

# George not likely to sign with Seattle

ATLANTA (AP) — Jeff George won't become a Seahawk and probably won't be a Falcon for much longer, either.

The suspended quarterback remained with Atlanta on Tuesday as the NFL trading deadline passed without him agreeing on a new contract with Seattle. George and agent Leigh Steinberg had been talking with the Seahawks about a reported six-year, \$30 million contract. The Falcons were prepared to trade George straight up for Rick Mirer, Seattle's former starting quarterback.

However, George and the Seahawks couldn't agree before the 4 p.m. EDT deadline, apparently leaving the Falcons with no choice but to cut the seven-year veteran.

"We still have a couple of weeks to decide what to do with Jeff," coach June Jones said. "But our options are limited, obviously."

The coach did rule out George rejoining the Falcons.

"I don't think Jeff is interested in that and I don't think we could have him back," Jones said.

George was suspended by the Falcons after a sideline confrontation with Jones during a Sept. 22 loss to Philadelphia.

With Mirer struggling, the Seahawks showed interest, but no trade could be arranged.

"I just felt it was too rushed," George said of the negotiations, which intensified late last week. "I didn't think I would be in this situation, and I just wanted to make sure that the next (team) was the right one."

He insisted money wasn't a factor in his decision to sever negotiations with Seattle.

"So many numbers were being thrown around, I really didn't get into that," he said. "I just wanted to make sure that no matter where it was, it was the last place I went to. I said all along that this thing isn't about money. I wanted a clear mind."

The Falcons were downcast about the prospect of getting nothing in return for a quarterback who cost them two No. 1 draft picks in a 1994 trade with Indianapolis.

"Sure, I'm disappointed in it,"

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JEFF GEORGE  
Atlanta quarterback

said Falcons vice president of player personnel Ken Herock. "We've been able to pull off trades in the past, but this trade was unusual in the fact that I wasn't the one who could pull the trigger and Seattle couldn't pull the trigger."

The Falcons suspended

George after he complained vehemently about being benched during the third quarter of the 33-18 loss to Philadelphia.

The suspension, initially for one game, was extended to four games after George met with the media to explain his side of the dispute.

Now, with two weeks remaining on the suspension, the Falcons' only option appears to be putting George on waivers, giving him total freedom to negotiate with a new team — and leaving the Falcons with nothing in return.

In Seattle, coach Dennis Erickson said of the failed negotiations, which left his team in a state of limbo the past week, "I'm a little disappointed on how it occurred."

But Erickson said he's looking forward to the Seahawks' next game, Oct. 17 at Kansas City, when John Friesz will start his second straight game and Mirer, the No. 2 overall pick in the 1993 draft, will be his backup.

"All I know is I'm going to get ready to kick butt with John," Erickson said. "I'm happy with that."

The Falcons couldn't trade George unless he agreed to a long-term contract. George, who signed a one-year, \$3.64 million contract with the Falcons in training camp, was hesitant to agree to a longer deal without testing the market as an unrestricted free agent.

"I wanted to be able to put my heart and soul into this decision, and I wasn't able to do that, because it happened so fast," George said. "Maybe now I can take a step back and make it right. I've made some mistakes in my career and I didn't want to make another one."

Several teams have said they won't pursue George, who gained the reputation as a selfish, immature

ings Sporting Goods Company, whose products include baseball gloves.

## Alex Rodriguez Named Sporting News Player of Year

SEATTLE (AP) — Shortstop Alex Rodriguez of the Seattle Mariners was named player of the year Monday by The Sporting News, a national sports publication.

He received 260 votes or 67 percent in a poll of major league players.

Rodriguez, 21, was the third-youngest player in major league history to win the American League batting title.

His batting average was .358. "A lot of players had tremendous seasons this year, and for me to win this award in a year like this, is just amazing," Rodriguez said. "I'm very grateful."

In other Mariner developments, the team exercised its option and signed first baseman Paul Sorrento through the 1997 season.

# ASWSU

**ASWSU Ski Team**  
Meetings Tuesdays @ 6pm, CUB 110, starting Sept. 24th. No experience necessary. Both men and women racers needed.

**GLBA: Coming Out Week Oct. 7-11**  
10/7 Gloria Anzaldua  
10/8 Laura Bowly/ATV  
10/9 GLBT/Movies 7:30-9:30pm  
10/10 Politics of Community/Movies 7:30-9:30pm

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Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 10 @ 6pm in CUB 112. New members always - welcome.

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**Rock Show: The Verve Pipe, Citizen's Utilities, Super 8, in the CUB Ballroom Fri. Oct. 11th - \$5 student, \$6 non-student. Tickets available at Lecture Notes (2nd Flr. CUB) and at the Door. Brought to you by ASWSU entertainment committee.**

**HAMMERFEST Mountain Bike Race Oct. 12 Saturday @ 11am Beaseley Coliseum parking lot. Men's and Women's races - fun & big prizes. Call 332.0388 for ton's of info!**

**The ASWSU Senate meets this Wed. @ 6:30 in CUB 232. Issues up for a vote include: \$10,000 for College Hill Safety Improvement Project**

10/9	Activities Calendar	10/10
12pm Brownbag: Discussion of GLBT Symbols, CUB 214	6pm Ku-Au-Mah Mtg	12pm Brownbag: Micki Archuleta: Politics of Community, CUB 214
6pm WISL Televised Presidential Debates, Butch's Den	Film: 4 Short Documentaries, CUB Aud	12pm John Watkinson "Coalbrookdale: The Sublime Amid the Horror", CUB 123
		Film: Life and Time of Harvey Milk Film: Paris is Burning



# Mariners honored

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. and Roberto Alomar continued their Gold Glove streaks Tuesday, winning places on the American League best fielding team.

In voting by major league managers and coaches, Seattle's Griffey was elected to the team for the seventh straight year and Baltimore's Alomar made it for the sixth consecutive season.

Griffey and Alomar also had teammates who made the team for the first time — Seattle outfielder Jay Buhner and Baltimore pitcher Mike Mussina.

First baseman J.T. Snow of California won his second Gold Glove. Third baseman Robin Ventura of the Chicago White Sox, shortstop Omar Vizquel of Cleveland and outfielder Kenny Lofton of Cleveland each made it for the fourth time. Catcher Ivan Rodriguez of Texas was chosen for the fifth time.

The National League winners will be announced on Wednesday.

The awards are given by Rawl-