

OVER THE PASS



"Walking home with my brother from Black Point, south of Miami, in 1976 or '77, we had lightning hit three times about 25 feet from us. He said, 'What do we do?' Then we both said, 'Let's run!' And we did."

— Silas Cochran, Ristras kitchen back-up, Trinidad



"We were at a YMCA dads-and-daughters camp at Possum Kingdom Lake outside Dallas. We had all the meat, but the dad in charge of bringing the grill forgot it, so we had to drive into town for pizza. While inside, a tornado hit. We put the girls in the walk-in freezer for safety. My two friends' cars got totaled by hail."

— Luis Atiles, doctor, clinical research, Dallas, TX



"I was almost five when a monster tornado came through and pretty much destroyed downtown Lubbock. The civil defense sirens were going off. Mom had me and my sister under a mattress in the hall. For being five at the time, I remember it pretty well."

— Brian Nutter, electrical engineering professor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock

TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

"Is there a weather event that has stayed in your memory?"

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"I went outside to look at the clouds and a tornado was on the ground straight up the street from me. I called the dog, grabbed my watercolor paintings, and ran downstairs to the basement. My feet never touched the ground. I hid under the pool table with my German Shepherd."

— Marilyn Cambron, owner, oilfield services company, Ness City, KS

COLORADO SPORTS

Broncos name their starting quarterback: Trevor Siemian

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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)— From afterthought to starter, Trevor Siemian is Peyton Manning's successor.

Coach Gary Kubiak told the team Monday that Siemian will be the starting quarterback when the Denver Broncos face Carolina in the season opener Sept. 8.

Siemian will become the only quarterback with zero passing attempts to take over a defending Super Bowl champion in Week 1.

Kubiak informed Siemian, Mark Sanchez and Paxton Lynch of his decision before telling their teammates at their morning meeting.

A seventh-round selection out of Northwestern last year, Siemian has just one NFL snap on his resume, a kneel-down when he was the No. 3 QB last year behind Manning and his longtime backup, Brock Osweiler.

Manning retired a month after Denver's 24-10 win over the Panthers in Super Bowl 50, and Osweiler left for Houston 48 hours later.

General manager John Elway quickly acquired Sanchez from the Eagles and drafted Lynch in the first round. The Broncos will save \$3.5 million and a conditional seventh-round draft pick if they cut Sanchez, as expected.

With Lynch needing some seasoning as he adjusts from the spread offense he ran at Memphis, the QB competition came down to Sanchez, who has 72 career NFL starts, and Siemian, who wasn't even a full-time starter in college.

Siemian had the most experience in coach Gary Kubiak's West Coast offense and showed a lot of progress in the offseason. When the Broncos broke for vacation after OTAs in June, Kubiak declared Siemian and Sanchez were "neck and neck."

Sanchez appeared to have the early hold on the job when training camp began last month, but he was done in by turnovers, a career-long bugaboo. He fumbled twice inside the 15-yard line against San Francisco on Aug. 20. Starting back-to-back exhibition games, Siemian showed off a powerful arm, precise throws, patience in the pocket and poise in the huddle.



AP Photo/Joe Mahoney

Denver Broncos quarterback Trevor Siemian passes against the San Francisco 49ers during the first half of a preseason NFL football game, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016, in Denver.

Arenado homers among 4 hits to power Rockies past

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WASHINGTON (AP)— If the Colorado Rockies faced contenders like the Washington Nationals more often, they might also be in the playoff race.

Nolan Arenado went 4 for 4, including his 35th home run and a triple, and drove in three runs as the Rockies beat the Nationals 5-3 on Sunday.

Arenado and David Dahl hit back-to-back home runs in the third inning off Nationals rookie Lucas Giolito.

Colorado took two of three from Washington and won the season series 4-2.

Since August 12, the Rockies have won three of five series with the victories coming over the NL East-leading Nationals and the Chicago Cubs, owners of the best record in the majors. Yet those gains were offset

by three game sweeps by Philadelphia and Milwaukee.

"It's weird the way we're playing," Arenado said. "When we face the good teams, the best teams, we take it to another notch. ... When play bad teams, it feels like we get kind of complacent. We have to change that. Every game counts now for us."

Bryce Harper, Trea Turner and Wilson Ramos went deep for Washington.

Giolito (0-1) allowed four runs and six hits in five innings. Washington has dropped six of eight.

Chad Bettis (11-7) allowed two runs, both on solo homers, and five hits with six strikeouts over seven innings in his longest start since April 10.

The right-hander induced Ben Revere into an inning-ending double play with two runners on in the fifth to preserve a 4-1 lead.

"He used his entire pitch mix well, but especially his changeup," Rockies manager Walt Weiss said of his starter. "The double play he got in the fifth was big. That was a game-changer."

Adam Ottavino recorded the final three outs for his second save after Harper homered off Boone Logan leading off the ninth.

The Nationals officially recalled Giolito from Triple-A Syracuse before the start of

Sunday's game and sent infielder Wilmer Difo to Double-A Harrisburg. Washington's top prospect allowed three of the first four batters to reach as Arenado's RBI single put Colorado up 1-0.

"They definitely jumped on the fastball, and when I wasn't able to locate it, they kind of made me pay," Giolito said.

Turner immediately tied it in the bottom of the first with a leadoff homer.

In third, Arenado's liner cleared the fence in left for a two-run blast and Dahl followed with a drive for a 4-1 lead. All three runs in the third came with two outs.

"It's that one bad inning that does you in," Nationals manager Dusty Baker said of Giolito's outing. "That was the one bad inning."

Arenado's fifth-inning triple was initially scored a three-base error on Harper misjudged a fly ball hit to sunny right field.

The third baseman now has 32 RBIs in August. In his last seven games, he is batting .552 (16 for 29) with five homers and 13 RBIs. Arenado also two, four-hit games in that stretch.

Harper went 1 for 4 a day after he was ejected in the 10th inning of Washington's 9-4 loss for arguing a called third strike.