

## Cincinnati Football – 2025 Signing Day Roster

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL
Zebulin Kinsey	QB	6-3	215	Wellsville, Ohio/Toronto
Zion Johnson	RB	5-8	180	Covington, Ga./Newton
Giyahni Kontosis	WR	6-1	195	Beltsville, Md./Riverdale Baptist
Ka'Maurri Smith	TE	6-5	200	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne
DaMari Witherspoon	TE	6-5	220	Dallas, Ga./East Paulding
Jeremiah Kelly	OL	6-3	315	Avon, Ohio/Avon
Marcus McGregor	OL	6-3	280	West Des Moines, Iowa/Valley
Cray Paich	OL	6-6	290	Northbrook, Ill./Glenbrook North
Zach Taylor	OL	6-4	300	Kingsland, Ga./Camden County
James Early	DL	6-6	230	Fort Wayne, Ind./North Side
Tim Griffin	DL	6-5	255	Covington, Ga./Alcovy
CD McFee	DL	6-5	296	Elkhart, Ind./Elkhart
Kamron Neal	DL	6-4	245	Fort Myers, Fla./Campbell (Ga.)
Myles Harrison	LB	6-3	210	Pickerington, Ohio/Pickerington Central
Terrell Holcomb	LB	6-3	205	Gahanna, Ohio/Gahanna Lincoln
Patrick Williams	CB	5-10	160	Greenville, S.C./ Rabun Gap-Nacoochee
Jamari Johnson	S	6-0	165	Birmingham, Ala./Pell City
CJ Jones	S	5-11	180	Chicago, Ill./Bolingbrook
CJ Crite	STAR	6-1	195	Lincoln County, Ga./Lincoln County

**QB Zebulin Kinsey****6-3, 225****Wellsville, Ohio/Toronto HS**

Consensus three-star prospect and Top 30 quarterback recruit according to On3...No. 16-ranked recruit in the state of Ohio according to On3...ESPN's 20<sup>th</sup>-best dual-threat quarterback prospect in the class...Named Ohio Division VI Co-Offensive Player of the Year as a senior, throwing for 2,653 yards and 23 touchdowns while adding 833 yards and 12 TDs on the ground...Totaled 4,201 passing yards and 38 touchdowns in his career, rushing for 2,412 yards and 31 touchdowns...Junior season was cut short by injury after three games in which he had passed for 482 yards and six TDs...Scored 25 total touchdowns as a sophomore, throwing for nine and rushing for 16...Threw for 1,015 yards and ran for 1,008 that season, averaging 7.4 yards per carry...Chose Cincinnati over other Power 4 programs, including Oklahoma State and West Virginia.

**RB Zion Johnson****5-9, 180****Covington, Ga./Newton HS**

Consensus three-star recruit and Top 100 player in Georgia...Ranked among the Top 40 running back recruits in the nation by ESPN and On3....Selected to 2023-24 GACA All-State Football team...Rushed for 5,130 yards and 44 touchdowns in his high school career...Totaled 2,078 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns during his senior season...Earned all-state honors as a junior in 2023, rushing for 1,647 yards and 19 touchdowns, also caught 21 balls for 184 yards and a TD...Totaled 1,103 rushing yards and six rushing touchdowns in 2022 as a sophomore...Chose Cincinnati over other Power 4 programs Tennessee, Ole Miss and Kentucky, among others.

**WR Giyahni Kontosis****6-1, 195****Beltsville, Md./Riverdale Baptist HS**

Consensus three-star prospect and Top 20 recruit in the state of Maryland...Ranked among the nation's Top 100 wide receiver prospects by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals...Helped lead Riverdale Baptist to a 9-0 season as a senior, collecting 59 catches for 1,099 yards and 13 touchdowns... Showcased elite playmaking ability with an average of 19.3 yards per reception in his senior year...Known for his speed, route-running, and ability to make contested catches...A 2022 Fall All-MET second-team honoree....Chose Cincinnati over other Power 4 programs, including Indiana, Pittsburgh and Boston College.

**TE Ka'Maurri Smith****6-5, 220****Dayton, Ohio/Wayne HS**

Consensus three-star prospect and Top-75 recruit in the state of Ohio...ESPN's 52<sup>nd</sup>-best tight end prospect in the class...Two-time All-GWOC recipient, earned first team honors as a senior...Caught 29 passes for 482 yards and four touchdowns in 2024, ranking fourth in the conference in receiving yards...Had 17 catches for 190 yards and two TDs as a junior in 2023...Chose Cincinnati over other Power 4 programs Kentucky, Pittsburgh, Purdue and Rutgers.

**TE DaMari Witherspoon****6-5, 220****Dallas, Ga./East Paulding HS**

Under-the-radar prospect out of East Paulding High School in Dallas, Ga....Tallied 27 catches for 398 yards and six touchdowns during his prep career...Grabbed 17 passes for 255 yards and five touchdowns, averaging 15 yards per catch, as a senior...As a sophomore, he hauled in eight catches for 131 yards and a touchdown.

**OL Jeremiah Kelly****6-3, 315****Avon, Ohio/Avon HS**

Consensus three-star prospect and Top-100 recruit in the state of Ohio...Rated by ESPN as the nation's No. 44 guard prospect in the class...Ranked among Northeast Ohio's Top 25 prospects by the Plain Dealer...Earned first-team all-conference and all-district honors and was named the SWC Lineman of the Year as a senior...Helped lead Avon to a 15-0 record and a berth in Thursday's OHSAA Division II State Championship Game...Also a leader on the 2023 Avon team that finished 14-1 where he was a teammate of current UC running back Jakorion Caffey.

**OL Marcus McGregor****6-3, 290****West Des Moines, Iowa/Valley HS**

Consensus three-star prospect and Top 20 recruit in the state of Iowa according to On3...2024 all-state honoree...Helped lead Valley High School to a 10-3 record and a state championship game appearance as a senior...Paved the way for Valley's rushing attack that put up over 2,400 rushing yards in 2024.

**OL Cray Paich****6-6, 290****Northbrook, Ill./ Glenbrook North HS**

Consensus three-star prospect and Top 35 prospect in the state of Illinois...Consensus Top 100 offensive lineman recruit in the country...Dubbed by MaxPreps as one of the top offensive linemen in the Great Lakes Region in 2024...Started every game at left tackle for Glenbrook North High School as a junior and senior, also played defensive line...Chose Cincinnati over Army and Navy, among others.

**OL Zach Taylor****6-4, 300****Kingsland, Ga./Camden County HS**

Three-star prospect according to Rivals...Helped lead Camden County High School to a 7-3 record and the No. 4 seed in the Region 1-6A postseason during the 2024 season...Collected All-Region First Team honors in 2024 and Second Team accolades in 2023...Played both noseguard and tackle in high school.

**DL James Early****6-6, 230****Fort Wayne, Ind./North Side HS**

Consensus three-star recruit... Top 35 recruit in Indiana... Tallied 84 tackles and 16 sacks during his time at North Side High School... As a senior, Early secured 49 total tackles, including 15 tackles for loss, nine sacks and a blocked field goal... Recorded 32 total tackles including 10 tackles for loss, six sacks and a forced fumble...Picked UC over several FBS offers.

**DL Tim Griffin****6-5, 255****Covington, Ga./Alcovy HS**

A four-star recruit and the nation's No. 21 defensive end prospect per Rivals...Had 25 total tackles, including five for loss, as a senior...Ranked among Georgia's Top 100 prospects by ESPN and Rivals...Earned first-team all-region honors this past season...Picked Cincinnati over Alabama, Florida State and Ole Miss, among several offers.

**DL CD McFee****6-5, 296****Elkhart, Ind./Elkhart HS**

Consensus three-star recruit...The No. 16 prospect in Indiana according to On3...Named a team captain in 2024...Had 47 total tackles including a sack and eight tackles for loss in his career at Elkhart High School ... Posted 27 total tackles and a sack as a junior, with 18 total tackles including six TFLs, a blocked punt and two passes defended as a senior...Collected All-NIC First Team accolades in 2024...Chose Cincinnati over several FBS offers.

**DL Kamron Neal****6-4, 245****Fort Myers, Fla./Campbell HS (Ga.)**

Consensus three-star prospect and among the nation's Top 60 edge recruits according to On3...Major contributor on the defensive line at Campbell High School for three seasons...Also played tight end for two years...Named a 2023-24 Academic All-American...Brother, James, plays offensive line at Iowa State.

**LB Myles Harrison****6-3, 210****Pickerington, Ohio/Pickerington Central HS**

A three-star recruit according to 247Sports and On3...A Top 75 prospect in the state of Ohio according to On3 ...One of the nation's Top 200 linebacker recruits by 247Sports and On3...Finished his senior year at Pickerington North with 50 total tackles including 16 tackles for loss and nine sacks...Added 13 sacks and 19 TFLs as a junior in 2023...First-team All-OCC honoree as a senior...Picked Cincinnati over more than a dozen offers.

**LB Terrell Holcomb****6-3, 205****Gahanna, Ohio/Gahanna Lincoln HS**

Consensus three-star prospect...Ohio's No. 34-ranked recruit according to On3 ... A national top 100 linebacker prospect according to On3 and ESPN...Recognized as the 2024 Ohio Capital Conference Defensive Player of the Year... Accumulated 85 total tackles, seven sacks, one interception and two blocked field goals as a senior...Recorded 182 total tackles and 9.5 sacks in his career, averaging 7.3 tackles per game...Had 89 total tackles and 2.5 sacks as a junior...Comes from same high school as current Bearcats nose tackle Kamari Burns.

**CB Patrick Williams****5-11, 175****Greenville, S.C./Rabun Gap-Nacoochee (Ga.) HS**

Consensus three-star recruit...At Rabun Gap, he totaled 143 tackles and 10 interceptions in his career...Helped lead his team to a 2024 NCISAA championship...During his senior year, he recorded 33 total tackles, one interception and a blocked punt...Collected NCISAA Division I First Team All-State honors in 2024...Williams' junior year he snagged a career-high six interceptions and tallied 24 total tackles...Recorded 32 total tackles and two interceptions as a sophomore.

**S Jamari Johnson****6-0, 165****Birmingham, Ala./Pell City HS**

A three-star recruit per On3 and 247Sports...Consensus Top-100 prospect from the state of Alabama... He had 81 total tackles, four interceptions and seven forced fumbles in his career at Pell City High School...Finished with 38 tackles, five TFLs, one interception and an incredible six forced fumbles as a junior in 2023...Tallied three interceptions and 17 pass breakups as a sophomore in 2022...Pick UC over several FBS offers, including Troy.

**S CJ Jones****5-11, 180****Chicago, Ill./Bolingbrook HS**

Consensus three-star recruit and Top 35 prospect in the state of Illinois...Ranked as the No. 72 cornerback prospect in the nation according to On3...Rated Illinois' No. 14 prospect by On3 and No. 21 by ESPN...Chose Cincinnati over Boston College, among several offers.

**STAR CJ Crite****6-1, 195****Lincoln County, Ga./Lincoln County HS**

A consensus three-star recruit...A Top 50 linebacker prospect according to On3... The nation's No. 20 inside linebacker prospect according to ESPN...Secured 447 tackles, one sack, three interceptions and five forced fumbles in his career at Lincoln County High School... Tallied 119 total tackles, including three tackles for loss, three interceptions, two passes defended, and two forced fumbles as a senior... Boasted 139 total tackles, including a career high 17 tackles for loss, and a blocked punt, as a junior...Finished with 162 tackles, including 12 tackles for loss, and two forced fumbles as a sophomore...Also played wide receiver, where he totaled 56 catches for 1,226 yards and 14 touchdowns...Picked Cincinnati over several FBS offers, including Western Kentucky and South Florida.