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Mark's BFF is back in the fold

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Rookie **WR Scotty McKnight**, a seventh-round draft pick waived on the final roster cutdown, was re-signed Tuesday to the practice squad. The Jets also re-signed rookie **LB Matthias Berning**, putting him on the practice squad.

McKnight is a childhood friend of **QB Mark Sanchez**, leading to speculation their relationship was the only reason why the Jets drafted him. McKnight was Colorado's all-time leading receiver. He's also getting a lot of play on the gossip pages as the boyfriend of **Hayden Panettiere**, who showed up one day for training camp. Are they still an item? Beats me, I'm not up on the celebrity scene.

McKnight was the only Jets draft pick that was released. Now all six are under contract -- **DE Mo Wilkerson**, **NT Kenrick Ellis**, **RB Bilal Powell**, **WR/PR Jeremy Kerley**, **QB Greg McElroy** (injured reserve) and McKnight.



Jets add WR Scotty McKnight, LB Matthias Berning to practice squad

touchdown.

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Mark Sanchez's childhood friend, receiver Scotty McKnight, is back with the Jets as a member of their practice squad.

Both McKnight and LB Matthias Berning were signed today to fill two of the team's three vacant practice squad spots, the Jets announced.

McKnight, a seventh-round pick, was waived by the Jets as they pared their roster to 53 players. The rookie out of Colorado made one catch in the preseason, for a 14-yard touchdown.

Berning, an undrafted free agent out of Central Michigan, also spent camp with the Jets and was on their practice squad for Week 1, before being cut last week.

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