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(AP) — The first pick in this year's draft will be Ki-Jana Carter, the Penn State running back

What team will make that pick is another question.

The No. 1 pick belongs to the Carolina Panthers, the expansion team whose offensive line is likely to be hazardous to the health of running backs.

By the time Carolina becomes respectable, Carter will have taken such a beating that it might be better to take a quarterback who can take the team to the Super Bowl in 2005, around the time Carter is packing it in.

The Panthers, then, may trade down with Washington, which has the fourth pick and would love Carter to help speed its way back to respectability. Or they may deal with Cleveland or Minnesota.

That would allow Carolina to take quarterback Kerry Collins, Carter's teammate at Penn State, who could learn while Frank Reich takes the beating. That's what they really want to do in their first draft — obtain a building block for the franchise.

If nobody gives them extra picks that will take the running back off their hands, the Panthers are set to go with Carter.

1, CAROLINA: The Panthers want this to be a showcase draft. The showcase player is KI-JANA CARTER, RB, Penn State, who's the first pick, no matter who has it.

2, JACKSONVILLE: The Jaguars could make it Carter-Carter by taking Florida's Kevin, a defensive end. And maybe it's a smokescreen that they're giving out all those signals about the guy dubbed the next Anthony Munoz. The sig-nals are real. TONY BOSELLI, OT, Southern Cal.

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3, HOUSTON: Floyd Reese, the general manager, loves Steve McNair. Coach Jeff Fisher wants defense. Long Term: STEVE Mc-NAIR, QB, Alcorn State.

4, WASHINGTON: The Redskins have their quarterback. If they go up, they take Ki-Jana. If Charlotte is here, it takes Kerry Collins. But if it's Washington, it's KEVIN CARTER, DE, Florida.

CINCINNATI: They 5. thought they might make Boselli the next Munoz. They give Dan Wilkinson a sidekick whose motor runs all the time. WARREN SAPP, DT, Miami.

6, ST. LOUIS: Now that the Rams are out of Los

Angeles, they can stop the hometown picks. So they bypass J.J. Stokes and take K E R R Y COLLINS, QB, Penn State. They still need someone to catch the ball. That is, of course, if Caroli-

na doesn't deal with Washington. TAMPA BAY: How can a team mess up so many high picks? The new owners

may change the team's luck although it's Sam Wyche who takes MIKE MAMULA, DE-LB, Boston College. Mamula's stock is rising so fast that if the draft were held in another two weeks, he'd probably be No. 1. 8, SEATTLE: They have Rick

Mirer to throw and no one to catch. Now they do —MICHAEL WESTBROOK, WR, Colorado.

9, NEW YORK JETS: New York's draftniks want McNair. He won't be there and J.J. Stokes might be the next Al Toon. But they take LUTHER ELLISS, DL, Utah.

10, CLEVELAND: Got this pick by dumping Eric Metcalf and his salary on Atlanta. Browns use it for the tight end they haven't had since Ozzie Newsome, KYLE BRADY, TE, Penn State.

11. MINNESOTA: Why trade up for a running back when TY-RONE WHEATLEY, RB, Michigan, is there?

12, PHILADELPHIA: Used to have pass rushers. Eagles go for another in DERRICK ALEXAN-DER, DE, Florida State.

13. NEW ORLEANS: Things have changed in New Orleans, where a good defense has gone sour and a dead offense has revived. ELLIS JOHNSON, DT, Florida, figures to plug the middle.

14. BUFFALO: One reason the Bills sank last year was the offensive line. If he keeps down

his weight, KOREY STRINGER, OT, Ohio State, can help lift up the Bills.

INDI-15 ANAPOLIS: An-other piece of the offensive puzzle to augment Mar-Faulk. shall JOEY GAL-LOWAY, WR, Ohio State.

16. ARIZONA: Buddy Ryan could take pass rusher Hugh Douglas, his kind

of guy — "Loses his temper and takes some dumb penalties," writes draftnik Joel Buchsbaum. But even Buddy knows someone has to catch the ball. J.J. STOKES, WR, UCLA.

17. NEW YORK GIANTS: George Young's favorite phrase is "Save The Whales." This year's whale is 305-pound REUBEN BROWN, OL, Pitt. 18. LOS ANGELES: Al Davis

sometimes picks guys nobody's heard of. JIMMY HITCHCOCK, CB, North Carolina State brings some youth to the secondary. 19. KANSAS CITY: The Chiefs

need offensive linemen. But if BOBBY TAYLOR, DB, Notre Dame is there, they grab him. 20. DETROIT: Remember

Barry Sanders gaining minus-1 yard in 13 carries. That's why they'll take BARRETT

BROOKS, OT, Kansas State. 21. CHICAGO: Need speed and RASHAAN SALAAM, RB, Colorado, is faster than Lewis Tillman.

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22. GREEN BAY: Need help at cornerback and linebacker. HUGH DOUGLAS, DE-LB, Central State, is the pass rusher to take Bryce Paup's place. 23. NEW ENGLAND: Like

Buddy Ryan, Bill Parcells will never pass up a defensive player for offense unless the offensive guy's name is Drew Bledsoe. ANTHONY COOK, DT, played at South Carolina State.

24. MINNESOTA: Vikings think a running back can put them over the top. But MARK FIELDS, LB, Washington, can

25. MIAMI: Dolphins think they can get over the top with a blocker, like MATT O'DWYER, G, Northwestern.

26. ATLANTA: No defense. If SHAWN KING, DE, Northeast Louisiana can learn to play as well as he works out, he can help. 27. PITTSBURGH: The run

on offensive tackles continues with BLAKE BROCKERMEY-ER, OT, Texas.

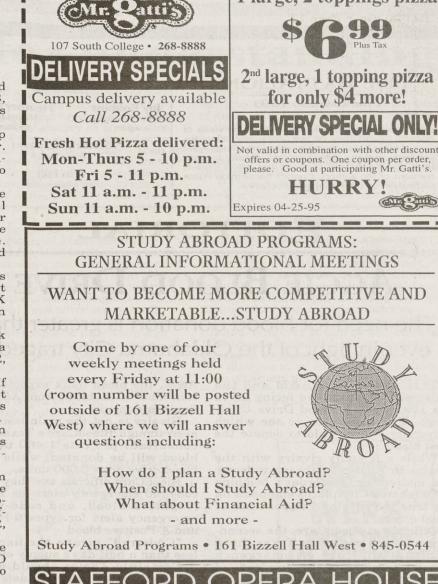
28. DALLAS: This is a team with no holes among the starters, but a lot of depth problems. The worst are on the of-fensive line. BILLY MILNER,

OT, Houston. 29. SAN DIEGO: Any more OTs out there? Try LORENZO STYLES, LB, Ohio State, who

gives Junior Seau a playmate. 30. SAN FRANCISCO: Could trade up or down. If they don't, they have to find a runner like JAMES "Little Man" STEW-ART, RB, Tennessee, not to be confused with James "Big Man" Stewart of Miemi Stewart of Miami.

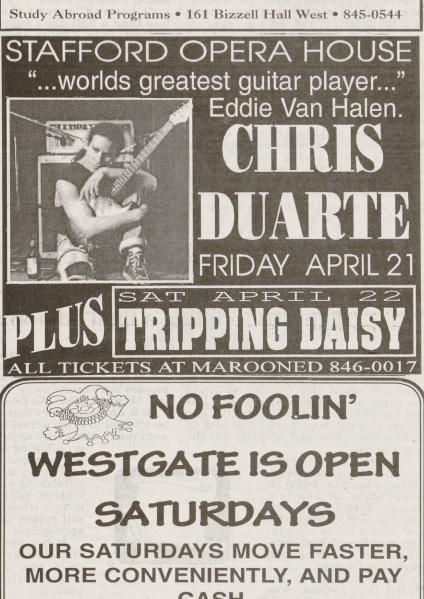
31, JACKSONVILLE: There are a lot of quarterbacks out there. Let Steve Beuerlein teach and ROB JOHNSON, QB, USC learn.

32, CAROLINA: Need to build up front. CORY RAYMER, C, Wisconsin, may not be the greatest physical specimen, but he's got the savvy to be a Pro Bowler.



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