

# Rappers score with Panthers tune



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Chris Hicks and Ron Carter (on keyboards) wrote and performed "The Carolina Panthers."

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The Carolina Panthers don't take to a football field until 1995, but Charlotte's National Football League (NFL) team is already having its praises sung.

"The Carolina Panthers" is a rap record written and produced by Ron "Slick Jack" Carter, president of Too Iced Music and Chris "Shotyme" Hicks. "The Carolina Panthers" is part of an album to be released later.

Wanda "Too Nice" Davis is the president of Too Nice Productions and the special events coordinator for Too Iced Music.

"The music came about the same night they were waiting on the decision for the team," said Carter.

"The following day my rap artist, Shotyme, called me and said he had written some lyrics about the team. We got together the next day and

that is how it happened," he said. "It was not planned."

"(Carter) was doing a track for something else. I had another track in mind to go with the lyrics, but it was far different from what he had done," Hicks said.

"The Carolina Panthers" is a rap, which is called hip-hop and R & B. It has a cross-over appeal, because all races want to dance to it," Carter said.

The group is working to make the rap the official Panthers tune.

"Negotiations are under way for it to be the official rap song. We have already submitted the song to the special events coordinator for Richardson Sports," he said.

"Whether they make a decision or not, the song will still be used to represent the Carolinas."

The rap will be distributed internationally, Carter said.

"Distribution is still in negotiations right now, but the

record will be out on my own label, Final Touch Records," Carter said. As of Dec. 15 there will be a regional re-

lease to all other area and surrounding radio stations.

WCKZ-FM in Charlotte plays "The Carolina Panthers" now.

It will be available to the public for purchase Jan. 1.

Hicks said his future goals are to live his life right and to show young brothers and sisters they can make it happen.

"You just have to have the will power and stick with it, because nothing comes easy," he said.

You have to go for it and be truly yourself," he said.

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