

Buckley Leaving Penn State For Wolfpack

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NC State head football coach Tom O'Brien has announced that safety Tim Buckley has joined the Wolfpack football program. The Cardinal Gibbons High School graduate, who red-shirted last season at Penn State, will begin practice at the team's first workout on Tuesday afternoon. "I am excited to be a member of the NC State Wolfpack," said Buckley. "The opportunity to come here and play at

my state university, so close to home, was something that I couldn't pass up."

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Buckley, who will be eligible to compete in 2012, will be listed as a redshirt freshman and will have four years to play. He finished 2012 spring practice listed as the backup at free safety on the Nittany Lion depth chart. Buckley is the first official transfer away from the Penn State program since the NCAA announced players would be able to transfer freely following a child abuse scandal at the university.

At Cardinal Gibbons, he was the Carolina 3-A Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2010 and played running back, linebacker and safety during his prep career. He rushed for almost 1,800 yards, scoring 36 touchdowns as a senior, helping lead the Crusaders to an 11-3 record as a senior and a 12-2 mark as a junior.

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