



**On running back injuries:** “We had two running backs go out. Willis McGahee, hamstring, did not return. He was capable in an emergency to come back but we never got that far, but close. Knowshon Moreno had a knee sprain, did not return.”

**On only throwing the ball eight times:** “We’re just trying to be efficient and do what it takes to win in this league. There’s a formula that has worked over many years and we were able to move the chains. We should have got a little more than 17 points but it was enough for us to win.”

**On if he has ever coached a game with 63 plays and only eight were passes:** “Actually I have. Carolina and Atlanta I think around [2006]. We were able to win.”

**On getting the big pass when needed and the difficulty in not throwing the ball more:** “We did throw the ball. We took some shots early on that could have been very much like that last one, but unfortunately weren’t. There were some windy conditions and we just tried to possess the ball, tried to keep our defense fresh, tried to move the chains and all that wouldn’t work if you didn’t score any points. We were able to put together a good team effort in all three phases and come out on top against a good division opponent.”

**On the long pass play for a touchdown:** “It was just a go-route and Tim [Tebow] threw it real well. There’s a little bit of a stutter move at the beginning of that route and [WR Eric] Decker shook free and we dropped it on them pretty well. It was a well-executed play.”

**On losing two running backs in the first quarter:** “That didn’t help our cause that’s for sure. We’ve overcome that before, we had a Cincinnati game where we got low on receivers and guys stepped up. I thought Lance Ball, Spencer Larsen, even, Knowshon [Moreno] for a minute, stepped in and did a good job.”

**On gaining 250 yards when the other team knows you are running the ball:** “It’s just a mindset. If you talk to offensive linemen they like going forward more than they like going backwards; I think it’s a little bit better physical matchup for them. That’s a good football team. They threw everything at us and it was tight to the wire and I think just as a mindset our guys believe in, and hopefully we can continue to grow on that in all areas.”

**On if he thought the key to the game was the amount of pressure the defense put on QB Matt Cassel:** “I think our defense is a work in progress, really our whole team is. We’re getting to know them, we made a quarterback switch which I think was fairly well documented. We’ve adjusted offensively to that; I think our defense is new. It was a short offseason, actually none, and our guys are just getting a little bit better each week and hopefully we can continue to do that and continue to grow and that’s what’s important in this league, improving every week.”

**On non-passing streaks in terms of sacks and completions:** “I leave those statistics to you guys. The statistic that is important in there is winning. This game is only fun when you win. It’s a very tough opponent, we’ve won a few on the road, that’s the kind of stats I think about...a couple of division games, and I don’t know if we’ve won a game around here, two in a row for a while so those are things we’re trying to build on.”

***On if the conditions had anything to do with throwing less this week:*** “It’s an old cliché but you take what the defense gives you. We were having success with the run, which is a lower risk offense. This is not an indictment on Tim Tebow or whoever our quarterback has been or is. It’s just what is working for us and if it ‘aint broke don’t fix it.”

***On if the Chiefs were saying to the Broncos don’t run:*** “Yes.”

***On the offense and defense playing hand-in-hand together:*** “Yes, when you can possess the ball, it’s time laying over there...not laying, it’s time sitting over there on the sideline that you get rested and keep your defense fresh and if you get a string of three and outs that doesn’t work so well for your defense.”

***On the defense lying down and maybe feeling better:*** “Well, they had those heater benches, I’m sure they were a little helpful today.”

***On the short week influencing if the injured running backs will play:*** “No we won’t. Like I said last week, I haven’t taken a shower yet, but we’ll find out, maybe not until Tuesday, that’s kind of when we form up for practice. The players will have tomorrow off and we’ll have two nights to prepare for the New York Jets.”

***On considering throwback uniforms based on the style they are playing:*** “I’m not touching that one. I like our uniforms now [*laughter*].”



### **QB TIM TEBOW**

***Did you expect to throw the ball more than that?*** “Probably, going into the game, I probably expected it. We had some good things going on with the running game and back and forth with different backs. It was unfortunate that we had two of them go down but Lance [Ball] really stepped up and Spencer [Larsen] stepped up and played well for us.”

***Do you care that you only threw the ball eight times?*** “I play this game and you’re on a team to win games and that’s it, however we can do that. I’m a football player first before quarterback. Whatever we can do to win games.”

***Do you think running an option style throws NFL teams off?*** “I think it’s just one more thing for people to prepare for. It’s not like we went out there and did a lot today but it’s something you have to scheme for, you have to prepare for and you have to be sound.”

### **SLB VON MILLER**

***On the game:*** “We knew if we won this game, it would put us right back in contention for the AFC West and that’s the ultimate goal: to win the division. We started out bad, but we’re going to just keep on working.”

***What does the running game do for the defense?*** “It really milks the clock and shortens the game. When we get up like that, when we get up by points, it just slows everything down. It makes the other team pass. I think the offense did an amazing job today. We lost two running backs and we still didn’t lose a beat. Hats off to the offense, hats off to Tim Tebow, Willis McGahee; all those guys over there that worked today. Lance Ball really carried the team when the backs went out, and hats off to him too.”

***Talk about your pass rush today?*** “We just had the same mentality that we have every week. If we get up and make them pass, me and Elvis [Dumervil], our mindset is that we’ve got to get there. This is our role on the team: supply a pass rush, and I think we got that done today.”

### **RB LANCE BALL**

***How long has it been since you ran that much?*** “Probably college. It felt good. It didn’t even feel like 30 carries. I just kept on plugging, trusted my guys; trusted my o-line and we popped a couple when we needed it. That felt great.”

***What was Willis McGahee telling you in the second half?*** “He was just saying, stay with it, trust yourself, trust the o-line and just keep running.”

### **CB CHAMP BAILEY**

***How did you think you did against Dwayne Bowe today?*** “I think I did okay. I don’t know how many catches he had. It’s one thing to keep him limited on catches, but you’ve got to keep him out of the end zone.”

***Have you ever played in a game like this?*** “No, I don’t know how many times we threw the ball, but it wasn’t more than 10 I know. One thing about it, when you’re running the ball, if you run it effectively, it helps us. That’s what helps defenses.”