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Chargers Select Omarion Hampton in First Round of 2025 NFL Draft

The Los Angeles Chargers selected North Carolina running back **Omarion Hampton** with the No. 22 overall pick in the 2025 NFL Draft. He is the eighth Tar Heel ever drafted by the Bolts and the first since 2010.

Hampton finished his career at North Carolina as one of the most prolific running backs in college football, ranking No. 2 in the nation over the last two years with 3,164 rushing yards. He was the only back in the nation to eclipse at least 1,500 rushing yards and 15 rushing scores in each of the last two seasons, earning *Associated Press* second-team All-America and first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference recognition each year. Hampton totaled 19 100-yard rushing games, the third-most in the nation over his three-year career (2022-24).

The Clayton, N.C., native was a two-time finalist for the Doak Walker Award (2023-24), which annually recognizes college football's top running back. He owns two of the three 1,500-yard rushing seasons in program history and finished his Tar Heels career ranked No. 4 in career rushing yards (3,565), and No. 3 in career rushing touchdowns (36). Hampton becomes the highest-drafted running back out of North Carolina in 40 years.

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