

Denver 4-4 at midseason

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos returned home from a Monday night thrashing in Oakland with a 4-4 record, the same mark they had last year before reeling off six straight wins to vault into playoff contention.

But they didn't sound like a team that expects to duplicate that kind of comeback. "We play the way we did and there's no way we'll make the playoffs," said wide receiver Rod Smith, one of the few positives for the Broncos' in the 38-28 loss. Smith had 10 catches for 91 yards and two touchdowns.

"It's a big hole," linebacker Al Wilson acknowledged.

At the halfway point of the season, the Broncos are 2 1/2 games behind the Raiders in the AFC West. They have little hope of winning the division, having dropped three of four AFC West

games. Overall, they've lost four of their last six.

"We had some opportunities early. We moved the ball, but they kept us out of the end zone," coach Mike Shanahan said.

Shanahan's dominance of the Raiders came to an abrupt end. His Bronco teams had beaten the Raiders in 11 of the previous 12 meetings, including seven in a row.

Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon was 25-of-34 for 242 yards and three TDs, two of them to Tim Brown.

"We're going to have to do some searching to find some guys to make the plays," Denver quarterback Brian Griese said. "I'm going to keep playing, keep my effort at the highest level it can be. And hopefully, other guys will follow."

bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies League KLOE over Callahan's 3-1 Clawson's over Bowladium Lanes 3-1 Mann's Jewelry unopposed	Gramps 4-0
Individual high game: Lori Amthor-221 Individual high series: Diana Nichols-585	Women's high game: Laura Wing-214 Women's high series: Laura Wing-559
Team high game: Clawson's-688 Team high series: Mann's Jewelry-1824	Men's high game: Allen Nichols-206 Men's high series: Dave Hovis-524
League Standings: No. 1 KLOE 26, 14; No. 2 Callahan's 20, 20; No. 3 Clawson's 18, 18.	Team high game: Mex & Company-834 Team high series: Mex & Company-2423
Happy Hour League B&B Electric over Pocket Rockets 3-1 KMA over Wheatridge Farms 4-0 Rasure's over Blind Team 4-0 Bowladium over Kanorado Coop 4-0	League Standings: No. 1 Mex & Company 29-7; No. 2 and No. 3 Half Fast Four and McDonald's 22-14.
Individual high game: Darren Hickson-277 Individual high series: Jeff Badgett-683	Wednesday Nite Darts Oct. 31 Can't Get Started over 3MTA3 12-4 Bad A's over Silver Bullets 9-7 No Luck over Just Us 9-7
Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-925 Team high series: Bowladium Lanes-2493	4th Round Outs: Kevin Delano, Paul Simons, Mike Yarger Duane Hanke, Brian Varney.
League Standings: No. 1 Bowladium Lanes 31, 9; No. 2 Rasure Lumber 27, 13; No. 3 B&B Electric 24, 16.	9 Dart Out: Kevin Delano, Paul Simons.
Thursday Night Mixed League Nov. 1 Our Team over Goodland Development Corp. 3-1 Sunwest Investments split with Charlie's Angels 2-2 Mex & Company over Blind Team 4-0 McDonalds over Weis Oil 4-0 Half Fast Four over The Grannies & The	Hat Tricks: Paul Simons. Featured Shooters: Cassandra Constable, 16.27; Brian Varney, 23.45.
	Standings: 1. Just Us 57, 23; 2. Can't Get Started 55, 25; 3. Silver Bullets 40, 40; 4. 3MTA3 38, 42; 5. Bad A's 31, 49; 6. No Luck 19, 61.



Vermeil expected better

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — When he took over as Kansas City's head coach, Dick Vermeil asked Chiefs fans to be patient.

Even he expected a better record at the midpoint of his first season, though.

"I thought we would be better than a 2-6 football team right now," Vermeil said Tuesday, during his weekly news conference. "If I had done a better job of coaching, I think we would have."

Vermeil didn't say which of Kansas City's losses could be attributed to

coaching failures, or even what mistakes he might have made.

"I can't pinpoint all the reasons why," he said. "If I could, I'd give them to you, but they're not all explainable sometimes."

Several players — most prominently new quarterback Trent Green, whose acquisition from the St. Louis Rams cost the Chiefs their first-round draft pick — haven't lived up to Vermeil's expectations, either.

Through eight games, Green's 1,945

passing yards lead the AFC and place him second in the NFL — but his interceptions outnumber his touchdown passes 13-8.

Kansas City has been hit hard by injuries to such key players as wide receivers Derrick Alexander and Sylvester Morris, offensive tackle Victor Riley and defensive tackle John Browning.

But Vermeil refused to blame injuries for the 2-6 start.

"Every team has injuries," he said.

Avalanche break scoreless streak

MONTREAL (AP) — The struggling Colorado Avalanche were just happy to register their first point in nine days.

Brian Willsie scored with 13:51 remaining in the third period to lift the Avalanche to a 1-1 tie with the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday night.

"I'm not disappointed at all," goalie Patrick Roy said. "Obviously, I would have been happy to win this game, but for us it was important to find a way to stop that losing streak."

Willsie redirected Rob Blake's slap shot from the right point past goalie Jose Theodore 6:09 into the third as Colorado, which had lost three straight, recorded its first point in four games. The Stanley Cup-champion Avalanche have struggled to a 7-8-1 start.

"We'll take the tie, but we would have liked to pull this out," Willsie said.

Yanic Perreault scored in the second for Montreal, as Roy again failed in his fifth straight bid to become the first

goalie to record at least 200 wins with two NHL teams. Roy won 289 regular-season games with the Canadiens from 1985-95.

Montreal, which had lost four straight, remained winless in its last five and is 1-7-1 since earning nine of 10 points to open the season.

"I thought we played a bit like we did in the early of the season, and that's the kind of hockey we need to play the rest of the season if we want to be successful," Perreault said.

Baseball may cut two teams

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Two cities will not have baseball teams next season, if owners get their way, and players will not be locked out when the labor agreement expires Wednesday.

The owners made those decisions during a 3 1/2-hour meeting.

They would not specify which cities would be cut. The vote was 28-2, with the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos opposing contraction.

Montreal, Minnesota and the Florida Marlins recently have been mentioned as the likeliest candidates, while Oakland and Tampa Bay were discussed earlier this year.

Baseball's decision reverses nearly a half-century of expansion during which the major leagues grew from 16 teams in 1960 to 30 since 1998, when Arizona and Tampa Bay were added.

The amount of money that would be paid to the eliminated teams was not discussed during the meeting.

This would be the first contraction by major league baseball since the National League shrank from 12 teams to eight following the 1899 season.

In addition to not locking out players, owners said they wouldn't freeze player signings when the labor pact expires Wednesday. Two teams advocated an immediate lockout, the person familiar with the meeting said, but Selig told teams he would not support one.

Landlord files lawsuit

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Immediately after baseball owners voted to eliminate two franchises, the Minnesota Twins' landlord obtained a restraining order blocking any changes in the team's situation until Thursday.

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission filed a lawsuit in Hennepin County District Court to compel the Twins to honor their lease to play in the Metrodome next season. District Judge Diana Eagan then issued a restraining order. The lawsuit named the Twins and major league baseball as defendants.

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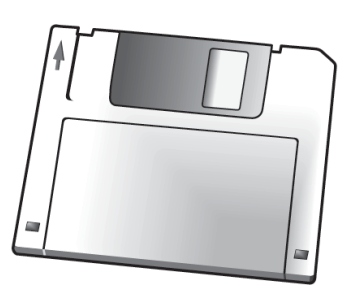
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