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## **BEARS GAIN ROMO AS QUARTERBACK; REPLACES CUTLER**

LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS, Nov. 2, 2016 - The Chicago Bears, who have struggled to find a permanent starting quarterback this season, have acquired Tony Romo for the remaining of the 2016 season in a trade with the Dallas Cowboys. Bears have agreed to give Cowboys first-round draft pick for the 2017 season.

Since beginning of the 2016 season, Romo has been placed on injured reserve since Aug. 25 with a fractured vertebrae. Romo is expected to be released Nov. 6 and will start for the Bears in week 10.

Romo signed with the Dallas Cowboys as a rookie free agent in 2003 by the Dallas Cowboys. Romo got his first career start as a quarterback in 2006, the same year he was selected to the Pro-Bowl. Since then, Romo has been selected to the Pro-Bowl three times and is Dallas' career leader in passing touchdowns and passing yards.

Romo has thrown for 34,154 yards, 247 touchdowns and 117 interceptions in 149 career games.

"We need him, we're desperate," says Chicago Bears head coach John Fox, "we are in need of a new change right now and we know Romo can bring that atmosphere to our team."

Jay Cutler (#6), Chicago Bears' current starting quarterback, has only played three games in total this season. Cutler left early in week two against the Philadelphia Eagles with a sprained right thumb. Cutler was placed on injured reserved and did not play until week eight against the Minnesota Vikings, finishing with two touchdowns and 252 passing yards.



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Cutler was traded to the Chicago Bears in 2009 from the Denver Broncos. The 34-year-old quarterback has thrown 32,033 yards, 206 touchdowns, and 143 interceptions in 137 career games.

“I have a lot of respect for Cutler,” says Bears’ offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains, “but right now Chicago needs someone who can bring more consistent numbers, and [we] think Romo can bring that to our team.”

Romo will begin his career as Chicago Bears’ starting quarterback on Sunday, Nov. 20 at MetLife Stadium against the New York Giants at 1:00 p.m.

**About the Chicago Bears:** The Chicago Bears are a professional American football team based in Chicago, Illinois. The Bears compete in the National Football League (NFL) as a member club of the league's National Football Conference (NFC) North division. The Bears have won nine NFL Championships and one Super Bowl. The franchise was founded in Decatur, Illinois, in 1919 and moved to Chicago in 1921. The team headquarters, Halas Hall, is in the Chicago suburb of Lake Forest, Illinois. For more information, visit [www.chicagobears.com](http://www.chicagobears.com).

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