



Lendale White Lost for Season



Denver, May 1st, 2011: Lendale White, the Broncos starting running back most of the past three years, tore his achilles tendon in a spring practice and will be lost for the season. White was placed on the Broncos injured reserve list and will be ineligible to play this year.

White was the leading rusher for the Broncos two of the last three years, finishing second on the team in rushing last season to rookie *Glen Coffee*, who unexpectedly announced his retirement in late February. "This is obviously a devastating loss," said a Broncos spokesperson after the extent of White's injury was learned by the team. "Lendale was being counted on to be our main back with the retirement earlier this year of *Chris Brown* and *Glen Coffee*. To lose a back of his caliber will clearly set us back."

With the injury to White, the Broncos have only 33-year-old veteran *Ricky Williams* listed on their roster at this time as a running back. Williams was acquired a week ago from the *New York Giants* to share time with White in the Denver backfield. Williams, who rushed for over one thousand yards for the *Giants* last season, was acquired for a fourth round pick and *Na'il Diggs*. They also have *Delanie Walker*, who is listed as a tight end, but played some fullback last year. He rushed 14 times for 83 yards - a 5.9-yard average - and scored three touchdowns on the ground, leading the team in rushing touchdowns last year.

Head coach *Hank Sienzant* was less perturbed about White's loss. "We'll rally around *Ricky Williams* and play good football. The rest of the offense will simply have to play better to make up for Lendale's loss. This isn't the first time a football team has lost a player due to injury, and given the nature of the game, I'm pretty certain it won't be the last, either."

The Broncos, having now lost their top three backs from last season, are now expected to make running back a priority in the upcoming rookie draft. Fortunately for the Broncos, they own their own pick in the first round (the seventh overall), as well as three picks in the second round if they wish to acquire a back early in the draft.

Lendale White's Bronco Career

Year	Att	Yds	Avg	10	FD	Lg	TD	Rec	Dp	Yds	Avg	25	FD	Lg	TD
2008	225	839	3.7	26	35	30	2	20	1	175	8.8	0	8	13	0
2009	219	808	3.7	12	44	57	3	7	4	44	6.3	0	1	9	0
2010	111	413	3.7	5	25	11	2	3	0	15	5.0	0	0	9	0
Total	555	2060	3.7	53	104	57	7	30	5	234	7.8	0	9	13	0

