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The St. Louis Rams selected Appalachian State University wide receiver Brian Quick (Columbia, S.C./Ridge View) with the first pick of the second round (33rd overall) of the 2012 National Football League Draft on Friday evening at Radio City Music Hall, making Quick the highest NFL draft pick in Appalachian State history.

Linebacker Dino Hackett held the distinction of being ASU's all-time highest draft pick for 26 years after the Kansas City Chiefs selected him with the 35th overall pick in the second round of the 1986 NFL Draft. Hackett went on to enjoy a seven-year NFL career with the Chiefs and Seattle Seahawks and played in the Pro Bowl following the 1988 season.

Quick is Appalachian's all-time leading receiver with 202 receptions, 3,418 yards and 31 touchdown catches, breaking school records that had stood for seven, 31 and 43 years, respectively. He is the only two-time all-America wide receiver in Mountaineer history, having earned the recognition following his junior and senior campaigns.

As a senior in 2011, Quick caught 71 passes for 1,096 yards and 11 touchdowns, good for fourth in school history in each category. He was a finalist for the 2011 Walter Payton Award, which is given to the nation's top NCAA Division I FCS (Football Championship Subdivision — formerly Division I-AA) player.

Quick is ASU's 23rd all-time NFL Draft pick and the seventh in the last five years. He is the first former Mountaineer ever drafted by the Cleveland/Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams franchise and will become the second to ever suit up for the Rams, joining Pro Bowler Dexter Coakley, who finished his career in St. Louis in 2005-06.

Quick's selection gives Appalachian eight former players in the NFL ranks, joining Jason Hunter (Denver Broncos), Dexter Jackson (New York Jets), Corey Lynch (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), Armanti Edwards (Carolina Panthers), Daniel Kilgore (San Francisco 49ers), Mark LeGree (San Francisco 49ers) and D.J. Smith (Green Bay Packers).

BRIAN QUICK • WR • 6-5 • 220 • Columbia, S.C./Ridge View

Appalachian State's all-time leader in receptions (202), receiving yards (3,418) and touchdown receptions (31), records that stood for seven, 31 and 43 years, respectively, before Quick broke them in 2011 ... only two-time first-team all-America wide receiver in program history ... led all NCAA Division I FCS players active in 2011 with 3,418 career receiving yards ... was a standout basketball player in high school who did not play prep football until his senior year ... still possesses the leaping ability of a premier hoops player ... boasts terrific hands ... due to late start in the sport, has worked extremely hard to become an excellent route-runner.

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2011: Led team with 71 receptions for 1,096 yards and 11 touchdowns, good for fourth in ASU history in each category ... ranked 10th nationally in receiving yards, 14th in receptions and tied for sixth in touchdown receptions ... tied a school record with seven 100-yard receiving games ... started all 12 games ... named first-team all-America by the American Football Coaches Association, College Sporting News and Phil Steele Publications ... received second-team all-America recognition from the Associated Press and The Sports Network ... placed 15th in voting for the Walter Payton Award (NCAA Division I FCS player of the year) ... received FCS Elite Wide Receiver Award from College Football Performance Awards ... voted first-team all-Southern Conference

by the league's coaches and media ... opened the season with an impressive three catch, 110-yard performance at Sugar Bowl participant Virginia Tech, including a 59- yard touchdown ... set a career-high (which would be matched later in the season) with 11 receptions in home opener versus North Carolina A&T ... Quick's 11 catches vs. N.C. A&T (the most by a Mountaineer in seven years) went for 113 yards and two scores ... caught five passes for 81 yards and a touchdown in limited action during a blowout win over Savannah State ... after managing just 80 yards on seven catches versus Chattanooga and Wofford, exploded for three-straight 100-yard efforts in wins over The Citadel, Samford and top-ranked Georgia Southern ... totaled 350 yards and five touchdowns on 16 catches during the impressive three-game stretch ... capped the run

with four receptions for 119 yards and two scores, including an acrobatic catch in the back of the end zone for what proved to be the winning points with 9:24 to go in the Mountaineers' 24-17 over No. 1 Georgia Southern ... closed the regular season with back-to-back 100-yard games versus Western Carolina (seven rec., 111 yds., 1 TD) and Elon (11 rec., 150 yds., 2 rec.) ... the 11 receptions in the regular-season finale at Elon matched a career high while the 150 yards were a season high and helped ASU rally from a 21-0 deficit for a 28-21 win ... caught seven passes but managed just 41 yards in season-ending loss to Maine in the second round of the NCAA Division I Football Championship.

2010: Earned first-team all-America honors from College Sporting News and second team accolades from Phil Steele Publications ... voted second-team all-Southern Conference by the league's coaches and media ... led ASU with 47 receptions, 844 receiving yards, nine touchdown catches and 18.0-yards-per-catch average ... ranked second in the SoCon in touchdown receptions and fourth in total receiving yards ... tied for 29th nationally in total receiving yardage ... played in all 13 games, making 11 starts as ASU's Y receiver ... had at least four receptions in 9-of-13 games ... tallied 15 gains of 20-plus yards ... opened season with back-to-back 100-yard outputs, the fifth and sixth of his

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career ... caught five passes for 121 yards in season-opening 42-41 come-from-behind victory at Chattanooga ... turned in best performance of the season in home-opener versus Jacksonville, catching six passes for 132 yards and three touchdowns, en route to being named National Wide Receiver of the Week by College Football Performance Awards and SoCon Offensive Player of the Week ... was held without a catch for the only time all season versus North Carolina Central ... caught just one pass for 22 yards at Samford ... broke out of the mini-slump with four catches for 65 yards in 34-31 win over nationally ranked Elon ... hauled in two of DeAndre Presley's school-record-tying five touchdown passes and caught three passes in all for 99 yards in victory over The Citadel ... had exactly four receptions in each of the next three games versus Western Carolina (48 yards), Furman (46 yards) and Georgia Southern (79 yards) ... continued mastery of Wofford by catching five passes for 73 yards and two touchdowns in SoCon-title-clinching 43-13 rout over the fourth-ranked Terriers ... performance upped Quick's career totals in three games versus Wofford to 17 receptions for 426 yards and seven touchdowns ... matched a game-high with six receptions for 56 yards in regular-season finale at Florida ... scored a touchdown in both of ASU's postseason contests ... made a diving catch for a 35-yard touchdown in the Mountaineers postseason-opening snow-blown victory over Western Illinois ... was the target of four of Presley's ASU postseason-record 31 completions in season-ending loss to Villanova.

2009: Was the starter at the 'Y' receiver position the entire season ... caught 61 passes (second on team) for a team-best 982 yards, one more than teammate Matt Cline and good for second in the SoCon and 13th nationally ... 982 receiving yards were the fifthmost in ASU single-season history and 61 receptions rank sixth on school's all-time single-season list ... 16.1 yards-per-catch average was tops on the team among receivers with at least 15 receptions (two yards better than the next-highest average — 14.1 by TE Ben Jordan) ... had eight receptions that went for 30 yards or more ... caught at least one pass in all 14 games ... surpassed the 100-yard plateau three times ... got off to a relatively slow start with eight receptions for 131 yards over the first three games but exploded for four catches for 117 yards and a pivotal 74-yard touchdown in overtime win at The Citadel ... the career-long 74-yard score knotted the game at 27-27 with 4:28 to play in regulation ... in addition to the sterling afternoon catching the football, he blocked a 53-yard field-goal attempt by The Citadel's Sam Keeler on the final play of regulation to send the contest to overtime (Keeler had booted 50- and 45-yard field goals earlier in the game) ... two weeks later, he continued his dominance of SoCon-rival Wofford by hauling in eight passes for a career-high 181 yards and two touchdowns to help lead ASU to a come-from-behind victory at Wofford ... the eight-catch, 181-yard performance upped his career totals in two games against Wofford to 12 receptions for 353 yards and five touchdowns ... followed up the career day versus Wofford with 74 yards

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(five receptions) against Georgia Southern and 70 at Furman (four rec.) ... just missed out on another 100-yard day when he caught six passes for 99 yards in SoCon title-clinching win at Elon ... caught six passes for 92 yards, including an acrobatic, tight-rope touchdown reception in the back of the end

zone in opening-round playoff win over South Carolina State ... erupted for a career high 10 receptions for 135 yards the cold and snow at Montana in the national semifinals ... went through the gamut of emotions on the Mountaineers' final possession ... caught a 10-yard pass on fourth-and-10 with less than 20 seconds remaining to keep the Apps' drive alive but three plays later, the would-be tying touchdown slipped through his fingers at the goal line as time expired ... the 10 catches and 135 receiving yards vs. Montana are both the second-highest totals in ASU postseason history ... became only the second ASU receiver with double-digit receptions in a game since DaVon Folkes' school-record 17 catches versus Elon in 2004 (Matt Cline had 10 receptions vs. Georgia Southern earlier in the 2009 campaign).

2008: Rebounded from a slow start to become one of the nation's top receivers over the final month-and-a-half of the season ... had just two receptions for 20 yards through six games ... jump-started his second-half resurgence by going high over a Georgia Southern defender in the corner of the end zone to haul in a 14-yard touchdown pass in ASU's one-point triumph ... had another acrobatic, leaping catch (see photo on p. 75) among his two receptions for 61 yards in a 26-14 win over Furman ... enjoyed a breakthrough performance in front of a national audience when he caught four passes for 172 yards, including touchdowns from 58, 50 and 31 yards out in a 70-24 demolition of third-ranked Wofford on ESPN2 ... named SoCon Freshman of the Week following outburst against Wofford ... tallied three receptions for 40 yards, including a 22-yard

touchdown in the SoCon-title-clinching 24-16 triumph over Elon ... averaged 5.5 receptions for 94.5 yards in first two postseason games of his career ... scored twice in opening-round win over South Carolina State ... led team with 21.6 yards per reception (min. 10) ... set an ASU freshman-record with seven touchdown receptions ... set a school-record for single-game receiving average with 43 yards per catch in the wild win over Wofford ... finished season with 23 catches for 496 yards ... named to Southern Conference's all-freshman team.

2007: Did not register a catch in two games before sitting out the rest of the season with a back

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injury ... was an integral part of season-opening victory at Michigan without recording any receiving statistics ... after dropping what would have been a third-quarter touchdown pass, elevated high above the U-M offensive front to block a field goal late in the fourth quarter, which set up ASU's game-winning drive ... injured his back in the following week's win over Lenoir-Rhyne and did not see game action the rest of the season ... received a medical redshirt.

High School: Recognized as a basketball standout throughout his prep career and played just one season of high school football ... made most of first year of organized football since Little League with 885 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior ... participated in the prestigious Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas ... an all-state, all-region and all-area gridiron selection ... named team's offensive MVP ... coached by Raymond Jennings.

Personal: Full name is Brian Rumeal Quick... born June 5, 1989 (22 years old)... son of Shirley Quick ... majoring in health promotion.

Individual Career History

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RECEIVING g rec yards td long rec/g avg/c avg/g

2007	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2008	13	23	496	7	58	1.8	21.6	38.2
2009	14	61	982	4	74	4.4	16.1	70.1
2010	13	47	844	9	65	3.6	18.0	64.9
2011	12	71	1096	11	69	5.9	15.4	91.3
TOTAL	54	202	3418	31	74	3.7	16.9	63.3

SCORING g td rush rcv ret pat 2pat fg total avg/g

2007	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2008	13	7	0	7	0	0	0	42	3.2
2009	14	4	0	4	0	0	0	24	1.7
2010	13	9	0	9	0	0	0	54	4.2
2011	12	11	0	11	0	0	0	66	5.5
TOTAL	54	31	0	31	0	0	0	186	3.4

KICK RETURNS g no. yards td long avg/r avg/g

2007	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	
2008	13	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	
2009	14	2	7	0	7	3.5	0.5
2010	13	2	1	0	1	0.5	0.1
2011	12	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL	54	4	8	0	7	2.0	0.1

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ALL PURPOSE g rush rcv pr kr ir total avg/g

2007	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2008	13	0	496	0	0	0	0	496	38.2
2009	14	0	982	0	7	0	0	989	70.6
2010	13	0	844	0	1	0	0	845	65.0
2011	12	0	1096	0	0	0	0	1096	91.3
TOTAL	54	0	3418	0	8	0	0	3426	63.4

TACKLES g ua a total tfl pd ff fr blk

2007	2	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	1
2008	13	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	14	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	1
2010	13	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	12	2	1	3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	54	5	1	6	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	2

Photo Courtesy: Brian Quick, ASU Athletics