

The NFL may be finished for another season

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Dontae Johnson Color Rush Jersey , but football doesn't stop! In fact, the Alliance of American Football (AAF) gets underway today (February 9th) with the San Diego Fleet playing the San Antonio Commanders, while the Atlanta Legends battle the Orlando Apollos. The action kicks off at 5:30 PM PT on CBS, although the game you get depends on where you're located. For curious eyes, ESPN's Brady Henderson has put in the work to spotlight which former Seattle Seahawks — they've at least been on a preseason roster — are in the AAF, which universally has salaries of three years, worth \$250,000. Arizona Hotshots: LB Obum Gwacham, C Patrick Lewis Birmingham Iron: DB Trovon Reed Memphis Express: RB Terrence Magee, OL Robert Myers, WR Damore'ea Stringfellow, DL Julius Warmesley; Orlando Apollos: WR Marvin Bracy, LB Terrence Garvin, LB Jacob Pugh Salt Lake Stallions: DT Sealver Siliga San Diego Fleet: LB John Lotulelei, DE Damontre Moore, LB Eric Pinkins, OT Terry Poole, DT Tani Tupou Lewis is the most notable Seahawk in the sense that he replaced the woefully overmatched Drew Nowak as center in the 2015 season. He was waived after the 2016 season, which was when Justin Britt was moved to that spot. As for some of the innovative rules this developmental league has decided on? Well here's a sampling. Sky Judge It would've been way cooler if this was a referee who was literally suspended from a cable over the field, but that's not the case. From the official league website: "The AAF will have a ninth member of the officiating crew, called a sky judge who will be in the press box and can instantly correct "obvious and egregious" officiating errors. The sky judge will use real-time technology to correct clear errors involving player safety anytime during a game and pass interference inside of five minutes left in the fourth quarter." No Kickoffs Teams automatically get the ball at the 25 D.J. Fluker Color Rush Jersey , with the coin toss winner either receiving the ball at the 25 first, or deferring to the 2nd half. No Extra Points Go for two all the time. No Overtime Kicks You have four downs from the ten-yard line to score a touchdown and a two-point conversion. Field goals are not allowed. No Onside Kicks Onside kicks in the NFL have become nearly impossible due to rule changes. The AAF's experiment works like this: "If a team is trailing by 17 points or more inside of five minutes remaining in a game, they must convert a fourth-and-12 from their 28 in order to keep the ball." If they convert, the offense keeps going. If not, the opposition takes over the ball from the spot of that play. You can't rush more than five "Illegal defense" will be a 15-yard penalty in AAF. I guess it's bad television if sub-par quarterbacks are panicking at the sight of a jailbreak blitz. To be more specific: "On defense, no more than five players may rush on passing plays. No defensive player may rush from a position of more than two yards outside the widest offensive lineman and more than five yards from the line of scrimmage. The exceptions would be play-action or run-pass option plays and if the ball leaves the tackle box." In the interest of keeping the game moving along, the play clock is reduced to 35 seconds from the NFL's 40, and there are no TV timeouts. It should cut total game time by 30 minutes. So if you're intrigued, check it out this weekend, and see if it's worth your time beyond just Week 1. What a terrible terrible loss. This should've been the day for the Seattle Seahawks (8-6) to clinch a playoff spot by beating the San Francisco 49ers (4-10). Instead they committed a ton of penalties, played sloppy football, went overly conservative, and deservedly lost 26-23 despite two touchdowns by Doug Baldwin and a 100+ yard performance by Chris Carson. Special Teams was a huge liability with a missed PAT by Sebastian Janikowski, a kick return for a touchdown, multiple penalties on returns, a muffed kick by Tyler Lockett, it was all a disaster. 1st Half The 49ers received the ball and went three-and-out, although the Seahawks dodged a bullet when Nick Mullens overthrew an open George Kittle on 3rd and 2. Seattle started off with great field position and took advantage right away, as a great Tyler Lockett double move on 3rd down led to a 28-yard gain to San Francisco's 25. Chris Carson converted on a 3rd and 1 on a toss play to the 49ers' 6. On 3rd and goal at the 5, Russell Wilson found Doug Baldwin on the fade for the score. 6-0 Seahawks after the missed PAT. The joy was short-lived, as Richie James Jr took the ensuing kick back for a touchdown. 97 yards with not much trouble. 7-6 49ers. A punt from the 49ers 40 on 4th and short pinned them at the 1. A fumbled snap in the end zone was negated by a Jarran Reed offsides penalty. The Niners had success moving the ball down the field Barkevious Mingo Color Rush

Jersey , but a big run by Jeff Wilson Jr ended in a fumble forced by Bradley McDougald and recovered by Tre Flowers at the Seattle 28.Seattle gave up a 98-yard touchdown drive with ease, as Nick Mullens beat blitzes and found gaping holes in the secondary, including a 41-yard strike to Garrett Celek as Tedric Thompson slipped. 14-6 49ers.The Seahawks offense struck back courtesy of a 24-yard run by Chris Carson on a toss play, followed shortly by a ridiculous Russell Wilson scramble play to Doug Baldwin for a 35-yard score. 14-13 49ers.Nick Mullens again sliced apart a poor Seahawks defense, but Tre Flowers made a great 3rd down pass break-up in the red-zone to hold the 49ers to a field goal, which would be the halftime score. 17-13 49ers.2nd HalfThe two teams alternated punts to start the 2nd half, but then the Seahawks defense and special teams gifted the 49ers literally 45 yards of penalties on the way to the red zone. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Jeff Wilson Jr basically killed a potential TD drive and forced them into a field goal. 20-13 49ers. Seattle's offense finally got into gear again through the run game, as Chris Carson hit a couple of big chunk plays. They got all the way down to the 49ers' 1 but couldn't punch it in on three downs. On 4th and goal, Chris Carson was stuffed... until he wasn't. He kept his legs churning and got some help from Duane Brown to break the plane to tie the game in the 4th quarter. 20-20.Nick Mullens wasted no time finding Dante Pettis deep for a huge gain on Shaquill Griffin. A debatable DPI on Delano Hill then got them out of a 1st and 20 jam. Luckily the Seahawks defense held firm after that and forced Robbie Gould to come onto the field, but he converted his 45-yard field goal. 23-20 49ers.A generous roughing the passer penalty gave the Seahawks free 15 yards on the first play of the potential go-ahead drive. On 3rd down, Doug Baldwin got a free release and Wilson found him for 27 yards deep into 49ers territory. Unfortunately a crucial holding on JR Sweezy negated a Mike Davis first-down run, and Wilson was sacked on 3rd down but still in FG range. Seabass from 48... GOOD. 23-23 with 5:21 left. The Seahawks pass rush showed up in a big way on the next possession, getting a sack and two pressures on Mullens to force a three-and-out. Germain Ifedi committed a bad holding penalty on a 3rd down conversion by Mike Davis, which led to the Seahawks punting right back. Jarran Reed had a big sack after the Niners converted a first-down.After a Trent Taylor drop, Reed came through with another sack to force the punt. Unfortunately, Malik Turner had a penalty on the punt return that cost them some field position with 1:38 to go at their own 27.First play was a short dumpoff to Mike Davis. Another Davis checkdown got them to their own 43 with 1:02 to go. A big Davis run led to another holding penalty. The 2nd and 15 pass was incomplete. The deep ball to David Moore was incomplete, so overtime it is. OvertimeTyler Lockett inexcusably took the kickoff out of the end zone, fumbling it and then picking it up before getting wrecked at his own 15. JD McKissic got a big catch on 3rd down towards midfield... but a holding negated it. Ethan Pocic again. That meant a punt and the 49ers getting the ball at their own 39.After a massive hit by Poona Ford, Shaquill Griffin was flagged for DPI. A couple of runs by Jeff Wilson put them into FG range inside the 20. They brought on Robbie Gould for the game-winning field goal from 36 yards out...good. 26-23 49ers.Seahawks injury reportRB Mike Davis limped off the field at the end of the 1st half but returned to the game in the 3rd quarter.S Bradley McDougald suffered a knee injury in the 1st half and did not return.G Jordan Simmons went down in the 3rd quarter with a knee injury and was replaced by Ethan Pocic.RB Chris Carson took a hard hit from Richard Sherman in the 4th quarter. His injury was not disclosed but he did return. Next week's opponentThe Seahawks play on Sunday Night Football on December 23rd against the Kansas City Chiefs (11-3) at 5:20 PM PT on NBC.

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