

NFL

Season kickoff features rematch of Super Bowl 50

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DENVER — The 2016 NFL season starts the same way the last one ended, with Von Miller staring down Cam Newton.

Denver’s star linebacker got the best of Newton in Super Bowl 50, stripping both the football (twice) and the Lombardi Trophy from the Carolina quarterback’s grasp in the Broncos’ 24-10 win over the Panthers.

The sequel won’t feature Peyton Manning, who retired a month later. When longtime backup Brock Osweiler signed with Houston two days after Manning’s tearful goodbye, GM John Elway embarked on a months-long search for a successor.

He didn’t find him in the draft, free agency or via trade, but

right there on his roster in Trevor Siemian, a seventh-round draft pick in 2015 from Northwestern who’ll be making his first NFL start Thursday night.

Siemian has never thrown a pass as a pro. At least he won’t have to face star cornerback Josh Norman, who signed with the Redskins after the Panthers rescinded their franchise tag in the offseason.

Instead, Siemian will square off against two rookie cornerbacks in James Bradberry and Daryl Worley, the biggest changes on the NFC champions’ roster that returns 18 starters.

“I’m not going to look at them like they’re rookies,” Broncos receiver Emmanuel Sanders said. “I’m going to treat them like they’re Darrelle Revis and Richard Sherman.”

While the Panthers were



Carolina Panthers
(0-0)



Denver Broncos
(0-0)

• **Today, 5:30 p.m.**
• **TV: NBC**

restocking, the Broncos were busy rebuilding. They return just five offensive starters from the Super Bowl.

The massive makeover didn’t take away from their championship celebration. When they visited the White House, receiver Demaryius Thomas got to personally thank President Barack Obama for commuting his mother’s drug sentence, and successfully pleaded for the release of his grandmother this summer, as well.

Nobody basked in the limelight

quite like Miller, who skipped the offseason program before signing a record-breaking contract. He embarked on a six-month jet-setting junket of television and dance studios.

Miller’s torment of Newton in the Super Bowl was just the start. He made him the butt of his jokes on “SNL” and trolled him on Instagram, photo-shopping himself knocking another ball out of Newton’s hands when the QB posted a picture of himself playing with the U.S. water polo team.

Miller said this week it was all in good fun and called Newton “the best player in the league.”

Newton insisted he took no offense and called Miller “one of the great players in this NFL.”

There are plenty of other story lines drawing attention as the teams meet 215 days after Super Bowl 50:

REBUILT BRONCOS : Siemian isn’t the only new face. The Broncos now feature a fullback along with three new linemen and two new tight ends. Elway also replaced two specialists, including punter/holder Britton Colquitt, in favor of rookies. But the Broncos return nine starters on their dazzling defense, 10 if you count CB Bradley Roby; they’re in the nickel package most of the time.

DOUBLING DOWN : Denver’s dazzling defense was one of the best ever, and it doesn’t look like the Broncos will retreat minus Malik Jackson and Danny Trevathan. “We know what we can do,” safety T.J. Ward said. “We’ve got the same defense as last year. We plan on picking up right where we left off. We’re not trying to prove nothing to nobody. We did that already. And we’re trying to do it better this year.”

Local slate

Friday

Hermiston at Ash Creek XC Festival (WOVU, Monmouth), Noon
Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Umatilla, Stanfield, Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Condon/Wheeler at Catherine Creek Scamper (Union), 2:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday

Eastern Oregon at Montana Western, Noon

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Today

Blue Mountain at Lower Columbia, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE MENS SOCCER

Saturday

Eastern Oregon vs. Sierra Nevada (at Klamath Falls), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMENS SOCCER

Today

Eastern Oregon at Sierra Nevada, 4 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

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Sandy at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

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La Grande at Riverside, 4:30 p.m.
Pendleton at Sandy, 6 p.m.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

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Cleveland (+7.5) at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Minnesota (-3) at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
Miami (+7.5) at Seattle, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants (+4) at Dallas, 1:25 p.m.
Detroit (+6) at Indianapolis, 1:25 p.m.
New England (-1) at Arizona, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 12
Pittsburgh (-3) at Washington, 4:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (-1) at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.

NAIA

Saturday

Carroll at Rocky Mountain, Noon
Eastern Oregon at Montana West., Noon
Montana Tech at MSU-Northern, Noon
Southern Oregon at UC Davis, 6 p.m.
College of Idaho at Willamette, 7 p.m.

Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 4
Oakland 4, L.A. Angels 1
N.Y. Yankees 2, Toronto 0
Cleveland 6, Houston 5
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5
Boston 7, San Diego 2
Seattle 8, Texas 3
Thursday's Games
Cincinnati (Straily 11-7) at Pittsburgh (Nova 11-6), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Asher 0-0) at Washington (Cole 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Guerra 7-3) at St. Louis (Garcia 10-11), 4:15 p.m.
Colorado (Hoffman 0-2) at San Diego (Richard 1-3), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 6, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3
Washington 5, Atlanta 4, 11 innings
Miami 6, Philadelphia 0
Milwaukee 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Colorado 6, San Francisco 5
Boston 7, San Diego 2
L.A. Dodgers 3, Arizona 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 4
Oakland 4, L.A. Angels 1
N.Y. Yankees 2, Toronto 0
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Toronto 77, 62, .554, +1
Baltimore 76, 63, .547, —
Detroit 75, 64, .540, 1
Houston 74, 65, .532, 2
New York 73, 65, .529, 2½
Kansas City 72, 67, .518, 4
Seattle 71, 68, .511, 5

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San Francisco 74, 65, .532, +½
St. Louis 73, 65, .529, —
New York 74, 66, .529, —
Pittsburgh 68, 69, .496, 4½
Miami 69, 71, .493, 5

MLB

Wednesday's Games

Spokane at Everett, Postponed
Hillsboro 4, Eugene 3, 10 innings

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Hillsboro at Eugene, TBD
Everett at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.

(2), Britain, 1-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.
Women
Quarterfinals
Karolina Pliskova (10), Czech Republic, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-2, 6-2
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Simona Halep (5), Romania, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Basketball

WNBA

Wednesday's Games

Seattle 102, New York 78
Washington 118, Chicago 81
Today's Game
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Soccer

MLS

Wednesday's Games

Orlando City 4, Montreal 1
Los Angeles 3, Real Salt Lake 3

Friday's Games

Houston at Sporting Kansas City, 5 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Vancouver at Columbus, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
New York City FC at New England, 5 p.m.
Toronto FC at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
Colorado at FC Dallas, 6 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11

D.C. United at New York, 10 a.m.
Orlando City at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.

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