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Two of Utah football's top defensive playmakers, Karene Reid and Junior Tafuna, are making the most of their opportunity at the Reese's Senior Bowl, a premier showcase for NFL Draft prospects.

Both players are part of the National team, which will face the American team on Saturday in a game that has historically produced a high number of drafted players. This event presents a prime chance for Reid and Tafuna

Tafuna has been a cornerstone of Utah's defense since his Freshman of the Year campaign, earning All-Conference honors in each of his four seasons. Over 48 games (45 starts), he compiled 108 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, and 9 pass deflections, showcasing his ability to disrupt offenses. His performance at the Senior Bowl is particularly crucial, as he will be tested against top offensive line prospects—an opportunity to prove he belongs among the best. Scouts will be watching to see how his strength, footwork, and motor translate in drills and game action. Reid, a two-time All-Pac-12 selection, has been a defensive leader for the Utes, playing in 43 games and accumulating 238 tackles, 19.5 tackles for loss, 9 sacks, and 3 interceptions. Though injuries affected his final season, he remained a playmaker with a knack for creating turnovers. The Senior Bowl allows him to reaffirm his status as a high-impact linebacker, demonstrating his instincts and versatility in coverage and run

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