

## **Panthers Sign Williams**

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The Carolina Panthers had a very busy day Wednesday signing players for the upcoming 2011 season.

The Panthers, who got things started by signing defensive end Charles Johnson to a \$76 million dollar deal, signed running back DeAngelo Williams to a five-year contract worth \$43 million dollars; \$21 million dollars was guaranteed.

Williams, a six-year veteran and a free agent, was also weighing offers from the New York Giants and the Denver Broncos. Williams ran for more than 1,100 yards in 2008 and 2009 before a foot sprain forced him to miss the final 10 games of the 2010 season.

The Panthers also signed defensive tackle Ron Edwards, who played for the Kansas City Chiefs last fall. Edwards receives a three-year deal worth \$8.25 million dollars.

Edwards, who is 32-years-old, started 15 games for the Chiefs last season. He has 192 career tackles and 15.5 quarterback sacks; Edwards began his career with the Buffalo Bills, where he played five years. He played the last five with Kansas City.

## **DELHOMME RELEASED BY BROWNS**

Former Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Dehlomme was released by the Cleveland Browns Wednesday.

Dehlomme only played five game for Cleveland last year. He started four and passed for 872 yards, but was intercepted seven times. Dehlomme, who began his career with the New Orleans Saints and the NFL Europe, made a name for himself with the Panthers.

During his seven-year stay with the Panthers, Dehlomme completed 59% of his passes for 19,258 yards and 120 touchdown passes. His best season came in 2004 when Dehlomme threw for 3,886 yards with 29 touchdown passes. He led the Panthers to Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2003, where they lost to New England on a last-second field goal by Adam Vinatieri.

Delhomme, who guided Carolina to the NFC championship game in 2005 where they lost to Seattle, was due to make \$5.4 million dollars in salary this season. He was listed as a third-string quarterback on the Browns depth chart.

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