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BEARS SIGN SEVEN PLAYERS; EXTEND BARNARD

Tuesday, December 30, 2003

LAKE FOREST, IL — The Chicago Bears signed seven players to free agent contracts today and extended the deal of P Brooks Barnard. Each of the contracts were for two years. Terms were not disclosed.

Signed were WR Andre Forde, WR Aaron Boone, and the five members of the Bears practice squad, TE Mark Anelli, RB Dwone Hicks, DT Israel Idonije, LB Marcus Reese and DE Cliff Washburn.

Forde, a 5-10, 207 pounder out of the University of Buffalo was claimed by the Bears July 26 after signing with the Indianapolis Colts as an undrafted free agent (5/5) before being released (7/25). Forde was released by the Bears prior to the 65-man cutdown date (8/19). Boone, a 6-2, 204 pounder out of Kentucky, was signed by the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent and was waived (8/23). Boone played two season for the Wildcats after transferring from Snow College (junior college) in Utah. He ranked third in UK history with 16 career receiving touchdowns including 10 during his senior campaign.

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