

LeGree Selected By Seahawks

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Safety Mark LeGree of Appalachian State University has been selected by the Seattle Seahawks in the National Football League draft.

LeGree was taken by the Seahawks with the 156th pick in the fifth round. He is the third Southern Conference player selected in the NFL draft. Defensive back Cortez Allen of The Citadel was taken by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the fourth round; cornerback Buster Skine of Chattanooga was selected by the Cleveland Browns with the 137th pick in the fifth round. LeGree, a Walter Camp All-America, finished his career at ASU as the active leader in Division I football with 22 interceptions. That's four more than any active player at the Football Championship Series or Football Bowl Series levels in 2010. And his 22 interceptions rank him second all-time in the SoCon and third all-time in ASU history.

LeGree, a safety for much of the year, picked off five passes as a senior, good for a tie for 20th nationally. He also broke up eight passes and made 49 tackles in his final collegiate campaign. LeGree was a three-time first-team All-America, and he was also on the Buck Buchanan Award watch list three times. That award goes to the best defensive player in the nation at the FCS level; he was also named to the Bronco Nagurski Trophy watch list, which goes to the best defensive player in the nation at the FBS or FCS levels. He was the only FCS player on that list the last two years.

LeGree was a freshman when ASU upset Michigan in 2007 before winning the FCS Division I national championship later that season. And LeGree is also considered by some as one of the best defensive backs in FCS history. He was invited to the NFL Scouting Combine in February, and he started 39 of 53 career games at ASU.

KILGORE SELECTED BY 49ERS

Offensive lineman Daniel Kilgore of ASU was taken by the San Francisco 49ers with the 163rd pick in the fifth round of the NFL draft.

Kilgore is the fifth SoCon player taken in the draft, and the second ASU player chosen. Team-mate Mark LeGree was taken in the fifth round by the Seattle Seahawks with the 156th selection. Kilgore was a first-team All-SoCon and All-America selection last fall. He was a

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starting left tackle for the Mountaineers last season.

Kilgore, 6-3 and 308 pounds, was ASU's biggest lineman in 2010. He was suppose to be the starting right tackle in 2009, but he suffered an injury in a physical education class at the start of that season, which relegated him to a rotational role.

Kilgore anchored an offensive line that surrendered only eight sacks in 13 games last fall. That effort led the Mountaineers to a top-10 national ranking in scoring (seventh - 34.3 ppg), rushing (eighth - 217.4 ypg) and total offense (10th - 430.9 ypg).

Kilgore was an all-state honoree at Dobbins-Bennett High School in Tennessee. He red-shirted his freshman year at ASU in 2006. He appeared in nine games in 2007, and he started all 14 games in 2008. He was a red-shirt freshman when ASU upset Michigan in 2007, and he played on ASU's national championship team that season.