

Ohio State's 2019 Early Signing Period Profile: Three-Star DE Ty Hamilton



Ty Hamilton is a three-star defensive end from nearby Pickerington Central.

The 6-foot-3, 250-pound Hamilton is the No. 752 overall prospect and No. 36 strongside defensive end in the nation, as well as Ohio's No. 24 overall recruit for 2020.

Hamilton had interest in joining the Buckeyes and they hosted him on unofficial visits before he received the coveted offer. He actually refused to do a photoshoot in Buckeye gear on his trips until he received an offer.

"I didn't want to take photos at a school that hadn't offered," Hamilton told Letterman Row following a March visit. "I'm not trying to disrespect the schools that have offered me just because it's Ohio State."

Hamilton received his Ohio State offer on May 28, but following a June 7 visit to Penn State, he was strongly considering the Buckeyes' Big Ten foe. Michigan was also in the mix for Hamilton, and he held additional offers from Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota and Purdue, but he knew Columbus was where he wanted to be.

"I looked over those three schools and I asked myself what school would give me the best chance to be a difference maker — Ohio State was the one," Hamilton told Lettermen Row.

Hamilton is the younger brother of fifth-year senior defensive tackle DaVon Hamilton. Head coach Ryan Day compared the two brothers during a Dec. 18 press conference.

"He's different," Day said of Ty Hamilton. "I think DaVon is a little bit bigger and thicker. Ty is a little bit more quicker, maybe a little bit more explosive. But I'm sure if you asked them, they would fight over both of those things."

The first-year Buckeye head coach also compared the Hamilton brothers' recruiting trajectories and their improved production. Ty Hamilton recorded 122 tackles and 10 1/2 sacks as a senior at Pickerington Central.

"Going into this year, Ty had some stuff going on but nothing huge," Day said. "When you look at what DaVon did, first off, that's kind of the model. But Larry Johnson saw something in him in camp this year

that he really liked and then all of a sudden he had a great year. He was kind of terrorizing every team he played. Played big, played strong, and I think he's got a chance to be really good.

"He probably has a chance to have a bigger impact early on in the career than we maybe thought going into the season. Between he and DaVon, they really had great seasons."

Ty Hamilton

Height/Weight	6-3, 250
Position	DE
School	Pickerington Central
Composite Ranking	***

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