

2024 Team-By-Team Recruiting/Transfer Portal Notes

SEC Recruiting Notes:

- Georgia's last 8 recruiting classes have all ranked in the Top 4. This year's No. 1 class has 11 Top 100 players and keep an eye on 5-star LB Justin Williams.
- Alabama signed the No. 2 class. It's the 13th time in the last 14 years the Tide have signed a Top 2 class. The Crimson Tide did lose 28 players to the transfer portal, more than any team.
- Texas signed their 3rd straight Top 6 class as they get ready for their first year in the SEC.
- LSU signed the No. 7 class including 10 of the top 11 players in the state of Louisiana.
- Oklahoma signed their 4th straight Top 10 class as they get ready for their first year in the SEC. Keep an eye on 5-star DL David Stone who we think can play right away.
- Including transfers, Auburn brings in six new WR's led by 5-star Cam Coleman. Coleman is the 2nd-highest rated Auburn recruit in the last 20 years!
- Tennessee 5-star EDGE Jordan Ross is the Vols' highest-rated defensive recruit since 2015.
- 5-star Florida QB DJ Lagway is the Gators' highest-rated overall recruit since 2015 and their highest-rated QB recruit since Brock Berlin way back in 2000.
- Texas A&M new head coach Mike Elko signed the No. 2 transfer class. 17 of the transfers were starters at their previous school last year led by EDGE Nic Scourton from Purdue.
- Missouri 5-star EDGE Williams Nwaneri is their highest-rated defensive recruit ever!
- Ole Miss signed the No. 1 transfer class by 5-star DL Walter Nolen from Texas A&M.
- We felt South Carolina 5-star EDGE Dylan Stewart was the best overall player in the Under Armour All-American game. The Gamecocks also bring in 20 transfers (No. 9 class).
- We really like what Kentucky did in the transfer portal (No. 15 class) led by a pair of Georgia transfers in QB Brock Vandagriff and LB Jamon Dumas-Johnson.
- Each of Mississippi St's last 9 classes have ranked between No. 24 and No. 28. Keep an eye on 4-star QB Michael Van Buren who impressed us in the Under Armour game.
- Arkansas signed the No. 31 class, their 2nd worst finish in the last 13 years.
- 4-star Safety Dontae Carter is Vanderbilt's highest-rated recruit since 2015.

Big Ten Recruiting Notes:

- After signing the best class in the Pac-12 for five straight years, Oregon tops the Big Ten recruiting rankings this year at No. 3 overall. It's their best finish in school history.
- Ohio State signed the top overall high school recruit in WR Jeremiah Smith and the top overall transfer recruit in safety Caleb Downs from Alabama.
- Penn St signed three of the top four overall players in the state of Wisconsin.
- Despite three straight playoff appearances and a National Championship, Michigan did not sign a Top 15 recruiting class for the 2nd straight year.
- Including transfers, USC brings in nine new players to improve their secondary.
- 5-star QB Dylan Raiola is Nebraska's highest-rated overall recruit since 2005.
- Wisconsin signed a Top 25 freshman class (No. 23) and the No. 18 transfer class.
- Purdue signed a Top 30 freshman class (No. 29) and the No. 17 transfer class.
- Iowa brings in 5-star transfer OT Kadyr Proctor from Alabama.
- Minnesota 4-star safety Koi Perich is the Gopher's highest-rated recruit since 2014. He was arguably the best performer in the US Army All-American game this January.
- Rutgers head coach Greg Schiano has signed a Top 40 class in 3 of the last 4 years.
- Keep an eye on 4-star Washington QB Demond Williams who was originally at Arizona.
- All seven of Maryland's 4-star players signed the last two years are on defense.
- New head coach Jonathan Smith brings in 4-star QB Aidan Chiles from Oregon State.
- Six of Illinois' seven incoming transfers are on the offensive and defensive lines.
- Indiana 4-star QB Tyler Cherry is their highest-rated QB recruit ever. New head coach Curt Cignetti also brings in 22 transfers including nine who were starters at James Madison.
- Northwestern's No. 80 class was their worst finish since 2004.
- UCLA's No. 89 class was by far their worst finish in school history.

ACC Recruiting Notes:

- Miami's No. 4 class was their best finish since 2008. Keep an eye on EDGE Marquise Lightfoot. They also bring in Washington St QB Cam Ward (arguably the top QB transfer).
- Clemson has not signed a single Top 9 player in the state of South Carolina for the last two years. Keep an eye on 5-star WR TJ Moore who dominated the Army All-American game.
- Florida State has not signed a Top 10 class since 2017. However, head coach Mike Norvell continues to focus on the transfer portal with this year's transfer class ranking No. 4.
- After 3 straight Top 15 classes, North Carolina has finished #29 and #26 the last 2 years.
- NC State signed their best class since 2018 (#27) and also bring in the No. 10 transfer class.
- Only 5 of Stanford's 25 recruits are from the state of California.
- Georgia Tech WR Isaiah Canion is their 2nd-highest rated recruit since 2013 (Jahmyr Gibbs).
- Syracuse signed their best class (No. 40) in the Internet recruiting era. WR Emanuel Ross is their highest-rated recruit since 2008 and they bring in transfer QB Kyle McCord.
- Including transfers, Pitt is bringing in nine defensive linemen this cycle.
- Virginia Tech signed one of the best DL transfers in the country in Aeneas Peebles (Duke).
- Wake Forest's No. 52 class was their best finish since 2015.
- For the 2nd year in a row, California brings in another solid transfer class (No. 26).
- Jeff Brohm has focused mainly on the transfer portal as the Cardinals bring in 26 transfers (No. 6 class) led by EDGE Tyler Baron from Tennessee.
- Transfer QB Maalik Murphy (Texas) was a major get for new Duke head coach Manny Diaz.
- Virginia's No. 87 class was their worst class in the Internet recruiting era (since 2000).
- Boston College's No. 94 class was their worst class in the Internet recruiting era.
- SMU has mainly focused on the transfer portal the last couple of years and bring in the No. 35 transfer class. They did rank just No. 106 in freshman recruiting.

Big 12 Recruiting Notes:

- Texas Tech's No. 24 freshman class was their best finish since 2011. 5-star WR Micah Hudson is their highest-rated recruit ever.
- TCU is bringing in 20 transfers (No. 14 transfer class) including seven in the secondary.
- UCF's No. 35 class was by far their best finish ever. They also bring in 16 transfers led by Arkansas QB KJ Jefferson.
- BYU's No. 44 class was their best class since 2010.
- Kansas' No. 45 class was their best class since 2011. Keep an eye on 4-star EDGE Deshaun Warner, he is Kansas' highest-rated recruit in the Internet recruiting era (since 2000).
- West Virginia's top newcomer is Troy DE TJ Jackson who has 22.5 TFL's in his career.
- Arizona State has brought in 93 players (frosh and transfers) in the last two years alone!
- Cincinnati brings in the No. 33 transfer class led by QB Brendan Sorsby (Indiana).
- After signing their best back-to-back classes ever, Iowa State slipped to No. 53 this year.
- Oklahoma St's No. 56 class was their worst finish in at least 20 years! That's fresh off a No. 55 class last year that previously was their worst.
- Kansas State OT Gus Hawkins is their highest-rated OL recruit since 2004.
- Utah's No. 60 freshman class was their worst finish since 2014.
- New Houston head coach Willie Fritz is bringing in the No. 27 transfer class.
- Baylor's No. 67 freshman class is their lowest-rated class since 2007.
- Arizona's No. 84 freshman class is their lowest-rated in the Internet recruiting era.
- Deion Sanders signed only seven freshman this year (No. 119 class) but did get 5-star OT Jordan Seaton, their highest-rated recruit in 16 years. Coach Prime also brings in 24 transfers and have the No. 5 transfer class led by EDGE BJ Green (Arizona State).

AAC Recruiting Notes:

- USF's No. 49 class was the top class in the Group of 5 this year and their best since 2014.
- Tulsa signed the No. 54 class, their best finish since 2001. None of their previous four classes were ranked in the top 110!
- Tulane CB Jayden Lewis is the first 4-star freshman the Green Wave have ever signed. Their No. 64 finish was also their best since 2004.
- Memphis has brought in 84 new players (freshman and transfers) in the last two years.
- North Texas is bringing in 49 new players this year, most in the country (except academies).
- East Carolina's No. 65 and No. 73 classes the last two years are their best back-to-back classes in at least two decades.
- Charlotte is bringing in 18 transfers (No. 60 transfer class) led by QB Max Brown (Florida).
- 14 of FAU's 20 incoming freshman are from the state of Florida.
- 14 of UAB's 27 incoming players (freshman and transfers) are on the OL and DL.
- Temple has brought in 83 new players (freshman and transfers) in the last two years.
- Rice S La'Tonio Johnson is their highest-rated recruit in the Internet recruiting era.
- UTSA OT Jonah Miller is their highest-rated recruit ever.
- Army brings in 59 new players and their No. 152 class isn't properly rated yet with most of their signees not in 247's system.
- Navy's last three classes have ranked just No. 153 (including FCS), No. 131 and No. 140. That's their worst 3-year stretch in school history.

Sun Belt Recruiting Notes:

- Southern Miss signed the top class in the Sun Belt (No. 76). Twenty of their 24 incoming freshman are from the state of Mississippi.
- Arkansas St has signed a Top 80 class in three straight years. QB Josh Flowers is their highest-rated QB recruit in school history.
- Seven of Coastal Carolina's 10 transfers are on offense.
- South Alabama's No. 83 class was their best finish ever.
- Troy is bringing in 39 new players (freshman and transfers), 2nd most in the Sun Belt.
- Georgia Southern DL Nasir Smith is their highest-rated DL recruit in school history.
- Appalachian State had 5 skill position players transfer out led by leading rusher Nate Noel.
- Texas State's No. 95 freshman class was their best finish since 2017.
- Marshall continues to focus more on the transfer portal as they signed 22 transfers (No. 62 class), the most in the Sun Belt.
- Nine James Madison starters from last year's team transferred to Indiana.
- Louisiana's No. 115 class was their worst finish since 2017.
- ULM DL Jaden Hamlin is their first 4-star recruit ever! ULM also brings in 48 new players (freshman and transfers), the most in the Sun Belt this year.
- Old Dominion's No. 124 class was their worst finish since 2018.
- Georgia State's No. 126 class was their worst finish since 2016. On the bright side, CB Deuce Walker is their highest-rated defensive recruit ever.

Mountain West Recruiting Notes:

- Boise State has signed the top class in the Mountain West in 13 of the last 14 years. They also bring in former 5-star QB recruit Malachi Nelson from USC.
- Colorado State's No. 69 class was tied with last year as their best finish since 2004. WR Jordan Ross is their highest-rated recruit since 2001.
- San Diego State QB Danny O'Neil is their highest-rated QB recruit in the Internet era.
- UNLV signed the best transfer class (No. 56) in the Mountain West highlighted by QB Matthew Sluka (Holy Cross) and S Jalen Catalon (Texas).
- 16 of Fresno State's 18 freshman signees are from the state of California.
- 16 of San Jose State's 18 freshman signees are from the state of California.
- Wyoming RB Blane Bryant is their highest-rated RB signee since 2004.
- Hawaii's No. 114 class was their best finish since 2018.
- Utah State DL Marlin Dean is their first 4-star recruit since 2004.
- Nevada brings in the 2nd best transfer class in the Mountain West (16 transfers overall). However, their No. 128 freshman class was their worst finish ever.
- Air Force's No. 172 class (including FCS) is their worst finish ever.
- New Mexico's No. 202 class (including FCS) is their worst finish ever.

CUSA Recruiting Notes:

- First-year UTEP head coach Scotty Walden just signed the best class in modern UTEP history at No. 82. UTEP's average recruiting class rank from 2011-2023 was No. 123. EDGE Jaylin Jones and TE Martavious Collins are the top two highest-rated recruits in UTEP history.
- QB Jayden Bradford is Liberty's highest-rated QB recruit ever.
- FIU's No. 108 class was their worst finish since 2014.
- WKU signed the best transfer class in CUSA led by QB TJ Finley (Texas State).
- JUCO QB Ty Keyes is Louisiana Tech's highest-rated QB recruit ever.
- Middle Tennessee's last four recruiting classes have an average rank of just No. 119. From 2013-2020, their average recruiting class rank was 91.
- Keep an eye on Sam Houston QB Jase Bauer, a transfer from Central Michigan.
- Keep an eye on Jacksonville State QB Tyler Huff, a transfer from Furman.
- In their first year of FBS, Kennesaw State made a commitment to shore up their offensive line as they bring in 11 new OL this year.
- New Mexico State had seven starters transfer to Power 5 programs this off-season.

MAC Recruiting Notes:

- Toledo's No. 66 class was their best finish in the last 20 years. WR Zy'marion Lang is their highest-rated recruit since 2013.
- Western Michigan's No. 71 class was their best finish since 2016.
- Miami, Ohio EDGE Javon Hammonds is their 2nd highest-rated recruit ever.
- Ohio's No. 91 class was their best finish since 2008.
- Eastern Michigan's No. 70 transfer class was the best in the MAC led by QB Cole Snyder.
- Kent State brings in 36 players, 2nd most in the MAC behind Eastern Michigan.
- Only 6 of Northern Illinois' 21 recruits are from the state of Illinois.
- Bowling Green brings in six new players to their secondary.
- Akron's No. 101 class was actually their best finish since 2009.
- Central Michigan is bringing in three new quarterbacks this off-season.
- Buffalo is bringing in six new WR's this off-season. Keep an eye on Boston College transfer WR Taji Johnson.
- Including transfers, Ball State is bringing in six offensive tackles this off-season.

Independent/Pac-12 Recruiting Notes:

- Notre Dame brings in one of the top transfer QB's in the country in Duke's Riley Leonard. Also keep an eye on incoming true frosh LB Kyngstorn Viliamu-Asa.
- Including transfers, Washington State is bringing in eight wide receivers this off-season.
- Running back is a position of need for Oregon State as they bring in four this off-season.
- Connecticut brings in 15 transfers this year (No. 83 transfer class).
- For the 3rd straight year, Massachusetts went heavy in the transfer portal, this year bringing in 21 transfers.