

## Former teammates meet

# Not exactly like old times

DENVER (AP) — The dejected freshman linebacker had taken a seat on the bench when something prompted him to watch the final seconds of what looked to be a sure loss to Miami.

"I was like, 'You know what, I think I'll get up for the last play,'" Bill Romanowski said. "I got up for the last play, and wow!"

Romanowski was part of the chaotic celebration after Boston College teammate Doug Flutie threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to roommate Gerard Phelan to beat Miami on the game's final play in 1984.

Flutie, now the starting quarterback for San Diego, and Romanowski, a starting linebacker for Denver, will

reunite when the Chargers play host to the Broncos on Sunday.

Romanowski has never had a chance to tackle Flutie in the NFL.



Flutie was a backup for New England when Romanowski and the San

Francisco 49ers beat the Patriots in 1989.

Flutie later spent eight seasons in the Canadian Football League, winning three league titles, before returning to the NFL in 1998.

"When he was on the field, you always felt like you had a chance to win the game," Romanowski said. "That's what he brought to (Boston College), and he changed the program."

Flutie has engineered another turnaround in his first year in San Diego. The Chargers, 1-15 last season, are 3-2 heading into their AFC West opener against Denver.

Broncos quarterback Brian Griese was 9 years old when Flutie completed his historic last-second pass, so the details of that Nov. 23 day are understandably fuzzy.

"I have no idea where I was," Griese said. "I have no idea what year that was. I don't know how old I was. I think he's a great quarterback."

## A penny for his thoughts



RANDY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Colby High School's Adam Horinek watches his C-team fall 30-0 to the Goodland Cowboys at Dennen Field on Thursday night. The varsity Eagles will be in Goodland tonight. Game time is 7:30 p.m. CDT.

# Coaches pick KU to win all the marbles

DALLAS (AP) — Missouri junior Kareem Rush, the Big 12's top scorer last season, has been tabbed as the pre-season player of the year by the league's coaches, who chose Kansas as the team to beat for the 2001-02 title.

With four starters and 10 lettermen back from last season, the Jayhawks received seven first-place votes in the coaches' pre-season poll released Thursday.

The top six teams in the coaches' poll are the six Big 12 teams that advanced to the NCAA tournament last season.

After Kansas, Missouri was picked second with four first-place votes. Oklahoma State was picked third, followed by Oklahoma, Texas and two-time defending Big 12 champion Iowa State. Oklahoma received the other first-place vote.

The rest of the picks, in order of predicted finish, were Colorado, Kansas

State, Baylor, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Nebraska.

Rush was a first-team All-Big 12 pick last season when he averaged 21.1 points per game. The 6-foot-6 Missouri junior was second in the league in 3-point field goals (2.65 per game) and fourth in 3-point field goal percentage at 45 percent.

Rush and Oklahoma State senior guard Maurice Baker were the only players on all 11 possible coaches' ballots.

Joining Rush and Baker on the all-league team are Texas senior forward Chris Owens and the Kansas junior forward duo of Nick Collison and Drew Gooden.

Oklahoma junior guard Ebi Ere, a transfer from Barton County Community College, was tabbed as the pre-season newcomer of the year. He averaged 25.5 points and 7.6 rebounds a game last season at the Kansas junior college.



# Lady Sooners picked to repeat as champs

DALLAS (AP) — Defending Big 12 women's basketball champion Oklahoma and its top player, last year's league player of the year Stacey Dales, have been picked to repeat their titles this season.

Oklahoma is the overwhelming choice to win the 2001-02 title, according to the preseason poll by the league's coaches released Thursday.

The Sooners got eight first-place votes, five more than predicted league runner-up Texas Tech. Iowa State got the last first-place vote and is third in the preseason poll. The rest of the teams, in order, are

Colorado, Texas, Baylor, Kansas State, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Kansas and Texas A&M.

Dales, a 6-foot senior guard, was a consensus All-American and led the Big 12 last season in assists (7.29 apg).

She ranked eighth in scoring (16.0 ppg) and steals (2.41 spg).

Joining Dales on the pre-season All-Big 12 team are senior center Angie Welle of Iowa State, Texas Tech junior forward/center Plenette Pierson of Texas Tech, and the Baylor senior duo of guard Sheila Lambert and forward Danielle Crockrom.



# NASCAR orders restraints

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR ordered the immediate use of head-and-neck restraints for its top three series, trying to improve safety after a string of fatal crashes, including Dale Earnhardt's.

Effective this weekend, drivers in the Winston Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck series must wear a HANS or Hutchens device at any time they are

on the track during a NASCAR-sanctioned event.

After four deaths in 17 months, NASCAR has encouraged drivers to wear a restraint system this season, but officials had previously declined to make them mandatory.

On a regular basis, 42 of the 43 Winston Cup drivers voluntarily wear one of the two devices.

## Playoff Picture

**American League Thursday**  
New York 3 at Seattle 2, New York leads series 2-0<

**Saturday**  
Seattle (Moyer 20-6) at New York (Hernandez 4-7), 4:20 p.m. (Fox)<

**Sunday**  
Seattle (Abbott 17-4) at New York (Clemens 20-3), 7:50 p.m. (Fox or Fox Sports Net)<

**Monday**  
Seattle at New York, 8:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

**National League Wednesday**  
Atlanta 8, Arizona 1, series tied 1-1  
**Tonight**  
Arizona (Schilling 22-6) at Atlanta

(Burkett 12-12), 8:20 p.m. (Fox)<

**Saturday**  
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:50 p.m. (Fox)

**Sunday**  
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:50 p.m. (Fox or Fox Sports Net)

## Rec Pool Results

Here are the results from the Colby Recreation Department pool tournament at the Colby Bowl on Monday.

1st, Kyle Bond 1st \$25  
2nd, Ron Snyder 2nd \$10  
3rd, Ken Sanford 3rd \$5

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