

Pryor Snubs Riders, CFL

Written by Mike Kelly
Friday, 10 June 2011 08:03

Quarterback Terrelle Pryor is the man in the spotlight at the moment.

Wherever he goes, the questions abound concerning his five-game suspension from the NCAA for receiving illegal benefits, foregoing his senior year at Ohio State and his professional-football-playing career. Well, Pryor answered one of those questions on Thursday. No, he will not be going up north to play for the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Canadian Football League. Apparently, the Riders who own his negotiating rights in the CFL, didn't make their offer appealing enough. So Pryor had decided to stay put.

He also announced on Thursday that he will no longer cooperate with the NCAA and their on-going investigation of the Ohio State football program.

Thursday's decision also leaves Pryor with three options, either sign with a team in the United Football League, wait until the NFL lockout ends and make himself available for the NFL Supplemental Draft, or just sit out the season and get himself ready for the NFL draft in April of 2012.

Pryor had a stellar career with the Buckeyes. He led them to three Big Ten titles and was 31-4 during his tenure. And Ohio State's career rushing leader among quarterbacks with 2,164 yards, also is ranked fifth in the school's record book for passing yards with 6,177. And his 57 touchdown passes matches the Ohio State mark also held by Bobby Hoying.

The NCAA is investigating the entire Ohio State program, in particular allegations revolving around cash and other improper benefits and sweetheart deals on cars. Pryor has been a lightning rod during the investigation, admitting he had dealings with the tattoo-parlour owner, concerning trading signed equipment, championship rings and other memorabilia for cash and discounted tattoos.