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MOBILE, AL – Thursday marked the final day practice ahead of the 76th Reese's Senior Bowl this Saturday.

Several players that impressed over the course of the first two days decided to opt out, leaving more opportunities for other players to shine on a gloomy Alabama day. One player in particular caught the eye of the Patriots.

Just like the rest of the week, most of the storylines lied within the National roster during the first practice. Players went back to their normal positions, allowing them to maximize their abilities, after Tuesday's practice in which many switched up where they were taking reps.

Among those that opted out of the rest of the week was Boston College edge rusher Donovan Ezeiruaku. He clocked in the fastest speed out of defensive linemen on Wednesday at 17.39 miles per hour, according to Zebra Sports. Following his tremendous performance in drills, Ezeiruaku made a strong case to be taken in the first round. At just 6'2," he proved that his combination of speed, power and agility were more than enough to make up for his less-than-ideal size.

Other opt-outs included Marshall edge rusher Mike Green, Texas A&M edge rusher Shemar Stewart, Kentucky defensive tackle Deone Walker, defensive lineman TJ Sanders and edge rusher Kyle Kennard from South Carolina and Tennessee wide receiver Bru McCoy.

Joining Ezeiruaku, Green and Stewart put some major highlights together and it came as no surprise to see them tap out of the Senior Bowl while their draft stock was on the rise. The rest of the players put together some good weeks, but could have benefited from sticking around through the rest of the week.

Many players caught the eyes of the crowd Thursday, particularly the National team wide receivers. Iowa State teammates Jayden Higgins and Jaylin Noel. Both continued to distinguish themselves from the rest of the pack. Tez Johnson

also outworked several different defensive backs and caught the eye of Patriots Director of Player Personnel Matt Groh. He was spotted talking to a member of Oregon's staff immediately following his redzone seven-on-seven performance.

For the opposing American team, there was only one wide receiver that really stood out. Texas Christian University wide receiver Jack Bech. Bech made plays left and right for his team. Georgia Tech tight end Jackson Hawes finally had a string of catches, proving that he can be a threat through the air, along with his blocking abilities.

As far as the big boys up front, American roster members North Carolina State left tackle Anthony Belton and Minnesota left tackle Aireontae Ersery continue to amaze. Both players exhibit the prototypical build of a blindside blocker with great quickness for their size. On the interior, North Dakota State's Grey Zabel and University of Southern California's Jonah Monheim held down the fort and seem to have a floor as reliable starters at the next level.

On the local front, Boston College offensive lineman Ozzy Trapilo had another solid day. At this point, his position versatility is the most intriguing part to his game. He appears to be on pace for a solid late day two, early day three draft selection.

National linemen Willie Lampkin out of University of North Carolina and Jonah Savaiinaea from University of Arizona showed flashes of great play as well. Lampkin may be the most interesting player at the Senior Bowl. He measured in at 5'10" and 270 lbs., but uses his size to his advantage. Lampkin arguably has the highest motor out of all linemen in Mobile this week and does a great job with his hands to get under opponents' pads with his low center of gravity. Louisiana State University tackle Emery Jones is also a compelling prospect at just 20 years old. Standing at a tick under 6'5" and weighing in at 312 lbs., Jones is about as raw of a prospect you will find in the draft.

The Senior Bowl will be nationally televised on NFL Network at 2:30 on Saturday.