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49ers draft QB Trey Lance No. 3

The San Francisco 49ers selected quarterback Trey Lance with the No. 3 pick in the 2021 NFL draft.

The 49ers used their pick to select the former North Dakota State quarterback Thursday night after completing a blockbuster trade in March with the Miami Dolphins to jump from their original No. 12 position in the draft to No. 3.

The 49ers' decision to select Lance was somewhat of a surprise. Lance, who played for the Bison, an FCS program, had played in just 18 games during his career. Lance sat out the 2020 season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Lance's one full season in 2019 was spectacular. He passed for 2,786 yards with 28 touchdown passes and no interceptions while completing nearly 67% of his passes.

Most draft evaluators and mocks had predicted the 49ers would select former Alabama quarterback Mac Jones, who posted a career year while leading the Crimson Tide to the national title last season. The drama leading up to the draft with the 49ers was if they would surprise prognosticators and select someone other than Jones, who had been connected to them for much of the month April.

However, there were reports surfacing in the final days leading up to the draft that the 49ers could select Lance.

—The Oregonian

Hawks sign DT Robert Nkemdiche

The Seahawks did not have a first-round pick Thursday night in the NFL draft.

But they acquired a first-round pick Thursday, anyway — a former one, at least — in defensive tackle Robert Nkemdiche.

Nkemdiche was the 29th overall pick in 2016 by the Arizona Cardinals out of Ole Miss. In fact, many analysts that year predicted Nkemdiche would be picked by Seattle, including ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr., as the Seahawks had the 26th pick entering the draft. Seattle instead pulled off a trade to move down in the draft and took offensive lineman Germain Ifo with the 31st pick and defensive tackle Jarran Reed in the second round.

With Reed now gone, Nkemdiche becomes a Seahawk to help replace him.

He comes to Seattle to also potentially put a happier ending on a career that has not lived up to expectations.

Nkemdiche started just six games in three years with Arizona, all in 2018, before being released. He spent part of the 2019 season with Miami before being released in November. He was suspended for two games by the league in 2019 for unstated reasons. The suspension was listed as officially lifted 13 days later.

He was not on a roster last season, but according to a report from Ed Werder of ESPN, the 26-year-old Nkemdiche wanted another chance to play and "crushed" a recent workout with the Seahawks to show he was still in shape.

Contract details were not revealed, but Nkemdiche is likely to have signed a one-year, veteran-minimum deal with Seattle.

—The Seattle Times

NFL DRAFT

No suspense as 3 QBs dominate early picks

BY BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

No suspense at the top of this NFL draft: Quarterback, quarterback and, yep, quarterback.

With fans in attendance, prospects on hand and Commissioner Roger Goodell dispensing greetings to players being selected Thursday night, Clemson's Trevor Lawrence went to the Jacksonville Jaguars to get things started. Next was BYU's Zach Wilson going to the New York Jets, and North Dakota State's Trey Lance landing with the San Francisco 49ers.

That matched 1971 (Jim Plunkett,

Archie Manning, Dan Pastorini) and 1999 (Tim Couch, Donovan McNabb, Akili Smith) as the only drafts with quarterbacks taken with the top three picks. Only Plunkett won a Super Bowl among those QBs, and he didn't do it with New England, which drafted him.

Lawrence, a junior who led Clemson to a national title, generally is considered the best prospect at the position since Andrew Luck in 2012. He joins new coach Urban Meyer, himself a major success

in the college ranks, in trying to turn around a franchise that went 1-15 last season.

"I'm just pumped," Lawrence said. "The best is yet to come."

"I don't what the point is ... if you don't expect to win every week. I'm going to bring the same mindset."

The mindset in Cleveland was positive simply because there were 12 prospects (not Lawrence) and thousands of fans — including, according to the league, fully vaccinated folks near the stage — join-

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Oregon's OL Penel Sewell selected 7th by Detroit Lions, B4

PREP BOYS GOLF

Iron sharpens iron for Storm

Sam Renner, Lucas Hughes lead the Summit boys golf team

BY BRIAN RATHBONE • The Bulletin

SUNRIVER —

It would not be a surprise if Summit boys golf coach Andy Heinly carried around a rabbit's foot in his pocket, or spent some of his time on the golf course searching for four-leaf clovers.

With a little good fortune next year, the Class 6A state golf tournament will return after a two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I am praying that we play a state tournament next year," said Heinly, in his eighth year at Summit. "This group is as good of a team that I have had at Summit since I've been here. This is as talented and as deep of a group that I have had."

The latest example came on the links of the Crosswater golf course, where on a pristine Wednesday afternoon the five Summit golfers made up the top five on the leaderboard — Sam Renner, Lucas Hughes, Ethan Jaehn, Jakob Hansen and Brody Grieb. The highest score of the bunch was only five shots over par in the La Pine Invitational, which also included Bend High, Mountain View and La Pine.

"That's college-level stuff," said Heinly of his team that combined to average one shot over par.

The Storm totaled a 288 for the team victory. Renner won the tournament with a 7-under-par 65. Hansen finished with a 73, followed by Hughes with a 74, Grieb (76) and Jaehn (77).



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Summit's Sam Renner chips onto the fourth green while playing in the La Pine Invitational at Crosswater Club in Sunriver on Wednesday.

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— Andy Heinly, Summit boys golf coach

James Bjorvik led the way for the runner-up Lava Bears (332), finishing five shots over par with a 77. Wyatt Neet and Weston Shaffer each shot an 84 in Mountain View's third-place finish (376). Ridgeview's Dylan Bojanowski also shot an 84, Dale Nelzen of Redmond carded an 86 and La Pine's Aidan Crowley led the Hawks with an 83.

In a year without a district or state tournament, and with several players looking ahead to playing in amateur events during the summer, it would be easy

for a team to blow off the high school season.

But not this year's Storm team. "Our group of guys play all the time together," Heinly said. "It is one of those deals where they are competing against each other, but they are competing with and for each other. So they are a fun group to watch because they are golfers and that is what they do."

Two of the Summit golfers have been competing against one another most of their golfing careers before playing for the Storm.

Renner and Hughes, both juniors, have had an eye on one another on the golf course for about a decade, as the two first began competing against each other when they were just 6 years old.

"We have been battling it out since we were very young," said Renner, who did not bogey a single hole and carded an eagle on the sixth hole. "We have developed a friendship through golf and are not likely to ever stop. A lot of great friendships are made through golf."

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HORSE RACING

Carmouche to be 1st Black jockey in Kentucky Derby since 2013

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

Long before Kendrick Carmouche started riding horses growing up in Louisiana, Black jockeys were synonymous with the sport.

Black riders were atop 13 of the 15 horses in the first Kentucky Derby in 1875 and won 15 of the first 28 editions of the race. Everything has changed since: Carmouche on Saturday will be the first Black jockey in the Kentucky Derby since 2013 and is just one of a handful over the past century.

Carmouche is now one of the few remaining Black jockeys in the U.S. Much like Marlon St. Julien in 2000, Patrick Husbands in 2006 and Kevin Krigger in 2013, his presence in horse racing's biggest event is a reminder of how the industry marginalized Black jockeys

to the point they all but disappeared from the sport.

"As a Black rider getting to the Kentucky Derby, I hope it inspires a lot of people because my road wasn't easy to get there and I never quit," Carmouche said. "What I've been wanting all my career is to inspire people and make people know that it's not about color. It's about how successful you are in life and how far you can fight to get to that point."

Carmouche is a success story in his own right. He is the son of a jockey who has won more than 3,400 races and earned \$118 million since beginning to ride professionally in 2000. He came back from a broken leg three years ago and set himself up for his first Kentucky Derby mount by riding 72-1 long shot Bourbonic to victory in the Wood Memorial on

April 3. Bourbonic will leave from the 20th post in Saturday's race at Churchill Downs.

He's also a rarity in a sport now dominated by jockeys from Latin America.

"Obviously there haven't been many in recent decades, but if you go back to the early years of the Derby, the late 1800s, early 1900s, Black jockeys dominated the Kentucky Derby," NBC Sports analyst Randy Moss said. "Guys like Isaac Murphy and Jimmy Winkfield."

Carmouche joins St. Julien as the only U.S.-born Black jockeys in the Derby since 1921, which was even then long after the era dominated by Murphy, Winkfield and others.

Chris Goodlett, a historian at the Kentucky Derby Museum, cited a combination of Jim Crow laws and segrega-



N.Y. Racing Association/Coaglianese via AP, file

Kendrick Carmouche smiles in the paddock at Aqueduct Racetrack in the Queens borough of New York, in 2020. Carmouche is set to ride Bourbonic in the Kentucky Derby, the first Black jockey in the race since 2013.

tion in the U.S., intimidation by white riders and decisions by racing officials, owners and trainers for the decline of Black jockeys in the early 20th century.

One example was white counterparts riding Winfield into the rail at Harlem Race Track outside Chicago and injuring him and his horse.

"Consequently, white trainers and owners would be (more) reluctant to ride Black jockeys on their horses due to instances like that," Goodlett said. "We see it also just from an administrative point of view, as well: fewer licenses being issued to Black jockeys, sometimes not issued at all."

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