NFL's special draft draws coaches' fire

From Chicago Tribune wires

NEW YORK-Faced with the possibility of legal action, the National Football League announced Wednesday it will hold a supplemental draft Aug. 28.

The draft will include former Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter, who was ruled ineligible for his senior season because he accepted money from an agent.

It's the first time the league has agreed to draft players made ineligible because of dealings with agents.

Carter had petitioned the NFL for admission after admitting to Ohio State officials that he had accepted a \$5,000 loan from Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom in May, 1986, and subsequently accepting \$1,800 more from them. He made the application through Robert Berry, the Boston College law professor who represents him.

Charles Gladman, a Pitt running back ruled ineligible by the school for refusing to cooperate in an investigation, also had applied for the draft. Gladman has denied receiving payments from Walters and Bloom, who are under investigation by a Chicago grand jury.

The NFL had first balked at their applications, but sources said Commissioner Pete Rozelle received opinions indicating the league had no legal grounds to keep a player from making a

"While we have made this decision reluctantly, it is simply not feasible for the NFL to attempt to act as the NCAA's enforcement arm in assuring college athletes' compliance with NCAA rules," said league spokesman Joe Browne.

That didn't satisfy the schools involved.

Pitt coach Mike Gottfried barred pro scouts from his training camp and the campus.

"This action rewards a player for breaking a rule and encourages younger players to leave school early," Gottfried said. "What this will do is allow every uncouth agent in the country to come out of the woodwork."

Gottfried also said his staff will no longer allow pro scouts to see film of Panther players.

"We're not going to cooperate any more," he said.

Ohio State coach Earle Bruce restated his opposition to allowing Carter to turn pro.

"I don't think the NFL made the right decision," he said. "They made a legal decision, but a legal decision and the right decision are not always the same thing.

"Here you have a young man who has taken money from an agent and done something to ruin his college eligibility and he's rewarded with an NFL contract. I think the NFL has opened up a whole new can of worms with this decision. For years, pro football and college football have had a close relationship and I hate to see anything jeopardize that."

Buckeyes Athletic Director Rick Bay acknowledged that a lawsuit could have destroyed the agree-ment under which the NFL refuses

to draft underclassmen. But Bay also said: "I think where we are now is at a point of sending out a message to all college football players that, if you're so inclined, go ahead and take the money and sign with an agent as a sophomore or a junior and—if you're not caught—that'll be fine.

"What has happened is a major setback for the relationship between college football and the NFL. A person in the NFL office told me they felt they didn't have any choice, that they'd face a lawsuit."

The NFL regularly has supplemental drafts, the most recent involved Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth, who had a year of college eligibility left but had graduated. The league also once allowed a special draft for Notre Dame running back Al Hunter, who lost his eligibility because of off-the-field indiscretions.

But it also has denied players the right to be drafted before their class, most recently in the case of Texas Christian running back Kenneth Davis, who was declared ineligible during the 1985 season began for accepting money for alumni. His request to be drafted was rejected because he had played in a college game and the NFL doesn't allow players to play college and pro games the same

Davis was subsequently taken in the 1986 regular draft and is with the Green Bay Packers.

Browne said an entirely new weighted lottery will be held to determine the order for the draft, which will include Carter, Gladman and other players, as yet unnamed, eligible for other reasons. A third player, Pitt defensive back Teryl Austin, also has been declared ineligible for dealings with Walters and Bloom, but Browne said he had not yet applied for the

Carter has been considered a first-round choice. Gladman is rated as somewhere between a third- and fifth-rounder.

Under the system, team logos are pulled from a drum to set the order, with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 2-14 last season, having 28 chances for the first pick and the Super Bowl champion New York Giants having one. The order remains the same for subsequent rounds. A player can pass through until a later round and get

A team that takes a player forfeits that round's pick in the next regular draft. Seattle, which took Bosworth with the first pick in the first supplemental draft this year, will have no first-round pick, nor will the Los Angeles Rams, who gave it up in a trade last year with Houston.

Lions give up trying to sign ex-Buc Logan

From Chicago Tribune wires

The Detroit Lions have ended their pursuit of former Tampa Bay Buccaneers nose tackle Dave Logan.

Coach Darryl Rogers had given Logan a Wednesday deadline to report. Logan wasn't in camp, and the Lions said they have lost interest in the free agent.

Logan had reportedly agreed to a one-year contract with the Lions worth an estimated \$375,000.

San Diego Chargers quarterback Dan Fouts passed a physical and participated in his first fullscale workout. "I'm healthy, and I've been cleared to practice," said Fouts, who failed a physical July with a bad back. Fouts and owner Alex Spanos have been embroiled in a dispute over the quarterback's contract.

The Green Bay Packers say a back injury may sideline wide receiver-running back Eddie Lee Ivery for the season. Ivery might need surgery for a disc problem.

New York Giants tackle Karl Nelson may need surgery on his sore left shoulder. Nelson has been bothered by an arthritic condition in the shoulder that has caused him to lose strength in his arm. Nelson could be out three to six weeks.

The Indianapolis Colts have

waived linebacker Jeff Leiding. First-round draft choice Shawn Knight says the New Orleans Saints are being unfair to him, offering him less money than some other players drafted later in the same round. "It's not good to hold out, but it's the only leverage I've got," he said. The Saints have offered Knight \$1.425 million over four years. The defensive lineman, through agent Leigh Steinberg, is asking for \$1.65 million. Knight was the 11th player taken in the

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Running backs Gerald Riggs and Kenny Flowers were among 11 injured Atlanta Falcons who didn't practice. Riggs reinjured a bruised shoulder in a 19-14 victory Saturday over the Buffalo Bills and hasn't practiced since. Flowers, the team's second-round choice, has

Dwight Clark, the San Francisco 49ers all-time leading receiver, has begun workouts after considering retirement a month ago after his third arthroscopic surgery. "He's far ahead of the schedule," coach Bill Walsh said of Clark.

■ Defensive lineman Mike Charles, waived by the Miami Dolphins and Tampa Bay for being overweight, has been claimed by the San Diego Chargers.

California Superior Court Judge James Kolts has ordered Los Angeles Rams running back Eric Dickerson to pay an undisclosed sum to support his pregnant former girlfriend until two months after the child is born. "There aren't any winners here," said Rea Ann Silva, who sued Dickerson for the pregnancy support. "I haven't won anything. It's just a fair settlement." Dickerson said the ordered support was far less than the \$7,500 a month Silva had sought.

Philadelphia Eagle running back Junior Tautalatasi may not make the team this year because of a knee problem. He underwent arthroscopic surgery in December on a sore right knee.

The Dolphins have traded center-guard Larry Lee to the Denver Broncos for a late-round draft choice in 1988.

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