

Seven Buckeyes Land On NFL's Top 100 Players Of 2023



Ohio State saw seven former players represented on the NFL Top 100, which is a list of the top players in the league as voted on by NFL players.

The seven players in this year's poll was an increase over six players in the NFL Top 100 for 2022, with two players from last year (center Corey Linsley and cornerback Denzel Ward) not appearing on the list and three players named to the list for the first time in this year's ranking.

Leading the way for the Buckeyes was San Francisco 49ers defensive end Nick Bosa, who checked in at No. 4 in the rankings (jumping up from No. 25 last year) behind only Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts, Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Justin Jefferson and Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes. Bosa had a career-high 18.5 sacks last season, which led all defenders by at least 2.5 sacks.

Next up was Pittsburgh Steelers defensive lineman Cameron Heyward, who was No. 45 in the rankings. A slight drop from last season's ranking of No. 42, Heyward finished with 10.5 sacks as well as his sixth Pro Bowl nod. The next defender on the list was Los Angeles Chargers defensive end Joey Bosa, who fell from No. 30 to No. 70 this season after appearing in just five games due to a groin injury.

The first offensive player for the Buckeyes on the list was New York Jets wide receiver Garrett Wilson, who made his debut at No. 74 following his rookie season in which he led all rookies with 83 receptions and 1,103 receiving yards, winning Offensive Rookie of the Year.

Wilson's quarterback - at least at Ohio State - followed shortly after, as Chicago Bears signal caller Justin Fields made his first appearance on the NFL Top 100 at No. 86. He rushed for 1,143 yards last season, which is the second most ever by a quarterback in a single season.

The final defensive player for the Buckeyes was New Orleans Saints cornerback Marshon Lattimore, who fell slightly from No. 86 to No. 89. He appeared in only seven games last season, totaling 29 tackles and an interception.

The last Buckeye on the list was Washington Commanders wide receiver Terry McLaurin, who rounded things out at No. 94. He had arguably his best season so far in his fourth year, totaling 77 receptions for 1,191 yards and five touchdowns.