

Panthers Send Jeff Otah To Jets

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The Carolina Panthers were busy beavers on Monday. With training camp beginning July 27 at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., the Panthers made a couple of moves on Monday. They picked up wide receiver Louis Murphy from the Oakland Raiders, and they also sent offensive tackle Jeff Otah to the New York Jets for a conditional draft

pick. Otah was the 19th overall pick in 2008, but has only played in four games in the past two seasons. He missed all of 2010 with a knee injury and played in two of six games in 2011 because of reoccurring knee issues.

According to reports, Otah will make \$1.1 million and is in the final year of his rookie contract. A large question mark heading into 2012 was how the Jets would handle the right tackle position. Last year's offensive line had Mark Sanchez sacked a career-high 39 times last season, and Wayne Hunter was deemed scapegoat. It seemed that Hunter was going to have a chance to redeem himself with an assumed starting position by lack of competition by backup Tackle, Vladimir Ducasse.

Pending a physical, this low-risk, high-reward move can pay off in a big way for the Jets if Otah can play the way he did in his first two seasons in Carolina. Even if Otah is not 100 percent, he still may be able to produce more than a healthy Hunter.

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