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FRANCHISE PLAYERS NAMED

Franchise player designations were announced today for the 2013 NFL free agency signing period, which begins at 4:00 p.m. ET on March 12.

A club can designate one “franchise” player or one “transition” player among its veteran free agents.

The salary offer by a player’s club determines whether the franchise player designation is exclusive or non-exclusive.

An “exclusive” franchise player – not free to sign with another club – is offered the greater of (i) the average of the top five salaries at the player’s position for the current year as of the end of the Restricted Free Agent Signing Period on April 19; or (ii) the amount of the Required Tender for a “non-exclusive” franchise player, as explained below.

Article 10, Section 2(a)(i) of the CBA sets forth the methodology, known as the “Cap Percentage Average,” for calculating the Required Tender for such a player:

The Nonexclusive Franchise Tender shall be a one year NFL Player Contract for (A) the average of the five largest Prior Year Salaries for players at the position . . . at which the Franchise Player participated in the most plays during the prior League Year, which average shall be calculated by: (1) summing the amounts of the Franchise Tags for players at that position for the five preceding League Years; (2) dividing the resulting amount by the sum of the Salary Caps for the five preceding League Years . . . ; and (3) multiplying the resulting percentage by the Salary Cap for the upcoming League Year . . . (the “Cap Percentage Average”) . . . ; or (B) 120% of his Prior Year Salary, whichever is greater

If a club extends a Required Tender to a non-exclusive franchise player pursuant to this section, the player shall be permitted to negotiate a player contract with any club, except that draft choice compensation of two first round draft selections shall be made in the event he signs with a new club.

The signing period for franchise players begins at 4:00 p.m. (ET) on March 12 and ends on the Tuesday following the 10th week of the season (November 12).

This year, no player was designated as an exclusive franchise player or as a transition player. The following players were designated as non-exclusive franchise players.

2013 FRANCHISE PLAYERS

Club	Player	Position
Buffalo	Jairus Byrd	S
Chicago	Henry Melton	DT
Cincinnati	Michael Johnson	DE
Dallas	Anthony Spencer	LB
Denver	Ryan Clady	OT
Indianapolis	Pat McAfee	P
Kansas City	Branden Albert	OT
Miami	Randy Starks	DT

The 2013 "Cap Percentage Average" tender amounts for non-exclusive franchise players and transition players are set forth below.

NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE PLAYERS **TRANSITION PLAYERS**

Position	Tender Amount			Position	Tender Amount
Quarterback	\$14,896,000			Quarterback	\$13,068,000
Running Back	\$8,219,000			Running Back	\$6,970,000
Wide Receiver	\$10,537,000			Wide Receiver	\$8,867,000
Tight End	\$6,066,000			Tight End	\$5,194,000
Offensive Linemen	\$9,828,000			Offensive Linemen	\$8,709,000
Defensive End	\$11,175,000			Defensive End	\$9,151,000
Defensive Tackle	\$8,450,000			Defensive Tackle	\$7,039,000
Linebacker	\$9,619,000			Linebacker	\$8,358,000
Cornerback	\$10,854,000			Cornerback	\$9,095,000
Safety	\$6,916,000			Safety	\$6,002,000
Kicker/Punter	\$2,977,000			Kicker/Punter	\$2,700,000

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