

Top Ohio Prospects for 2011

Patrick Coyne, QB, 6-1, 213, Hamilton, OH (Stephen T. Baldwin HS) – Rated a 3-star prospect by Scout.com. Early offers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Buffalo and others.

Braxton Miller, QB, 6-3.5, 199, Huber Heights, OH (Wayne) - Scout.com rates Miller the #1 QB prospect in the nation. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Midwest recruiting guru Bill Kurelic rates Miller as the #1 overall prospect in the state of Ohio. As of early March 2010, he offers from Ohio State, Florida, USC, Georgia, LSU, Michigan, Miami (FL), Notre Dame and many others. Ohio State appears to have a very good shot here and may get an early commit this spring.

Cardale Jones, QB, 6-4, 190, Cleveland, OH (Glenville) – Early offers from Michigan, West Virginia, Iowa, Michigan State, Illinois and Bowling Green. Ohio State may turn their attention to Jones if they don't get an early commitment from Braxton Miller. If OSU offers, they likely will be very tough to beat.

Cole Stoudt, QB, 6-4, 190, Dublin, OH (Coffman) – Scout.com rates Stoudt as a 3-star prospect. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offer from Cincinnati.

Trayion Durham, RB, 6-0, 200, Cincinnati, OH (Colerain) – Scout.com rates Durham as a 3-star prospect. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from Wisconsin, Colorado and Minnesota.

Robert Walton, RB, 5-10, 190, Cleveland, OH (Glenville) - Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List.

AJ Jordan, WR, 6-2.5, 190, Trotwood, OH (Trotwood-Madison) – Scout.com rates Jordan as the 10th best WR prospect nationally. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. As of early March, Jordan holds offers from Cincinnati, Missouri, North Carolina, Louisville, Colorado and others.

Devin Smith, WR, 6-1, 175, Massillon, OH (Washington) - A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Early offers from Michigan, Michigan State, Indiana, Miami (OH) and others. May eventually get an offer from Ohio State.

Shaquille Washington, WR, 5-9, 160, Maple Heights, OH (Senior) – Scout.com rates Washington as a 3-star prospect. Holds early offers from Toledo, Ohio University and Bowling Green.

Shane Wynn, WR, 5-8, 155, Cleveland, OH (Glenville) – Scout.com currently rates Wynn as a 3-star prospect. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. As of early March, Wynn holds offers from Ohio State, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina, Pittsburgh and many others. Wynn is an excellent return man and the Buckeyes appear to have a pretty good shot with him.

Darien Bryant, TE, 6-4, 210, Pickerington, OH (North) – Scout.com ranks Bryant as a 3-star prospect. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Bryant holds an early offer from Toledo.

Ray Hamilton, TE, 6-5, 220, Strongsville, OH – Scout.com rates Hamilton as the 6th best TE prospect nationally. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. As of early March, Hamilton holds offers from Oklahoma, Michigan, Wisconsin, California, Pittsburgh, Iowa, West Virginia, and several others.

Nick Vannett, TE, 6-6, 230 Westerville, OH (Central) – Vannett holds early offers from Ohio State, Michigan, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Michigan State, Kentucky and others.

Ryan Kelly, C, 6-5, 270, West Chester, OH (Lakota West) – Scout.com rates Kelly as the #1 center prospect nationally. As of early March, Kelly has offers from Cincinnati, Indiana and Louisville.

Michael Bennett, OG/DT 6-3 270 Centerville, OH – Bennett is considered to be one of the top 5 or 6 prospects in the state of Ohio. Bennett holds early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Michigan, Nebraska, Notre Dame, West Virginia, Cincinnati, Michigan State and others.

Chris Carter, OG, 6-5, 325, Cleveland, OH (JFK) – Carter holds an early offer from Ohio State.

Donavon Clark, OG, 6-4, 285, Cincinnati, OH (Finneytown) – Scout.com rates Clark as the 4th best OG prospect nationally. As of early March, Clark holds offers from West Virginia, Ball State, Buffalo and Duke. Clark may end up eventually getting an offer from Ohio State.

Brad Carrico, OT, 6-6, 270, Dublin, OH (Coffman) – Scout.com rates Carrico as a 3-star prospect. Carrico holds early offers from Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Kentucky, Purdue and Indiana.

Chase Farris, OT/DE, 6-5, 250, Elyria, OH – Farris is an intriguing prospect, one that could play TE, OT, DE or DT at the next level. He's extremely athletic with a body that may fill out to DT size. He's a decent basketball player as well. Farris holds early offers from Ohio State, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Duke, Indiana, Buffalo and others. OSU appears to have a good shot here.

Aundrey Walker, OT, 6-6, 355 Cleveland, OH (Glenville) – A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Walker holds early offers from Ohio State, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Michigan State, Illinois and others.

Kevin Williams, DT/TE, 6-2, 270, Holland, OH (Springfield) – Early offers from Michigan, Nebraska, Michigan State and Bowling Green. May get an OSU offer in March. If the Bucks eventually offer, they likely will be Michigan State's competitor to land Williams' services. He visited Ohio State on February 27th.

Ken Hayes, DE, 6-5, 255, Toledo, OH (Whitmer) - Scout.com rates Hayes as the 7th best DE prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Midwest recruiting guru Bill Kurelic rates Hayes as the #2 overall prospect in the state of Ohio. Hayes became Ohio State's first 2011 commitment, verbalizing to OSU in August 2009.

Chase Elliot Hounshel, DE, 6-5, 242, Mentor, OH (Lake Catholic) - Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List.

Brian Mihalik, DE, 6-6, 230, Avon Lake, OH – Scout.com rates Mihalik as a 3-star prospect. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from West Virginia and Michigan State.

Jack Miller, DE/OL, 6-4.5, 245, Toledo, OH (St. Johns Jesuit) – Miller holds early offers from Bowling Green, Buffalo, Toledo and Ball State.

Steve Miller, DE, 6-4, 230, Canton, OH (McKinley) – Scout.com rates Miller as the 3rd best DE prospect in the nation. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Midwest recruiting guru Bill Kurelic rates Miller as the #3 overall prospect in the state of Ohio. Miller had early offers from Ohio State, Michigan, Nebraska, Michigan State and others and decided things quickly, verbally to Ohio State in late October 2009. Miller, however, states that he will take his 7 official visits next fall.

Chris Rock, DE/TE, 6-4.5, 245, Columbus, OH (DeSales) – Scout.com rates Rock a 3-star prospect. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. As of early March, Rock holds offers from Michigan, Notre Dame, West Virginia, Cincinnati, Michigan State, Pittsburgh and several others.

Steve Daniels, OLB, 6-1, 220, Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier) – Scout.com rates Daniels as a 3-star prospect. Daniels holds early offers from West Virginia, Louisville, Boston College, North Carolina State, Cincinnati and others.

Trey DePriest, OLB, 6-2, 230, Springfield, OH – Scout.com rates DePriest as the #2 OLB prospect in the nation. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Midwest recruiting guru Bill Kurelic rates DePriest as the #4 overall prospect in the state of Ohio. DePriest holds early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Virginia Tech and many others. Ohio State appears to have the early lead for DePriest.

Jarrett Grace, OLB, 6-4, 260, Cincinnati, OH (Colerain) – Scout.com rates Grace as the 11th best OLB prospect in the nation. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. As of early March, Grace holds offers from Notre Dame, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Boston College, Michigan State, Kentucky, Cincinnati and others. Seems to have a fair chance at getting an offer from Ohio State.

Antonio Poole, OLB, 6-1, 255, Cincinnati, OH (Winton Woods) – Scout.com rates Poole as the 7th best OLB prospect nationally. As of early March, Poole has received offers from Cincinnati, Indiana, Louisville, Michigan State, Minnesota and others.

Kendall Walker, OLB, 6-1, 210, Cincinnati, OH (Moeller) - Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offer from Indiana.

Andre Sturdivant, MLB, 6-3, 205, Cleveland, OH (Glenville) – Scout.com rates Sturdivant as the 5th best MLB prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. As of early March, Sturdivant holds offers from Penn State, Michigan State and Toledo. He appears to have a decent shot at getting an OSU offer.

Greg Brown, CB, 5-10, 155, Freemont, OH (Ross) - Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Verbally committed to Michigan over offers from Michigan State and Central Michigan.

Chris Dukes, CB, 5-9, 160, Cincinnati, OH (Colerain) – Scout.com rates Dukes as a 3-star prospect. Dukes holds early offers from Pittsburgh, Ohio University, Bowling Green and Central Michigan.

DerJaun Gambrell, CB, 6-2, 180, Toledo, OH (Rogers) – Gambrell holds early offers from Ohio State and Toledo. Ohio State will likely be tough to beat for Gambrell's services.

Doran Grant, CB, 5-10, 169, Akron, OH (St. Vincent-St. Mary) – Scout.com rates Grant as the 2nd best CB prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Grant is considered to be one of the top 5 or 6 prospects in the state of Ohio. Father played at Michigan State. As of early March, Grant holds offers from Ohio State, USC, LSU, Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan, and many others. Ohio State may hold the lead despite the fact that Grant's father played at Michigan State.

Eilar Hardy, CB, 6-0, 168, Pickerington, OH (Central) – Scout.com ranks Hardy as the 6th best CB prospect nationally. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. As of early March, Hardy has offers from Notre Dame, West Virginia, Michigan State, Cincinnati, Colorado, Maryland and others. Hardy may eventually land an offer from OSU.

Ron Tanner, FS/ATH, 6-1 170 Columbus, OH (Eastmoor Academy) – Scout.com rates Tanner as a 3-star prospect. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Tanner holds early offers from Ohio State, Michigan, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Michigan State and others. Ohio State appears to be in pretty good shape with Tanner.

Top Out-of-State Prospects (2011) that Ohio State is pursuing

Darius Jennings, QB/ATH, 6-1, 180, Baltimore, MD (Gilman School) - Scout.com rates Jennings the 4th best QB prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Early offers from Ohio State, Michigan, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Pittsburgh and several others.

Jerrard Randall, QB, 6-2, 188, Hollywood, FL (Chaminade Madonna) - Rated a 3-star QB by Scout.com. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. As of early March, Randall has offers from Ohio State, Oregon, Florida State, West Virginia and others.

Phillip Dorsett, WR, 5-10, 170, Fort Lauderdale, FL (St. Thomas Aquinas) – 3-star WR prospect per Scout.com. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from Ohio State, Florida and Notre Dame.

Evan Spencer, WR, 6-1, 185, Vernon Hills, IL - Scout.com rates Spencer as the 19th best WR prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Early offers from Ohio State, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Iowa, Wisconsin and several others.

Karlos Williams, WR, 6-0, 187 Davenport, FL (Ridge) - Scout.com rates Williams the 4th best safety prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Early offers from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Miami (FL), Georgia Tech and Michigan.

Ben Koyack, TE, 6-5, 230, Oil City, PA - Scout.com rates Koyack as the 2nd best TE prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Koyack holds early offers from Ohio State, USC, LSU, Oklahoma, Penn State, Notre Dame and many others. Notre Dame and Penn State are likely the schools to beat.

Brian Bobek, C, 6-2.5, 278, Palentine, IL (Wm Frmd) – Early offers from Ohio State, Purdue and Ball State. Ohio State appears to have a very good shot here.

Angelo Mangiro, OG, 6-3, 290, Succasunna, NJ (Roxbury) – Scout.com rates Mangiro as the #1 OG prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from Ohio State, Rutgers, Boston College, North Carolina, Maryland and North Carolina State.

Kris Harley, DT, 6-2, 265, Indianapolis, IN (Warren Central) – Scout.com rates Harley as the 7th best DT prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. As of early March, Harley holds offers from USC, Oklahoma, Virginia Tech, North Carolina, Cincinnati, Iowa and several others.

Kevin McReynolds, DT/TE, 6-3, 255, Washington, DC (St. John's College HS) – Scout.com rates McReynolds as a 4 star prospect. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. He holds early offers from Ohio State, USC, Michigan, Pittsburgh, North Carolina and several others. Ohio State appears to have a good shot here.

Anthony Chickillo, DE, 6-3, 230, Tampa, FL (Alonso) – Scout.com rates Chickillo as a 3-star prospect. He holds early offers from Ohio State, Florida, Florida State, Miami (FL), Georgia Tech, South Florida and others.

Ray Drew, DE, 6-4.5, 243 - Thomasville, GA (Thomas Valley Central) – A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Florida, USC, Florida State, Georgia, Tennessee, Notre Dame and several others.

Aaron Lynch, DE/TE, 6-6, 245, Cape Coral, FL (Island Coast) – Scout.com rates Lynch as a 3-star prospect. Lynch holds early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, LSU, Clemson, Florida State, Miami (FL), Notre Dame, Tennessee and several others. OSU seems to have a legit shot here.

Jeffrey Pagan, DE, 6-4, 235, Ashville, NC - Scout.com rates Pagan as the 13th best DE prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Florida, USC, LSU, Georgia, Notre Dame and several others.

Ryan Shazier, DE/TE, 6-2, 202, Plantation, FL – Scout.com rates Shazier as a 3-star prospect. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Shazier holds early offers from Ohio State, Florida, Oklahoma, Florida State, Tennessee, Wisconsin and several others.

Mike Caputo, OLB/DB, 6-1, 195 Imperial, PA (West Allegheny) - Scout.com rates Caputo the 10th best OLB prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Early offers from Ohio State, Penn State, Pittsburgh and Purdue.

Terrance Smith, OLB, 6-3, 212, Decatur, GA (Southwest Dekalb) – Scout.com rates Smith a 3-star LB prospect. Early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Florida State, Georgia, Tennessee, Clemson, Georgia Tech and others.

Lawrence Thomas, MLB, 6-4, 230, Detroit, MI (Renaissance) – Scout.com rates Thomas as the #1 rated MLB prospect in the nation. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Thomas holds early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Florida, USC, Oklahoma, Penn State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Michigan State and many others. Michigan State may be the school to beat here.

James Vaughters, MLB, 6-2, 232, Tucker, GA – Scout.com rates Vaughters as the #2 MLB prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Vaughters holds early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Florida, USC, Oklahoma, Georgia, Miami (FL) and several others. He has family from Ohio and the Buckeyes appear to be in the thick of things early for Vaughters.

Jabriel Washington, CB, 5-11, 165, Jackson, TN (Trinity Christian Academy) - Scout.com rates Washington as the 12th best CB prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, LSU, Georgia, Tennessee, Notre Dame and several others.

Jeremy Cash, S, 6-2, 185, Plantation, FL - Scout.com rates Cash as a 3-star prospect. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. As of mid early March, offers from Ohio State, Miami (FL), Tennessee, Florida State, North Carolina and many others. Cash visited Ohio State the last weekend of February. Ohio State appears to have a great shot here, and could even get an early commitment.

HaSean Clinton-Dix, S/LB, 6-2, 190 Orlando, FL (Dr. Phillips) - A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Offers as of early March include Ohio State, Alabama, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Notre Dame.

Jabari Gorman, S, 5-10.5, 175, Miami, FL (Monsignor Pace) – Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Gorman has early offers from Ohio State and several others.

Wayne Lyons, S, 5-11, 180, Fort Lauderdale, FL (Dillard) – Scout.com rates Lyons the 5th best safety prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, USC, Tennessee, Florida State, Miami (FL), Michigan, Notre Dame and several others.

Damian Swann, S/QB, 6-1, 170, Atlanta, GA (Grady) - Scout.com rates Swann the 8^h best safety prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Florida, USC, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia Tech and several others.

James Wilder Jr., ATH/DE, 6-2.5, 216, Tampa, FL (Plant Senior) - Scout.com rates Wilder the 2nd best DE prospect nationally. A top 250 overall prospect nationally per Rivals.com's early 2011 ratings. Made ESPN's Top 150 (early) Watch List. Early offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Florida, Miami (FL), South Carolina, Tennessee and South Florida.