

2012, but averaged better than 26 yards per catch.

South Carolina players testing in the 40-yard dash is apparently a regular occurrence in July. Last summer, defensive end Jadeveon Clowney said at SEC Media Days that he ran a 4.46 in recent team testing.

Byrd started 10 games last season for the Gamecocks, catching 33 passes for 575 yards. This year, with Ellington a member of the San Francisco 49ers as a fourth-round draft pick, Byrd will be called on to fill some of the void left by Ellington. He'll do it with speed that makes him virtually impossible to overthrow, Thompson said, on deep passes.

"You'd better be nice and loose when you get back there with him," Thompson said.

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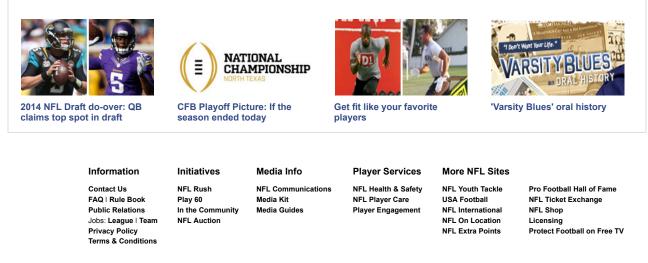


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