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### **Whitman to Owens: My Jets Will Beat Your Broncos and I'll Stake a Weekend at the Shore on it**

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman today told newly-inaugurated Colorado Governor Bill Owens that her Jets would beat his Broncos in this week's NFL playoff game and wagered a weekend at the Jersey Shore against a Colorado ski weekend on the outcome of the contest.

"Our Jets will beat your Broncos, and I'm willing to stake a weekend at the shore against a weekend on the slopes to prove my point," the veteran from New Jersey told the rookie from the Rockies.

"I'm already packing my skis," the ever-confident Whitman said.

"Even if John Elway hadn't spent last night celebrating the inauguration of Colorado's new Republican governor, this wouldn't be a contest. The fact is Vinny from the Meadowlands can take on Johnny from the mountains in any condition," Whitman said.

Gov. Bill Owens didn't flinch and immediately took Whitman up on the bet.

The wager is not personal, Whitman and Owens are friends. The New Jersey governor actively campaigned for Owens in his successful bid to become Colorado's first Republican governor in 24 years.

NOTE: Gov. Owens' communication's office may be reached at 303-866-4490.