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Welcome Message

On behalf of the entire Denver Bronco family, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to our fans and followers and hope you enjoy the 2011 issue of the ISFL Denver Bronco Media Guide.

Hank Senzant

Head Coach, Denver Broncos



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2011 DENVER BRONCO ROSTER

| No. | Pos | Rookie | Offense | Years | Acquired | Age | Ht | Wt | College |
|-----|-------|--------|--------------------|-------|----------|-----|------|-----|------------------------|
| 5 | QB | | Freeman, Josh | 2 | 2010-1 | 22 | 6-6 | 248 | Kansas State |
| 8 | QB | | Grossman, Rex | 3 | 2009-T | 30 | 6-1 | 225 | Florida |
| 34 | RB | | Williams, Ricky | 1 | 2011-T | 33 | 5-10 | 230 | Texas |
| 48 | RB | * | Torain, Ryan | 1 | 2011-02 | 24 | 6-1 | 212 | Arizona State |
| 21 | RB | * | Dixon, Anthony | 1 | 2011-05 | 22 | 6-1 | 233 | Mississippi State |
| 35 | RB | * | Karim, Deji | 1 | 2011-05 | 23 | 5-8 | 209 | Southern Illinois |
| 28 | RB | * | Nance, Dimitri | 1 | 2011-11 | 22 | 5-10 | 219 | Arizona State |
| 85 | WR | | Washington, Nate | 5 | 2007-02 | 27 | 6-1 | 177 | Tiffin |
| 82 | WR | | Bowe, Dwayne | 4 | 2008-01 | 26 | 6-2 | 221 | LSU |
| 18 | WR | | Murphy, Louis | 2 | 2010-T | 23 | 6-2 | 200 | Florida |
| 17 | WR | | Hurd, Sam | 2 | 2010-W | 25 | 6-3 | 209 | Northern Illinois |
| 81 | WR | * | Tate, Golden | 1 | 2011-04 | 21 | 5-10 | 202 | Notre Dame |
| 12 | WR | * | James, Branden | 1 | 2011-10 | 22 | 5-7 | 176 | Florida |
| 19 | WR | * | Price, Taylor | 1 | 2011-08 | 22 | 6-0 | 205 | Ohio University |
| 46 | TE/FB | | Walker, Delanie | 4 | 2008-06 | 26 | 6-0 | 242 | Central Missouri State |
| 88 | TE | | Finley, Jermichael | 3 | 2009-05 | 23 | 6-5 | 247 | Texas |
| 84 | TE | | Pettigrew, Brandon | 2 | 2010-T | 25 | 6-5 | 265 | Oklahoma State |
| 53 | C | * | Pouncey, Maurkice | 1 | 2011-01 | 21 | 6-4 | 304 | Florida |
| 59 | C-G | | Cole, Nick | 5 | 2007-08 | 26 | 6-0 | 350 | New Mexico State |
| 71 | G-LS | | Sitton, Josh | 3 | 2009-08 | 24 | 6-3 | 322 | Central Florida |
| 69 | G | | Lang, T. J. | 2 | 2010-05 | 23 | 6-4 | 316 | Eastern Michigan |
| 70 | G | | Wood, Eric | 2 | 2010-03 | 24 | 6-4 | 315 | Louisville |
| 73 | T | | Thomas, Joe | 4 | 2008-01 | 26 | 6-6 | 312 | Wisconsin |
| 78 | T | | Clady, Ryan | 3 | 2009-01 | 24 | 6-6 | 325 | Boise State |
| 97 | DE | | Merling, Phillip | 2 | 2010-T | 25 | 6-4 | 295 | Clemson |
| 96 | DE | | Hood, Ziggy | 2 | 2010-04 | 23 | 6-4 | 295 | Missouri |
| 95 | DE | | Johnson, Michael | 2 | 2010-07 | 23 | 6-7 | 260 | Georgia Tech |
| 99 | DE | * | Pierre-Paul, Jason | 1 | 2011-02 | 21 | 6-5 | 270 | South Florida |
| 91 | DE | * | Odrick, Jared | 1 | 2011-04 | 22 | 6-5 | 304 | Penn State |
| 92 | DT | | Johnson, Ed | 4 | 2008-04 | 27 | 6-2 | 300 | Penn State |
| 90 | DT | | Raji, B.J. | 2 | 2010-02 | 24 | 6-2 | 337 | Boston College |
| 93 | DT | | Miller, Roy | 2 | 2010-05 | 23 | 6-1 | 310 | Texas |
| 92 | DT | * | Price, Brian | 1 | 2011-06 | 21 | 6-1 | 303 | UCLA |
| 54 | ILB | | Goff, Jonathan | 1 | 2011-T | 24 | 6-2 | 236 | Vanderbilt |
| 58 | ILB | | Maiava, Kaluka | 2 | 2010-6 | 24 | 6-0 | 229 | USC |
| 50 | OLB | | Witherspoon, Will | 7 | 2005-T | 30 | 6-1 | 239 | Georgia |
| 51 | OLB | | Sims, Ernie | 5 | 2007-01 | 26 | 6-0 | 230 | Florida State |
| 55 | OLB | | Herring, Will | 1 | 2011-W | 27 | 6-3 | 241 | Auburn |
| 56 | OLB | | Ayers, Robert | 2 | 2010-03 | 25 | 6-3 | 272 | Tennessee |
| 22 | CB | | Porter, Tracy | 3 | 2009-03 | 24 | 5-11 | 186 | Indiana |
| 24 | CB | | Thomas, Terrell | 3 | 2009-04 | 25 | 6-0 | 200 | USC |
| 25 | CB | * | Jackson, Kareem | 1 | 2011-02 | 22 | 5-10 | 196 | Alabama |
| 23 | CB | * | Murphy, Jerome | 1 | 2011-07 | 23 | 6-0 | 200 | South Florida |
| 26 | S | | Landry, Dawan | 5 | 2007-02 | 28 | 6-0 | 210 | Georgia Tech |
| 27 | DB | | Jenkins, Malcolm | 2 | 2010-02 | 23 | 6-0 | 204 | Ohio State |
| 29 | S | * | Allen, Nate | 1 | 2011-03 | 22 | 6-1 | 210 | South Florida |
| 2 | K | | Crosby, Mason | 4 | 2008-04 | 26 | 6-1 | 207 | Colorado |
| 9 | P-H | | Ryan, Jon | 5 | 2007-06 | 29 | 6-0 | 217 | Regina (Canada) |
| 4 | K | | Gano, Graham | 1 | 2011-W | 24 | 6-2 | 200 | Florida State |
| No. | Pos | Rookie | Reserve List | Years | Acquired | Age | Ht | Wt | College |
| 25 | RB | | White, LenDale | 4 | 2008-T | 26 | 6-1 | 235 | USC |
| 98 | DE | | Barwin, Connor | 2 | 2010-03 | 24 | 6-4 | 255 | Cincinnati |
| 72 | G | | Robinson, Duke | 2 | 2010-10 | 24 | 6-5 | 330 | Oklahoma |



2011 DENVER BRONCO SCHEDULE

| Game | Home / Road | Opponent | 2010 Record |
|------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Away | at Houston | 11-5 |
| 2 | Home | Indianapolis | 12-4 |
| 3 | Away | at Pittsburgh | 11-5 |
| 4 | Home | Houston | 11-5 |
| 5 | Away | at New York Jets | 16-0 |
| 6 | Away | at Cleveland | 5-11 |
| 7 | Home | Buffalo | 11-5 |
| 8 | Home | Jacksonville | 4-12 |
| 9 | Away | at San Diego | 3-13 |
| 10 | Home | Chicago | 10-6 |
| 11 | Away | at Philadelphia | 3-13 |
| 12 | Away | at Buffalo | 11-5 |
| 13 | Home | Cleveland | 5-11 |
| 14 | <i>Bye</i> | <i>Bye</i> | |
| 15 | Away | at New England | 1-15 |
| 16 | Home | New York Jets | 16-0 |
| 17 | Home | San Diego | 3-13 |



Quarterback Preview

Josh Freeman (below left) is the player the scouting department is most proud of and one they can build around, although his selection was not without some angst in the Broncos war room. The scouting department liked Freeman ahead of the other rookie quarterbacks last year, and wanted to select him with the Broncos first round pick (fourth overall). But the coaching staff liked all three rookie quarterbacks and felt at least one would last until at least the middle of round one, and therefore felt trading down was a viable option. Ultimately, both parties got their druthers, as the Broncos traded down, got additional second and third round picks, and still got Freeman with the twelfth pick overall.



Freeman developed slowly, and was put into the lineup too soon, something the Broncos coaching staff now admits was an error. "Josh wasn't ready, and in retrospect we should have gone with Rex [Grossman] when Daunte Culpepper went down in week one. He [Freeman] was playing only on instinct and athleticism early on, and it showed." But by the end of the season, Freeman was seeing the whole field and things had definitely slowed down for the twenty-one year rookie quarterback. Against the Chargers in the Broncos next to last game, Freeman put up 362 yards passing and threw two touchdowns without a pick, winning the ISFL's Offensive Player of the Week award in week 16. He was the youngest player ever to win the award and the first rookie quarterback to do so in the three years of the award's existence.

"The best part about Josh was his maturity for a 21-year-old. He was like a sponge in some respects, just soaking up as much as he could about the game and our offense. When he comes back as a 22-year-old, we believe he can be scary good for what would normally be his rookie year (Freeman entered the ISFL after his junior year in college). We are definitely looking forward to this coming year with Josh and this offense."

Freeman is just one of the many young gems the Broncos believe will form the core of a winning team in the not-too-distant future, quite possibly this year, although that may be pushing it a bit for a team that was just 4 - 12 last year.

Daunte Culpepper, whose performance dropped off throughout the year even as Freeman's improved, was released in the off-season. For most of the last decade, Culpepper was the face of the franchise and he led the Broncos to a Super Bowl win back in 2005, but his time had passed and the Broncos were slow to recognize it, sticking with him as the starter (when healthy) until Freeman emerged late in the season last year.

Veteran quarterback **Rex Grossman** (right) is the sole back up to Freeman at this time. He's been with the club the past two years. Grossman was mostly written off by most GMs, but the Broncos saw some things they liked in him, and he's played well in spot duty. Grossman has never put it together, and at 29, is now viewed more realistically as veteran backup material - someone good enough in a pinch to fill in but no longer a potential starter. Drafted in the first round in 2004 by Chicago, he had a few good years for the Bears, notably 2007 when he completed 312 of 501 for 3876 yards and 31 TDs - but the Bears rapidly soured on him because of his penchant for taking chances and he has been a Bronco backup the past two years. Grossman is a former starter who is capable of starting if necessary, but it would be a mistake to trust him in big games as he's shown he's capable of some very poor performances.





Offensive Line Preview



Most of the job of protecting Freeman and opening holes for the running backs falls on the offensive line, and the Broncos feel they are now in the position of strength there. Broncos tackles **Joe Thomas** and **Ryan Clady** (left) are both recognized as among the best in the business, and they are undoubtedly the best pair of young tackles in the league. The 6-6, 312-lb Thomas was the Broncos first round pick (fourth overall selection) in 2008, and the 6-6, 325-lb Ryan Clady was selected by the Broncos in the same

slot a year later. Both have played extremely well since entering the league and both have received some All-Pro votes, although Thomas is more recognized than Clady at present. Both are still young, with Thomas a 26-year-old and Clady just 24. The Broncos are counting on both these men to be solid players for at least the next five years.

The interior sports a couple of guards who are young and solid, and bound to get better in Eric Wood (6-4, 315) and Josh Sitton (6-3, 322). Both emerged in 2010 as starters, Wood winning the job in training camp as a rookie after being selected in the third round and Sitton getting the opportunity to start late in his rookie season due to injury after being an eighth round pick. Sitton became a full time starter in his second year, and really improved by leaps and bounds over his first season. Wood broke his leg last year in week five, but showed his toughness by coming back in week 12, finishing the year as the starter. Both are just 24 years old, so, barring injury, should be starters for a while, at least. Neither guard comes with the pedigree of the other three starters, but both are hard-nosed, play-to-the-whistle types who get the most out of their ability.

Samson Satele was expected to be the starter at the pivot and he is a solid veteran, but when rookie **Maurkice Pouncey** (6-4, 304, right) fell to the Broncos in the first round, they snatched him up without delay. It was only a matter of a few days before Denver then traded Satele to the Steelers for a third in 2011 and a fifth round pick in 2012. Pouncey meanwhile has looked like a future All-Pro in pre-season, and he helps to give the Broncos what may be the best offensive line in the league, if he can play in the regular season like he's played thus far. Pouncey is only 21, so the Broncos are hopeful he is their starter for the next decade and this is not a position they will need to address again for a while – a long while.



Nick Cole, who started at center most of 2010, will be the first man off the bench and can play any of the three interior spots. The Broncos have always felt Cole would be better suited to being the swing man than a starter, as he wears down from his weight (the Broncos list the 6-0 Cole at 340, but it may be higher). With the addition of Pouncey, Cole moves from being a starter to a backup, increasing their depth on the offensive line and shows how much the Broncos have improved in the past few years.



The Broncos also have two young players they are high on in 2010 rookies guard **Duke Robinson** and **J.T.Lang** (left). Robinson, who is the biggest Bronco offensive lineman at 6-5, 330, went down with a torn knee ligament and went on injured reserve. The Broncos are looking forward to having him healthy in 2011. Lang (6-4, 316, pictured at left) was a fifth round choice in 2010 out of Eastern Michigan and will be the primary backup at tackle. He can also play guard.

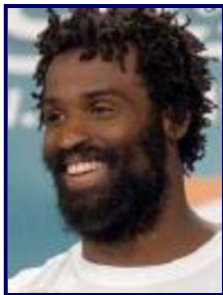


Running Back Preview

The running back position was torn down and rebuilt in the off-season, but not because the Broncos were displeased with the performance of last year's three key backs - Lendale White, Glen Coffee, and Chris Brown. No, it was because the position was decimated by retirement and injury. The running back position was down to just one player, **Lendale White** (below right), about a month before the draft, and then he tore his achilles and was put on injured reserve. When healthy, White is a capable back but isn't the game breaker the Broncos would like to have in a starting role. However, he is a bruiser and banger who can move the chains effectively.



Glen Coffee, a rookie sixth round pick with promise who led the Broncos in rushing last year, was pencilled in as the starter this year, but Coffee unexpectedly announced his retirement a few months before the draft at the age of 23, shortly after veteran running back Chris Brown announced his own retirement, leaving the Broncos with some big holes to fill at the running back spot. The Coffee retirement announcement really jolted the Broncos, as they saw real promise in Coffee and expected him to be a fixture in the Bronco backfield and their plans for years to come.



However, the Broncos reacted quickly to fill the void, first re-acquiring former Bronco **Ricky Williams** (left) from the Giants for a fourth round pick and Na'il Diggs, then drafting four other running backs to plug the gaps. Williams rushed for over a thousand yards last year, and the Broncos think he can do it again, although he will be 33 by the start of the season and that may be asking too much.

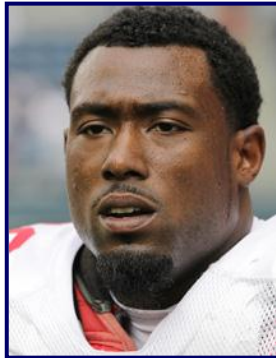
Ryan Torain was the first back taken (second round), and has some experience playing in the ISFL, but he missed most of the past two years with injury. He's 24, however, and Sienzant says "He's a young 24, as he doesn't have a lot of carries on his body." Torain was originally expected to split time with Williams early, with the eventual starter emerging at the quarter pole, but Torain has looked so good in camp that the Broncos are talking about installing him as the starter ahead of Ricky Williams. Torain has a history of injuries (Missing all of last year with injury), so he does need to stay healthy if he going to be any help to the Broncos this year.

Three other rookies were acquired in the draft, but none are expected to see more than spot duty this year. **Anthony Dixon** (right) is a big (6-0, 233) pounder who can move the chains, while **Deji Karim** is a smallish (5-8, 209) back with quick feet who the Broncos feel will fit well in their one-cut-and-go scheme. Karim also returns kickoffs, and that's where he'll see the most action and ultimately offer the biggest return on the Broncos investment - at least this year. **Dimitri Nance** was a late-round (supplemental) pick who has some skills, but doesn't run like a big back should (think Ron Dayne). Nance is stocky at 5-10, 219.





Tight End / Fullback Preview



The Broncos have three-year veteran **Delanie Walker** (left), who they think is ready to break out as a player at tight end and fullback. Because of the strength of the Broncos tight end position, the 26-year-old Walker won't be playing much there, so the Broncos plan to use him as a pass-catching fullback to get him on the field more often. "He's done a little bit of everything for us in the past few years," Sienzant says, "and we think it's to his advantage to have him settle a bit more into his role on offense. To do that, we'll be taking away some of his special teams duties and let him concentrate on getting better on offense."

Walker (6-0, 242) also has some skills as a running back, as he rushed 14 times for 83 yards (5.9 average) last year, scoring three times on the ground. A jack of all trades type, he's also returned kickoffs in the past and played on all special teams units, but his role in that regard is expected to be minimal this year.

At tight end the Broncos believe they are pretty much set, with two potential All-Pro's in **Jermichael Finley** (right) and Brandon Pettigrew. Finley is the better pass catcher, but Pettigrew is the better all-around player, as Finley's blocking ability hasn't caught up with his hands as of yet. Young veteran Delanie Walker (who also plays fullback and returns kicks) capably backs up these two, and the Broncos don't lose much when he plays. In fact, it was Walker, not Finley or Pettigrew, who led the Broncos in touchdowns in 2010.



But most observers think Finley and Pettigrew have a higher ceiling than Walker, a much higher ceiling.

It was Jermichael Finley who emerged as Freeman's favorite target last year, taking a big jump up in class in his second year and leading the team in receptions with 53 after having only 13 as a rookie. Finley, 6-5 and 247, now enters his third ISFL season at the tender age of just 23. He was a fifth round pick in 2009, but only fell that far because of immaturity issues – his talent was never a question. Those issues appear to be behind him now, and he is the listed starter at tight end as he enters his third season, but **Brandon Pettigrew** (left) is breathing down his neck. After Pettigrew was acquired near the trade deadline from the Rams, the former number one draft choice of the Rams was inserted into the lineup (with the Broncos switching from a pro-set to a two-TE offense to get both Pettigrew and Finley both on the field for the majority of the plays, and he sparkled in half a season of action for the Broncos. Pettigrew, who goes 6-5, 265, caught 31 passes for 315 yards in just eight games, and the Broncos expect him to do even better this year. He will be 25 during the Broncos 2011 season.



"Having two top-flight tight ends is going to present a challenge in getting them the ball enough to keep them both happy, no doubt, but it's a good problem to have," one Bronco source tells us. Expect the Broncos to again use a lot of two-TE formations during the season to get them both on the field at the same time. They may even use some three TE-formations more extensively to get all three on the field.



Wide Receiver Preview

Wide receiver is a big question mark at present, but the Broncos believe they have the right puzzle pieces and they just have to get them into to fit into the right places.



A lot of how that puzzle gets solved depends on how (or if) **Dwayne Bowe** (left) develops. Bowe has outstanding physical ability and was once perceived as a potential Hall-of-Famer. Drafted by the previous regime and not a favorite of the current GM, Bowe drops far too many passes (10 last year, 12 in 2009) and thus far has skated by on natural ability. However, if Josh Freeman is to take the next step, he needs some reliable targets at wide out and that is where the big bodied Bowe (6-2, 220) comes in. But Bowe needs to crack open a playbook once in a while and be held accountable. The current coaching staff has been all over Bowe the past few years, and whether they start to see some return on their investment is probably the biggest question the Broncos have this year. Despite all that, Bowe has had a productive career to date, In fact, he is one of the best young wide outs in the league, averaging nearly 80 catches per 16 games. However, last year was a down year for Bowe as he missed five games, and he caught only 45 for 535 and scored three times. He needs to bounce back in a big way.



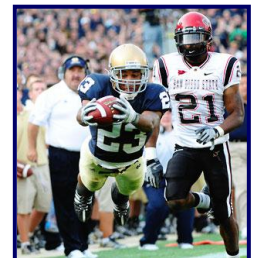
Nate Washington (right) is the other starter at wide receiver, backed up ably by Louis Murphy. Neither are big wideouts (Washington is 6-1, and only 177, while Murphy is 6-1 and 203).



Louis Murphy (below left) has the deep speed and demonstrated it in the final half of the season after being acquired from the Rams near the trade deadline. He caught only two passes for the Rams in nearly half a season, but caught 26 for 515 yards and four touchdowns for Denver, averaging 19.8 yards per catch. Last year Murphy gave the Broncos a deep threat they had been lacking, and helped open up the underneath lanes for other receivers. Washington caught 44 for 492, and one touchdown, averaging 11.2. Washington and Murphy have been running neck-and-neck in training camp, and they may wind up splitting time again, as the Broncos don't like to sit Bowe down as he has far more talent than anyone else on the roster. They just wish he would play up to it.

Denver could even use tight end Jermichael Finley at wideout, and might do more of that in any case. Finley is big and fast and presents huge matchup problems for defenses regardless of who covers him – too fast for linebackers, too agile for safeties, and too big for cornerbacks. Finley is a defensive coordinator's nightmare.

Behind the big three are second-year man Sam Hurd, who caught just two passes last year, and three rookies in Golden Tate, Taylor Price and Brandon James. The diminutive James (5-7, 176) is mostly viewed as a return specialist, while Taylor Price (6-0, 205) has been the surprise of camp, catching everything thrown to him. The eighth round pick is having the best camp of any rookie, including first rounder Maurkice Pouncey. **Golden Tate** (right) also has return skills and has the reputation of having exceptional hands, but has looked more than a little lost in training camp thus far. To some, his rookie workouts have been way too reminiscent of Limas Sweed (a Bronco draft bust already cut) to date. However, he was the Broncos highest drafted wideout in 2011 (fourth round) and the Broncos expect big things from this 5-10, 202 lb wideout, so he will get every opportunity to succeed. We'll see who emerges as the primary receiver among the rookies when they start firing real bullets.





Defensive Line Preview



The Broncos never expected **B. J. Raji** of Boston College to be available last year with their second round pick, but when he fell to them they quickly snatched him up. Raji didn't disappoint as a rookie, although he had to play most of the year with a high ankle sprain that limited his mobility. Still, Raji played well enough to put up five sacks and force two fumbles, recovering one. Playing at defensive end early in the season and defensive tackle after the trade of Tony Brown, Raji had 49 tackles on the year and showed he could be a force to reckon with. From early indications, the 6-2, 337-lb Raji is going to be recognized as one of the best defensive tackles in football someday soon.



Next to Raji in the interior the Broncos have a couple of options, but the most likely starter and the front-runner at the moment is **Roy Miller** (left), a fifth round draftee last year from the University of Texas who played and started all sixteen games at defensive tackle as a rookie. Miller has shown he has a future in this league as a solid player, but at 6-1, 310, he is more a gap penetrator than a stout hold the line type. Still, Miller hustles on every play and had 55 tackles and two sacks, with one forced fumble as a rookie. Expect him to be a solid rotation man in the middle. 27-year-old **Ed Johnson** (6-2, 300) is back for another go-around, and the Broncos are still waiting for him to regain his rookie form of 2008, but more and more that is looking like a mirage and the Ed Johnson of the last few years the reality. Unless Johnson (6-2, 300) picks up the pace, the Broncos may not keep him around past this season. His eventual successor may already be on the roster in rookie Brian Price out of UCLA, a 6-1, 303 pounder drafted in round six with great natural strength and agility.



The Broncos have thrown a lot of draft picks at the defensive end position in the last few years with the hope that something will stick, so far without much success. Three years ago they drafted Chris Clemons (already released). **Connor Barwin**, **Ziggy Hood** (left) and **Michael Johnson** were all selected in 2010, and this year the Broncos added Jason Pierre-Paul and Jared Odrick. Barwin started all year as a rookie and flashed potential, but already has been placed on IR and lost for the year. The 6-4, 255-lb Barwin was being counted on to take a big step up in class this year. Hood and Johnson didn't play much as rookies (12 tackles apiece), although Johnson had two sacks and one pass defensed.

This year's second round pick, **Jason Pierre-Paul** (right), who clocks in at 6-5, 270, has looked the best and may win the job vacated by Barwin due to injury. On the other side, **Philip Merling** was the starter last year after being acquired from the Rams and did yeoman work (46 tackles, 7 pass deflections), but couldn't mount any pass rush (zero sacks), so he has been dropped down in the pecking order, with rangy Michael Johnson (6-7, 260) and Ziggy Hood (6-4, 295) now fighting it out down to the wire to be the starter. **Jared Odrick** (6-5, 305) has looked good at times, but he has shown in camp he doesn't have the pass rush skills you would want in a 4-3 end. His more natural position may be defensive tackle, and he may settle in there eventually.





Linebacker Preview

The Broncos would like to improve here, but last year's starters played adequately and they can live with that. However, the deck has been reshuffled since the last regular season game of 2010, so there will be three new starters in new roles this year - although some of the names have just switched positions. The Broncos hope to improve by getting players in positions better suited to their skills.



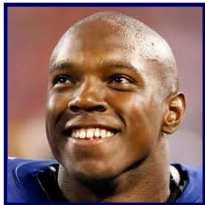
Will Witherspoon (left) returns as an outside starter, having been miscast playing in the middle last year. Still, he made 128 tackles to lead the team, adding one pick and three forced fumbles. This year the 6-1, 239-lb Witherspoon will move back to one of the outside posts. He's a solid vet, but on the downside of his career at 30 years old.



There has been a dogfight between second-year man **Robert Ayers** (left) and **Ernie Sims** (right) for the other open outside spot. Ayers didn't see the field much as a rookie (14 tackles), but brings much-needed size to the unit at 6-3, 272, but the undersized Sims (6-0, 230) has the edge thus far in camp. The Broncos are hoping the competition for the spot will bring out improved play from both men. Last year Sims had 51 tackles, two forced fumbles and one recovery, but Denver needs more



from these two. Ayers can also play defensive end, so his versatility is a bonus.



The Broncos traded long-time starter Na'il Diggs in the offseason as part of the package to acquire Ricky Williams. Middle linebacker **Jonathan Goff** (6-2, 236) is the newcomer to the group, and his addition allows Witherspoon to move back outside. Only 25, Goff was acquired via the trade route from the Philadelphia Eagles during the draft, with the Broncos surrendering cornerback Kelly Jennings. Last year Goff made only eight tackles playing sporadically for the Birds. He was originally an eighth round choice of the Tennessee Titans in 2010.

Veteran Brian Kehl and rookie **Dane Fletcher** (below) round out Denver's linebacking corps.

Brian Kehl (6-2, 237, third year) hasn't developed as hoped, but he is a solid special teams player and the Broncos have high hopes for the 6-2, 244-lb Fletcher, a supplemental (9th round) pick from small college Montana State. The drafting of Fletcher caused the Broncos to release Vernon Gholston, a second-round pick from Sienzant's first draft in 2009 for Denver who never lived up to his potential. If Fletcher flops, the Broncos have less invested, but Fletcher has already looked better in a Bronco uniform than Gholston ever did.



The Broncos know this is the one area where they need to improve the most but they also know they are least likely to do so from within. Most likely they will need to throw more draft picks at it (like they've done on the offensive and defensive lines) over the next year or two for the play to really pick up here. A trade before the start of the season where the Broncos part with a pick and a player to get a better player isn't out of the question either, although it would be uncharacteristic for the Broncos.



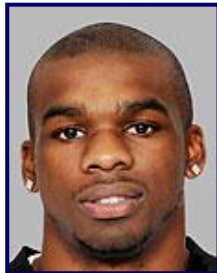
Defensive Back Preview

The Broncos had one of the best young defensive backfields in the league last year, and this year they would simply like to have one of the best, period. The Broncos young corps of fleet defensive backs was responsible for fifteen of Denver's sixteen interceptions, and returned six for scores.



Safety **Dawan Landry** (left) scored three times (once in overtime to give the Broncos their first win last year) in four picks, but Tracy Porter's five picks were probably more meaningful, as he was awarded the game MVP in two different contests last year. His pick six against the Texans in the fourth quarter of a tight 14-12 contest gave the Broncos a nine-point lead Houston could not overcome, and his three picks in the final game of the season against Seattle helped the Broncos win a tight 10-7 defensive battle. Landry, now 28 years old, is the senior member of the group, entering his fifth year of service with the Broncos. Not the biggest safety in the ISFL, Landry is only 6-0, 210, but plays both the run and pass well. He finished third on the team with 91 tackles, and second in both forced fumbles (2) and deflections (6). Landry is the unquestioned leader of the Broncos deep patrol.

Terrell Thomas (right) became a fulltime starter at cornerback last year and picked off four, returning one for a touchdown. Thomas plays at 6-0, 200, but doesn't back down to anyone. His 119 tackles were second on the Broncos, and he added one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. He is an excellent run defender from the cornerback position. A fourth round pick of the Broncos in 2009, he is just 24 and has his best years ahead of him.



Tracy Porter (left) was a third rounder in 2009, and he has managed to play only 17 games over the past two years. But when healthy, this 23-year-old's ability is evident, and he comes the closest to being a shutdown corner of anyone on the Broncos. Porter had 90 tackles (fourth on the team) and five deflections.

The fourth member of the starting backfield, **Malcolm Jenkins** (right), has probably the highest ceiling. As a rookie last year, he was drafted to challenge Thomas at cornerback, but he had a tryout at the open safety spot and took to it like a fish to water. He had only 36 tackles and one pick, but at 23 years old, the 6-0, 204-lb Jenkins has excellent coverage skills for a safety, and might be the equal of Porter and Thomas at cornerback if he played there consistently. His versatility allows him to play at safety against the pro set, and move up to cornerback against the three-WR sets that are more prevalent today.



The four other DBs are all new, and all rookies, which makes the Broncos secondary among the youngest in the league. The Broncos have high hopes for all four, but it remains to be seen who will emerge as the star of the quartet. The likeliest are Kareem Jackson (2nd round) and **Nate Allen** (3rd round - left). Allen's skills are reminiscent of Malcolm Jenkins, in that he has cornerback coverage skills but can also play safety, and that is where he will line up for the Broncos. The 6-1, 210 Allen might be the eventual successor at one safety spot to Dawan Landry.

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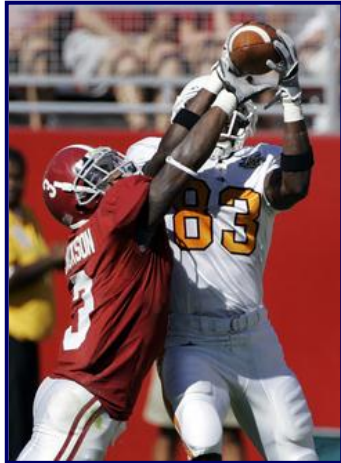


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In addition to Allen, three other rookies will also make the Broncos 2011 squad and all have looked impressive at times. **Aaron Berry** is another zone corner (out of Pittsburgh) and the smallish (5-10, 176) corner isn't built for every down play. But if he develops into a solid nickel back and can play every game and make his share of big plays, the Broncos would be more than satisfied with his development. He was the final (and twelfth) draft choice for the Broncos this year.



Kareem Jackson (below) has been challenging Porter and Thomas at



cornerback, but expecting him to beat out either as a rookie is probably unrealistic. He's made his share of big plays in camp, but he's been burned too often as well. He will likely be the nickel or dime back (he and Allen are still fighting it out for those roles). Jackson goes 5-10, 196, and he plays a solid zone cornerback at Alabama, and his tackling ability is viewed as a plus.

Seventh round pick **Jerome Murphy** (below) is the wildcard of the group. As a collegian at South Florida, the 6-0, 196-lb Murphy played well when he wasn't drawing flags for tight coverage. He has as much physical ability as any Bronco defensive back, but he needs to mature. The feeling here is in a year or two Murphy will either be a starter for the Broncos or be out of football. It bears noting that the Broncos drafted three defensive players (defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul, safety Nate Allen, and cornerback Jerome

Murphy) out of tiny South Florida.

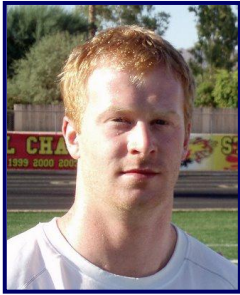
Head coach Hank Sienzant has been pleased with the overall play of the four rookie defensive backs thus far. "This group reminds me somewhat of "Emlen's Gremlins" – the rookie defensive backs that the Giants brought into camp back in 1965". Named after Emlen Tunnell, the former Giant star defensive back who was the Giants defensive backfield coach in 1965, the three rookie DBs for the Giants that year were Carl "Spider" Lockhart, Willie



Williams, and Olympic Gold Medalist Henry Carr. Along with Clarence Childs, being moved to DB from running back that year, those four became known by the nickname above. Sienzant said he hoped some of the current Bronco players developed into starters of the quality of Spider Lockhart and Willie Williams, who finished one and two in interceptions in 1968 in the NFL. Asked who they were and what their nickname was, Sienzant laughed and said, "Okay, that reference might be a little too old school for some of you younger folks."

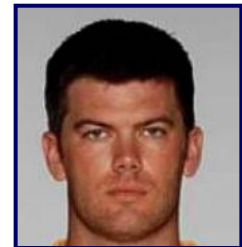


Special Teams Preview



The Broncos are rebuilding their return game (again) but sticking with their punter and kicker from last year. **Jon Ryan** is a solid punter, and the red-headed 30-year-old had perhaps his best season last year, punting for a 46.2 gross average, with a 39.5 net. He also had 21 punts inside the 20, and only ten touchbacks. His job is safe for this year, and probably beyond that as well.

Placekicker **Mason Crosby** is an enigma. Blessed with a strong leg, his accuracy faltered in 2010 from the year before, and he is now in danger of losing his job. In 2009 he had a solid second season, making 18 of 22 on field goals (81.8%), but the third time was not a charm, as he made only 53.6% of his field goal attempts (14 of 26). The Broncos are sticking with him and say they expect him to bounce back with a solid season (the fact there weren't any good kickers to draft in the latter rounds might have had something to do with it as well). Still, Crosby has a strong leg as evidenced by his long of 56 last year. His problem is he is not highly accurate at present, making just one third of his field goals from 40 yards out or further.



The return game is all rookies, and for the first time under Hank Sienzant, some latter round draft choices were made with return ability in mind (a luxury they could not afford the prior two years). Rookie running back **Deji Karim** (left) was a fifth round choice, and this 5-9, 209-lb bowling ball will be used along with another smurf, 5-7 wide receiver Brandon James to return kickoffs. Both rookies will also get opportunities from scrimmage of course, but expect both to earn their keep as rookies as return men. The Broncos like the return ability of both these players and expect them to bring a lot of excitement to the Bronco return game that has been missing in recent years.

Brandon James and fellow rookie **Golden Tate** (right), a fourth round pick out of Notre Dame, will share the punt return duties. They both have sufficient talent to raise the level of the punt return game to respectability, something fans have not seen in the Sienzant era.

Last year the Broncos averaged only 17.3 per kickoff return, and only 7.1 per punt return. Denver expects both numbers to increase by at least 20% this year with the greater emphasis they are putting on special teams this year.



The coverage units last year were improved over the year before, but the Broncos coaching staff would like to see improvement still more improvement this season. Last year the Broncos allowed only 19.0 per kickoff return (down from 26.2 in 2009), and the punt coverage unit improved more modestly, down from 11.3 to 11.1. If the Broncos can get the opponents punt return unit below 10.0 on the season while maintaining the kickoffs below 20, they would be very satisfied.



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ROUND ONE: BRONCOS DRAFT CENTER IN ISFL DRAFT
Maurkice Pouncey First Offensive Lineman Taken

May 7th, 2011: "To be honest, we were absolutely stunned when he was still available," the Broncos GM Hank Sienzant said in talking of the Broncos first round pick, **Maurkice Pouncey** of the University of Florida. The Broncos felt he would go fifth or sixth overall, and drafting seventh, the Broncos thought seriously of trading up to ensure they would get him. Ultimately, the Broncos decided that as a rebuilding team they could not spare to part with the extra picks or players they would lose, and decided to sit tight, never even making overtures to move up. So the Broncos were resigned to 'settling' for a good player, but not the one they wanted all along.

"There were a number of good players we could have drafted at number seven," Sienzant said after the Broncos announced the selection. We felt trading up wasn't worth the cost, and knew we could improve our team just by sitting tight, regardless of who we drafted there. We had a few offers for this pick, but nothing that moved us sufficiently to trade down."



But when the Chargers took running back LeGarrette Blount with the fifth pick, and the Vikings surprised by taking quarterback Colt McCoy with the sixth, the Broncos draft team nearly fell out of their collective seats.

Pouncey (blocking, left, and running the three-cone drill at the combine, below right) is viewed by many as the best young center to enter the draft in many years. He has short arms but otherwise is seen as not having much in the way of flaws. He is a big (6-4, 305), powerful and athletic center who plays to the echo of the whistle and has proven his ability to play at the highest level of collegiate competition. He should be able to step into a starting role for the Broncos immediately.

One scout had this to say, however, scoffing at the Broncos pronouncements. "Sienzant never met a draft pick he didn't like. He could draft first overall every year and still would claim 'I can't believe he was still on the board' or 'We couldn't believe he lasted this long.' It's the same story every year," he laughed.

But the Broncos are publicly saying they are very happy with their pick, and believe they now have the best young offensive line in the ISFL, with the addition of Pouncey. Samson Satele is the incumbent starter, and the Broncos had this to say about how





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the line will shake out, "Let's be clear: this was not a need pick. We have a solid starting center in Samson Satele who is just entering the prime of his career, and Pouncey will have to beat out Satele to be the starter. Or not. The job won't be handed to Pouncey. We feel that the competition will bring out the best in both young men, and the Broncos will come out ahead, regardless of who is deemed the starter. All in all, today we improved our team dramatically."

The Broncos drafted starting tackle Joe Thomas in the first round in 2008, and starting tackle Ryan Clady in the first round in 2009. Last year they drafted starting guard Eric Wood at the top of round three, and found starting guard Josh Sitton near the bottom of the draft, in the eighth round in 2009. Satele was an early second rounder in 2008. Satele was the fourth offensive lineman chosen in 2008. Thomas, Clady, and now Pouncey were each the first offensive linemen selected in their respective draft classes.

The Broncos have three picks in the second round. Look for them to address positions of need then, like running back and linebacker.

ROUND TWO: BRONCOS DRAFT THREE, TRADE SATELE TO PITTSBURGH

May 9th, 2011: The Broncos added two defenders and one running back to their squad in the second round of the 2011 ISFL draft, then traded center Samson Satele to the Steelers for a third rounder this year and a fifth rounder next year. When center Maurkice Pouncey fell unexpectedly to the Broncos in the first round, the Broncos quickly scooped him him, but that created a logjam at center that the trade of Satele resolves.



The Broncos started the day off with their own second round pick, the eighth in the round, using it to select a pass-rusher out of the University of South Florida. **Jason Pierre-Paul** (showing off his wingspan, left) is an athletic wonder, but very raw, and only has one year of major college experience, having played in junior college as a freshman and sophomore, and entering the draft after his junior year. He has a tremendous wingspan and a great burst off the edge.

"Those two traits alone can make him an exceptional passer rusher," according to one scout we talked to. "He plays the run effectively but isn't outstanding there. He's 6-5 and 270 and has a tremendous upside as a pass rusher."

However, this pick is a gamble on greatness, because Pierre-Paul hasn't played much football, and South Florida isn't exactly a football factory. "He has the most boom-or-bust potential as anyone in this draft," according to another source we consulted. "He is very young (only 21 as a rookie) and as such, might be overwhelmed by the men in the ISFL, some of whom outweigh him by nearly one hundred pounds".



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There is a mixed bag of opinion on Pierre-Paul. One scout said outright, "He is another wasted pick by the Broncos, along the lines of Vernon Gholston" (a Broncos second round pick in 2009 that hadn't done much in two ISFL seasons and who was cut during the draft).

Another said "He could be the best thing in shoulder pads in a year or two with the right coaching and some experience. The Broncos have an unpolished gem there." The Broncos are expected to use Pierre-Paul as a pass-down edge rusher to start, and slowly work him into the rotation as a regular. Overall, Pierre-Paul is a high risk, high reward pick.

The Broncos used their second pick in the second round, the 17th in the round, to select a defensive back from Alabama. **Kareem Jackson** (blowing up a receiver, right) has the requisite skills to play cornerback in the ISFL, but not necessarily the size you want to see. He's only 5-10 and 196, and ran a sub 4.5 forty at the combine. He is tough, athletic and passionate about the game.



Jackson has a smooth backpedal and has good instincts and a nose for the ball. He isn't afraid to tackle, coming up hard to support the run. He lacks the quick twitch of elite cornerbacks and doesn't change direction smoothly. However, he has everything else you want in a cover-2 scheme cornerback, and the Broncos believe they got excellent value with Jackson with the 45th pick overall. This pick was acquired last year (along with a fourth rounder) when the Broncos traded away Ricky Williams.



With the pick acquired from the Saint Louis Rams in the Tony Brown trade, the Broncos selected running back **Ryan Torain** (breaking a tackle, left) out of Arizona State. 6-1 and 212, Torain was an 8th round selection of the Houston Texans back in 2009. He played only in two games for the Texans, rushing four times for 12 yards and scoring once, before suffering a knee injury and missing the rest of the season. He also missed the entire 2010 season rehabbing. The Broncos brought him in for a tryout, and he looked fully recovered and very impressive in that tryout, and felt he was worth the late second round pick.

Slightly over-aged at 24, he still has plenty of mileage left on his tires if he can stay healthy. The biggest knock on Torain is he is injury-prone, as he suffered a Lisfranc sprain ending his final collegiate season at ASU, then broke his elbow as a rookie in training camp, then, after playing two games as a pro, missed the rest of the season and all of the next with the severe ACL tear. But with Lendale White tearing his Achilles a week before the draft, and out for the year, the Broncos wanted to acquire some depth behind Ricky Williams, who is suddenly projected as the Broncos starting running back again at age 33. He ran a 4.51 forty as a rookie, but has shed about ten pounds and looked quicker than that in his Bronco tryout.



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In a separate transaction today, the Broncos traded Samson Satele, who was the Broncos backup center last year but projected as their starter this year, to the Pittsburgh Steelers for the Steelers third round pick in this draft and a fifth rounder next year. When the Broncos drafted sterling center prospect Maurkice Pouncey in the first round of the 2011 draft yesterday, it became apparent that Satele's days as a Bronco were numbered, and Satele's trade to the Steel City clears that logjam and gives the Broncos more draft choices to play with.

BRONCOS DRAFT DEFENSIVE BACK IN THIRD ROUND

May 10th, 2011: The Broncos added another defensive back to their secondary with their third round selection of Nate Allen out of South Florida. They saw Allen stand out on tape when they scouted their second round selection from the same school, defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul.



Allen is a classic tweener and can play either cornerback or safety, although the Broncos project him as their free safety down the road. Initially he will serve as the Broncos dime back until he proves himself. Allen is a physically and athletically impressive specimen. He runs a 4.5 forty, and checks in at 6-1, 210. He didn't work out at the combine because of a pulled quad muscle, so his forty time is estimated.

Nate Allen (left, picking off pass against Auburn) has good hands and outstanding range, and is a solid tackler but is not the classic knock-out intimidator typically sought in the deep patrol. He's more of a finesse player than a hard-hitter. He has fluid movement skills, and the desirable coverage skills. Very good in man-to-man coverage, but given his lack of physical hitting, some see him more as a cornerback prospect than a safety. In a separate transaction, the Broncos traded the third round pick they acquired yesterday from the Steelers in the Samson Satele deal to the Seattle Seahawks, who used it to select Jason Worilds, OLB from Virginia Tech. In return, the Broncos traded down and acquired the Seahawks fourth and fifth round selections in this draft (the 98th and 125th overall).

FOURTH ROUND: BRONCOS ADD WIDE OUT AND DEFENSIVE END

May 11th, 2011: The Broncos bolstered their wide receiver corps and defensive lines in the fourth round of the ISFL 2011 draft by drafting two solid players out of major football schools.

With their own selection in the fourth round (the sixth pick in the round and the 90th overall, the Broncos added Golden Tate, a wide receiver out of Notre Dame. Later in the round, with a pick acquired yesterday from Seattle, they added defensive lineman Jared Odrick out of Penn State. Odrick with the 98th player selected in the draft. He was double-teamed often as a senior, pushing production to teammates, so his stats are not indicative of his talent level.

Like Nate Allen in the third round, Jared Odrick is another classic tweener, perhaps too tall at 6-5 to play inside effectively, but not the speediest guy around the corner at 305 pounds to rush the passer. However, he has a non-stop motor and was the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year after accumulating 43 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and seven sacks as a senior.



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Jared Odrick (right, fighting off double-team versus Ohio State) has excellent height and long arms, which he uses effectively to either bat down passes or obscure passing lanes. A solid tackler, he is an outstanding athlete for a big man, with good initial quickness and agility. Has an outstanding work ethic and chases plays away from him. Surprisingly loose-hipped, but not stout at the point of attack, he gets washed down the line too often. He lacks a solid closing burst so he will never be dominating presence as an edge rusher. His best is in a 3-4 as a defensive end.



Golden Tate (below, making diving catch) was selected because he is a super-productive slot receiver at Notre Dame who could be a solid number two or three receiver for the Broncos in time. He is a wide-receiver trapped in a running back's body, somewhat reminiscent of Anquan Boldin, but a smaller version at 5-10, 202.



Tate runs a 4.48 forty and has outstanding concentration and exceptional downfield ball skills, and adjusts well to the ball in flight with good body control. He fights for the ball in the air and highpoints the ball with strong hands. Tate has good run balance and tackle-breaking ability, and offers versatility as a return man and took snaps out of the Wildcat formation on occasion. He sometimes drops catchable passes and will let balls into his chest on occasion. Tate plays hard to the whistle, but is only an average blocker and needs route-running refinement. He played in a pro-style offense at Notre Dame.

FIFTH ROUND: BRONCOS FILL RB AND LB NEEDS

May 11th, 2011: The Broncos finally got around to filling some obvious holes on their offensive and defensive platoons, trading for an inside linebacker in Jonathan Goff and drafting two running backs to replace the retired Glen Coffee and Chris Brown. In an even-up deal with the Eagles, the Broncos picked up inside linebacker Jonathan Goff, acquiring Goff from the Eagles for nickel back Kelly Jennings.

With their own pick in the fifth round, the Broncos grabbed running back Deji Karim out of Southern Illinois. They followed that selection up with the pick of another running back, Anthony Dixon out of Mississippi State. Dixon was selected with the second of two picks acquired from Seattle.

At first glance, the two backs couldn't be more different. Karim is only 5-8 but packs a solid 209 pounds on his frame. Dixon is 6-0, and tips the scales at 233. However both are hard runners who had solid collegiate careers and the Broncos believe they can contribute mightily to their rebuilding effort.

Karim lost his entire junior season to a knee injury, but bounced back with 1,694 yards rushing as a senior and added 212 yards on 17 receptions. He scored 19 times.



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Deji Karim (left, running in the open field) finished third in the Walter Payton Award voting (the FCS equivalent of the Heisman). He did not receive a combine invite, but turned in an excellent week at the Texas vs the Nation All-Star challenge. He then put up excellent numbers at his pro day with a 4.4 forty, a 43-inch vertical jump and a 6.95 three-cone drill.



Despite Karim's height (or more accurately, his lack of it), he is a solidly-built back with a bowling ball running style (low pad level and thick legs), which makes it difficult to stop his momentum without a clean shot. He runs hard and usually falls forward. Karim has decent hands for the catch, but his lack of size sometimes makes it hard for the QB to find him and he body catches too often. He cannot anchor in pass protection, and isn't overly elusive. However, he holds the ball high and tight on almost every carry but could be more patient behind his blockers (too often runs up their backs). His skill set and size is somewhat reminiscent of Joe Morris, although he certainly isn't as

highly regarded as Morris was coming out of Syracuse almost three decades ago.

Dixon is viewed by the Broncos as a potential bell-cow back, albeit one without a second gear (much like current Bronco Lendale White). Dixon runs hard to the hole and shows vision and some elusiveness in the hole. As a senior, **Anthony Dixon** (right, stiff-arming a defender) emerged as a leader with a school-record 1,391 rushing yards. He finished his collegiate career with 3,994 rushing yards and 42 rushing touchdowns, both also school records. He has been timed at 4.56 in the forty, but is very hard to bring down once he gets moving as he keeps his legs churning after contact past the line of scrimmage. Does a good job in pass protection, but will sometimes fail to sustain. Has good hands and caught 52 in his college career nonetheless. He had a DUI arrest prior to his senior season, causing him to drop in the draft. Overall, he has potential to emerge down the road as a starter if he can mature and learn to prepare as a pro. According to the Broncos, he needs to run harder to the hole and run more like a big back. Has been compared in the past by some to former ISFLer Kevan Barlow.



Inside linebacker **Jonathan Goff** (below left, all smiles) was an eighth round selection of the Tennessee Titans in 2010, and was then traded to the Eagles last May for running back Tyrell Sutton. Goff is 6-2, and 236, so is undersized for the interior where he will be asked to play for the Broncos. He was acquired from the Eagles for cornerback Kelly Jennings, who beat out former first round pick Jason Allen for the Broncos nickel back spot last year after being acquired in a waiver wire transaction near the start of the season. He spent one year with the Broncos.



"With the acquisition of Goff, we feel we have a solid corps of linebackers here in Denver," general manager Hank Sienzant after the fourth round. "Jonathan will be asked to man the middle, a role he played effectively in college at Vanderbilt, but [he] manned the outside as a backup on the Eagles. Goff will battle with [last year's sixth round pick] Kaluka Maiava for the starting spot. We think his [Goff's] best years are ahead of him."



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Asked if Goff will handle the line calls, a job handled last year by Will Witherspoon, an eight-year veteran in a Bronco uniform, Sienzant laughed and said yes. "He's got an engineering degree from Vandy (Vanderbilt), so we figure he's certainly bright enough to handle our defensive calls." In eleven games for the Eagles, Goff accumulated 8 tackles and one pass deflection. Jennings played all 16 games for Denver last year, making 21 tackles, one deflection, and forced one fumble and recovered one.

BRONCOS ADD DEFENDERS AND WIDE OUT IN LATE ROUNDS

May 15th, 2011: "We're very pleased with the way the draft unfolded for us in the late rounds", Bronco General Manager Hank Sienzant said after the completion of the eighth round. "We were pleasantly surprised that some of the players we had considered drafting earlier were still available to us later in the draft. We like the prospects of all the players we added in this draft."

Sienzant was referring to three players the Broncos added in the sixth, seventh, and eighth round of the ISFL draft. And while they are all good prospects, they also all have holes in their game that caused them to fall to the late rounds.

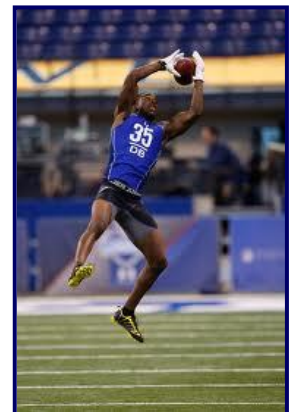


In the sixth round, the Broncos added defensive tackle **Brian Price** (left, tackling the running back), a stout 6-1, 303-pounder from UCLA who possesses great upper body strength and is very agile. Brian Price was an All-Pac-10 selection as a sophomore, repeating that honor as a junior before declaring for the draft. He shows quickness and explosion at intervals. But Price's build isn't very cut (flabby even), and he plays hard only in spurts as his lack of conditioning causes him to fatigue out too often. Price is a strong bull-rusher when fresh, but wears down too easily. He relies too much on his innate upper-body strength to make a difference.

The Broncos will need him to hit the weight room hard to get him to the point where he be a serious member of their D-line rotation. Price can be a solid player if he applies himself.

In the next round the Broncos added another defender, this time to the deep patrol, drafting cornerback Jerome Murphy (6-0, 194) out of South Florida. The Broncos scouts discovered Murphy when they were scouting his teammates, defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul and safety Nate Allen. They obviously liked what they saw at South Florida, as they drafted all three, taking Pierre-Paul in the second round, Allen in the third, and then coming back to the well once more to take Murphy in the seventh.

Jerome Murphy (right, at combine) had an excellent senior season, making four picks to lead the team, and also forced and recovered two fumbles, and made 77 tackles. Murphy is not fast (ran a 4.50 forty at the combine) but he has excellent quickness. Murphy has the skills to be a very good press corner, as he has excellent body length, quick feet and loose hips. His quick feet are evidenced by his short shuttle time of 4.05 seconds at the combine - one of the best times this year. His biggest problem has been consistency - he likes to gamble too much and gets called for too many penalties for pass interference as he muscled the receiver out of the play. If he can get that under control, the Broncos could have a very good cornerback because of his quality athletic skills and impressive tools for the position.





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Denver closed out their regular draft with their eighth round selection of **Taylor Price**, a wide receiver out of Ohio who goes 6-0, 202. Price has speed to burn as he put up a 4.38 at the combine. Price is very under-rated coming out of the MAC conference, but he has the skills to be a legitimate second receiver in the ISFL. Productive in the MAC (56 for 784 and five TDs as a senior), Price has superior athleticism and outstanding hands. His timed speed does not always show up on the field, and he is not a polished route runner. He lacks creativity after the catch however and is also an inconsistent blocker. Still, with his speed, if he can polish his routes and learn to play within the Broncos system, he could turn out to be a very good wideout.



SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT: IN WITH THE NEW, OUT WITH THE OLD

The Broncos cut three players during the course of the final days of the supplemental draft, adding four more rookies in the process.



In the first round of the supplemental draft, the Broncos selected a small school standout in versatile **Dane Fletcher** of Montana State. Fletcher is seen as a hybrid DE/LB, and his acquisition led directly to the release of Bronco former second round pick Vernon Gholston (more on that below). Fletcher was the Big Sky Conference Defensive MVP as a senior, and also earned First Team All Big Sky Conference honors. He led the Big Sky with 17 tackles for loss and finished third in sacks with 6.5, and had two blocked kicks. He wasn't invited to the combine, but proved he had all the measurables at Montana State's pro day, when he ran a 4.61 forty, had a 36-inch vertical, a 4.35 second short shuttle, and benched 29 reps at 225 pounds.

But even as Fletcher put up huge numbers during his time in school, he rarely dominated games as scouts like to see at a lower level of competition and some scouts question whether he has the ability necessary to be a solid ISFL player. Obviously the idea of transitioning to the 3-4 scheme is easier on paper than it may be to execute as Fletcher has very little experience in coverage and will definitely have a steep learning curve coming into the league.

"He has a ways to go," Head Coach Hank Sienzant said in discussing the 6-2, 244-lb Fletcher, who will probably be used at linebacker on the Broncos. "He is making a big jump from Division 1-AA to the pros and not many players can do that. But he's an intriguing player that we liked and in discussing it in our draft room, we felt he deserved a shot." Fletcher himself admits it will be a tough obstacle, "It's definitely a big step," Fletcher admitted, "but I feel this is a big step for everybody. I had my mind made up whatever team I went to I'm going to make the squad," said Fletcher. "I just hope to do that. [I know] It doesn't come easily."

In the tenth round, the Broncos added an undersized wideout and return man in **Brandon James**, a 5-7, 176-lb dust mite of a player out of Florida. He was named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Year and won Special Teams Player of the Week twice as a junior, with an 18.1 punt return average and a 28.0 kickoff return average.





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James has played wide receiver and running back at Florida in addition to returning kicks. With his size limitations, he will never be a full-time pro player. He does have skills to contribute on the next level, especially in the return game. He has good speed (4.5) and possesses the burst, elusiveness, and agility to be a game changer in the return game in the ISFL. He could also see action as a change-of-pace back. He also has a 2007 marijuana bust on his record.

In the 11th round, the Broncos selected **Dimitri Nance**, a 5-10, 220-pound running back out of Arizona State. Nance played behind Ryan Torain in the early portion of his career, finally getting a chance to start as a senior, and led the team with 795 yards rushing and six touchdowns on 188 carries. Nance also showed his value as a receiving threat, catching 28 passes for 216 yards and one touchdown. The conference coaches awarded his performance with All-Pac-10 Conference Honorable Mention accolades.



For a back his size, Nance has surprising nimble feet, but does tend to spend too much time dancing in the backfield instead of hitting the hole hard. He has a very thick frame and the lower body strength to run through tackles, but possesses only average speed and shows little leg drive once hit. There is nothing he does spectacularly, but he gives a good blue collar performance every game. He is a nice safety valve as a receiver out of the backfield and will get tough yards up the middle. He will probably never be a featured back, but he brings decent depth late in the draft.



In the final supplemental round, the Broncos turned back to defense to select a gritty cornerback out of the University of Pittsburgh in **Aaron Berry**. He has good instincts and anticipation and makes plays on the ball. He is a hustling, hard-hitting defender who is physical for his size, but unfortunately his size is only 5-10 and 180 pounds. He also isn't overly fast (4.5 forty). He will always have trouble with bigger wideouts, but in the Bronco's scheme can contribute as a nickel corner with his athleticism, zone quickness and leaping ability.

In separate transactions, the Broncos said adios to three players, including linebacker / defensive end Vernon Gholston, who was a second-round pick in the first Bronco draft under the new coaching staff of Hank Sienzant in 2009. Gholston never developed as anticipated, mostly playing on special teams in his two years on the Denver squad. He made twelve tackles in 2009 and ten in 2010. The fact that the Broncos choose to keep a ninth round (supplemental) draft pick in Dane Fletcher over a second round selection just two years ago in Vernon Gholston gives you an idea how poorly Gholston has played and how far he has fallen in the eyes of the Broncos coaching staff, displaying none of his trademark speed and athleticism that made him a feared edge rusher at Ohio State. The two other players released were both 2010 draftees in linebacker Kaluka Maiava (28 tackles as a rookie) and wide receiver Kevin Ogletree (four receptions for 30 yards). Maiava and Ogletree were sixth and ninth round selections last year, respectively.

Head coach Hank Sienzant said in announcing the cuts, "The last few cuts to get down to the final roster are always the toughest. We realize we are cutting players with skills that are good enough to play at this level, but mostly for reasons beyond their control did not get enough of an opportunity to impress us. We wish them the very best and feel they will perhaps contribute down the road to another ISFL team's success."



Rookie Draft Review

Complete Bronco 2011 Draft List

ROUND - PICK PLAYER, COLLEGIATE TEAM, POSITION

| | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Round 1 - 07 | Maurkice Pouncey, Florida, OC |
| Round 2 - 36 | Jason Pierre-Paul, South Florida, DE |
| Round 2 - 45 | Kareem Jackson, Alabama, CB |
| Round 2 - 54 | Ryan Torain, Arizona State, RB |
| Round 3 - 63 | Nate Allen, South Florida, S |
| Round 4 - 90 | Golden Tate, Notre Dame, WR |
| Round 4 - 98 | Jared Odrick, Penn State, DL |
| Round 5 - 120 | Deji Karim, Southern Illinois, RB |
| Round 5 - 128 | Anthony Dixon, Arizona State, RB |
| Round 6 - 147 | Brian Price, UCLA, DT |
| Round 7 - 174 | Jerome Murphy, South Florida, CB |
| Round 8 - 204 | Taylor Price, Ohio, WR |
| Supp 1 - 230 | Dane Fletcher, Montana State, OLB |
| Supp 2 - 253 | Brandon James, Florida, WR-RET |
| Supp 3 - 276 | Dimitri Nance, Arizona State, RB |
| Supp 4 - 296 | Aaron Berry, Pittsburgh, CB |



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Talk to any of the Broncos coaching staff and you come away thinking this team is a powerhouse. They're not, they finished only 4-12 in 2010, and Vegas has the odds of the Broncos winning the Super Bowl at 75 to one.

But no matter, the coaching staff thinks this team could be something special, and real soon.

Mostly because of last year's draft class. From top to bottom, the Broncos are very happy with the rookies who made last year's squad, and believe these players will form, along with the 2009 rookie class, the solid core of the Denver team for years to come.

It starts with **Josh Freeman**, the Broncos first round pick who looked lost as a rookie quarterback early in the season. But by the end of the year, the 6-6, 250-lb rookie was playing as well as almost any quarterback in the league. In fact, his 94.3 rating over the Broncos final ten games would have put him eighth in the league in passing. Freeman's growth from the beginning of the season to the end more than justifies the Broncos selection of Freeman in the middle of the first round last year and gives the Broncos real hope for the future. The Broncos did get criticism in some quarters for trading down and bypassing Matt Stafford with the fourth overall pick, but Stafford's success in New England in no way diminishes what Freeman has accomplished as a 21-year-old rookie (his 81.7 rating for the season was good for 19th in the league in passing).

Freeman was to the offense what **B.J.Raji** was to the defense. Raji was the first of the Broncos second round selections and got off to a great start, but a high ankle sprain and other assorted dings limited his effectiveness the second half of the year. Still, the 6-1, 337-lb Raji finished with five sacks, leading the team in that category, and was in the top three on the team in hurries, stuffs, and forced fumbles. He played as a rookie at both defense end and defensive tackle, but the Broncos believe his ultimate position will be defensive tackle. The Broncos believe that with Raji they have an interior force in the making, a player who can be a big-time run-stuffer as well as put pressure on the passer right up the middle.

With the second of their two second-round picks last year, the Broncos selected **Malcolm Jenkins**. The pick used to acquire Jenkins was acquired from Dallas as partial payment when the Broncos traded down from the fourth overall pick. In the 6-0, 205-lb Jenkins, the Broncos drafted a good cover corner (or so they thought) with the ability to also play the run. Instead, what they got was an excellent cover safety with the ability to play the run. Jenkins was given a short-term tryout at safety in training camp and responded well to the position switch, so the Broncos never moved him back to corner. During the season, Jenkins started 15 games as safety (missing one with injury) and played well, although there were clearly some rookie moments. Jenkins looks like a keeper at safety, and the Broncos believe he has pro-bowl potential at the position.



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Center/Guard **Eric Wood** inexplicably fell into the third round and the Broncos were quick to snatch him up with the second overall pick in the third round. Wood is 6-4, 310, and just as quickly moved into a starting guard role and cemented himself as a solid starter for years to come. Wood broke his leg in week five and missed six weeks, but worked hard to rehabilitate himself and came back strong in week twelve and moved right back into a starting role. The only thing that could potentially keep Wood from being a starting ISFL guard for the next ten years is his ability to play center. The Broncos feel he can be a pro bowl guard or center, and will keep him at guard for the time being, but he may finally settle in as the Broncos starting center.

Over the remainder of the draft, the Broncos concentrated on shoring up their defensive line and linebackers, with few exceptions. One exception came in the sixth round, when the Broncos added a running back in **Glen Coffee** who would lead the team in rushing as a rookie. With a ton of potential and a bright future ahead of him, Coffee unexpectedly announced his retirement from pro football at the age of 23, saying his heart wasn't in it. The Broncos needed to come up with a back or three in the draft and via trade, as veteran Chris Brown also announced his retirement in the off-season, leaving Lendale White as the only true running back on the Broncos roster at the time.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Broncos selected **Robert Ayers** in the late third round. Ayers is a work in progress and has the size and skill set to play either defensive end or strong-side linebacker, but the 6-3, 272-lb athlete hasn't settled in at either position as of yet. Drafted with the 69th pick overall, with a pick acquired from the Chiefs the year before for center Duke Preston, Ayers hasn't shown the pass-rush ability as a pro that the Broncos felt was a given when they drafted him. The Broncos haven't given up on him by any means, but need to see more development before he can be trusted in a starting role.

Connor Barwin was taken with the third of three picks acquired when the Broncos traded down in the first round with the Cowboys, and was selected five picks after Robert Ayers. Barwin is not a finished product by any means (he played defensive end only as a senior in college), but the Broncos like his hustle and first step quickness. He is a 6-3, 255-lb athlete who also played tight end in college until he switched to the defensive side of the ball as a senior. He played in 16 games for the Broncos, starting all of them, and he has shown he has the talent to be a starter at this level. He finished his rookie year putting up three sacks, three passes deflected, and recovered two fumbles. He also had 13 hurries, and the Broncos are hoping with a little more seasoning, he can turn many of those hurries into sacks.

The Broncos added two more defensive linemen in the fourth and fifth rounds in Ziggy Hood and Roy Miller, and another in the seventh round in **Michael Johnson**. Johnson is another player, like Ayers, who projects to linebacker or defensive end. Johnson is huge at 6-7 and 260, and the Broncos believe the 22-year old, if he puts on another 30 pounds, could potentially be a force on the outside at defensive end. But Johnson has



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the rap of playing hard only on occasion, and the Broncos will perhaps need to light a fire under his Johnson to get the most out of him. They didn't get a lot out of him as a rookie, as Johnson played in all 16 games last year, mostly in pass-rush situations, and finished with just two sacks and 12 tackles.

Ziggy Hood can play either at defensive end in a 3-4 or as a 4-3 defensive tackle. He will never be a great pass rusher, but he plays hard and is stout at the point of attack. The fourth round pick of the Broncos is 6-3, 300-lbs, and played in 11 games (he was healthy but did not see action in the other five) and made 12 tackles. **Roy Miller** was the fifth round selection of the Broncos and he might have been the Bronco defensive rookie of the year, if not for B.J.Raji. Miller started all 16 games, and led all Bronco defensive linemen with 55 tackles. It was his emergence as a rookie that allowed the Broncos to feel comfortable trading veteran Tony Brown away to the Rams near the trade deadline last year. Miller finished with two sacks, four hurries, four stuffs, a pass deflection and a forced fumble and looks to be a long-term anchor next to Raji in the middle.

At linebacker, in addition to potential starters in Robert Ayers and Michael Johnson, the Broncos added smallish (6-0, 230) linebacker **Kaluka Maiava** from USC in the sixth round with a pick acquired from the Jets. Maiava got an extended audition near the end of the season, and looked overwhelmed at times, but also made some nice hustle plays, finishing with 28 tackles on the season. The Broncos believe his speed and hustle make him an asset on special teams and in pass-rushing situations. At this point in his career, though, Maiava hasn't shown anything special.

Two other offensive linemen joined the club through the rookie and supplemental draft. **T.J.Lang** was the Broncos other fifth round pick, and he appeared in five games (he was a healthy scratch in the other 11) for the Broncos as a rookie. He is 6-4, 305, and the Eastern Michigan product did not impress in limited action at offensive tackle and guard as a rookie. However, he plays hard every down and should not be counted out down the road. **Duke Robinson** was an exceptional collegiate guard at Oklahoma, but his conditioning leaves something to be desired. He was viewed as a junior as a potential first round pick, but his stock fell late in his season season and the Broncos took him in the second supplemental round (the equivalent of the tenth round of the draft). He has looked lost as a rookie and some feel he is a wasted pick, but at 6-5 and 335, he has the size and power to be a dominant road-grader at guard. His pass protection needs a lot of work before he can be trusted to protect quarterback Matt Schaub.

Wideout **Kevin Ogletree** and cornerback **Cary Harris** were both cut after the season, and tight end Joey Haynos was traded to the Rams along with Tony Brown. But that trade brought back two other rookies, both of who look like they will be contributors for a while. Tight end **Brandon Pettigrew** was the first round draft choice of the Rams in 2010, but he was wasting away on the bench in Saint Louis behind future Hall-of-Famer Tony Gonzalez. After catching just one pass in four games with the Rams, the 6-5, 265-lb



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Pettigrew showed he could be a dominating player, catching 31 passes for 315 over the final nine games. He also established he could set the edge in the run game. The other player acquired from the Rams in the same deal with Pettigrew was rookie wide receiver **Louis Murphy**, and Murphy exploded onto the scene for the Broncos, catching passes of 53 and 60 yards in his first two games in a Denver uniform, and provided a much-needed bit of deep speed for the Broncos. He finished his rookie year with 28 receptions for 537 yards and four touchdowns and also rushed six times for 39 yards.

Overall, the Broncos have acquired four or five players in the 2010 draft that will form the core of the Broncos for years to come and could be dominant players in the near future (QB Josh Freeman, TE Brandon Pettigrew, DT B.J.Raji, Safety Malcolm Jenkins and possibly G/C Eric Wood). They've also acquired a few others who have shown the ability to play well in the ISFL in DT Roy Miller and WR Louis Murphy (and certainly Eric Wood). The jury is still out on most of the rest, but expect some hits and some misses among DE/LB Robert Ayers, DE Connor Barwin, DE Ziggy Hood, G T.J.Lang, LB Kaluka Maiava, DE/LB Michael Johnson, and G Duke Robinson.

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| <u>ROUND - PICK</u> | <u>PLAYER, COLLEGIATE TEAM, POSITION - STATUS</u> |
|---------------------|--|
| Round 1 - 12 | Josh Freeman, Kansas State, QB - Starter |
| Round 2 - 29 | B.J. Raji, Boston College, DL - Starter |
| Round 2 - 47 | Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio State, DB - Starter |
| Round 3 - 58 | Eric Wood, Louisville, OG - Starter |
| Round 3 - 69 | Robert Ayers, Tennessee, OLB - Backup |
| Round 3 - 74 | Connor Barwin, Cincinnati, DE – Injured Reserve |
| Round 4 - 85 | Ziggy Hood, Missouri DE - Starter |
| Round 5 -114 | Roy Miller, Texas, DT - Starter |
| Round 5 -131 | T.J. Lang, Eastern Michigan, G - Backup |
| Round 6 -141 | Glen Coffee, Alabama, RB - RETIRED |
| Round 6 -168 | Kaluka Maiava, USC, ILB - Backup |
| Round 7 -170 | Michael Johnson, Georgia Tech, DE - Backup |
| Round 7 -182 | Joey Haynos, Maryland, TE – Traded to Rams |
| Round 8 -197 | Cary Harris, USC, CB - Cut |
| Supp 1 - 225 | Kevin Ogletree, Virginia, WR - Cut |
| Supp 2 - 243 | Duke Robinson, Oklahoma, G – Injured Reserve |

BoldFace – Still on Broncos



Broncos Trade Fletcher, Cut Three, Ink Three (Waiver Wire Claims)

Denver, August 19th, 2011: The Broncos today announced a number of transactions as the start of the 2011 season looms, getting their roster into final shape for the first game of the new season at Houston.

A few days ago, the Broncos traded **Dane Fletcher**, a supplemental round pick who has looked at times like the best linebacker in Denver's camp, to the New York Giants for the Giants 6th round pick next year and veteran linebacker **Charlie Anderson**. They today then issued the unconditional release of three players and acquired three off the waiver wire to replace them. Released today were two-year veteran year linebacker **Brian Kehl**, linebacker Charlie Anderson (acquired from the Giants in the Fletcher deal), and rookie cornerback **Aaron Berry**, their final supplemental pick. The three players signed to fill those spots were placekicker Graham Gano, and two linebackers, veteran outside backer Will Herring, and former Bronco Kaluka Maiava. Anderson spent only a few days on the Broncos.

Kaluka Maiava was initially cut by Denver at the conclusion of the regular draft to make room for supplemental pick Dane Fletcher. Maiava was originally a sixth round pick of the Broncos last season.

Will Herring last played in the ISFL last year with the Eagles, where he had 15 tackles in a backup role, and was released in the off-season as Philadelphia went into house-cleaning mode. Herring is now the second ex-Eagle linebacker to join the Broncos in the last few months, as the Broncos acquired inside linebacker Jonathan Goff in a draft-day trade from the Eagles for cornerback Kelly Jennings.

The Broncos G.M. Hank Sienzant went out of his way to stress that the signing of kicker **Graham Gano** was not made to challenge incumbent kicker Mason Crosby. Gano last year as a rookie was 13 of 13 on field goals for the Chargers after winning the Lou Groza award as a college senior as the nation's best kicker. "We liked him last year", Sienzant said, "but with Mason Crosby being a solid kicker for us last year, we didn't see a spot for Graham on our squad. However, we re-assessed that this year. With Graham's strong leg, and with the long-snapper spot opened up because starting guard Josh Sitton will handle the snapping (freeing up a roster spot), we feel he [Gano] will be able to handle the kickoff duties and allow Mason [Crosby] to concentrate solely on kicking field goals for us."

The Broncos insist Gano is no threat to Crosby's job at this time, although Crosby was just 14 of 26 on field goal attempts last season for the Broncos, and Gano made nearly that many in half the attempts. Of course, if Mason goes into a funk, look for the Broncos to switch kickers in a heartbeat.



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BRONCOS FACE MURDERERS' ROW EARLY

The Denver Broncos 2011 ISFL schedule is tied for the 8th toughest in the league, but if they are to be competitive this year, they need to survive their opening five games, all of which are against teams that made the playoffs in 2010.

The Broncos face the Houston Texans twice in those first five games, and face the Colts, Steelers, and Jets once each. In 2010 the Broncos managed only one win against five losses in games against those four clubs. The Jets swept through the league last year, winning all 16 regular season games and winning the Super Bowl. The Broncos faced them twice last year, losing both, and falling by a combined 58-6 score. They managed only two field goals in week 12 in the 28-6 loss, but that was an improvement over the 30-0 shellacking the Jets handed out in week nine.

The Colts ended 2010 winning the AFC Central with a 12-4 record, advancing to the second round of the playoffs, where they fell to the Dallas Cowboys. They beat the Broncos 19-10 in week four last year. Both the Steelers and Texans finished 11-5, and made the playoffs as wildcards. They faced each other in the first round, and Houston advanced, only to fall to the eventual Super Bowl Jets. The Steelers downed Denver 17-13 in week 10, while the Broncos managed a split against the Texans, first upsetting them, 21-12, but falling 23-7 later in the year.

The remainder of the Broncos schedule is easier, and if they survive the first five games, they actually have a shot at a .500 record, as their opponents over the final 11 games averaged only 6.5 wins in 2010. Four of their final 11 opponents had ten or more wins last year (Buffalo twice, and the Bears and Jets once each), but the other seven opponents averaged only 3.4 wins last year - fewer than the Broncos four wins in 2010.

Overall, the Miami Dolphins have the toughest schedule with their average opponent putting up 9.75 wins in 2010, while the Chargers have the easiest schedule at 6.44 opponent wins. The Broncos are tied for eighth with the Packers at 8.31 opponent wins. The below table lists the strength of schedule for all 28 ISFL teams. Of course, this listing is based on last year's records, so it is backward-looking, rather than forward-looking. We won't know who actually had the toughest schedule in 2011 until the 2011 season is complete.

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

| RANK | TEAM | TEAM WINS | OPP WINS | AVG OPP WINS | RANK | TEAM | TEAM WINS | OPP WINS | AVG OPP WINS |
|----------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | Miami | 2 | 156 | 9.75 | 15 | Arizona | 8 | 128 | 8.00 |
| 2 | Cleveland | 5 | 147 | 9.19 | 16 | NY Giants | 9 | 126 | 7.88 |
| 3 | New England | 1 | 143 | 8.94 | 17 | Tennessee | 7 | 126 | 7.88 |
| 4 | Buffalo | 11 | 140 | 8.75 | 18 | Minnesota | 3 | 125 | 7.81 |
| 5 | Houston | 11 | 140 | 8.75 | 19 | NY Jets | 16 | 125 | 7.81 |
| 6 | Carolina | 4 | 136 | 8.50 | 20 | Chicago | 10 | 123 | 7.69 |
| 7 | St. Louis | 13 | 134 | 8.38 | 21 | Jacksonville | 4 | 122 | 7.63 |
| 8 | Denver | 4 | 133 | 8.31 | 22 | Indianapolis | 12 | 121 | 7.56 |
| 9 | Green Bay | 9 | 133 | 8.31 | 23 | Pittsburgh | 11 | 121 | 7.56 |
| 10 | Atlanta | 7 | 130 | 8.13 | 24 | Philadelphia | 3 | 118 | 7.38 |
| 11 | San Francisco | 5 | 130 | 8.13 | 25 | Detroit | 14 | 115 | 7.19 |
| 12 | Tampa Bay | 7 | 130 | 8.13 | 26 | New Orleans | 15 | 114 | 7.13 |
| 13 | Kansas City | 11 | 129 | 8.06 | 27 | Dallas | 12 | 107 | 6.69 |
| 14 | Seattle | 7 | 129 | 8.06 | 28 | San Diego | 3 | 103 | 6.44 |
| | | | | | AVERAGE | | | | |
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2010 Season in Review – Game Results

| W/L | Denver Pts | Opponent | Opp Pts | Temp | Weather |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|
| 0-1 | 9 | @San Diego | 31 | 88ø | 0-10 |
| 0-2 | 7 | Tampa Bay | 27 | 71ø | 15-25 |
| 0-3 | 17 | @Chicago | 27 | 66ø | 5-15 |
| 0-4 | 10 | @Indianapolis | 19 | 70ø | |
| 0-5 | 21 | Buffalo | 31 | 59ø | 5-15 |
| 0-6 | 16 | Cleveland | 19 | 58ø | 5-15 Light Rain |
| 0-7 | 13 | Pittsburgh | 17 | 58ø | 5-15 |
| 0-8 | 10 | @Buffalo | 23 | 47ø | 0-5 |
| 0-9 | 0 | New York(A) | 30 | 34ø | 10-20 Light Rain |
| 1-9 | 37 | New England | 31 | 35ø | 0-10 |
| 2-9 | 21 | @Houston | 12 | 77ø | 0-5 Light Rain |
| 2-10 | 6 | @New York(A) | 28 | 48ø | 0-10 |
| 2-11 | 7 | Houston | 23 | 38ø | 0-10 |
| 2-12 | 17 | Cleveland 34 | 34 | 18ø | 0-5 |
| 3-12 | 27 | San Diego 10 | 10 | 43ø | 0-5 Rain |
| 4-12 | 10 | @Seattle | 7 | 34ø | 0-5 |

| Scoring By Quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Tot |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| 2010 Denver | 34 | 73 | 41 | 74 | 6 | 228 |
| Opponent | 95 | 121 | 94 | 59 | 0 | 369 |



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2010 Season in Review – Denver Team Stats

| | <u>Denver</u> | <u>Opponents</u> |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Points | 228 | 369 |
| First Downs | 247 | 311 |
| Rush | 99 | 103 |
| Pass | 127 | 188 |
| Pen | 21 | 20 |
| Penalties | 73 | 68 |
| Yards | 645 | 507 |
| | | |
| Rushing Att | 486 | 514 |
| Yards | 1716 | 1919 |
| Ave | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| TD | 8 | 12 |
| | | |
| Passing Att | 424 | 462 |
| Comp | 267 | 290 |
| % | 63.0 | 62.8 |
| Int | 15 | 17 |
| % | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| TD | 13 | 26 |
| % | 3.1 | 5.6 |
| Yards | 2822 | 3528 |
| Sacked | 24 | 17 |
| | | |
| Punt Return | 17 | 30 |
| Yards | 121 | 330 |
| Ave | 7.1 | 11.1 |
| | | |
| Kick Return | 65 | 50 |
| Yards | 1163 | 949 |
| Ave | 17.9 | 19.1 |
| | | |
| Punts | 80 | 66 |
| Yards | 3695 | 2892 |
| Ave | 46.2 | 43.8 |
| | | |
| FG Att | 26 | 29 |
| Made | 14 | 29 |
| % | 53.8 | 100.0 |
| | | |
| Third Downs | 212 | 200 |
| Made | 89 | 86 |
| % | 42.0 | 43.0 |
| | | |
| Fourth Downs | 20 | 15 |
| Made | 8 | 5 |
| % | 40.0 | 33.3 |
| | | |
| Safeties | 0 | 0 |
| Fumbles | 21 | 16 |
| Lost | 11 | 6 |
| Turnovers | 26 | 23 |
| | | |
| Net Offense | 4350 | 5348 |
| Per Play | 4.7 | 5.4 |
| Red Zone Att | 39 | 32 |
| Red Zone TD | 18 | 19 |
| Red Zone FG | 10 | 19 |



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2010 Season in Review – Denver Individual Stats

| Rushing | | | | | | | | Receiving | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Att | Yds | Ave | 10 | FD | Lg | TD | | Rec | Dp | Att | Yds | Ave | 25 | FD | Lg | TD | | |
| Coffee | 119 | 432 | 3.6 | 7 | 21 | 17 | 0 | Finley | 53 | 3 | 83 | 457 | 8.6 | 0 | 25 | 19 | 3 | |
| White | 111 | 413 | 3.7 | 5 | 25 | 11 | 2 | Bowe | 45 | 10 | 66 | 535 | 11.9 | 4 | 25 | 49 | 3 | |
| Brown | 105 | 368 | 3.5 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 0 | Washington | 44 | 0 | 63 | 492 | 11.2 | 3 | 22 | 40 | 1 | |
| Freeman | 50 | 121 | 2.4 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 2 | Pettigrew | 31 | 5 | 53 | 315 | 10.2 | 0 | 16 | 20 | 0 | |
| Walker | 14 | 83 | 5.9 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 3 | Murphy | 26 | 6 | 44 | 515 | 19.8 | 8 | 18 | 60 | 4 | |
| Peterson | 12 | 76 | 6.3 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 0 | Walker | 22 | 0 | 34 | 169 | 7.7 | 0 | 9 | 14 | 2 | |
| Culpepper | 17 | 51 | 3.0 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 0 | Brown | 17 | 0 | 28 | 108 | 6.4 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 0 | |
| Washington | 4 | 49 | 12.3 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 0 | Coffee | 8 | 1 | 16 | 40 | 5.0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | |
| Murphy | 6 | 39 | 6.5 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 0 | Thomas | 5 | 1 | 13 | 61 | 12.2 | 1 | 3 | 31 | 0 | |
| Johnson | 8 | 36 | 4.5 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 0 | Haynos | 4 | 0 | 5 | 30 | 7.5 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | |
| Dugan | 7 | 20 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | Ogletree | 4 | 0 | 6 | 30 | 7.5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | |
| Stanton | 6 | 18 | 3.0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | L.White | 3 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | |
| Grossman | 16 | 17 | 1.1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | Hurd | 2 | 1 | 4 | 30 | 15.0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 0 | |
| Stecker | 4 | 17 | 4.3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | Dugan | 1 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 13.0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | |
| Slater | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | Stecker | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | |
| Crosby | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Freeman | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Ogletree | 2 | -10 | -5.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Cole | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ryan | 3 | -20 | -6.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Total | 267 | 27 | 423 | 2822 | 10.6 | 16 | 127 | 60 | 13 | |
| Total | 486 | 1716 | 3.5 | 28 | 99 | 17 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Passing | Att | Cmp | C% | Yds | Ave | Lg | Bd | 25 | In | I% | Sk | TD | TD% | Rate |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Freeman | 235 | 151 | 64.3 | 1610 | 10.7 | 55 | 18 | 9 | 7 | 3.0 | 18 | 7 | 3.0 | 81.7 |
| Culpepper | 106 | 67 | 63.2 | 696 | 10.4 | 43 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2.8 | 4 | 2 | 1.9 | 76.6 |
| Grossman | 51 | 34 | 66.7 | 308 | 9.1 | 53 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5.9 | 1 | 2 | 3.9 | 71.4 |
| Stanton | 32 | 15 | 46.9 | 208 | 13.9 | 60 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6.3 | 1 | 2 | 6.3 | 63.0 |
| Total | 423 | 267 | 63.1 | 2822 | 10.6 | 60 | 33 | 16 | 14 | 3.3 | 24 | 13 | 3.1 | 78.9 |

| Kicking | XPA | XPM | XP% | FGA | FGM | FG% | Ave/A | Ave/G | 40+ | 50+ | Lg | Pts |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|------|------|----|-----|
| Crosby | 25 | 24 | 96.0 | 26 | 14 | 53.8 | 61.7 | 79.7 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 56 | 66 |

| Punting | No | Yards | Lg | TB | BK | 20 | Ret | Yds | Net | Gross |
|---------|----|-------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Ryan, J | 80 | 3695 | 72 | 10 | 0 | 21 | 30 | 333 | 39.5 | 46.2 |

| Kick Returns | No | Yards | Ave | Lg | TD |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Jones | 20 | 377 | 18.9 | 30 | 0 |
| Slater | 11 | 225 | 20.5 | 26 | 0 |
| Thomas | 6 | 121 | 20.2 | 34 | 0 |
| Ogletree | 6 | 117 | 19.5 | 28 | 0 |
| Walker | 6 | 100 | 16.7 | 22 | 0 |
| Moss | 5 | 84 | 16.8 | 26 | 0 |
| Lawson | 5 | 50 | 10.0 | 11 | 0 |
| Coffee | 3 | 47 | 15.7 | 19 | 0 |
| McKinley | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 13 | 0 |
| Peterson | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 4 | 0 |
| Satele | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 2 | 0 |
| Barbre | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 66 | 1140 | 17.3 | 34 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No | FC | Yards | Ave | Lg | TD |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Moss | 7 | 1 | 81 | 11.6 | 17 | 0 |
| Jones | 6 | 5 | 32 | 5.3 | 12 | 0 |
| Kaesviharn | 2 | 7 | 5 | 2.5 | 6 | 0 |
| Lawson | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3.0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ogletree | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slater | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Porter | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 17 | 23 | 121 | 7.1 | 17 | 0 |

| Sacks | 17 | Deflections | 54 | Stuffs | 78 | Hurries | 34 | Forced Fum | 16 | Fumble Rec | |
|-----------|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|------------|---|
| Raji | 5 | Witherspoon | 8 | Witherspoon | 19 | Barwin | 13 | Witherspoon | 3 | Sitton | 2 |
| Brown | 4 | Landry | 6 | Raji | 8 | Merling | 6 | Raji | 2 | Barwin | 2 |
| Barwin | 3 | Porter | 5 | Ayers | 6 | Raji | 5 | Sims | 2 | Clady | 1 |
| Miller | 2 | Sims | 5 | Scott | 6 | Miller | 4 | Landry | 1 | Cole | 1 |
| M.Johnson | 2 | Merling | 5 | Landry | 5 | Brown | 3 | Porter | 1 | Culpepper | 1 |
| E.Johnson | 1 | Thomas | 4 | Merling | 5 | M.Johnson | 2 | Miller | 1 | Diggs | 1 |
| | | Jenkins | 4 | Brown | 5 | Witherspoon | 1 | Merling | 1 | Jennings | 1 |
| | | Diggs | 3 | Miller | 4 | | | Jenkins | 1 | Murphy | 1 |
| | | Barwin | 3 | E.Johnson | 4 | | | Diggs | 1 | Ogletree | 1 |
| | | Maiava | 2 | Thomas | 3 | | | Brown | 1 | Raji | 1 |
| | | Raji | 1 | Porter | 3 | | | E.Johnson | 1 | Sims | 1 |
| | | Miller | 1 | Sims | 3 | | | Jennings | 1 | Thomas | 1 |
| | | Brown | 1 | Jenkins | 1 | | | | | Walker, D | 1 |
| | | E.Johnson | 1 | Diggs | 1 | | | | | White, L | 1 |
| | | Jennings | 1 | Maiava | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | Scott | 1 | Barwin | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | M.Johnson | 1 | M.Johnson | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | Nelson | 1 | Bullocks | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | Lawson | 1 | Gholston | 1 | | | | | | |



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Fumbles

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|----------|---|-----------|---|----------|---|-----------|---|------|---|
| Freeman | 5 | Walker, D | 3 | Ryan, J | 2 | Brown, C | 1 | Moss | 1 |
| White, L | 4 | Culpeppe | 2 | Ogletree | 2 | Pettigrew | 1 | | |

Tackles **914**

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|----------|----|------------|----|------------|----|------------|---|
| Witherspoon | 128 | Raji | 49 | E. Johnson | 20 | M. Johnson | 12 | Kehl | 7 |
| Thomas | 119 | Merling | 42 | Steltz | 19 | Hood | 12 | Harris | 5 |
| Landry | 91 | Jenkins | 36 | Brown | 17 | Barwin | 10 | Kaesviharn | 2 |
| Porter | 90 | Diggs | 31 | Ayers | 14 | Gholston | 10 | Lawson | 1 |
| Miller | 55 | Maiava | 28 | Bullocks | 14 | Ladouceur | 10 | | |
| Sims | 51 | Jennings | 21 | Scott | 12 | Nelson | 8 | | |

Ints **No Yds Ave Lg TD**

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|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Porter, T | 5 | 205 | 41.0 | 46 | 2 |
| Landry, D | 4 | 209 | 52.3 | 68 | 3 |
| Thomas, T | 4 | 66 | 16.5 | 40 | 1 |
| Nelson, T | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 0 |
| Jenkins, M | 1 | 29 | 29.0 | 29 | 0 |
| Witherspo | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 13 | 0 |
| Harris, C | 1 | 29 | 29.0 | 29 | 0 |
| Totals | 17 | 556 | 32.7 | 68 | 6 |