

Action at the regionals



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Stephanie Wieland moved into the punt position in recent action in the Mid-America Regionals vs. the Omaha Storm at Hastings, Neb. She plays with Colby's Sweet Thunder 18 and Under. Colby took fifth place in the regionals and earned a berth to compete with 30 other teams from across the western U.S. in the Western National Championships at Hastings July 28-Aug. 2.

Couple of Chiefs nursing hurts

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Fullback Tony Richardson cracked his left thumb in Kansas City's morning practice Thursday and will probably miss several days.

Also missing was Chiefs rookie linebacker Kawika Mitchell, with a strained hamstring.

Coach Dick Vermeil said he did not think Richardson would be out for long

"What I understand is he got it banged back into his face mask," Vermeil said.

"It doesn't look like it will have to be operated on. Let it sort of calm the veterans is good, but Vermeil is down and keep it in a cast. He'll displeased with some of the first-

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is for six years and \$103 million,

Nets president Rod Thorn said.

probably be back on the practice year players. field in a few days."

pick out of South Florida, will probably not be out more than a few days, Vermeil said.

The Chiefs went through their fifth day of practice under clear skies and cool temperatures, with the tempo starting slowly picking

They started a week early because they'll play in the Hall of

Fame game on Aug. 4. The general condition of most of

The point guard was considered

cruited by San Antonio, which beat

New Jersey to win this year's title.

"There are a couple of guys with Mitchell, a second-round draft bellies," he said. "Young kids who have never been in an NFL training camp. They're not quite ready for the tempo and have to get themselves into training camp shape. I talk to them all the time.'

The punting battle seemed to gain intensity with both competitors, Leo Araguz and Jason Baker, having good mornings.

Vermeil and his coaches.



No more Terrell Davis for Broncos

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos severed ties with one of the most popular players in team history Thursday, waiving Terrell Davis after learning the star running back would not pass his physical.

Davis has been rehabilitating in Phoenix in an attempt to return to the league, but recently told Bron- $\cos \operatorname{coach} \operatorname{Mike} \operatorname{Shanahan} \operatorname{he} \operatorname{didn't}$ think his battered knees would pass a physical before the start of training camp today.

'He doesn't want to retire, he wants to keep on working. I told him, 'You keep on working and if you feel like you can pass the physical and are in the condition to pass it, we would love to have you back," Shanahan said Thursday.

Davis, 30, was one of the most waiving Davis. productive running backs in league history his first four seasons, but five surgeries the past four years left him hobbled. He didn't play last season after tests revealed degenerative conditions in both knees and he had microfracture surgery on his left knee last September.

Davis has been working with noted physical therapist Brett Fischer in Arizona to see if he can play again, but it's been slow going. He recently started running and told Shanahan that he doesn't want to take up a roster spot if he's not healthy.

The Broncos will save \$355,000 against the salary cap this season and about \$1.2 million next year by

"He wants to come back as a Denver Bronco and we will just kind of wait for that time,' Shanahan said. "Is that time ever going to occur? I really don't know. I don't think he knows.

"I just know he hasn't lost that urge to try to come back right now. He doesn't want to retire, he wants to keep that window open," he said.

Davis rushed for 6,413 yards — his first four seasons while winning league and Super Bowl MVP awards. He also became just the fourth player in league history to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season, joining O.J. Simpson, Eric Dickerson and Barry Sanders.

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