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Fifteen NFL squads watch a dozen GS players work out

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STATESBORO - Carpe diem is a Latin aphorism, usually translated to "seize the day," in English. It's a simple, yet powerful message, which undoubtedly embodies the work ethic of the Georgia Southern football program. Wednesday marked a monumental day

for 12 former Eagles who chose to carpe diem ONE. MORE. TIME. as Georgia Southern hosted its annual NFL Pro Day. The purpose of hosting an NFL Pro Day for any university is to showcase the facilities of the football program and graduates of their football program seeking to play at the next level – The NFL.

"It's a really good showing by the scouts," said assistant coach [Chad Lunsford](#), who is the only coach on the staff who coached those who worked out. "There are a lot of teams here. It shows where Georgia Southern is going as a program. These seniors have done a good job at working hard at having an opportunity at the NFL. They grew up with dreams of playing in the NFL."

The Georgia Southern football program was certainly well-prepared for the 15 NFL scouts who began to arrive at the Ted Smith Family Football Center around 8 a.m., where head coach [Tyson Summers](#) addressed the scouts at that time. NFL Scouts then gathered in the weight room at 9 a.m. to take the Eagles' measurements which consisted of height, weight and wingspan. Following their measurements in the weight room, the Eagles completed the vertical jump, broad jump and bench press. Afterwards, the Eagles transitioned to the soccer field where they completed pro-agility drills, the 40-yard dash and individual workouts based on their positions. The Eagles' performances were applauded by all of those in attendance upon the ending of NFL Pro Day.

"I've been waiting for this for a long time," said former linebacker [Antwione Williams](#). "I felt everybody came out here and performed really well. I did everything I could and I don't have anything I regret. I'm trying to make Georgia Southern proud. I've peaked a lot of people's interest and hopefully I'll push myself up in the draft."

"It was an amazing opportunity, not only to represent me and my family, but my university and team," Williams continued. "I've put my whole life into the sport. It's been an amazing journey. Not many players have the opportunity to go the NFL, so this is a blessing in itself."

Players who worked out were, in alphabetical order: [Jake Banta](#) (LS), [Roscoe Byrd](#) (OL), [Darien Foreman](#) (OL), [Antonio Glover](#) (S), [Tay Hicklin](#)(CB), [Derek Keaton](#) (WR/KOR/PR), Raymond Klugey (OT), [Ryan Longoria](#) (WR), Manrey Saint-Amour (OL), [Antwione Williams](#) (LB), [Caleb Williams](#)(CB) and Nick Wright (CB).

Full times and results will not be released.

Among the 15 NFL teams in attendance were the Jacksonville Jaguars, New York Giants, Oakland Raiders, Kansas City Chiefs, New York Jets, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions and the World Champion Denver Broncos.

The 2016 NFL Draft will be held April 28-30 in Chicago.

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