

Hiko's back with his Browns Outsider, and in it, offers a detailed quarter-by-quarter breakdown of last Saturday nights Browns preseason win over the Broncos. With three preseason games now in the books, Hiko takes time to offer his thoughts on just about every aspect of this 2007 Browns team, pulling no punches in doing so. Just 12 days 'till The Inbred come to town ...



Preseason - Week 3 - Cleveland vs. Denver

Ah, the Denver Broncos.

Many a moon has waxed and waned since we lost our third AFC Championship game to them in the January of 1990. The evil bane of our existence that they had playing QB for them is long gone. Their uniforms have changed, adopting some sort of blue and orange skunk pattern. Even their old shack has been razed and turned into a parking lot.

However, the disgust that many a Browns fan feels for the football denizens of Denver, Colorado, has dissipated only slightly. I count myself amongst this number. I sneer at the Bronco fans and sneak into their houses at night, blasting Billy Ocean and Kenny G as they try to sleep, stealing the cold cuts and beer from their refrigerators, dipping their toothbrushes in [Dave's Insanity Sauce](#) .

Or something like that.

Expectations

I expect the run game to look worse due to the potent Denver running attack. *(It did.)*

I expect Denver to blitz the bejeezus out of Cleveland, leading to several crucial errors by both Frye and Anderson. *(Shockingly, this did not happen, and they both looked pretty good.)*

I expect Brady Quinn to come back down to earth with a decent-but-flawed effort. *(Nope - he continues to impress.)*

I expect the Browns to lose, for media outlets to start calling for Romeo's head, and for Browns fans everywhere to start sampling various poisons for effectiveness. *(Actually, the Browns outplayed the Broncos and won. In other news, an elderly woman was attacked by a swarm of winged pigs.)*

Pregame

Finally, I got to watch a game live. Watching Browns games live leads to a completely different process as far as this article is concerned, because it ensures the taping and reviewing of the sporting contest. The reason? Because, during a live game, I must drink copious amounts of barley flavored beverages and pace about the room nervously, yelling at the TV and sometimes the cat. I'd like to imagine that most of you watch the games in a similar way, but I've been told that I might be wrong about that.

Anyway, pacing and yelling, and having the inability to rewind live TV (no DVR for yours truly), does not lend itself to coherent in-game notes. The only thought that I managed to record during the contest itself was something about Phil Dawson's accuracy, ancestry, and personal hygiene.

First Quarter

Being in the thin air of Denver, I didn't expect an impressive showing by the Kick Return team, as they would have little chance to show their wares.

The Browns got the ball first and began at their own 20. Charlie Frye's first throw was to Joe Jurevicius - his first catch of the preseason. Outside of Braylon Edwards, our WR have looked weaker than a 3 year old girl, so it was good to see him get involved.

Three plays later, Charlie Frye scrambled 13 yards on 3rd and 5. Now, I don't want to say that wasn't a nice play, but he was .1 seconds from taking a vicious blindside sack, and his pulling the ball down and sprinting for the 1st

down was dumb luck. It showed his best asset - his mobility - but unlike others, I don't see this play, no matter the result, as a positive. Rather it emphasizes Charlie's inability to get rid of the ball quickly in blitz situations.

However, on 3rd and 8 from the Denver 49, Charlie had a nice pass to Steve Heiden for 14 yards. The play was successful because of the protection from the O-Line. So strange to say that.

The next play was an end around to Josh Cribbs. I'd hate to see us over-use this play. It would be a small

wonder if future defenses see that Cribbs is in the game, and just start yelling "*Reverse!*"

The next play on 2nd and 5 from the Broncos 30 was a fade to Braylon. This was not a perfect throw by any stretch, because if it were thrown perfectly, it was a TD. However, it still demanded a lot of touch and timing, and it's great to see Edwards making those kind of catches this year.

So there they were, Browns, 1st and Goal on the 6 yard line. What would happen next? False Start? Illegal Substitution? Fumble? Spontaneous Combustion?

Nope - a great sweeping run by Jamal Lewis brought the ball down to the 1. On the next play, it was Lewis again - bam, bam, TD! *Browns 7, Broncos 0.*

In Denver, even Phil Dawson has the leg to send the kickoff into the end zone. Glory be!

The Broncos took over, and the Browns got Denver into 3rd and long following a nice defensive play by Antwan Peek (guess his pass defense is starting to round into shape). In the past, when Cleveland had its opponent in a 3rd

and long situation, it almost certainly meant *Long Gain For First Down*. But this is a new Browns defense!

Oh wait... no. 3rd and 12. Jay Cutler dropped back, had enough time to read *War and Peace*, and completed to Javon Walker for 37 yards. Urg.

After that, the Browns displayed some good D, (D'Qwell Jackson was playing well - it was the first time all preseason that I remember seeing him pivotal on defensive stops), and suddenly it was 3rd and long again. This time, the Browns *did*

get some pressure, and, hail hail, Sean Jones got the INT. Oh wait... no.

Unfortunately, he was also called for Holding. Bernie Kosar complained about the call from the broadcast booth, but the camera angle on the play did not afford us a look at the supposed infraction, so, in the end, it was yet another 3rd

and long converted.

And then we gave up a long run to the great Selvin Young. Yes, the Broncos top 2 running backs, Travis Henry and Mike Bell, were hurt, so that meant we were doomed to be carved up by future waiters and UPS Delivery men.

If 3rd and long was unstoppable, then 3rd and short must be what we needed, and the D made the stop. But that meant 4th and short from the Browns 30, and a big running gash up the gut for the 1st down.

And then followed another one, an easy gain of 5. Flashbacks to the Dark Years reverberated in my brain. *Stop the Run!* I pleaded internally. *Sto*
p... The... Run...

Soon, it was 3rd and short again, Cutler made the right read, threw right to Javon Walker, who did his Travis "Steely McHands" Wilson imitation and swatted down the easy 1
st

down. The Broncos let the Browns

D off the hook, and settled for the FG.

Browns 7, Broncos 3.

There was some discussion about Kellen Winslow, who did not start, and it wasn't due to injury or discipline, and no one could figure out why. Hiko's Romeo Crennel Translation: *I don't want to wear Winslow out, and I want to see what he looks like with Brady Quinn, so I'm holding him back for a little while.*

Kickoff touchback. A theme.

On 1st down, the Browns ran a play action, and Frye slinged a deep ball to Edwards that was both accurate and well thrown - the ball landed 50 yards from where he threw it, and was only off by a few inches. It was the most impressive throw Frye has made the entire preseason - until then, I wasn't sure he knew there were bombs in the playbook.

The Browns managed 2 more 1
st

downs, then, on 1
st

and 10 from the Cleveland 46,
Jason Wright ran the ball for no
gain, and Kevin Shaffer got his
bell rung. Ryan Tucker came in
for him, which is interesting,
since he won't be an option the
first 4 games of the Regular
Season, and it seems that
Romeo would want to see how
the O-Line would perform if
Shaffer were hurt in a

real

game and his

real

backup were to come in.

Perhaps he was just trying to see if perhaps the line play was superior with Tucker as opposed to Shaffer, anticipating Ryan's return to the starting lineup come Game #5.

*End of 1st. □ Browns 7,
Broncos 3.*

Second Quarter

On first play of the 2nd quarter, Jamal Lewis ripped off a nice 10 yard run. I am quite pleased with his runs so far this year... well,

except the next one.

On 3rd and 1 at the Denver 45, it looked like there was a hole right up the middle - probably enough to get the necessary yardage if the RB banged in there. But Jamal decided to bounce it outside, and that had no shot. It was the first time

I'd seen Lewis run tentatively, if you could call it that.

The Browns were going to go for it on 4th and 2, but Winslow, who was finally in the game, spasmodically jerked during the snap count,

and bam! False Start.
Now, they had to punt.

The Broncos took over
from their own 20. On 2
nd

down, Cutler hit a wide
wide wide open Brandon
Stokely for 26 yards. I
was not enjoying how

open those Denver WR's had been. The Browns were also getting little to no pressure on the QB - even on blitzes.

Cutler threw several more passes, rarely

hassled at all by the D, until 3rd and 5 from the Cleveland 35, when Wimbley and Orien Harris combined to scare the feces out of Cutler, who panicked and dumped down to Young, who got planted by D'Qwell for a 5 yard loss.

After the Denver punt, Derek Anderson came into the game. I thought it was unfortunate, because I would've liked to have seen Charlie in for one more series. Then again, we had to get Anderson out of the way before we could

get to see Brady
Quinn - and I definitely
wanted to see Quinn
get some reps against
the Broncos 1's - so I
guess it was a
necessary evil.

Anderson's first 2

passes were judicious
check downs to Jamal
Lewis, who proved
once again that he's
going to kick ass this
year, as they went for
14 and 16 yards
respectively.

Derek had a great blitz read on 2nd and 3 from the Denver 43, tossing a quick pass to Steve Heiden for 9.

Lewis then ran for 3, and the Browns O

Line looked like it was starting to wear Denver down already. This is GOOD NEWS. If this can actually happen in the *real* season, then the Browns may actually win more than 4 games this year.

So Cleveland moved the ball rapidly down to the Denver 15. Ah, but if the Browns are in the red zone, and DA is the QB, then we know what's coming: False Start.

He made up for it on 3rd down, with a nice toss - and even better catch by Winslow - for the 1st down at the 7. The catch was so good that Denver couldn't comprehend its majesty, and they challenged the call

just so they could
watch it a couple
more times.

1st and Goal: Be
afraid. Be very
afraid. A rush up the
gut for 0. Then a

nice run by Lewis to
the 3.

On 3rd and Goal
from the 3,
Anderson dropped
back to pass.
Indecision,

*indecision, uhh... oh
shazam! I'm
sacked. How did
that happen?*

A very nice drive
that unfortunately

ended in a
whimper. Field
Goal. *Browns 10,*
Broncos 3.

The following
kickoff was yet

again unreturnable,
and Phil Dawson
must have felt like
he was taking Ryan
Tucker's
"vitamins&qu
ot;.

Denver's ball on their 20 with 1:55 left in the half. Uh oh. Here came Cleveland's 2 minute D. Last week, it got slapped around by Detroit. Actually,

Kansas City
slapped it around
pretty good at the
end of that game
too. Can it improve
tonight?

On 3 plays in a row, Cutler had lots of time and wide open receivers. It was becoming a theme.

On 1st and 10 from the Cleveland 38, Cutler scrambled, and Shaun Smith made a very nice play, catching him from behind and holding him to a 6 yard gain on what

could have been
much more. But,
much to my
chagrin, Smith got
nailed with perhaps
the weakest, the
most pathetic, the
most senseless
Unnecessary

Roughness penalty
in the history of the
Universe. He
tackled Cutler,
then, using Cutler's
legs, turned him
back over. That
wouldn't hurt my 4
year old daughter.

That wouldn't hurt a wounded butterfly with a heart problem.

The call was so bad that Romeo

had a nice laugh
with Smith on the
sidelines about it.
If you could read
Romeo's lips, he
said something
about the ref's
mother, then
something about

his future health.
They both laughed
at the thought of
the flag-thrower's
inevitable
expiration.

Regardless, it was still 15 extra yards.

Denver made two easy runs up the middle down to the

2. With 37 seconds left, Cutler bootlegged and threw it to Kyle Johnson, who was so wide open that he could have taken a nap, hit snooze on his

alarm twice, and *st*
ill
caught the ball.

Coach Grantham,
come here. I need
to talk to you. I

love what you're
doing, but we
really need to
discuss the 2
minute defense.
Kindly remind your
Defense that
halftime doesn't
begin until the

clock reads 0:00.
The 2 minute
warning is not the
signal for a nice
relaxing cool-down
interlude prior to
the end of the
period. Thank
you.

After the kickoff
(which was,
astonishingly,
returned),
Anderson came
back in with only
28 seconds left.
Normally, the
Browns would take

a knee, but this is the preseason, so why not try and see what DA can do? Well, he got sacked, but it drew a personal foul, then he got sacked again, then made

a nice throw, then inexplicably threw an incomplete 20 yard out instead of a Hail Mary as the clock ran out.

A Brain Scientist
he ain't.

*Halftime: Browns
10, Broncos 10.*

Third Quarter

The kickoff was returned for 33 yards by Akron alum Domenik Hixon, who looked

pretty good in this game. If he doesn't make the Denver squad for some reason, then I propose we pick him up right away. Not only does he do that thing that

few Browns WR's like to do - namely, catching the ball - but he also has a long and fruitful relationship with our inevitable starting QB, Charlie Frye.

1st and 10 Denver.
Plenty of time, but
good coverage,
and - a sack!
Cutler couldn't find
anyone open, was
finally forced to
scramble, and
then slid down to

prevent Wimbley
from decapitating
him.

2nd down - and
viola! - some good
Run D as well!

Astounding!

3rd down and 11 -
and Hallelujah! -
Wimbledon finally
gets some

pressure, throws
Cutler off his
rhythm, who
essentially throws
it away.

A 3 and out!
That featured a
sack, a pressure,
and good Run D!
You know, stuff
that's been about
as common as
Peace in the

Middle East
during this game
so far. That's
what I want to
see.

Following the
Denver punt,
Anderson was
back in, since he
didn't have a *real*
2nd
drive, and the
Browns promptly

got a False Start.

The Browns
executed a
couple of run

plays, and, on 3^r
d

and long,

Anderson held

the ball a little

too long and

missed a wide

open Braylon

Edwards. All
preseason, DA's
play has
inspired yawns.

Punt. Broncos

got the ball
almost at
midfield.

The Broncos
ran twice, the

second of which really should've been stopped for a loss, and they ended up with 3rd and 2.

The Defense

stiffened -
again! -
deflecting a
Cutler pass that
probably
would've been
broken up

anyway, and we had our second 3 and out in a row. Grantham must've really lit 'em up during Halftime.

Syndric Steptoe
fair caught the
Denver punt at
the 15 yard
line, and the
only reason I
mention it is

that he was
surrounded by
Broncos as he
caught it, just
waiting for him
to drop it, and
he made a sure

grab. I have to
think that
Steptoe is
winning the
Punt Returner
battle simply
because he

consistently
fields the ball
cleanly. Yes,
sad, I know.

In came Brady
Quinn. He
didn't quite get
the same
reaction as last
week for some
reason.

After moving
the Browns to a
1st down, Quinn
checked down
to Wright for a
17 yard gain.
Remember my

theory that
Winslow was
held out of the
1st Quarter
so he could
play with
Quinn? Well,

he was in there
with Quinn,
blocking like,
well, like he
was really
bored and
couldn't be

bothered,
giving his guy a
little push, then
casually
walking down
the field while
the *play*

*was still going
on about 7
yards away
from him*

. Good effort,
Kellen. Here's
a box of rotten

apricots for
your troubles.

After a loss of
3, Winslow

made up for

his

"blocking

" by

catching a

gorgeous pass

down the

middle from
Quinn for 25
yards. That
was the first of
the 2 Quinn
throws
Saturday night

that most likely
could never
have been
made by
Anderson Frye.

Two plays
later, on 3rd
and 3 from the
Denver 29,
came the
second. The
throw was 35

yards (more if
you extrapolate
for field width)
on a line to the
corner of the
end zone, right
on the money

for Joe
Jurevicius.
When I first
saw the play, I
felt that
Jurevicius
must have

been in a
collegiate
mood, deciding
that getting
one foot in
bounds should
be enough.

But, upon
watching this
play in super
slow motion
about 13 times,
it appears my
initial reaction

was wrong:
Jurevicius did
catch it. When
he gained
possession,
the tip of his
right foot was

touching the
ground. His
left foot then
clearly came
down in
bounds. I'm
not sure what

the ref was
looking at, but
this clearly was
a play that
should have
been
challenged, so

I blame Romeo
Crennel for the
incomplete
call.

In my mind,
that was a TD
throw.

On came Phil

Dawson for
the FG
attempt, and
he hooked it
into a water
hazard. It was
an ugly effort,

unbecoming
for even a
middle school
kicker. Guess
what, Phil?
You're this
week's *Nicole*

Richie Award

TM

winner.

Now I know

why Phil
Savage didn't
give up the 5th
round pick this
offseason
required to
procure Trent

Green from
Kansas City -
he knew he'd
need that pick
to replace
Dawson next
year. Phil's

kickoffs have
always been
short, but he
made up for
that with
consistent
accuracy

within the 50.

Now we're
gonna have to
start prayer
chains every
time Phil
comes on for

an Extra
Point.

The Broncos
took over at

their own 37,
and Chaun
Thompson
promptly
made a hell of
a play by

sacking

Patrick

Ramsey for a

7 yard loss.

Of course,

this was for

naught, as
future Hall of
Famer Selvin
Young ran the
ball for 16
yards on the

next play,
featuring Mike
Adams
making the
cardinal
mistake for a

Safety by
taking a
terrible angle
at the RB and
totally
whiffing,

adding
another 10
yards to the
gain.

Apparently,
the only thing
stopping the
Denver
running game
versus the

Browns'
backup
Defense at
this point was
themselves,
as they mixed

in potent
running gains
with 2 False
Starts and an
Offensive
Pass

Interference.

So, on 3rd and

19,

Thompson

put some nice

pressure on

Ramsey, and
while the
Denver QB
was
distracted by
that, David

McMillan
nailed him
from behind,
causing a
fumble that
was

recovered by
Chase
Pittman at the
Denver 37.

Chaun

Thompson

and David

McMillan

have secured

their place on

the team this
preseason. I
have no
worries for
the LB depth.
DL and DB

depth... that's
another story.

The backup
Safeties and
Cornerbacks
get toasted

more often
than rye
bread.

In came
Quinn again,
and he drilled
a nice out to
Harrison for
10. Harrison

then had a
nice run for 7,
which was
followed by a
throw to
Cribbs, which

he rapidly
turned into a
20 yard TD.
Browns 17,
Broncos 10.

Brady Quinn -

4

possessions,

4 TD passes

(remember, I

count the

Jurevicius
TD, because,
well, it was).
The legend
has begun.

As much of
an un-fan that
I was of
Quinn coming
out of Notre
Dame, I must

admit that I
very
impressed
with him. His
arm strength
is better than

I remember
from his
Notre Dame
days, and his
decision
making is

very crisp for
a rookie QB.
Maybe, as
many people
have argued,
it *was* just

that his
surrounding
cast at Notre
Dame sucked
that held him
back.

Perhaps it
was only the
fact that - in
the big
games - he
was playing

on the short
end of the
talent stick
against the
top collegiate
teams. It

could be that
Irish wouldn't
have even
been a Top
20 team if not
for Brady

Quinn, and
now that he's
playing in the
NFL, where,
top to bottom,
the talent

level is much
more equal,
he'll be able
to truly excel.

God, I hope
so.

Denver got

the ball back,
the Browns D
gave up
some more
unseemly
chunks of

running
yardage, and
the quarter
came to a
close.

End of 3rd .

Browns 17,

Broncos 10.

Fourth Quarter

The Broncos

started the
quarter with a
1st and 10 on
their own 32.
The Browns
made a few

nice plays,
and forced
them to punt.

Quinn came
in again, and
passed to
Steely
McHands on
1st down.

This, of
course,
means it was
dropped. I
know that we
spent

(wasted) a 3
rd

round pick
on Steely a
year ago, but
I can't really

see any
other reason
why this guy
makes the
final roster.
He's a

liability on
the field.

You don't
even have to
guard him.
He guards

himself with
his metallic
mitts.

Harrison
picked up 3
yards on 2nd
down, then
Brady had a
miscommuni

cation with
Steely,
throwing an
out while
McHands
ran a post.

And, there
you have it:
Brady Quinn
has been
stopped.
That's it.

The end of
the legend.
The career
has peaked,
and now will
begin to

unravel
before our
disbelieving
eyes. Sigh.

On the
ensuing
possession,
Cleveland's
D almost got
the 3 and

out, but
Thompson
showed why
he's not a
starter by
missing the

tackle for a
loss,
allowing
Young to
get the
required

yardage.
Certainly,
Chaun, it
was no cake
tackle - but
that's why

you get paid
a few dollars
more than
me.

So with that
second life,
and aided
by some
more
alleged

"tackling" by
the Browns
secondary,
the Broncos
drove to the

Cleveland
40. That's
where the D
decided to
get their
collective

heads out of
their
collective
buttocks
and stoned
'em.

Quinn and
the Browns
took over at
their 20, and
Harrison
had two

runs in a
row where
he did very
well to net
the 3 yards
he got on

each. On 3^r
d

and 4,

Quinn threw
to Jerome

on a go

route, but
Brady
pushed it
just a hair
too far, and
it clanked off

of Harrison's
fingertips.

Yep. I told
you. It's sad
to see the
end of an

era come so
soon.

The

following
Denver
drive
should've
ended
promptly,

but Kenny
Wright
couldn't
hold the
INT, so the
Broncos

matriculated
the ball right
on down the
field as
punishment.
The

Browns D
stopped
them in the
red zone,
but
Shanahan

went for one
of those 4th
and 5's That
They Never
Would Go
For During

*The Regular
Season*
from the
Browns 14,
and they
converted.

The Browns
were so
disheartene
d by this
developme

nt that they
allowed an
easy 9 yard
TD run to
Young.

Seeing as
it's the
preseason,
and no one,
I mean NO

ONE,
wanted OT,
the Broncos
went for 2.
They ran it

up the gut,
but
McMillan
slashed in
from the

side,
disrupting
the play,
and
Thompson

finished it
off,
stopping
the RB
short of the

goal line. If
Wimbledon
and Peek
are the
Wonder

Twins, then
McMillan
and
Thompson
are the Diet

Wonder
Twins. *Bro*
wns 17,
Broncos 16.

I was
almost a
little
disappointe
d to see the

stop,
however,
since it
meant that
Quinn

would not
need to
come in
and lead a
game

winning
scoring
drive, and it
meant that
Dawson

wouldn't
need to
come on
and drill a
pressure

Field Goal,
thus
shedding
the hippo
on his back.

Ah well. It
was still
good to see
the backup
D actually s

topping
the run for
shits 'n
giggles.

Denver
elected to
boot it away
instead of
trying for

the onside
kick, and
the Browns
began the
drive at

their 20.

The

Broncos

were

without

Time Outs,
so
Cleveland
just
slammed

Chris

Barclay into

the Denver

D 3 times,

milked the

clock down
to 1:10 left,
and punted
the ball
away.

The
Broncos
took over at
their own
37, but

threw a
couple of
short
passes that
were

stopped in
bounds, the
clock ran
out, and we
end with...

Final: □

Browns 17,

Broncos 16.

Conclusion

n

~Brady and
Joe
Thomas got
their heads
shaved as

part of a

rookie

initiation

ritual.

Gotta love

hazing. A
little ridicule
and
humiliation
never hurt

anyone.

Well, not
physically,
at least.

Personally,

I think that
Quinn looks
a lot better
with the
buzz cut.

He looks
like a dude
now. Or
Sinead
O'Connor

on steroids.

~ I'm not

doing the
grading
tonight
because
this race is

over.

Coming into

this game,

Charlie did

not

necessarily
deserve his
start, but he
clearly
outplayed

Derek again
in this
game, and
the
"Quart

erback

Competition

" is

over.

The media
will annoy
Romeo for
a couple
more

weeks,
pressing for
Quinn,
pressing for
answers,

but I think
that the
decision
has already
been made,

and the
writing's on
the wall for
DA. They
put him out

there to
give him the
chance to
drum up
some trade

value - if
any.

Charlie
Frye will
start Sept. 9
against
Pittsburgh.

Brady
Quinn will
be the
backup.
Ken Dorsey

will be the 3

rd

QB.

Unless the
Browns are
doing well,
Charlie will
start until

the Bye

Week.

Then the

Brady

Quinn Era

will
commence.

If the
Browns are
doing well,

then
Charlie
keeps
going until
he breaks.

~ The
Defense
was very
disappointi
ng in this

game.

They gave

up a lot of

mid range

pass plays.

There were
far too
many plays
in which the
line

provided no
pressure,
giving the
QB ample
time to wait

for his WR
to break
through the
coverage,
and then hit

them wide
open.

This could
be a
lingering
problem.
Ted

Washington
is known as
a run
stoppper, not
a pass

rusher.

Robaire

Smith...

well, I'm not

certain he's

actually
been in the
games.
Shaun
Smith is

providing
some push,
but this
team really
needs

Orpheus
Roye back.
Unfortunately,
we don't
know if that

will occur
before the
Pittsburgh
game, so
Wimbley/P

week will
have to
step up
their
performanc

e (over this
game, at
least), and
maybe
Grantham

will have to
get a little
more
creative in
his play

calling -
perhaps
some
delayed
blitzes, or

some

Safety

blitzes.

Certainly,

that could

give up the

big

Offensive

play, but it

also could

render a

big

Defensive

play, and I

hate the

slow death.

The Run D
also needs
to go into
Time Out
for 20

minutes.

Denver had

157 yards

rushing on

31

attempts,
which
comes to a
5.1 yard
per carry

average.

Which is

the epitome

of suck.

Yes,

Denver is
one of the
best
rushing
teams in

the league.

So?

Excuses,

excuses.

Tackling

drills for
everyone.

~ As far as
I'm
concerned,
Steptoe is
the Punt

Returner.

No one has

really

"won

" the

job, but I
think he's
the safest
choice.
Seeing as

he's a WR,
he'll be one
of the 6.

The
others?

Well,
certainly
there's
Braylon
Edwards

and Joe
Jurevicius.
And Josh
Cribbs
because of

his special
teams
importance
(and his
ability to

run the end
around).

That's 4.

You

probably

should
include Tim
Carter, who
finally
played on

Saturday
(though you
could've
fooled me).
That leaves

one of
Travis
Wilson,
Steve
Sanders,

Efram Hill,
Maurice
Mann, Mike
Mason, and
Kendrick

Moseley.
My money
would be
on Steve
Sanders.

He's got
nice size,
and has
showed
good

hands.

Of course,

as I
mentioned
earlier, the
team might
give Steely

McHands
an extra
chance due
to his draft
status.

He's the 6th
WR, so it
probably
doesn't
matter

anyway.

I'm just sick
of getting
blinded by
the glare off

his metal
gloves.

~ In the
battle for 3^r
d

RB, chalk
this one up

to Jerome
Harrison.

~ A lot of
people
have
complaine
d about

Bernie
Kosar's
announcin
g, but I
think the

guy is

fantastic in

the booth.

Where else

would you

get - in
reference
to Quinn
coming
into the

game -
" *All
the whining
I've been
doing, like*

a wife, has

finally

come to

fruition.

"

Gotta love
mid-divorc
e smack.

Although,
about
Brady
Quinn's
buzz, he

did say
"*Don'*
t sign me
up for his
barber.

"
Bernie...
have you
looked at
your hair?

It looks like
something
with
malaria
died on

your head.

You should

be

happy

to have

Jim
Donovan
hold you
down
whilst the

camerame
n shave
your
noggin.