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NFL Free Agency set to bring excitement to off-season

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We're barely 72 hours removed from the official start of the NFL's 2014 calendar, and already NFL fans across the world have been provided with a an exciting couple of days thanks to the beginning of Free Agency.

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Many teams have lost important talent, and many teams have added that talent to their rosters.

Perhaps the biggest move on day one was the New Orleans Saints' acquisition of Pro Bowl and All-Pro free safety Jairus Byrd **to a six-year, \$54 million deal** – but the action didn't stop there.

2013 Pro Bowl left tackle Branden Albert **switched Kansas City for Miami**, T.J. Ward went **to Colorado to sign for the Broncos**, and Donte Whitner **headed home to Cleveland**. Those free agent moves combined with all others on day one, **for over \$1 billion worth of spending**.

What is even more surprising about that statistic is that day one of Free Agency was only eight hours long, with the window opening at 4pm ET on Tuesday.

Day two certainly added drama to the event, and at the centre of much of that were the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs have signed a total of five players so far – **Josh McCown, Alterraun Verner, Michael Johnson, Brandon Myers** and **Clinton McDonald** – but perhaps their biggest move in Free Agency, the one that has caused the most stir, is **the release of Darelle Revis**. Revis was cut by Tampa Bay yesterday, after the team **tried to find a potential trade partner**.

Just a few hours after he was let go, Revis made the controversial move up north to the New England Patriots, where he signed **a one-year, \$12 million deal**.

Not only does this mean that the Patriots have upgraded their secondary with one of the best in the game, but it will also hurt the New York Jets who Revis played for, for six years. That rivalry's intensity will have significantly increased because of that transaction.

The Jets responded to the move **by signing who some considered to be the best wide receiver on the market**, Eric Decker, as well as **former Seahawks right tackle Breno Giacomini**.

Those were moves that came after the Cowboys **released DeMarcus Ware**, who was then **picked up by the Broncos**, only to be joined in Denver **by Aqib Talib**. Golden Tate became **the newest wide receiver for the Detroit Lions**, and Jacoby Jones **re-signed for the Baltimore Ravens**. For any NFL fan, it was quite the day.

It is now day three, and the Philadelphia Eagles have already kicked things off, **by trading for former Saint Darren Sproles** as a complementary back to LeSean McCoy. It will certainly be interesting to see what the rest of Thursday has in store for football.

A ball is yet to be kicked, thrown, or caught, and yet eyes are still glued to the NFL. There are only 16 regular season games for each team, but with events such as Free Agency, the NFL Combine, the Draft, and Preseason, the sport is year-long.

It is only day three in Free Agency, and already NFL fans are being treated – and that is something which makes the NFL unique. There are now 362 days left on the league calendar, meaning that there is plenty more to come.

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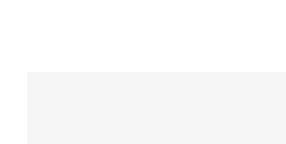
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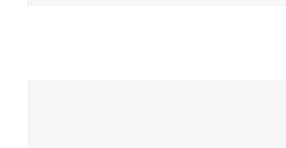
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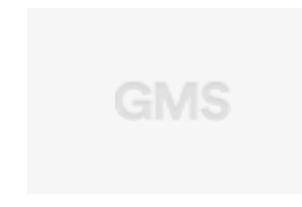
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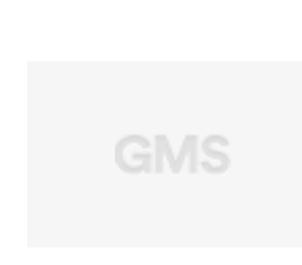
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