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The Arizona Cardinals haven't looked anything like a Superbowl team in the NFL preseason. They entered their final exhibition contest against the Denver Broncos looking for their first win. The Broncos controlled the contest on both sides of the ball en route to a 19-0 shutout victory over the struggling Cards. Denver managed to improve their preseason record to 1-3, while Arizona ended the exhibition campaign winless at 0-4.

Arizona was installed as -3 road favorites, but NFL preseason bettors who backed Denver ended up collecting the money with the outright win. The 19 points also went UNDER the posted total of 36.

Denvers biggest issue has been injuries, with their starting QB Kyle Orton and backup Chris Simms both out of action. Orton is suffering from a cut and dislocated finger on his throwing hand, while Simms is recovering from a sprained ankle. That provided a great opportunity for rookie Tom Brandstater, and he may find himself playing next Sunday for real. Brandstater finished with 187 yards on 16 of 30 passing with one interception, but moved the team well as the Broncos managed to avoid the dubious fate of the first winless preseason in nearly 50 years (1960). Afterwards, Broncos coach Josh McDaniels was full of praise for his young signal caller:

"For a rookie quarterback, and I've had a chance to coach a number of them, he's really done a nice job. It's not too big for him, the game's not too big for him, the huddle's not too big for him. He operated with that first unit pretty good."

Brandstater is keeping it all in perspective, stressing that he's just wanting to help the team:

"Things happen -- just last week alone with the Kyle injury. That's a pretty freak accident that no one can predict at all. I'm glad I got my shot and hopefully I did some good with it. I'm trying to make this team. I still haven't guaranteed myself a spot in this team and I'm trying to do everything I can to make it just like every guy on the team is."

Cards head coach Ken Whisenhunt tried to put a positive spin on a dismal preseason:

"We'll clean it up. I still feel good about our football team and the way we've been working."

Kurt Warner, meanwhile, was just looking forward to starting the regular season:

"I never really felt like I got into a rhythm today for whatever reason. I'm looking forward to game-planning a team, putting in some plays and some things we've done in the past that we really haven't done in preseason. I'm looking forward to all of that. But you still don't leave preseason extremely excited about what we've accomplished."

Arizona will try to put their dismal preseason behind them when they kick off the 2009 NFL campaign at home against the San Francisco 49ers. Arizona will play the Jacksonville Jaguars on the road in week two, while Denver will play host to the Cleveland Browns

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