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Los Angeles Chargers Select Jake Slaughter on Day 2 of NFL Draft

The Los Angeles Chargers continued the 2026 NFL Draft by selecting Florida offensive lineman **Jake Slaughter** (63rd overall). The Bolts moved down from No. 55 overall in a trade with New England, acquiring the 63rd overall choice used to select Slaughter along with a fourth-round pick (No. 63) and a sixth-round selection (No. 202). Los Angeles later traded the 86th overall pick to Cleveland for a trio of selections — a fourth-rounder (No. 105), a fifth-round choice (No. 145) and a sixth-round pick (No. 206).

Slaughter capped his Florida career as one of the top interior offensive linemen in the country, finishing the 2025 season with second-team All-America accolades from *The Athletic* and *USA Today* as well as recognition as a finalist for the Rimington Trophy, which annually recognizes the top center in college football. He was the keystone on a Florida offensive line that blocked for running back Jadan Baugh to average over five yards per attempt and total 1,170 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground. Slaughter was a team captain in 2024 and earned *Associated Press* first-team All-America honors, while also earning a pair of *AP* first-team All-Southeastern Conference selections (2024-25), starting 33-of-51 career games played for the Gators.

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