In His Own Words: Texas Commit DeGabriel Floyd Gives Advice

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(Photo: DeGabriel Floyd, 247Sports)

What should athletes prepare in their early stages of the recruiting process?

"Well first I want to say early on in your recruiting process, never be thirsty or eager for a certain offer because 9 times out of 10 for most kids it's Ohio st or Alabama or some big name school and that's not realistic. My first offer was Pittsburgh my freshman year and although they aren't a big name they're known and they're a Division 1 program so I was excited, as everyone who gets that offer should be."

How can athletes determine what's the right school for them?

"The next thing would be to know your worth, and that can go two different ways. Being realistic with yourself is key, knowing what caliber player you are is the first step to being in a good position throughout your recruiting process. Knowing the level of potential you have and can excel will tell you what school is best for you, whether it's D1, D2, or even D3. Another part of knowing your worth is communication, if a coach doesn't go out their way to see what's going on with you then they aren't very interested and don't need you. If they only talk to you about football is another thing you should be aware of. If a coach doesn't try to build a relationship and know what type of person you are then that shows that they are just interested in your athletic capabilities."

What helped you shape your decision on committing to The University of Texas?

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"Lastly I would say don't rush into anything. I was committed to USC for 8 months and thought that's where I would be signing in 2019, but not once did I feel the way I feel now being

committed to Texas. Texas is my home, where I have family, friends, a safe environment, great academics, a chance to make an impact in the program early, great coaches who I include in my family circle, and I love the state. That's why I committed to Texas and will be there earning my spot as soon as possible. I knew I was going to go to Texas after my first trip, once I stepped on campus it felt like home because they checked every box on my list. But I still left that great visit uncommitted because I didn't want the glitz and glamor that I saw in that few days to make me think I needed to make the decision then and there. I talked to other schools, while talking and building a great relationship with Texas, came back on another trip, felt the same way I did the first time and it was a wrap. I was suppose to take trips to Auburn, Oregon, Georgia, Arizona st, Florida, and UCLA, but I canceled them all because they were a waste of my time. So I knew what I wanted to do, but I took the right steps leading up to making that decision. Although I didn't go see what all those other schools had to offer, why go see other schools when you know in your heart there's one that has everything you could dream of."

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Projecting the top 10 offenses of 2019

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Defense may win championships, but great offenses don't hurt and they're typically more fun to watch. A look at this past season of college football proves that. Oklahoma, Alabama, and Clemson were some of the most thrilling teams to watch in the country.

Many of those teams that lit up the scoreboard will do the same in 2019. There are also some offenses full of young talent that are on the rise. Let's take a look into the future and see which teams will boast the most explosive offenses in 2019.

10. OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS

In Taylor Cornelius and Justice Hill, Mike Gundy loses some fantastic players. However, he's known for replacing departing offensive talent and still scoring a lot of points every season. Running back Chuba Hubbard looks like a promising running back in Stillwater. The Cowboys will have a quarterback battle this spring and fall, but that rarely stops them from finding the end zone on a regular basis.

9. NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

After starting 0-6 in the 2018 season, Scott Frost's Huskers showed quite a bit of promise. Young quarterback Adrian Martinez gave Nebraska fans plenty of reasons for optimism. In 11 games as a true freshman, Martinez threw for 2,617 yards and 17 touchdowns. Martinez also rushed for 629 yards and eight touchdowns. J.D. Spielman will return at wide receiver to give Martinez a reliable option through the air. Frost should have this offense running like a well-oiled machine in 2019.

8. TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

(Photo: John Weast, Getty)

The Red Raider offense is normally one of the best in the country, no matter who is at the helm. However, a full season of Alan Bowman at quarterback may take it to another level. Bowman was only a true freshman in 2018, and his season was shortened by injury. That didn't stop him from throwing for 2,638 yards and 17 touchdowns. First-year Texas Tech head coach Matt Wells will inherit a fantastic player in an explosive system known for lighting up the scoreboard.
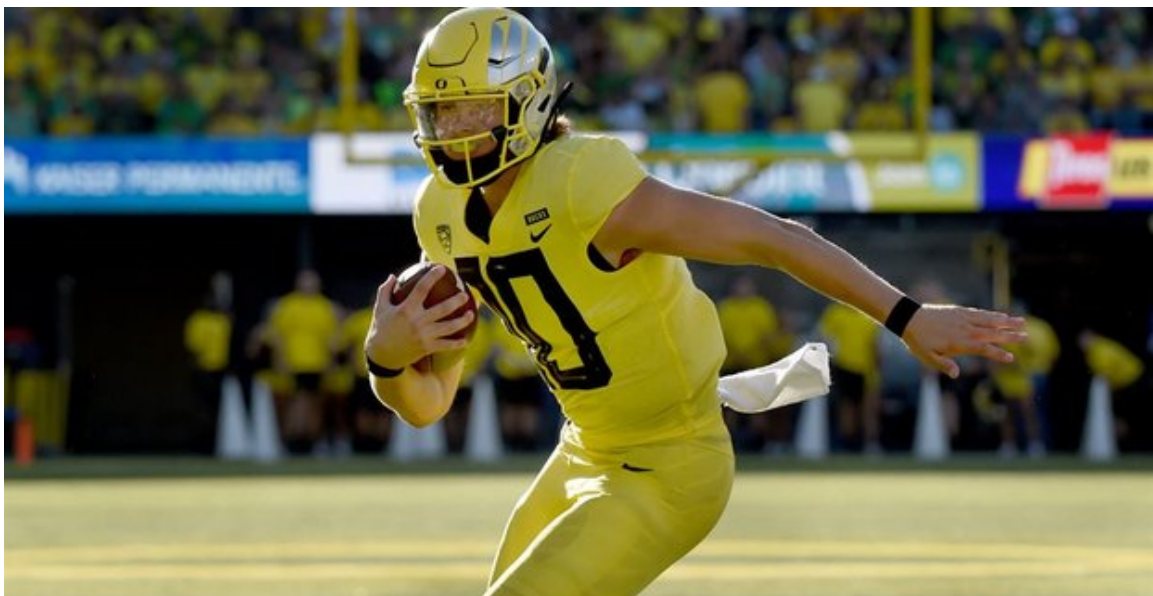
7. MISSOURI TIGERS

(Photo: John Glaser, USA TODAY Sports)

The Tigers may not be able to play in a postseason game, but that doesn't mean they won't have a potent offense. After losing Drew Lock, Missouri reloads at quarterback with the addition of Kelly Bryant out of Clemson. The addition of Bryant along with an elite weapon like Larry Rountree III in the backfield should put Missouri at the top of the statiscal charts on offense next season.

6. OREGON DUCKS

(Photo: Steve Dykes, Getty)

The Ducks return one of the best players in college football in the form of quarterback Justin Herbert. The Oregon signal caller was projected to be a top 10 NFL Draft pick in 2019. However, Herbert elected to play one more season in Eugene. Herbert alone will make the Ducks an impressive offensive force. Leading wide receiver Dillon Mitchell won't be back, but Herbert is good enough to elevate the rest of the receivers. However, running back C.J. Verdell will be in the backfield to terrorize the Pac-12 yet again.

5. TEXAS LONGHORNS

(Photo: Ed Zurga, Getty)

Sam Ehlinger emerged as one of college football's star quarterbacks in 2018 as he piled up over 4,000 yards of total offense and 41 total touchdowns. Leading receiver Lil'Jordan Humphrey won't be back, but second leading receiver Collin Johnson will be. The Longhorns also get a player in Bru McCoy would could have an immediate impact on the passing game. Replacing Tre Watson may be a challenge, but Keontay Ingram should be able to shoulder the load of being a true No. 1 running back.

4. OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

Exit Dwayne Haskins and enter Justin Fields. Over the weekend, former five-star recruit and Georgia quarterback Fields was cleared for immediate eligibility with the Buckeyes. Ohio State already has one of the nation's best running backs in the country in J.K. Dobbins, who is a back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher. If Fields lives up to his full potential, Ryan Day's first season as the head coach in Columbus will be a special one.

3. ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

In 2019, Alabama boasted the best offense it has ever had in its illustrious history. That was due in large part to the connection between quarterback Tua Tagovailoa and wide receivers Jerry Jeudy, Jaylen Waddle, and Henry Ruggs III. Nick Saban will get all of those players back in 2019, so don't expect the Alabama offense to drop off too much. In the running game, Najee Harris may be one of the better running backs in the SEC. Alabama will be a lot of fun to watch again in 2019.

2. CLEMSON TIGERS

(Photo: Ezra Shaw, Getty)

Everyone saw what the Clemson offense did to Alabama in the national championship. Well, get used to it because there is a ton of great young talent on the Tigers' offense. Between quarterback Trevor Lawrence, running back Travis Etienne, and wide receivers Justyn Ross and Tee Higgins, Clemson has several players who could conceivably be in the running for the Heisman Trophy in 2019. The Tigers have an embarrassment of riches on an offensive unit that promises to be even better in the coming season.

1. OKLAHOMA SOONERS

(Photo: Denon McMillan, 247Sports)

Life isn't too bad for Lincoln Riley in Norman, Oklahoma. In his first two seasons as a head coach, he's had two consecutive Heisman Trophy winners under center in Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray. In his third year, he'll have former Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts leading the way. Hurts has a 26-2 record as a starter and has played in some big moments. On top of that, Kennedy Brooks will be back to run the football after rushing for over 1,000 yards. 1,000-yard wide receiver CeeDee Lamb also returns. It should be another explosive season for the Sooners.

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