

WAKEUP

"When we play, he's the enemy. When it's over, he's my son."
Miami, Fla., head coach Randy Shannon, who will go against his son, Xavier, in Saturday's game against Florida International.

NFL NOTEBOOK

Dvoracek hurts knee: Chicago Bears defensive tackle Dusty Dvoracek, a third-round pick out of Oklahoma last year, ruptured the ACL in his left knee Sunday against the San Diego Chargers and was placed on injured reserve Monday.

Dvoracek, a starter after missing his rookie year with a foot injury, went down in the fourth quarter at San Diego.

Safety Mike Brown also ruptured his left ACL on a shot from Chargers fullback Lorenzo Neal. A team captain and former Pro Bowl pick, Brown was also placed on injured reserve.

"Freak accidents happen, but they seem like they've happened to Mike more than they should," head coach Lovie Smith said.

Although he's signed through 2008, the 29-year-old Brown's future with the Bears could be in jeopardy. His string of injuries started in 2004, and just like the two that ended seasons, this one came after he delivered a big play.

With Brown and Dvoracek out, Smith said safety Daniele Manning and defensive tackle Darwin Walker will start Sunday against Kansas City.

Patriots: The NFL is looking into claims a New England Patriots employee was videotaping signals by Jets coaches on New York's sideline during the season opener at the Meadowlands.

The investigation was first reported by ESPN.com, which said that NFL security confiscated a video camera and tape from a Patriots employee during New England's 38-14 victory Sunday. The employee was accused of aiming his camera at the Jets' defensive coaches, who were sending signals out to the players, sources told the Web site.

"The rule is that no video recording devices of any kind are permitted to be in use in the coaches' booth, on the field, or in the locker room during the game," the league said in a statement from spokesman Greg Aiello. "Clubs have specifically been reminded in the past that the videotaping of an opponent's offensive or defensive signals on the sidelines is prohibited. We are looking into whether the Patriots violated this rule."

Raiders: Officials met with representatives for holdout quarterback JaMarcus Russell for the third time in four days Monday, leading coach Lane Kiffin to say the contract dispute with the No. 1 overall draft pick could be resolved quickly.

The two sides met Friday and Saturday in the Bay Area before taking a day off for Oakland's season opener Sunday against the Detroit Lions. There were more meetings held Monday and a deal could be finalized soon. Before the weekend, the two sides had met only once in person since the start of training camp.

The Associated Press

Player likely paralyzed

▶ Doctor says his neck injury remains life-threatening.

By JOHN WAWROW
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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills' Kevin Everett sustained a "catastrophic" and life-threatening spinal-cord injury and his chances of regaining a full range of body motion are very small, an orthopedic surgeon said Monday.

"A best-case scenario is full recovery, but not likely," Dr. Andrew Cappuccino said, one day after performing a four-hour operation on the player. "I believe there will be some permanent neurological paralysis. . . . A full neurological recovery was bleak, dismal."

Cappuccino noted the 25-

KEVIN EVERETT INJURY

year-old reserve tight end did have touch sensation throughout his body and also showed signs of movement. But he cautioned that Everett's injury remained life-threatening, saying the player is still susceptible to blood clots, infection and breathing failure.

Everett is currently under forced sedation and breathing through a respirator as doctors wait for the swelling to lessen. Cappuccino said it will take up to three days to determine the severity of the injury and the recovery process.

During the operation, Cappuccino repaired a break between the third and fourth vertebrae and also alleviated the

pressure on the spinal cord. Doctors made a bone graft and inserted a plate and four screws. Cappuccino said Everett was alert and is aware of the extent of his injuries.

Cappuccino received permission to operate from Everett's mother, Patricia Dugas, who spoke by phone from her home in Houston.

Everett was hurt in Buffalo's season opener against Denver on Sunday when he ducked his head while driving in to tackle Broncos' Domenik Hixon during the second half-opening kickoff. Everett dropped face first to the ground after his helmet hit Hixon high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

Replays showed the player twitching for a few seconds as he attempted to get up before falling back to the ground.



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Bengals safety Madiou Williams (left) returns the ball after recovering a fumble by the Ravens' Derrick Mason during Monday's game.

Goal-line stand saves Cincy

By JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — What was left of the Bengals held on for a win that hurt so good.

With wounded players shuffling off the field in waves, Cincinnati pulled off the kind of victory that could set the tone for a season — that is, assuming no one else gets hurt.

Carson Palmer threw his second touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, and a suspect defense pulled off a goal-line stand in the closing seconds that preserved a 27-20 win over the Baltimore Ravens.

"We know it's going to be a hard-fought game when we play these guys — tough, physical," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "It's important to win the physical football games because you put so much into it."

In a bruising season opener, the Bengals (1-0) were the last one standing — barely. Baltimore (0-1) had a chance to tie it in the closing seconds with Steve McNair sitting on the

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

bench, out with a strained groin.

Kyle Boller drove the Ravens to the 1-yard line, where a penalty and Baltimore's sixth turnover sealed it.

"It's tough to lose like this when you're right there," Boller said.

Even tougher for McNair, who had a hand in four of the Ravens' six turnovers. One pass slipped out of his hand and was returned 34 yards by linebacker Landon Johnson for a touchdown. His tipped interception set up Carson Palmer's go-ahead touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

"I think the defense answered every question," said Palmer, who was 20-of-32 for 194 yards with two touchdowns. "What did they have, six, eight, seven turnovers? Every time I looked up, I

heard the crowd and I figured it was another turnover."

BENGALS 27, RAVENS 20	
Baltimore	0 10 0 10 — 20
Cincinnati	9 3 7 8 — 27
First Quarter	
Cin: C. Johnson 39 pass from Palmer (kick blocked), 8:31.	
Cin: FG Graham 23, 4:04.	
Second Quarter	
Bal: M. Smith 6 run (Stover kick), 11:52.	
Cin: FG Graham 40, 1:03.	
Bal: FG Stover 36, :02.	
Third Quarter	
Cin: L. Johnson 34 fumble return (Graham kick), 8:47.	
Fourth Quarter	
Bal: FG Stover 23, 14:02.	
Bal: Reed 63 punt return (Stover kick), 12:07.	
Cin: Houshmandzadeh 7 pass from Palmer (R. Johnson run), 9:48.	
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	BAL	CIN
First downs	20	13
Total Net Yards	314	236
Rushes-yards	25-107	23-55
Passing	207	181
Punt Returns	6-105	1-9
Kickoff Returns	5-140	4-94
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-30
Comp.-Att.-Int	22-40-2	20-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	1-13
Punts	5-44.6	7-44.9
Fumbles-Lost	5-4	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-86	5-41
Time of Possession	32:21	27:39

RUSHING: Baltimore, McGahee 19-77, M. Smith 5-30, McNair 1-0, Cincinnati, R. Johnson 18-50, Je. Johnson 1-3, C. Johnson 1-2, Palmer 3-0.
PASSING: Baltimore, McNair 20-34-1-20, Boller 2-6-1-19, Cincinnati, Palmer 20-32-0-194.
RECEIVING: Baltimore, Mason 7-76, Heap 4-29, D. Williams 3-55, McGahee 3-34, McClain 3-13, M. Smith 1-9, Green 1-6, Cincinnati, Houshmandzadeh 9-50, C. Johnson 5-95, R. Johnson 3-26, Kelly 1-13, Coats 1-9, Je. Johnson 1-1.

Looking Ahead | FOUR-GAME PLANNER

Tulsa		Radio: KRMG am740 Tickets: (918) 631-4688 Web site: tulsahurricane.cstv.com	
FOOTBALL	SAT 9-15 Vs. BYU 8 p.m. CSTV-249	FRI 9-21 Vs. Oklahoma 7 p.m. ESPN2-26	SAT 9-29 Vs. UAB 6 p.m.
			SAT 10-6 At UTEP 8:05 p.m.
OSU		Radio: KFAQ am1170, KRVT am1270 Tickets: (877) 255-4678 Web site: okstate.com	
FOOTBALL	FRI 9-14 At Troy 7:05 p.m. ESPN2-26	SAT 9-22 Vs. Texas Tech 2:30 p.m. FSN-27	SAT 9-29 Vs. Sam Houston State 6:05 p.m.
			SAT 10-6 At Texas A&M TBA
OU		Radio: KMOD fm97.5, KTZB am1430 Tickets: (800) 456-4668 Web site: soonersports.com	
FOOTBALL	SAT 9-15 Vs. Utah State 2:30 p.m. PPV-610	FRI 9-21 At Tulsa 7 p.m. ESPN2-26	SAT 9-29 At Colorado TBA
			SAT 10-6 Vs. Texas TBA
Arkansas		Tickets: (800) 982-4647 Web sites: hogwire.com; ladybacks.com	
FOOTBALL	SAT 9-15 At Alabama 5:45 p.m. ESPN-25	SAT 9-22 Vs. Kentucky 6 p.m. ESPN2-26	SAT 9-29 Vs. North Texas 6 p.m.
			SAT 10-6 Vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga at Little Rock 6 p.m.

OTHER LOCAL SPORTING EVENTS

TUESDAY	M Golf:	W Golf:
Equestrian: American Miniature Registry National Show, Expo Square, 8 a.m.	ORU at Mean Green Classic, Denton, Texas; OU at Scenic City Invitational at Chattanooga, Tenn.	ORU at Chip-N Invitational, Lincoln, Neb.; OU at Badger Invitational at Madison, Wis.; OSU at Inverness Collegiate at Toledo, Ohio
WEDNESDAY	Volleyball: ORU at Ark-Little Rock, 6 p.m.; OU at Texas A&M, 6 p.m.	Equestrian: American Miniature Registry National Show, Expo Square, 8 a.m.
THURSDAY	Tennis: ORU at Heart of America Fall Tournament at Edmond	

To add an event to the calendar, please e-mail lisa.swanson@tulsaworld.com

Television/Radio

Time	Game	TV	Radio
BASEBALL			
6 p.m.	MLB: Texas at Detroit	FSN-27	
6:10 p.m.	MLB: St. Louis at Cincinnati	Cox-78	KRVT-1270
7:10 p.m.	MLB: Minnesota at Kansas City	KYAL-1550	KYAL-97.1
BASKETBALL			
8 p.m.	WNBA Finals: Game 3, Detroit at Phoenix	ESPN2-26	
FOOTBALL			
6 p.m.	Jenks Coaches Show		KTZB-1430
6 p.m.	Sooner Football	Cox-3	
7 p.m.	Jenks Football	Cox-3	
7 p.m.	Bob Stoops Coaches Show		KTZB-1430
7:30 p.m.	Owasso Football	Cox-3	
8 p.m.	Bixby Football	Cox-3	
8:30 p.m.	Union Football	Cox-3	
SOCCER			
6 p.m.	Women's World Cup: U.S. vs. North Korea	ESPN2-26	
7 a.m.	Women's World Cup: Japan vs. England	ESPN-25	
7 a.m.	Women's World Cup: Nigeria vs. Sweden	ESPN2-26	
3:55 a.m.	Women's World Cup: Ghana vs. Australia	ESPN2-26	
3:55 a.m.	Women's World Cup: Brazil vs. New England	ESPN-25	

Tulsa's 2007-08 schedule released

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 2007-08 Tulsa women's basketball schedule features 10 teams that made it to postseason play last year. The Golden Hurricane will have 15 home games and will host the Holiday Inn Select Thanksgiving Tournament, featuring Troy, Western Illinois and Sam Houston State.

Topping the list of home opponents is in-state rivals Oklahoma (Dec. 8) and Oral Roberts (Nov. 13), each team reached the NCAA Tournament a year ago. Other opponents include Oregon, Rice, Southeast Missouri State, Stephen F. Austin, Tulane and the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

The Golden Hurricane will face Oregon and Belmont in the Caribbean Classic Dec. 18 and 19. Tulsa opens Conference

TU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

USA play with three home games in January, beginning with SMU on Jan. 5.

To purchase tickets, call the TU athletic ticket office at 918-631-4688.

2007-08 schedule	
NOVEMBER	
3:	vs. Oklahoma Flyers, 2 p.m. (Ext.), 6: vs. Cameron, 7 p.m. (Ext.), 10: at Southeast Missouri State, 6 p.m., 13: Oral Roberts, 7 p.m., 17: at South Alabama, 5 p.m., 20: at Arkansas, 7 p.m., 23-24: Holiday Inn Select Thanksgiving Tournament, 28: vs. Arkansas State, 7 p.m.
DECEMBER	
1:	vs. Texas-San Antonio, 2 p.m., 4: at Missouri State, 7 p.m., 8: vs. Oklahoma, 3 p.m., 18-19: Caribbean Classic in Cancun, TBA, 29: vs. Stephen F. Austin, 2 p.m.
JANUARY	
5:	vs. SMU, 2 p.m., 11: vs. Southern Miss, 7 p.m., 13: vs. Central Florida, 2 p.m., 18: at Marshall, TBA, 20: at East Carolina, TBA, 26: at SMU, TBA, 31: vs. Tulane, 7 p.m.
FEBRUARY	
2:	vs. Texas-El Paso, 2 p.m., 7: at Houston, TBA, 9: at Rice, TBA, 14: vs. UAB, 7 p.m., 17: at Memphis, TBA, 21: vs. Houston, 7 p.m., 23: vs. Rice, TBA, 28: at Tulane, TBA.
MARCH	
1:	at UTEP, TBA, 6-9: Conference USA Tournament in Orlando, Fla., TBA.

World's top handgunners in town

HUNDREDS OF THE world's top handgun shooters are in Tulsa this week, competing in the U.S. Practical Shooting Association's Handgun Nationals at the U.S. Shooting Academy.

This is the second time one of the most important events in the competitive handgunner's world has taken place at the Academy, located at 6500 E. 66th St. North, since it opened less than a year ago.

Shooters will be competing in three divisions — limited, production and revolver — and will fire 400 rounds during the event, which continues through Wednesday.

Practical shooting provides action rarely seen in shooting competition. Shooters must draw, negotiate obstacles and dash through a brightly painted course of fire as fast as safety and accuracy will allow them. This is a fairly new type of shooting event, with rules only being formalized in the 1970s.

The limited division is the Practical Shooting Association's most popular, and it will be the hottest contest this week.



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Shooters will use high-capacity service pistols, rigged with magazine wells, extended safeties and other modifications. Red dot scopes and recoil compensators are not legal, and most shooters will be firing .40-caliber S&W ammunition used by many American police officers.

In the production division, amateur shooters will be on the line against factory-sponsored pros wielding out-of-the-box handguns. These are exactly the same type of handguns carried by America's police forces, and most of the shooters will fire 9 mm ammunition.

Most of the final rounds in the Handgun Nationals will be filmed for later television specials or shows on a variety of outdoor networks.

Spectators are welcome throughout the event, and

there's no admission charge. The shooting competition normally runs from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the only requirement to watch some of this exciting action is eye and ear protection. Cameras are welcome, but no flash attachments.

The U.S. Practical Shooting Association's headquarters are in Sedro-Wooley, Wash., and for more information, visit www.uspsa-nationals.org.

Shooting star: In other competitive shooting news, the career of a young Tulsa phenom continues.

Jon Michael McGrath just returned from the 2007 World Clay Target Championships in Nicosia, Cyprus, where he helped claim the silver medal for the U.S. Junior Men's skeet team along with two teammates.

The 15-year-old is normally a Bishop Kelley High School student but currently is a resident of Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. But he will be returning to his home state in a few days to attend the Wildlife Expo, Sept. 28-30, at the Lazy E

Arena near Guthrie.

McGrath will be hosting some skeet shooting demonstrations at the Expo and offering tips on the sport. He holds three Junior National and 14 Junior World Skeet titles. A team from Germany, by the way, won the event in Cyprus by one clay target.

BFL meet: A field of nearly 400 anglers is expected to compete this weekend at Grand Lake in the Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League's Okie division super meet. This is the climax of regular-season events with a payout of \$67,500 and top award of \$9,000 in the boater division. The top co-angler — fishing from the stern of the bass boats — is expected to take home about \$4,500.

Red 11 Port Resort near Grove is the tournament site, and will host take-offs at 7 a.m. and weigh-ins at 3 p.m. both days. Entry fees are \$300 for boaters and \$150 for co-anglers and will still be accepted at the Grove Wal-Mart from 4-7 p.m. Friday, or by visiting FLWOutdoors.com.

Sports: FYI

BASKETBALL

OU's Thompson can practice: After five months of rehabilitation, Oklahoma forward Amanda Thompson was cleared for full athletic participation Monday by the team's orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Don McGinnis.

Thompson averaged 5.7 points and 5.2 rebounds while earning Big 12 All-Rookie Team honors as a freshman.

66ers announce tryouts: The Tulsa 66ers have announced local player tryouts will be held Oct. 20-21 at the Broken Arrow Community Center (1500 S. Main St.). Players will compete to earn an invitation to the team's training camp, which begins in early November. Application forms are available at www.tulsa66ers.com.

MOTOR SPORTS

NASCAR tests CoT: More than 50 Nextel Cup race teams tested the Car of Tomorrow at Talladega (Ala.)

Superspeedway, the first of a two-day warmup for the first restrictor-plate race.

The session was divided into two parts: single-car runs in the morning, and a four-hour drafting session in the afternoon. NASCAR is phasing the CoT into competition this season, and it makes its Talladega debut next month in a Chase for the Nextel Cup championship event.

TENNIS

U.S. Open ratings drop: The overnight TV ratings for both U.S. Open singles finals dropped from last year. The men's final drew a 4.2 rating on Sunday, down from a 5.1. Saturday's women's final got a 2.6, down from 3.2.

VOLLEYBALL

OU player honored: Oklahoma's Mariana Blum has been named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the week for the matches of Sept. 4-9, her first career honor.

From staff and wire reports