



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE GAME SUMMARY

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DATE January 10, 1988 DAY OF WEEK Sunday STARTING TIME 2 p. m.

VISITOR Houston Oilers VS. HOME Denver Broncos AT Mile High Stadium

WEATHER Mostly sunny TEMPERATURE 45° Hum. 42% WIND AND DIRECTION East 6

OFFICIALS REFEREE Jerry Markbreit (9) UMPIRE Ed Fiffick (57) JUDGE Ray Dodez (74)

LINESMAN Ed marion (26) BACK JUDGE Al Jury (106) FIELD JUDGE Ron Spitler (119) SIDE JUDGE Larry Nemmers (20)

LINEUPS

| VISITOR | | HOME | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| OFFENSE | DEFENSE | OFFENSE | DEFENSE |
| WR 85 Drew Hill | LE 79 Ray Childress | WR 82 Vance Johnson | LE 61 Andre Townsend |
| T 77 Bruce Davis | NT 99 Doug Smith | LT 70 Dave Studdard | NT 71 Greg Kragen |
| G 63 Mike Munchak | RE 71 Richard Byrd | LG 54 Keith Bishop | RE 75 Rulon Jones |
| B 52 Jay Pennison | LLB 93 Robert Lyles | C 62 Mike Freeman | LOLB 73 Simon Fletcher |
| G 74 Bruce Matthews | LILB 59 John Grimsley | RG 79 Stefan Humphries | LILB 77 Karl Mecklenburg |
| OT 70 Dean Steinkuhler | RILB 54 Al Smith | RT 76 Ken Lanier | RILB 98 Ricky Hunley |
| TE 87 Jamie Williams | RLB 91 Johnny Meads | TE 88 Clarence Kay | ROLB 50 Jim Ryan |
| R 81 Ernest Givins | LCB 24 Steve Brown | WR 80 Mark Jackson | LCB 36 Mark Haynes |
| CB 1 Warren Moon | RCB 29 Patrick Allen | QB 7 John Elway | FS 22 Tony Lilly |
| B 30 Mike Rozier | SS 25 Keith Bostic | RB 30 Steve Sewell | SS 31 Mike Harden |
| B 32 Alonzo Highsmith | FS 31 Jeff Donaldson | FB 89 Orson Mobley | RCB 45 Steve Wilson |

SUBSTITUTIONS

T. Zendejas, 8 J. Gossett,
20 A. Pinkett, 21 B. Fason,
2 K. Johnson, 36 C. Birdsong,
5 R. Wallace, 38 D. Bryant, 45 I. Valentine,
3 B. Kidd, 51 E. Fairs, 53 E. Seale,
7 W. Johnson, 72 K. Hill,
5 J. Baker, 80 C. Duncan,
2 W. Drewery, 84 H. Jeffires, 89 J. Parks,
4 C. Martin, 95 W. Fuller,

SUBSTITUTIONS

2 M. Horan, 3 R. Karlis, 8 G. Kubiak,
24 T. Boddie, 27 K. Clark,
28 J. Castille, 23 S. Winder,
34 T. Braxton, 35 K. Bell, 38 B. Plummer,
46 B. Micho, 33 G. Lang, 55 R. Dennison,
56 M. Brooks, 59 T. Lucas, 65 W. Bowyer,
68 L. Lee, 72 K. Kartz,
81 S. Watson,
84 R. Nattiel, 87 M. Andrews,
90 F. Gilbert, 97 B. Klostermann

DID NOT PLAY

10 Pease, 69 D. Williams

None

FIELD GOALS (Made & Missed)

Zendejas 1 of 1 (46)

Karlis 2 of 2 (43, 23)

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | TOTAL |
|---------|----------------|----|----|---|---|----|-------|
| VISITOR | HOUSTON OILERS | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | | 10 |
| HOME | DENVER BRONCOS | 14 | 10 | 3 | 7 | | 34 |

| TEAM | PERIOD | ELAPSED TIME | SCORING PLAY | SCORE | |
|------|--------|--------------|---|---------|------|
| | | | | VISITOR | HOME |
| Den. | 1 | 6:19 | Lang 1 run (Karlis kick) (2-1) | | 7 |
| Den. | 1 | 13:34 | Kay 27 pass from Elway (Karlis kick) (6-72) | | 14 |
| Den. | 2 | 3:20 | FG Karlis 43 (7-14) | | 17 |
| Hou. | 2 | 9:03 | FG Zendejas 46 (12-54) | 3 | |
| Den. | 2 | 13:08 | Kay 1 pass from Elway (Karlis kick) (9-80) | | 24 |
| Den. | 3 | 2:29 | FG Karlis 23 (5-51) | | 27 |
| Hou. | 4 | 6:38 | Givins 19 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick) (3-48) | 10 | |
| Den. | 4 | 10:33 | Elway 3 run (Karlis kick) (7-52) | | 34 |
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ATTENDANCE 75,968 (TIC) 76,188 ; UNUSED 220) TIME 3:07

VISITOR Houston Oilers

HOME Denver Broncos

| RUSHING | | ATT. | NET YARDS | AVG. | LONG GAIN | TD | | | |
|-----------------|--|------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|---------|
| HIGH SMITH | | 5 | 13 | 2.6 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| ROZIER | | 9 | 25 | 3.1 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| MOON | | 5 | 15 | 3.0 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| GIVINS | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| PINKETT | | 6 | 20 | 3.3 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| TOTALS | | 26 | 73 | 2.8 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| PASSING | | ATT. | COMP. | YARDS | TKD YDS | TD | LG. | Had Int. | |
| MOON | | 43 | 24 | 264 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 2 | |
| TOTALS | | 43 | 24 | 264 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 2 | |
| PASS RECEIVING | | NO. | YARDS | LG. | TD | | | | |
| DUNCAN | | 4 | 32 | 13 | 0 | | | | |
| GIVINS | | 6 | 84 | 19 | 1 | | | | |
| HILL | | 5 | 93 | 24 | 0 | | | | |
| WILLIAMS | | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | | | | |
| DREWREY | | 2 | 17 | 9 | 0 | | | | |
| ROZIER | | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 | | | | |
| HIGH SMITH | | 4 | 20 | 16 | 0 | | | | |
| PINKETT | | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 24 | 264 | 24 | 1 | | | | |
| INTERCEPTIONS | | NO. | YARDS | LG. | TD | | | | |
| ALLEN | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | | | |
| PUNTING | | NO. | YDS. | AVG. | TB | IN 20 | LG. | | |
| GOSSETT | | 3 | 134 | 44.7 | 0 | 1 | 57 | | |
| TOTALS | | 3 | 134 | 44.7 | 0 | 1 | 57 | | |
| PUNT RETURNS | | NO. | FC | YARDS | LG. | TD | | | |
| TOTALS | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| KICKOFF RETURNS | | NO. | YARDS | LG. | TD | | | | |
| PINKETT | | 3 | 62 | 21 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 3 | 62 | 21 | 0 | | | | |
| FUMBLES | | FUM. | OWN REC. | YDS. | TD | OPP. REC. | YDS. | TD | OUT BDS |
| MOON | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| GIVINS | | 1 | | -5 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 2 | 1 | -5 | 0 | | | | 0 |

| RUSHING | | ATT. | NET YARDS | AVG. | LONG GAIN | TD | | | |
|-----------------|--|------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|---------|
| SEWELL | | 5 | 9 | 1.8 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| WINDER | | 13 | 46 | 3.5 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| ELWAY | | 4 | 8 | 2.0 | 4 | 1 | | | |
| LANG | | 3 | -6 | -2.0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| BELL | | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| KUBIAK | | 2 | -3 | -1.5 | -1 | 0 | | | |
| TOTALS | | 29 | 61 | 2.1 | 8 | 2 | | | |
| PASSING | | ATT. | COMP. | YARDS | TKD YDS | TD | LG. | Had Int. | |
| ELWAY | | 25 | 14 | 259 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 1 | |
| TOTALS | | 25 | 14 | 259 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 1 | |
| PASS RECEIVING | | NO. | YARDS | LG. | TD | | | | |
| JOHNSON | | 4 | 105 | 55 | 0 | | | | |
| KAY | | 3 | 57 | 29 | 2 | | | | |
| SEWELL | | 3 | 41 | 25 | 0 | | | | |
| BODDIE | | 1 | 15 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| MORLEY | | 1 | 9 | 9 | 0 | | | | |
| MATTIEL | | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | | | | |
| LANG | | 1 | 25 | 25 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 14 | 259 | 55 | 2 | | | | |
| INTERCEPTIONS | | NO. | YARDS | LG. | TD | | | | |
| MECKLENBURG | | 1 | 18 | 18 | 0 | | | | |
| HAYNES | | 1 | 57 | 57 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 2 | 75 | 57 | 0 | | | | |
| PUNTING | | NO. | YDS. | AVG. | TB | IN 20 | LG. | | |
| HORAN | | 2 | 92 | 46.0 | 1 | 1 | 49 | | |
| TOTALS | | 2 | 92 | 46.0 | 1 | 1 | 49 | | |
| PUNT RETURNS | | NO. | FC | YARDS | LG. | TD | | | |
| CLARK | | 2 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| TOTALS | | 2 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| KICKOFF RETURNS | | NO. | YARDS | LG. | TD | | | | |
| BELL | | 1 | 28 | 28 | 0 | | | | |
| CLARK | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 2 | 28 | 28 | 0 | | | | |
| FUMBLES | | FUM. | OWN REC. | YDS. | TD | OPP. REC. | YDS. | TD | OUT BDS |
| WILSON | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Date Sunday, January 10, 1988At: Mile High Stadium, Denver, Colo.

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

| | VISITOR Houston | HOME Denver |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL FIRST DOWNS | <u>20</u> | <u>19</u> |
| BY RUSHING | <u>5</u> | <u>9</u> |
| BY PASSING | <u>14</u> | <u>9</u> |
| BY PENALTY | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY | <u>8-16-50%</u> | <u>4-9-44%</u> |
| FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY | <u>2-4-50%</u> | <u>1-1-100%</u> |
| TOTAL NET YARDS | <u>337</u> | <u>316</u> |
| TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS (Inc. times thrown passing) | <u>69</u> | <u>55</u> |
| AVERAGE GAIN PER OFFENSIVE PLAY | <u>4.9</u> | <u>5.7</u> |
| NET YARDS RUSHING | <u>73</u> | <u>61</u> |
| TOTAL RUSHING PLAYS | <u>26</u> | <u>29</u> |
| AVERAGE GAIN PER RUSHING PLAY | <u>2.8</u> | <u>2.1</u> |
| NET YARDS PASSING | <u>264</u> | <u>255</u> |
| TIMES THROWN—YARDS LOST ATTEMPTING TO PASS | <u>0-0</u> | <u>1-4</u> |
| GROSS YARDS PASSING | <u>264</u> | <u>259</u> |
| PASS ATTEMPTS—COMPLETIONS—HAD INTERCEPTED | <u>43-24-2</u> | <u>25-14-1</u> |
| AVERAGE GAIN PER PASS PLAY (Inc. times thrown passing) | <u>6.1</u> | <u>9.8</u> |
| PUNTS—NUMBER AND AVERAGE | <u>3-44.7</u> | <u>2-46.0</u> |
| HAD BLOCKED | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE | <u>2</u> | <u>90</u> |
| NO. AND YARDS PUNT RETURNS | <u>0-0</u> | <u>2-15</u> |
| NO. AND YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS | <u>3-62</u> | <u>2-28</u> |
| NO. AND YARDS INTERCEPTION RETURNS | <u>1-2</u> | <u>2-75</u> |
| PENALTIES—NUMBER AND YARDS | <u>10-73</u> | <u>4-35</u> |
| FUMBLES—NUMBER AND LOST | <u>2-1</u> | <u>0-0</u> |
| TOUCHDOWNS | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> |
| RUSHING | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> |
| PASSING | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> |
| RETURNS | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| EXTRA POINTS MADE—ATTEMPTS | <u>1-1</u> | <u>4-4</u> |
| FIELD GOALS MADE—ATTEMPTS | <u>1-1</u> | <u>2-2</u> |
| TIME OF POSSESSION | <u>32:33</u> | <u>27:27</u> |

FIRST PERIOD

Denver wins toss and will receive. Houston will defend north goal.

Zendejas kicks off to D 5. Bell returns 28(Bryant).

DENVER BALL 14:51

1/10/ D 33--Sewell at left side for 5 (Childress).
 2/5/ D 38--Winder at right side for 7 (Donaldson). FIRST DOWN RUSHING
 1/10/ D 45--Sewell at right side from shotgun for 2 (Grimsley).
 2/8/ D 47-- Elway passes to Johnson for 7 (Brown).
 3/inches/ H 46--Elway on a sneak for 1 (Brown). FIRST DOWN RUSHING
 1/10/ H 45--Lang at left side loses 7 (Meads).
 2/17/ D 48--Shotgun, Elway passes to Jackson for 12 (Grimsley). Offside against
 Houston(DSmith). PENALTY: Five yards.
 2/12/ H 47-- Elway's pass to Johnson incomplete. Mostion penalty against Jackson of
 Denver declined.
 3/12/ H 47--PENALTY: Denver penalized five for false start (Humphries).
 3/17/ D 48--shotgun, Elway passes to H 30. Brown intercepts, no return (Jackson).
 PENALTY: Houston penalized five for offside (Meads).
 3/12/H 47--Shotgun, Elway's pass incomplete (Bostic).
 4/12/ H 47--Horan punts out of bounds on H 4. Punt of 43

HOUSTON BALL 9:46

1/10/ H 5--Highsmith at the middle loses 1 (Mecklenburg).
 2/11/ H 4--Moon's lateral to Rozier fumbled, Denver recovers (Wilson).
 On H 1. Offsetting personal fou\$ after play.

DENVER BALL 9:20

1/goal/ H 1--Lang at right side for 0 (Brown).
 2/goal/ H 1-- Lang at the middle for 1 and a touchdown. FIRST DOWN RUSHING
 PF against Houston (Childress) on play to be enforced on kickoff.
Karlis converts. DRIVE: 2-1. Time used: 0:39

SCORE: Denver 7, Houston 0. Time elapsed: 6:19.

From the 50, Karlis kicks off out of end zone for touchback.

HOUSTON BALL 8:36

1/10/ H 20--Rozier at left side for 5 (Hunley).
 2/5/ H 25-- Highsmith at left side for 1 (Hunley).
 3/4/ H 26--Shotgun, Moon passes to Duncan for 13 (Haynes). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 Offside against Denver (Clark) declined.
 1/10/ H 39--Moon's pass dropped by Rozier incomplete.
 2/10/ H 39--Rozier at right side for 1 (Jones).
 3/9/ H 40--Shotgun, Moon passes to Givins for 18 (Wilson). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ D 42--moon passes to Dhill for 22 (Plummer). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ D 20--Moon passes to D 10. Mecklenburg intercepts, returns 18 (Munchak).

DENVER BALL 4:21

1/10/ D 28-- Elway passes to Kay for 29 (Lyles). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ H 43--Sewell on pitch at right side loses 4 (Brown).
 2/14/ H 47--Shotgun, Elway passes to Johnson for 12 (Donaldson).
 3/2/ H 35--Elway's pass to Sewell incomplete.
 4/2/ H 35--Denver time out (first) at 1:58--Shotgun, Elway passes to Sewell for 8 (Allen)
 FIRST DOWN PASSING Offisde penalty against Byrd of Houston declined.
 1/10/ H 27--Elway passes to Kay in end zone for 27 and touchdown. FIRST DOWN PASSING
Karlis converts. Offside against Houston to be enfored on kickoff (Allen).
 DRIV: 6:72. Time used: 2:55.

SCORE: Denver 14, Houston 0. Time elapsed: 13:34.

Karlis' kickoff downed in end zone for touchback.

HOUSTON BALL 1:18

1/10/ H 20--Rozier at right side for 2 (Kragen).
 2/8/ H 22--Moon's pass to Givins incomplete(Plummer).
 3/8/ H 22-- PENALTY: Houston (Steinkuhler) penalized five for false start.
 3/13/ H 17-- Shotgun, Snap hits Givins, loses 5 (F ooks). Moon recovered.

SCORE END OF FIRST PERIOD: Denver 14, Houston 0.

Third down plays: Houston 3-2, Denver 3-1.
 Fourth down plays: Houston 0-0, Denver 1-1.
 Possession time: Houston 6:12, Denver 8:48.

SECOND PERIOD

4/18/ H 12--Gossett punts to D 48. Clark returns 12 (Donaldson).
 DENVER BALL 14:49
 1/10/ H 40--Elway's pass to Nattiel incomplete (Brown).
 2/10/ H 40--Shotgun, Elway's pass to Kay incomplete (Donaldson). PENALTY: Denver penalized 10 for ineligible receiver downfield (Studdard).
 3/20/ 50--Shotgun, Elway passes to Boddie on screen for 15 (Bostic).
 1/5/ H 35--Shotgun, Elway passes to Sewell for 8 (Lyles). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ H 27--Winder on a draw for 5 (ASmith).
 2/5/ H 22--Elway passes to Mobley for 9 (ASmith). PENALTY: Denver penalized five for illegal motion (Kay).
 2/10/ H 27--Elway sacked, loses 4 (Martin).
 3/14/ H 31--Shotgun, Elway's pass to Nattiel incomplete (Donaldson).
 PENALTY: Houston penalized five for offside (Fuller).
 3/9/ H 26--Shotgun, Elway's pass to Watson incomplete.
 4/9/ H 26--Karlis kicks 43-yard field goal. DRIVE: 7-14. Time used: 3:09.

SCORE: Denver 17, Houston 0. Time elapsed: 3:20
 Karlis kicks off four yards into end zone. Pinkett returns 21 (Braxton).

HOUSTON BALL 11:31

1/10/ H 17--Moon passes to J Williams for 6. PENALTY: Denver penalized 15 for PF (Haynes). FIRST DOWN PENALTY
 1/10/ H 39--Rozier at right side for 4 (Haynes).
 2/6/ H 43--Moon's pass to DHill incomplete.
 3/6/ H 43--Shotgun, Moon passes to Givins for 12 (Clark). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ D 45--Rozier at right side for 8 (Townsend).
 2/2/ D 37--Rozier at right side for 1 (Kragen).
 3/1/ D 36--Moon's pass to JWilliams incomplete (Ryan).
 4/1/ D 36--Houston time out (first) at 8:10--Rozier on a draw for 2 (Bowyer).
 FIRST DOWN RUSHING
 1/10/ D 34--Moon's pass to Highsmith incomplete.
 2/10/ D 34--Rozier on a pitch at left end for 1 (Jones).
 3/9/ D 33--Shotgun, PENALTY: Houston penalized five for false start (Matthews).
 3/14/ D 38--Shotgun, Moon pass to DHill for 9 (Hayes). Penalty for illegal formation (Davis) declined.
 4/5/ D 29--Zendejas kicks 46-yard field goal. DRIVE: 12-54. Time used: 5:43

SCORE: Denver 17, Houston 3. Time elapsed: 9:03.
 Zendejas' kickoff downed in end zone for touchback

DENVER BALL 5:50

1/10/ D 20--Elway passes to Mobley for 9 (Brown).
 2/1/ D 29--Winder at the middle for 5 (Donaldson). FIRST DOWN RUSHING
 1/10/ D 34--Elway's pass to Nattiel incomplete.
 2/10/ D 34--Elway passes to Johnson for 55 (Donaldson). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ H 11--Winder at the middle for 2 (ASmith).
 2/8/ H 9--Sewell on pitch at left side for 4 (Martin).
 3/4/ H 5--Houston time out (second) at 2:27--Shotgun, Elway on a QB draw for 4 (Lyles).
 Offside against Houston (Childress). declined.
 1/goal/ H 1--Elway on a sneak for 0.
 2/goal/ H 1--Two-minute warning at 1:58--Elway rolls right and passes to Kay in end zone for 1 and touchdown. FIRST DOWN PASSING. Karlis converts.
 DRIVE: 9-80. Time used: 4:05

SCORE: Denver 24, Houston 3. Time elapsed: 13:08.

Karlis kicks off to H 2. Pinkett returns 21 (Bell). Offsetting PF penalties.

HOUSTON BALL 1:45

1/10/ H 23 --Shotgun, Highsmith at the middle for loss of 1 (Bowyer).
 2/11/ H 22--Moon passes to Drewrey for 8 (Lilly).
 3/3/ H 30--Moon's pass incomplete.
 4/3/ H 30--0:55 left--Gossett punts to D 13. Clark returns 3 (Birdsong).
 Punt of 57.

DENVER BALL 0:43

1/10/ D 16--Winder at the middle for 2 (Martin).

SCORE AT HALFTIME: Denver 24, Houston 3.

Third down plays: Houston 4-1, half 7-3. Denver 3-2, half 6-3.
 Fourth down plays: Houston 1-1, half 1-1. Denver 0-0, half 1-1.
 Possession time: Houston 7:03, half 13:15. Denver 7:57, half 16:45.

FIRST HALF SUMMARY

Houston Oilers VS. Denver Broncos January 10, 1988 Mile High Stadium
 VISITOR HOME DATE SITE

PERIOD SCORES TIME OF POSSESSION
 VISITOR 0-3 = 3 VISITOR 13:15
 HOME 14-10 = 24 HOME 16:45

| TEAM | PERIOD | ELAPSED TIME | SCORING PLAY | SCORE | |
|---------|--------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------|------|
| | | | | VISITOR | HOME |
| ENVER | 1 | 6:19 | LANG RUSH 1YD KARLIS KICK | 0 | 7 |
| ENVER | 1 | 13:34 | KAY 27YD PASS FROM ELWAY KARLIS KICK | 0 | 14 |
| ENVER | 2 | 3:20 | KARLIS FG 43YDS | 0 | 17 |
| HOUSTON | 2 | 9:03 | ZENDEJAS FG 46YDS | 3 | 17 |
| ENVER | 2 | 13:04 | KAY 1YD PASS FROM ELWAY KARLIS KICK | 3 | 24 |

| | VISITOR Houston | HOME Denver |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| TOTAL FIRST DOWNS | 6 | 11 |
| First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty | 1-4-1 | 5-6-1 |
| THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY | 3-7-43% | 3-6-50% |
| TOTAL NET YARDS | 112 | 194 |
| Total No. Offensive Plays (Include times thrown passing) | 27 | 32 |
| NET YARDS RUSHING | 23 | 27 |
| NET YARDS PASSING | 89 | 167 |
| Gross Yards Gained Passing | 89 | 171 |
| Times Thrown—Yards Lost Attempting to Pass | 0-0 | 1-4 |
| PASS ATTEMPTS—COMPLETIONS—HAD INTERCEPTED | 14-7-1 | 16-10-0 |
| PUNTS—Number and Average | 2-48.5 | 1-43 |
| PENALTIES—Number and Yards | 7-45 | 4-35 |
| FUMBLES—Number and Lost | 2-1 | 0-0 |

SITORS HOUSTON OILERS

| RUSHING | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|----|--------------|
| | ATT. | NET YARDS | AVG. | LONG GAIN | TD | |
| HIGH SMITH | 3 | -1 | -0.3 | 1 | 0 | |
| BOZIER | 8 | 24 | 3.0 | 8 | 0 | |
| MOON | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| WILKINS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | |
| PASSING | | | | | | |
| | ATT. | COMP. | YARDS | TKD YDS | TD | LG. Had Int. |
| MOON | 14 | 7 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 22 1 |
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| PASS RECEIVING | | | | | | |
| | NO. | YARDS | LG. | TD | | |
| UNCAN | 1 | 13 | 13 | 0 | | |
| WILKINS | 2 | 30 | 18 | 0 | | |
| HILL | 2 | 31 | 22 | 0 | | |
| WILLIAMS | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | | |
| REWREY | 1 | 8 | 8 | 0 | | |

HOME DENVER BRONCOS

| RUSHING | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|----|--------------|
| | ATT. | NET YARDS | AVG. | LONG GAIN | TD | |
| SEWELL | 4 | 7 | 1.8 | 5 | 0 | |
| WINDER | 5 | 21 | 4.2 | 7 | 0 | |
| ELWAY | 3 | 5 | 1.7 | 4 | 0 | |
| LANG | 3 | -6 | -2.0 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | | | | |
| PASSING | | | | | | |
| | ATT. | COMP. | YARDS | TKD YDS | TD | LG. Had Int. |
| ELWAY | 16 | 10 | 171 | 1 | 4 | 25 0 |
| | | | | | | |
| PASS RECEIVING | | | | | | |
| | NO. | YARDS | LG. | TD | | |
| JOHNSON | 3 | 74 | 55 | 0 | | |
| KAY | 2 | 57 | 29 | 2 | | |
| SEWELL | 2 | 16 | 8 | 0 | | |
| BODDIE | 1 | 15 | 15 | 0 | | |
| MOBLEY | 1 | 9 | 9 | 0 | | |

THIRD PERIOD

Karlis' kickoff downed in end zone for touchback.

HOUSTON BALL 14:53

1/10/ H 20-- Rozier at the middle for 1 (Jones).
2/9/ H 21--Shotgun, Moon's pass to DHill incomplete (Wilson).
3/9/ H 21--Shotgun, Moon's pass to DHill incomplete. Motion against
Houston (DHill) declined.
4/9/ H 21--Gossett punts to D 42. Clark fair catches. Punt of 37.

DENVER BALL 13:55

1/10/ D 42--Elway passes to Johnson for 31 (Allen). FIRST DOWN PASSING
PENALTY: Houston penalized 13 for late hit (Grimsley). FIRST DOWN ; y.
1/10/ H 13--Elway's pass to Mobley incomplete.
2/10/ H 13--Elway passes to Nattiel for 7 (ASmith).
3/3/ H 6--Denver time out (first) at 12:39--Elway's pass to Kay incomplete.
4/3/ H 6--Karlis kicks 23-yard field goal. DRIVE: 5-51. Time used: 1:25.

SCORE: Denver 27, Houston 3. Time elapsed: 2:29.

Karlis kicks off to H 2. Pinkett returns 20 (Plummer)

HOUSTON BALL 12:21

1/10/ H 22--Moon passes to Givins for 12 (Lilly). FIRST DOWN PASSING
1/10/ H 34--Moon passes to Rozier for 6 (Mecklenburg).
2/4/ H 40--Highsmith on a draw for 3 (Gilbert).
3/1/ H 43--Highsmith on a option pitch from Moon for 11 (Braxton).
FIRST DOWN RUSHING
1/10/ D 46--Shotgun, Moon's pass to Givins incomplete (Haynes).
2/10/ D 46--Direct snap to Pinkett for gain of 1 (Mecklenburg).
3/9/ D 45--Shotgun, Moon passes to Highsmith for 16 (Lilly).
1/10/ D 29--Moon passes to Pinkett for 5 (Wilson).
2/5/ D 24--Moon passes to Givins for 11 (Haynes). FIRST DOWN PASSING
1/10/ D 13--Moon passes to Highsmith for 6 (Hunley).
2/4/ D 7--Houston time out (first) at 7:10--Moon passes four yards into end zone
Haynes returns 57 (Highsmith).

DENVER BALL 6:58

1/10/ H 47--Direct snap to Sewell up the middle for 2 (Grimsley).
2 /8/ H 45--Winder at the middle for -4 (Lyles).
3/12/ H 49--Shotgun, Elway's pass to Nattiel incomplete.
4/12/ H 49--Horan punts over goal for touchback. Punt of 49.

HOUSTON BALL 5:23

1/10/ H 20--Moon's pass to Pinkett incomplete.
2/10/ H 20--Highsmith on screen from Moon loses 13 (Gilbert).
3/23/ H 7--Shotgun, Moon passes to DHill for 24 (Lilly). FIRST DOWN PASSING
1/10/ H 31--Shotgun, Moon runs for 7 (Dennison).
2/3/ H 38--Pinkett at left end for 3 (Townsend). FIRST DOWN RUSHING
1/10/ H 41--Shotgun, Moon trapped, runs for 6 (Wilson).
2/4/ H 47--Shotgun, Moon passes to Duncan for 3 (Haynes).
3/1/ 50--Pinkett at right side for 2 (Bowyer). FIRST DOWN RUSHING
1/10/ D 48--Moon's pass to Givins incomplete.
2/10/ D 48--Pinkett on direct snap for 8 (Dennison).
3/2/ D 40--

SCORE END OF THIRD PERIOD: Denver 27, Houston 3.

Third down plays : Houston 5-4, Denver 2-0.

Fourth down plays: None

Possession time: Houston 12:00, Denver 3:00

FOURTH PERIOD

HOUSTON BALL

3/2/ D 40--Pinkett at left side for 1 (Clark).
 4/1/ D 39--Moon on a sneak for 1 (Kragen). FIRST DOWN RUSHING
 1/10/ D 38--Shotgun, Moon's pass to Duncan incomplete (Haynes).
 2/10/ D 38--Shotgun, Moon's pass to Givins incomplete.
 3/10/ D 38--Moon passes to D Hill for 21 (Lilly). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ D 17--Shotgun, Directo snap to Pinkett for gain of 5 (Dennison).
 2/5/ D 12--Shotgun, Moon runs for 1 (Brooks).
 3/4/ D 11--Moon's pass to Duncan out of end zone, incomplete.
 4/4/ D 11--Moon's pass to Drewrey incomplete (Castille).

DENVER BALL 11:17

1/10/ D 11--Winder at right side for 4 (Childress).
 2/6/ D 15--Elway's pass to Lang tipped by Bostic, incomplete.
 3/6/ D 15--Shotgun, Elway passes to Sewell for 25 (Donaldson). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ D 40--Winder at left side for 1 (Meads).
 2/9/ D 41--Elway passes to D 50. Allen intercepts, returns 2 (Nattiel).

HOUSTON BALL 9:36

1/10/ D 48--Shotgun, Moon passes to D Hill for 17 (Dennison). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ D 31--Shotgun, Moon passes to Duncan for 12 (Haynes). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ D 19--Shotgun, Moon pass to Givins on 13 and he goes 19 and touchdown.
Offside against Denver declined. FIRST DOWN PASSING
Zendejas converts. DRIVE: 3-48. Time used: 1:14.

SCORE: Denver 27, Houston 10. Time elapsed: 6:38

Zendejas' onside kick recovered by Denver (Clark) on D 48. Play reviewed

DENVER BALL 8:15

1/10/ D 48--Winder at left side for 2 (Grimsley).
 2/8/ 50--Elway passes to Lang for 25 (Lyles). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ H 25--Shotgun, Winder at left side for 8 (Allen).
 2/2/ H 17--Winder at left side for 2 (Grimsley). FIRST DOWN RUSHING
 1/10/ H 15--Winder at right side for 5 (ASmith).
 2/5/ H 10--Winder on a draw at left side for 7 (Donaldson). FIRST DOWN RUSHING
 1/goal/ H 3--Elway rolls around right end for 3 and touchdown. FIRST DOWN RUSHING
Karlis converts. DRIVE: 7-52. Time used: 3:55.

SCORE: Denver 34, Houston 10. Time elapsed: 10:33.

Karlis' kickoff downed in end zone for touchback.

HOUSTON BALL 4:21

1/10/ H 20--Shotgun, Moon passes to Givins for 12 (Braxton). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ H 32--Moon passes to Highsmith for 11 (Dennison). FIRST DOWN PASSING
 1/10/ H 43--Shotgun, Moon passes to Drewrey for 9 (Wilson).
 2/1/ D 48--Shotgun, Moon's pass to Drewrey incomplete
 3/1/ D 48--Pinkett on a draw for -1 (Townsend). PENALTY: Houston penalized
 10 for holding (Munchak).
 3/11/ H 42--Moon's pass from shotgun to Drewrey incomplete.
 4/11/ H 42--Shotgun, Moon's pass to Duncan for 4 (Lilly)

DENVER BALL 2:06

1/10/ H 46--Kubiak at QB. PENALTY : Houston penalized five for encroachment (DSmith).
 1/5/ H 41--Bell at right side for 2 (Grimsley).
 3/3/ H 39--Two-minute warning at 2:00--Bell at the middle for 5 (Childress). FD RUSHING
 1/10/ H 35--1:20--Kubiak kneels, loss of 2.
 2/12/ H 37--0:38--Kubiak kneels, loss of 1.

FINAL SCORE: Denver 34, Houston 10.

Third down plays: Houston 4=1, game 16-8. Denver 1-1, game 9-4.
 Fourth down plays: Houston 3-1, game 4-2. Denver 0-0, game 1-1.
 Possession time: Houston 7:18, game 32:33. Denver 7:42, game 27:27.

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(Unofficial)

| Visitor | Tackles | Assists | Sacks | Yards Lost | Interceptions | Passes Defensed | Fumbles Recovered | Blocked Punt FG and PAT | Home | Tackles | Assists | Sacks | Yards Lost | Interceptions | Passes Defensed | Fumbles Recovered | Blocked Punt FG and PAT | |
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| K. Johnson | | | | | | | | | 27 K. Clark | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Brown | 5 | | | | | 1 | | | 28 J. Castille | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Bostic | 1 | | | | | 2 | | | 31 M. Harden | | | | | | | | | |
| McMillan | | | | | | | | | 36 M. Haynes | 6 | | | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| Allen | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | 38 B. Plummer | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Donaldson | 7 | 1 | | | | | | | 45 S. Wilson | 5 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Bryant | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 50 J. Ryan | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | |
| Fairs | | | | | | | | | 55 R. Dennison | 6 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Seale | | | | | | | | | 56 M. Brooks | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| A. Smith | 4 | | | | | | | | 59 T. Lucas | | | | | | | | | |
| W. Johnson | | | | | | | | | 61 A. Townsend | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Grimsley | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | 65 W. Bowyer | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Byrd | | | | | | | | | 71 G. Kragen | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Baker | | | | | | | | | 73 S. Fletcher | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Childress | 3 | | | | | | | | 75 R. Jones | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Meads | 2 | | | | | | | | 77K. Mecklenburg | 4 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Lyles | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | 90 F. Gilbert | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Martin | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | | | | 95 S. Bryan | | | | | | | | | |
| Fuller | | | | | | | | | 97B. Klostermann | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooks | | | | | | | | | 98 R. Hunley | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| D. Smith | 1 | | | | | | | | 34 BRAXTON | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| BIRDSONG | 1 | | | | | | | | 35 BELL | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| HIGSMITH | 1 | | | | | | | | 84 NATIEL | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| MUNIHAK | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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BALL POSSESSION AND DRIVE CHART

Houston Oilers AT Denver Broncos

SITOR: HOUSTON OILERS

DATE: Jan. 10, 1988

| No. | Time Ball Received | Time Ball Lost | Time of Possess. | How Ball Obtained | Start of Drive | Number Plays Held | Total Yards Gained | Yards in Penalty (+ or -) | Net Drive Yards | Number 1st Downs | Where Ball Lost | How Given Up |
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| 1 | 9:46 | 9:20 | 0:26 | PUNT | 5H | 2 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 1H | FUMBLE |
| 2 | 8:41 | 4:21 | 4:20 | Kickoff | 20H | 8 | 60 | 0 | 60 | 3 | 28D | Interception |
| 3 | 1:26 | 14:49 | 1:37 | Kickoff | 20H | 3 | -3 | -5 | -8 | 0 | 40H | PUNT |
| 4 | 11:40 | 5:57 | 5:43 | Kickoff | 17H | 11 FG | 44 | +10 | 54 | 3 | 29D | FG |
| 5 | 15:2 | 0:43 | 1:09 | Kickoff | 23H | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 16D | PUNT |
| 6 | 15:00 | 13:56 | 1:04 | Kickoff | 20H | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 43D | PUNT |
| 7 | 12:31 | 6:58 | 5:33 | Kickoff | 22H | 11 | 71 | 0 | 71 | 4 | 47H | Interception |
| 8 | 5:23 | 11:17 | 9:06 | PUNT | 20H | 19 | 69 | 0 | 69 | 5 | 11D | ON DOWNS |
| 9 | 9:36 | 8:22 | 1:14 | Interception | 48D | 3 | 48 | 0 | 48 | 3 | - | Touchdown |
| 10 | 4:27 | 2:06 | 2:21 | Kickoff | 20H | 6 | 36 | -10 | 26 | 2 | 46H | ON DOWNS |
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| 1 | 15:00 | 9:46 | 5:14 | Kickoff | 33D | 8 | 15 | +5 | 20 | 2 | 5H | PUNT |
| 2 | 9:20 | 8:41 | 0:39 | FUMBLE | 1H | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - | Touchdown |
| 3 | 4:21 | 12:6 | 2:55 | Interception | 28D | 6 | 72 | 0 | 72 | 3 | - | Touchdown |
| 4 | 14:49 | 11:40 | 3:09 | PUNT | 40H | 6 FG | 24 | -10 | 14 | 1 | 26D | FG |
| 5 | 5:57 | 15:2 | 4:05 | Kickoff | 20D | 9 | 80 | 0 | 80 | 4 | - | Touchdown |
| 6 | 0:43 | 0:00 | 0:43 | PUNT | 16D | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | HALFTIME | |
| 7 | 13:56 | 12:31 | 1:25 | PUNT | 43D | 4 | 38 | +13 | 51 | 2 | 6D | FG |
| 8 | 6:58 | 5:23 | 1:35 | Interception | 47H | 3 | -2 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 20H | PUNT |
| 9 | 11:17 | 9:36 | 1:41 | ON DOWNS | 11D | 5 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 1 | 48D | Interception |
| 10 | 8:22 | 4:27 | 3:55 | Kickoff | 48D | 7 | 52 | 0 | 52 | 4 | - | Touchdown |
| 11 | 2:06 | 0:00 | 2:06 | ON DOWNS | 46H | 4 | 4 | +5 | 9 | 0 | FINAL | |
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Time of Possession by Quarter

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| Visitor | HOUSTON | 6:12 | 13:15 | 25:15 | 7:18 | 32:33 |
| Home | DENVER | 48 | 7:57 | 3:00 | 7:43 | 27:27 |
| | | | 16:45 2nd | 10:45 | 4th OT | Total |