

Top 5 Uncommitted 2018 Recruits in Texas

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Jaylen Waddle was at the US Army All American Bowl. (Photo: Brian Perroni, 247Sports)

National Signing Day is just three weeks away as colleges around the country put in their last efforts to land the nation's top uncommitted recruits. Of the recruits who have not made a decision, a hand full of Texas high school prospects hang in the balance.

Of those, here are the top five recruits that are up for grabs in the Lone Star State:

1. **Jaylen Waddle**, Wide Receiver, Bellaire Episcopal

National Ranking: 51

State Ranking: 6

Jaylen Waddle is the city of Houston's prized possession, and after a stellar senior season, he has quickly emerged as one of the nation's most prized possessions. In 2017, Waddle accounted for 35 touchdowns (26 receiving, 4 rushing, 3 kick return, 2 punt return) and over 1600 total yards to lead Bellaire Episcopal to a 6-3 record. Despite his size deficiency at 5'9", Waddle was able to jump up with any defensive back to pull down receptions. He may be a lethal slot receiver option for whatever lands the nation's number seven receiver.

As his recruiting nears its latter stages, big names are jumping out at the prized wide out. His top six schools include TCU, Texas, Oregon, Alabama, Florida State, and Texas A&M. **Tom Herman**, **Nick Saban**, and **Jimbo Fisher** have all already made in-home visits with Waddle. Crystal ball predictions give Texas A&M the edge at 56%.

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#1 — Jaylen Waddle ([@D1__JW](#))

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2. **Leon O'Neal**, Safety, Cy Springs

National Ranking: 79

State Ranking: 8

Over the past two seasons, the hard-hitting Leon O'Neal has come on as a defensive gem out of the northern Houston area. The U.S. Army All-American Bowl participant amassed 78 tackles in 2017 along with 5 pass breakups and 1 kick return touchdown. One of his more scary stats, however, is his 5 forced fumbles in just 9 games. His hit-stick ability is unmatched at the safety position as his size and physicality will become a hot commodity for colleges around the country.

O'Neal's recruiting process has featured the typical big name power five schools, but only recently has he been a free agent on the market. In June, he committed to Texas A&M, but ultimately fell back from that decision after the firing of **Kevin Sumlin** in December. His final four has been trimmed down to Oklahoma, Clemson, Texas A&M, and Georgia with Texas A&M currently holding the crystal ball predictions edge at 80%.

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#2 — Leon O'Neal Jr. ([@WakeEmUp9](#))

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3. **Joshua Moore**, Wide Receiver, Yoakum

National Ranking: 86

State Ranking: 9

In 2017, Joshua Moore became one of the biggest names in small-school Texas high school football. Moore led his Yoakum Bulldogs to a 13-2 record and a state semifinal appearance, where they fell at the hands of the eventual 3A Division I state champion Rockdale Eagles. In his senior season, Moore totaled 456 rushing yards, 424 receiving yards, and 12 total touchdowns. His 6'1" frame allows him to stretch the play on downfield passes as his physicality and athleticism allow him to win 50-50 balls.

His recruiting trail has been very busy to say the least but he is also another prospect who has recently found his name in the uncommitted market. In December, Moore de-committed from Nebraska after the firing of **Mike Riley**. While the Huskers still seem to be in the mix for the Under Armour All-American, Texas A&M seems to be the most likely landing spot as Joshua's twin brother Jordan is already committed to the Aggies.

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4. **Joseph Ossai**, Defensive End, Conroe Oak Ridge

National Ranking: 182

State Ranking: 19

Joseph Ossai, the highest-rated defensive end in Texas, has wreaked havoc on 6A competition in his two years at the varsity level. He followed up his stellar junior season at Conroe Oak Ridge with a senior campaign that featured 58 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, 8 sacks, and 3 forced fumbles in 10 games. At the college level, he could be a dangerous edge defender or outside linebacker with his highly touted speed-rush.

Ossai has been down to three schools since July with Notre Dame, Texas, and Texas A&M being the trio of possibilities for the four-star. After an in-home visit with **Jimbo Fisher**, Texas A&M is the favorite to land Ossai with the crystal ball predictions giving the Aggies a 61% chance.

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5. Cam'ron Jones, Safety, Mansfield

National Ranking: 300

State Ranking: 36

Cam'ron Jones bursted onto the scene with Mansfield in his senior season after transferring from Euless Trinity after his junior campaign. His 106 tackles, 2 interceptions, and 2 kick return touchdowns gave him an honorable mention to the APSE class 6A all-state team. Jones' speed is one of his more enticing qualities as his 4.5 40 time gives him a big advantage over other defensive back recruits.

Jones' recruiting process has been an interesting ride after he de-committed from UCLA in December following the firing of Jim Mora Jr. However, he is ready to hop back on the commitment train as Jones will announce his final decision live on NBC Channel 5's Inside High School Sports at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 27. His final five schools are Baylor, Nebraska, Texas Tech, Utah, and Ole Miss. Crystal ball predictions have him heading to Nebraska next fall.

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