

Smith Named Starter; Quick Makes Pro Debut

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Two more former Appalachian State Mountaineers were in the spotlight Sunday afternoon. D.J. Smith, an All-America linebacker during his playing days at Appalachian State University, has been named a starter by head coach Mike McCarthy of the Green Bay Packers. Smith cracked the starting lineup when incumbent starter Desmond Bishop

went down with a hamstring injury in Green Bay's preseason opener against the San Diego Chargers. Bishop will need to have surgery. Smith made four stops in that game. The Packers have also signed running back Cedric Benson.

And wide receiver Brian Quick, who is the highest draft choice in school history (the 33rd pick overall in the National Football League Draft in April), played his first game for his new team, the St. Louis Rams, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis against the Colts. Quick caught one pass for nine yards in a 38-3 loss. Andrew Luck of Stanford, the No.1 pick in the NFL Draft, took 24 snaps and was 10-16 for 188 yards and two touchdown passes.

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