

Former Mountaineers in the NFL: Week 17

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Seven former Appalachian State University football student-athletes are currently in the National Football League and five are members of their teams' active 53-man rosters. Below is a look at how

the former Mountaineers fared in Week 17 of NFL action:

WR Armanti Edwards (Carolina Panthers) returned two punts for 77 yards, including a career-best 69-yarder that set up a touchdown in the Panthers' 44-38 win over the New Orleans Saints. Edwards finished his third season in the NFL with five receptions for 121 yards (24.2 avg.) and averaged 21.7 yards over 12 kickoff returns and the whopping 38.5 yards per punt return.

RB Travaris Cadet (New Orleans Saints) returned one kickoff for 29 yards in the loss to the Panthers and finished his rookie season with five receptions for 44 yards, one rush for five yards, 26 kickoff returns for 690 yards (26.5 avg.) and one two-yard punt return.

DB Corey Lynch (San Diego Chargers) had three solo tackles, including one for loss, and a pass defended in the Chargers' 24-21 season-ending victory over the Oakland Raiders. In his fifth year as a pro and first in San Diego, Lynch had 46 tackles (39 solo), two interceptions, a fumble recovery and seven passes defended.

WR Brian Quick (St. Louis Rams) was targeted once but did not make a catch in the Rams' 20-13 loss to the Seattle Seahawks. As a rookie, Quick caught 11 passes for 156 yards (14.2 avg.) and two touchdowns. Six of Quick's 11 receptions resulted in first downs.

OL Daniel Kilgore (San Francisco 49ers) was once again the 49ers' top reserve offensive lineman in San Francisco's NFC West-clinching 27-13 triumph over the Arizona Cardinals. Kilgore has seen action in all 16 games for the 49ers this season and is the only former Mountaineer

that will participate in the NFL postseason this year. San Francisco earned a first-round playoff bye and will open the postseason at home on Jan. 12 or 13.

LB D.J. Smith (Green Bay Packers) started the first six games of the year at inside linebacker for the Packers before sustaining a season-ending knee injury versus the Houston Texans in Week 6. Smith racked up 39 tackles, two sacks and defended four passes in the injury-shortened campaign.

Seven-year pro DE Jason Hunter (Denver Broncos) spent the entire season on the injured reserve after suffering a triceps injury during training camp.

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