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**SUPER BOWL WINNING NFL STARScores FILM DEAL WITH  
NEHST STUDIOS TO PRODUCE SCI-FI COMIC THRILLER**

***New York Jets Star Darian Barnes Signs Deal with NEHST Studios to  
Adapt National Triumph League into Animated Series***

**NEW YORK CITY** -- (November 7, 2007) – Having achieved professional success while pursuing a lifelong passion, New York Jets' starting fullback Darian Barnes will realize yet another childhood dream. His very own comic book, *National Triumph League*, will be adopted and produced into an animated series. Recently signed by NEHST Studios- a cutting-edge diversified production, financing, and distribution company - Barnes' comic has been many years in the making.

An avid comic book reader since childhood (his favorites include *Batman* and *Punisher*), Barnes came up with the concept for *National Triumph League* during his freshmen year at Rutgers University with friend and collaborator Joshua Goldfond. Along with co-creator Goldfond, Barnes has written story lines and overseen illustrations. Goldfond, a freelance story editor, is an accomplished writer who has involved himself with the creation of the films *Gutterball* and the AFI-produced independent short *A through M*. Now with the help of NEHST Studios, the *National Triumph League* will leap from the pages of the comic book on to the screen.

*National Triumph League* follows ten teams of superhero "Triumphants" who must balance celebrity and heroism to succeed in the world's most important sports event. Echoing the stressful lives of professional athletes, Triumphants are traded between cities and must defeat villains in a world governed by strict government rule and corrupted by crass commercial values. The "Triumphants" are equal parts superhero, living god, and movie star, yet despite the winning sum of their parts, they struggle constantly against the daily pressures on their bodies and souls.

The selection of Barnes' comic for film production is just one of a myriad of successful projects undertaken by NEHST Studios. This next generation entertainment company has set up a traveling workshop, the Aspiring Filmmakers Bootcamp, and runs [www.PitchNEHST.com](http://www.PitchNEHST.com). Chairman and Founder, Larry Meistrich, is the legendary producer of films *Belly*, *You Can Count On Me*, and the Academy Award-winning *Sling blade*.

Inspired by the thrilling and multifarious world in which today's athletes live, the project provides a unique commentary using science fiction as a lens to portray the physical and personal perils of celebrity sports stars. *National Triumph League* "uses our interest in comic books and Darian's experiences and insights in professional sports," noted Goldfond in a *New York Times* article.

For more information on NEHST Studios, please visit <http://nehst.com>.

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### **About Darian Barnes**

After transferring from Rutgers, Barnes was signed after attending Hampton University as a rookie free agent by the New York Giants. He won his first Super Bowl in 2002 with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. This year, Barnes joins the line up of the New York Jets, bringing stability to a revamped backfield as the team's starting fullback.

### **About NEHST Studios**

NEHST Studios is a diversified film production, financing and distribution company headed up by Chairman and Founder Larry Meistrich producer of *Sling Blade* and *You Can Count on Me* and founder of indie film studio Shooting Gallery and entrepreneur, CEO Ari Friedman. One of NEHST's goals is to remove entertainment industry barriers and open up the pitching and development process to anyone with a great idea. The company, which launched at the 2007 Cannes Film Festival, is currently developing seven projects.