

Elway cites injuries as key to poor season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Injuries, a major change in the coaching staff and his attempt to do too much have untracked Denver in its bid for a third consecutive Super Bowl appearance, quarterback John Elway says.

Wide receiver Mark Johnson spent four weeks on injured reserve after suffering a broken collarbone while making a block. Tight end Clarence Kay bruised his spinal cord in the season opener. And Elway missed Denver's 39-21 loss to Pittsburgh last week with a sprained ankle.

All three are back for Monday night's nationally televised game against Indianapolis — a game both defending AFC divisional champions hope can turn around their season. Denver is 4-4 and battling Seattle for the AFC West lead. Indianapolis, 3-5, is far behind AFC East leader Buffalo.

Elway questions his handling of the club's injury problems. "Anytime you see injuries to starters, you feel that there's some slack that has to be picked up," he said. "I have, in sit-

uations, tried to do too much and put too much on my shoulders. When we lose one (receiver), it forces us to move everyone around."

Mike Shanahan, the offensive coordinator for Denver during most of Elway's career, became the head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders last February. Joining Shanahan in the move to the Raiders were former Denver assistants Alex Gibbs and Nick Nicolau.

"We haven't been executing nearly as well we have in the past," Elway said. "I think some of that has to do with the fact that we've got some new coaches. It's taken a while for everyone to get comfortable with the new coaches."

Elway has completed 224 of 410 passes for 1,580 yards, but only seven for touchdowns. And he's been intercepted 11 times in seven games, one fewer than his total in 12 games last season.

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1976 Cotton Bowl.

"We had a lot of motivation to win this one," Arkansas tackle Michael Shepard said. "But let me tell you, Rice did a lot of things right. They could have beaten us tonight and we played well."

Arkansas struggled in the third quarter when Rice's Quantis Roper hit Richard Williams for a 42-yard touchdown pass and a 14-14 tie.

The Owls still came away with the loss, extending the nation's longest losing streak to 14 games.

"I know we're 0-7, but we're not an 0-7 team," Rice Coach Jerry Berndt said.

Rice plays this week at No. 2 ranked Notre Dame.

Tech's Billy Joe Tolliver completed

the Raiders' 18-point fourth quarter with a 46-yard touchdown pass to Eddy Anderson with 2:36 left to play and a two-point conversion pass to Travis Price for the winning points.

"I can remember a time when we would have lost this game," Tolliver said. "This was such a big game for us. It is every time we play Texas."

Texas Eric Metcalf gained 156 yards on 29 carries in the losing cause.

"When you have a 17-point lead you have to be able to hold it," Texas Coach David McWilliams said. "I never felt we had the game won. As long as Billy Joe Tolliver was in there throwing the ball, we couldn't relax."

McWilliams was coaching his first game in Lubbock since he was head coach of the Raiders in 1986.

Houston put itself back in the bowl

picture with its comeback victory over the Horned Frogs, who lost their consecutive road game dating back last season.

Ware came on in the second half and threw touchdowns of 33 yards to James Dixon and 18 and 33 yards to son Phillips, the nation's leading receiver.

Phillips caught 11 passes for 84 yards and moved into second place on the time SWC receiving list with 161 catches. Southern Methodist's Brian Tolbert, whose record is 171 catches.

The Cougars, 5-2 for the season, shooting for a 9-2 finish and a bowl game. The Aloha Bowl in Hawaii expressed interest in the Cougars.

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FOOTNOTES

- **Flag Football** rounds posted Monday, October 31.
- **Bowling Singles** preliminaries begin Tuesday, November 1.
- **Sports Club Meeting** Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00 PM in 167 Read.
- **Residence Hall Representatives Meeting** November 3, at 6:00 PM, 164 Read.
- **Tack Meet Finals** November 2, at 5:00 PM on Anderson Track.
- **Volleyball** playoffs posted Wednesday, November 9.

IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES OPEN: OCTOBER 24 ENTRIES CLOSE: NOVEMBER 1

PUNT, PASS AND KICK PRELIMINARIES: Tuesday, November 8, Wednesday, November 9, and Thursday, November 10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM **FINALS:** Tuesday, November 15, 6 PM **PLACE:** Intramural Sports Center **RULES:** Available at the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, Room 159 Read Building. **FORMAT:** Each participant will be allowed one attempt at each of the three activities in the preliminaries. The 3 distances will be totaled for an individual's score. The top 5 scorers will advance to the finals to be held at the Intramural Sports Center. **EQUIPMENT:** All equipment will be furnished. **AWARDS:** Will be awarded to Men's and Women's Champs!!

ALL UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

16" SOFTBALL

WOMEN'S-A: LAST MINUTE
WOMEN'S-B: WOMBATS
MEN'S-A: IMPERIALS
MEN'S-B: GOOD ACTION
CoREC-A: T&A
CoREC-B: GOOD ACTION
CoREC-C: ST. MARY'S

PRESEASON VOLLEYBALL

MEN'S-A: NOODLEHEADS
MEN'S-B: PHI JUMPA UPPA
MEN'S-C: PHI KAPPA TAU
WOMEN'S-A: SIX PACK
CoREC-A: THE JUDIES

GOLF DOUBLES

MEN'S-A: MIKE HATCH / CLAY HIGTOWE
MEN'S-B: JAY SOCO / SCOTT PLEASANTS
WES FOWLER / TODD PUCKETT
MEN'S-C: BRETT SMITH / BEAU HENERY

TABLES TENNIS

WOMEN'S-A: TINA SWANGPHOL
WOMEN'S-B: DIANA CHEW
WOMEN'S-C: LANHUONG LE
MEN'S-A: CHI YOU WANG
MEN'S-B: DAVID SAPUTRA
MEN'S-C: TODD MCKIMMY

HORSESHOES

MEN'S-A: DAVID HORTENSTINE
MEN'S-B: JOHN FRIESENHAHN
MEN'S-C: PAUL KASPAR
WOMEN'S-A: LUCY FUHRAMANN
WOMEN'S-B: DAWN POOLE

MEN'S-A: LISA BORSKI / SUZANNE HUDSON
CoREC-A: ROBERT HUDSON / GINGER JOHNSON
CoREC-C: MATT BLUME / CAY HIGHTOWE

TAMU-OUTDOORS

BACKPACKING IN BIG BEND AT THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 23 - 27

REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 14

Join us for breathtaking views high atop the mountains of West Texas for a revitalizing Thanksgiving vacation. Enjoy exploring the vegetation and wildlife that is unique to this mountain desert wilderness such as Spanish Dagger, Ocotillo, Candelilla plants and the roadrunner, white-tailed deer and falcon.

The \$120 (\$130 non A&M) fee for this backpacking adventure includes food, transportation, rental of camping equipment, backpacks, permits, and experienced guides. The trip is geared toward beginning and intermediate backpackers and is limited to 12 participants. Sign up in the IM-Rec Sports Office in 159 Read. For more information, please call Patsy at 845-7826.

DOWNHILL SKIING

LET'S GO SKIING!! Vail & Beaver Creek Resorts, located approximately 90 miles west of Denver, offer over 140 different ski trails which will satisfy beginning, intermediate or advanced skiers. This trip includes six nights lodging in a luxury condo, five day interchangeable lift ticket, bus transportation, discount in ski rentals and a variety of ski lessons. The fee for this ski adventure is \$340 (\$355 for non-A&M) and is limited to 42 participants. Sign-up in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read. For more information, please call Patsy at 845-7826.

BACKPACKING

PEDERNALES FALLS STATE PARK NOVEMBER 11 - 13

Registration: October 24 - November 7
ENJOY A WEEKEND IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY!

At Pedernales Falls State Park, the clear Pedernales River spreads through a boulder-strewn gorge, cascades down two natural rock dams and spills into a wide, deep pool. Compare the diverse vegetation in the moist, sheltered canyons to the dry hills and uplands. Wildlife such as deer, wild turkeys, and raccoons are abundant, and bird species such as the Osprey, Bald Eagle, and Golden-Cheeked Warbler are known to inhabit the parklands.

The \$35 FEE (\$40 NON A&M) for this backpacking adventure includes rental of camping gear, backpacks, food, permits, and experienced guides. This trip is geared for the beginning and intermediate backpacker. Sign up in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read. The trip is limited to 14 participants. For more information, please call Patsy at 845-7826.

SKI SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT!

JANUARY 7 - 14

REGISTRATION: OCT. 27 - DEC. 6.

Cross country ski the St. Paul where the powder is superb from Thanksgiving through April! Located in the San Juan Mountains between Silverton and Ouray, Colorado, the lodge lies in some of the most beautiful country in the West.

The St. Paul is a comfortable inn complete with kerosene lamps, woodburning lamps, and a sauna. All you need to bring is yourself and personal items. For \$395 (\$410 non A&M), this adventure includes transportation, lodging, food, all equipment, instruction, and guides.

The trip is limited to 13 participants. Sign up in the IM-Rec Sports Office, 159 Read. For more information, please call Patsy or Steve at 845-7826.

KAYAK

THE RIO GRANDE NOVEMBER 23 - 27

REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 14

Spend your Thanksgiving vacation away from it all on the Rio Grande River in Big Bend National Park. We will paddle the Hoodoos, Colorado Canyon, and Fresno Canyon, giving you the chance to perfect your basic kayaking skills.

The \$145 (\$160 non A&M) fee for this adventure includes transportation, kayaking, equipment, group camping gear, food and experienced instruction. Sign up in the Im-Rec. Sports Office, 159 Read. For more information, please call Patsy or at 845-7826. The trip is limited to 8 participants.

HANDBALL SINGLES PLAY BEGINS:

Tuesday, November 15, ENTRY FEE: Free ELIGIBILITY: All TAMU students, faculty, staff and spouses may enter if they meet the eligibility requirements in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Calendar/Handbook. CLASSES: Open — Competitive Club members

must play in the Open Class. Any other competitors may play in this class as well as one other. Class A — Highly skilled, single elimination; Class B — Moderately skilled, single elimination; Class C — Novice, single elimination SCHEDULES: Will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office after 1 pm on Friday, November 11. Check to see when you play. RULES: USHA Rules will apply. Matches consist of 2 games to 21 and an 11 point tiebreaker if necessary. COURT RESERVATIONS: Courts may be reserved for practice by calling the IM Reservation number, 845-2624. AWARDS: Class A and Open Class All-University Champions will receive a certificate and Class B All-University Champions will receive a certificate. ***ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY WON A CLASS

IN SINGLES MUST PLAY IN THE NEXT HIGHER CLASS IN ALL FURTHER COMPETITION.

VIDEO GAME TRATHLON Practice: Friday, November 11, 5:00 PM - 12:00 PM. Tournament: Saturday, November 12 - Sunday, November 13. Place



Read Building boys' outside from racquetball court #7. Rules Available at the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building. Format: Each contestant will have three minutes at each of three video games to score as many points as possible. The contestant with the highest total points will be declared the winner. The names of the games are a mystery. The games will be selected from the games that can be found in the basement of the MSC. Entry Fee: Participants will be responsible for paying for each game, all proceeds will be donated to charity. Awards: Intramural Championship T-shirts will be awarded to the men's and women's champions. Register at the Intramural-Recreational

Sports Office, room 159 Read Building. Late entries will be accepted at the tournament on a space available basis.

UP COMING EVENTS

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR SPORTS TRIVIA? SIGN UP NOVEMBER 7, AND FIND OUT! THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A FREE TRIP TO FLORIDA TO COMPETE ON ESPN AGAINST 31 OTHER SCHOOLS.

GOLF DRIVING RANGE HOURS

The Driving Range located at the Intramural Sports Center is now open for operation Mon-Thu, 3 PM - dark; Fri, 12 PM - dark; Sat, 10 AM - dark; and Sun, 12 noon - dark. Individuals with student ID or TAMU Recreational ID may purchase a large bucket of balls for \$3.00 and a small bucket of balls for \$1.50. Without ID individuals may purchase a large bucket of balls for \$4.00 and a small bucket for \$2.00. Club rentals are also available. For more information, contact the IM-Rec Sports Office, 159 Read, or call 845-7826.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Entries are being accepted for the Third Annual T-shirt Design Contest. This contest is held to determine an All-University T-shirt design for the 1989-90 school year. All entries must be received no later than 5:30 PM, Tue, Mar 21. All entries must be 12" by 12", black ink on white paper and should include the words "Intramural Champion 89-90" or "All-University Champion 89-90". It is also recommended that "Texas A&M" or the block ATM be included in the design. Entries will be judged by a panel of students, faculty and staff with the entry best depicting Intramural-Recreational Sports All-University Champions being declared the winner. The winner will be notified April 17 and will receive \$50.00.

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