



Jaguars agree with Pashos; \$25 Million

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The first of the highly regarded offensive linemen expected to switch teams in free agency has made his move, as right tackle Tony Pashos, who played the first four seasons of his career with the Baltimore Ravens, on Friday reached an agreement with the Jacksonville Jaguars.



That Pashos would sign with the Jaguars was one of the NFL's worst-kept secrets over the past few days. Pashos was en route to Jacksonville on Friday and will sign his contract after a physical exam there.

Financial details of the contract were not yet available. But it is believed that Pashos, who has just one season of experience as a full-time starter, will receive a \$10 million signing bonus and \$25 million total.

Pashos, 26, will oust six-year veteran Maurice Williams from the right tackle spot in a somewhat surprising move.

Depending on how the competition on the left side shakes out in camp, the Jags could trade one of the tackles vying for that job. At worst, Jacksonville would have one of the deepest tackle trios in the league.

Jacksonville's coaches, who covet toughness, wanted a more physical presence on the right side, and they are getting that with Pashos, a solid run-blocker. Still, Pashos has logged only 23 starts, with 16 of them coming last season. The former University of Illinois standout, a fifth-round choice in the 2003 draft, appeared in only six games in his first two NFL seasons.

Pashos moved into the Ravens' starting lineup midway through the 2005 season.

"He's a good, solid player, a stronger, bigger man, and he will give us a push in the run game and a firmer pocket," coach Jack Del Rio said in assessing Pashos.