

## Former Mountaineers in the NFL: Preseason Week 1

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Fifteen former Appalachian State University football players are currently on National Football League rosters, which is as many or more than:

- 10 BCS/Power 5 conference programs (Colorado, Duke, Indiana, Iowa State, Kansas, Minnesota, Northwestern, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest and Washington State);

- 58 of 125 NCAA Division I FBS programs;
- every Sun Belt Conference program;
- all non-FBS programs.

Of the 15 Mountaineers in the NFL, 14 were in action this past weekend for the first full set of NFL preseason games. Below is a recap of how each former Mountaineer fared.

- RB Travaris Cadet (New Orleans Saints) had 60 all-purpose yards (40 rushing, 20 receiving) in the Saints' 17-13 win over Kansas City. Cadet was the Saints' leading rusher in the first half with 33 yards on seven carries (4.7 avg.).
- WR Armanti Edwards (Carolina Panthers) caught two passes for 38 yards in the Panthers' 24-17 win over Chicago. Both of Edwards' receptions came in the first half, as he worked almost exclusively with Carolina's first-team offense and was the team's leading receiver at halftime.
- Just two days after joining the squad, DE Jabari Fletcher (Dallas Cowboys) made a solo tackle in the Cowboys' 19-17 loss at Oakland.
- Jason Hunter (Oakland Raiders) started at defensive end but did not record any statistics in the Raiders' 19-17 win over Dallas.
- Daniel Kilgore (San Francisco 49ers) started at center for the 49ers in their 10-6 loss to Denver. According to Pro Football Focus, Kilgore led the Niners with a +1.0 grade over 38 snaps and did not allow a quarterback hurry in 22 pass plays.
- LB Jeremy Kimbrough (Washington Redskins) tied for fourth on the team with three tackles (two solo) in the Redskins' 22-21 win at Tennessee. Unfortunately, late in the ballgame, Kimbrough sustained a torn labrum that will require season-ending surgery.
- Just four days after joining the squad, DB Mark LeGree (Buffalo Bills) did not record any statistics in the Bills' 44-20 win at Indianapolis.
- P Sam Martin (Detroit Lions) averaged 43.7 yards over three punts in the Lions' 26-17 win over the New York Jets. Martin's first punt traveled 54 yards and pinned the Jets on their own 10 yard line. Martin also kicked off four times, three of which were downed for touchbacks.
- CB Demetrius McCray (Jacksonville Jaguars) had one solo tackle in the Jaguars' 27-3 loss to the Miami Dolphins.
- RB Steve Miller (Detroit Lions) had four touches in the Lions' 26-17 win over the Jets, rushing three times for three yards and returning one punt for two yards.
- CB/KR/PR DeAndre Presley (Miami Dolphins) has all three of the Dolphins' kickoff returns through two games, a 24-20 loss to Dallas on Aug. 4 and a 27-3 win over Jacksonville on Aug. 9. Presley also leads Miami with 19 punt-return yards and has recorded a tackle and a pass break-up on defense.
- WR Brian Quick (St. Louis Rams) made two difficult receptions for 27 yards in the Rams' 27-19 loss at Cleveland.
- DB Troy Sanders (Atlanta Falcons) played but did not record any official statistics in the Falcons' nationally televised 34-10 loss to Cincinnati.
- In his first action since sustaining a season-ending knee injury as a member of the Green Bay Packers last fall, LB D.J. Smith (San Diego Chargers) made five tackles (good for second on

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the squad) in the Chargers' 31-10 loss to Seattle.

On Sunday, defensive back Corey Lynch became the 15th former Mountaineer on an NFL roster when he signed with the Tennessee Titans. A five-year NFL veteran, Lynch has previously played for the Cincinnati Bengals, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and San Diego Chargers.

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