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DeBartolo Sports boasts major Draft picks

TAMPA, Fla. - DeBartolo Sports and Entertainment (DSE) is proud to announce a successful first NFL Draft. **Steve Smith** (WR/USC) was taken in the 2nd round by the New York Giants, **Jim Marten** (OL/Boston College) was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the 3rd round, **Heisman Trophy Winner Troy Smith** (QB/Ohio State) went to the Baltimore Ravens in the 5th round, **Dan Santucci** (OL/Notre Dame) was taken in the 7th round by the Cincinnati Bengals and **Steve Vallos** (OL/Wake Forest) went to the Seattle Seahawks in the 7th round. DSE athletes who signed post-draft, Free Agent contracts include:

- David Ball (WR/New Hampshire) – Chicago Bears
- Alvin Banks (RB/James Madison) – New York Jets
- Matt Brunk (DT/Robert Morris University) – Washington Redskins
- Steve Buches (TE/Pitt) – St. Louis Rams
- Jason Capizzi (OT/Indiana University of Penn) Pittsburgh Steelers
- TJ Downing (OL/Ohio State) – Arizona Cardinals
- Luke Getsy (QB/Akron) – San Francisco 49ers
- Ryan Jewell (OC/YSU) – Washington Redskins
- Tyler Palko (QB/Pitt) New Orleans Saints
- Blair Phillips (LB/Oregon) – Dallas Cowboys
- John Talley (CB/Duke) – Redskins/Chiefs
- Drew Tate (QB/Iowa) – St. Louis Rams
- Ryan Willis (DE/LSU) – St. Louis Rams

“We are extremely pleased with the results from this year’s Draft. Our team had an excellent showing in this year’s collegiate draft and placed our DSE athletes in key positions with the respective NFL teams,” says Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr., chairman of DSE.

“We are so very proud of our 2007 NFL Draft class. Our athletes are well-prepared for the challenges they will face at the NFL level have tremendous careers ahead of them,” says Chuck P. Saulino, president of DSE.

The DSE team of certified NFLPA agents, client managers and mentors (including Jerry Rice) is currently working with the athletes to make the transition from college football to pro-football a successful one.

“I look forward to working with these young men to help guide them through what’s on the road ahead,” says Jerry Rice, DSE mentor.

About DeBartolo Sports and Entertainment: An integral component of the DeBartolo Sports & Entertainment portfolio is the *Athlete Representation Division*. This dynamic affiliate offers personal management services for today’s finest professional athletes. When you are represented by one of DSE’s certified sports agents you become a part of the DeBartolo business family. Through many of the same values and beliefs that made Eddie DeBartolo Jr. a Super Bowl and Stanley Cup Championship owner, a DSE athlete will be represented with the highest level of integrity and respect. Personal management services for our athletes include: professional contract negotiations, personal wealth management and planning, extensive public and media relations as well as family estate and retirement planning. *Financial security is the ultimate benefit that we will provide for a DSE athlete and their families.* For more information on the DeBartolo portfolio of companies please visit www.thedebartologroup.com or call the Tampa corporate headquarters at 813.908.8400.

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