

## San Francisco Giants should stay put in California

Has anyone noticed Major League Baseball's latest fiasco?

No, it's not George Steinbrenner's reinstatement into baseball nor the Chicago Cubs' lawsuit against the commissioner.

It's the San Francisco Giants planned move to Tampa Bay.

Last week, the Giants were sold for approximately \$111 million to a group in Florida who are planning to move the Giants from California to the Sunshine State.

But not only is this a disappointment to the diehard/insane fans of San Francisco, it's also depressing for the baseball purists who believe baseball is as much a part of the Bay Area as is earthquakes, violent protests and the Grateful Dead.

And who's to say Tampa Bay wants the Giants? This is a town that's already home to the Buccaneers, who are the National Football League's version of a mix between the Cleveland Indians and the Three Stooges, and prob-

ably doesn't want another team who will win a championship next time there's a frost warning in hell.

But if the Giants are going to move to Tampa Bay, it seems other teams can benefit from moves to other locations as well.



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- The Missouri basketball team. The Tigers will move into the Columbia city jail in order to save on travel expenses, as it seems to have become tradition that each Missouri player gets to experience time behind bars during their career as a Tiger.

- The Oklahoma football team. The Sooners

will leave to take up residence in Overland Park, Kan. in order to save the NCAA the expense of having to send so many investigators to the Sooner State.

- The Los Angeles Lakers. The NBA's Lakers will relocate in Houston so that star forward James Worthy can use up his remaining vouchers at one of the city's call-girl agencies.

He's already used up two of his coupons, but had them taken away after a police sting. (James, here's a hint — next time you're looking for a couple of prostitutes, don't use the advertisement that has 911 listed as its number).

- 25 of Major League Baseball's teams. 25 professional baseball teams will all try to move to Cleveland because of the high winning percentage that non-Indian teams have competing in Cleveland.

The problem is that these teams probably haven't realized is that it just might be playing

the Indians gives these teams their numerous wins and not the wonderful Cleveland atmosphere.

- The University of Miami football team. The team would like to move to a city that has more banks located closer to campus, therefore making it easier for Hurricane football players to cash their paychecks from school alumni.

- The University of Nevada at Las Vegas basketball team. The Running Rebels will take their name literally and move to anywhere outside of Las Vegas (where it's against the law to bet on the hometown Rebels), so that when they're point shaving, they can wager on themselves in the process.

Through all of this, you have to wonder what's going to happen in the future. Is San Francisco next going to sell the Golden Gate Bridge to Florida for a bucket of Mackerel?

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### Cornhuskers to play Florida State in 1999

LINCOLN (AP) — Nebraska and Florida State have agreed to play football in a home-and-away series in 1999 and 2000, according to Seminole Athletic Director Bob Goin.

Goin told the Orlando Sentinel that the two schools would play in Tallahassee, Fla., in 1999 and in Lincoln in 2000.

The Cornhuskers and Seminoles

last played each other in the 1990 Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, with Florida State winning 41-17.

The two schools previously played a regular season series in 1985 and 1986, with the Seminoles winning the first game 17-13 and Nebraska rebounding the following season with a 34-17 victory. Both games were played at Memorial Stadium.

### Beef Club sponsors Osborne scholarship

LINCOLN (AP) — The Board of Directors of the Nebraska Beef Club has agreed to endow a football scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the name of Nebraska Football Coach Tom Osborne.

The Beef Club will contribute \$50,000 to the Tom Osborne Endow-

ment Fund and plans to contribute another \$100,000 in the next two years to complete the funding.

Income from the endowment will be distributed to the Athletic Department to defray the scholarship expenses of a full-time student who has been awarded a football scholarship.



Courtesy of the UNL Sports Information Office

Former Nebraska tight end Johnny Mitchell, now with the NFL's New York Jets, catches a pass last year against Kansas State.

## Former Husker flies high in NFL

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Former Nebraska tight end Johnny Mitchell is hoping to soar to new heights with his team in the National Football League.

Mitchell, this year's top draft pick of the NFL's New York Jets, is predicting his accomplishments in professional football will supersede his achievements as a Cornhusker.

The 21-year-old Mitchell, who earned All-Big Eight honors twice in his two years at Nebraska, left the Husker program after last season and was consequently picked 15th overall by the Jets in the NFL's amateur draft.

Mitchell said that as he proceeds through training camp, he should be ready to take over as starting tight end for New York's season opener in September.

"I've been trying to learn my job better and learn the system," Mitchell said. "By opening game, I should be the man."

Mitchell caught his first pass as a professional in last Saturday's 14-13 Jet win over the Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins, and had been instrumental in New York's 2-0 start in the exhibition season.

The Chicago native said he will soon be one of the NFL's best tight ends as long as he continued to improve during the preseason.

"The thing that's going to make me one of the league's elite is to continue to work on my blocking," Mitchell said.

The Jets signed Mitchell to an estimated four-year, \$3.5 million contract earlier in the summer. He said his new contract made leaving Nebraska a little easier.

"To a certain extent, I regret leaving Nebraska as far as my education

goes," Mitchell said. "But if you look at my income and situation, I feel great and wouldn't change a thing."

Mitchell said it is difficult to please both the New York media and the Jets fans who expect a lot out of New York's players.

"They've been pretty tough here," Mitchell said. "It's not like back home in Nebraska; they'll destroy you if you allow them to."

The Jets finished last year with an 8-8 record, but Mitchell said his new team will improve on that mark this season.

"We're going to be challenging for the AFC title," Mitchell said. "If anybody tells you different, they don't know much."

Mitchell said his goals in the NFL are simple.

"I just want to help the team get to the Super Bowl as well as be the best tight end in the game," Mitchell said.

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