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Solon's Brady Bush breaks into the backfield Tuesday, July 28, 2026, during practice. (Matt Goul, cleveland.com)



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Over the next couple of weeks, we'll feature the best players in Division 1 and Division 2 Ohio high school football. First up were the top quarterbacks, running backs and receivers. Now it's the offensive and defensive linemen's turn.

We contacted coaches across the state and asked them to fill out a survey requesting information about their team.

If you are an Ohio high school football coach who did not receive the survey, email mswanson@advancelocal.com. We will continue to add to these lists throughout the summer and early fall.

Below the coaches' picks are all the returning all-state offensive and defensive linemen in DI and DII high school football.

Top DI and DII OL/DL, as highlighted by coaches

Faisal Abuhamdeh, Strongsville, Junior

Abuhamdeh will be the leader of Strongsville's offensive line at tackle this season. "He has great feet, great drive on the run and likes to finish blocks. As he continues to learn the game and get stronger, he will only get better," head coach Jason Trusnik said.

Brock Allen, Olentangy Liberty, Junior

Allen made starts at left guard and right tackle last year. "He is big, athletic and nasty," head coach John Sansbury said.

Dean Anning, Sylvania Southview, Senior

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Anning is a returning starter for Sylvania Southview at left tackle. “He will anchor our line,” head coach Steve Hardy said.

Terrence Arthur, Valley Forge, Senior

Arthur is a leader on Valley Forge’s offensive line at left tackle.

Gabe Bagger, Berea-Midpark, Senior

Bagger, a senior left tackle, will play at the next level for Navy. Head coach Jonathan Hunek said Bagger has surrendered just four career sacks in 367 pass-blocking attempts and is a weight room standout. “Gabe is a violent blocker that excels in pass protection,” the coach added.

Malik Beck, Perrysburg, Senior

Beck led Perrysburg in sacks as a junior with seven and tallied 14.5 tackles for loss. “He should build on those numbers from last season,” head coach Dirk Conner said.

Colin Beran, Saint Ignatius, Junior

Beran is a candidate for most improved player in Saint Ignatius’ program, head coach Tom Kaufman said. “He has had an unreal offseason and is strong and athletic,” the coach added.

RJ Brumbaugh, Northmont, Senior

Brumbaugh brings leadership, toughness, and dependability to Northmont’s offensive line, head coach Dr. Ben Rulli said. “He is the type of player who makes the offensive line go, especially with his physicality in the run game. With multiple colleges showing strong interest, RJ continues to prove he has the ability, work ethic, and presence to play at the next level,” the coach added.

Tony Bryant, Cuyahoga Falls, Junior

Bryant is one of Cuyahoga Falls’ most fundamentally sound defensive linemen. “Consistently in position to make plays, he combines discipline and leadership to help anchor and guide the defensive front,” head coach Kevin Pask said.

Brady Bush, Solon, Senior

Bush, a defensive lineman, committed to Miami (Ohio) in March. “He has a rare combination of

size, speed, and skill,” head coach Antonio Hall said.



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Carter Cannan, Edgewood, Senior

Cannan piled up 31 total tackles, 6.5 sacks and two forced fumbles as a junior defensive end.

“Expect Carter to be the leader of the defensive line and make big plays,” head coach Matt Root said.

Noah Cassetto, North Ridgeville, Junior

Cassetto recently ran the 40-yard dash in 4.9 seconds, head coach Bryan Morgan said. He is being recruited by Brown, Michigan State and Toledo. “Noah is an outstanding person,” the coach added.

James Conrad, Saint Ignatius, Senior

Conrad is a three-star prospect who committed to Buffalo in June. He holds the state record in the discus at 209 feet, 1 inch. “He is a freak athlete and an incredible leader who had a tremendous offseason,” head coach Tom Kaufman said.

Nicholas Contini, Stow-Munroe Falls, Senior

Contini brings experience to Stow-Munroe Falls’ lineman room.

Andrew Davalla, Saint Ignatius, Senior

Davalla is a three-star Northwestern commit. “He has had a strong offseason and is an impressive athlete,” head coach Tom Kaufman said.

Ibrahim Diaby, Solon, Senior

Diaby is an edge rusher with a tremendous motor, head coach Antonio Hall said. “He can dominate a game,” the coach added.

Justice Dukes, Warren G. Harding, Senior

Dukes plays multiple positions on the defensive line. “He is tough to block,” head coach Matt Richardson said.

Quinn Gagen, Cincinnati Anderson, Senior

Gagen is a three-year starter on Cincinnati Anderson’s offensive line

Gerken blocked at a 90 percent efficiency clip as a junior. He committed to Kentucky in June. “Reed is a returning team captain and leader,” head coach Dirk Conner said.

Lukas Grillis, Highland, Junior

Grillis is a returning starter at defensive end. He had a productive sophomore season with 51 total tackles (11 for loss), four sacks and a fumble recovery.

Nikolai Hanchuk, Berea-Midpark, Senior

Hanchuk, a center, has logged 35 starts on Berea-Midpark’s offensive line. “Nik leads the offensive line and is a standout run blocker with a high football IQ,” head coach Jonathan Hunek said.

Ayden Hansford, Edgewood, Junior

Hansford started at offensive tackle as a sophomore. “Look for him to have a big year playing tackle,” head coach Matt Root said.

Antzaviar Harrison, Youngstown, Senior

Harrison is a massive two-way lineman at 6-foot-5 and 365 pounds with excellent feet. “He will be a huge contributor to what we do up front this season on the offensive side of the ball, but will also help our defense in situations. He has the potential to be a very successful player at the next level,” head coach Seth Antram said.

Joshua Hartman, Berea-Midpark, Senior

Hartman tallied 10 tackles for loss last season as a defensive end. “Josh plays with an extremely high motor and is a violent defensive end. Josh is a leader on the team with his effort and his love of the game,” head coach Jonathan Hunek said.

Josiah Henderson, Youngstown, Sophomore

Henderson is an emerging sophomore who will play center this season. “He is an extremely hard worker who understands the calls and is very consistent. He refuses to be out-worked by anyone,” head coach Seth Antram said.

Ryder Jones, Edgewood, Senior

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Jones has two years of starting experience at center and guard. “Look for him to have a big senior year on both sides of the ball as one of the leaders of the offensive line,” head coach Matt Root said.

Gavin Knoepp, North Ridgeville, Senior

Knoepp brings experience to North Ridgeville’s offensive line at left tackle. “Gavin is strong and has the athleticism of a skill guy,” head coach Bryan Morgan said.

Spencer Marquis, Highland, Senior

Marquis plays center and graded out as a 90 percent blocker last season with 25 pancakes.

Luke Mazon, Jackson, Senior

Mazon tallied 53 total tackles, eight sacks, 10 quarterback pressures and two forced fumbles last year. “Luke is smart, athletic, and a multi-sport athlete,” head coach Jay Rohr said.

Jayden McKay, Stow-Munroe Falls, Senior

McKay is a returning starter up front for Stow-Munroe Falls.

Reese Myers, Jackson, Senior

Head coach Jay Rohr expects Myers to be one of the best defensive linemen in Ohio this season. He is coming off a 106-tackle, 11-sack junior year. “He is strong, fast and athletic,” the coach added.

Aden Norris, Louisville, Senior

The 6-foot-8, 315-pound Norris has a rare combination of size and athleticism. He committed to UConn in June. “Aden brings strong leadership and veteran play to the offensive line and is poised to showcase his ability this year,” head coach Jake Adkins said.

Landon Oickle, Cuyahoga Falls, Junior

Oickle is entering his third season as an offensive line starter. “Oickle combines athleticism, sound technique and an aggressive playing style. His presence at guard continues to strengthen the offensive front,” head coach Kevin Pask said.

Parker Osborne, Elyria, Senior

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Osborne piled up 44 total tackles (15 for loss), 2.5 sacks and 19 quarterback pressures as a junior defensive tackle. “He will also anchor our young offensive line. Parker has been a great leader for our younger players,” head coach Matt Wilson said.

Jahkeem Ossenfort, Youngstown, Senior

Ossenfort will slide into a starting role at offensive tackle. “Jahkeem has shown great consistency and growth over the last few seasons. He is an extremely hard worker that has very high-end potential at the next level,” head coach Seth Antram said.

Michael Primiano, Valley Forge, Senior

Primiano provides stability from the center position.

Keagan Ryan, Olentangy Liberty, Senior

Ryan is a returning starter for Olentangy Liberty at right guard. “He is hard-working, selfless and a leader,” head coach John Sansbury said.

Ed Scarver, Cuyahoga Falls, Senior

Scarver is a high-motored defensive lineman who has started since his freshman season. “His strong hands and relentless effort set the tone for the defense. He will be one of the unit’s leaders both on and off the field,” head coach Kevin Pask said.

Uly Scribner, Cuyahoga Falls, Senior

Scribner is entering his third season as a starter along the offensive line. “One of the team’s strongest players, he anchors the left tackle position and serves as a cornerstone of the offense,” head coach Kevin Pask said.

Zay’vion Smith, Warren G. Harding, Senior

A three-star Cincinnati commit, Smith also plays basketball for Warren G. Harding. “He is physical and athletic,” head coach Matt Richardson said.

Wyatt Sitz, Highland, Senior

Stiz was an 85 percent efficiency blocker at offensive guard as a junior. He had 20 pancakes.

Dan Strollo, Valley Forge, Senior

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Strollo will start at right tackle after transferring in from Field.

Jarrell Terrell, St. John's Jesuit, Junior

Terrell is a two-way lineman for St. John's Jesuit who plays with physicality. "He is an explosive force on the defensive line who is big, physical and athletic," head coach Joe Horn said.

Drelyn Tubbs, Youngstown, Senior

Tubbs excels as a pulling guard and defensive lineman. "He has great speed for his size and is extremely strong and physical," head coach Seth Antram said.

Mike Wade, Warren G. Harding, Senior

Wade brings physicality to Warren G. Harding's offensive line. "He is a team leader," head coach Matt Richardson said.

Landon Wagers, Edgewood, Senior

Wagers is a returning two-year starter at guard. "Look for him to have an impact on both sides of the ball playing guard and linebacker," head coach Matt Root said.

Jason Walker, Northmont, Senior

Walker is an imposing defensive lineman at 6-foot-4 and 295 pounds. "He has the size, strength, and presence to impact the game up front. He is physical, quick off the ball, and fundamentally sound, making him a difficult matchup for opposing offensive lines," head coach Dr. Ben Rulli said.

Jonathan Ware, Strongsville, Senior

Ware had three sacks as a junior and is expected to be more productive this fall, head coach Jason Trusnik said. "Ware is a very explosive athlete that can play in a three-point or two-point stance. As a defensive end, he has a great get-off, lean and hands," the coach added.

Returning all-state OL/DL in DI and DII**Bariyus Allen, Dayton Belmont, Senior****Michael Boyle, Columbus Bishop Watterson, Senior**

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Jackson Comer, Lakewood, Senior

Jordan Ellis, Oxford Talawanda, Senior

Reed Gerken, Perrysburg, Senior

Kenny Hamilton, Mentor, Senior

Antwoine Higgins, Cincinnati Anderson, Senior

Hollis Hofman, Oxford Talawanda, Senior

Terryez Jefferson, Lima Senior, Senior

Dario Jeras, Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, Senior

Terrence Jones, Cincinnati Princeton, Senior

Lawrence Kanneh, Whitehall-Yearling, Senior

Jordan Karhoff, Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Senior

Logan Krooner, Hilliard Darby, Senior

Munir Lewis, Lyndhurst Brush, Senior

Augie Lohmeyer, Oregon Clay, Senior

Jack Marquard, Lakewood St. Edward, Senior

Gabe Merrill, Canal Winchester, Senior

Jace Montgomery, Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, Junior

Marquis Myers, Springfield, Senior

Reese Myers, Massillon Jackson, Seniors

Reilly Newman, West Chester Lakota West, Senior

Aden Norris, Louisville, Senior

Patrick O'Brien, Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, Senior



Jayshawn Parish, Cleveland Rhodes, Senior

Cameron Patterson, Westerville South, Senior

Nehemiah Ramsey, Lima Senior, Sophomore

Chris Sanders, Toledo Central Catholic, Senior

Jack Schuler, Columbus Bishop Watterson, Senior

Davis Seaman, Columbus Bishop Watterson, Senior

Zayvion Smith, Warren Harding, Senior

Luciano Traczyk, Mayfield Village Mayfield, Junior

Owen Wells, Kings Mills Kings, Junior

D'Angelo White, Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Senior

Jameer Whyce, Trotwood-Madison, Junior

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