Njigba was on a pitch count that led to his early exit.

Day has been hesitant to provide updates on Smith-Njigba's status in the ensuing weeks, but he did provide a brief update on Thursday in regards to whether or not Ohio State is expecting to have Smith-Njigba back at some point this season.

"I wouldn't say expecting - I'd probably say more hoping," Day said. "But no update at this point."

It's a slight contrast from previous updates about Smith-Njigba in which Day said he "absolutely" was optimistic about seeing Smith-Njigba on the field again this season.

No indication has been given in regards to a potential timeline for Smith-Njigba to return, but with just two games remaining in the regular season - and it's extremely unlikely he'd suit up against Maryland - time is ticking for him to see the field.