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Former Appalachian State quarterback Richie Williams, who led the Mountaineers to their first national title in 2005, survived the final cut and is now officially a member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

Williams is listed as the third quarterback on the depth chart behind starter Stephan Lefors (University of Louisville and the Carolina Panthers) and Bryan Randall (Virginia Tech). Williams played in both of Winnipeg's exhibition games, and while his numbers weren't outstanding, they were steady.

He completed seven of 15 passes for 107 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions. He also had two carries for five yards. In his three-year career, Williams, who played with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats during that stretch, has completed 60% of his passes, he's thrown for 2,077 yards with 11 touchdown tosses and nine interceptions, and he's racked up 531 yards on the ground with two touchdowns.

Chris Leak, who played at Independence High School in Charlotte and led that school to three state championships has made the final cut and is officially a member of the Montreal Alouettes of the CFL. He played college football at the University of Florida, where he led that school to a national title in 2006. He was also named the game's Most Valuable Player as the Gators blasted Ohio State 41-14 in the BCS National Championship Game.

Leak was not drafted in the 2007 National Football League draft; professionally he had tryouts with the Chicago Bears, Kansas City Chiefs of the NFL, and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the CFL.

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