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ESPN Star Sports goes tapeless with Omneon

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ESPN STAR Sports (ESS), a sports broadcaster in Asia, has purchased a MediaGrid storage system and Spectrum server from Omneon Video Networks.

The initial build and test of the overall production system at ESS is scheduled for January 2007. Once the Omneon systems are in place, they will serve as the core of a new production system, capable of handling 2000 hours of media at 50MB/s. The storage and server implementation, which is being designed and supplied by U.K.-based systems integrator TSL, will support a new file-based environment and a collaborative production workflow for the network's live sports and sports news coverage.

The project will incorporate the MediaGrid system and four Spectrum media servers equipped with 50 I/O ports. These will be linked to 25 Apple Macintosh computer systems equipped with Final Cut Pro editing software.

Within this workflow, production staff will not only gain faster access to media, but also gain the ability to view and work with other packages during production.

The MediaGrid system provides centralized shared storage that is scalable in capacity, bandwidth and media processing power. The storage system will be managed by an OmniBus OPUS News & Sports Logging system and will deliver archive content to a new Front Porch Digital DIVArchive system.