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## **\*\*NFL Europe Update: Weeks 4 & 5 Combined\*\*** **[Frozen]**

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### Weeks 4 & 5

Due to both a business trip I had to make to Nashville, coupled with last week's draft, a review of Bears in NFLE in Week 4 didn't materialize before this past weekend. All apologies...in return, I'll combine both weeks 4 & 5 in this one report. I **\*was\*** able to catch 2 of the 3 games the NFL Network happened to broadcast Draft Weekend, and will combine comments for the last 2 weeks. Unless there's a standout performance, all stats below the players' name will be from week 5.

On now to how the allocated Bears fared in Weeks 4 & 5:

## Chicago Bears in NFL Europe 2004:

## Rhein Fire



## **P Brooks Barnard**



PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Net Avg.	TouchB	In20	Long
B. Barnard	7	248	35.4	31.7	1	4	43

Comment: In week 4 vs. Berlin, Barnard fared a bit better than week 5 in a loss at SCO (stats above). RF lost to BER in week 4, but Barnard had an overall average of 39.3, and a net of 35.5, plus a long of 51 yards. He seems to be hitting the ball well, and has a knack lately of pinning the ball inside the 20. His stock didn't dip much last week (week 5, with weaker stats), but his consistency has been interesting to watch.

## Berlin Thunder



**WR Aaron Boone**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD's
A.Boone	1	37	37	<b>37t</b>	1

Comment: Actual playing time, and receptions for Aaron Boone! In week 4, Boone had a real nice catch vs. RF, making a catch with a DB all over him...he caught the pass (a 45-yarder), and rolled with the DB on him down to the 1-yard line (BER scored 2 plays later). He finished week 4 with 3 catches for 59 yards and a 19.7 average.

Then, this past weekend, Boone caught just one pass...but it was for a TD, spanning 37 yards. It looks like Boone is getting more & more playing time, and I like what I've seen of him so far. Nice recognition of where the ball is going, nice vision & hands to actually catch the ball, and I saw a nice block on an inside handoff 2 weeks ago.

**DE Israel Idonije**



DEF. STATS	Total Tackles	Unas. Tackles	Asst. Tackles	Sacks	Passes Def.	Forced Fum.	Fum. Rec.
I. Idonije	1	0	2	0	1	0	0

Comment: Idonije has not been very impressive thus far. Had zero tackles/stats in week four vs. RF, but was a bit more active in BER's win over Amsterdam last weekend. 3 total tackles, and one batted pass. He's not progressing as well as I'd hoped...he's starting, but isn't getting any penetration on passing downs, and is usually the last guy around on running plays.

### Amsterdam Admirals





### LB Jerry Schumacher

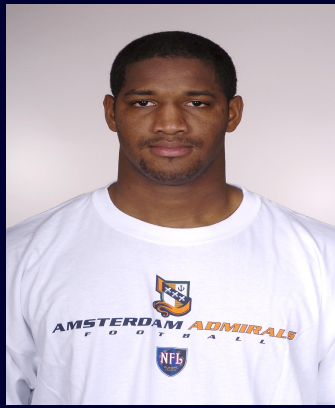
DEF. STATS	Tackles	Asst.	Combined	Sacks	Passes Def.	Forced Fum.	Fum. Rec.
Schumacher	4	2	6	0	1	0	0

Comment: Schumacher has made some serious strides for AMS. He still appears to be a bit small for an NFL linebacker, but his speed has definitely been a factor as a "chase LB."

In 5 full quarters two weeks ago vs. FRA, Schu had a great game, garnering 4 total tackles, 1 sack (minus 7 yards), and both 1 tackle and 1 forced fumble in the AMS win over FRA. His sack was on a blitz, but credit the AMS secondary for allowing Schumacher to use his speed to track down FRA QB J.T. O'Sullivan.

AMS's week 5 game was not on TV, but decent stats (see grid above) for Jerry. Schumacher's speed could come in handy as a special teams specialist.

### DE Cliff Washburn



DEF. STATS	Total Tackles	Unas. Tackles	Asst. Tackles	Sacks	Passes Def.	Forced Fum.	Fum. Rec.
Washburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comment: I just logged on to the Admirals' website, and it lists Washburn as being placed on DL. No reason is given, but in the NFL, a player on IR **can** return that same season, so we'll see if he comes back this year.

## New player added!!!



**WR Andre Forde**

[Bio here!](#)

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD's
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A.Forde	0	0	0	0	0
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Comment: Forde has some issues to resolve if he has any aspirations of making an NFL team. In week 4, he had one catch for just 5 yards (on a short slant)...but also had an opportunity to catch 2 other passes, and failed to do so. One pass in particular was totally catchable, but he simply took his eyes off the ball, and dropped the pass. Forde was also flagged for a stupid 15-yard penalty, hitting a ball carrier out-of-bounds.

No catches in week 5 for Forde, and no passes thrown his way.

### Cologne Centurions



### LB Marcus Reese



DEF. STATS	Tackles	Asst.	Combined	Sacks	Passes Def.	Forced Fum.	Fum. Rec.
Reese	5	0	5	0	1	0	0

Comment: Reese is really coming along as the starting SLB. In week 4, he managed 7 total tackles in the COL 17-3 win over SCO (not televised). In week 5, Reese was all over the field on both defense and special teams. 6 total tackles (5 on "D," 1 on ST) and 1 forced fumble is helping Reese be an integral part of perhaps the strongest LB corps in NFLE.

His quickness might catch the eye of Lovie Smith. Vs. FRA, though, COL allowed 164 yards rushing (5.9 YPC average)...his movement along the LOS needs to improve, as does his attack stance. His "run coverage" and pass coverage is a little above average, but think a poor man's Warrick Holdman with a little more brains and speed.

### Scottish Claymores



None

### Frankfurt Galaxy



None

## Around the League

A few updates on how some bigger names fared in week one:

- **QB Rohan Davey**, Berlin Thunder.(NE)

PASSING	ATT	COMP	YARDS	COMP. %	SCK/ YDS	TD's	INT's	LONG	RTG
R.Davey	17	10	149	58.8%	0/0	4	0	47t	127.2

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD's
R.Davey	6	18	3	15	1

Comment: Right now, Rohan Davey is playing like the league MVP. A weak week 4 (17-26-2-198 1 TD, sacked 2x's) in the BER win over RF led to another stellar week in BER's shootout 33-29 win over AMS. Another game QB Rating over 125? Wow.

- **CB James Thornton**, Berlin Thunder. 3 ST tackles.

- **DE Corey Smith**, Berlin Thunder. (TB) Allocated by the Buccaneers, Smith had 2 sacks for -33 yards, and 1 forced fumble vs. RF in week 4.

- **QB Clint Stoerner**, Amsterdam Admirals. (MIA)

PASSING	ATT	COMP	YARDS	COMP.	SCK/YDS	TD's	INT's	LONG	RTG
Stoerner	32	18	249	56.3%	4/36	3	1	29t	99.6

Comment: Another consistent week with just 1 INT over the last 2 games for Stoerner.

- **QB Curt Anes**, Scottish Claymores. (DET)

PASSING	ATT	COMP	YARDS	COMP. %	SCK/ YDS	TD's	INT's	LONG	RTG
Anes	19	10	122	52.6%	2/11	1	0	28t	90.2

Comment: What a comeback! Anes, playing for SCO coach Gene Dahlquist (a Dick Jauron clone in offensive mentality, apparently), has had trouble breaking through. Last weekend, though, Anes (out of desperation and little time left) came through with an NFL-caliber drive to win the game (13-12 over RF) against a pretty tough RF defense. He delivered crisp passes, and the throw to MIA WR Bellamy in the end zone with :06 left was perfectly placed. If Anes would get a little more freedom, he might have a chance to show that he's capable of being a decent #3 QB.

- **RB Skip Hicks**, Frankfurt Galaxy. (CIN)

RECEIVING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD's
S.Hicks	7	138	19.7	<b>72t</b>	1

Comment: Above are numbers from week 4, in FRA's OT loss to AMS. His 72-yarder was a nice dump off/screen-like pass, and his speed got him into the endzone, outrunning the entire AMS defense. In week 5, managed 14-46-1TD rushing, and 2 Rec. for 1 yard.

- Bobby Setzer, DE, Frankfurt Galaxy. (OAK) This guy is lighting up the league. In week 4, had 4 tackles and 1 sack vs. AMS...and in week 5 vs. COL, 4 more tackles and 2 sacks! He's having a huge year, and will probably end up with a job out of camp.

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