

Goudelock Selected By Lakers

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Andrew Goudelock, the all-time leading scorer at the College of Charleston and one of the most prolific scorers in college basketball, will take his talents to the National Basketball Association next season.

Goudelock was selected by the Los Angeles Lakers with the 46th pick in the second round of the NBA draft Thursday night. Goudelock, the Southern Conference Male Athlete of the Year, is the first player from CofC to win that award. He was named 2011 SoCon Men's Basketball Player of the Year and earned All-America honorable mention honors from The Associated Press.

Goudelock led the Cougars to a 26-11 overall record under SoCon Coach of the Year Bobby Cremins, a regular-season championship title with a 14-4 league mark and an appearance in the NIT Quarterfinals. He averaged a conference-leading 23.7 points per game which also ranked fourth nationally among NCAA Division I scoring leaders.

He finished his career as CofC's all-time leading scorer with 2,571 points, which ranks third all-time in SoCon history. He also became just the 62nd player in NCAA history to record 2,500 points and ranks 39th on the NCAA's all-time scoring list. Goudelock is only the second all-time draft pick in school history. Anthony Johnson was taken with the 40th overall pick in the second round of the draft by the Sacramento Kings in 1997.

Goudelock becomes the 22nd player under the guidance of CofC head coach Bobby Cremins to be selected in the NBA draft. The others include, former Georgia Tech stars John Salley (1986), Mark Price (1986), Tom Hammonds (1989), Dennis Scott (1990), Kenny Anderson (1991), Jon Barry (1992), Travis Best (1994), Stephon Marbury (1996), Matt Harpring (1998), Dion Glover (1999) and Jason Collier (2000).

"Drew is a very unique and special player," said CofC coach Bobby Cremins. "He is a combo guard who is very athletic, can shoot from long range and can pass. He is very coachable and has matured a lot during this process. This is a very big night for Drew and his family (his parents, Marvin and Angela Austin, and his younger brothers, Marvin II and Tristen) and our program. I am really excited for him. The Lakers are a class organization."

Goudelock, the only player drafted from the SoCon, scored a school-record 39 points against Dayton in the opening round of the National Invitational Tournament, and he closed out his career with a 38-point effort in a season-ending loss to Wichita State.

Kyrie Irving of Duke was selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers with the first pick in the draft; Derrick Williams of Arizona went to the Minnesota TimberWolves with the second pick. The Blue Devils have three players chosen Thursday night.

Nolan Smith of the Blue Devils was taken by Portland with the 20th pick in the first round, and Kyle Singler of Duke was taken by Detroit with the 33rd selection in the second round. Iman Shumpert of Georgia Tech was taken by the New York Knicks with the 17th pick in the opening round. Jordan Williams of Maryland went to New Jersey (36th pick) in the second round.

The Charlotte Bobcats had three picks, two in the first round. They chose six-foot point guard Kemba Walker of Connecticut with the ninth pick in the first round; Charlotte then chose 6-8 strong forward Tobias Harris of Tennessee with the 19th pick in the first round; and they picked up Jeremy Tyler who played internationally for Tokyo Apache.

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