



Ohio State Wide Receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Safety Kourt Williams Lose Black Stripes

Ohio State wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba and safety Kourt Williams became the first members of the Buckeyes' 2020 recruiting class to shed their black stripes following Monday's practice.

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Please join us in *officially* welcoming @jaxon_smith1 to #Zone6!#GoBuckeyes
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"I appreciate everybody. I appreciate the best corps in the nation, Zone 6, man," Smith-Njigba said. "Happy to be out here, blessing. Go Bucks!"

A former five-star prospect from Rockwall, Texas, Smith-Njigba racked up 5,346 receiving yards and 82 touchdowns in 44 games at the high school level. He enrolled in classes in January and was able to participate in two spring practices before the pandemic that on hold.

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A playmaker and great example on and off the field for years to come. Well-deserved, Deuce
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Williams, meanwhile, was a four-star prospect from Bellflower (Calif.) St. John Bosco, the same high school that produced All-American offensive guard Wyatt Davis. A early enrollee, he drew praise from head coach Ryan Day for his work ethic in practices thus far.

"A young guy who I think has a chance to be a really, really good player," Day said. "His approach has been excellent. He's versatile, he can do a lot of things. So that's someone to keep an eye on."

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