## Latimore and Latham ready to contribute

By Brendan Monahan
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER
Collegian Staff writer main guy opposite Jack Crawford He wants to be the No. 1 Penn
State defensive lineman, the guy State defensive lineman, the guy
who's too productive for offensive who's too productive for
line coaches to ignore.


But, that role belongs to Hines Page Senior High School in
Crawford, who could benefit from Greenshore NC after giving un Crawford, who could benefit from Greensboro, N.C. after giving up
having Latham or Eric Latimore football in the ninth grade and emerge as a pass-
rushing threat to
$\qquad$ returning team Beat, his father, Walter, said
Bomething clicked before his son's returning team
Soader in sacks.
Latham invested a lot into his clicked before his son's
junior year, and Lathams's last two
sunior and senior years at walter
seasons of high school saw him develop into the best player on the chance to shut down a Heisman team. "He's the type of kid that, he That's why it's been so hard for loved the pressure," said Scuderi after talking a bith his. But Crawford's coach at St. Augustine Saturday, Walter feels his son is Richland, NJ. "He loved the chalcomfortable with his role this sea- lenge.'
son.
"I told him, 'I know you want to from a battle, Scuderi thinks thy be the No. 1 guy,'" Walter said, " junior will more than handle the
but be the best Crawford has bid his time to to focal point of the Nittany Lions become the primary target of defensive line.
opposing offensive lineman. Like Crawford's 5.5 sacks last year opposing offensive lineman. Like Crawford's 5.5 sacks last year
Latham, Crawford's competitive- will likely attract double teams, Less has gotten him to where he is but he has seen it before. He dealt
now. now.
When Crawford and his high with the same scenario during
high school, where he played only school football coach, Dennis his junior where he played only
Scuderi, spoke a few wior years Scuderi, spoke a few weeks ago, the Penn State junior already
wanted to talk about the Alabama the Penn State junior already
wanted to talk about the Alabama
game, a chance to knock off the
"He'll get everyone around him to play at a higher level." Ogbu, Devon Still, Latimore and Latham - can only hope so. The defensive line has minimal ques But opposite Crawford, his lesser known counterparts, Latimore and Latham, have yet to cemen
their places on the defensive lin their places on the defensive in
after the departure of Jerome Hayes, an eight-game starter las
year. Latimore, who started in five of the first six games last season, wil likely start at the defensive end Latimore's copos Middletown High $\begin{aligned} & \text { coach } \\ & \text { School } \\ & \text { it } \\ & \text { in }\end{aligned}$ Middletown, Del., Mark DelPercio, said Latimore played in the shad ow of another lineman, who won ing Latimore's junior season,
which freed which freed up space for
Latimore "So I hop player of the year this season," Deipercio said.

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