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USFL COMPLETES DRAFT: WILL IT **PLAY IN** September?

NEW YORK-The U.S. Football League completed its draft of players and now must turn its attention to convincing the available pool of athletes that there will be a season this fall.

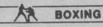
The Orlando Renegades started the first of 92 picks in the open draft by picking lowa tackle Mike Haight.

Reno golfer benefits from stroke of luck

By Mitch Huerta Gazette-Jornal

Nathaniel Thomas Walker Scott will never know who he might have been if his

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grandmother had not bolted Washoe Medical Center, flown to Monroe, La., and presented Dr. and Mrs. John J. Scott of Reno with a nine-day-old son.

and Elizabeth and John Scott, a retired pediatrician who works as a medical advisor for SIIS in Carson

popular sophomore at



Nathaniel Thomas Walker Scott

But Thomas Scott, as he prefers to call himself, is happy with the person he knows today -- an average teen-ager who likes sports and pop music, and dislikes homework he does not understand and his parents' preference for classical music.

Oh, there's one other minor detail in the Thomas Scott saga of two families worlds apart, yet connected by their love for their son.

Thomas Scott, 16, is ack. John, 70, and Elizabeth Scott, 58, are white.*

Despite the differences, John and Elizabeth have raised their housekeeper's grandson with the care and compassion given to seven other Scott children.

Thomas Scott calls John and Elizabeth "dad and mom'' and Reno ''home.'

He calls Inez and Nathaniel Thomas Walker, his natural parents, by their first names. Monroe, La., is just a place of birth.

Thomas Scott's life has been centered around his grandmother Nancy Walker

Reno High School, Thomas Scott drives a new compact car, wears a stylish flat top, plays golf and, perhaps, wonders who he might have been if his grandmother had not decided that Inez and Thomas Walker, both 16, were too young to raise a child.

"I thought (Nancy) was at the hospital. She said come to the airport, I need your help," said Elizabeth, who took Thomas into her arms life without any and questions.

"(Nancy) climbed into a taxi and went back to Washoe (Medical Center)."

Nancy Walker died six years later, but not before she took Thomas Scott to visit his natural parents and sister Cherika.

It has been 10 years since Thomas Scott has seen his natural parents and sister, now 14. He has never seen his four brothers, but plans to visit them this summer.

"I keep in touch with her (Inez) and my dad. They both would like me to come back and live with them.

HUNTER

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He talked to Seattle head coach Chuck Knox and one Seahawk assistant, Ralph Hawkins, who coaches defensive backs.

Hunter spoke quickly into the phone.

"Yes. Yes. Yes. You bet I'll play, any position you ask me to,'' he said. "Third round. What number? The 14th pick in the third round. This is it

What did Knox say at the other end of the line?

"He said he was happy to get me and they had a spot open," Hunter said.

Hunter was excited. Before hanging up the phone, he asked the Seahawks to do something for him.

"Could you tell my mom I said hello? Make the pick and tell my mother I said hello," Hunter told the Seahawks.

In the confusion and excitement of draft day, Hunter probably thought Knox was announcing his

selection on television. Hunter wanted Knox to say hello on national TV to his mother, Hattie Webb, who was watching the draft on television at her home in Concord, Calif.

ESPN, the all-sports-cable channel, televised the draft from New York, where teams announced their picks. But Knox and his staff called Hunter from Seahawk headquarters in Seattle. Hunter's mother couldn't see Knox

Patrick didn't know that. There was no cable TV in Room 424. Hunter couldn't see the draft.

He tried to call his mother. She tried to call him? The telephone operator failed to complete the first longdistance connection between Reno and Concord.

"It was my mom. She was screaming," Hunter said.

Finally, mother and son talked. It was the first calm moment for Patrick since the call from Seattle

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