

Former Mountaineers In NFL Spotlight

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Five former Appalachian State University players suited up for their respective National Football League teams, and played in exhibition games Thursday night. It was an ASU reunion in San Diego, CA., as D.J. Smith of the Green

Bay Packers, Corey Lynch and DeAndre Presley of the San Diego Chargers hooked up in a pre-season tilt at Qualcomm Stadium. Smith was pressed into action when starting inside linebacker Desmond Bishop went down with an injury early in the game. The Chargers won the game, 21-13, but Smith had four stops, including three solo tackles for the Packers; Lynch had four solo stops for the Chargers. Presley had two tackles, he returned a kick-off for 19 yards and he returned three punts for a 5.7 average. The game also had an historical footnote as Shannon Eastin became the first woman to officiate an NFL game. Travaris Cadet, who had a solid debut with the New Orleans Saints in last Sunday's Hall of Fame Game in Canton, OH., turned in a steady performance in a 7-6 loss to New England. Cadet, who caught eight passes for 80 yards and a touchdown in New Orleans' pre-season opener, caught six passes for 29 yards and ran nine times for 26 yards Thursday night. Jason Hunter played for the Denver Broncos as they crushed the Chicago Bears 31-3 in their pre-season opener at Soldier Field in Chicago. The big story there concerned quarterback Peyton Manning, who played in his first game since his Pro-Bowl appearance in January of 2011. Manning was 4-7 for 44 yards with an interception.

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