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UNRESTRICTED FREE AGENCY PERIOD ENDS; **106 RE-SIGN, 104 SWITCH TEAMS**

One hundred and six veteran free agents re-signed with their old teams this year during the free agency signing period, while 104 signed with new teams, the National Football League announced today. The four-month UFA signing period, under terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the league and players, ended July 22.

The Atlanta Falcons signed the most unrestricted free agents from other teams (eight), while the Houston Texans and New York Giants signed seven each, followed by the Arizona Cardinals and Miami Dolphins with six each.

There were a total of 313 unrestricted free agents this year. The total player pool is approximately 1,700.

Three of this year's 122 restricted free agents signed with a new team – Denver cornerback **KELLY HERNDON** with Seattle, San Francisco guard **KYLE KOSIER** with Detroit, and Minnesota safety **BRIAN RUSSELL** with Cleveland. One hundred and eighteen restricted free agents returned to their former clubs. The period for restricted free agents to accept offers from other teams ended April 15.

The 107 total free agents who switched teams represent only six percent of all NFL players. Of 486 players who were free agents in the various categories of the system, 339 signed new contracts with either new teams or their old clubs.

"The veteran free agent signings reflect a belief by teams and players that continuity and stability play an important role in our sport," said **HAROLD HENDERSON**, executive vice president of labor relations and chairman of the NFL Management Council. "The system continues to enhance the competitive balance that is so important in our league."

Under the NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement, players without 2005 contracts who had four or more seasons of free agency experience qualified to be "unrestricted free agents" and were free to sign with any club between March 2 and July 22.

If a player's prior club made a 110 percent tender on or before June 1, the prior club retained exclusive negotiating rights after July 22 if the player did not sign with another club. If the player and club are unable to negotiate a contract by the 10th week of the regular season (November 15), the player may not play the remainder of the season. If the player sits out the season, he becomes an unrestricted free agent next year.

Under the CBA, restricted free agents are those players who have three seasons of free agency experience and are subject to compensation and/or right of first refusal.

A "transition" player is a designated unrestricted free agent whose team must tender a one-year contract at the average of the 10 highest-paid players of 2004 at the transition player's position, or a 20 percent increase, whichever is greater. A "franchise" player is a designated unrestricted free agent whose team must tender a one-year contract at the average of the five highest-paid players at the franchise player's position in 2004, or a 20 percent increase, whichever is greater.

A comparison of free agent movement since the current CBA went into effect 13 years ago:

NFL FREE AGENCY MOVEMENT (Veteran Free Agents Who Signed With New Teams)

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Unrestricted	108	121	171	99	85	110	115	107	93	130	111	124	104
Restricted	8	7	6	4	2	4	2	4	4	1	5	1	3
Transition	4	4	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Franchise	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	121	132	179	105	89	117	118	111	97	131	117	126	107

2005 NFL UNRESTRICTED & RESTRICTED FREE-AGENT SIGNINGS

1) 104 **UNRESTRICTED** free agents signed with **NEW** teams:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>FORMER TEAM</u>
ARIZONA	LB Orlando Huff	Seattle
	WR Charles Lee	Tampa Bay
	DE Chike Okeafor	Seattle
	T Oliver Ross	Pittsburgh
	CB Raymond Walls	Baltimore
ATLANTA	QB Kurt Warner	NY Giants
	S Rich Coady	St. Louis
	P Toby Gowin	NY Jets
	LB Edgerton Hartwell	Baltimore
	S Ronnie Heard	San Francisco
	G Matt Lehr	St. Louis
	DE Brandon Mitchell	Seattle
BALTIMORE	K Todd Peterson	San Francisco
	LB Ike Reese	Philadelphia
	LB Jim Nelson	Indianapolis
	LB Tommy Polley	St. Louis
	G Keydrick Vincent	Pittsburgh
BUFFALO	G Bennie Anderson	Baltimore
	QB Kelly Holcomb	Cleveland
CAROLINA	CB-S Idrees Bashir	Indianapolis
	TE Freddie Jones	Arizona
	CB Ken Lucas	Seattle
	S Marlon McCree	Houston
	P Tom Rouen	Seattle
CHICAGO	WR Eddie Berlin	Tennessee
	C Roberto Garza	Atlanta
CINCINNATI CLEVELAND	DT Bryan Robinson	Miami
	G Joe Andruzzi	New England
	CB Gary Baxter	Baltimore
	G Cosey Coleman	Tampa Bay
	P Kyle Richardson	Cincinnati
	LB Matt Stewart	Atlanta
	DT Jason Ferguson	NY Jets
DALLAS	CB Anthony Henry	Cleveland
	G Marco Rivera	Green Bay
	RB Anthony Thomas	Chicago
	TE Stephen Alexander	Detroit
	LB Keith Burns	Tampa Bay
DENVER	RB Ron Dayne	NY Giants
	G Cameron Spikes	Arizona
	G Rick DeMulling	Indianapolis
	S Kenoy Kennedy	Denver
	RB Jamel White	Baltimore
DETROIT	T Adrian Klemm	New England
	G Matt O'Dwyer	Tampa Bay
GREEN BAY	LB Frank Chamberlin	Cincinnati
	LB Morlon Greenwood	Miami
	LB Zeke Moreno	San Diego
	T Victor Riley	New Orleans
	TE Marcellus Rivers	NY Giants
HOUSTON	CB Lewis Sanders	Cleveland
	WR Reggie Swinton	Detroit
	DE Reggie Hayward	Denver
	DT Tony Williams	Cincinnati
	CB Kenny Wright	Houston
JACKSONVILLE	LB Kendrell Bell	Pittsburgh
	S Sammy Knight	Miami
KANSAS CITY		

MIAMI	G Damion Cook	Cleveland
	RB Heath Evans	Seattle
	QB Gus Frerotte	Minnesota
	T Stockar McDougale	Detroit
	LB Donnie Spragan	Denver
MINNESOTA	S Travares Tillman	Carolina
	CB Fred Smoot	Washington
	WR Travis Taylor	Baltimore
	DT Pat Williams	Buffalo
	LB Monty Beisel	Kansas City
NEW ENGLAND	G Jermaine Mayberry	Philadelphia
NEW ORLEANS	TE Shad Meier	Tennessee
	RB Antowain Smith	Tennessee
	S Dwight Smith	Tampa Bay
NY GIANTS	CB Jimmy Williams	San Francisco
	WR Plaxico Burress	Pittsburgh
	DT Kendrick Clancy	Pittsburgh
	K Jay Feely	Atlanta
	T Kareem McKenzie	NY Jets
	QB Jim Miller	New England
	LB Antonio Pierce	Washington
NY JETS	T Bob Whitfield	Jacksonville
	RB Derrick Blaylock	Kansas City
	T Ethan Brooks	Baltimore
	LB Barry Gardner	Cleveland
	DT Lance Legree	NY Giants
OAKLAND	DE Derrick Burgess	Philadelphia
	CB Renaldo Hill	Arizona
	RB LaMont Jordan	NY Jets
	DT Kenny Smith	New Orleans
	QB Mike McMahon	Detroit
PHILADELPHIA	WR Cedrick Wilson	San Francisco
PITTSBURGH	LB Chris Claiborne	Minnesota
ST. LOUIS	CB Michael Stone	Arizona
SAN DIEGO	CB-S Bhawoh Jue	Green Bay
SAN FRANCISCO	DE Marques Douglas	Baltimore
	T Jonas Jennings	Buffalo
SEATTLE	DT Chartric Darby	Tampa Bay
	CB Andre Dyson	Tennessee
	DE Bryce Fisher	St. Louis
	TE Anthony Becht	NY Jets
	DT Chris Hovan	Minnesota
TENNESSEE	DE Kyle Vanden Bosch	Arizona
WASHINGTON	LB Brian Allen	Carolina
	LB Warrick Holdman	Cleveland
	WR David Patten	New England
	C Casey Rabach	Baltimore

2) 106 **UNRESTRICTED** free agents re-signed with their **OLD** team:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>
ARIZONA	RB Troy Hambrick
	CB Robert Tate
ATLANTA	DE Peppi Zellner
	S Keion Carpenter
	QB Ty Detmer
	G Steve Herndon
	CB Kevin Mathis
	RB Fred McCrary
	CB Allen Rossum
BALTIMORE	C Joe Maese
BUFFALO	QB Shane Matthews
	TE Ryan Neufeld
CAROLINA	WR Karl Hankton

CHICAGO	CB Todd McMillon
CINCINNATI	C Rich Braham
	WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh
	S Anthony Mitchell
	DE Carl Powell
DALLAS	DT Leonardo Carson
	S Lynn Scott
DENVER	P Jason Baker
	G Cooper Carlisle
	DE Marco Coleman
	DT Luther Elliss
	G Ben Hamilton
	TE Patrick Hape
	TE Mike Leach
DETROIT	DT Marcus Bell
	LB Wali Rainer
	C Dominic Raiola
	S Bracy Walker
GREEN BAY	T Brad Bedell
	TE David Martin
	LB Hannibal Navies
HOUSTON	QB Tony Banks
	CB Jason Bell
	WR Corey Bradford
	DT Jerry DeLoach
	RB Moran Norris
	DT Seth Payne
	DE Corey Sears
	CB Jason Simmons
INDIANAPOLIS	QB Travis Brown
	CB-S Nicholas Harper
	WR Troy Walters
JACKSONVILLE	WR Troy Edwards
	RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala
	TE Joe Zelenka
KANSAS CITY	LB Quinton Caver
	TE Kendall Gammon
MIAMI	RB Travis Minor
	TE Ed Perry
	QB Sage Rosenfels
MINNESOTA	LB Keith Newman
	TE Jermaine Wiggins
NEW ENGLAND	WR Troy Brown
	LB Don Davis
	WR Patrick Pass
NEW ORLEANS	DE Tony Bryant
	CB Jason Craft
	S Steve Gleason
	TE Lamont Hall
	LB Sedrick Hodge
	RB Fred McAfee
NY GIANTS	RB Mike Cloud
	RB Jim Finn
	QB Jesse Palmer
NY JETS	DT Josh Evans
	DT James Reed
	LB Kenyatta Wright
OAKLAND	DB Jarrod Cooper
	DE Bobby Hamilton
	RB Chris Hetherington
PHILADELPHIA	LB Keith Adams
	RB Correll Buckhalter
	DE Hugh Douglas
	RB Jon Ritchie
	LB Jeremiah Trotter

PITTSBURGH	QB Charlie Batch T Barrett Brooks S Tyrone Carter TE Matt Cushing TE Walter Rasby CB Willie Williams
ST. LOUIS	G Darnell Alford QB Jamie Martin
SAN DIEGO	G Bob Hallen LB Carlos Polk S Jerry Wilson
SAN FRANCISCO	TE Steve Bush DT Chris Cooper RB Terry Jackson
SEATTLE	WR Alex Bannister G Chris Gray TE Itula Mili C Robbie Tobeck T Floyd Womack
TAMPA BAY	RB Jameel Cook WR Joey Galloway S Dexter Jackson TE Dave Moore
WASHINGTON	C Ethan Albright G Ray Brown DT Cedric Killings DT Joe Salave'a RB Michael Sellers

3) 3 **RESTRICTED** free agents signed with **NEW** teams:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>FORMER TEAM</u>
CLEVELAND	S Brian Russell	Minnesota
DETROIT	G Kyle Kosier	San Francisco
SEATTLE	CB Kelly Herndon	Denver

4) 118 **RESTRICTED** free agents re-signed with their **OLD** team:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>
ARIZONA	S Quentin Harris DT Ross Kolodziej QB Josh McCown
ATLANTA	T Kevin Shaffer
BALTIMORE	S Will Demps TE Darnell Dinkins WR Randy Hymes TE Terry Jones DT Ma'ake Kemoeatu LB Bart Scott RB Chester Taylor S Chad Williams P Dave Zastudil
BUFFALO	CB Kevin Thomas
CAROLINA	DE Kemp Rasmussen RB Jamal Robertson CB Dante Wesley LB Will Witherspoon
CHICAGO	G Steve Edwards TE John Gilmore S Bobby Gray G Terrence Metcalf TE John Owens

CINCINNATI	CB Rashad Bauman CB Reggie Myles RB Kenny Watson LB Marcus Wilkins
CLEVELAND	LB Andra Davis C Melvin Fowler TE Keith Heinrich LB Ben Taylor
DALLAS	RB Darian Barnes K Billy Cundiff CB Pete Hunter T Kurt Vollers C Tyson Walter
DENVER	S Sam Brandon DT Dorsett Davis DE Anton Palepoi DT Monsanto Pope TE Jeb Putzier CB Lenny Walls
DETROIT	CB Chris Cash DB Vernon Fox CB Andre' Goodman T Victor Rogers
GREEN BAY	T Kevin Barry RB Najeh Davenport DE Aaron Kampman LB Paris Lenon QB Craig Nall QB J.T. O'Sullivan
HOUSTON	RB Jarrod Baxter G Milford Brown LB Troy Evans RB Jonathan Wells
INDIANAPOLIS	DE Raheem Brock CB-S Joseph Jefferson RB James Munro G Tupe Peko LB Nick Rogers LB David Thornton
JACKSONVILLE	LB Akin Ayodele S Deke Cooper
KANSAS CITY	WR Marc Boerigter LB Scott Fujita S Shaunard Harts
MIAMI	C Seth McKinney DT Dario Romero
MINNESOTA	WR Kelly Campbell QB Shaun Hill S Willie Offord CB Brian Williams
NEW ENGLAND	T Tom Ashworth WR David Givens DE Jarvis Green G Steve Neal
NEW ORLEANS	LB Roger Knight S Mel Mitchell
NY GIANTS	S Jack Brewer LB Nick Greisen
NY JETS	TE Chris Baker WR Jonathan Carter C Jonathan Goodwin
OAKLAND	S Marques Anderson LB Tim Johnson
PHILADELPHIA	RB Brian Westbrook

PITTSBURGH	LB Larry Foote
	RB Verron Haynes
	S Chris Hope
	DE Brett Keisel
	WR Lee Mays
ST. LOUIS	K Jeff Reed
	RB Joey Goodspeed
	WR Dane Looker
SAN DIEGO	RB Chris Massey
	RB Jesse Chatman
	TE Justin Peelle
SAN FRANCISCO	DE DeQuincy Scott
	G Eric Heitmann
	LB Brandon Moore
SEATTLE	LB Saleem Rasheed
	DT Rocky Bernard
	S Terreal Bierria
	TE Ryan Hannam
	S Marquand Manuel
TAMPA BAY TENNESSEE	CB Kris Richard
	LB Ryan Nece
	LB Rocky Calmus
	DE Carlos Hall
	C Justin Hartwig
WASHINGTON	LB Brad Kassell
	S Lamont Thompson
	RB Rock Cartwright
	DE Demetric Evans
	QB Tim Hasselbeck
	S Andre Lott
	DE Ron Warner

5) 8 **FRANCHISE** players re-signed with their **OLD** team:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>
CINCINNATI	RB Rudi Johnson
INDIANAPOLIS	RB Edgerrin James
NEW ENGLAND	K Adam Vinatieri
NEW ORLEANS	DE Darren Howard
OAKLAND	CB Charles Woodson
ST. LOUIS	T Orlando Pace
SAN DIEGO	QB Drew Brees
SAN FRANCISCO	LB Julian Peterson