

College Football Draft

# Selmon expected to go first

Associated Press  
National Football League scouts tell you this is the Year of the Quarterback — but the first choice in Thursday's college draft is almost certain to be a player whose job it is to stop those runners — defensive end Leroy Selmon.

"I think we'll go for him," said Ron Wolfe, Tampa Bay's vice president of operations. "I've felt pretty much that way all along and I haven't seen anything to change my mind."

Selmon, winner of the Outland Trophy as college football's outstanding lineman, said the Buccaneers had been in touch with him. "They've told me there's a lot of interest in me," the 6-foot-2, 256-pound lineman said. Playing for a brand new team won't bother Selmon. "It's all right.

It's a chance to play in the NFL. With an expansion team, you have a chance to grow with it. It might be neat."

It could be even neater for the family if Leroy's brother, All-American nose guard Dewey Selmon, winds up drafted by Tampa, too.

"I hope to go in the first two rounds," said Dewey.

Tampa's expansion partners, the Seattle Seahawks, will draft second and are expected to select running

back Chuck Muncie of California. Seahawks' Coach Jack Patera believes football games are won on defense, but that won't prevent the Seahawks from going for an offensive player like Muncie with the first of their 25 draft choices.

"If the 25 best players available are offensive guards," said Patera, "then we'll take 25 offensive guards and sort them out later."

Muncie heads the rushing class that includes Ohio State's Archie Griffin, a two-time Heisman Trophy winner and college football's first 5,000-yard man, Joe Washington of Oklahoma, Tony Calbreath of Missouri and Lawrence Gaines of Wyoming.

Besides the Selmons, linemen who figure to go early include Charles Phillyaw of Texas Southern,

Arizona's Mike Dawson and Ken Novak of Purdue.

The top tight ends include Bennie Cunningham of Clemson and Mike Barber of Louisiana Tech with Larry Dorsey of Tennessee State and Bill Brooks of Oklahoma among the best wide receivers.

The quarterback class seems slim with the best of the crop Craig Penrose of San Diego State, Gene Swick of Toledo, Scott Gardner of Virginia and Richard Todd of Alabama.

The New England Patriots own the most first-round selections with three, two of them acquired from San Francisco in the Jim Plunkett trade this week. Five teams, Houston, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington and Oakland, will sit out the first round, having swapped their choices away earlier.

# Pro season opens with Astros facing champ Reds

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There are problems galore, on the field and off. But, ready or not, the baseball season begins its 1976 season on Friday.

Cincinnati hosts the traditional National League opener. It will be a particularly gala event with the Reds facing the 1975 World Championship flag in Riverfront Stadium. An estimated crowd of more than 52,000 will be on hand for the celebration of Cincinnati's memorable seven-game World Series victory over Boston.

Manager Sparky Anderson will lead the baseball to righthander Nolan Ryan for openers — but he's almost no chance the Reds' ace pitcher will be around at the start of the season. Anderson owns one of the best bullpens early in the season.

During his holdout, Seaver had been rumored headed for Los Angeles in a trade. The man the Dodgers were offering was reportedly Don Sutton — their opening-day pitcher in San Francisco against John Montefusco. But that game has been threatened by a strike of city workers that has picket lines set up in front of Candlestick Park.

Atlanta's Phil Niekro goes to San Diego with Randy Jones starting for the Padres, and the Chicago Cubs will use Ray Burris at St. Louis against Lynn McGlothen.

The final NL opener is scheduled for Saturday with Pittsburgh using Jerry Reuss against Philadelphia's Steve Carlton.

In Friday's top American League opener, Boston goes with Ferguson Jenkins against Baltimore's Jim Palmer.

The Orioles hope to have convinced slugger Reggie Jackson to play for them in time for that game. Jackson was acquired in a blockbuster trade with Oakland last week but has balked at joining Baltimore.

In other AL games Friday, Kansas City will use Paul Splittorff to face the Chicago White Sox' Wilbur Wood. Minnesota starts with Bert Blyleven against Texas' Gaylord Perry, and Oakland will start Mike Torrez against California's Frank Tanana. Torrez went to the A's in the Jackson trade. The final American League opener has Detroit sending Joe Coleman against Cleveland's Dennis Eckerley on Saturday.

Meanwhile, baseball continues to wrestle with franchise problems as the American and National leagues duel over Toronto. The players are without a basic agreement.

# Csonka returns to NFL; but it's Giants this time

Associated Press  
Star fullback Larry Csonka returned to the National Football League Wednesday, signing with the New York Giants for a reunion with Coach Bill Arnsparger.

Wednesday night ended a bidding war for the one-time Dolphin's star and returned to the NFL the biggest name the WFL ever had.

The terms of Csonka's contract with the Giants were not immediately known, but it was known that he — or his agent, Ed Keating — had been demanding a multiyear contract worth in the neighborhood of \$250,000 a year plus a variety of cash bonuses and fringe benefits.

In his seven years with Miami, Csonka rushed 1,286 times for 5,900 yards — a 4.6-yard average — and scored 44 touchdowns, all but three of them on the ground.

He rushed for 1,000 yards or more three straight years ending in 1973. In his best season, 1972, he had 1,117 yards. In his NFL career, he rushed for 100 yards or more in 15 games. In 1974, his last year with Miami and one in which he was injured part of the time, he rushed 197 times for 749 yards and nine touchdowns.

# King Carl XVI makes 3 day tour

Associated Press  
PHILADELPHIA — King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden concludes a three-day tour of the Philadelphia area today before leaving for Minneapolis.

The 29-year-old king, the first Swedish monarch to visit this country, trooped through Philadelphia's 18th century historical sites and ran his finger over the crack in the Liberty Bell on Wednesday.

# Superstars get chance to shine in A&M contest

Deadline for entering the second Texas A&M Superstars Contest is April 20. The competition, sponsored by the Intramurals Office, runs April 26-May 7 daily. The eight events will be bowling, tennis, weightlifting, 100-yard swim, 100-yard dash, freethrow shooting, a run on the obstacle course and softball throw. A meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. April 20 in room 267 of G. Rolfe White for the contestants. Contestants must have sponsors. All-University t-shirts will be awarded winners and certificates to runners-up. Points will be awarded on a 10-7-5-3-1 basis unless there are fewer than 20 entrants in each division, in which case special scoring methods will be used.

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