

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Raiders choose Russell with first pick, Quinn slips down to No. 22

JaMarcus Russell barely had to wait before taking the stage as an Oakland Raider at Saturday's NFL draft. Brady Quinn turned out to be the forgotten quarterback, lingering long after Russell was picked until Cleveland took him 22nd.

Russell was the top choice by the offense-deficient Raiders. The six-foot, six inch junior quarterback who can throw the ball 80 yards fits the mold for Al Davis, who loves the deep ball.

Notre Dame's Quinn sat and watched 21 players get called before he went to the Browns, the team he grew up rooting for in Dublin, Ohio. Once considered the best prospect in this year's crop, he was still available when the Browns traded with Dallas to get back into the first round.

When selected, Quinn let out a big sigh of relief before shaking commissioner Roger Goodell's hand.

"I felt like the weight of the world was lifted off my shoulders," Quinn said.

Russell had no such anxious moments.

"I kind of had faith in [being the first pick]. Everybody had been talking about it for a while," Russell said of being chosen first. "I can't wait to get in black and silver and get to work."

Quinn's draft day turned into an agonizing wait.

He kept flashing a smile that became harder to maintain with each selection, perhaps recalling how Matt Leinart dropped last year and Aaron Rodgers plummeted in 2005. Leinart only fell to 10th to Arizona; Rodgers went 24th overall to Green Bay.

When Miami selected Ohio State wide receiver-kick returner Ted Ginn Jr. at No. 9 instead of Quinn, Dolphins fans at Radio City Music Hall let out a gasp and booed.

The Browns gave a second-round choice and next year's No. 1 to the Cowboys to get Quinn. They could've had him at No. 3 but took Wisconsin offensive tackle Joe Thomas instead.

After Russell's selection, Detroit declined several trade options for the No. 2 overall pick and chose wide receiver Calvin Johnson of Georgia Tech, considered the best athlete available. It was the fourth time in five years the Lions chose a wideout high in the draft.

Tampa Bay picked the first defensive player, Clemson end Gaines Adams, and Arizona went for offensive line help at No. 5, taking Penn State tackle Levi Brown.

Patriots acquire receiver Moss from Raiders for fourth round draft pick

ALAMEDA, Calif.—The Oakland Raiders cut ties with Randy Moss after two unproductive seasons, sending the former Pro Bowl receiver to the New England Patriots on Sunday for a fourth-round draft pick.

The former Marshall University standout was disgruntled for most of his two seasons in Oakland and said frequently last season he thought he would be better off with another team. He wanted to be dealt either to New England or Green Bay and got his wish.

With the Patriots, Moss will be teamed with three-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback Tom Brady, who now has plenty of talented receivers to throw to on offense. New England has already added three other wide receivers this off-season: Wes Welker in a trade with Miami and Donte Stallworth and Kelley Washington as free agents.

New England began rebuilding its receiver corps last year after losing its top two receivers from 2005. Leading receiver Deion Branch, after a contract dispute, was traded to Seattle the day after the season opener, in which he didn't play. Earlier, David Givens signed as a free agent with Tennessee.

The Patriots ended last season with Reche Caldwell, Jabar Gaffney and Troy Brown as their top three receivers. Brown is a free agent, while Caldwell and Gaffney are signed through the 2007 season.

Oakland gave up the seventh overall pick in 2005, linebacker Napoleon Harris, and a seventh-round pick to Minnesota for Moss in 2005. Moss, who made five Pro Bowls in seven seasons with Minnesota, had 102 catches for 1,558 yards and 11 touchdowns with the Raiders. He had career lows last season with 42 catches for 553 yards and three touchdowns.

The Raiders selected cornerback John Bowie from Cincinnati with the pick they got from New England.

Bulls sweep defending champion Heat in first round of the playoffs

MIAMI—The Chicago Bulls swept the defending NBA champion Miami Heat out of the playoffs, winning a post-season series for the first time since the Michael Jordan era.

Ben Gordon scored 24 points, Luol Deng had 22 points and 11 rebounds and Chicago beat Miami 92-79 Sunday in Game four to finish off their first-round Eastern Conference series. The Bulls, who will face Detroit in the second round, became the first team to oust a defending champion in the opening playoff series since Phoenix did it to San Antonio in 2000.

Dwyane Wade scored 24 points for Miami on eight-for-22 shooting, and added 10 assists. Shaquille O'Neal had 16 points,

He scored with two minutes, 32 seconds left to get Miami within 84-79, and the Heat then turned to the Hack-a-Ben strategy, intentionally fouling the Bulls' Ben Wallace, a notoriously terrible foul shooter, with hopes of getting the ball back.

But Wallace made all four of his tries within a 21-second span to push the lead to nine, and the white-clad Heat crowd began shuffling into the offseason.

Wallace finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds and Andres Nocioni had 11 points for Chicago, who committed only five turnovers while forcing 17.

Miami scored the game's first eight points, the first six of those coming from O'Neal, who was six-for-seven in the opening half. But the Bulls coolly withstood the opening burst and knotted the game at 14 when Gordon hit his second three-pointer of the quarter with 5:30 left, the first of four ties in the half.

Chicago never led in the first half and trailed 48-44 at intermission.

Kaitlin Streilein '08

■ The pitcher and first baseman excelled for the Judges both at the plate and on the mound in the team's late-season surge.



JACOB KAMARAS/the Justice

Whether it's pitching or hitting, Kaitlin Streilein '08 fueled the softball team's success during its late-season surge. With four home runs in her last eight games, she's played so well that even she can't explain her performance.

"I really don't know where all the home runs are coming from," she said.

As the driving force behind the Judges' 6-2 week, Streilein batted .667 with four home runs, seven RBIs and 15 runs scored. She also compiled a 2-0 record as a pitcher.

Streilein has rebounded from a difficult start to the season on the mound. She lost her first four starts, three of which came in the season-opening University Athletic Association tournament, but has rebounded to post three straight complete-game victories.

"It's really hard to start [at UAAs] because you play against good-hitting teams," she said. "I was matched a little better against the teams up here."

Streilein's hitting success has

come in two different spots in the lineup. She started the season in the fourth spot, but in an attempt to ignite a lagging offense, coach Jessica Johnson moved her to the leadoff spot after a March 29 loss to Lasell College. While Streilein occasionally moves back to the team's cleanup spot, she says she's found a home at the top.

"[Hitting leadoff] forces me to think less, and for me, the less I think up there, the better I do," she said.

Streilein's power at the top spot in the lineup didn't help the Judges early in the week, as they lost both games in which she led off with a home run. But when Streilein homered to lead off the nightcap of Sunday's doubleheader sweep against Colby College, her home run was much sweeter.

"We have a running joke that if [Streilein] leads off with a home run, we don't win," Johnson said. "We broke that one [Sunday night]."

—Mike Prada

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Track at New England Championships

The Judges compete in the New England Division III Championships Friday

The track teams will attempt to place several runners at NCAA championships during Friday's New England Division III Championships at Springfield College.

At last Saturday's Brown Invitational, Meaghan Casey '09 qualified provisionally for Nationals with a time of 2 minutes, 14.60 seconds in

the 800-meter run, but since provisionally qualifying doesn't guarantee her a spot in the NCAA championships, she will need to keep her time down in order to ensure a berth in the competition.

The NCAA championships will take place from May 24-26 at Osh Kosh, Wisc.

Judging numbers

1 time in school history that the softball team has posted back-to-back 20-win seasons. The Judges defeated Colby College 13-6 and 7-3 in Sunday's doubleheader to surpass the 20-win plateau for the second year in a row.

3 positions gained by the men's tennis team since their last-place finish at last year's University Athletic Association championships. The Judges defeated New York University 5-4 to take fifth place at this year's UAAs after coming in eighth last year.

80 pitches needed by Trinity College pitcher junior Michael Regan to defeat the Judges in a complete game start during the Judges' 6-1 loss in the first game of a doubleheader Sunday. Brandeis mustered eight hits and one run off Regan in its loss. The team also dropped the second game 7-6.

4 home runs in the last eight games by first baseman Kaitlin Streilein '08. Streilein had two home runs in the Judges' doubleheader sweep of Colby College Sunday after recently moving from the cleanup spot to the leadoff position in the team's lineup.

1 seconds between Meaghan Casey's time at Saturday's Brown Invitational and the NCAA provisional qualifying time. Casey ran the 800-meter race in 2 minutes, 14.60 seconds, slightly better than the NCAA standard of 2:14.70, to qualify provisionally for Nationals. She finished third place in the event.

TEAM LEADERS

Baseball (batting average, min. 20 AB)

Shortstop Zach Golden '07 leads the Judges with a .329 batting average so far this season.

Player	AVG
Zach Golden	.329
Ryan Healey	.323
Jonathan Winston	.307
James Likis	.305
John O'Brion	.303

Baseball (strikeouts)

Tyler Robinson '08 has struck out a team-high 53 batters from the mound.

Player	SO
Tyler Robinson	53
Drew Brzozowski	29
Craig Letendre	23
James Collins	17
Rocco Toppi	14

Softball (batting average, min. 20 AB)

First baseman Natalie Volpe '08 paces the Judges' lineup with a .421 batting average.

Player	AVG
Natalie Volpe	.421
Kaitlin Streilein	.420
Danielle Mayer	.327
Samantha Worth	.317
Chelsea Korp	.298

Softball (strikeouts)

Rookie hurler Natalie Volpe '08 has tallied a team-best 56 strikeouts for the Judges.

Player	SO
Natalie Volpe	56
Allie Mussen	42
Emily Vaillette	32
Kaitlin Streilein	28

UAA STANDINGS

Baseball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference		Overall		Pct.
	W	L	W	L	
Emory	4	2	35	7	.833
JUDGES	3	3	14	15	.483
Rochester	3	3	20	11	.645
Washington	3	3	27	9	.750
Case	2	4	11	18	.379
Chicago	0	0	12	13	.480

Softball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference		Overall		Pct.
	W	L	W	L	
Rochester	6	2	20	5	.800
Washington	6	2	28	5	.848
Emory	4	4	28	6	.824
JUDGES	2	6	21	17	.553
Case	2	6	18	16	.529
Chicago	0	0	24	8	.750