

# Brian Griese to be color commentator for three Broncos preseason games

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Former Broncos quarterback Brian Griese will return to the booth as a color commentator for the team's first three preseason games, according to 9News.

Griese takes over for Ring of Famer John Lynch, who was named the San Francisco 49ers' general manager in January, and joins Ron Zappolo on the 9News-produced telecasts. Zappolo's partner for the Broncos' Week 4 preseason game, against Arizona, has yet to be appointed.

Since 2009, Griese has been a college football analyst for ESPN, and from 2010-12 was a color commentator for 850 KOA's Broncos broadcasts.

9News, entering its seventh season as the Broncos' television partner, carries all four of the team's preseason games (aired on KTVD Channel 20) as well as five regular-season games. The Broncos kick off their 2017 preseason at Chicago on Aug. 10, then head to San Francisco for joint practices with the 49ers before a Week 2 contest on Aug. 19. They close out their four-game slate in Denver, against the Packers on Aug. 26 and then the Cardinals on Aug. 31.

# Former Broncos TE Mitchell Henry dies of leukemia at 24

By Cameron Wolfe  
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Former NFL tight end Mitchell Henry, who spent five weeks with the Broncos in 2015, died Friday after a battle with leukemia. Henry was just 24 years old.

Henry, a 2015 undrafted free agent out of Western Kentucky, spent two years in the NFL with the Packers, Broncos and Ravens. In December 2016, doctors found a cancerous mass in Henry's chest.

@Broncos

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In the Broncos locker room, Henry was friendly and welcoming during his short time with the team. Former teammates held Henry in high regards, including his former Western Kentucky quarterback Brandon Doughty who posted an emotional statement about him on Twitter Friday.

@brandondoughty

My letter to my dear friend @mitchhenry85. RIP Mitchell Henry

The Broncos picked up Henry off waivers before the 2015 season opener. He played his two NFL regular-season games for Denver before being waived in October.

Henry posted a statement on Twitter in May asking for prayers as he fought leukemia.

# Brian Griese returns as Broncos preseason TV color analyst

By Mike Klis

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Former quarterback Brian Griese is returning to the Denver Broncos' broadcast team, only this time as the TV preseason color commentator.

The Broncos' starting quarterback from 1999-2002, Griese became the team's radio color commentator on 850-AM KOA alongside Dave Logan in 2011-12. Griese then became one of the top college football analysts and color commentators on ESPN. (He will continue in that role).

He will join Ron Zappolo on Broncos preseason telecasts this season that will be produced by 9News and shown on KTVD Channel 20. Griese will partner with Zappolo on games one through three.

Griese replaces John Lynch as the Broncos' preseason TV color person. Lynch left to become general manager of the San Francisco 49ers.

## **The Broncos 2017 preseason schedule on Channel 20:**

Game ..... Day ..... Date ..... Opponent

1 ..... Thursday ... Aug. 10 ... at Chicago Bears

2 ..... Saturday .... Aug. 19 ... at SF 49ers

3. .... Saturday .... Aug. 26 ... vs. Green Bay

4 ..... Thursday ... Aug. 31 ... vs. Arizona

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Henry had been released from the Baltimore Ravens practice squad in November. While at home in Kentucky, he experienced pain in his shoulder, a source had told ESPN's Rob Demovsky. Henry went to a hospital, where doctors found a mass in his chest, and he then began chemotherapy treatment.

The running back had also been on the rosters of the Green Bay Packers and Denver Broncos since coming into the NFL as an undrafted free agent in 2015. He appeared in two games for the Broncos in his rookie season.

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Henry played in 47 games for Western Kentucky during his college career, totaling 78 receptions for 1,094 yards and 12 touchdowns.

# NFL hopeful Trump administration leads to win in Super Bowl ads rights case vs. Canada

By Jenna West

USA Today

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National Football League officials think the Trump administration can help them win their legal case against Canada's TV commission regarding Super Bowl advertisement rights, a top NFL lobbyist said Friday.

President Trump announced in April that he intended to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement after earlier saying the U.S. should withdraw from NAFTA. On the campaign trail, Trump called the 1994 trade agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico "the worst trade deal maybe ever signed anywhere."

Jocelyn Moore, senior vice president of public policy and government affairs for the NFL, said Trump and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer are taking stronger steps to protect the NFL's intellectual property rights in NAFTA than the previous administration.

"We feel like the president has outlined a very strong enforcement agenda," Moore said. "We've had a number of conversations since the last administration and leading into this administration around this issue."

The NFL has a contract with Bell Media to air the entire football season, including the Super Bowl, in Canada. Through a practice called simultaneous substitution, local advertisements are sold and shown in place of ones viewed in the U.S.

In 2015, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission decided to no longer use "sim sub" during the Super Bowl, wanting to give fans the authentic experience of seeing the event's famous advertisements like U.S. viewers do. This action violates copyright protections under NAFTA, Moore said.

Lighthizer's office held three days of hearings this week to solicit comments on what is needed in the trade deal to strengthen U.S. interests. Moore was among the officials from a wide array of industries and interests who spoke at the meeting.

"This is a question for us of uncertainty to feel like the Canadian government has stepped into the middle of a contract between two businesses," said Moore. "And more importantly, they've singled out us. It applies to us and no other program or entity."

During regular season games, broadcasters still use "sim sub" for local television ads.

Bell Media loses money by not being able to sell advertisements during the Super Bowl. Moore said the CRTC decision also caused a 40 percent drop in viewership.

The NFL, whose contract with Bell Media goes through 2018, says the CRTC decision diminishes the value of NFL broadcast contract negotiations.

# 2017 Hall of Fame inductee Terrell Davis and his agent share a special bond

By Jason La Canfora

CBS Sports

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Back before Terrell Davis became "TD," before he would chat with Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show" after earning a Super Bowl MVP or get fitted for a mustard jacket to wear to Canton, Ohio, he made a promise that didn't seem plausible to keep at the time.

Davis, a San Diego native, had just finished his college career after transferring to Georgia and was hopeful of getting drafted, though far from certain of it, while trying to pick an agent to represent him. One such meeting would end up resonating far beyond the rest, a conversation that Davis still vividly recalls to this day; one that served as a shocking harbinger of an improbable Hall of Fame career. Davis' football journey will be fully recognized upon his induction next month, with the man whom he once spent roughly eight hours chatting with at an otherwise nondescript New Jersey diner over 20 years ago now considered a lifelong friend, and entrusted with presenting him when the Class of 2017 is enshrined on Aug. 5.

The last few months have been a blur for Davis, who went from Long Beach State to Georgia (after Long Beach terminated its football program) to being selected 196th overall by the Broncos to going on one of the most prolific four-year tears of anyone in NFL history. Injuries would limit his longevity (he played just seven seasons), but few runners have ever dominated like Davis did in his prime, and no one was better as he led Denver to back-to-back Super Bowls in 1997-98.

## The promise that proved prescient

Recently, Davis has been tied up with jacket fittings, bust sculptures and making ticket and travel arrangements, with enshrinement day fast approaching. None of it seemed possible back in December of 1994, when Davis was just hoping to get a shot at a training camp somewhere after injuries marred his final college season, which is why the words of his future agent, Neil Schwartz, caught him so off guard.

Schwartz, who had just landed his initial first-round pick Wayne Gandy a year ago, was a rising young agent who'd become borderline infatuated with Davis. He'd heard from some of the running back's former Long Beach teammates about his ability, and a few general managers mentioned to him they thought Davis had immense potential. Schwartz loved the kid's attitude and mentality.

So the New York native brought Davis north for a recruiting trip, took him on a quick tour of New York City. Then, with Schwartz living in Jersey at the time, they did what people do there: capped the evening off at a local diner. They ended up locked in conversation until nearly sunrise the following day, sharing dreams and aspirations, before Schwartz made a request he'd never considered making before, and would never make again after leaving the Plaza Diner in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

"I remember he and I sat in this diner for like eight hours, and when we came out it was like three or four in the morning," Davis told me amid his HOF planning this week. "And we talked about everything,

life, we just had a great connection. And actually what happened was, when we left that diner that night -- or really that morning -- Neil asked me to promise him something. And I was like, 'Sure man, whatever.' And he said, 'Promise me that when you make it to the Hall of Fame you'll allow me to present you.'

"Now, he said this way before I was drafted. I had no teams. I had no nothing. I was a guy from Georgia without a whole lot of people clamoring for me, and that showed me that he had confidence in me. And for him to have the confidence to say that ... when somebody has that kind of confidence to say that, it was great for me to hear."

Schwartz had done his homework on Davis and was smitten enough with him to disregard his own mantra at the time -- which was to only represent offensive and defensive linemen. He wanted guys with a grunt's attitude; dealing with prima donnas and drama was out. But the more he watched his film and talked to evaluators he trusted, he was convinced that the no-name runner who had been trapped behind Garrison Hearst at Georgia could become a Pro Bowl back. After making two trips to Athens to meet with Davis and his family, he was consumed with landing him.

"I don't think we left that diner until five in the morning," said Schwartz, who went over every part of Davis' winding college career with him, the injuries and setbacks. "I'll never forget it my entire life. And the thing that's crazy is I never asked any player that. It was just something I felt about him.

"I just realized that there was greatness written all over this kid. You think about it, I've represented a lot of first-rounders (Darrelle Revis among them) and I've never told one that I think you're going to the Hall of Fame. And it's like when I met (Grammy-winning artist) Lauryn Hill, you can just feel greatness. When I started managing Lauryn, it was the same kind of feeling. ... Of course, he looked at me like I was crazy."

The memories shared between player and agent stacked up nearly as quickly as the Denver star's pro accolades: Davis eventually making a three-second cameo in one of Hill's music videos (back when she was with The Fugees); the men sharing a crazy evening together at the Grammys ("My wife couldn't make it out to California for them so Terrell was my date," Schwartz quips); Schwartz helping Davis get a highly lucrative endorsement deal with pharmaceutical giant Novartis, of all companies, after one of their drugs helped Davis overcome a migraine mid-Super Bowl to lead Denver to its first Lombardi Trophy in just his third season.

And that bond will now be punctuated by Schwartz presenting his friend in Canton.

### **A partnership that almost didn't happen**

Over the years, as Schwartz worked behind the scenes to help champion Davis' Hall of Fame credentials in an induction process that can be both cruel and political, he thought perhaps Davis might still select someone else to present him if or when that day actually came. He would have understood perfectly if he had.

But Davis says he never wavered, and though he considered some other friends and mentors, Schwartz was the man for the job.

"He's been great for me my entire pro career," said Davis, who topped 2,000 yards rushing in 1998. "And we've had a great friendship and I felt it was only appropriate that he be the one to present me."

"The fact that he's still giving me the privilege is just incredible to me," Schwartz said. "I am totally humbled and honored. He could have said, 'Hey, Neil, I know I said that 23 years ago, but I have to give the honor to somebody else.' And everybody would have understood."

Of course, when they finished their epic chat in that Bergen County, NJ diner, Schwartz didn't think their journey would take such a circuitous path. Oddly enough, despite their immediate connection, Davis actually initially signed with another agent upon the urging of his girlfriend at the time and some family members.

"When we left that diner I thought, no way this guy is not going to sign with me," said Schwartz, who went on to national diner fame when "Hard Knocks" captured his late-night negotiations with the Jets to end a Revis contract holdout. "We hit it off, and when he didn't sign with me I felt heartbroken, because I felt we had a great synergy and the connection was there. It was all real -- he was the kind of kid I wanted to represent, and he's great person. So I was hurt, but I only wished him the best of luck."

"What I remember most about when I picked an agent is even though it wasn't Neil, he never bashed him or anything," Davis said. "And my girlfriend and I would call Neil all the time and Neil would answer our questions and he was like, 'Don't do this. Have your agent do that. Don't sign that.' And it was all good advice. But it was never like, 'Forget them.' He never talked bad about my agent, and I was thinking the whole time, like, this is the guy for me."

### **Joining the NFL and making a change**

As fate would have it, the player and agent would run into each other several times at the old Blue-Gray college all-star game, which used to be held in December. Davis ended up being roommates there with another future Hall of Fame back, Curtis Martin, and Schwartz only became more and more impressed.

Calls from Davis became more frequent. When the Broncos selected Davis in the sixth round, he was uneasy and concerned, going in just the second-to-last round possible. Schwartz counseled him that it was actually a blessing in disguise, with new coach Mike Shanahan bringing with him a blocking scheme from San Francisco that was perfectly suited to Davis. The depth chart was weak and Davis could duplicate the exploits of Roger Craig, Schwartz insisted.

"So, then a few weeks later he calls me and says, basically, that I want you to do my contract -- what should the numbers be?" Schwartz said. "So I break it down for him and tell him what to ask for and I'm obviously not charging him and I'm not representing him, but that's the contract he ends up signing. I think he knew in his heart of hearts that there were a lot of outside influences on him in the agent-selection process."

Finally that summer, with Davis securing a role on special teams, and with no big deals anywhere in sight and his future uncertain, and with the commission of his rookie deal still entitled to his other agent, the running back called Schwartz once more.

"When I made the team in Denver I fired my agent during training camp," Davis said, "and I called Neil up and said I wanted him to come on board, and he cried like a baby."

Schwartz disputes that account, ever-so-slightly.

"Then he calls me up during camp and says, 'I'm ready to get married,'" Schwartz said. "That's kind of my line with these guys -- don't get married just to have divorces. ... And, yeah, I did cry. I teared up. I don't know about crying like a baby, but I definitely got choked up and I teared up, and he could tell that over the phone.

"You've got to understand, from the moment I met him this kid he was as humble as ever. He's just a good, humble person, and you know what, I fell in love with the kid. He's always been an interesting person in the sense of you could just talk to him about life and he always wanted to know how he could get better and how to be successful. TD was always thirsty for knowledge on the field and off the field."

### **Keeping a promise**

Schwartz never really brought up the promise they made at that diner as Davis achieved greatness. But it would naturally come up occasionally.

When Davis, who had eight rushing touchdowns in four playoff games en route to the Super Bowl in 1997, finally made it into the semifinal stage of the process a few years back, Schwartz was by his side.

"When we got into the room (where finalists wait to find out if they were inducted), he said to me, 'You know you're still doing my induction speech,'" Schwartz said. "And I was like, 'Wow.' I wasn't going to bring it up to him, but he brought it up to me and I had goosebumps, chills, that he was going to give me that honor."

Still, that was three years ago, so this past February, when Davis and Schwartz were among the other semifinalists again, the agent expected nothing and said nothing.

"He was there, he was right there in the room with me," Davis said. "Of course, he remembered (the promise), and I remembered it. It was great."

"When he got the knock at the door, when he knew that he got in, he looked at me and goes, 'You're on, we made it,'" Schwartz said. "It was typical TD. The word he used was 'we.' TD always gives credit to other people. And I said, 'You made it.' And he said, 'No, we made it, and you are doing the speech.'"

According to Joe Horrigan, executive director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, players choosing their agent to present them is "not as uncommon as you might think." Horrigan said it first happened with Mike Haynes in 1997 and most recently with Cortez Kennedy in 2012 (when he asked the widow of his former agent, Robert Fraley, to present him). The other two times it's occurred came in 2011, when running back Marshall Faulk (Rocky Arceneaux) and corner Deion Sanders (the late Eugene Parker) both had their agents present them. Exclusive company, for sure.

### **Getting ready for Canton**

The process has changed some now, so instead of reading long speeches the presenters are interviewed by NFL Films, who produce edited clips to be played at the ceremony. Schwartz's visit from them is set for July 14, while Davis has already sent his tailored mustard jacket back to the Hall of Fame and is trying to stay on top of the whirlwind going on around him.

It's the culmination of lots of work, shattering the odds, for Davis and Schwartz.

For the agent, it ranks among his greatest professional achievements of his career, along with Davis winning Super Bowl MVP and with Hill and The Fugees thanking him in their Grammy-winning speeches. "Words can't describe it, I'm speechless," Schwartz said. "I teared up again. The same tears of joy I had when he told me he was going to sign with me, are the same tears of joy I had when he asked me to induct him."

For Davis, who amassed 6,413 yards in his first four seasons alone (an average of 1,603 per season) with a whopping 56 touchdowns in that span, it cements his place among the legends of the game. The man who rushed for a staggering 1,140 yards in just eight career postseason games -- averaging an unthinkable 5.6 yards per carry with 12 rushing touchdowns -- is about to join the immortals, keeping a promise along the way.

"There are definitely times when I am still in disbelief," Davis said. "It's like I cannot believe this is happening, man. You start having these moments and you reach these peaks that get better and better with time as you get closer and closer to that weekend.

"And then the jacket shows up and it's like, 'Oh my goodness, I cannot believe this.' All this stuff is happening, and every time it happens I just can't believe that it's real. It really is surreal. It's like you know it's happening, but you're like, 'Damn, it's really happening now. It's on now.'"

# NFL community mourns passing of Mitchell Henry after he dies of leukemia at age 24

By Sean Wagner-McGough

CBS Sports

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Mitchell Henry, a former NFL tight end who played for the Packers, Broncos, and Ravens, passed away on Friday due to complications from acute myeloid leukemia. He was 24.

Henry played tight end at Western Kentucky. There for four seasons, he caught 78 passes for 1,094 yards and 12 touchdowns. He entered the NFL in 2015 and appeared in two games with the Broncos during that season. He also made appearances on the Packers and Ravens' rosters.

Shortly after the news of his passing broke, the NFL and college football community mourned his death.

"It is with great sadness that we learned of Mitchell's passing this morning," Western Kentucky athletic director Todd Stewart said in a statement, per ESPN. "Mitchell was as committed to his teammates, his University, his friends and his family as anyone you will ever find, and we were so fortunate to have him as part of our Hilltopper family. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, his lovely wife Madison, and all of those who were blessed to have known Mitchell."

@CoachSanfordWKU

Absolutely heart-breaking to hear of Mitchell Henry's passing. But Heaven gained a Hilltopper...one of the greatest to put on the uniform.

Rams tight end Tyler Higbee, who played at Western Kentucky with Henry, shared his thoughts on Twitter:

@Ty\_Higs19

My heart is heavy today. Love ya bud, rest easy

Here's what Packers general manager Ted Thompson had to say in a statement:

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The Broncos shared this tweet:

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Brandon Doughty, a quarterback for the Dolphins who also played with Henry in college, posted a message on Twitter. Here's what he wrote:

Dear Mitch,

Hey buddy. First I wanna say I am every sorry for not being with you till the end. I cannot believe we were texting not even a week ago. Leukemia didn't win, you won my dude. You have made me a better Christian, husband, and friend. My heart hurts, the tears cannot stop, but I know without a doubt, you are in Heaven celebrating with Our Lord and Savior. Thanks for fighting, I knew you would. Thanks for the long days and talks in the cold tank at WKU. Thanks for your consistency and thanks for your honesty. You are incredible. Everyone I talk to is asking "why," I know why. God needs you up there man, do I know reason, no, but I know that whatever it is you are gonna do it. I am praying hard for all your fam! I love you bud, I will never forget you. Thank you for everything. Give Jesus a hug for me! – Brandon

P.S. Thanks for catching my first ever college touchdown pass.

Revelation 21:4

Sam Barrington, who plays for the Saints but was on the Packers from 2013-15, posted this:

@Sam\_Barrington\_

Rest In Peace Mitchell Henry. Life is precious don't waste a day. Keep family and friends close!

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By Staff

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Henry signed with the Green Bay Packers in May 2015 after going undrafted and was released by the team during the team's 53-man roster cuts. After being claimed off waivers by the Broncos, he played in two games with Denver before being released and returning to Green Bay in October 2015.

Remaining with the Packers into the 2016 season, he was placed on injured reserve in August with a groin injury. He was waived in September 2016 and was on the Baltimore Ravens' practice squad for three days in November before getting cut.

Days later, he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia after doctors discovered a mass in chest, ESPN's Rob Demovsky reported.

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Henry finished with 1,094 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns during his time at Western Kentucky.

@packers

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# Von Miller hosts “pass rush summit” at Stanford

By Josh Alper  
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The 49ers hope that first-round pick Solomon Thomas can be a disruptive presence on their defensive line and he spent time Thursday working out with and talking to players who can offer him some good advice about how to meet that goal.

Broncos linebacker Von Miller organized a “pass rush summit” at Thomas’ alma mater Stanford on Thursday and the guest list was a pretty strong one. Miller was joined by his successor as defensive player of the year Khalil Mack, 2016 NFL sacks leader Vic Beasley, Seahawks defensive end Cliff Avril and the recently retired DeMarcus Ware.

Broncos linebacker Shane Ray, Jaguars defensive tackle Malik Jackson, Chiefs linebacker Dee Ford and Seahawks linebacker Cassius Marsh were also on hand to hone their skills and pick up pointers from what Miller said, via the Denver Post, is a “little fraternity” of pass rushers around the league.

The meeting of the pass rushing minds wasn’t the first time that Thomas has worked out with Ware and stealing a few tricks from all the veterans he met on Thursday should help Thomas make up for being barred from offseason work due to the NFL rule requiring school to be out before rookies can practice.

# Former NFL tight end Mitchell Henry dies after leukemia battle

By Darin Gantt  
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Former NFL tight end Mitchell Henry died Friday, after a seven-month battle with leukemia.

According to the Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Henry passed away early this morning, surrounded by family and friends.

Henry played two games in 2015 with the Broncos, and also spent time with the Packers and Ravens last season. After the Ravens released him in November, he went to a doctor in Kentucky for a shoulder issue, when he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

“We are so proud of Mitchell’s fight with this terrible disease, proud of how he lived his life for the past 24 years, but most of all proud of his faith and acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior,” the family said in a social media post.

“We love and appreciate each and everyone’s support for Mitchell and all of his extended family over the last 7 months.”

Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

# Chad Kelly: My uncle told me to shut my mouth and work hard

By Michael David Smith

Pro Football Talk

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Broncos third-string quarterback Chad Kelly hasn't been able to throw this offseason as he recovers from surgery, but he says he's working hard anyway — the way his Hall of Fame uncle taught him.

Kelly said on NFL Network that his uncle Jim Kelly told him that he should be seen often and heard rarely around the team facility, and that's what he's trying to do.

"Shut your mouth, work extremely hard and be the first one in there, last one to leave," Kelly said his uncle told him.

Kelly said he believes he would be ready to go if called upon in the regular season, although he knows that for now he's well behind Trevor Siemian and Paxton Lynch on the Broncos' quarterback depth chart.

"You definitely are behind the curve not going through OTAs and minicamp but if my name is called I have to be prepared," Kelly said. "If I have to hold field goals or get the defense going in practice every day I'll do it."

Kelly was Mr. Irrelevant in this year's draft, but he may some day be very relevant in Denver. Especially if he follows his uncle's advice.