

# Sash to forego senior season, declare for NFL

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Following a report from the *National Football Post*'s Matt Bowen saying that Iowa junior safety Tyler Sash [would forego his final season of eligibility at Iowa and declare for the 2011 NFL Draft](#), Sash made the news official late Wednesday evening, announcing his intentions to leave for the NFL.

On his personal Twitter account, Sash tweeted, "After much prayer and deliberation, I've decided that now is the right time to go to the next level. Thanks Hawkeyes for all your support."

Sash finishes his Hawkeye career having started at strong safety for three seasons, and 13 career interceptions, five short of a record held by both Devon Mitchell and Nile Kinnick.

Last season, the Oskaloosa native recorded 79 tackles, good for third on the team. He also had two interceptions on the season against Michigan and Michigan State, with the latter coming on a play in which he lateraled the ball to cornerback Micah Hyde, who ran in for an Iowa touchdown.

Sash is the lone junior to declare early for the draft, as wide receiver Marvin McNutt and cornerback Shaun Prater both announced their intentions to return for their senior seasons.

The 2011 NFL Draft is set for April 28-30 in New York City.