

## Firecats sign former Michigan kicker Rivas to fill in for Peattie

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ESTERO — The Florida Firecats announced the addition of kicker Garrett Rivas to their roster today. Rivas played at Michigan from 2003 to 2006 and is the Wolverines all-time leading scorer with 354 points. He will play for Florida in this week's game against the South Georgia Wildcats in Albany.

"We're very fortunate to get Garrett for this weekend," said Firecats coach Kevin Bouis. "He's had a lot of success in college and he wants to show what he can do in the arena league. We're glad to have him."

Rivas will step in for kicker Jon Peattie this week. "Jon had some personal family issues to take care of this week and Garret is going to fill in, but Jon is still our guy," Bouis said.

In 2007, Rivas was signed by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as an undrafted free agent. During his senior season at Michigan he was named All-Big Ten first-team after connecting on 17 of 20 field-goal attempts and 42 of 44 extra-point tries.

The Tampa native is a graduate of Tampa Jesuit High School, as is Bouis. Tampa Jesuit also produced current Dolphins kicker Jay Feely.

The Firecats also announced the addition of former Miami Hurricane defensive lineman Thomas Carroll. Carroll started in 30 games for the 'Canes, recording 142 tackles (55 solo) and 14.5 sacks. Carroll was signed by the New York Giants in 2006 as an undrafted free agent. He is expected to start for Florida this weekend.

The Florida Firecats return to Southwest Florida next week to host the Peoria Pirates on May 3. For tickets, call (239) 390-CATS (2287).

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