

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

National Football League
Players Association,

Civil No. 08-6254 (PAM/JJG)

Plaintiff,

v.

National Football League, and
National Football League
Management Council

Defendants.

ORDER

Kevin Williams and Pat Williams,

Civil No. 08-6255 (PAM/JJG)

Plaintiffs,

v.

National Football League, John
Lombardo, M.D., Brian Finkle,
and Adolpho Birch,

Defendants.

This matter is before the Court on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction filed in case 08-6254 by the National Football League Players Association (“NFLPA”) and the Motion to Dissolve the temporary restraining order (“TRO”) in case 08-6255.

The issues in this case are complex and contentious, and the parties have raised questions that deserve careful consideration. Moreover, due process requires that the Court fully and fairly review all of the submissions and the legal arguments of the parties. That consideration is not possible in the two days that remain before the players at issue are next

scheduled to take the field. Thus, due process mandates the entry of an injunction preserving the status quo to allow for the Court's review of the issues.

Accordingly, pending further Order of the Court, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:**

1. Plaintiff's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction in case 08-6254 (Docket No. 3) is **GRANTED**;
2. Defendants are **ENJOINED** from enforcing the arbitration awards issued on December 2, 2008, concerning Charles Grant, Deuce McAllister, Will Smith, Kevin Williams, and Pat Williams;
3. Defendants are **ENJOINED** from preventing those players listed above from participating in National Football League practices and games and otherwise participating in the National Football League as players; and
4. Defendants' Motion to Vacate and Dissolve TRO in case 08-6255 (Docket No. 3) is **DENIED**.

Dated: Friday, December 5, 2008

s/ Paul A. Magnuson
Paul A. Magnuson
United States District Court Judge