

UPDATED: McCray Selected By Jaguars In Seventh Round

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All-American defensive back Demetrius McCray of Appalachian State University was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the seventh round of National Football League Draft. He was the 210th player selected in the draft. McCray is also the second Mountaineer to be selected in Saturday's draft. Punter/kicker Sam Martin was taken in the fifth round (165th pick) by the Detroit Lions. McCray was a returning starter at right cornerback for the Mountaineers last fall. In his first season as a full-time starter 2011, McCray led the Southern Conference with five interceptions and tied for 12th nationally with 14 total passes defended.

In addition to ability to defend the pass, McCray was also one of the team's best tacklers and run-stoppers, ranking fifth on the squad with 48 tackles from his cornerback position a year ago. He earned fourth-team all-America recognition from Phil Steele Publications, and he was named first-team all-Southern Conference by the league's coaches and media during his junior year.

McCray made 55 stops for an ASU team that was 8-4 last season. He picked off four passes, broke up four passes, defended eight passes and he forced a fumble. He was the 26th cornerback selected in the draft, and the second in the seventh round - both by the Jaguars. McCray was the third cornerback selected overall by Jacksonville, following New Mexico State's Jeremy Harris two picks earlier and Connecticut's Dwayne Gratz in the third round.

According to ESPN.Com, has above-average size and flashed at the NFLPA all-star game. He has good length and quick feet, but he has some tightness and lacks an extra gear to recover when caught out of position. McCray will step up in run support, and his best fit appears to be as a press corner.

McCray played in the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl in January. He intercepted a pass and returned it 38 yards, he broke up a pass, he forced a fumble. He made five solo tackles as his team, the National squad, posted a 34-0 victory against the American squad. Following that effort, McCray was invited to the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis, IN., in February.

ASU teammate, Sam Martin, was taken by the Lions earlier in the day in the fifth round. Martin was named a first-team All-American last season, averaging 45.9 yards per attempt (41.5 yards net) and having 25 of his 60 punts downed inside the 20-yard line. 14 of his punts (23 percent) were 50 yards or longer. A multi-dimensional option, Martin attempted 10 field goals as a senior. He also served as the Mountaineers kickoff specialist, averaging 63.1 yards and netting touchbacks on 45 of his 71 attempts. The Lions hosted Martin for one of the team's 30 pre-draft visits earlier in April. Detroit has finished in the bottom 10 in net punting the past four seasons, coming in dead last in 2012. The last punter drafted by the Lions was Mike Saxton in the 11th round in 1984. Linebacker Jeremy Kimbrough and running back Steven Miller of the Mountaineers were not selected in Saturday's final four rounds. Defensive tackle Nick Williams of Samford was taken in the seventh round (223rd pick) by the Pittsburgh Steelers; wide receiver Aaron Mellette of Elon was taken by the Baltimore Ravens (238th pick) in the seventh round. Safety J.J. Wilcox of Georgia Southern was taken by the Dallas Cowboys (80th pick) in

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the third round. Eric Breitenstein of Wofford College also went undrafted on Saturday. Breitenstein, who finished third in the Walter Payton Award (which goes to the best offensive player in the nation at the FCS level) voting last December, is Wofford's all-time leading rusher. He ran for 2,035 yards last fall---a school record. The Valle Crucis, N.C., native was an two-time All-State player at Watauga High. He played in the 2007 Shrine Bowl, and he was a two-time Offensive Player of the Year in the Southern Conference. Breitenstein does have a tryout scheduled with the Carolina Panthers on Thursday, May 9.

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