

2023 Team-By-Team Recruiting/Transfer Portal Notes

SEC Recruiting Notes:

- Alabama signed the No. 1 class. It's the 12th time in the last 13 years the Tide have signed a Top 2 class. Bama brings in a record NINE 5-star players led by EDGE Keon Keeley.
- Georgia's last 7 recruiting classes have all ranked in the Top 4. This year's No. 2 class has 12 Top 100 players led by 5-star EDGE Damon Wilson.
- LSU is bringing in 36 new players (25 frosh/11 transfers) and their overall class (frosh and transfers) ranks No. 4. Including last year, Brian Kelly has brought in 67 new players!
- Tennessee's No. 9 recruiting class is their best finish since 2015. 5-star QB Nico Iamaleava is their highest-rated QB recruit in the Internet recruiting era (since 2000).
- 18 of Florida's 20 recruits were listed as 4-stars. The 90% blue-chip ratio (4-star and 5-star players vs 2-star and 3-star players) was the 3rd highest behind Alabama and Ohio St.
- After signing the best class ever in 2022, Texas A&M dropped to No. 15 this year. The Aggies also lost 28 players to the transfer portal (most in the country).
- South Carolina's No. 16 class was their best finish since 2012. They are led by 5-star EDGE Nyckoles Harbor who is also a track stand-out at 6-foot-5 225 pounds.
- New Auburn head coach Hugh Freeze is bringing in 34 new players (counting transfers). 18 of them are on the offensive and defensive lines.
- 11 of Arkansas' last 12 classes have ranked between #22 and #29 including this year's No. 22 class. The Razorbacks lost 27 players to the transfer portal and welcome in 11.
- Each of Mississippi St's last 8 classes have ranked between #24 and #28. Consistency!
- Ole Miss incoming frosh Suntarine Perkins is the Rebels' highest-rated LB recruit ever. The Rebels lost 26 players to the transfer portal and welcome in 14.
- Kentucky brings in one of the top transfer QB's in the country in Devin Leary (NC State).
- A year after signing their best class ever (No. 15), Missouri dropped to No. 33 this year.
- Vanderbilt finished with the worst recruiting class in the SEC for the 4th time in the last 5 years.

Big Ten Recruiting Notes:

- Ohio State has signed the Big Ten's top recruiting class in 12 of the last 13 years!
- Penn St signed six of the Top 10 players in the state of Pennsylvania and Virginia.
- Despite back-to-back playoff appearances, Michigan did not sign a single recruit in the Top 100!
- Michigan St EDGE Bai Jobe is the Spartans' highest-rated recruit since 2014. The Spartans have signed Top 25 classes in back-to-back years for the first time since 2015-16.
- Nebraska new head coach Matt Rhule is bringing in 40 new players (No. 29 overall).
- All four of Maryland's 4-star players are on defense led by Rico Walker.
- Iowa only signed two of the Top 12 players in the state of Iowa this year.
- Illinois' #43 class is their best since 2011. The Illini signed three 4-star players after signing zero in the previous three classes combined.
- Minnesota signed six of the top eight players in the state of Minnesota.
- Northwestern's No. 46 class was actually their best class in the Internet recruiting era (did finish No. 47 three different times).
- Rutgers did not sign any of the top 8 players in the state of New Jersey.
- Wisconsin's No. 58 class was their worst finish since 2012. However, new head coach Luke Fickell is bringing in 13 transfers (No. 15 transfer class) led by QB Tanner Mordecai.
- Purdue's frosh class ranks just No. 66 but they do bring in transfer QB Hudson Card.
- A year after signing their best class ever (No. 25), Indiana's frosh class ranks just No. 67 (worst since 2010). Tom Allen did sign 18 transfers (No. 10 transfer class).

ACC Recruiting Notes:

- Miami's No. 7 class was their best finish since 2008. OT Francis Mauigoa is their highest-rated recruit at any position since 2010!
- Clemson's No. 11 class was their lowest finish since 2017. The Tigers didn't sign a single Top 9 player in the state of South Carolina.
- Florida State is bringing in 5 of the Top 50 overall transfer players in the country (more than any other school). Head coach Mike Norvell has brought in 35 transfers in the last 3 years.
- After signing three straight Top 15 classes, North Carolina slipped to No. 29.
- Jeff Brohm was announced as the new head coach on December 8th and yet Louisville signed their best class since 2018.
- Virginia Tech is bringing a solid transfer class led by 4-star Old Dominion WR Ali Jennings.
- NC State did not sign a single Top 12 player in the state of North Carolina.
- Pitt has finished outside the Top 50 in back-to-back classes for the first time in the Internet recruiting era (since 2000).
- Wake Forest's No. 53 class was their best finish since 2015.
- Ten of Duke's Top 14 recruits are on the defensive side of the ball.
- After signing back-to-back Top 40 classes for the first time since 2007-08, BC slipped to No. 59 this year. Keep an eye on WR Jaedn Skeete.
- Georgia Tech's No. 61 frosh class was their worst finish since 2013. They do bring in 12 transfers (No. 26 transfer class).
- Virginia's No. 64 and No. 65 finishes the last two years are their worst in at least 2 decades.
- Syracuse's No. 83 class was their worst finish since 2009. The Orange haven't signed a 4-star recruit since 2018.

Pac-12 Recruiting Notes:

- Oregon has signed the best class in the Pac-12 for five straight years.
- 5-star QB Malachi Nelson is USC's highest rated QB recruit since Matt Barkley in 2009. The Trojans bring in the nation's No. 3 transfer class.
- Utah's No. 21 class was their best in history. OL Spencer Fano and Caleb Lomu are their two highest-rated OL recruits in history.
- A year after finishing No. 96 (worst ever), Washington signed the No. 25 class.
- Deion Sanders is bringing in 44 new players to Colorado and have the No. 21 overall class (frosh/transfers). He has two 5-star CB's in Travis Hunter and Cormani McClain and it's their highest rated class in 15 years.
- 5-star QB Dante Moore is UCLA's 2nd-highest rated recruit ever (Jaelan Phillips). The Bruins also bring in the No. 7 transfer class.
- 4-star QB Brayden Dorman is Arizona's highest-rated QB recruit in 15 years. The Wildcats have signed back-to-back Top 40 classes, the first time they've done that 2005-06.
- Stanford's No. 45 class was their worst finish since 2013.
- Arizona St is bringing in 47 new players (frosh/transfers), more than any team in CFB. They are led by 4-star QB Jaden Rashada.
- Oregon St QB Aidan Chiles is their highest-rated recruit in 11 years. They also bring in Clemson transfer QB DJ Uiagalelei. The No. 49 class was their best finish since 2013.
- Washington St lost 17 players to the transfer portal but do bring in 3 transfer WR's.
- California's 12-man class finished No. 87, their worst ever. However, they do bring in 10 transfers (No. 32 transfer class).

Big 12 Recruiting Notes:

- 5-star QB Arch Manning is Texas' highest-rated overall recruit since Vince Young in 2002.
- Oklahoma's No. 4 freshman class was their best finish since 2005!
- TCU's No. 20 freshman class was their best finish ever!
- Texas Tech's No. 27 freshman class was their best finish since 2011.
- QB Avery Johnson is Kansas St's highest-rated recruit since 2006. The Wildcats' No. 32 class was their best finish since 2004. They signed three 4-star players which is more than they signed in the previous 12 classes combined!

- Baylor's No. 34 freshman class was their best finish since 2018.
- 4-star QB JJ Kohl is Iowa St's highest-rated QB recruit ever. The No. 42 and No. 39 freshman classes the last two years are their best back-to-back classes ever.
- Keep an eye on West Virginia 4-star WR Rodney Gallagher.
- UCF's No. 50 finish this year was tied for their best ever. While it would have ranked first in the AAC, it ranks No. 9 in the Big 12. 4-star DL John Walker is their highest-rated recruit ever.
- Oklahoma St's No. 54 class was their worst finish in at least 20 years!
- 4-star Safety Mikal Harrison-Pilot is Houston's highest-rated recruit since 2016.
- BYU brings in 11 transfers led by QB Kedon Slovis.
- Kansas has gone transfer heavy the last two years signing 25 combined.
- Cincinnati's small 11-man class finished No. 80, their worst finish since 2008. They do bring in 15 transfers (No. 66 overall class).

AAC Recruiting Notes:

- UTSA's No. 60 class is the best in school history and the top class in the new AAC. OT Daniel Ogundipe is their top-rated recruit ever.
- Memphis is bringing in 40 new players (freshman and transfers).
- SMU brings in 18 transfers and has the No. 9 transfer class in the country.
- Edge Matthew Fobbs-White is Tulane's highest-rated recruit since 2012.
- East Carolina's No. 73 finish was their best since 2013.
- USF has brought in 28 transfers combined in the last two years.
- Temple's No. 78 frosh class was their best finish since 2016.
- 13 of FAU's 18 frosh recruits are from the state of Florida.
- Rice's No. 82 finish was their highest ever. They also bring in transfer QB JT Daniels.
- DL Emmanuel Waller is UAB's highest-rated DL recruit ever.
- LB Jayven Anderson is North Texas' highest-rated defensive recruit ever.
- Tulsa's last four classes ranked No. 112, No. 111, No. 127 and No. 117...the worst 4-year stretch in school history!
- Navy's last two classes have ranked just No. 128 and No. 140 (including FCS). Their worst 2-year stretch in school history.
- Charlotte's recruiting class ranks just No. 133 (including FCS) but they have the No. 71 transfer class with 13 players.

Sun Belt Recruiting Notes:

- Arkansas St has signed a Top 75 class in back-to-back years.
- WR Grant Tucker is Appalachian St's highest-rated recruit in school history.
- South Alabama's No. 88 class was their best finish since 2016. CB Reginald Neely is their highest-rated recruit ever.
- WR Harvey Broussard is Louisiana's 2nd highest-rated recruit ever.
- 14 of Southern Miss' 22 recruits are from the state of Mississippi.
- CB Jack Tchienchou is Troy's highest-rated recruit since 2017.
- Georgia Southern brings in a conference-high 37 new players including 3 QB transfers.
- OL Justin DeLeon is Texas St's highest-rated recruit ever. The Bobcats bring in 19 transfers including 7 from Incarnate Word where new coach GJ Kinne hails from.
- QB Braylen Ragland is Georgia St's highest-rated QB recruit ever.
- RB Javin Simpkins is Coastal Carolina's highest-rated recruit ever.
- Marshall's No. 123 class was their worst finish ever.
- Old Dominion's No. 124 class was their worst finish since 2018.
- UL-Monroe's No. 140 class (including FCS) was their worst finish ever.
- James Madison brings in two Power 5 QB transfers.

Mountain West Recruiting Notes:

- Boise State has signed the top class in the Mountain West in 12 of the last 13 years.
- Colorado State's No. 69 class was their best finish since 2004. RB Damian Henderson is their highest-rated recruit since 2001.
- 19 of Fresno State's 20 freshman signees are from the state of California.
- 17 of San Diego St's 18 freshman signees are from California and Texas.
- Air Force's No. 102 class was their 2nd-highest finish since 2011.
- 12 of San Jose State's 14 freshman signees are from the state of California.
- Five of Wyoming's Top 7 recruits are from the state of Texas.
- Nevada brings in the top transfer class in the Mountain West (12 transfers overall).
- Hawaii's No. 114 class was their best finish since 2018.
- OT Taliyah Taala is Utah State's highest-rated recruit since 2004.
- New Mexico's No. 126 class was their worst finish ever.
- UNLV's No. 134 class (including FCS) was their worst finish ever.

CUSA Recruiting Notes:

- Louisiana Tech's No. 77 class is tied for the best finish since 2009. The Bulldogs also bring in the No. 58 transfer class with a total of 37 new players.
- 13 of FIU's Top 15 recruits are from the state of Florida.
- Sam Houston State signed a Top 100 class in the first year of the FBS.
- QB Reese Mooney's is Liberty's highest-rated QB recruit ever.
- JUCO transfer Reggie Akles is New Mexico St's highest-rated recruit since 2012.
- Middle Tennessee's No. 120 class was their 2nd worst finish ever.
- UTEP hasn't finished in the Top 110 of recruiting in the last 11 years.
- WKU has leaned on transfers more as they only bring in the No. 136 frosh class.
- Jacksonville St's No. 164 class isn't properly rated yet with most of their signees not in 247's system.

MAC Recruiting Notes:

- Eastern Michigan's No. 84 class was their best finish ever.
- For the 2nd straight year, Buffalo signed the best overall class (frosh/transfers). Maurice Linguist has brought in a total of 70 players the last two years!
- Central Michigan's last 3 classes have ranked No. 89, No. 84 and No. 86. From 2018-2020, their average class rank was No. 113.
- Ohio's No. 96 class was their best finish since 2015.
- Toledo's No. 100 class was their worst finish since 2005.
- Only 5 of Northern Illinois' 20 recruits are from the state of Illinois.
- Miami, Ohio's No. 103 class was their worst finish since 2018.
- Western Michigan's last two classes have been their worst since 2013.
- Ball State brings in three new QB's led by transfer Layne Hatcher.
- Akron's No. 107 class was actually their best finish since 2010.
- Bowling Green's No. 118 and No. 116 classes the last two years are their worst 2-year stretch in school history.
- Kent State's No. 121 class was their worst finish since 2017.

Independent Recruiting Notes:

- Notre Dame brings in the top transfer QB in the country in Wake Forest's Sam Hartman.
- RB Will Stallings is Army's highest-rated recruit in modern history.
- Connecticut has only signed one 4-star recruit in their history.
- Massachusetts has signed 37 transfers in the last two years combined.