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## Panthers Sign WRs



Karl Hankton

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**The Panthers made a couple of roster moves that got little press last week, but at least one of them could be important to continuity and execution in 2005.**

CHARLOTTE, NC -- The Panthers made a lower profile but equally important signing last week in the re-signing of Special Teams Captain [Karl Hankton](#). Hankton, who will be 35 in July, has been with the Panthers since 2000, and has been the Special Teams Captain since 2002.

Although Hankton is 35, he's a veteran of only 6 NFL seasons. In his relatively short time with Carolina, he's set the benchmark for Special Teams play, holding the Panthers' all time Special Teams Tackles record with 66.

The Re-signing of Hankton is important to a Special Teams unit that is in flux. Scotty O'Brien retired (then signed with the Dolphins a few days later) and former Special Teams Assistant Danny Crossman has been promoted to Special Teams Coach. Along with returning gunner and returner [Rod Smart](#), Hankton will be a steady influence to what figures to be a young crop of Special Teams players.

Hankton graduated from Trinity College in Illinois with a degree in business management and serves as his own agent.

## In other WR News

The Panthers have signed [Javin Hunter](#), a 5-11, 190 lb receiver out of [Notre Dame](#) and [Aaron Boone](#), a 6-2, 205 lb receiver out of [Kentucky](#). Both will be allocated to NFL Europe.

Hunter was a 6th round pick of the [Baltimore Ravens](#) in 2002. He notched 12 games played with 3 starts in 2002, and caught 5 passes for 35 yards. He has spent the last 3 seasons with the Ravens. Hunter runs

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roughly a 4.47 40-yard-dash. His father, James Hunter, played CB for the [Detroit Lions](#). Hunter was suspended for 4 games in 2002 for testing positive for Ephedrine, an herbal supplement that is not illegal, but banned by the NFL in July of 2002. Hunter is a fundamentally sound WR that could sneak on the team with a good preseason showing.

Boone was allocated to NFLE last season by the [Chicago Bears](#) and played for the Berlin Thunder. Boone played in 9 games, catching 13 passes for 221 yards and was among the league leaders with 4 touchdowns. Boone finished his career with Kentucky ranked third in receiving touchdowns with 16. Boone, who is Mormon, spent 2 years as a missionary in Peru. Originally signed by the Cowboys as an undrafted FA in 2003, was cut, then signed with the Bears.

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