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Carothers signs with Cardinals

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Greg Carothers is headed back into the NFL.

The former Capital and University of Washington standout, signed a one-year deal with the Arizona Cardinals Monday night a few weeks after playing for the Amsterdam Admirals of the NFL-Europe football league.

Carothers, had 58 tackles last season, for the Admirals who won the World Bowl, in late May.

"It (playing in NFL Europe), gives him some advantages," said Chris Gittings, who along with Dan Hoven, are Carothers' agents, with Hometown Sports Management. "He is in football shape. He is in game shape right now."

Carothers, who was signed to a free-agent contract with the San Francisco 49ers last year, has a chance to turn some heads in the Cardinals camp. Due to his status as a NFL-Europe player, Carothers will not count against the Cardinals player limit until the final days of training camp.

Gittings said the key for Carothers to catching on with the Cardinals will be versatility. He said that he will need to break in on special teams and could play either sam or middle linebacker.

There are currently 10 linebackers on the Cardinals 80-man roster and last season the NFL club kept eight.

Carothers will spend the next few weeks practicing and training before returning to Helena in mid-July.

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He will return to Arizona on July 31 and training camp will begin on Aug. 1.

The Cardinals open the season Sept. 11 against the New York Giants.

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