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### UNDER ARMOUR SENIOR BOWL PLAYERS HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON 2008 NFL DRAFT

Game continues to establish itself as premier pre-draft event as 11 first-round picks and 82 of the total players selected during the draft participated in 2008 event.

MOBILE, Alabama (April 28) - Under Armour Senior Bowl officials announced today the results of another successful NFL Draft as 82 players that participated in the 2008 game were selected, including 11 players that were taken in the first round. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year that the game has had 10 or more players drafted in the first round and the game has had double-digit first-round picks in 10 of the past 11 drafts.

Since 1999, 111 Senior Bowl players have been drafted in the first round and the game has averaged 11 first-round picks. During the same period, a total of 877 players have been selected in the draft.

Among the game's first-round picks were 2 top 10 selections. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> straight year in which a Senior Bowl player was selected among the draft's top 10 picks. U.S.C. defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis was the first Senior Bowl player off the board as he was taken with the 7<sup>th</sup> overall pick by the New Orleans Saints. Two picks later, another Senior Bowler from U.S.C. was taken as linebacker Keith Rivers was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals.

In addition to the game's 11 first-round picks, there were 37 more Senior Bowl players taken in the second and third rounds representing a total of 48 picks in the draft's first 3 rounds. This number is especially significant when considering that 31 underclassman were also selected during the same period (99 total picks).

The 2008 game produced the first senior player selected at 8 different positions (RB, FB, WR, C, ILB, OLB, CB, P) and the first overall player selected at 6 different positions (WR, FB, C, OLB, CB, P). There were 5 different positions in which every player that participated in the 2008 game was drafted (QB, FB, OT, C, DT).

On the offensive side of the ball, the 2008 game featured the first 3 senior running backs, 8 of the first 10 senior wide receivers, 3 of the first 5 senior offensive tackles, 3 of the first 5 senior offensive guards, and the first 5 centers drafted.

Defensively, the game featured 8 of the first 9 senior defensive tackles, the first 4 senior inside linebackers, the first 5 senior outside linebackers, 8 of the first 10 senior cornerbacks, and 3 of the first 4 senior safeties drafted.

The strength of the relationship between the Senior Bowl and the NFL was very evident during the 2008 draft as 31 of the 32 teams selected at least 1 Senior Bowl player and 27 of those teams selected 2 or more players. There were 8 teams (Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Seattle, Washington) that selected 4 or more players from the 2008 game and there were 14 teams that selected a Senior Bowl player with its first pick. Chicago, New Orleans, Seattle, and Washington led all teams in number of Senior Bowl players drafted as 5 players were selected by each team.

The future stars of the 2009 NFL Draft class will take the field at the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Under Armour Senior Bowl that is set for Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium. For more information, contact the Senior Bowl office at 251-438-2276 or visit the organization's website at [www.seniorbowl.com](http://www.seniorbowl.com).

## 2008 UNDER ARMOUR SENIOR BOWL FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS

PICK	PLAYER	POSITION	NFL TEAM	COLLEGE
7	SEDRICK ELLIS	DT	NEW ORLEANS	USC
9	KEITH RIVERS	OLB	CINCINNATI	USC
11	LEODIS MCKELVIN	CB	BUFFALO	TROY
14	CHRIS WILLIAMS	OT	CHICAGO	VANDERBILT
16	DOMINQUE RODGERS-CROMARTIE	CB	ARIZONA	TENN. STATE
17	GOSDER CHERILUS	OT	DETROIT	BOSTON COLLEGE
18	JOE FLACCO	QB	BALTIMORE	DELAWARE
21	SAM BAKER	OT	ATLANTA	USC
24	CHRIS JOHNSON	RB	TENNESSEE	EAST CAROLINA
28	LAWRENCE JACKSON	DE	SEATTLE	USC
29	KENTWAN BALMER	DE	SAN FRANCISCO	NORTH CAROLINA