

Ohio State Safety Isaiah Pryor Enters The Transfer Portal



Ohio State junior safety Isaiah Pryor entered his name into the transfer portal as a graduate transfer, per Tom VanHaaren.

Ohio State safety Isaiah Pryor's name is in the transfer portal, listed as a grad transfer.

— Tom VanHaaren (@TomVH) September 23, 2019

Pryor played in 31 games for Ohio State in his tenure in Columbus, including seven starts in 2018. The 6-foot-2, 200-pound safety gave way to Brendon White midway through his sophomore season, serving as his backup after that point.

The Bradenton (Fla.) IMG Academy product tallied 31 tackles, including one tackle for loss and one interception as a sophomore last season. Pryor made a career-high six tackles against Purdue after recording his first career pick against Minnesota the week before.

Showing the ability to cover a large area and recover quickly, Pryor posted six passes defended in 2018, ranking second on the team.

As a true freshman, Pryor played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams, and contributed to the Big Ten Champion Buckeyes' success. The Lawrenceville, Ga., native notched 13 tackles and two pass breakups on the season.

Given the fact that Pryor had to sit behind both White and three-year starting safety Jordan Fuller, it is not completely surprising Pryor would elect to peruse his options in the transfer portal, especially since he can do so as a graduate transfer and can be immediately eligible.

Also, the emergence of sophomore safety Josh Proctor indicates that playing time may not come for Pryor even after Fuller graduates. Proctor, who earned rave reviews throughout the offseason, has three tackles (two solo), two pass breakups and one interception on the season.

Serving as a reserve safety in 2019, Pryor has three tackles (two solo) on the season. Having only played in four game, Pryor is still eligible to take a redshirt this year and would have two remaining seasons of eligibility elsewhere.

Pryor, a former four-star recruit, came to Columbus as the No. 63 overall prospect and No. 8 safety in the nation, as well as the No. 10 player in the talent-rich state of Florida for the 2017 class. He will likely draw strong interest from other programs looking for an athletic safety.