

NFL ROUNDUP

Report: Favre traded to Jets for draft pick

From Miami Herald Wire Services

Brett Favre left Green Bay, Wis., on Wednesday — and most likely for good. Although he has gone home to Mississippi for the time being, he could end up in New York soon.

Fox Sports reported on its website late Wednesday that the Packers have traded the quarterback to the New York Jets. The report said the exact compensation wasn't immediately known, but is believed to be a single draft pick that increases in value depending on the Jets' performance during the 2008 season.

The Packers confirmed the report.

The Dolphins open the 2008 season by hosting the Jets on Sept. 7 and close the season in New York on Dec. 28. The Jets and the Packers do not play in either the pre-season or the regular season.

Earlier Wednesday, Favre's agent, **James "Bus" Cook**, confirmed in an e-mail to The Associated Press that the Jets and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were emerging as the most likely trade options for the three-time NFL Most Valuable Player.

Packers general manager **Ted Thompson** was not seen at practice Wednesday, and his scheduled afternoon media availability was postponed indefinitely — signs that a deal could be imminent.

But with the Packers preparing for another practice without Favre on Wednesday night, nothing had been announced, and Thompson still hadn't spoken publicly.

Favre was on a private plane that left for Hattiesburg, Miss., at 1:25 p.m. Cook and Favre's wife, **Deanna**, also were aboard the plane, which landed two hours later.

In Mississippi, Favre confirmed that he was consider-



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HEADING EAST: Brett Favre will be playing for the New York Jets next season, according to reports late Wednesday. The Jets play the Dolphins at Dolphin Stadium on Sept. 7.

ing the Buccaneers and Jets.

Bucs coach **Jon Gruden** declined to address speculation that the team was on the verge of a deal for Favre, sidestepping a question about whether he had spoken to Favre on Tuesday night.

Gruden acknowledged that he is always willing to explore ways to improve his team.

The Jets had no comment on Favre, a team spokesman said Wednesday.

Packers players seemed to have some sense of closure. Cornerback **Charles Woodson** — who said Tuesday that the saga had "gone on long enough" — said Wednesday that Packers brass gave players some needed answers.

"Once you're on another team, you're on another team," Woodson said. "I think for the most part the locker room would have liked to

see him back here.

"But like I say, once you're on another team . . ."

AROUND THE NFL

● **Broncos:** A day after Denver's talented but troubled receiver **Brandon Marshall** was suspended for three games by NFL commissioner **Roger Goodell** for violating the league's personal-conduct code, Marshall sidestepped several questions about the matter, including whether he felt he needed counseling, which the league suggested.

Marshall is due in court next month for a drunken-driving trial and has had two domestic disputes — one was dismissed, and another hasn't produced a formal charge.

● **Bengals:** Linebacker **Keith Rivers** joined Cincinnati on Wednesday after ending a 10-day holdout Tuesday night by signing a deal with undisclosed terms.

● **Redskins:** Safety **LaRon Landry** is likely to sit out the team's first preseason game Saturday while recovering from a hamstring injury. **Clinton Portis** also is not scheduled to play, but coach **Jim Zorn** said Portis will get carries at some point during the preseason.

● **Rams-Titans scuffle:** Several skirmishes broke out during a joint-practice session. St. Louis receiver **Reche Caldwell** grabbed Tennessee cornerback **Cortland Finnegan** in a bear hug and took him to the ground. Pro Bowl defensive end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** took a big swing at Rams tackle **Adam Goldberg** on another play during the scrimmage.

But on the next play, Titans end **Sean Conover** tangled with St. Louis tackle **Mark LeVoir**, with Vanden Bosch rushing in without his helmet to help Conover.