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(Col.)-Broncos select four on final day of draft



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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — The Denver Broncos have addressed their need for a pass-rusher by selecting defensive end Quanterus Smith from Western Kentucky in the fifth round of the draft.

Smith was the 2012 Sun Belt Player of the Year after finishing his college career with two dozen sacks.

Denver came into the weekend still needing a pass-rusher following the free agency departure of Elvis Dumervil to the Baltimore Ravens, a move that followed a fax fiasco last month in which the Broncos had to cut him rather than have his \$12 million 2013 salary guaranteed.

The team then boosted their deep receiving corps by picking Tavarres King out of the University of Georgia in the fifth round.

King had 136 receptions for 2,602 yards and 21 touchdowns in his college career.

In the sixth round, Denver selected Virginia Tech offensive tackle Winston Painter.

Painter is more comfortable at left tackle but could back up both Ryan Clady on the left side and Orlando Franklin on the right side. He can also play guard at 6-foot-6 and 309 pounds.

Painter started 13 games last season, when he was a fifth-year senior. As a freshman, he worked at defensive tackle before moving back to offense.

The Broncos have four starters along the offensive line who are coming off surgeries that will limit their offseason field work.

The team finished the day by selecting quarterback Zac Dysert of Miami (Ohio) in the seventh round.

The Broncos needed an third quarterback behind Peyton Manning and his heir-in-waiting Brock Osweiler, a second-round selection in last year's draft. Last year's No. 3 QB, Caleb Hanie, was never active on game day and was cut after the season. He signed with Baltimore this month.

Dysert (6-foot-3 and 231 pounds) had a solid showing in the Senior Bowl. He said a hamstring injury he sustained in February is healed.

Dysert said he was ecstatic at the opportunity to learn under Manning, saying "I wouldn't rather be in any other place."