

Drew Astorino – Penn State University

Much responsibility has been placed upon on the shoulders of safety Drew Astorino the past two seasons and he has responded with leadership and productivity for the secondary, the defense and special teams. A starter in 24 games the past two years, primarily at strong safety, he has asserted himself as the quarterback of the secondary, a unit that could have four senior starters this fall. The instinctive and intelligent athlete again logged considerable playing time on defense and special teams in 2010 and earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten recognition for the second consecutive year. Astorino played an instrumental role in Penn State ranking second in the Big Ten and No. 16 in the nation in pass defense. He was fourth on the team with 70 tackles, grabbed one interception and was tied for the team lead with five pass breakups. Astorino is one of the squad's surest tacklers and ball-handlers and is a probable All-Big Ten candidate. With a nose for the football, he has a knack for being in position to make a play on any given down or specialty play. The aggressive, determined and quick safety is a hard worker who again will be counted on for substantial contributions and leadership, a role he is familiar with from throughout his athletic career.

Achievements:

2011 All Big Ten Football Honorable Mention as voted by the Conference Coaches.

Big Ten Week 9 Top Performer (3 pass breakups, 8 tackles (6 solo))

2011 Season Stats: 68 Tackles and 1 Interception

Career Stats: 239 Tackles and 5 Interceptions