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<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	:	Date: October 7, 2007
	:	League Type: Head-to-Head Football
	:	Dispute: Trade Review
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Petitioner,	:	
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- against -	:	<b><u>TRADE BETWEEN W&amp; P FOILAGE</u></b>
	:	<b><u>IS OVERTURNED.</u></b>
<b>FOILAGE and W&amp;P</b>	:	
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Respondents	:	
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The Court of Fantasy Football has been tasked with reviewing the proposed trade of Hines Ward, Shaun Alexander and Brandon Jacobs from Foilage to W&P in exchange for Joe Jurevicius and Warrick Dunn. This trade is overturned as inadequately benefiting both teams. In fact, this trade is amongst the most nonsensical that this court has ever reviewed.

**General Standard for Reviewing a Trade**

In this court, the general rule is that any fantasy trade shall be upheld as long as that trade adequately benefits both teams. (See, e.g., Public Opinion No. 101, Big Red Rockers v. Big City Bombers). This standard has been interpreted to mean that both teams consummating a trade must be able to make a reasonable good-faith argument for why they have agreed to the deal. (See Private Opinion No. 954-T, Commissioner v. Defending Champs & Team Hoon). Under this standard, it is very rare that any trade is rejected. As recently as last week, this court approved the trade of Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James for Jon Kitna, Travis Henry and TJ Houshmanzadeh – a deal that few would describe as even.

**Trade Review**

Here, this trade is not only uneven, but there is not a single good-faith argument for how this trade could ever benefit FOILAGE.

*The Wide Receivers:*

Review of this trade begins with the swap of the two receivers, Jurevicius and Ward. Here, this court finds a medium-size edge to W&P in the acquisition of Ward.

For each of the past six years, Ward has caught passes for a minimum of 975 yards per season. This year, Ward got off to a poor start and was then injured; as a result he has caught just 28 passes for 302 yards and three touchdowns in 2007. Since returning from injury three weeks ago, Ward has returned to form, catching 19 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns—numbers far more indicative of his ability.

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Jurevicius, meanwhile, has never caught passes for more than 700 yards in any of his 10 years in the NFL. This year, Jurevicius got off to an uncharacteristically fast start and has played in every game; he currently has 24 catches for 305 yards and three touchdowns (in two more games, almost identical numbers to Ward). Over the past three weeks, Jurevicius has only caught only 12 passes for 173 yards and no touchdowns (far worse numbers to Ward).

### *The Running Backs:*

Moving ahead to the swap of running backs, here the court finds an enormous advantage to W&P in the acquisition of Alexander and Jacobs.

In this trade, W&P acquires both Shaun Alexander (8 games, 492 yards, 2 TD in 2007) and Brandon Jacobs (5 games, 450 yards, 2 TD in 2007). Jacobs, who was injured in the early minutes of the New York Giants' opening week loss to the Dallas Cowboys, is just now getting healthy. In the past three weeks, Jacobs has rushed for 324 of his 450 yards, making his one of the league's most valuable running backs heading into the second half of the season.

Foilage meanwhile acquires Warrick Dunn (8 games, 392 yards, 2 TD in 2007), who by all accounts is a wonderful person and does a lot of community service work. Yet, Dunn has rushed for fewer yards than either Alexander or Jacobs. Plus, it is not as if Dunn's playing time is going to increase. As the Atlanta Falcons fall further out of playoff contention, one must expect Jerious Norwood to take more of the running load, and Dunn (a veteran) to see more time on the bench.

### **Holding**

Based upon the foregoing, this court overturns the proposed trade of Hines Ward, Shaun Alexander and Brandon Jacobs from Foilage to W&P in exchange for Joe Jurevicius and Warrick Dunn. This court encourages the parties to drastically rework this trade.