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DT OKAM PROMOTED TO ACTIVE ROSTER;
DT SIMS RELEASED

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers announced today that they have promoted DT Frank Okam to the active roster from the practice squad released DT Ryan Sims.

Okam originally joined the league as a fifth-round pick (151st overall) of the Houston Texans in the 2008 NFL Draft. He went on to play in 13 games for the Texans before being released on October 25, 2010. Okam signed with Seattle on November 2, but was released before playing in any games.

Sims originally joined the Buccaneers via trade with the Kansas City Chiefs on May 1, 2007. This season, Sims played in six games with one start for Tampa Bay, recording six tackles.

The team also signed CB D.J. Johnson to the practice squad. Johnson originally entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent with the Denver Broncos in 2009, spending a portion of the season on the Broncos practice squad before being signed to the New York Giants active roster. He appeared in seven games with the Giants this season before being released on November 22.