

AROUND THE SEC

NFL raids SEC rosters in draft over weekend

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Forty SEC players were chosen in the 2001 National Football League Player Draft this past weekend in New York City.

The SEC and the Big Ten each had 40 players taken, leading all conferences. The Big 12 had 30 players selected and was followed by the Pac-10 with 24, the ACC with 21 and the Big East with 18.

USC was the only school in the SEC that didn't have a player taken in the draft. Among SEC schools, Georgia led with six players chosen, followed by Tennessee with five.

Florida, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt each had four players chosen. Alabama, Auburn, Kentucky, LSU and Ole Miss each had three players selected, and Arkansas had two players selected.

The SEC had five players chosen in the first round, eight in the second, seven in the third, five in the fourth, three in the fifth, seven in the sixth and five in the seventh.

Florida defensive tackle Gerard Warren was the first SEC player chosen in the draft, taken third in the first round by the Cleveland Browns. Georgia defensive tackle Richard Seymour, a South Carolina native, was the next SEC player chosen, picked by the New England Patriots to become the sixth pick overall.

Georgia takes women's tennis title

Georgia's hard-fought doubles victory by Christa Grey and tournament MVP Mariel Verban propelled the No. 7 Lady Bulldogs past No. 5 Tennessee to 4-1 on Sunday for the SEC Tournament title.

Georgia (19-4) won the tournament title for the second time under the current dual match format formally adopted by the SEC in 1990.

The Lady Bulldogs also won the championship in 1994.

Grey and Verban took an early 4-1 lead and won the tiebreaker 7-3 to give the Lady Bulldogs the important opening point over Tennessee's Brooke Cordell and Agnes Wiski.

In singles, Georgia again took control early, winning first sets at five of the six positions. Anne Nguyen, ranked 30th nationally, put the Lady Bulldogs up 2-0 with a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Lady Vol Vilmarie Castellvi at No. 3.

The Lady Bulldogs took an insurmountable 3-0 lead over 25th-ranked Verban's 6-3, 6-3 win at No. 2 singles over 82nd-ranked Kim Gates.

Georgia trampled USC on Saturday by the same score to advance to the final against the Lady Vols (23-3). The Gamecocks earned their lone point in doubles action, with wins from Jennifer Radman/Kathy Boyanovich and Leigh Eichelberger/Lynn-Yin Tan.

More violations uncovered at Kentucky

Kentucky discovered more recruiting violations this past week after already reporting more than three dozen to the NCAA.

In a letter to NCAA director of enforcement Mark Jones, the school revealed that it had found more violations after an interview with former Memphis Melrose High School prospect Mondre Dickerson.

Dickerson, a 6-foot-6 defensive lineman, told Kentucky officials that during an official visit to the school, he was given free school apparel by recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett, had hotel room fines paid for and was given \$200 for a shopping spree.

Dickerson was an all-state selection in 1999 but went to a junior college in Kansas because he did not meet the eligibility requirements of some other schools. He said his high school coach, Tim Thompson, tried to persuade him to attend either Kentucky or Alabama.

Thompson was found to have received \$1,600 in money orders from Bassett in return for sending prospects to Kentucky.

The Associated Press contributed to this report. Reach the sports desk at gamecocksports@hotmail.com

SEC players drafted by the NFL

Round/Pick	Overall	Player	Team
1/3	Gerard Warren	DT/Florida	BROWNS
1/6	Richard Seymour	DT/Georgia	PATRIOTS
1/13	Marcus Stroud	DT/Georgia	JAGUARS
1/14	Kenyatta Walker	OT/Florida	BUCCANEERS
1/23	Deuce McAllister	RB/Ole Miss	SAINTS
2/39	Kendrell Bell	LB/Georgia	STEELERS
2/40	Ken Lucas	CB/Ole Miss	SEAHAWKS
2/45	Fred Smoot	CB/Miss. St.	REDSKINS
2/47	Jamie Winborn	LB/Vanderbilt	49ERS
2/53	Quincy Carter	QB/Georgia	COWBOYS
2/55	Quinton Caver	LB/Arkansas	EAGLES
2/56	Tony Dixon	S/Alabama	COWBOYS
2/58	Travis Henry	RB/Tennessee	BILLS
3/63	Derrick Burgess	DE/Ole Miss	EAGLES
3/69	Eric Kelly	CB/Kentucky	VIKINGS
3/73	Eric Westmoreland	LB/Tennessee	JAGUARS
3/81	Kenny Smith	DT/Alabama	SAINTS
3/82	Heath Evans	FB/Auburn	SEAHAWKS
3/93	Willie Blade	DT/Miss. St.	COWBOYS
3/95	Jonas Jennings	OT/Georgia	BILLS
4/100	Rudi Johnson	RB/Auburn	BENGALS
4/101	Jamie Henderson	CB/Georgia	JETS
4/102	Matt Stewart	LB/Vanderbilt	FALCONS
4/125	Jesse Palmer	QB/Florida	GIANTS
4/128	Pork Chop Womack	OG/Miss. St.	SEAHAWKS
5/142	David Leaverton	P/Tennessee	JAGUARS
5/156	Shawn Draper	OT/Alabama	DOLPHINS
5/160	John Markham	PK/Vanderbilt	GIANTS
6/164	Brandon Winey	OT/LSU	DOLPHINS
6/167	Randy Garner	DE/Arkansas	FALCONS
6/169	Cedrick Wilson	WR/Tennessee	49ERS
6/172	Josh Booty	QB/LSU	SEAHAWKS
6/183	Ellis Wymys	DE/Miss. St.	BUCCANEERS
6/196	Jimmy Williams	CB/Vanderbilt	BILLS
6/198	David Martin	WR/Tennessee	PACKERS
7/208	John Capel	WR/Florida	BEARS
7/209	Alex Lincoln	LB/Auburn	49ERS
7/211	Louis Williams	OG/LSU	PANTHERS
7/233	Marlon McCree	LB/Kentucky	JAGUARS
7/236	Quentin McCord	WR/Kentucky	FALCONS

SPORTS BRIEFS

SEC honors Bell and Matthews again

For the second time this season, USC pitchers Gary Bell and Megan Matthews have earned SEC Pitcher of the Week honors in the same week. Both earned the honor for the week of Feb. 26.

Bell was recognized for his efforts last week in defeating No. 12 Clemson and No. 19 Georgia. He pitched the baseball team's first complete game shutout of the season against the Bulldogs, scattering five hits and striking out five. He struck out four in 6 2/3 innings Wednesday against Clemson, avenging an earlier loss this season.

Junior softball pitcher Megan Matthews, who allowed only two earned runs in 21 innings last week, earned her USC-leading seventh SEC Pitcher of the Week honor. The Greer native earned Pitcher of the Week honors three times in 1999 and twice in 2000.

Matthews went 2-1 for the week with two wins against Florida, leading the Gamecocks to their third SEC Eastern Division title. The Gamecock ace struck out 25 batters in 21 innings and ended the week with a 0.67 ERA.

Groundbreaking ceremony tomorrow

USC will host the groundbreaking ceremony for the new basketball arena at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Gadsden and Greene Streets.

The groundbreaking is open to the public. The 18,000-seat arena is set to open in October 2002.

Attending the groundbreaking will be Gov. Jim Hodges, USC President John Palms, USC Athletics Director Mike McGee, USC basketball coaches Dave Odom and Susan Walvius, Columbia Mayor Bob Coble and representatives from Lexington and Richland counties.

HATE

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helmets with the player's number on them are the most creative things I've ever seen. Oh yeah, I'm kidding.

Arkansas should be playing in the Pac-10, they're so far out west. Plus, Bill Clinton went there, and his Lewinsky affairs disturbed me for months. Come on, Bill, you were the president! You could have done better than Monica. Ole Miss fans say "Screw the

statehouse, we'll just wave the Confederate flags at football games!"

Hey guys, if you're going to do that, why not just replace your team's helmets with white hoods?

And LSU, though I respect its rabid fans, still has the name Tigers and can't spell a lick. It's G-O Tigers, not G-E-A-U-X.

Bottom tier: Vanderbilt, Mississippi State

I know, I know, Vandy plays in the East. But you've got to feel sorry for the Commodores. They're just absolutely terrible in everything.

It's obvious the school is only in the conference to boost its overall grade point average, which Georgia's "great" scholar-athletes have devastated.

I haven't really found a good reason to hate Mississippi State other than that it's in the SEC, so it gets the lucky bottom spot.

But if anyone has some reasons why it should move up, I'm willing to listen. My revolving door of hatred is always open to suggestions.

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Enough Said

71%
Most USC Students have
0 to 4
drinks when they Party!

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Based on campus-wide survey data collected by the USC Office of Alcohol & Drug Programs from a random sample of USC students.

Funded by a grant received from the U.S. Department of Education Safe & Drug-Free Schools Program: The Prevention of High-Risk Drinking and Violent Behavior Among College Students Project.

(1 drink = the alcohol content of 12 ozs. beer OR 5 ozs. wine OR 1.5 oz. distilled spirits)

The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs Announces USC's 2000-01 Winners of National Fellowships and Scholarships

Since the Fellowships Office was established in 1994, University students have won 147 awards totaling more than 3.5 million dollars in national fellowship and scholarship competitions. To date, 33 awards and more than \$400,000 for advanced academic study have been won this year alone. University faculty members serve on scholarship committees and assist students in preparing their applications.

British Marshall Scholarship
Extremely prestigious, the scholarship provides for two years of study in the United Kingdom.
Nicholas Miller - Senior, Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
These \$7,500 scholarships provide for undergraduate study in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering.
Erin Flickinger - Junior, Mathematics Brandon Fornwalt - Junior, Marine Science & Mathematics
Ricky Shaw - Junior, Chemical Engineering

Gates Millennium Scholarship
This award recognizes minority students with demonstrated leadership skills and community involvement.
Gregory Branch - Junior, Management Science Kimberly Duren - Freshman, Exercise Science
Antionette Freeman - Sophomore, English
Shalawn Jackson - Senior, Chemistry Katie Lawson - Sophomore, Accounting
Kerrie Lumpkins - Freshman, Nursing
Georgette Mayo - Junior, African-American Studies Earnest O'Neil - Sophomore, Business
Neema Patel - Junior, Nursing
Yvonne Shaw - Sophomore, Business Management Rachelle Sumter - Freshman, Business
Jeanetta Terry - Sophomore, Biology
Sara Thomas - Freshman, Biology Felicia Williams - Freshman, Electrical Engineering
Maranda Williams - Freshman, Journalism Brendon Wilson - Sophomore, Civil Engineering

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship
One of the most prestigious fellowships in mathematics, science and engineering, this fellowship is awarded for three years of support totaling \$85,000 for each winner.
David Butts - Senior, Mechanical Engineering

National Security Education Program (NSEP)
Grants are awarded for developing expertise in languages, cultures and world regions less commonly studied.
Trey Oliver - Sophomore, Contemporary European Studies & Business Management
Kathleen Young - Sophomore, Electrical Engineering

Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship
Awards are for nine months of study abroad and are valued at \$25,000 each.
Michael Harmon - Senior, Political Science Tony Macias - December 2000 graduate, Spanish
Sona Shah - Senior, Biology
Will Sharp - PhD, Third Year Medical Olivia Stafford - Senior, Spanish

Rotary International Cultural Scholarship
Awards are for three months of intensive language study and are valued at \$12,000 each.
Susan Masson - Graduate Student, College of Education

State Farm Exceptional Student Fellowship
Fifty \$3,000 fellowships were awarded nationally to recognize campus leaders in business-related fields of study.
Hydrick Harden - Junior, Accounting and Finance

Udall Scholarship
This \$5000 scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students who plan to pursue careers related to environmental public policy.
Shawn Loew - Junior, Civil Engineering

USA Today All-USA Academic Team
The top 60 students in the nation are selected to first, second, and third teams representing outstanding undergraduates for their academics, leadership and service.
Third Team Mat Parker - Senior, Computer Engineering

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