

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

SUN-Nov 16 th	2 nd Trade Period opens – will close about March 10 th
SUN-Nov 23 rd	Free Agent waiver claims due to Jason Findlay by 7 PM CST
SUN-NOV 30 th	Newsletter No. 11 shall be mailed complete with Free Agent Waiver Claims
SAT-JAN 24 th	Live 8-round Rookie Draft in chat room begins promptly at 1 PM EST

OFL Super Bowl XXVII
13 Baltimore @ Fresno 23

Complete Free Agency Results Inside
Review & report corrections ASAP

Free Agent Waiver Claim Reminders
Deadline for Claims is Sunday, November 23rd by 7 PM CST
Foremost.... Review rules on pages 12 – 13 in your Constitution

Send your Claims directly to Jason Findlay at: jayfindlay@mts.net

In this the 2nd Period Cut Claim, Waived free agents (who received no Bid.), shall be available on a round-by-round basis using the Final Draft Order. Participation is optional. Teams may pass at selecting. Once passing, teams are barred from placing a claim in a later round. Claims continue until either all players have been claimed or all teams pass.

Teams may NOT claim a player they themselves cut in this 2nd Period Cut Claim.

There is no Claim Fee paid, nor earned, but all players Claimed from the 2nd Period Cuts must be signed to any Standard Contract (See 1.C.II.2) in March. (You don't assign a contract now.)

Important Upcoming Events

This Week- Jason & Karl will be distributing current updated files. Complete Rosters & player contract info by Jason, and League Game File by Karl.

VERIFY the players/contracts shown on both files are accurate reporting required corrections ASAP. Everyone please take the few minutes now to avoid the confusion months later.

November & December Newsletters- Discussion of Amendment proposals
December Newsletter – Final Formal Amendment proposals published. (Vote in January)
By rule, Adopted Amendments take affect one month prior to start of upcoming season.

SAT-JAN 24th - Rookie Draft begins promptly at 1 PM EST. All 8 rounds conducted Live in AIM chat room. Now is the time to begin the all-important scouting. The following web site offers a wealth of information on the bulk of the available players (2007 NFL rookie draft).

<http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/football/nfl/specials/draft/2007/>

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

1st & 10: Let me again congratulate Bobby Elder and his Slaughter on yet another fine campaign. In this very competitive league, it is difficult to make the Super Bowl once, let alone twice in a row. Bobby's squad may even be strong enough to make it again next season but I suspect it will be a lot tougher. Kudos again to you Bobby!

2nd Down: Another free agency period came and went but this time not without some kicking and screaming. As you all read, many of us exchanged comments about the free agency system after its completion. Views range on free agency from "an essential piece to my team building" to "it is ok" to "I do not enjoy it." There was also a lot of uproar over the fact Clinton Portis received no bid and a general feeling with many that unless you bid unreasonably high, there is no point in bidding on a free agent.

3rd Down: What I learned from the above exchange of thoughts is that we all need to remember that people enjoy the league for different reasons (Mike Jaime offered an excellent post on this topic). That is a good piece of information to keep in mind. With the difficulty we had filling the last coaching vacancy, the last thing we want to do is not make this league fun. I will be the first to admit that this league over the years has taken itself way too seriously on far more occasions than I choose to remember. Fun, enjoyment and friendship should all be at the top of the list, by a wide margin, above everything else. When I first came into the league back in 1991 or 1992 (I do not remember the exact year), RW Swafford (the few "dinosaurs" left will remember him) was the Commissioner. He ruled by fear and frankly in phone calls I had with him, he scared me to death. Seriously. Fun seemed to be a distant third under RW's reign (I stuck it out though; imagine that). There was also a number of former members who also did not believe the league should be for fun, first and foremost, but rather was a life or death struggle to win no matter what. Having gone through that era, I can definitely say the environment we have now is much better and more conducive to fun and enjoyment. I admit I may have myself lost sight a bit of that during this past free agency but the discussions afterward put things back in perspective for me. Lets remember this is a hobby!

Timeout: Before I leave free agency, I am tinkering with the idea of submitting an amendment proposal on this system. I have not worked out all of the kinks yet and frankly am not yet 100% sure if I will even submit an amendment. If I do, of course, you will see it when amendment proposals come due.

4th Down: Looking ahead, a lot of activity awaits us. League files and rosters will be coming. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ AND REVIEW BOTH OF THOSE AND REPORT ANY CORRECTIONS IMMEDIATELY. The trade period opens up next weekend so everyone can begin their wheeling and dealing again. Also, the draft is fast approaching. It is never too early to begin preparing for the draft. The draft will actually be pretty fun for me this year since I have not properly participated in one in about two or three years (I burned a ton of draft picks over the last couple of years). Also keep in mind that you should be putting any amendment proposals together and get those to Mike for publication next month. In closing once again, keep it fun guys!

COACHES CORNER

Frank Aluzzi has taken over the Denver Destroyers franchise vacated by John Borell after 23 years. Email: f_aluzzi@yahoo.com AIM: Piratesbillsfan

MONEY MATTERS..... THIS MONTH

Report errors in Money Matters ASAP to Mike Jaime

OFL FRANCHISE	1st Article	2nd Article	3rd Art/Photo	Live Bids	Email Bids	Signing Bonuses	Net Bid Fees	Total XXVII-10
Antelope				+ 600	+ 300	- 600	+ 50	+ 350
Baltimore		FEB	+ 1000	+ 600	+ 300	- 1900	+ 150	+ 150
California	MAR	MAR	MAR		+ 300		- 150	+ 150
Denver	JULY	+ 1000	+ 1000	+ 600	+ 300	- 2700	- 300	- 100
Durham				+ 600	+ 300		+ 100	+ 1000
Florida	DEC	JAN	DEC	+ 600	+ 300		+ 200	+ 1100
Fresno	JAN	FEB	JAN	+ 600	+ 300	- 2500	+ 650	- 950
Kutztown	FEB			+ 600	+ 300		+ 150	+ 1050
Las Vegas	JAN	APR	FEB	+ 600	+ 300		- 200	+ 700
Malvern	FEB		MAR	+ 600	+ 300	- 350	+ 50	+ 600
Medicine	AUG			+ 600	+ 300	- 6000	- 200	- 5300
New Jersey	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT	+ 600	+ 300	- 4500	+ 50	-3550
New York					+ 300			+ 300
Pittsburgh	FEB	AUG	+ 1000	+ 600	+ 300	- 2100	- 300	- 500
Prairie			FEB	+ 600	+ 300		+ 150	+ 1050
Ringgold				+ 600	+ 300	- 3050	- 450	- 2600
Round Rock	SEPT	SEPT		+ 600	+ 300			+ 900
Sacramento		FEB	FEB	+ 600	+ 300	- 3000	- 150	- 2250
San Francisco				+ 600	+ 300	- 1500	+ 50	- 550
Winnipeg	JAN	JAN	SEPT	+ 600	+ 300	- 6250	+ 150	- 5200

NOTES: Teams enjoy the next 2 months to submit their 2008 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 2008 credits earned are shown above.

California & New York opted not to participate in Live Bids, thus by rule do not earn \$600K bonus.

All teams completed punctual reporting requirements for Email Bids & earn \$300K bonus.

Net Bid Fees are sum of Bid Fees Earned minus Bid Fees Paid.

Signing Bonuses are immediately deducted from team treasuries.

Current Superstar Salaries are immediately raised if dictated by Free Agency Bids won or matched. And.... If required by future acquisitions via Trade. Player Contracts are very important factor in valuing trade proposals. Their impact on your current & future finances should weigh in all your trade decisions.

Review Pg. 15 in Constitution for upcoming Bonus opportunities.

**OFL TEAM TREASURY REPORTS – THRU SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
PREPARED BY BOBBY ELDER**

Please double-check your Team & Report all errors to Bobby at: oflchief@aol.com
Last Team Treasury Report accounted for all Money Matters through XXVII-6

Your current Treasury would be Sum of Total below + Money Matters Total in this issue

Antelope		Florida		Medicine Hat		Ringgold	
Last Report	1350	Last Report	1475	Last Report	5438	Last Report	9200
XXVII-7	14400	XXVII-7	14700	XXVII-7	14600	XXVII-7	14400
XXVII-8	-3450	XXVII-8	-1675	XXVII-8	1300	XXVII-8	-1975
XXVII-9	400	XXVII-9	300	XXVII-9	0	XXVII-9	300
Total	12700	Total	14800	Total	21338	Total	21925
Baltimore		Fresno		New Jersey		Round Rock	
Last Report	399	Last Report	1508	Last Report	2685	Last Report	35623
XXVII-7	15000	XXVII-7	16700	XXVII-7	14200	XXVII-7	14300
XXVII-8	-1725	XXVII-8	-4375	XXVII-8	-875	XXVII-8	-200
XXVII-9	100	XXVII-9	800	XXVII-9	3100	XXVII-9	2500
Total	13774	Total	14633	Total	19110	Total	52223
California		Kutztown		New York		Sacramento	
Last Report	4450	Last Report	2845	Last Report	7059	Last Report	8496
XXVII-7	14100	XXVII-7	15100	XXVII-7	14500	XXVII-7	14800
XXVII-8	-4850	XXVII-8	-725	XXVII-8	300	XXVII-8	-1650
XXVII-9	600	XXVII-9	300	XXVII-9	0	XXVII-9	300
Total	14300	Total	17520	Total	21859	Total	21946
Denver		Las Vegas		Pittsburgh		San Francisco	
Last Report	8493	Last Report	4625	Last Report	5514	Last Report	3014
XXVII-7	16500	XXVII-7	15350	XXVII-7	14900	XXVII-7	15650
XXVII-8	200	XXVII-8	-825	XXVII-8	850	XXVII-8	-100
XXVII-9	300	XXVII-9	300	XXVII-9	-300	XXVII-9	400
Total	25493	Total	19450	Total	20964	Total	18964
Durham		Malvern		Prairie		Winnipeg	
Last Report	4992	Last Report	1910	Last Report	689	Last Report	3756
XXVII-7	15150	XXVII-7	16350	XXVII-7	16000	XXVII-7	17100
XXVII-8	-450	XXVII-8	2050	XXVII-8	-75	XXVII-8	300
XXVII-9	300	XXVII-9	-300	XXVII-9	400	XXVII-9	1300
Total	19992	Total	20010	Total	17014	Total	22456

FINAL 2009 OFL DRAFT BOARD – Thru Trade #4

OFL FRANCHISE	# 1	# 2	# 3	# 4	# 5	# 6	# 7	# 8
01 California Quakes								
02 New Jersey Patriots				NY				
03 Round Rock Crusaders						MLV		
04 Ringgold Renegades								
05 Antelope Mud Fish			MLV	LV				
06 New York Cobras					LV			
07 Medicine Mad Hatters		FF			FF			
08 Florida Dragons								
09 San Francisco Buccaneers			RNG					
10 Sacramento Scorpions			NJ				NJ	BLT
11 Pittsburgh Assassins		FF			FF			
12 Durham Thunder Lizards	FF			FF				
13 Kutztown Belchers	WPG	WPG	WPG	WPG	CAL	WPG	WPG	
14 Prairie Wildfire	NJ	PIT	NJ	NJ	NJ	PIT		
15 Denver Destroyers					PIT			
16 Malvern Monarchs			RC	RNG				
17 Las Vegas RatPack								RNG
18 Winnipeg Vigilantes	NY	NY		SF	NY			
19 Baltimore Slaughter								
20 Fresno Fuel	FLA	NJ	PIT	CAL	SF			

\$TEAL\$ & DEAL\$.....

The 2nd Trade Period shall open Sunday November 16th

1. MALVERN trades their 4th & previously acquired San Francisco's 3rd round picks to RINGGOLD for \$ 2 million.
2. DURHAM trades their 1st & 4th round picks to FRESNO for CB Champ Bailey.
3. PITTSBURGH trades their 2nd & 5th round picks to FRESNO for CB Rhonde Barber.
4. MEDICINE trades their 2nd & 5th round draft picks to FRESNO for DT Pat Williams.

**The key ingredients to winning a Superbowl in Action PC Football
One man's opinion..... By- Frank Aluzzi**

I have won 1 Superbowl since I started playing this game last September. The team that won it for me had these key ingredients. This is just my opinion but if you want to win a Superbowl, this is a good place to start. The 5 ingredients to winning a Superbowl.

1- Good Quarterback- You must have a good Quarterback to win it all. I don't know many teams that have won Superbowls with marginal quarterbacks. Eli Manning did it in real life but he will never cut it in Action PC Football. A good quarterback can score on a good or great defense given the right weapons. A good quarterback can pick apart a really good defense.

If you don't believe me, take Tom Brady and pit him against the best defense, see if you can stop him. Having a good quarterback accomplishes a couple of things. First of all, you win the turnover margin. A good quarterback that does not throw interceptions does not stall drives. Turnovers can be drive-killers. Secondly, a good quarterback will put points on the scoreboard and that is what wins games.

2- Good Pass Rush- In my opinion, if you have a good pass rush, that is better than having the best defense in the league. A good pass rush puts pressure on the opposing quarterback. How did the Giants win the Superbowl? Tom Brady was under pressure the entire game. He had to hurry his throws. A good pass rush in Action will kill drives. It's a lot tougher to pickup a first down when you are looking at 2nd and long or 3rd and long. A good pass rush will be hard to score against. They can push a team out of field goal range. When I won the Superbowl, my team had 69 sacks during the regular season. That enabled my team to lead the league in least points allowed. Granted my other players on defense were pretty good but it was the pass rush that really won it for me.

3- Rushing Attack- You must have a good rushing attack to win the Superbowl. A good rushing attack will open up the passing game. It's easier to defend a team that throws all the time except for maybe the New England Patriots. A good rushing attack will kill time off the clock and keep the other offense off the field. A good rushing attack is harder to stop. In a 16 game season, the norm would be about 2000 yards rushing. If your team can rush for 2000 yards in a season, your team will win many games. I have won more games in Action by controlling the clock than trying to throw on every down. My Superbowl team that won it all rushed for over 2400 yards. That is about 150 yards rushing per game. I would say if your team can average between 140 and 150 yards rushing per game, you will win many games.

4- Good Receivers- In my opinion, you must have good receivers to win a Superbowl. Good receivers can burn a good defense on any given day. A good receiver will make a marginal quarterback look that much better. Having 3 really good receivers is very hard to stop. The reason why is because you can't double cover all three. Its also very hard to stop the run if you are always worried about stopping the pass. If you bring in a nickel package, the other team will kill you on the ground. When I won the Superbowl, I had 3 good receivers. Having good receivers will put points on the board when you get in the redzone. Good receivers spread out the offense. The Patriots last year had good receivers and granted they did not win it but they finished the season at 16-0.

5- Play smart- The last thing you must do to win a Superbowl is to play smart. Don't make stupid mistakes early on during the game. Don't go for it if you have the lead. Don't let the other team back into the game by going for it. Play field position and shorten the field. The late great coach George Allen hardly ever went for it on 4th down. Don't throw the ball if your opponent has a great secondary. Try to run the ball. By the same token, if your opponent has a weak Defensive line, run the ball. Know your opponent's weaknesses and strengths. Don't think you can win many games by not scouting your opponent. What do you think head coaches do all week? Outwit your opponent and don't be so predictable. Utilize your whole team.

I hope everybody has enjoyed this article and if you ever want to win a Superbowl, these 5 ingredients are a good place to start. Good Luck to everybody this year.

**A Few Thoughts
By Eugene Segreti**

I realize that this year's free agent crop was not the strongest one around but I thought that this year's free agency bidding was to put it mildly, not very good. I did mention to this to Matt Farmer, our commissioner. Over half of the coaches passed when it came for their time to put a player up for bid... Here is one of the catches, you DO NOT have to bid on a player you put to be bid on, it could be a strategy bid like Bobby Elder did to me when he put Clinton Ports up as the opening bid, what he was doing was trying to weaken a division opponent, me, by putting a strategic hit on a division opponent and when we were both dumbfounded when the NFL's leading rusher didn't garner a bid and it was an omen of things to come.

When I looked over the list of available funds, there were an awful lot of teams with little or no money. In had a feeling that the bidding was going to down as a result. However, you don't need a lot of lot funds when bidding and you do have some options at your disposal. You can a put up a big up front bonus with a small yearly salary. You can structure your bid so that the team that has the player you're bidding on has to raise his Superstar's salary. You can put up a small yearly bonus and a big yearly contract and again structure so the other franchise would have to raise his superstar's salary. You can structure your bid with a four-year contract; superstars have to have a five-year contract. Finally, you have the no trade option. If you include this in your bid, the other franchise could not trade that player. You have a lot of weapons in your bidding arsenal, use them all.

Free agency is another way of building your team. The other two being trading and drafting, most successful teams use all three. Actually there is a fourth, free agent claims, I picked twelfth this year and I picked up Joey Porter for 50K and he looks to have a nine or ten rating next season so he was a very cheap improvement. You have to use all the tools that you have to build your team. There are way too many teams that draft and do nothing else. You can write three articles a year to get three million dollars and yet there are teams that don't write a single article and leave that money on the table. I don't get it.

In my opinion, something has to be done to encourage participation, both in putting players up for bid and then bidding. If you don't want to bid, that is your right but at the very least put players up for bid, don't pass. You're doing your franchise a huge disservice. You can't take the money with you or use it to buy AIG or Lehman Bros.

I sincerely welcome any ideas on how to encourage participation. I've heard of one idea and would encourage more.

OFL 2008 FREE AGENT LIVE BID RESULTS
Coordinated & Prepared By – Colin Swanston

1	FF	PASS				
2	Clinton no	Portis bids	PIT	Selected retained	by	BLT
3 WPG	Al	Harris 5x1600	PWF NT	Selected 8000	by release	WPG
4 WPG	Quentin	Jammer 5x1000	LV NT	Selected 5000	by release	LV
5 PIT MMH WPG	Albert 5000 3000	Haynesworth 5x900 5x1200 5x1750	WPG	Selected 9500 9000 8750	by MATCH	MLV
6	DEN	PASS				
7 MLV PIT	Jason 50 300	Taylor 5x1300 2x900	PWF NT NT	Selected 6550 4800	by release	PWF
8	KTZ	PASS				
9	DTL	PASS				
10 PIT MLV SAC MMH	Flozell 5000 300 3000 2000	Adams 5x1000 5x1750 5x1000 5x1000	MLV NT NT NT	Selected 10000 9050 8000 7000	by release	PIT
11	La'roi no	Glover bids	SAC	Selected retained	by	SAC
12	SF	PASS				
13	FLA	PASS				
14 MLV MMH	Walter 300 3000	Jones 5x1750 5x900	FLA NT nt	Selected 9050 7500	by release	MMH
15	NY	PASS				
16	ANT	PASS				
17	Warrick no	Dunn bids	RR	Selected retained	by	RR
18	RRC	PASS				

19 NJP	Fred 2500	Robbins 4x500	KTZ	Selected 4500	by release	NJP
20	CAL	PASS				
21	FF	PASS				
22	Jay no	Ratliff bids	BLT	Selected retained	by	BLT
23 SF	Jeff 1500	Saturday 5x1000	FF NT	Selected 6500	by release	WPG
24 MMH LV WPG	Derrick 4000	Mason 5x750 3x1000 1x50	FF nt nt nt	Selected 7550 3000 50	by release	LV
25 MMH LV MLV	Tony 2000	Gonzalez 5x900 3x1000 1x50	FF NT nt NT	Selected 6500 3000 50	by release	MLV
26	DEN	PASS				
27	Jamal no	Williams bids	PWF	Selected retained	by	PWF
28	KTZ	PASS				
29	DTL	PASS				
30 LV PIT	Darren	Sharper 5x700 5X500	FF NT NT	Selected 3500 2500	by MATCH	PIT
31	SAC	PASS				
32	SF	PASS				
33	FLA	PASS				
34	MMH	PASS				
35	NY	PASS				
36	ANT	PASS				
37	RR	PASS				
38	RRC	PASS				
39 NJP	Sam	Madison 2x700	BLT NT	Selected 1400	by release	NJP
40	CAL	PASS				

**OFL 2008 Free Agent Phase II Email Bids
Coordinated & Prepared by - Mike Jaime**

	OFL Team	Bidder			Bonus	Len	Salary		Total Bid
ANTELOPE MUD FISH									
Chris Canty DE	ANT	RNG	Match	NT	600	+	5 x 300	=	2100

Retained: Jeremy Bridges G, Chauncey Davis DE, Ebanezar Ekuban DE, Eric Green CB, Eric Johnson TE, Travis Johnson DL, Kyle Larson P, Adrian Peterson RB, John Thornton DT, Brian Williams CB

Waived: Charlie Frye QB, Dante Hall RET, Fred Miller T, Adam Timmerman G

BALTIMORE SLAUGHTER									
Casey Rabach C	BLT	RNG	Match	NT	1000	+	5 x 300	=	2500
Antonio Bryant WR	BLT	DEN	Match	NT	900	+	5 x 900	=	5400

Retained: Jason Baker P, Corey Chavous S, Eddie Drummond RET, Jason Elam PK, Johnny Jolly DT, Ko Simpson S

Waived: Derek Hagan WR

CALIFORNIA QUAKES									
Retained: Alex Brown DE, Bryant Johnson WR, Chris Kuper G, Brian Moorman P, Cory Redding DT									

Waived: Reginald Kelley TE, Shawntee Spencer CB, Dante Stallworth WR, Sammie Parker WR

DENVER DESTROYERS									
Jake Delhomme QB	DEN	PIT	Match				3 x 500	=	1500

Retained: Josh Brown PK, Phillip Buchanon CB, Will Demps S, Chris Kelsay DE, Chike Okeafor LB, Dave Zastudil P

Waived: Deion Branch WR, Napoleon Harris LB, Orlando Pace T

DURHAM THUNDER LIZARDS									
Lance Moore WR	DUR	DEN	Release	NT	900	+	5 x 900	=	5400
Lance Moore WR	DUR	LV		NT	1050	+	5 x 250	=	2300

Retained: Mike Adams S, Hank Baskett WR, Bobby Carpenter LB, Scott Fujita LB, Dan Kreider FB, Ben Laber OLB, John McCargo DT, Igor Olshansky DE, Mike Scifres P, Josh Scobee PK, Langston Walker G

Waived: Peerless Price WR, Jonathan Scott T, Todd Steussie T, Dontarius Thomas OLB

FLORIDA DRAGONS									
Shawn Springs CB	FLA	DEN	Release	NT	900	+	5 x 900	=	5400
Shawn Springs CB	FLA	LV		NT			3 x 700	=	2100

Retained: Jason Hanson PK, Jerome Harrison RB, Cullen Loeffler C, Mushin Muhammad WR, Shantee Orr OLB, Charlie Whitehurst QB

Waived: Larry Allen G, Mike Doss S, Tionu Fonoti G, John Lynch S, Tim Rattay QB, Darion Scott DL, Jimmy Williams S

FRESNO FUEL

Adalius Thomas LB	FF	PWF	Match	NT	2500	+	5	x	600	=	5500
Adalius Thomas LB	FF	NY		NT	3750	+	5	x	250	=	5000
Adalius Thomas LB	FF	LV		NT	1050	+	5	x	500	=	3550
Adalius Thomas LB	FF	PIT					5	x	700	=	3500

Retained: Marc Bulger QB, Trevor Pryce DL, Matt Stover PK

Waived: None

KUTZTOWN BELCHERS

Michael Lewis S	KTZ	SAC	Release	NT	3000	+	5	x	500	=	5500
Michael Lewis S	KTZ	RNG		NT			5	x	300	=	1500

Retained: David Barrett CB, Desmond Clark TE, Mike Gandy G, John Kasay PK, Jon Kitna QB, Kyle Kosier T, Michael Lewis WR, Chris Liwienski G, Brad Maynard P, Michael Myers DT, Orpheus Roye DT, James Sanders S, Mike Sellers TE, Terrele Smith FB, Bobby Wade WR, Todd Weiner G

Waived: Rob Morris ILB

LAS VEGAS RATPACK

Levi Jones T	LV	DEN	Release	NT			5	x	900	=	4500
Levi Jones T	LV	RNG		NT	500	+	5	x	250	=	1750

Retained: Eric Heitmann G, Kyle Williams DT

Waived: Calvin Lowry S, Tony Moll OL, Darrent Williams CB

MALVERN MONARCHS

John Henderson DT	MLV	PIT	Match				5	x	900	=	4500
John Henderson DT	MLV	RNG		NT	1600	+	5	x	500	=	4100

Retained: Micheal Bennett RB, Bert Berry DE, Mark Bradley WR, David Carr QB, Issac Bruce WR, Ray Edwards DE, Parys Haralson OLB, Maurice Hicks KR, Jonas Jennings T, Tim Jennings CB, Paris Lenon ILB, Randy McMichael TE, Sinorice Moss WR, Joe Nedney PK, David Patten WR, Tony Richardson FB, Mike Rucker DE, Adam Terry T, Roydell Williams WR, William Thomas T

Waived: Juran Bolden CB, Corey Dillon RB, Vernon Fox S, Ryan Kuehl C, Sebastian Janikowski PK, Mike Nugent PK, Jon Ryan P, Troy Walters WR,

MEDICINE MAD HATTERS

Scott Wells C	MMH	DEN	Release	NT			5	x	1100	=	5500
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Retained: Jeff Backus T, Terry Cousins CB, Joe Jurevicius WR, Sammy Knight S, Daminoe Lewis DT, Patrick Ramsey QB, Dominic Rhodes RB

Waived: Jeremi Johnson FB, Matt Lehr G, Alvin McKinley DT, Vernand Morency RB, Ryan O'Callaghan T, Jeff Ulbrich ILB, Fred Wakefield G

NEW JERSEY PATRIOTS

Bryant McKinnie T	NJ	DEN	Release	NT			5	x	1250	=	6250
Bryant McKinnie T	NJ	NY		NT	3250	+	5	x	400	=	5250

Chester Pitts G	NJ	SAC	Match	NT	2000	+	5	x	500	=	4500
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Retained: Tarik Glenn T, Quinn Gray QB

Waived: Victor Hobson OLB, David Tyree WR

NEW YORK COBRAS

Matt Hasselbeck QB	NY	WPG	Release	NT	200	+	5	x	600	=	3200
Matt Hasselbeck QB	NY	RNG		NT	600	+	5	x	300	=	2100

Retained: Chris Baker TE, Kalimba Edwards DE, Chris Kluwe P, Rudi Johnson RB, Josh Reed WR

Waived: Nick Griesen LB, Jeff Hartigs C

PITTSBURGH ASSASSINS

David Thornton LB	PIT	RNG	Match	NT	1600	+	5	x	500	=	4100
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Retained: Ladell Betts RB, Matt Bryant PK, Jason Dunn TE, Chris Hansen P, Steve Heiden TE, Steve Tulluch LB, Lawrence Vickers FB, Roy Williams S

Waived: AJ Feeley QB

PRAIRIE WILDFIRE

Shane Graham PK	PWF	CAL	Release				3	x	150	=	450
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Retained: Daniel Graham TE, Kyle Brady TE, Ethan Albright C, Bobbie Williams G, Kendall Simmons G, Adam Snyder T, Hollis Thomas DT, Mark Simoneau ILB, Carlos Polk OLB, Jeremiah Bell S, Josh Bidwell P

Waived: Kyle Johnson FB, Chad Jackson WR, Simeon Rice DE, Tory James CB, Traveres Tillman S

RINGGOLD RENEGADES

Antwan Randle EI WR	RNG	CAL	Match		50	+	4	x	200	=	850
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Retained: Chase Blackburn LB, Kevin Dockery CB, Reed Doughty S, Roberto Garza G, Robbie Gould PK, Travis Kirshke DL, Maurice Morris RB, Greg Warren C

Waived: Derek Smith LB, Darryl Blackstock LB, Anthony Weaver DL

ROUND ROCK CRUSADERS

Retained: Ahmad Brooks LB, Daniel Bullocks S, Travis Fisher CB, Stephen Gostkowski PK, Rian Lindell PK

Waived: Jon Alston LB, Ben Graham P, Cedrick Houston RB, Wali Lundy RB, Tyson Thompson RB, Jermaine Wiggins TE

SACRAMENTO SCORPIONS

Retained: Akin Ayodele ILB, Marty Booker WR, Rock Cartwright RB, Dexter Jackson S, Nate Kaeding PK, Mark Roman S, Keith Traylor DT

Waived: None

SAN FRANCISCO BUCCANEERS

Jon Runyan T	SF	DEN	Release	NT	900	+	5	x	1000	=	5900
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Justin Gage WR	SF	CAL	Match				2	x	100	=	200
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Retained: Eric Barton LB, Anthony Becht TE, Raheem Brock DE, TJ Duckett RB, Melvin Fowler C, Charles Grant DE, Eric Pears T, Robert Royal TE, Brian Russell S, Javon Walker WR

Waived: Nick Harris P

WINNIPEG VIGILANTES

Chris Hope S	WPG	LV	Match	NT	1050	+	5	x	500	=	3550
Chris Hope S	WPG	RNG		NT			5	x	300	=	1500
Justin Hartwig C	WPG	RNG	Release	NT	1000	+	5	x	300	=	2500
Will Witherspoon LB	WPG	RNG	Release	NT	2000	+	5	x	500	=	4500
Will Witherspoon LB	WPG	MLV		NT			5	x	900	=	4500

Retained: Jason Ferguson DT, Ben Hamilton G, Clinton Hart S, Max Jean-Gilles G, Lito Sheppard CB, Rob Sims G

Waived: Reggie Hayward DE, Mike Minter S, Dan Morgan ILB, Hunter Smith P

Fresno Fuel Win Second Straight OFL Title By Matt Farmer

Doing the improbable, and joining a very short list of the proud before them, the Fresno Fuel won their second consecutive Super Bowl 23-13 over the Baltimore Slaughter. The Super Bowl presented a rematch between the same two teams from last year.

It was a long and difficult road to the Super Bowl. Though the Fuel had a fine regular season at 14-2, their two losses came at the hands of Winnipeg. Of course, fate would require the Fuel to travel through Winnipeg a third time in order to reach the Super Bowl. As reported previously, the third time was a charm against the conference favorite Winnipeg team for the Fuel.

The Fuel headed into the Super Bowl led by Tiki Barber and its heavy run game. Barber, the MVP of last year's Super Bowl, was expected to carry the team in this game. Barber did not disappoint, but perhaps under performed a bit, on 32 carries for 134 yards. However, in his swan song game before retirement (Barber announced at the beginning of the season that this would be his last OFL season), Barber was denied a touchdown.

Late in the second quarter, the game was fairly tight with the Fuel leading 10-0. The Slaughter were driving and hoping to put up at least three points going into the half knowing that they would receive the second half kickoff. To their horror, and proving to be the pivotal point of the game, Darren Sharper picked off Donovan McNabb stopping the drive.

With less than two minutes in the half, it appeared that the Fuel would just run the clock out. Runs by Barber and a few short passes progressed the Fuel down the field. With thirty two seconds left in the half, and the Fuel on Slaughter's 35, the Slaughter defense gambled with a zone run defense keying on Barber. Quarterback Marc Bulger proceeded to hit a wide open Tony Gonzalez on a 35 yard touchdown strike that, for all intents and purposes, sealed the game.

The Fuel went into the locker room leading 17-0. The Slaughter, however, fought back to within 7 points (20-13) with 1:20 left in the contest. The Slaughter's onside kick attempt failed, the Fuel recovered, and put up another three spot on the board to make it a two score game with seconds remaining. The Fuel held on for the win, 23-13.

Tony Gonzalez was the MVP. He had 7 receptions for 102 yards and one touchdown. His big thirty five yard TD reception was a game changer.

Of course, all good things must come to an end. The Fuel, riddled by age and heavy salaries, sadly began their rebuilding process shortly after the Super Bowl victory. It will now be a painful at least three to five years before the Fuel can compete again. The Fuel coaching brass however would do it all over again in a heart beat in order to win back to back championships.

SUPER BOWL XXVII

* Championship * 11-09-2008 Temp:27 Wind:0-5 Line:Even MVP:Gonzalez

2006 Fresno (1-0) 3 14 0 6 23
 2006 Baltimore (0-1) 0 0 3 10 13

1	4:18	Fresno	FG Stover 27 (11-70-8:03)	3-0
2	5:09	Fresno	TD Strong 9 run (Stover) (11-52-6:45)	10-0
2	0:32	Fresno	TD Bulger 35 pass to Gonzalez (Stover) (6-59-1:34)	17-0
3	6:23	Baltimore	FG Elam 25 (12-72-8:37)	17-3
4	12:23	Fresno	FG Stover 27 (12-58-8:43)	20-3
4	9:22	Baltimore	TD McNabb 9 pass to Witten (Elam,J) (8-74-2:46)	20-10
4	1:32	Baltimore	FG Elam 46 (11-39-2:59)	20-13
4	0:21	Fresno	FG Stover 49 (3-8-0:59)	23-13

	FF	BLT
First Downs	19	16
Rushes	41-182	27-162
Passes	14-11-129	20-10-110
Sacked	3-14	2-14
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	2-10	2-22
Turnovers	0	1
Time	37:25	22:35
Third Down	6-12	3-9
Fourth Down	1-1	1-1
Net Offense	297	258

Injuries: Spikes(FF-3), *Williams(BLT-11)

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Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Sk	25	In	Td	Rate		Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Sk	25	In	Td	Rate	
Bulger	14	11	129	3	1	0	1	128.9		McNabb	20	10	110	2	0	1	1	62.5	
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Rushing	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	10	Lg	TD			Rushing	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	10	Lg	TD		
Barber,T	32	134	4.2	6	3	13	0			Bell,T	18	107	5.9	4	1	38	0		
Strong,M	4	39	9.8	4	2	12	1			Pittman,M	6	41	6.8	3	1	12	0		
Bulger	2	6	3.0	0	0	4	0			McNabb	2	10	5.0	0	1	10	0		
Alstott	3	3	1.0	2	0	2	0			Maroney	1	4	4.0	1	0	4	0		
	41	182	4.4	12	5	13	1				27	162	6.0	8	3	38	0		
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Receiving	No	Dp	Yds	Ave	FD	25	Lg	TD		Receiving	No	Dp	Yds	Ave	FD	25	Lg	TD	
Gonzalez	7	0	102	14.6	5	1	35	1		Witten	2	0	21	10.5	2	0	12	1	
Barber,T	2	0	11	5.5	0	0	6	0		Wilcox	2	0	22	11.0	2	0	12	0	
Mason	1	0	11	11.0	1	0	11	0		Pittman,M	2	0	6	3.0	0	0	4	0	
Strong,M	1	0	5	5.0	0	0	5	0		Bryant,A	2	0	30	15.0	2	0	19	0	
										Jackson,D	2	1	31	15.5	2	0	21	0	
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Fumbles	No	Rec	TD							Fumbles	No	Rec	TD						
Barber,T	1	0	0							Bell,T	1	0	0						
Jansen	0	1	0							Hutchinson	0	1	0						

Kick Returns	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
Arrington	2	58	29.0	30	0
Pinner	1	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
Maroney	4	98	24.5	29	0

Punt Returns	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
Wilkins,T	1	0	11	11.0	11	0

Punt Returns	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
Wynn,D	1	1	14	14.0	14	0

Kicking	Fg	Lg	Xp	Pts
Stover	3-4	49	2-2	11

Kicking	Fg	Lg	Xp	Pts
Elam	2-2	46	1-1	7

Punting	No	Yds	Ave	Tb	20	Bk	Lg
Koch	2	97	48.5	0	1	0	51

Punting	No	Yds	Ave	Tb	20	Bk	Lg
Baker,J	3	153	51.0	2	0	0	57

Defense	Tkl	Sk	Def	Stf	Hur	FF	INT
Barber,R	8	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Pryce	5	0	0	0	3	0	0-0
Bailey,C	5	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Porter,J	4	1	2	0	0	0	0-0
Vrabel	4	0	0	1	0	1	0-0
Thomas,A	4	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Sharper	3	0	0	0	0	0	1-0
Taylor,S	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Hall,J	2	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Williams,P	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Haggan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Thompson,L	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Harrison,R	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Moore,D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

Defense	Tkl	Sk	Def	Stf	Hur	FF	INT
Sanders,B	9	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Pierce	8	0	0	2	0	0	0-0
Smith,J	7	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
Brooks	6	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Umenyiora	5	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Warren,T	4	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Crowell	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Smith,D	3	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
Hall,D	2	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Harris,C	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Robertson,D	2	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
Williams,J	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Simpson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Asomugha	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Madison	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Gilbert	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0