# Broncos player takes blame

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos quarterback Brian Griese stood up "as a man" to take responsibility for his weekend arrest on suspicion of drunken driving.

Griese, son of Hall of Fame quarterback Bob Griese, was pulled over Saturday on I-25 outside Denver. State troopers said he was traveling 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

He failed roadside sobriety tests and was taken to a detoxification facility in Aurora, Colorado State Patrol Trooper Rob Marone said. Griese's blood-alcohol content was above the 0.10-percent legal limit, but Marone would not say by how much.

Griese said at a news conference that he had "a couple of drinks" at dinner with a friend before heading home.

"I'm going to take full responsibility for it because that's just the way that I am," he said. "I'm going to stand up, take whatever I'm going to receive and take it as a man and go on from there."

The 25-year-old Griese faces a Jan. 16 court date.

Griese was one of 130 people arrested Saturday in a law enforcement campaign to crack down on drunken driving. Officers set up checkpoints and randomly check drivers. Others targeted areas prone to drunken driv-

whose team resumed practicing on year. Monday after being off Sunday, said Griese was "a role model, as are all our players, and it was a poor decision on his part to drink and drive. Brian is remisdemeanor count of verbal abuse. sponsible for his actions and must pay

the consequences.

As a first-time offender, Griese probably will be fined by the NFL, not suspended. The league's alcohol policy states that "absent aggravating circumstances, discipline for a first offense will generally be a fine of onehalf of one-seventeenth of a player's salary, to a maximum of \$20,000."

Based on Griese's \$358,000 salary, he could be fined \$10,529.

The 25-year-old Griese, who helped lead Michigan to a national championship in 1997, threw for 3,032 yards and 14 touchdowns last year. His arm strength has been impressive this year after off-season shoulder surgery.

He was the NFL's highest-rated passer until injuring his throwing shoulder in the Sept. 17 game against Oakland. He sat out the game against Kansas City while backup Gus Frerotte started in his place.

Griese has said he may need surgery during the off season to repair torn cartilage in his right shoulder.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, Broncos to run into legal problems this

Receiver Rod Smith was arrested in January on suspicion of domestic violence and pleaded guilty in July to one He was sentenced to two years' probation and ordered to attend counseling.

Linebacker Bill Romanowski was indicted in August on charges of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and deceit and two counts of conspiracy.

He is accused of using a prescription drug, Phentermine, that was prescribed for someone else. Some people believe Phentermine improves athletes' performance by speeding up their metabo-

Romanowski's next court date is

Linebacker John Mobley was sentenced to probation and ordered to perform 24 hours of community service last year after an alcohol-related crash.

Mobley was cited for contempt of court last month for failing to do 12 hours of community service with Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

During a hearing Oct. 4, Mobley said he wasn't aware that part of his work was supposed to be for MADD and Griese is the fourth member of the agreed to complete the hours.



## Royals may move training site

PHOENIX (AP)—The Kansas City training site at Haines City, Fla., ex-before then. The Rangers' lease in Port Royals and Texas Rangers say they pires after the 2002 season, but Charlotte, Fla., expires after next seawill move their spring training sites from Florida to Surprise, Ariz., if the Phoenix suburb builds a stadium.

Top officials of both franchises made the commitment at a news conference with city officials Monday. The move is targeted for 2002.

Funding for the \$45 million stadium would be in place if Maricopa County voters approve Proposition 302 on Nov. 7, Surprise City Manager Bill Pupo said. Two-thirds of the money would come from the measure and one-third from the city.

Surprise is a fast-growing city of about 40,000, located 35 miles west of downtown Phoenix.

"With the possibility of coming to Arizona, we didn't think twice," Royals executive vice president Herk Robinson said.

"We are firmly committed to signing a long-term lease with the city of Surprise and feel that our relationship will be one of good citizenship that we can give to the community as well as receive."

The Royals' lease of their spring

Robinson said his team could move son.

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### Coach has breakthrough season

DALLAS (AP)—Suffering Baylor fans can take solace in what coach Dan McCarney has accomplished at Iowa

That is also a reminder to be patient with second-year Bears coach Kevin

This has been a breakthrough season for Iowa State (6-2, 3-2 Big 12), which is already assured its first winning regular season since 1989 and has the six victories necessary to be bowl eligible and play a postseason game for the first time in 22 years.

It has also come in McCarney's sixth season — and after five losing seasons — since taking over a team that was coming off a 0-10-1 record when he was hired in November 1994.

He was told by "98 percent of the people out there" that it was a job that couldn't be done.

"I knew it would take a lot of work. I didn't jump in blind," he said. "This job has been tough obviously."

McCarney's third season, but has made gradual improvement since. They won three games in 1998 and four last sea-

the legacy of the team and senior class, they've always been winners, but they are now mathematically wearing the wins than losses," McCarney said.

Iowa State-like turnaround at Baylor. 14 victory over the Cornhuskers.

Like McCarney, Steele took over a job that most deemed impossible. But he's only into second season, after a 1-10 debut season.

Baylor (2-6, 0-4) has lost 18 straight Big 12 games, including an October in The Cyclones were even 1-10 in which it was shut out three straight games. The Bears are now preparing to play a No. 1 team for the second time in three weeks.

"Not many teams play No. 1 teams "Another major hurdle and part of twice in 15 days. It's a monstrous challenge for any program. But when you are rebuilding, it really is," Steele said.

The Bears lost 59-0 at Nebraska on label of winner. We will have more Oct. 21. This week, they are at home to play Oklahoma (7-0, 4-0), the Steele is hoping eventually for an nation's new No. 1 after Saturday's 31-

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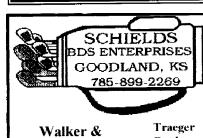
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