

# Michigan State football: Canton DE Darius Robinson to visit vs. Michigan





*Editor's note: Canton senior defensive end Darius Robinson is considered the highest-ranked uncommitted recruit in Michigan for the class of 2019. He lists a final five of Michigan State, Syracuse, Colorado, Maryland and Rutgers. The Free Press will be keeping up with Robinson until he makes his final decision.*

Darius Robinson had considered making his college choice on Sept. 13 because that's his birthday. But without taking any visits, he decided to wait until the end of the football season, giving him time to visit his final list of schools.

Robinson expected to receive birthday wishes from each school since he's delaying his announcement. "I hope so," Robinson said.

This past Saturday was the first day coaches could contact recruits this season. Robinson said he doesn't remember which was the first team to

reach out, but spoke to Michigan State, Syracuse, Colorado, Toledo and Rutgers.

He finally put together his list of official visits.

"I'm going to Colorado this weekend; I'm going to Rutgers on Sept. 29; Michigan State on Oct. 20 for Michigan week, and then Syracuse on Oct. 27," he said.

"I'm just going to see what happens (as far as taking a fifth visit). I just want to know that I looked at every option and aspect of this whole recruiting thing. I really just want to take a look at everything. I'm kind of ready for it to be over, a little bit. I just want to make sure."



Darius Robinson. (Photo: Bill Bresler | hometownlife.com)

Since last year Robinson, 6-foot-6 and 250 pounds, has gained strength and honed his pass-rushing skills, which propelled him into a Division I prospect. He has gained roughly 30 pounds and is ranked as the 42nd-best strongside defensive end in the country and the 16th-ranked player in the state [by 247Sports Composite](#).

Teams now are running away from Robinson.

"I think the biggest thing I've worked on is my explosiveness," he said. "I'm getting off the ball faster and being more physical. I worked over the summer and actually I learned our play calls. I knew about 80 percent of our calls, now I know everything in and out. Now, I'm just more prepared. When you know what you're doing, you can go 1,000 miles per hour."

“Teams are running away from me, but all you can do is keep hustling and keep running to the ball, regardless. I just keep fighting. (Running away from me) is part of the game. It gives my teammates a chance to make plays. We’re working harder and playing more desperate.”

Canton, 2-1, [is coming off a 47-26 win over Plymouth](#). The Chiefs play Plymouth Salem on Friday.