



## Panthers, Delhomme agree to 5-year Extension worth \$42.5M

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Proving their faith in [Jake Delhomme](#) is unwavering, the [Carolina Panthers](#) have given their quarterback a five-year extension.

**The new deal is worth \$42.5 million and includes \$20 million in guaranteed money**, a source said.

The extension will keep Delhomme with the Panthers through the 2014 season and free up valuable cap space. Delhomme was scheduled to make \$6.325 million next season, the final year of his contract. His cap number, however, was \$11.091 million and the Panthers were close to maxing out their salary cap, burdened by Julius Peppers' one-year tender worth \$16.7 million.

Jake Delhomme had 185 yards passing in the Panthers' 34-28 OT loss to the Giants.

The agreement ends any thoughts about the future of the quarterback position in Carolina. Delhomme has taken the Panthers to one Super Bowl and is coming off a 12-win season. Although 34, the Panthers believe Delhomme is good enough to get them back to the Super Bowl, even though his last game was the worst of his career -- five interceptions and a lost fumble in a 33-13 loss to Arizona in the NFC divisional playoffs.

Delhomme established himself in 2003 when he signed with the Panthers as a free agent and became their No. 1 quarterback. He's started 76 games in his six seasons in Carolina.

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