

Fans flee cold; Broncos lose

DENVER (AP) — As cold rain turned to snow and the wind chill dipped to 21 degrees by halftime, fans began fleeing Invesco Field, leaving only about 20,000 brave individuals to witness the second half.

With multiple fumbles and dropped passes by both teams, it wasn't pretty — unless you were a Washington Redskins fan.

Journeyman Kent Graham came off the bench to throw two touchdown passes, and the Redskins beat the Denver Broncos 17-10 Sunday for their fourth straight victory after opening the season with five losses.

It was Washington's first victory in Denver since 1970, when Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen was the Redskins' quarterback. The Redskins had lost three games here since then, but they didn't have Graham, who is building a reputation as a Bronco killer.

On Sunday, he led the Redskins to all of their points, replacing Tony Banks after he suffered a concussion late in the first half.

Banks had to be carted off the field after being hit by defensive tackle Leon

Lett while throwing a pass with 1:50 left in the half. Graham promptly completed 3-of-3 passes, setting up Brett Conway's 48-yard field goal.

The weather contributed to a host of misplays. Washington finished with six fumbles, three of which it lost, and seven dropped passes. Denver had six fumbles, two of which were lost, and five drops.

The Broncos (5-5), their receiver corps depleted by injuries, played most of the second half in their end of the field. Rod Smith, the NFL's leading receiver who was playing on a sprained right ankle, was held out for most of the second half.

"When Rod went out, we couldn't make a play," quarterback Brian Griese said.

Denver finished with only 10 first downs and 186 total yards — both season lows.

"Offensively, that was the worst performance I've ever seen in all my time in the NFL," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said.

Jason Elam's 33-yard field goal and Griese's 1-yard TD pass to Smith accounted for all of Denver's scoring.

recreation results

Results from basketball and volleyball games sponsored by the city/county recreation department

Basketball is played at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the high school gym and volleyball is played at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Basketball
Nov. 13
Flanders Guttinger over The Fruit Layups 53-42
Screwballs over Herl's Chevrolet 49-42
Nov. 15
Kuhrt Ranch over Huskers 65-63
Herl's Chevrolet over Dautel Furniture 69-47

Volleyball
Nov. 14
Nobody's Business over S&T Communications 15-2, (15-5), 12-10
Briney Farms over S&T Communications 15-6, 15-12
Pirate Electric/Frontier Equity over Nobody's Business 15-0, (16-14), 11-7
Marty's Electric over Sager Farms/Alex Radiator & Repair 15-1, 15-4
Kennedy & Coe over Marty's Electric 15-7, 15-8
Sager Farms/Alex Radiator & Repair over Golden Chiropractic 15-13, (15-5), 11-8
Briney Farms over The Who? 15-2, 15-2

Pirate Electric/Frontier Equity over Golden Chiropractic 15-2, 15-4
Kennedy & Coe over Rookies 15-0, 15-5
Rookies over The Who? 15-3, 15-5

state football

Results of the state championships in high school football.

By The Associated Press

6A
Olathe North 21, Manhattan 7

5A
Salina Central 56, Pittsburg 21

4A
Wellington 30, Fort Scott 8

3A
Conway Springs 16, Neodesha 14

2-1A
Pittsburg Colgan 23, Claflin 20

Eight-Man I
Jetmore 35, Little River 30

Eight-Man II
Hanston 28, Bern 22



Big 12 has coach quandry

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Who's been the Big 12's best coach this year? The one whose team won the most? Or the one whose team was the biggest surprise?

Which offensive player has had the greatest impact on his team and league? Of all the fine defensive players who helped the Big 12 be so dominant in 2001, who was greater than all the rest?

The answers depend on many things, including whether a team won and, just as critically, how many games it was supposed to win.

Voting for coach of the year, which takes place over the next few days, has always been particularly affected by those two considerations.

Nebraska fans will be dismayed if the honor goes to anyone but Frank Solich. Headed into their finale this week at Colorado, the Huskers are the Big 12's only unbeaten. They managed to be the first team in two years to best Oklahoma and if they win out, they will play in the national championship game.

But what about Colorado's Gary Barnett?

Little was expected of the Buffaloes following a puny 3-8 showing last sea-

son in Barnett's second year. But since a season-opening setback to Fresno State, the Buffaloes have lost only once. With one very big regular-season game left, they are 8-2 overall and 6-1 in the league, ranked No. 15.

And what about Missouri's first-year boss Gary Pinkel? The Tigers are not going to win any championships. But two games left — one at Kansas

State and one at Michigan State — Pinkel has them in position to have a winning season.

A strong argument could also be made for Oklahoma's Bob Stoops. Saturday's 30-13 decision over Texas Tech was the Sooners' 23rd victory in 24 games. It's hard enough to take a team to the top. Keeping it there may be even tougher.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League
Nov. 14
Fitzgibbon's Inc. over Western Kansas Valley 15-5
Bowladium Lanes tied with Basgall Construction 10-10
L&M Steel over Weber Kennels 12 1/2-7 1/2
ProLine Inc. over Sigco 15-5

Individual high game: John Fixsen-247
Individual high series: John Fixsen-844

Team high game: Pro Line-624
Team high series: Pro Line-2243

League Standings: 1. Pro Line 39, 21; 2. Sigco 33, 27; 3. Fitzgibbon's Inc. 32, 28; 4. Western Kansas Valley 30, 30; 5. Bowladium Lanes 29, 31; 6. Weber Kennels 27 1/2, 32 1/8; 7. Basgall Construction 27, 33; 8. L&M Steel 22 1/2, 37 1/2.

Wednesday Night Mixed League
Nov. 14
Kanorado Coop over Phantoms 3-1
Blossom Shoppe over Guzzlin Socializers 3-1
Gamblers tie with Kickers 2-2
Mueller Grain over Goodland Sheet Metal 4-0
Shear Dimensions tie Mudslingers 2-2
D&G Clan over Phillips Brothers 3-1

Men's high game: Harold Gillihan-212
Men's high series: Harold Gillihan-568

Women's high game: Laura McClung-195
Women's high series: Alice Nemechek-513

Team high game: Mueller Grain-917
Team high series: Mueller Grain-2488
League Standings: 1. Guzzlin Socializers 32, 16; 2. Mueller Grain 31, 17; 3. and 4. Gamblers and Kanorado Coop 30, 18; 5. Shear Dimensions 29, 19.

Lewis, Tyson to fight

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Lennox Lewis looked spectacular when he desperately needed to. Now, the fight that might have ended his career could set up his biggest bout ever.

Knocking out Hasim Rahman in the fourth round Saturday night didn't just give Lewis back his heavyweight titles and a bit of revenge. It also set up a megafight against Mike Tyson that could be one of boxing's biggest ever.

Lewis wants it, and so does Tyson. And, with Lewis 36 and Tyson one year younger, both fighters realize time is running out for a match talked about for much of the last decade.

"Since after the Holyfield fight I've been waiting for Tyson," Lewis said. "He said he wants me," Tyson said. "Well, I really look forward to it."

Tyson is the mandatory No. 1 challenger by the WBC, one of two belts Lewis took back with one crushing right hand that put Rahman on his back midway through the fourth round of their rematch.

But both fighters are bound under contracts to competing networks, with Tyson signed with Showtime and Lewis with HBO.

That might not be as big of a problem as it was earlier, though, as Showtime executives realize Tyson needs to cash in big quickly after a long period of relative inactivity against lesser opponents.

And HBO also needs the bout to bolster the stature of Lewis as one of the top heavyweights of his era, a stature that was diminished greatly by his knockout loss April 22 to Rahman.

dart league

Wednesday Nite Darts
Nov. 14
Can't Get Started over Silver Bullets 10-6
Just Us over Bad A's 13-3
No Luck over 3MTA3 12-4

4th Round Outs: Paul Simons, Duane Hanke, Kim Gonzales, Mel Bracelin, Kevin Delano, Paul Simons.

Hat Tricks: Krista Pummer, Chris Dawdy, Kevin Delano, Paul Simons.

Standings: 1. Just Us 82, 30; 2. Can't Get Started 75, 37; 3. Silver Bullets 50, 62; 4. 3MTA3 48, 64; 5. Bad A's 45, 67; 6. No Luck 36, 76.

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