

# Robinson

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passing yards and four touchdowns, didn't exactly bode well for a defensive showing. The Lions knew coming in Robinson would be a handful and struggled to adjust as he broke free from the pocket and also threw a 60-yard touchdown pass.

"We feel good about the win, but we know there are still holes in our defense that we have to work on in practice and hopefully we can get that fixed," defensive tackle Devon Still said.

Robinson's speed made him unlike any other quarterback the team faced this season, and Paterno said the film didn't

justify Robinson's quickness.

"I looked at tapes of him on film, tapes of games, you know, he was impressive," Paterno said.

"But until you've been around him and see guys that can move pretty well, he just ran away from a couple of them."

Bradley said Robinson's rare combination of athleticism reminded him of former Indiana quarterback and current Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antwan Randle El.

Robinson's ability to throw some "pop passes," which Bradley described as plays where it looked like Robinson would run a quarterback draw but would instead throw a short pass, tested the linebacker's

natural instincts to swarm the ball.

"He can pass the ball and he's probably the best runner we'll play all year," cornerback D'Anton Lynn said.

The defense was able to come up with a stop with less than five minutes left in the game when back-to-back incompletions ended the Wolverines' hopes of a comeback.

Still said the defense's ability to come up with a stop when needed most gives the unit hope moving forward.

"He was getting us tired out there and we was out there breathing hard but we knew we had to play through it," Still said.

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# Last word

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"nother step," Zug said. "It shows how much of a legend he is and how much of a great coach he is, so we want to get that for him."

## Day to remember

**Offense:** Quarterback Matt McGloin and tailback Evan Royster

Royster not only broke Curt Warner's rushing record, but he surpassed it with a bang. He rushed for 150 yards with two touchdowns and achieved the milestone on a 20-yard first quarter run. McGloin, a former walk-on in his first collegiate start, threw for 250 yards and a touchdown and efficiently ran the offense with a 60-percent completion rate.

**Defense:** Linebacker Mike Mauti.

The Penn State defense couldn't stop Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson, who accumulated 381 yards of total offense, but Mauti stood out on defense with 10 tackles, which led the Lions.

## Day to forget

**Offense:** Tailback Stephon

Green Green didn't have any carries in the win Saturday. Royster received a season-high 29 carries, and freshman tailback Silas Redd had 24 yards on six carries as the second stringer. Green hasn't gotten more than three carries in each of the last four games. The redshirt junior was limited to kickoff duties against Michigan. He returned two for 50 yards.

**Defense:** Cornerback Stephon Morris

Like Green, Morris saw no production. Chaz Powell replaced him at cornerback after Morris' sub-par performance last week at Minnesota.

Morris started every game at cornerback before Michigan but didn't play a down Saturday. Defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said there will be weekly competition for the starting corner spot.

## Quotable

McGloin when talking about teammates calling him Brett Favre because he has similarities in playing style with the NFL quarterback: "I don't send any pictures or anything like that, so I'm not entirely like him."

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# Royster

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"I just came here hoping to get a chance to play," Royster said. "And to be in this situation, it's a blessing, and I couldn't have asked for a better turnout."

It's almost fitting Royster's record came against Michigan, the team he's carved up for the last two seasons, going for 174 and 100 yards in those games.

But Royster simply laughed when asked why he had such an easy time finding holes in the Wolverines defense.

"It's never easy," he said.

## Getting to the mark

Nor was the decision to pass up the NFL for another year at Penn State.

Ultimately, according to Ted Royster, Evan's father, Royster felt as if he had something left to prove. He wanted NFL scouts to know he could be a consistent every-down back, and additionally, he wanted another year with his friends in Happy Valley.

"He never talked about the record at all," Ted Royster said. "Even after getting it last night there was no conversation. We would bring it to his attention, but he would never say anything. He knew it was there, he knew it was on the horizon, but that certainly wasn't the driving force behind Evan."

Until Royster made his final decision to remain in school, Ted said no one in the family had started thinking about the record.

Then, one day over the summer, the Roysters were in the Student Book Store, where on

each step to the second floor is a top-10 Penn State rusher, in order. Royster sat in eighth place with a full year of football awaiting him.

## Finding perspective

Now, Royster is atop those stairs at a school that has hosted a Heisman-winning tailback in John Cappelletti, and the likes of Warner, Ki-Jana Carter, D.J. Dozier, Lydell Mitchell and Blair Thomas.

Warner gave Royster full credit for the record, saying, "running is running," regardless of the era or the team.

"It's a nice thing to have individual records," Warner said of his own mark. "But they're gonna be broken eventually."

Penn State football historian Lou Prato, author of the Penn State Football Encyclopedia said regardless of where Royster's talents rank among the school's greats, the record remains significant.

Carter, Cappelletti and Warner specifically are in a class of their own, Prato said, adding in 10 years, he wouldn't be putting Royster near the "greatest" conversation. But he added those three ran behind three of the greatest offensive lines in Penn State history, a luxury Royster never had.

Joe Paterno agreed with that assessment, saying the line's performance was a big reason for Royster's breakout game Saturday.

"He's a good back," Paterno said. "A good solid back. But he's like all of them, he needs some running room."

## Sinking in

The spectrum of history was

never something that concerned Royster until this season.

"With all this record talk, I couldn't help but hear about things," Royster said.

But he added he doesn't care where he sits individually in Penn State's history. He'd rather win games. Both Royster and Warner were adamant at their indifference to the record.

But Royster spent some time in Joe Paterno's doghouse this offseason. Paterno called for Royster to lose weight — which he did — and the coach hasn't offered much praise for his top tailback. Coupled with Royster's early season struggles, it caused fans and media to doubt Royster's abilities.

"I hear about those things, and it does kind of tick me off and make me want to prove people wrong," Royster said. "It's not a huge thing. I always want to come out and play hard, but I don't really do this for other people."

The phrase "all-time leading rusher" is one Royster said won't sink in until at least after the season and possibly not for a few years.

"Yeah, but by that time, Silas might have broken it," Royster laughed, offering high praise of Silas Redd, a true freshman who has shown signs of brilliance this season.

If Redd does come close, as Royster predicted, he expects to respond to more questions. Those are questions Royster will be more than happy to answer.

"The monkey's off my back," Royster said. "I feel great."

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