

# Browns sneak up on Broncos in final minutes to win 30-29

DENVER (AP) — Bernie Kosar drove the Cleveland Browns to 10 points in the final 3:21 as the Cleveland Browns came back from a nine-point deficit to beat Denver 30-29 on Jerry Kuaric's 30-yard field goal as time expired.

After Denver had taken advantage of Cleveland turnovers to score 10 points earlier in the fourth quarter to erase a 20-19 Browns lead, Kosar rallied Cleveland. He hit a 24-yard pass to Vernon Joines on fourth-and-2 from midfield, then threw his third touchdown pass of the game, a 24-yarder to Brian Brennan with 3:21 to play.

Then, on the final drive which started with 2:04 left, Kosar completed passes of 15 yards to Joines, 20 to Reggie Langhorne and 15 to Brennan on a third-and-8 play to set up the winning field goal.

Kosar completed 24 of 38 passes for 318 yards. The win broke a three-game losing streak for the

Browns (2-3) and achieved a measure of revenge for the team that lost to the Broncos three times in the last four years in the AFC title game. In fact, Cleveland had lost 11 of its last 12 to Denver.

Denver, which had five turnovers in a loss to Buffalo last week, is also 2-3.

Mark Jackson scored on a 16-yard reverse and David Treadwell kicked a 25-yard field goal as Denver took a 29-20 lead.

Until the late rally, it appeared that Denver would win by the margin of a second-quarter safety, achieved when Denver's Simon Fletcher blocked a punt through the Browns' end zone. It was the third score against the Browns on a punt block in two weeks. They gave up two touchdowns on them last week in Kansas City.

Cleveland overcame that setback to lead 20-19 on two Kozar touchdown passes and a 5-yard run by Eric Metcalf.

# McWilliams says Texas must win

AUSTIN (AP) — Playing well against Oklahoma doesn't cut it with Texas fans — the Longhorns must win, Texas coach David McWilliams said Monday.

"Most of them expect this to be a win-or-lose type game, because it's pretty much a grudge game," McWilliams said. "I think it's one you don't want to play good in, you'd like to win it. ... It's special."

In an 84-game series that began in 1900, Texas has won 48, Oklahoma 32, and there have been four ties.

The 85th Texas-Oklahoma meeting Saturday at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas also will be the 45th consecutive sellout, which now numbers 75,587.

Oklahoma is 5-0, Texas 2-1.

ESPN will televise the game, with kickoff at 3 p.m. CDT.

Texas had lost four straight in the series until edging Oklahoma last year, 28-24, and McWilliams said that could be a boost this Saturday.

"I don't think there's any question that ... you feel better about going in knowing that, 'Hey, we played against them last year and beat them, and basically it's our same guys going in' — it's got to help, it's got to help," he told his weekly news conference.

But he said the game is unique in that "it doesn't seem to matter a whole lot what happened the year before or what happened earlier in the season or anything else."

McWilliams said the Sooners are a "lot more explosive offensively" this season, and has a strong veteran defense.

But he added, "I've never gone into an Oklahoma game that I didn't feel like we had a chance to win the football game, regardless of what else had happened."

"This year, I think we're going in much better. We're a better football team, doing things a lot better, and more experienced football team."

A big difference, and possible Oklahoma advantage, is that it is the Sooners' sixth game. It's only the fourth for Texas, which has had two open dates.

# Don't even try it, boys Athletics' attitude may be warning to Red Sox

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A day before the American League playoffs started, some Boston pitchers went to a batting cage buried beneath the Fenway Park bleachers to take a few swings.

They wanted to brush up on their hitting — or, in some cases, try it for the first time — so they'd be ready to bunt or whatever in the World Series.

On their way, they walked past a group of Oakland pitchers. The Athletics didn't say much, but their stares did: Don't bother, boys.

In actions and in words, these Athletics seldom fail to get their message across.

Fast forward to Game 1. Oakland trailed 1-0 in the seventh inning, but had a runner on first base, pinch hitter Jamie Quirk at the plate and Rickey Henderson on deck.

Henderson hears everything the crowd yells at him, and often talks back. It's how he relaxes, the way he gets ready to make things happen. So when a couple of guys in the third-base box seats began razzing him, Henderson stopped adjusting his neon-green batting gloves and turned around.

"It's just a matter of time," he said, smiling.

Quirk singled, Henderson hit a tying sacrifice fly and Oakland was on its way. By the ninth, it was 7-1 when Henderson walked to the plate with the bases loaded and two outs.

Wait, one last piece of business before leaving the artificial turf square that serves as the on-deck area at Fenway. He looked back at the same seats, some of them now empty.

"It's time," he said, and then hit a two-run single.

On to the aftermath of Game 2, a 4-1 victory Sunday night that put the World Series champions in a familiar position — on track for another sweep. Both teams are talking about fun, in different ways.

"This is a winning team," Willie McGee said in the bustling Oakland clubhouse. "I've played on winning teams from the Little League on, and there's something about them where they're all pulling together. It's just fun to play on a team like that."

Across the way, in the quiet Red Sox locker room, reliever Larry Andersen presents another perspective. "Let's go out and have fun," he said. "If we get swept, everybody will say, 'See, I told you so.' If we win, then it's a bonus."

# Cowboys celebrate season

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys were celebrating on Monday their 100 percent improvement over the 1989 season.

The Cowboys' 14-10 victory over Tampa Bay not only doubled their victory total from coach Jimmy Johnson's NFL debut last year, but uncovered the heir apparent to the likes of Tony Dorsett and Herschel Walker.

Emmitt Smith, a rookie first-round draft pick from Florida, paid dividends on the \$1 million bonus money he got from the Cowboys.

"Emmitt made some great runs," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "It's difficult to win just throwing the football. Now with Emmitt we have a balanced of-

fense." Smith scored the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 14-yard run and gained 121 yards on 23 carries. It was the most yards rushing by a Dallas running back since Walker gained 134 against Cleveland in 1988.

Smith missed all of training camp and had been slow to round into form.

"I had a feeling Emmitt was about to break loose and he did," Johnson said. "He's a big-time back who is only going to continue to get better."

Dallas only had one 100-yard rushing game last year. It came from Paul Palmer.

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which didn't play last week, was second with 14 first-place votes and 1,384 points.

Once-beaten Miami jumped six spots to No. 3 with six first-place votes and 1,324 points. Rounding out the Top 10 are Oklahoma, Tennessee, Auburn, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Florida and Florida State.

The No. 8 ranking is the lowest for Notre Dame in two years.

Eight teams received first-place votes, the most since 1985. Nebraska received two, while Oklahoma, Tennessee, Florida and No. 12 Houston each got one. All of those teams are unbeaten, although Tennessee has two ties and Auburn one.

Michigan's ranking could also be good news for Michigan State, which plays the Wolverines on Saturday at Ann Arbor. The last two times the Wolverines were ranked first, they lost their next game.

# AP Top 25

Team (Lst. Wk.)	Record
1. Michigan (3)	3-1-0
2. Virginia (4)	5-0-0
3. Miami, Fla. (9)	3-1-0
4. Oklahoma (7)	5-0-0
5. Tennessee (6)	3-0-2
6. Auburn (5)	3-0-1
7. Nebraska (8)	5-0-0
8. Notre Dame (1)	3-1-0
9. Florida (10)	5-0-0
10. Florida St. (2)	4-1-0
11. Illinois (13)	3-1-0
12. Houston (13)	4-0-0
13. Brigham Young (11)	4-1-0
14. Colorado (12)	4-1-1
15. Clemson (16)	5-1-0
16. Southern Cal (15)	4-1-0
17. Washington (17)	4-1-0
18. Georgia Tech (23)	4-0-0
19. Oregon (22)	4-1-0
20. Texas A&M (19)	4-1-0
21. Arizona (25)	4-1-0
22. Indiana	4-1-0
23. Wyoming	6-0-0
24. Mississippi	4-1-0
25. Iowa	3-1-0

Michigan was No. 1 in the 1989 preseason poll, but lost its first game

to Notre Dame. After taking over the top spot in 1977, the Wolverines were beaten the following week by Minnesota.

Michigan fullback Jarrod Bunch says the No. 1 ranking will be a factor against Michigan State.

"It's more incentive for us to uphold it and more incentive for them to knock us off," he said.

Prior to this week, no team with a loss had been ranked No. 1 before November. The earliest No. 1 ranking for a once-beaten school had been Nov. 13, 1950, when Ohio State took over the top spot with a 6-1 record.

Ohio State, which was 20th last week, is one of four teams that dropped out of the Top 25 after losing on Saturday. The others, with last week's rankings, are Michigan State (18), Arkansas (21) and Fresno State (24).

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starters Jose Rijo of the Reds and Bob Walk of the Pirates go at it again.

The Reds scored only 20 runs in their last nine regular-season games and showed no signs of breaking out of it in the first two games, either.

Both teams, however, got their wish in Game 3 as the skies were a steely gray and the shadows of Friday's mid-afternoon start were no problem.

Hatcher opened the fifth with a double and moved to third on winning pitcher Danny Jackson's sacrifice. Barry Larkin, in a 6-for-27 slump, reached on an infield single with Hatcher holding at third.

Duncan then hit a hanging curve

over the left-field fence. The Reds second baseman was 0-for-8 in the playoffs and had only four hits in his previous 30 at-bats.

Hatcher gave the Reds a 2-0 lead when he homered to left after Joe Oliver singled with two outs in the second.

The Pirates traded Hatcher to the Reds on April 3 for minor leaguers Mike Roesler and Jeff Richardson. Jackson was sharp in the first two innings but then appeared to lose a little velocity. The Pirates tied the score with two runs in the fourth inning and it could have been worse.

Jay Bell led off with a double, Andy Van Slyke walked and Bobby Bonilla singled home a run. One out later, Carmelo Martinez doubled to

tie the score and Don Slaught was intentionally walked to load the bases.

But Jackson struck out Jose Lind and got Smith on a bouncer back to the mound to end the inning. The Pirates had the bases loaded and two outs in the fifth inning but Martinez popped out to short.

Jackson, 6-6 during the season, was replaced by Rob Dibble after Lind doubled with one out in the sixth. Dibble struck out pinch-hitter Gary Redus and Jeff King to end the threat.

On three occasions this season, Jackson was on the disabled list but he finished strong. In his final three starts, the left-hander gave up five runs in 21 innings.



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