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Brister doesn't enjoy being called stupid

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Bubby Brister didn't like being called stupid and shortsighted by a players' union official, and the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback said if the man repeats the remark to his face, he will belt him.

M.J. Duberstein, NFLPA research director and economist, criticized Brister for selling to NFL Properties the rights to put his name and face on merchandise.

The NFLPA said NFL Properties, a club owners' organization, promised the 11 members of the Quarterback Club \$500,000 each over five years. The association said Brister and seven other quarterbacks already had signed contracts giving the NFLPA the rights to use their names and images on products involving six or more players.

The NFLPA has used revenues from sales of trading cards, T-shirts, computer games and such to pay attorneys to pursue the court battle for free agency.

Duberstein told The Pittsburgh Press that other players feel the quarterbacks sold out.

"I wouldn't like to be in Bubby Brister's shoes, because he's not smart enough to answer the questions" from teammates, he said. "Brister's got a lot of contracts to go. He's short-sighted and stupid."

"Tell him I want to see him face-to-face and call me stupid," Brister told the newspaper.

He said NFL Properties had advised him to refer questions to the company.

Tulane DB, Jets reach deal

Former Tulane defensive back Mike Riley has agreed to a two-

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year contract with the New York Jets, his attorney, Doug Sunseri, said.

Riley, 5-foot-11 and 180 pounds, was a sixth-round pick by the Jets this year.

Riley prepped at Ehret.

Chiefs hire Webster

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Webster, who retired after 17 seasons as a center in the NFL, will become a member of the Kansas City Chiefs coaching staff.

"I will be helping out in a couple of different areas," Webster, 39, said. He said he plans to attend the team's training camp at River Falls, Wis., on July 15.

Webster said Monday that his job would be more clearly defined when Chiefs president and general manager Carl Peterson and coach Marty Schottenheimer returned from vacation. Webster, who played in nine Pro Bowl games for the AFC, probably will assist with the offensive line.

When Webster retired, Peterson said Webster had been offered a position with the club.

Webster started 23 games during the past two seasons for the Chiefs after playing 15 seasons for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I stayed away most of the off-season to see if this is what I really wanted to do," Webster said. "I didn't want to be in here when I wasn't certain if this was what I wanted."

Falcons' Smith loses suit

ATLANTA — A Fulton County Superior Court jury awarded former Atlanta Falcons president Rankin Smith's