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MORNHINWEG COMMITS TO PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

PHILADELPHIA – Skyler Mornhinweg announced he will be committing to Penn State University to play football beginning in the 2012 season. Mornhinweg is entering his senior season at St. Joseph’s Prep with an already impressive list of achievements and honors.

“I’m really excited to play for one of the great coaches (Joe Paterno) in the history of the game,” Mornhinweg said.

A three year starter and two year two way starter as a quarterback and defensive back, Mornhinweg has already made his mark on Prep football. The rising senior has a total of 45 touchdowns in his past three seasons and 32 passing touchdowns. Mornhinweg has thrown for over 3,000 passing yards and accumulated 500 rushing yards.

Mornhinweg was the first freshman starter at The Prep since Victor Hobson in 1994. In his freshman year he led the Catholic league in interceptions as a safety.

“He is a natural born leader and an incredible competitor,” St. Joe’s Prep Coach Gabe Infante said.

In the past three seasons Mornhinweg was able to rally his team to a total of six fourth quarter comeback victories.

The two time Team MVP had verbally committed to Stanford as a freshman, but upon entering his sophomore season retracted that commitment due to Stanford’s coach Jim Harbaugh moving on to coach the San Francisco 49ers.

“Many things change, and we anticipated things changing, we took a step back and reevaluated.” Mornhinweg said.

While reevaluating, Mornhinweg not only looked at Penn State, but at Alabama, Illinois, Miami (Fla.), and Tennessee.

When asked about why he chose Penn State Mornhinweg said, “I’m going to Penn State for the great football history, to learn and get better every day once I get there.”

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound quarterback still has his senior season at the Prep on the forefront of his mind right now.

“I’m really excited for my senior year and it’s a relief to find a place to go to school,” Mornhinweg said. “My focus now is on helping my team.”