

National Top 80 Razorback Commit Explains Why Hogs Are “Going to Have to Put Me on the Payroll”

In-state Hog Commit Collins Setting High Goals for Senior Season

By Will Whitson

Arkansas defensive end commit Charleston “Charlie” Collins has been a “beast” for practically his whole life. Best of Arkansas Sports talked to Collins’ defensive line coach at Little Rock Mills, Marcus Bolden, and he did not disappoint in his breakdown of the No. 2 senior in the state, and nation’s No. 77 player overall, [according to 247Sports](#).

Bolden says he’s coached Collins since he was twelve years old, as he coached his little league team growing up. “When he was twelve, he was already bigger than everybody, used to always tell him he was going to be the biggest one.” Collins now comes in at 6’ 5” and 265 pounds, according to Bolden.

Arkansas brought in University of Central Florida’s Travis Williams to fill the defensive coordinator role Barry Odom left open, and Bolden says it’s a perfect match for Collins. “T-Will (Travis Williams) is a good guy, man.” Collins has “already got a good relationship with him and Deke Adams.” The Hogs’ defensive line coach Deke Adams is a notably good recruiter, and was the primary voice during Collins’ recruitment. Former number one overall pick Jadeveon Clowney and former first rounder Sylvester Williams are two of Adam’s most prized recruits.

“They’re getting a kid who’s going to work hard. A great athlete, all-around student athlete,” Bolden says. Sam Pittman’s teams are prided on culture, and Collins seems to fit the mold.

Working hard has been in Collins’s DNA since he was a kid, and because of that, Marcus Bolden thinks the sky’s the limit for the young star. “If he works the way he should work, he’s going to be a hall of famer at Arkansas and an NFL prospect. He’s only going to get bigger and better. With the speed he’s got, he’s going to be massive, and his hands will only get better” in the pass rush. Bolden compares Collins’ quick and elusive play style to [Washington Commanders edge defender Chase Young](#).

Because of his elite athleticism, Bolden and Collins have set a goal for the upcoming season. While it may seem like a lot, it’s achievable. “We’re going for 20 sacks. He went for twelve last season, but he played a lot of receiver so that kind of slowed him down.” Collins finished last season with 124 tackles, 12 sacks, and one interception, along with eleven receptions for 67 yards. Facing a 265-pound receiver, in case you needed to know, would be an absolutely scary sight for any defensive back.

The in-state recruit Collins will bring a couple other highly touted recruits from Arkansas with him in 2024. Collins’ childhood friend, Courtney Crutchfield, committed to Arkansas on the same day as Charlie. “We had to lock in together. We’re both from Pine Bluff, Arkansas and we wanted

to stay home. It's a good thing we're rocking out together," Crutchfield told FOX16. The four-star receiver is [ranked as the number one prospect in Arkansas](#) according to 247Sports, right above Collins at number two. Four-star prospect from Benton, Braylen Russell committed to the Hogs last week as well, securing Sam Pittman three of the top four players in the state.

"I'm gonna be the biggest recruiter in the state of Arkansas; you're going to have to put me on the payroll," Collins told [FOX16's Nick Walters in April](#). The Razorback 2024 class isn't quite complete as of now, but [Collins' reaching out](#) has a big part of why the Hogs are putting together one of the best in the nation. Collins and his defensive counterpart Kavion Henderson have been the [biggest recruiters](#) for the 2024 class on Twitter, whether they know they have a chance at a player or not. The pair of defensive linemen are locked in at Arkansas, and are determined to give the Hogs their best class yet in 2024.

Collins has already shown he can dominate at the high school level, as his junior year stats show. With Mills High School Head Coach Cortez Lee relieving him from receiver duties to focus strictly on defense, the 5A State Championship should once again be in reach. Collins' team will enjoy plenty of limelight in his last high school season before he heads to Fayetteville.

If there's one thing for certain, he's going to make sure he goes out with a bang.