

Cowboys Get A Preseason Win But Might Lose A Pro Bowl Center

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The weekend's big news from Dallas Cowboys camp isn't the team's 23-17 preseason win at Minnesota. It's the team's contemplation of moving or even dumping Pro Bowl center Andre Gurode due to his \$5.5 million salary, a decision that promises to create a young Dallas offensive line … and threatens to make it a poor offensive line.

Team owner Jerry Jones said before the Saturday game that Gurode would be in street clothes due to the team's pending meeting with him regarding "cap issues." The Cowboys are trying to make budget decisions and are trying to avoid being overcommitted to players on the back end of their careers.

That might be fiscally responsible but it seems a shaky, risky, online bingo game method of helping this team bounce back from a 6-10 season last year. Veterans Leonard Davis and Marc Colombo have already been jettisoned from the roster and Kyle Kosier is changing positions. There is promise with first-round rookie Tyron Smith – the youngest player in the league. But there are questions with other kids, including undrafted rookie Kevin Kowalski, who was the starter at center on Saturday.