

# Wildcat defensive back named AP All-American

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State defensive back Terence Newman is one of five Big 12 players named to the first team in The Associated Press All America selections.

Newman, a 5-foot-11, 185 pound senior from Salina, Kan., was recently named the winner of the Jim Thorpe Award that goes to the nation's top defensive back.

Joining him in the defensive secondary on the AP's first team are Mike Doss of Ohio State, Troy Polamalu of Southern Cal and Shane Walton of Notre Dame. Doss and Polamalu were the other finalists for the Thorpe award,

which will be presented in February in Oklahoma City.

Newman ranked third among Kansas State's defensive backs and ninth on the team in tackles with 44 this season, 34 of them solos. He led the team in interceptions with five and broke up 14 other passes.

Newman was also an offensive threat as a kick-returner, ranking third on the team with 754 all-purpose yards, behind running back Darren Sproles and quarterback Ell Roberson.

He returned two punts and one kickoff for touchdowns, and also scored on a 51-yard pass reception. In all, New-

man returned 22 punts for a 16.3 average, and 10 kickoffs for a 32.4 average.

Derrick Dockery of Texas made the first team as an offensive lineman, and defensive selections besides Newman were lineman Tommie Harris and Teddy Lehman of Oklahoma and punter Mark Mariscal of Colorado.

Big 12 players on the second team are running backs Chris Brown of Colorado and Quentin Griffin of Oklahoma, wide receiver Rashaun Woods of Oklahoma State, all-purpose selection DeJuan Groce of Nebraska and defensive back Brandon Everage of Oklahoma.

# Holmes heads list of injured Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A hip injury will probably sideline NFL rushing leader Priest Holmes this week as the Kansas City Chiefs find themselves a team of suddenly hobbled players.

Holmes and kick returner/wide receiver Dante Hall were both on crutches Monday following Sunday's 31-24 loss to Denver, which placed the Chiefs (7-7) on the verge of missing the playoffs.

Definitely out for Sunday's home finale against San Diego is fullback Tony Richardson, who sustained a shoulder injury in the first half at Denver.

Wide receiver Marc Boerigter, who was subbing for starter Johnnie Morton, was wearing a big shoulder bandage on Monday and was also doubtful for this week, Vermeil said. Morton sat out on Sunday with back spasms. His availability for Sunday was also in doubt.

All but Morton were scheduled to undergo MRIs, the results of which wouldn't be immediately known.

With stitches on the thumb of his throwing hand was quarterback Trent Green, who sustained the painful in-

jury during the game.

"I saw he had blood on his jersey," Vermeil said. "He didn't know when he cut the thumb."

Green continued to play, but missed several open receivers. He was not expected to be hampered this Sunday. "We're really decimated right now," said Vermeil.

Of the wounded Chiefs, the one who seemed a good bet to be ready by Sunday was Hall, who has scored five TDs in the past three games; three on kick returns and two on long catch-and-runs.

Holmes, who is just two touchdowns away from the NFL single-season record of 26 held by Marshall Faulk, is "very doubtful" to play this week.

Holmes left the game when he was dragged down awkwardly from behind by Denver's Tyrone Poole at the end of a 56-yard run. He limped away and then limped into the locker room and left the stadium on crutches.

His last run boosted his total for the day to 161 yards and nudged him back ahead of Miami's Ricky Williams for the NFL rushing lead, 1,615 yards to 1,601.

The 2001 NFL rushing champion, Holmes also leads the NFL with 2,287 yards from scrimmage this season, putting him within range of Faulk's NFL record of 2,429.

Vermeil said Holmes initially felt the injury in his run prior to the 56-yarder. "That's probably why he was caught from behind and why it aggravated to the point he couldn't go any more," Vermeil said. "He just came out of the game and said, 'I'm going in the locker room. I'm hurt. I can't play anymore.'"

Holmes' backup is Mike Cloud. Richardson had his arm in a sling after his left shoulder popped out when he was hit hard in the second quarter. His absence severely limited the offensive possibilities for the Chiefs, who did not have another fullback dressed for the game.

Richardson will be replaced by rookie Omar Easy, who has played only sparingly on special teams.

"Tony's been a great help to me, helping me to adjust since I got here," Easy said. "I've just got to put that in motion now. I've just tried to be patient and watch and learn day after day."

# Broncos back in playoff picture

DENVER (AP) — Having thrust themselves back into the playoff picture, the Denver Broncos don't need to be reminded of the importance of their next game.

"It doesn't get any bigger than this," coach Mike Shanahan said Monday as his staff began preparations for next Sunday's game in Oakland.

Denver's 31-24 win over Kansas City on Sunday — coupled with Oakland's loss to Miami and San Diego's loss to Buffalo — rekindled the Broncos' playoff hopes.

Tiebreakers favor the Broncos (8-6) if they win their final two games, so the game against the Raiders (9-5) looms

as potentially a division title game. Denver will conclude its regular season on Dec. 29 at home against Arizona, while Oakland is home against Kansas City.

Typically on Mondays, Shanahan declines to talk about his next opponent, preferring to wait until later in the week. There was no muzzling him on this particular Monday, however.

"We've got a chance to control our own destiny," Shanahan said. "We know how important this game is. Everything you've been working for in the off-season and during the season applies to this game — for us and for the Raiders. It's as big as it gets."

Asked if he could envision a better scenario than to face the Broncos' hated rival — and the same organization that fired him as head coach in 1989 — Shanahan said, "No."

"We know the Raiders are an excellent team," Shanahan said. "We got embarrassed in the first game," Oakland's 34-10 win on Nov. 11.

"They're thinking about not only winning the division but possibly home-field advantage. We're just thinking about winning the division."

"It comes down to this game for both of us. It's what you work for. Everybody knows this is for the AFC West. We're looking forward to the matchup."

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# Season Greetings

Mr. Selby, Mr. Swager, Mr. Liess and the USD 352 Board of Education cordially invite all senior citizens of Sherman County to a happening at Goodland High School on **Wednesday, December 18, 2002.**

The members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), National Honor Society (NHS), and Girl's Athletic Association (GAA) will serve as the Hosts and Hostesses. They will host a Christmas dinner with entertainment and door prizes.

Entertainment will begin at 11 a.m., and dinner will be served at noon.

Citizens attending need to enter through the south doors on 13th street.

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