

Quick Selected To Play in Senior Bowl

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Former Appalachian State University football wide receiver Brian Quick (Columbia, S.C./Ridge View) has been selected to participate in next week's prestigious Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., organizers announced on Friday. The Senior Bowl is college football's premier all-star game

featuring the nation's best senior players and top NFL draft prospects. The Senior Bowl and the practices leading up to the game are perhaps the year's second-biggest showcases for potential NFL prospects, behind only the NFL Combine.

The invited players are divided into teams representing the North and South and are coached by NFL staffs. Quick has been placed on the North team, which is coached by the Minnesota Vikings' staff, led by head coach Herman Frazier.

At 6-5, 220 pounds, Quick is one of the most highly touted NFL prospects in Appalachian history. He is the program's all-time leader in receptions (202), receiving yards (3,418) and touchdown catches (31). As a senior in 2011, he caught 71 passes for 1,096 yards and 11 scores.

Quick is only the second Mountaineer to ever participate in the Senior Bowl. Wide receiver Dexter Jackson represented ASU in the event following the 2007 season.

The NFL Network will provide live coverage from the Senior Bowl throughout next week, including the game, which kicks off at 4 p.m. ET on Saturday, Jan. 28 at Mobile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

FOUR MOUNTAINEERS RECOGNIZED BY COLLEGE SPORTS JOURNAL: College Sports Journal named Quick and junior linebacker Jeremy Kimbrough (Decatur, Ga./Cedar Grove) to its inaugural NCAA Division I FCS all-America team on Friday.

The all-America recognition is nothing new for the duo. Quick previously received first-team honors from the American Football Coaches Association, College Sporting News and Phil Steele Publications and second-team accolades from the Associated Press and The Sports Network. Kimbrough was also a second-team selection by The Sports Network and Phil Steele Publications.

Earlier in the week, College Sports Journal also tabbed defensive end Ronald Blair (Greensboro, Ga./Greene County) and defensive back Doug Middleton (Winston-Salem, N.C./Parkland) as freshman all-Americans.

Kimbrough ranked among the Southern Conference's top 10 in tackles (105), sacks (four) and tackles for loss (16). The junior's 105 total stops rank among the top 40 nationally. He also added four pass break-ups, a quarterback hurry, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and an interception that he returned 46 yards for the game-winning touchdown in ASU's dramatic 14-12 win over Chattanooga on Sept. 24.

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Blair led all FCS freshmen with 11.5 tackles for loss and ranked second among Southern Conference rookies with three-and-a-half sacks. Middleton had 23 tackles in 12 games and was credited with five passes defended, including two interceptions that he returned for a total of 120 yards with a touchdown.

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