

Mountain Man

Nic Cardwell's cheeks flushed with embarrassment.

It was 2002, and Cardwell, then a senior at Robert B. Glenn (N.C.) High School, and his father were on a football recruiting trip to nearby Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. After a short wait in the lobby of the on-campus inn, a team representative — an “old guy,” as Nic remembers — greeted the Cardwells and sat down to chat with them.

Thirty minutes passed, and Cardwell's mind drifted. Finally, the older gentleman got up and said, “OK, let's go eat.” Cardwell quickly snapped to attention. Perplexed, he blurted, “Wait a second! I haven't met the head coach yet.”

Jerry Moore, ASU's longtime head coach, smiled. “You just did.”



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