

**OFF-SEASON FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER**  
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**OFL CALENDAR OF EVENTS • ACTUAL EMAIL DUE DATES**

FRI-MAR 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cut-down to 53 players due to Jason & Karl
TUE-MAR 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-season Claim Period opens 7 PM CDT
FRI-MAR 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-season Claim Period & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trade Period close 7 PM CDT
SUN-MAR 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Final 53 man rosters/cuts due to Jason & Karl
SUN-MAR 29 <sup>th</sup>	Emergency Gameplans due to Karl. (DON'T waste time preparing one until AFTER Karl has distributed the League File sometime after Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> .)
SUN-APR 5 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter No 3 shall be published
MON-APR 6 <sup>th</sup>	OFL kicks off its 28 <sup>th</sup> season! 2009 Weekly Schedule on last page inside

**Supplemental Draft Results Inside**

These are as previously announced via email

**Initial Roster Cut-Down to 53 Players (Maximum) Due Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to**  
Jason Findlay [jasonf@vectorsgroup.com](mailto:jasonf@vectorsgroup.com) and Karl Haase [karl@surewest.net](mailto:karl@surewest.net)

For teams currently with 53 players (or less) you do nothing at this time. The March 6<sup>th</sup> cut-down date does not affect you.

For teams with MORE than 53 players you must submit sufficient cuts to get down to 53 players by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

March 6<sup>th</sup> you're not finalizing rosters, not assigning contracts, not declaring Superstars, nor need to meet Minimum Roster Staffing, or anything of that sort. All you're doing by March 6<sup>th</sup> is sending a quickie email list of the players (complete name & position please!) you are cutting to get down to 53.

The simpler the better, to permit Karl & Jason the weekend to verify all teams in fact are at 53 (or fewer) players, so that an updated League Disk can be sent out in ample time to allow Claims to commence on March 10<sup>th</sup>. If need be we'll push that start back a few days.

After March 6<sup>th</sup> teams are limited to maximum 53 players. Trading continues thru March 20<sup>th</sup>. If a trade or Pre-Season claim requires, you must announce the accompanying cut at the same time. (Similar to how we do it in-season).

If any of your 53 keepers, or any of your cuts, do not appear on the disk (missed entire 2007 NFL season) March 6<sup>th</sup> is the time to inform Jason & Karl of such. Players not on the disk may be carried on your roster and they do count towards your 53-player maximum.

**Pre-Season Claim Period Opens Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM CDT**

Claims awarded on 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis

Teams NOT permitted to claim a player they cut – Identical to 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Claims' restriction

All cuts & claims during this period must be sent league wide via the

[OFLpost@yahoo.com](mailto:OFLpost@yahoo.com)

See page 4 inside for complete details on this new Pre-Season Claim Period

## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER..... By Matt Farmer

**1<sup>st</sup> & 10:** Well, it is hard to believe but this is the last "Corner" before the start of the OFL season. It looks as if a number of exciting races will be in place this year. Will this be Winnipeg's year? Will SF, who picked up a ton of good players in trades, be able to win it all with Brady's "monster card?" Will this be the year that the Rat Pack finally wins another championship? Time will only tell. Since I will pretty much be a spectator to the races this year, I cannot wait to watch!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Down:** It is that time of year again to select the OFL Coach of the Year. This season was especially tough since I believe everyone in this league brings a ton to the table. In my humble opinion, you cannot find any other fantasy league around that has such a great group. I applaud everyone.

**Time Out:** For this year, I could not decide on just one coach for the award. I have therefore selected two coaches to receive the honor with both receiving the Coach of the Year bonus. (On a side, I think this is not a first of having two coaches share the award). While again many were deserving of the award, I narrowed the field down to these two and find both equally deserving of the award.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Down:** The first coach is Bobby Elder. In many respects, this is akin to the Academy Award "Life Time Achievement Award" in regards to Bobby. Bobby selfishly served the league for many years as the Commissioner. Along the way, he made many tough decisions over the years. However, he was more than fair during his tenure. As I have said before, Bobby is one of our former commissioners whom I try to model my leadership after. In addition to the foregoing, Bobby has put together one heck of a team that has appeared in the last two Super Bowls (unfortunately, the Slaughter faced off against that once tough Fresno team ☺). He also willingly jumps in as a sub coach and really is the model of fairness and integrity. Congratulations Bobby, you are the first of our two Coach of the Year winners. Well deserved!

**4<sup>th</sup> Down:** The second winner this year is Mike Jaime. I know that I have personally disagreed with Mike on many issues over the years and I will be the first to admit that some of his comments have even rubbed me wrong at times (not any more since I have softened with old age ☺). However, through all of that, and especially during my time as Commissioner, I have come to realize just how important Mike is to the league. He really is the heart, soul and backbone of the league. He puts out a kick ass newsletter like clockwork, knows the Constitution better than Rain Man (which begs the question, does Mike also buy his underwear at K-Mart???), and keeps league activities moving throughout the year. Let me also go on record as saying I greatly enjoy his "pimping" activities around trade time; there is not a harder working "pimp" in the OFL; when it comes down to it, those are the things that make the league fun. So please Mike, keep "pimpin'" and I know "pimpin'" ain't easy! Seriously, this league would not be functioning without Mike. He is the second well deserved winner of the Coach of the Year award. Congratulations again to Bobby and Mike!

**TV Timeout:** I hope all of you enjoy the upcoming OFL season. I look forward to another well played season without any issues. Let us again remember to keep this fun and realize this is not a job but a hobby. Enjoy the season!

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## COACHES CORNER

Scottsdale Rancheros have selected University of Phoenix Stadium as their home field. Former Denver franchise is now the Buffalo Bisons, with Rich Stadium as their home field. Prairie's Jason Findlay has a new email address: [jasonf@vectorgroup.com](mailto:jasonf@vectorgroup.com)

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## COACH OF THE YEAR WINNERS 1985 – 2008

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- 1985 Larry Biernbaum - Columbine Rams
- 1986 John Sedeyn - Meadowland Pioneers
- 1987 Mike Jaime - Long Island Raiders
- 1988 Eugene Segreti - Pittsburgh Assassins
- 1989 Mike Jaime - Long Island Raiders
- 1990 Larry Biernbaum - Columbine Rams
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### THE LARRY BIERNBAUM AWARD - COACH OF THE YEAR

- 1992 John Buffolano - Clifton Patriots
- 1993 Colin Swanston - Malvern Monarchs  
Doug Zuchowski - Washington Redskins
- 1994 John Borell - Denver Destroyers
- 1995 Pete Katsafanas - Kutztown Belchers
- 1996 Mike Jaime - Long Island Raiders
- 1997 John Anderson - Alvin Express
- 1998 John Anderson - Alvin Express
- 1999 Bobby Elder - Baltimore Slaughter
- 2000 Colin Swanston - Malvern Monarchs
- 2001 Karl Haase - Sacramento Wolverines
- 2002 Eugene Segreti - Pittsburgh Assassins
- 2003 Mike Jaime - Long Island Raiders
- 2004 Terry Georgeopoulos - Burnaby Axeswingers
- 2005 Colin Swanston - Malvern Monarchs
- 2006 Karl Haase – Sacramento Scorpions
- 2007 Karl Haase – Sacramento Scorpions
- 2008 Bobby Elder – Baltimore Slaughter  
Mike Jaime – Las Vegas RatPack

NOTES: Coach of the Year Award was first established by the league in 1985.

Following the tragic & pre-mature passing of 3-time winner, Larry Biernbaum, the award was renamed to honor his memory. Larry Biernbaum was the consummate Coach & League member, who worked long and hard to improve the OFL. His dedication to the OFL epitomized the true spirit of membership in what is truly "The World's Premier Football League".

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**10-Day Pre-Season Claim Period**  
**Opens Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM CDT**  
**Closes Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM CDT**

Pool of available Claims are all the free agents on the Official League Disk prepared by Karl that are not on an OFL Roster. (Karl will try to have this out by Sunday, but if he requires additional time we'll simply delay the start of the Claim Period.)

These claims shall be awarded on a 1<sup>st</sup> come – 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. Its imperative you place your claims (and cuts where required) in the same [OFLpost@yahoo.com](mailto:OFLpost@yahoo.com) announcement.

Thereafter, the 1st opportunity to place claims on any newly announced cut shall be a full 24 hours AFTER their release has been posted on [OFLpost@yahoo.com](mailto:OFLpost@yahoo.com).

This 24-hour window provides reasonable notice to all clubs of a cut player's availability to be claimed. Claims posted prior to the full 24 hours shall be voided.

Teams may not exceed 53 players from here on out so if required by trade or your intended claim, include the appropriate cut at the same time. (Identical to the in-season process.)

Pre-Season Claims may be signed to any standard OFL contract (1-5 years) with teams enjoying full 1<sup>st</sup> refusal rights when that contract expires. You DON'T announce, nor assign the contract at the time of the claim. You'll do this when you submit your final 53-man roster on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Pre-Season Claims subsequently cut on or before March 20<sup>th</sup> closing deadline shall carry the standard minimum 1 yr/\$50K cut cost consistent with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Cut Claims (to retain uniformity in our rules), and help discourage needless churning of players.

Teams are not permitted to place a Pre-Season claim on a player they cut during this entire process. So don't cut anyone on March 6th that you think you may still want on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Patience, Punctuality & Good Judgment will help ease this New Claim Period into the OFL

While the cut/claim process has been in use for a few seasons in the OFL, this is the first year we're engaging in this final Pre-Season Period. Patience in allowing Karl & Jason to do the required grunt work. Punctuality on every Coaches' part to make Karl & Jason's tasks easier.

Use Good Judgment in making your cuts & claim decisions to put the final touches on your 53-man roster to start Week 1 of the season, insuring your franchise is:

- Solvent
- In compliance with all Minimum Roster Staffing requirements
- Has adequate depth, durability, special teamers & skill position attempts you were unable to fill until now

Avoid the temptation to churn thru needless cuts/claims on the latest ESPN rumor that add nothing to your team and only drain your treasury at \$50K/pop.

**MONEY MATTERS..... THIS MONTH**  
Report errors in Money Matters ASAP to Mike Jaime

<b>OFL FRANCHISE</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Article</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Article</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Art/Photo</b>	<b>Traded Money</b>	<b>Signing Bonus</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total XXVIII- 2</b>
Antelope					- 100		- 100
Baltimore	+ 1000			- 1250		+ 1000	+ 750
Buffalo							
California	JAN	JAN	+ 1000				+ 1000
Durham				+ 3250			+ 3250
Florida	JAN	JAN	JAN	- 50	- 600		- 650
Fresno	JAN	+ 1000	JAN				+ 1000
Kutztown				- 100			- 100
Las Vegas	JAN	+ 1000		- 550		+ 1000	+ 1450
Malvern	+ 1000		+ 1000	+ 350			+ 2350
Medicine					- 450		- 450
New Jersey							
New York							
Pittsburgh							
Prairie	+ 1000			- 350			+ 650
Round Rock							
Sacramento	+ 1000		JAN	+ 50			+ 1050
San Francisco				- 450			- 450
Scottsdale	+ 1000			- 1400	- 50		- 450
Winnipeg	JAN	+ 1000	+ 1000	+ 500			+ 2500

NOTES: Teams enjoy 10 months to submit their 2009 articles/photos to earn \$1 million each, for up to maximum of \$3 million total for the franchise. Article/Photo credits are earned January thru December. Month 2009 credits earned are shown above.

Current Superstar Salaries are immediately raised if dictated by new acquisitions. Player Contracts are very important factor in valuing trade proposals. Their impact on your current & future finances should weigh in all your trade decisions.

Baltimore & Las Vegas awarded \$1 million for 2008 C.O.Y.

BLT, FF, LV, PWF & SAC earned \$1 million (in lieu of writing an article), as League Officers who've completed 12 months of service and punctual completion of their responsibilities.

Review Financial Structure in Constitution for upcoming Bonus opportunities.

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**OFL TEAM TREASURY REPORTS - PREPARED BY BOBBY ELDER**

Please double-check your Team & Report all errors to Bobby (oflchief@aol.com)

Last Team Treasury Report accounted for all Money Matters through XXVII-12

**Antelope**

Last Report 13050  
XXVIII-1 1500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 14550

**Florida**

Last Report 15900  
XXVIII-1 4500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 20400

**Medicine Hat**

Last Report 18038  
XXVIII-1 1500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 19538

**Round Rock**

Last Report 53123  
XXVIII-1 2000  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 55123

**Baltimore**

Last Report 14924  
XXVIII-1 1500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 16424

**Fresno**

Last Report 13683  
XXVIII-1 3500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 17183

**New Jersey**

Last Report 15560  
XXVIII-1 1500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 17060

**Sacramento**

Last Report 19696  
XXVIII-1 2500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 22196

**Buffalo**

Last Report 25393  
XXVIII-1 1650  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 27043

**Kutztown**

Last Report 19570  
XXVIII-1 300  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 19870

**New York**

Last Report 23959  
XXVIII-1 1450  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 25409

**San Francisco**

Last Report 18414  
XXVIII-1 1450  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 19864

**California**

Last Report 14450  
XXVIII-1 3500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 17950

**Las Vegas**

Last Report 20200  
XXVIII-1 1900  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 22100

**Pittsburgh**

Last Report 20464  
XXVIII-1 2050  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 22514

**Scottsdale**

Last Report 19275  
XXVIII-1 1500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 20775

**Durham**

Last Report 21992  
XXVIII-1 1500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 23492

**Malvern**

Last Report 21310  
XXVIII-1 1000  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 22310

**Prairie**

Last Report 21264  
XXVIII-1 1500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 22764

**Winnipeg**

Last Report 17256  
XXVIII-1 2500  
XXVIII-2 0  
XXVII-3 0  
Total 19756

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**2010 OFL DRAFT BOARD (Alphabetical Order) – Thru Trade #62**

<b>OFL FRANCHISE</b>	<b># 1</b>	<b># 2</b>	<b># 3</b>	<b># 4</b>	<b># 5</b>	<b># 6</b>	<b># 7</b>	<b># 8</b>
Antelope Mud Fish			LV				LV	
Baltimore Slaughter								
Buffalo Bisons					MLV			
California Quakes								
Durham Thunder Lizards								
Florida Dragons						NY		
Fresno Fuel								
Kutztown Belchers								
Las Vegas RatPack	CAL							
Malvern Monarchs				BUF				
Medicine Mad Hatters	PWF	PWF	PWF	PWF				
New Jersey Patriots	DUR					SR		
New York Cobras			BUF	BUF				
Pittsburgh Assassins				FF				
Prairie Wildfire								
Round Rock Crusaders								
Sacramento Scorpions			NY				PWF	MLV
San Francisco Buccaneers	FF	WPG	RR	WPG	FF	FF	WPG	
Scottsdale Rancheros		LV						
Winnipeg Vigilantes	DUR	DUR	DUR				SR	

**\$STEAL\$ & DEAL\$.....**

2<sup>nd</sup> Trade Period closes March 20<sup>th</sup> 7 PM CDT

37. NEW YORK trades CB Leigh Bodden & DE Greg White to SACRAMENTO for their 3<sup>rd</sup> round draft pick.
38. NEW YORK trades DE-LB Robert Geathers to FLORIDA for their 6<sup>th</sup> round draft pick.
39. SCOTTSDALE trades S Reed Doughty to FLORIDA for \$50K.
40. SCOTTSDALE trades TE Reggie Kelly & \$50K to WINNIPEG for their 7<sup>th</sup> round pick.
  
41. SAN FRANCISCO trades WR Javon Walker, their 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> round draft picks to FRESNO for DT Kevin Williams.
42. DURHAM trades CB Champ Bailey & C Matt Birk to WINNIPEG for their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> round picks & CB Lito Sheppard.
43. WINNIPEG trades ILB London Fletcher, CB Champ Bailey, RB Ahman Green, OLB Marcus Washington, and RB Chris Perry to SAN FRANCISCO for their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, previously acquired Winnipeg's 6<sup>th</sup> round picks, ILB D'Qwell Jackson, C Todd McClure, S Nick Collins, ILB Eric Barton and \$450K.
44. WINNIPEG trades ILB D'Qwell Jackson and TE Jeremy Shockey to SACRAMENTO for ILB Ray Lewis.
45. ROUND ROCK trades S Gibril Wilson to SAN FRANCISCO for their 3<sup>rd</sup> round pick and OL Chris Myers.



### **Round Rock Crusaders**

Turk McBride DT	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Ikaika Alama-Francis DE	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Jesse Chatman RB	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Kolby Smith RB	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Dwayne Jarrett WR	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Andy Alleman G	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Michael Koenen P	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Quincy Black OLB	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Brandon Siler ILB	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Junior Seau LB	$1 \times 50 = 50$
Chris Davis RET	$1 \times 50 = 50$

### **Scottsdale Rancheros**

Rudy Niswanger OL	$4 \times 200 = 800$
Dusty Dvoracek DT	$3 \times 150 = 450$
James Hall DE	$2 \times 100 = 200$
Quinton Culberson ILB	$2 \times 100 = 200$
Aundrae Allison KR	$50 + 1 \times 50 = 100$
Michael Spurlock KR	$1 \times 50 = 50$

### **Antelope Mud Fish**

Tully Banta-Cain LB	$1 \times 100 = 100$
Tyrone Carter DB	$2 \times 200 = 400$
Miles Austin KR	$100 + 2 \times 200 = 500$
JR Reed KR	$2 \times 200 = 400$

### **New York Cobras – No bids**

### **Medicine Mad Hatters**

Nick Folk PK	$150 + 5 \times 250 = 1400$
Brian Robison DE	$100 + 4 \times 200 = 900$
Mike Flanagan C	$100 + 1 \times 50 = 150$
Chris Clemons DE	$100 + 1 \times 50 = 150$

### **Florida Dragons**

Russ Hochstein OL	$150 + 3 \times 150 = 600$
Antonio Smith DE	$5 \times 250 = 1250$
Alfonso Boone DT	$100 + 3 \times 150 = 550$
Isaac Sopoaga DT	$200 + 5 \times 250 = 1450$
Derek Smith ILB	$50 + 1 \times 50 = 100$
Dhani Jones OLB	$3 \times 150 = 450$
George Wilson S	$3 \times 150 = 450$
Jonathan Wade CB	$100 + 5 \times 250 = 1350$
Floyd, Malcom WR	$1 \times 50 = 50$

### **San Francisco Buccaneers**

Mason Crosby PK	$1 \times 50 = 50$
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## **Sacramento Scorpions – No bids**

## **Pittsburgh Assassins – No bids**

### **Durham Thunder Lizards**

Jason Fabini T	1 x 50 = 50
Barry Sims T	1 x 50 = 50
Jim Kleinsasser H-Back	1 x 50 = 50
Danny Clark ILB	1 x 50 = 50

### **Kutztown Belchers**

Kerry Collins QB	5 x 250 = 1250
Tony Brown DT	5 x 250 = 1250
Uche Nwaneri G	3 x 150 = 450
Dennis Norman OL	3 x 150 = 450
Jabbar Gaffney WR	3 x 150 = 450
Devery Henderson WR	3 x 150 = 450
Justin McCareins WR	3 x 150 = 450
Matt Wilhelm ILB	3 x 150 = 450
Vincent Fuller S	2 x 100 = 200

### **Prairie Wildfire**

Mike Montgomery DE	2 x 100 = 200
Shaun Cody DT	1 x 50 = 50
Brandon Johnson OLB	1 x 50 = 50
Marvin White S	1 x 50 = 50
William Gay CB	1 x 50 = 50
Antonio Pittman RB	1 x 50 = 50
Wolfe, Garrett RB	1 x 50 = 50
Ryan Fitzpatrick QB	1 x 50 = 50
Byron Leftwich QB	1 x 50 = 50
Dante Rosario TE	1 x 50 = 50

### **Buffalo Bisons**

Carey Davis FB	1 x 50 = 50
Darius Walker RB	1 x 50 = 50
Keary Colbert WR	1 x 50 = 50
Ashley Lelie WR	1 x 50 = 50
Craig Dahl S	1 x 50 = 50

## **Malvern Monarchs – No winning bids**

## **Las Vegas RatPack – No bids**

## **Winnipeg Vigilantes – No bids**

## **Baltimore Slaughter – No bids**

## Fresno Fuel

Robert Ferguson WR	1 x 50 = 50
Eric Moulds WR	1 x 50 = 50
Craig Davis WR	1 x 50 = 50
Antonio Chatman WR	1 x 50 = 50
Marcus Pollard TE	1 x 50 = 50
Billy Miller TE	1 x 50 = 50
Reno Mahe PR	1 x 50 = 50
Aveion Cason KR	1 x 50 = 50
Tank Williams S	1 x 50 = 50
Lorenzo Booker RB	5 x 250 = 1250
Musa Smith RB	3 x 150 = 450
DeDe Dorsey RB	1 x 50 = 50
Samkon Gado RB	1 x 50 = 50
Priest Holmes RB	1 x 50 = 50

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**Final 53 Man Roster & Cuts Due March 22<sup>nd</sup> to Jason Findlay - [jasonf@vectorgroup.com](mailto:jasonf@vectorgroup.com)  
Send a Copy to Karl Haase at same time - [karl@surewest.net](mailto:karl@surewest.net)**

Requirements: Alphabetical listing identical as shown below in an Excel file. If you don't have Excel, use Word. If you have neither contact Jason directly for instructions.

Akers, David	PK	5	2009	250
Alford, Jay	DT	1	2009	50
Anderson, Derek	QB	5	2012	250
Atogwe, O.J.	S	5	2011	250
Barbre, Allen	T	1	2009	50
Boley, Michael	OLB	5	2011	250
Breaston, Steve	WR	5	2013	250

**IMPORTANT!** No \$\$\$ signs, No decimals, No 250,000 salary just type as 50, 250, 1700, etc Highlight your Offensive & Defensive Superstars in **Bold Type**.

If you don't have an Offensive & Defensive Superstar, or are cutting your current Superstar, now is when you name a new one. (March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the final opportunity to cut an existing Superstar & designate a new one, until AFTER the completion of the 2009 season.) Superstars must have a 5-year contract. They can have 1 to 5 years remaining on that contract. This is the only player whose salary can be changed (increased) to meet the requirement he's paid at least \$100K more than the next highest paid player on the platoon.

This is also the time when you assign contracts to all players you acquired that were 1<sup>st</sup> Period Cut Claims, 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Cut Claims (waived free agents), our new Pre-Season Claims and players selected in the January Rookie Draft. Regardless if you placed the claim or you traded to acquire same players, now is the time you assign their contract. Read your Constitution for Standard OFL Contract details. Salary is dependent on contract length.

Once your final 53-Man roster is complete with all the required decisions, you must also include to Jason (and Karl) the complete names of any/all Player Cuts. Read your Constitution for cut costs pertaining to 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Cuts.

Briefly..... January Rookie selections are cut at no cost. Players from all Claim periods at \$50K, Superstars at 150% remaining contract value and everyone else at 100% remaining contract value.

Contract value = salary x years remaining

When submitting Rosters & Cuts be sure to advise Karl of any of your players that do not appear on the disk (uncarded) so he is not wasting time chasing down ghosts.

Your 53 Player roster as submitted is your Week 1 roster. Changes (Trades or FA pickups starting April 7<sup>th</sup>) don't take effect until Week 2 games. Be sure you meet the minimum position staffing roster requirements to start the season. These have been posted previously and can be found below and in your Constitution.

MARGIN CALLS ARE DUE..... You must have sufficient funds in your Team Treasury to pay all 2009 salaries for your 53-man roster and any cut costs associated in getting down to your final 53. These monies are deducted from your treasury in the March Newsletter.

The OFL is merciless on this requirement, and we'll take severe corrective steps to alleviate your overspending if your franchise is facing insolvency to start the season. See the Bankruptcy section of your Constitution for the gruesome details.

### **Roster Composition – Final Reminder....**

Teams must BEGIN the season with a minimum 3 RBs, 3 WRs, 1 TE or 1 H-Back, aggregate TOTAL for those positions of AT LEAST 9 players, (H-Back may count towards TE or RB but NOT both), 2 QBs, 8 OLs, 1 PK, 1 Punter, 6 DLs, 6 LBs and 7 DBs on their roster whom are Active and eligible to play in Game 1. (7 DBs are required for the Quarter defense" so you should carry 8 in case of injury.)

Thereafter, beginning Week 2, teams may opt to play a game with little or no depth at most positions, with the only staffing requirement after Game 1 being teams must start each with a minimum 2 QBs & 1 Kicker (either PK or Punter) dressed/active (not injured).

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### **Scottsdale rebuilds the "D" By- Dave Pittner**

Scottsdale rebuilds the "D" Scottsdale inherited a team that gave up over 29 points a game.... over 450 points! This lead to a 3-13 result in 2008. To the new management this was unacceptable and plans were put in place to fix the problem.

The first thing was to take its 11 drafts picks and draft totally on the defensive side of the ball. Scottsdale was happy to select Jon Beason as the cornerstone of the new tough defense. The second and third picks added help to the secondary in the form of Tanard Jackson and Reggie Nelson. In addition, Scottsdale took Ron Dayne who management feels will be a punishing

safety against the run. Then the LB core was strengthened adding Gocong, Tucker, Durant and Diles. These young Turks should compliment Beason to stop the run and the pass. Witherspoon was bid on successfully in free agency to also add talent to this area.

Some late draft picks on the defensive line of Bannan and Spencer Johnson hopefully add a little depth to the rotation. Then Scottsdale turned to the supplemental bids to continue to add some depth acquiring James Hall and Dusty Dvoracek and Quint Culberson to the "D".

Lastly, Scottsdale recently purchased Mike McKenzie from Durham for cash. Teaming with Townsend and the added Jamari Greer and holdover McFadden, the cornerbacking should be steady....

So here is how it looks...

S- T. Jackson, R. Nelson, D. Landry, Q. Mikell, R. Payne.....up and coming, young and solid...

CB- Townsend, M. McKenzie, Dunta Robinson, Mc Fadden, J. Greer.....hopefully dependable...

ILB- Beason and Whitherspoon backed up by Diles, Blackburn and Quint Culberson.....much improved middle LB corps...who can pressure the passer and stop the run...

OLB- Gocong, Durant, Crowder, J. Tucker and Shanle (and Roth next year)....hope for further development from this group but lots of potential...

DE- Spicer, Coleman, Jenkins, Castillo, Hall, Bannan, Roth (who will be an OLB next year)....steady but needs a monster in here....maybe the first pick in next years draft... LOL

DT- Montgomery, S. Johnson, Dvoracek....steady, but will need a stud in the middle of this line to become formidable...possible trade of Aaron Rodgers could acquire this piece to the defense!)

Recap.....Safety and Linebacking talent level vastly improved.... CB's are now solid....the D line needs work but that will be the focus of future drafts and trades. We feel that the goal of this new unit will be to hold offenses under 20 points a game...aggressive goal but this will be a 50% improvement from last year....319 points or less

The league has been a lot of fun so far...great group of guys...the \$\$\$ will still need to be understood by me..... Next Scottsdale Article will discuss the offense.... Until next time....enjoy!

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**MALVERN MONARCHS 2002 DRAFT REVIEW**  
**By- Colin Swanston**

Seven years is a good barometer for evaluating a draft so here goes again.

1. (39)-Chad Johnson-WR. Coming off a SB loss (in which we were totally Koched.....remember Bobby?) We had no 1<sup>st</sup> round pick (traded in a deal for the #1 pick overall to take Shaun Alexander the year before). We tried to trade up into the top 7 to

grab one of the key RB's (Ladonian Thomlinson was our 1<sup>st</sup> choice, followed by Michael Bennett, Deuce McAllister and Travis Henry). When we couldn't make that move we settled on Johnson, who I had rated as a 1<sup>st</sup> round pick. In the long run, only LT was a better pick than Johnson.

2. (58)-Maurice Williams-T-An NFL 2<sup>nd</sup> rounder who started for Jacksonville for a number of years but never produced more than an Action 6. Traded him to the old Winnemucca team in a big deal a couple of years later that landed me Mike Rucker, John Tait and another player who slips my mind. This deal helped put me over the top to win a Super Bowl.
3. (79)-David Terrell-WR-Terrell was an NFL 1<sup>st</sup> and extremely highly regarded coming out of college (Michigan if memory serves). He failed to live up to expectations. I traded him a few years later when he was still young and had his best season. Can't remember what I got for him, nothing spectacular.
4. (96)-Jonas Jennings-T-Was a starter at Buffalo and an NFL 3<sup>rd</sup> I believe. Injuries have hampered him, never more than an Action 6. San Francisco signed him to huge FA contract. Still on roster....will trade him for \$50k....lol.
5. (99)-Derrick Burgess-DE-My final pick in this draft (I believe I sold my 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for cash). Burgess was an NFL 3<sup>rd</sup> with great pass rush ability who missed most of his first 3 seasons with the Eagles due to injury. He really blossomed when he went to the Raiders, producing Action rating of 9, 8 and 7 over the last 3 years. Pretty good return for a 5<sup>th</sup> rounder.

#### Overview

Hit big on 2 out of 5 picks with Pro Bowl caliber players. More impressive when you consider I didn't pick until 39<sup>th</sup>. Lance always moaned that I stole Johnson from him but he took Reggie Wayne right after so a pretty good consolation prize. The 3<sup>rd</sup> was parlayed into decent trade value. Could have taken Adelwe Onguley, Anthony Henry or Kyle VandenBosch. The 4<sup>th</sup> was eventually traded too. Kareem Mackenzie was the only player left at that pick who would have been better. Only player that turned out after Burgess was TJ Houshamanzadeh (105). Interesting notes: I did this draft completely from my list as I was in Orlando for US National Flag FB championships for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.....was it really that long ago? Also through trades and free agency 3 of the top 16 picks in this draft (Michael Vick, Leonard Davis and Nate Clements) are currently on my team.

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### **Winnipeg Vigilantes 2009 Preview** **By- Lance Barrate**

The Vigilantes are coming off their second division title in the last three years, as they managed to finish 14-2. Winnipeg managed to win its first round game vs. Prairie, but once again stumbled in their game vs. Fresno, losing in the conference semis. The Vigilantes once again have a strong team and we will rate the various positions.

QUARTERBACK – Eli Manning was benched for the second half of last season when veteran Damon Huard was brought in to start. Huard has since departed, but Matt Hasselbeck was brought in to be the new starter. Eli has to be wondering when he will get his shot. GRADE = A

RUNNING BACK – Prize rookie Adrian Peterson and Fred Taylor form a fearsome 1-2 RB punch. Both are a threat to take it the distance any time they touch the ball. Lorenzo Neal returns as FB and is hoping to block for two 1000 yard rushers. GRADE = A+

WIDE RECEIVER / TIGHT END – Hasselbeck will have some reliable targets in the passing game. Hines Ward and Andre Johnson are the team's two top receivers. Braylon Edwards and DJ Hackett will be solid 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> options. TE Kellen Winslow and TE Jeremy Shockey form a solid pass catching duo, although it is rumoured that one of them could be on their way out after the acquisition of blocking TE Reggie Kelly. If these pass catchers can stay healthy you can expect big things. GRADE = A

OFFENSIVE LINE – The offensive line has long been a weak point of the Vigilantes team and this group although solid is not spectacular. Meester, Clifton, Tauscher, and Andrews return as starters and Kynan Forney was brought in to take over the other G position. Davin Joseph will be the primary backup at G and the team is looking to bring in some depth at C. GRADE = B

DEFENSIVE LINE – The Vigilantes front four should be once again be solid this year. Albert Haynesworth has made big strides and will team with big daddy Shaun Roger when the team is in its 4-3 defense. John Abraham and Michael Strahan will be the teams starting DE's. Aaron Schobel is reportedly on the block, but if he sticks around he, Richard, Seymour, and Leonard Little will also contribute. GRADE = B+

LINEBACKERS – The Vigilantes have a very solid set of LB. Julian Peterson and newly acquired Keith Bulluck will be the starting OLB. Demeco Ryans will be the starting ILB in the 4-3 and London Fletcher, if not traded, will be the second ILB in the 3-4 defense. This unit is the strongest area of the defense. GRADE = A+

SECONDARY – Safety Ed Reed will once again lead the secondary. CB Al Harris was acquired in free agency to solidify that position. Harris will team with newly acquired Will Allen at CB. Vasher and Sheppard, also rumored to be on the block, will team with Quentin Jammer to provide depth at CB. The other starting safety will be Ken Hamlin and Chris Hope will offer depth. GRADE = A

SPECIAL TEAMS – The Vigilantes will have a great return game. Andre Davis and Devin Hester will handle the KR duties and Hester, Reed, and Blackmon will do the PR. Hunter the punter was released and Donnie Jones was brought in to punt. Strong-legged Rob Bironas will return as the PK. GRADE = A+

The Vigilantes do not appear to have many holes and are hoping this will be the year that they get over the hump. With several players on the block there could be some movement before the season begins, but expect the team to shore up its need at C and maybe to work on solidifying a couple of the units. The Vigilantes are expecting big things, but realize it will not be easy as the Fresno and Prairie fire sales created some other juggernauts. Regardless fans will once again be asking, "Could this be the year"?

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WINNIPEG VIGILANTES' Lance Barrate appreciates winning really isn't everything as he already has in hand The Ring that matters most.



MALVERN MONARCH'S Colin Swanston meanwhile remains one of the more elusive Bachelors among the OFL ranks. However, *The Way We Hear It*, that streak may soon end.



CALIFORNIA QUAKES Vince Burns candid reaction to one of the Ratty trade offers he received from Las Vegas.

**2009 OFL Regular Season Schedule - Date shown is Start of that week's games  
Two week window to play games over Memorial Day & July 4<sup>th</sup> Holidays**

Week 1 – April 6th

NY @ BUF  
FLA @ ANT  
LV @ NJ  
BLT @ PIT  
FF @ CAL  
DUR @ SAC  
PWF @ SF  
MMH @ WPG  
RRC @ MLV  
KTZ @ SR

Week 2 – April 13th

BUF @ SR  
PIT @ NY  
ANT @ LV  
NJ @ BLT  
SF @ FF  
CAL @ DUR  
SAC @ MMH  
WPG @ RRC  
MLV @ PWF  
FLA @ KTZ

Week 3 – April 20th

BUF @ MLV  
FF @ KTZ  
SF @ FLA  
NY @ PWF  
SR @ RRC  
LV @ DUR  
WPG @ BLT  
MMH @ PIT  
ANT @ SAC  
NJ @ CAL

Week 4 – April 27th

LV @ BUF  
KTZ @ PIT  
BLT @ FLA  
NY @ NJ  
SR @ ANT  
FF @ WPG  
DUR @ PWF  
MLV @ SAC  
RRC @ SF  
CAL @ MMH

Week 5 – May 4th

KTZ @ LV  
SR @ NY  
MLV @ FF  
SAC @ CAL  
PWF @ WPG  
BUF @ FLA  
SF @ DUR  
BLT @ ANT  
NJ @ PIT  
MMH @ RRC

Week 6 – May 11th

BLT @ BUF  
NY @ KTZ  
FLA @ SR  
PIT @ LV  
CAL @ SF  
MMH @ MLV  
WPG @ DUR  
ANT @ NJ  
FF @ SAC  
RRC @ PWF

Week 7 – May 18th

BUF @ WPG  
SAC @ KTZ  
DUR @ FLA  
NY @ RRC  
SR @ MMH  
LV @ FF  
PWF @ BLT  
MLV @ PIT  
ANT @ CAL  
NJ @ SF

Week 8 – June 1st

KTZ @ BUF  
FLA @ NY  
BLT @ LV  
PIT @ ANT  
FF @ DUR  
SF @ SAC  
RRC @ CAL  
WPG @ MLV  
MMH @ PWF  
NJ @ SR

Week 9 – June 8th

BUF @ NY  
SR @ KTZ  
ANT @ FLA  
NJ @ LV  
PIT @ BLT  
CAL @ FF  
SAC @ DUR  
SF @ PWF  
WPG @ MMH  
MLV @ RRC

Week 10 – June 15th

SR @ BUF  
KTZ @ FLA  
NY @ PIT  
LV @ ANT  
BLT @ NJ  
FF @ SF  
DUR @ CAL  
MMH @ SAC  
RRC @ WPG  
PWF @ MLV

Week 11 – June 22nd

DUR @ BUF  
KTZ @ WPG  
FLA @ MMH  
SAC @ NY  
CAL @ SR  
MLV @ LV  
BLT @ FF  
PIT @ SF  
PWF @ ANT  
RRC @ NJ

Week 12 – June 29th

BUF @ LV  
PIT @ KTZ  
FLA @ BLT  
NJ @ NY  
ANT @ SR  
WPG @ FF  
PWF @ DUR  
SAC @ MLV  
SF @ RRC  
MMH @ CAL

Week 13 – July 13th

FLA @ BUF  
LV @ KTZ  
NY @ SR  
FF @ MLV  
CAL @ SAC  
WPG @ PWF  
DUR @ SF  
ANT @ BLT  
PIT @ NJ  
RRC @ MMH

Week 14 – July 20th

BUF @ BLT  
KTZ @ NY  
SR @ FLA  
LV @ PIT  
DUR @ WPG  
SF @ CAL  
MLV @ MMH  
NJ @ ANT  
SAC @ FF  
PWF @ RRC

Week 15 – July 27th

FF @ BUF  
KTZ @ PWF  
FLA @ MLV  
CAL @ NY  
SF @ SR  
WPG @ LV  
BLT @ SAC  
PIT @ DUR  
RRC @ ANT  
MMH @ NJ

Week 16 – August 3rd

BUF @ KTZ  
NY @ FLA  
SR @ NJ  
LV @ BLT  
ANT @ PIT  
DUR @ FF  
SAC @ SF  
CAL @ RRC  
MLV @ WPG  
PWF @ MMH