

Brooks, Miller highlight NFL draft



Robert Brooks hopes to be drafted by a NFL team this weekend.

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Even though no one will know for sure until the National Football League draft on Saturday, most experts say at least two Carolina players will be drafted this weekend.

Receivers Robert Brooks and Eddie Miller top the prospect lists for most college football watchers.

Brooks, a 6-foot, 175-pound prospect from Greenwood, made 55 catches for 684 yards and scored five touchdowns.

"He has great skills as a receiver," head football coach Sparky Woods said. "He has great quickness and speed. He can catch the ball and score with it. He's a tough guy to cover. He's an outstanding player with a great chance to be drafted."

Many analysts and sports commentators agree with Woods.

In *Ourland's Guide to the NFL Draft*, analyst Tom Hepler said Brooks is the smoothest receiver he's ever seen.

Hepler has picked Brooks to be drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the third round of the draft.

Terry Chick, sports director for WOLO-TV, agrees with Hepler.

"He'll go early, probably in the fifth or sixth round," Chick said. "He's got the speed, but was hampered with injuries this (past) season."

However, most analysts are concerned with the injury Brooks sus-

tained to his hamstring in the Georgia Tech game.

Stan Olenik, sports director for WYFF-TV in Greenville, said he believes the injury will hurt

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Brooks' chances of being drafted.

"His prospects have cooled since the injury. Scouts are scared off whenever they see a leg injury," Olenik said. "Brooks never really seemed to come back. That makes a lot of difference in the draft."

Phil Kornblut, sports director for the South Carolina Network, said most teams will be concerned with drafting him after his injury.

However, Miller, a 6-foot, 182-pound prospect from Decatur, Ga., who scored six touchdowns and caught 31 passes for 592 yards, has impressed most commentators.

"He has the speed," Chick said. "He proved that he could go over

the middle and grab it this year."

Kornblut said Miller impressed the scouts at a camp for seniors, who might enter the draft, in Indianapolis, Ind., this winter.

"He played well in the Blue/Gray game," Olenik said. "In the beginning, we knew he could run; he showed us he could catch the ball really well this season."

Hepler said Miller was not as flashy as Brooks, but he proved to be very productive.

Another prospect who has been picked for the draft is outside linebacker Gerald Dixon.

Dixon, a 6-foot-3, 252-pound, two-time junior college All-American from Rock Hill, had a disappointing senior year with only seven tackles for a loss and four sacks.

"He has the tools. He didn't have the senior season he hoped he would have," Kornblut said.

Kornblut said he thinks Dixon will be a late-round draft pick.

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