PENNSYLVANIA QUAKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2022

QUARTERBACKS - Ryan Glover started all 10 games in '19, throwing for 1,482 (60%, 7-6, 300 rush, 3.0) while Nick Robinson added 306 (68%, 3-0). Both returned in '19 but this time Robinson started all 10, and was much more productive, throwing for 2,331 (59.6%, 16-5) while Glover only played in 5 games (79, 46.2%, 1-1). Both were gone last year, leaving Owen Goldsberry (2 attempts '19) as the only QB with experience but he moved to WR. John Quinnelly started the first 5 games but suffered a slight injury that opened the door for true frosh Aidan Sayin who started the last 5 games. Sayin threw for 920 (54%, 5-7) and led the Quakers to their only Ivy League win over Brown. Quinnelly was #2 with 782 (50%, 3-5). This year Quinnelly and Goldsberry (1 attempt) depart but Sayin is back so they are more experienced than entering last season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Penn had to replace their 3x leading rusher Karekin Brooks who put up 1,003 (4.9, 200 rec) in '19. Also gone was their #2 rusher Abe Willows (157, 5.1). Their top returnee, Isaiah Malcome had 73 yds in their opener in '19 but was OFY. Malcome started all 10 games. He ran for 201 vs Lehigh and led with 710 (5.8). Trey Flowers was #2 with 379 (3.8). Jonathan Mulatu added 94 (4.1). This year they lose Malcome (2nd Tm All-Ivy). Flowers returns but his ypc was 2.0 ypc below Malcome's last year. and Mulatu adds depth. They are clearly down a few notches but will benefit from a more experienced OLine.

RECEIVERS - In '19 Penn lost their top 2 WR's as well as their starting TE then their top returnee, Tyler Herrick, was OFY after 3 games. Ryan Cragun led with 885 (15.3). Rory Starkey was #2 with 643 (16.5). Kolton Huber added 270 (11.7). Last year they got their top 2 back in Cragun and Starkey but the rest of the unit was depleted with Huber, Eric Markes (183, 20.3), Herrick (104, 8.0) and TE Sire Woods (10 st, 41, 6.8) all gone. They were in better shape than '19 but depth was a concern so they moved QB Owen Goldsberry to WR. Cragun led with 500 (14.3). Starked was #2 with 391 (16.3). No other WR/TE topped 200 yards. This year they lose Cragun (9 st, 4th Tm All-Ivy) and Goldsberry (9 st, 156, 8.7) along with TE Christopher Mottillo (8 st, 4 rec). Starkey and Joshua Casili (2 st, 146, 14.6) are their top returnees. Once again they have two experienced returnees and a lack of depth.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '18 Penn had 4 OLine start all 10 and they slid to 162 rush ypg (4.0, 11 sk). In '19 they had 4 starters back but lost a 2x All Ivy and fell to 144 ypg but they actually increased to 4.1 ypc (16 sk). Last year only 1 starter returned and 1 other had starting experience so the OLine needed rebuilt. Penn rushed for just 126 ypg (lowest since '14) and ypc fell to 3.7 while sacks increased to 24. This year 4 who started 10 games returns along with LG Chase Bahr (5 st). C Trevor Radosevich is a 2Y starter and this unit goes from completely inexperienced to experienced, making it their most improved group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Two starters returned on their Dline in '19. In their 4 Non Conference games they allowed just 128 rush ypg (3.6) but allowed 191 (4.3) in Ivy League play. Last year Penn lost 2 starters in DE Taheeb Sonekan (9 st, #9 tkl'r, 5 tfl) and NG David Ryslik (9 st, #8 tkl'r, 4.5 tfl) along with DE Benji Mowatt who led with 6.5 sks. Their top guy, Prince Emili (10 st, #2 tkl'r, 14 tfl) did return. Penn allowed just 84 (2.5) in non-conference games and 154 (3.9) in Ivy League play. Overall they allowed 133 (3.5) with 24 sacks. This year the Quakers lose DT Emili (10 st, #4 tkl'r, 5 sk, 6 tfl) and DE Matthew McElroy (9 st, 19 tkl, 3.5 tfl). Two starters return again but this time they lost their top guy in Emili (1st Tm All-Ivy) but do return 3rd Team All-Ivy DE Jake Heimlicher (#3 tkl'r, 7.5 sk).

LINEBACKERS - Penn lost 3 starting LB's in '19 but Zach Evans (#6 tkl'r) returned and led with 83 tkls. Last year they lost 1st Tm All Ivy LB Evans along with Hunter Hayes (10 st, #11 tkl'r, 4.5 tfl) and James McCarthy (#12 tkl'r). They did get back their 1st Tm All Ivy LB Brian O'Neill (#3 tkl'r, 12.5 tfl) along with their #7 and #14 tkl'rs so this was still a solid unit with experience. Penn improved from 30 ppg allowed in '19 to just 21.5 ppg allowed last year. This year they lose 2nd Tm All-Ivy LB O'Neill (10 st, #2 tkl'r, 3.5 tfl) and Khalil Lewis (10 st, #7 tkl'r, 3.5 tf). One starter returns (#5 tkl'r) and they also get their #12 and #13 tkl'rs back but this unit is down without an All Conference guy returning.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '18 Penn got 7 of their top 8 back but lost their SS to injury after 1 game. They improved to 4th in pass efficiency defense in the Ivy (185 ypg, 58%, 15-10). In '19 they once again returned all 4 starters and got Sam Phillipi back from injury. The experience didn't help as they slipped to #7 in pass eff D, allowing 251 ypg (65.2%, 16-7). Last year they lose FS Phillipi (10 st, #5 tkl'r, 5 pd) and FS Tayte Doddy (10 st, #6 tkl'r, 5 pd). Four of their top 6 were back and while they were less experienced than '19 but we expected them to perform better. Penn only recorded 6 int's but improved to #4 in Pass D Efficiency, allowing 194 ypg (55%, 8-6). This year they lose CB Jason McLeod (9 st, #9 tkl'r, 15 pbu, 3 int) and CB Mohammad Diakite (5 st, #10 tkl'r, 7 pd). Five are back with starting experience including their #1 tkl'r, S Jaden Key (9 pbu). CB Kendren Smith started the first 3 last year before an injury. Three starters return in the secondary so they should be improved again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Penn used 2 K's in '19 but they only combined to go 3-9 (L/43). Jake Haggard avg'd 38.5 ypp (34.1 net). Isaiah Malcome had a 69 yd PR td in his only attempt and the Quakers had 3 combine to avg 21.4 KR. K David Karrash returned (2-4, L/24) but they lost Haggard. Karrash made 8-11 fg's (L/40). Ben Krimm took over at P and avg'd 37.0. Krimm returns and they lose Karrash and Owen Golsberry who avg'd 29.8 KR.

COACHES - Ray Priore has been coaching here since 1987. He was DC/DB Cch from 1999-2014 and took over as HC in '15 then led Penn to B2B Ivy League Titles in his first 2 years. Dan Swanstrom takes over as OC after 5Y as HC at Ithaca College where he left with their highest win % of any HC. He was QB Cch here from '14-16. Bob Benson is in his 7th year as DC. He was HC at Georgetown from '93-'05.

FORECAST

OFFENSE - In '18 Penn had 5 starters back on offense. They averaged 32 ppg in their 3 non-conference games. The offense stalled in Ivy League play, with the Quakers only avg 13 ppg and they only topped 14 pts once (20 vs Cornell). In '19 Penn had an experienced QB, RB and Oline. They put up over 500 yards in 3 games and increased to 393 ypg and 24.5 ppg but only 346 ypg and 22 ppg in Ivy League play. Last year Penn had just 3 starters back and averaged 19.1 ppg. This year they have 7 starters back including 5 starters back on the Oline and they go from inexperienced to experienced at QB so this should be a much improved offense.

DEFENSE - In '17 Penn allowed 26.8 ppg and 412 ypg but only 21 ppg and 372 ypg in Ivy League play. In '18 Penn returned 8 starters on defense and improved to 20.9 ppg and 341 ypg allowed. The Quakers had 7 starters back in '19. They held their F/3 opponents to 356 ypg but over their L/7 they gave up 452. Overall they allowed 29.8 ppg and 423 ypg. Last year 5 starters returned and they allowed just 10 ppg in 3 non-conference games but 26 ppg in Ivy League Play. Six starters return this year. They lose their top DL and LB (both All-Ivy) but 3 starters are back in the secondary and this is typically a solid D in the Ivy League.

2022 - Penn only returned 8 starters last year but everyone in the Ivy League was inexperienced after sitting out '20. They won their opener over Bucknell 30-6, dropped their next 2 before posting a shutout against Lehigh to start 2-2. They lost B2B road games then beat Brown 45-17 despite getting outgained 411-296 (+3 TO's). The Quakers lost their last 3 to finish 3-7 and 1-6 in Ivy League play. That was their first time finishing below .500 under Ray Priore. This year they have 13 starters back. Four of their first 6 are at home and all 3 non-conference foes finished below .500 last year so they should certainly improve from their 3 wins a year ago and climb out of the bottom of the Ivy League.