

Quick Excels at Senior Bowl

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Former Appalachian State University wide receiver Brian Quick (Columbia, S.C./Ridge View) capped a successful week by hauling in a pair of first-down receptions during Saturday's Senior Bowl at

Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala. Playing for the North squad in college football's premier all-star game, Quick caught a six-yard pass on a third-and-five play in the second quarter and later dragged a tackler two yards to the first-down marker to covert a third-and-four and set up a field goal in the fourth quarter of the North's 23-13 win. Quick's two receptions, both of which came from Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore, matched a team high.

Perhaps more importantly, most observers reported that Quick had an impressive week of practices leading up to the game, with the workouts being watched by hundreds of NFL general managers, scouts and coaches throughout the week. In fact, during the NFL Network's broadcast of Saturday's game, analyst Mike Mayock identified Quick as one of a small handful of players that "made money" with his showing in Mobile.

Quick is only the second Mountaineer to ever participate in the Senior Bowl, joining former teammate Dexter Jackson, who represented Appalachian in the highly regarded event following the 2007 season. Quick is expected to soon officially receive a coveted invitation to the NFL Combine, which will be held Feb. 22-28 in Indianapolis.

Quick is not the only former Mountaineer to enjoy a successful all-star experience this month, as DeAndre Presley (Tampa, Fla./Middleton) and Travaris Cadet (Miami, Fla./Central) excelled in the inaugural Battle of Florida contest on Jan. 21 in Boca Raton, Fla.

In the Battle of Florida, which featured NFL Draft-eligible college all-stars with ties to the Sunshine State, Presley returned four punts for 75 yards, including an electrifying 65-yard return for a touchdown, and made three tackles at his cornerback position to help lead the North to a convincing 51-3 win. Playing for the South squad, Cadet led all players with 112 all-purpose yards, including 91 yards on four kickoff returns, four rushes for 14 yards and a seven-yard catch.

Quick, Presley and Cadet are among a large group of ASU draft hopefuls. Other former Mountaineers that drew the attention of NFL scouts throughout the fall include defensive linemen Chris Aiken (Austin, Texas/Reagan), Gordy Witte, Jr. (Salisbury, N.C./Salisbury) and Dan Wylie (Washington, Ga./Washington-Wilkes) and tight end Ben Jordan (Weddington, N.C./Charlotte Latin). The 2012 NFL Draft is set for April 26-28.

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