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## NFL: FALCONS TRAINING CAMP: Blalock completes draft pick signings

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Flowery Branch --- Guard Justin Blalock, a Falcons' second-round pick, agreed to terms on a five-year contract Thursday afternoon to become the last of Atlanta's 11 draft picks to come to terms.

Blalock, projected to start at left guard, missed the team's first practice, but he is scheduled to be at this morning's workout.

Defensive end Jamaal Anderson, the team's first-round pick, missed the first half of Thursday's practice while working out the final details of his contract, but he raced onto the field midway through the session in time to go through most of the team-related drills with the second-team defense.

"It was a good step for us to make," said Anderson, whose five-year deal includes \$15.5 million in guaranteed bonuses. "We've had some other issues going on, so I feel like it was a good step for me to be in here on the first day of practice."

Dunn down, not out

Veteran tailback Warrick Dunn did not sound like a man willing to surrender his starting job to second-year speedster Jerious Norwood, despite back surgery last weekend that will sideline him for most of the preseason.

"I'm not going to miss time. I'm going to be back," Dunn said. "I'm confident in Jerious. Jerious is a young, exciting guy. He's lightning fast. He has an opportunity right now to make some plays and establish himself. I'm going to support him."

As for how he's feeling after the procedure to relieve discomfort from a herniated disc: "I was in a lot of pain just walking," Dunn said. "I had to stop and bend over sometimes just to walk. After the surgery, I was able to just walk

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with no pain. I feel pretty good. I'm moving around, stretching, lifting weights. I'll be ready."

Fourth quarterback signs

With quarterback Michael Vick indefinitely barred from training camp by the NFL, the Falcons signed former Arena League quarterback **Lang Campbell**, who played collegiately at William and Mary.

Lang is the fourth quarterback on the depth chart behind Joey Harrington, D.J. Shockley and Chris Redman.

Health updates

Nose tackle Grady Jackson was on the field but did not practice for conditioning reasons, coach Bobby Petrino said. Tight end Alge Crumpler, who is rehabilitating from knee surgery, took part in some drills. Defensive tackle Rod Coleman (thigh surgery) did not practice.

More bad news?

An Arizona sheriff told a Phoenix radio station that Vick is "a person of interest" related to dogfighting.

Maricopa County sheriff Joe Arpaio said: "I'm not talking about a case," but added Vick's name has been "very familiar" to his office since "a while back."

Calls to Arpaio by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution were not returned.

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