NFL Offseason: Signing Established Quarterbacks

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The NFL offseason is a chaotic time for fans, teams, and sports reporters. Quarterbacks are always at the forefront of the offseason. Some quarterbacks seek new contracts, while others ponder their future in the NFL. Aaron Rodgers has been in the spotlight this off-season.

The New York Jets recently visited Aaron Rodgers. New York needs a quarterback and many believe Aaron Rodgers will leave Green Bay and join the Jets. Some sports journalists believe Aaron Rodgers would make the Jets a Superbowl contender.

Signing established quarterbacks like Aaron Rodgers has proven to be risky. Fans and reporters don't think about the consequences connected to signing a big-name quarterback.

A Trip Down Memory Lane

Last NFL offseason Matt Ryan and Russell Wilson made headlines. Matt Ryan was traded to the Colts for a third-round pick. Sports reporters believed Matt Ryan would take the Colts to the Superbowl. The Colts finished 4-12-1. Matt Ryan struggled to connect with the offense and played poorly. Ryan is set to <u>make</u> \$19 million in 2023. Indianapolis is currently looking for another quarterback.

Russell Wilson was the talk of the town last offseason. <u>Wilson</u> signed a 5-year \$242 million deal with \$161 million guaranteed. The Bronco's offense looked lost all season and Wilson had his worst season as a starter. Denver <u>missed the playoffs</u> for the seventh straight season.

Winning Matters

Teams are judged by their wins and losses during the season. Teams have to build winning cultures that suit them. A big-name quarterback can't change a losing organization. Denver hasn't had a winning season since 2015. Russell Wilson could only do so much. Denver was in the same position as the Jets last offseason. Denver had a top defense and good-skill players on offense. Wilson didn't make a difference and Denver failed as a team.

The Jets organization has had a history of losing. New York has had talented players on both sides of the ball ,but haven't sniffed the playoffs. Signing Aaron Rodgers doesn't erase the losing history. Aaron Rodgers will be one player on a 53-man roster that hasn't learned to win.

Final Note

I understand why the Jets want Aaron Rodgers. Rodgers has won multiple MVP awards and is one of the best quarterbacks in NFL history. However, we have seen how quarterbacks have fared when switching teams. Getting Rodgers doesn't guarantee a Superbowl title. We shall see what happens.

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