

# Broncos get ready for Giants

By John Marshall

The Goodland Daily News DENVER — San Francisco wide receiver Terrell Owens boasted Wednesday that about the only person who might be able to stop him is Shaquille O'Neal, the Los Angeles Lakers 7-foot center.

That doesn't mean he doesn't have respect for another O'Neal: Denver cornerback Deltha O'Neal.

"Here's a guy that plays corner just as well as anybody in league right now," Owens said. "Obviously, he's a playmaker in that he's returning punts and things of that nature. He's a guy that they've got to put the ball in his hands."

The matchup between Owens and O'Neal figures to be one of the key elements Sunday when the Broncos face the 49ers.

Owens is coming off a game in which he caught just four passes for 41 yards against the New York Giants, and the 49ers are likely to look for him more often against Denver.

O'Neal and the rest of the Broncos' secondary held the St. Louis Rams' high-powered offense mostly in check last week. O'Neal did a good job of slowing Pro Bowl receiver Isaac Bruce, but gets another one of the best receivers in the game this week in Owens.

"Every week is a big challenge," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "This is the National Football League. Once you start thinking you don't have a challenge, you're in for a long day. But Deltha, I'm sure, is looking forward to the opportunity of going against a great player."

Owens caught seven catches for 123 yards when the two teams met in the preseason, but O'Neal wasn't matched up against him the whole time. San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci said he doesn't expect to see the O'Neal-Owens matchup for the whole game this time either.

"It won't be so much that matchup, because Deltha is not going to flip from right to left and we're going to move T.O. around like crazy, like we always do," said Mariucci, who coached O'Neal for a year at Cal. "Denver has been playing more zone as of late than matching up man-to-man and that sort of thing. You'll see the two match up on occasion, but it won't be a continuous thing."

# Rockies beat Dodgers 7-1

DENVER (AP) — Denny Stark limited Los Angeles to two hits over seven innings, and the Colorado Rockies beat the Dodgers 7-1 in a rain-delayed game Thursday night.

Shawn Green broke up Stark's shut-out bid, leading off the seventh with his 42nd homer. But that was all the offense the Dodgers could manage.

Los Angeles, which began the day tied with San Francisco for the NL wild-card lead, has lost five of six games.

A rainstorm that dumped 2 inches in 45 minutes delayed the start of the game by 53 minutes.

A crowd of 25,593 was the smallest in the Rockies' 10-year history.

Stark (10-3) improved to 8-1 at Coors Field this season with a 3.12 ERA. Omar Daal (11-8) allowed fine runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings to take the loss.

Colorado pushed across a run in the second. Terry Shumpert singled and Ben Petrick walked, and Juan Uribe hit a two-out, RBI single.

Shumpert had a solo homer in the seventh and Kapler added an RBI single in the eighth for Colorado.

# Seventh graders play around



Seventh grader Forrest Trachsel (above, right) evaded a tackle by a Hoxie player Thursday at Cowboy Stadium. The Mustangs beat Hoxie 8-6. Shawnie Butts (left) served in a seventh grade volleyball match



against Hoxie Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Stories will follow on both the football and volleyball matches.

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

# Referee investigated by soccer association

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — FIFA said Friday it is investigating Byron Moreno, an Ecuadorian referee widely blamed for Italy's early exit from the World Cup.

Moreno was suspended for 20 matches by Ecuadorian soccer authorities Wednesday for adding 13 minutes of overtime to a domestic match and not registering it.

Italian players and fans blame poor officiating by Moreno for their national team's elimination from this year's World Cup finals by South Korea in the second round.

In overtime of that match, Moreno ejected forward Francesco Totti for what he believed was an intentional dive in the penalty box.

"As a result of a number of controversies regarding referee Byron Moreno in Japan, Italy and South America over the past few months, FIFA has decided to launch an investigation into the affair," a FIFA statement said.

"The FIFA Disciplinary Committee has been entrusted with dealing with the matter."

Italian soccer federation president

Franco Carraro wrote to FIFA President Sepp Blatter two weeks ago seeking an investigation into Moreno after a Japanese news report alleged corruption involving the referee.

"We're satisfied that the request has been accepted," said Italian federation spokesman Antonello Valentini. "And we have faith in FIFA that it will proceed properly."

Moreno's ban in the Ecuadorian league followed Sunday's game between Barcelona Guayaquil, the country's most popular club, and Liga de Quito.

Moreno added 13 minutes of overtime, during which Quito rallied from two goals down to win 4-3. But the referee reported the game lasted only 90 minutes, according to an inspector.

If Moreno is found guilty of misinforming the federation, he could be suspended permanently, officials said.

Moreno said he didn't misrepresent the match time and that he would take his case to FIFA if necessary. The referee is running for city council in Quito, Ecuador's capital, and some have suggested he allowed overtime to try and gain favor from fans.

# baseball scoreboard

By the Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	92	52	.639	—
Philadelphia	72	75	.490	21 1/2
Florida	71	75	.486	22
Montreal	71	76	.483	22 1/2
New York	70	76	.479	23
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	84	62	.575	—
Houston	79	68	.537	5 1/2
Cincinnati	72	74	.493	12
Pittsburgh	64	82	.438	20
Chicago	62	85	.422	22 1/2
Milwaukee	51	95	.349	33
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	90	56	.616	—
Los Angeles	83	63	.568	7
San Francisco	83	63	.568	7
Colorado	67	80	.456	23 1/2
San Diego	62	85	.422	28 1/2

x-clinched division

**Wednesday's Games**

Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 1  
Atlanta 8, N.Y. Mets 5, 1st game  
N.Y. Mets 5, Atlanta 0, 2nd game  
Chicago Cubs 6, Montreal 3  
Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 3  
Philadelphia 9, Florida 2  
**Colorado 8, Houston 6**  
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3  
Arizona 6, San Diego 5

**Thursday's Games**

N.Y. Mets 8, Montreal 2  
Philadelphia 6, Florida 1  
Cincinnati 15, Chicago Cubs 12  
Houston 6, St. Louis 3  
**Colorado 7, Los Angeles 1**  
San Diego 3, San Francisco 2, 10 innings

**Today Games**

N.Y. Mets (Thomson 9-11) at Montreal (Colon 8-3), 5:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Maddux 13-5) at Florida (Pavano 4-10), 5:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Fogg 12-11) at Philadelphia (Mercado 2-1), 5:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Wood 10-9) at Cincinnati (Haynes 14-9), 5:10 p.m.  
St. Louis (Simontacchi 10-5) at Houston (Oswalt 19-6), 6:05 p.m.

**Los Angeles (Beirne 1-0) at Colorado (Jennings 16-7), 7:05 p.m.**  
Milwaukee (Rusch 9-13) at Arizona (Helling 8-10), 8:05 p.m.  
San Francisco (Ortiz 11-10) at San Diego (Lawrence 12-10), 8:05 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**

Chicago Cubs (Wood 10-9) at Cincinnati (Haynes 14-9), 11:15 a.m.  
St. Louis (W. Williams 8-4) at Houston (Munro 5-3), 11:15 a.m.  
**Los Angeles (Beirne 1-0) at Colorado (Santos 0-3), 1:05 p.m.**  
Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-5) at Arizona (Johnson 21-5), 2:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Glavin 16-10) at Florida (Wayne 1-1), 5:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Bacsi 3-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 9-12), 5:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Meadows 1-5) at Philadelphia (Mercado 2-1), 5:05 p.m.  
San Diego (Tomko 9-9) at San Francisco (Rueter 12-8), 8:05 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**

Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 11:15 a.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Montreal, 11:35 a.m.  
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 11:35 a.m.  
St. Louis at Houston, 12:35 p.m.  
**Los Angeles at Colorado, 1:05 p.m.**  
Atlanta at Florida, 2:05 p.m.  
San Diego at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Arizona, 6:05 p.m.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	93	53	.637	—

Boston	83	62	.572	9 1/2
Toronto	66	80	.452	27
Baltimore	64	81	.441	28 1/2
Tampa Bay	48	98	.329	45
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	85	62	.578	—
Chicago	72	75	.490	13
Cleveland	65	81	.445	19 1/2
<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>.384</b>	<b>28 1/2</b>
Detroit	52	94	.356	32 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	91	55	.623	—
Oakland	91	55	.623	—
Seattle	84	62	.575	7
Texas	69	77	.473	22
Wednesday's Games				
Minnesota 8, Detroit 2				
Toronto 6, Cleveland 5, 11 innings				
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3				
N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 4, 11 innings				
Texas 4, Seattle 3				
<b>Kansas City 9, Chicago White Sox 6</b>				
Anaheim 6, Oakland 5				
Thursday's Games				
<b>Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 1</b>				
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3				
Texas 7, Seattle 3				
N.Y. Yankees 7, Baltimore 3				
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4				
Anaheim 7, Oakland 6				
Today's Games				
Baltimore (Lopez 14-7) at Boston (Fossum 4-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Sosa 2-7) at Toronto (Halladay 15-7), 5:05 p.m.				

**Kansas City (Byrd 15-11) at Detroit (Cornejo 1-4), 5:05 p.m.**  
Minnesota (Milton 13-8) at Cleveland (Mulholland 2-1), 5:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 16-9), 5:05 p.m.  
Texas (Benoit 3-3) at Anaheim (Washburn 17-5), 8:05 p.m.  
Seattle (Valdes 8-10) at Oakland (Zito 20-5), 8:05 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**

Baltimore (Hentgen 0-1) at Boston (Lowe 19-7), 11:05 a.m.  
Chicago White Sox (D. Wright 11-12) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 12-5), 11:05 a.m.  
**Kansas City (Byrd 15-11) at Detroit (Van Hekken 1-0), 12:05 p.m.**  
Texas (Reyes 4-2) at Anaheim (Appier 14-10), 2:05 p.m.  
Seattle (Moyer 13-7) at Oakland (Hudson 13-9), 2:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Sturtz 3-16) at Toronto (Hendrickson 0-0), 2:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (Reed 14-7) at Cleveland (Jar. Wright 1-3), 5:05 p.m.

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Tampa Bay at Toronto, 11:05 a.m.  
Minnesota at Cleveland, 11:05 a.m.  
Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05 a.m.  
**Kansas City at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.**  
Seattle at Oakland, 2:05 p.m.  
Texas at Anaheim, 6:05 p.m.

# Saturday busy day for sports

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News Some Goodland High School athletes will have to wait until Sunday to catch up on their sleep; Saturday morning looks to be a busy time.

The cross country, tennis, and junior varsity volleyball teams all have competitions Saturday morning, some of them hundreds of miles away.

The cowboy long-distance runners will be in Wamego, about 40 miles west of Topeka, and the volleyball squad at Machbeuf High School near Denver, both at 8 a.m.

The cross country team left for Wamego at 7:30 a.m. today, and the volleyball players plan to head off for Colorado at 5 p.m. Both teams will spend tonight in their host cities.

The volleyball team will be playing in a varsity competition, which Coach Jerry McKee said should give him a notion of when the girls will be able to move up to that level.

The varsity tennis team will be in Norton at 9 a.m. Saturday. They won't be gone overnight, but they do have to leave at 6:30 a.m.

The girls' golf team gets to take the weekend off. Their next tournament is Monday at 8 a.m. at Thomas More Prep-Marion in Hays. Coach Connie Livengood said the Hays course is one of the toughest the Hays girls will face all season, but if the team stays focused, and out of the sand traps, they should come out with good scores.

The football teams don't have any games this weekend, either. The varsity plays the Holcomb Longhorns at 6:30 p.m. today at Cowboy stadium, while the junior varsity will be on the Longhorns' home turf at 5 p.m. Monday. Goodland does not have a freshman team this year because there weren't enough players.

The varsity volleyball players don't have any matches until 3 p.m. Tuesday, when Lakin is holding a competition which includes Leoti and Scott City.

# sports briefs

By The Associated Press PHILADELPHIA — The last two counts against NBA All-Star Allen Iverson will be dropped because his accusers don't want to pursue the case, District Attorney Lynne Abraham said.

Iverson originally was charged with 14 counts, including four felonies, for allegedly barging into an apartment with a gun and threatening two men while looking for his wife.

All but two misdemeanors were dismissed by a judge July 29, after the two accusers, Charles Jones and Hakim Carey, gave conflicting testimony, including whether the player was carrying a gun.

DENVER — Los Angeles Dodgers left-hander Kazuhisa Ishii will not pitch again this year.

Ishii, hit in the head with a line drive last weekend, is to be released Friday from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

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