



## DENVER BRONCOS POSTGAME NOTES

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### Denver Broncos (14-4) vs. New England Patriots (13-5)

Sunday, Jan. 24, 2015 • 1:05 p.m. MST • Sports Authority Field at Mile High

**FINAL SCORE: BRONCOS 20, PATRIOTS 18 • ATTENDANCE: 77,112**

### BRONCOS EARN EIGHT SUPER BOWL BERTH IN WIN OVER PATRIOTS

The **Denver Broncos (14-4)** defeated the **New England Patriots (13-5)** by a score of 20-18 in the AFC Championship Game to advance to their NFL record-tying eighth Super Bowl.

This represents Denver's seventh Super Bowl berth under Owner **Pat Bowlen**, tying for the most under a single owner in pro football history.

#### MOST SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES

Team	No.
1. Denver	8
2. Dallas	8
3. New England	8
4. Pittsburgh	8
5. San Francisco	6

#### MOST SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES BY A TEAM OWNER

Owner	Team	No.
1. Pat Bowlen	Denver	7
Robert Kraft	New England	7
3. Edward DeBartolo Jr.	San Francisco	5
Clint Murchison Jr.	Dallas	5
Joe Robbie	Miami	5

### KUBIAK LEADS DENVER TO SUPER BOWL IN FIRST SEASON

Denver's **Gary Kubiak** is the seventh coach in NFL history (and the second in franchise annals) to reach the Super Bowl in his first year as head coach of a team.

Head Coach **Red Miller** previously accomplished the feat for the Broncos during the 1977 season.

#### HEAD COACHES TO REACH THE SUPER BOWL IN THEIR FIRST YEAR WITH A TEAM

Year	Coach	Team	Opp. (Result)
1970	Don McCaffrey	Baltimore	vs. Dal. (W, 16-13)
1977	Red Miller	Denver	vs. Dal. (L, 27-10)
1989	George Seifert	San Francisco	vs. Den. (W, 55-10)
2002	Jon Gruden	Tampa Bay	vs. Oak. (W, 48-21)
2002	Bill Callahan	Oakland	vs. T.B. (L, 48-21)
2009	Jim Caldwell	Indianapolis	vs. N.O. (L, 31-17)
2015	Gary Kubiak	Denver	TBD

### BRONCOS WIN ANOTHER CLOSE GAME

Denver improved to 11-3 (.786) this season in games decided by seven points or less with their 11 such wins representing the most in NFL history in a single season.

#### TEAMS WITH THE MOST WINS IN A SINGLE SEASON BY SEVEN POINTS OR LESS (INCL. PLAYOFFS)

Team	Year	No.
1. Denver	2015	11
2. Carolina	2003	10
Houston	1978	10
4. 11 teams	-	9

## MANNING EARNS FOURTH SUPER BOWL BERTH

Already just the third quarterback in history to lead two different clubs to a Super Bowl, Broncos **QB Peyton Manning** will be making his fourth career Super Bowl appearance (two with Indianapolis and two with Denver) to tie for the third most by a quarterback in league annals.

Manning, who completed 17-of-32 passes (53.1%) for 176 yards with two touchdowns (90.1 rtg.) against the Patriots, now has 40 career postseason touchdown passes to represent the fourth most all-time.

### MOST SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES BY A QUARTERBACK

Player	Team(s)	No.
1. Tom Brady	New England	6
2. John Elway	Denver	5
<b>3. Peyton Manning</b>	<b>Ind./Den.</b>	<b>4</b>
Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	4
Jim Kelly	Buffalo	4
Joe Montana	San Francisco	4
Roger Staubach	Dallas	4

### MOST POSTSEASON PASSING TDs

Player	No.
1. Tom Brady	56
2. Joe Montana	45
3. Brett Favre	44
<b>4. Peyton Manning</b>	<b>40</b>
5. Dan Marino	32

## MILLER SETS BRONCOS POSTSEASON RECORD FOR SACKS

Broncos **OLB Von Miller** totaled five tackles (4 solo), 2.5 sacks (13 yds.) and an interception against New England with his 2.5 sacks representing the most in a single playoff game in franchise history.

### MOST SACKS IN A SINGLE GAME, BRONCOS POSTSEASON HISTORY

Player	Opponent (Date)	No.
<b>1. Von Miller</b>	<b>vs. New England (1/24/16)</b>	<b>2.5</b>
2. Shaun Phillips	vs. San Diego (1/12/14)	2.0
Robert Ayers	vs. Pittsburgh (1/8/12)	2.0
Neil Smith	at Kansas City (1/4/98)	2.0
Alfred Williams	at Kansas City (1/4/98)	2.0
Simon Fletcher	at L.A. Raiders (1/9/94)	2.0
Simon Fletcher	vs. Cleveland (1/14/90)	2.0
Rulon Jones	vs. New England (1/4/87)	2.0
Lyle Alzado	vs. Dallas (1/15/78)	2.0
Rubin Carter	vs. Dallas (1/15/78)	2.0

## HOME CROWD SECOND-LARGEST IN BRONCOS HISTORY

The announced crowd of 77,112 today represents the second-largest home crowd in Broncos history. There were only 45 unused tickets among those distributed for the game.

### LARGEST HOME CROWDS, BRONCOS HISTORY

Opponent (Date)	Att.
1. vs. Green Bay (10/29/07)	77,160
<b>2. vs. New England (1/24/16)*</b>	<b>77,112</b>
3. vs. New England (1/19/14)*	77,110
4. vs. Kansas City (11/17/13)	77,076
5. vs. Green Bay (11/1/15)	77,075

\*Playoff Game

## DANIELS RECORDS TWO FIRST-HALF TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

Denver **TE Owen Daniels** caught two touchdown passes—from 21 yards and 12 yards out—in the first half to become the third player in Broncos playoff history to catch multiple touchdowns in a single game.

### PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS IN A GAME, BRONCOS POSTSEASON HISTORY

Player	Opponent (Date)	No.
Clarence Kay	vs. Houston (1/10/88)	2
Haven Moses	vs. Oakland (1/1/78)	2
<b>Owen Daniels</b>	<b>vs. New England (1/24/16)</b>	<b>2</b>

### McMANUS CONNECTS FROM DEEP

Broncos **K Brandon McManus'** 52-yard field goal at the end of the first half represented the second-longest field goal in Denver postseason history. The kick gives him seven field goals of 50 yards or longer this season (including playoffs) to tie the franchise record set by **K Matt Prater** in 2013.

#### LONGEST FGs, BRONCOS POSTSEASON HISTORY

Player	Opp. (Date)	Length
1. Matt Prater	vs. N.E. (1/19/14)	54
<b>2. Brandon McManus</b>	<b>vs. N.E. (1/24/16)*</b>	<b>52</b>
3. Jason Elam	vs. G.B. (1/25/98)	51
4. Jason Elam	vs. N.E. (1/14/06)	50
5. Jason Elam	at Ind. (1/4/04)	49
David Treadwell	vs. Hou. (1/4/92)	49

#### MOST 50-YARD FGs IN A SEASON, BRONCOS HISTORY (Including Postseason)

Player	Season	FGM	FGA
<b>1. Brandon McManus</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
2. Matt Prater	2013	7	8
3. Jason Elam	1995	5	7
4. Jason Elam	1999	5	8
5. Matt Prater	2008	5	6
Fred Steinfort	1980	5	8

### ANDERSON MOVES INTO TOP 5 IN BRONCOS CAREER POSTSEASON RUSHING

Broncos **RB C.J. Anderson** led the team with 16 carries for 72 yards (4.5 avg.) to move into fourth place on the franchise's all-time rushing yardage list in the postseason (233 yds.).

#### MOST CAREER RUSHING YARDS, BRONCOS POSTSEASON HISTORY

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1. Terrell Davis	204	1140	5.6	12
2. John Elway	94	461	4.9	6
3. Sammy Winder	144	461	3.2	1
<b>4. C.J. Anderson</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1</b>
5. Knowshon Moreno	52	190	3.7	1

### MISCELLANEOUS GAME NOTES

\* - Denver's game captains were **WR Demaryius Thomas** (offense), **OLB DeMarcus Ware** (defense) and **CB Kayvon Webster** (special teams).

\* - Broncos **DE Derek Wolfe** recorded a sack in the first quarter and now has at least a half sack in eight of his last nine games dating to the regular season.

\* - Denver **QB Peyton Manning** improved to 4-1 all-time in conference title games and earned his 13th career playoff wins to tie QB Brett Favre for the fifth-most playoff victories by a quarterback.



# DENVER BRONCOS

## MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



2 World Championships • 8 Super Bowls • 10 AFC Championship Games • 15 AFC West Titles • 22 Playoff Berths • 28 Winning Seasons (21 10-Win)

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### DRIVE ENGINEERING

Quarterback, Team (*Plays/Yards)	Drives Ended By -----										Points Yielded
	Drives Started	TD	FG	FGA	Punt	Downs	Turn.	Safety	Clock	(Rplcd)	
MANNING, Denver (63-245) .....	15	2	2	0	9	0	1	0	1	(0)	20
BRADY, New England (77-336) .....	15	2	2	0	6	2	2	0	1	(0)	18

\*—not including aborted plays, kneel-downs or spiked passes to stop clock.

### FIRST DOWN TENDENCIES

Team	Rushing-----			Passing-----			Overall-----			Times Gained-----					Miscellany--			
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	20+	10+	5+	2-	0	Neg	TD	OBS	TO
DENVER.....	18	37	2.1	7	22	3.1	25	59	2.4	0	1	6	15	4	5	0	1	0
New England .....	11	18	1.6	21	95	4.5	32	113	3.5	2	3	10	20	13	3	1	1	0

### YARDS GAINED BY DOWN / QUARTER / PLUS TERRITORY

Team	1st Down-----			2nd Down-----			3rd Down-----			4th Down-----			BY QUARTER				IN PLUS TERRITORY		
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	1	2	3	4	Plays	Yards	Avg.
	DENVER.....	25	59	2.4	23	46	2.0	17	139	8.2	0	0	0.0	116	45	28	55	22	81
New England ...	32	113	3.5	26	140	5.4	15	39	2.6	4	44	11.0	52	62	67	155	33	140	4.2

Overtime Yards: N/A.

### KICKOFF ANALYSIS

Player, Team	Opp							In20/				Opponent SYL	Opp. ASL
	Total	Ret	FC	MF	NA	TB (EZ+)	25	OB	Ons	SQB			
McManus, Denver.....	5	1	0	0	0	4 (4)	0/5	0	(0)	(0)	20T•20T•24R•20T•20T	NE21	
Gostkowski, New England	4	0	0	0	0	4 (3)	0/4	0	(0)	(0)	20T•20T•20T•20T•ONS	D20	

\*—onside, squib and free kicks not included; r—returned; t—touchback; T—touchback/ball through end zone.

### TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

Team	POINTS OFF TURNOVERS		AVERAGE STARTING FIELD POSITION			SECOND DOWN EFFICIENCY		YDS LOST DUE TO PENALTIES		AVG TO GO	3 & OUT	TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD
	Opp TO	Pts	Drives	AFP	In/At20	Made-Att	Pct.	No.	Yards	3rd Dwn Avg.	No.	Time
DENVER.....	2	7	15	D34	7 (3/4)	4-23	17.4	0	0	9.2	8	52:32
New England .....	1	6	15	NE27	8 (4/4)	7-26	26.9	0	0	8.7	6	00:00

AFP—Average Field Position; AT/In—Drives Started At/Inside the 20. (Tied 7:28)

### INSIDE-THE-20 ANALYSIS (RED ZONE)

(must have crossed the 20-yard line)	Denver	New England
Total Penetrations .....	2	4
Scores .....	2	2
(TDs/FGs) .....	1/1	2/0
Turnovers/Downs/Clock .....	0/0/0	0/0/0
Plays-Yards.....	8-17	10-19
Third Down Conversions.....	1-2	0-3
Fourth Down Conversions.....	0-0	1-3
Scores From Outside RZ (TD/FG)....	2/1,1	2/0,2

(does NOT include running out the clock if not attempting to score)

### FIRST DOWNS EARNED (Leaders)

Denver	Rush	Pass	Rec.	—	Total
Manning .....	1	9	0	—	10
Sanders .....	0	0	3	—	3
Daniels .....	0	0	2	—	2
Five with .....	-	-	-	—	1
New England	Rush	Pass	Rec.	—	Total
Brady .....	2	13	0	—	15
Gronkowski .....	0	0	6	—	6
Bolden/Edelman/White	0	0	2	—	2

### MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL NOTES

- DEN P Britton Colquitt averaged 47.0 yards on nine punts—but from the DEN 25 or worse, he averaged 52.0 yards on four punts (two punts took place inside NE territory; the other seven he averaged 51.3).
- DEN third down defense (NE was 2-of-15): three sacks, one interception; NE 3-of-10 passing; 39 yards allowed.
- DEN defense in postseason: 28 opponent possessions, 11 three-and-outs (includes one kneel-down at halftime).