



# DENVER BRONCOS NEWS RELEASE

Preseason Game #3 • Denver (2-0) vs. Indianapolis (0-3)  
 Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005 • INVESCO Field at Mile High • 6:05 p.m. MDT

## BRONCOS HOST COLTS IN NATIONALLY TELEVISED PRIME-TIME PLAYOFF REMATCH

The Denver Broncos face their playoff opponent from the last two seasons Saturday night when the Indianapolis Colts visit INVESCO Field at Mile High for a nationally televised contest on CBS. Kickoff is set for 6:05 p.m. MDT.

With a 26-21 home victory against San Francisco last week, Denver (2-0) has won its first two exhibition games for the seventh time in Head Coach Mike Shanahan's 11 preseasons with the club. In the 46 exhibition schedules Denver has played in its history, the Broncos have opened the year with a 2-0 preseason record 11 times.

The Broncos own a 6-6 all-time preseason record against Indianapolis (0-3) and have faced the Colts seven overall times (1 preseason, 4 regular season and 2 postseason) since 2001, making them Denver's most common non-divisional opponent during that period. Indianapolis is coming off a 24-17 loss to Chicago last week at the RCA Dome.

## NOTES FROM LAST WEEK'S GAME

During their 26-21 win against San Francisco last week, the Broncos posted 266 rushing yards on 47 carries (5.7 avg.) that marked their highest single-game preseason rushing total under Mike Shanahan (1995-present)... Those 266 rushing yards easily surpassed the previous exhibition rushing high under Shanahan of 209 yards gained on 45 carries (4.6 avg.) vs. Seattle on Aug. 29, 2002... In playing against Alex Smith, Denver faced a player drafted No. 1 overall in his rookie preseason for the first time since going against quarterback Jeff George of the Colts Aug. 11, 1990... Denver held Smith to 2-of-7 passing for 18 yards with three sacks while it limited George to 8-of-16 passing for 82 yards with three sacks and two interceptions 15 years earlier... On its first offensive possession, Denver employed a four wide-receiver set... Broncos wide receiver Todd Devoe led the team in receiving yards for the second consecutive week, posting 42 yards on two catches to give him an AFC-leading (No. 2 in NFL) 143 receiving yards through two exhibition contests.

## TELEVISION/RADIO vs. INDIANAPOLIS

The Broncos-Colts game will be broadcast nationally on CBS and shown locally in Denver on KCNC-TV (Channel 4). **Kevin Harlan** will provide the play-by-play, and joining him in the booth will be **Phil Simms** doing the color commentary. **Bonnie Bernstein** will report from the sidelines.

For the 36th consecutive year, KOA radio (850) is the flagship station for the Denver Broncos' radio network. **Dave Logan** and **David Diaz-Infante** will provide the play-by-play and color commentary, respectively, during Denver's game against Indianapolis with **Alan Roach** on the sidelines. The Broncos' radio network extends to nine states, and the KOA pregame show, hosted by **Mike Rice**, begins two hours before kickoff.

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The site also features a complete archive of game books and flip cards for every regular-season and preseason game in franchise history.

The Broncos' media Web site includes a password-protected photo section where media members can download high-resolution headshots and action shots, which will be updated after every game. To obtain a username and password, please e-mail a request to [photos@broncos.nfl.com](mailto:photos@broncos.nfl.com).

## DENVER BRONCOS 2005 SCHEDULE

### 2005 Preseason

Wk	Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Res.	TV/Record
1	Sat.	Aug. 13	at Houston	Reliant Stadium	W 20-14	1-0
2	Sat.	Aug. 20	SAN FRANCISCO	INVESCO Field at Mile High	W 26-21	2-0
3	Sat.	Aug. 27	INDIANAPOLIS	INVESCO Field at Mile High	6:05 p.m. MDT	CBS
4	Fri.	Sept. 2	at Arizona	Sun Devil Stadium	7:00 p.m. MST	CBS 4

### 2005 Regular Season

Wk	Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Res.	TV/Record
1	Sun.	Sept. 11	at Miami	Dolphins Stadium	1:00 p.m. EDT	CBS
2	Sun.	Sept. 18	SAN DIEGO	INVESCO Field at Mile High	2:15 p.m. MDT	CBS
3	Mon.	Sept. 26	KANSAS CITY	INVESCO Field at Mile High	7:00 p.m. MDT	ABC
4	Sun.	Oct. 2	at Jacksonville	ALLTEL Stadium	1:00 p.m. EDT	CBS
5	Sun.	Oct. 9	WASHINGTON	INVESCO Field at Mile High	2:15 p.m. MDT	FOX
6	Sun.	Oct. 16	NEW ENGLAND	INVESCO Field at Mile High	2:15 p.m. MDT	CBS
7	Sun.	Oct. 23	at N.Y. Giants	Giants Stadium	4:15 p.m. EDT	CBS
8	Sun.	Oct. 30	PHILADELPHIA	INVESCO Field at Mile High	2:15 p.m. MST	FOX
9			Bye			
10	Sun.	Nov. 13	at Oakland	McAfee Coliseum	1:05 p.m. PST	CBS
11	Sun.	Nov. 20	N.Y. JETS	INVESCO Field at Mile High	2:15 p.m. MST	CBS
12	Thu.	Nov. 24	at Dallas	Texas Stadium	3:15 p.m. CST	CBS
13	Sun.	Dec. 4	at Kansas City	Arrowhead Stadium	3:15 p.m. CST	CBS
14	Sun.	Dec. 11	BALTIMORE	INVESCO Field at Mile High	2:15 p.m. MST	CBS
15	Sat.	Dec. 17	at Buffalo	Ralph Wilson Stadium	8:30 p.m. EST	ESPN
16	Sat.	Dec. 24	OAKLAND	INVESCO Field at Mile High	2:15 p.m. MST	CBS
17	Sat.	Dec. 31	at San Diego	Qualcomm Stadium	1:30 p.m. PST	CBS

## 2005 AFC WEST PRESEASON STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
Den.	2	0	0	46	35	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	Won 2
S.D.	1	1	0	43	31	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	Won 1
K.C.	0	2	0	33	51	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	Lost 2
Oak.	0	2	0	30	40	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	Lost 2



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## BRONCOS VS. COLTS – POINTS OF INTEREST

Denver owns a 6-6 all-time record against Indianapolis in the preseason, including a 5-5 mark at home... The Broncos were 1-4 against the Baltimore Colts in the preseason, winning their final meeting with Baltimore in 1977 before the franchise moved to Indianapolis in 1984... Denver hosted the Colts for the first eight games of the preseason series... Including preseason (1), regular season (4) and postseason (2) games, Denver and Indianapolis have met seven times since 2001... Those seven meetings are by far the most for Denver against a non-divisional opponent since 2001 and make Indianapolis one of the Broncos' two most common non-divisional opponents (San Francisco - 7) in their 150 total games played since 1998... By facing the Colts, Denver will play a preseason game for the fifth time against one of its postseason opponents from the previous year (Green Bay-'98, Raiders-'94, San Francisco-'90 and Dallas-'78)... In each of those preseason contests, the result of the playoff game from a year earlier has held true... Denver's last preseason meeting against Indianapolis in 2003 (a 28-23 loss at INVESCO Field at Mile High) also was televised nationally and appeared on ABC's *Monday Night Football*... The Broncos' 2003 game against Indianapolis was their first exhibition game against the Colts since 1991... Denver won four consecutive preseason meetings against Indianapolis from 1977-88... Denver holds an 11-4 all-time advantage against Indianapolis in the regular season but is 0-2 against the Colts in the postseason after losing its AFC Wild Card Game in 2003 and '04... The Broncos were 5-1 against the Baltimore Colts in the regular season before the franchise moved to Indianapolis in 1984... The Broncos have rushed for more than 100 yards against the Colts in 14-of-15 all-time regular-season meetings with the lone exception being the Dec. 11, 1983, game that Baltimore limited Denver to 45 rushing yards... Denver's all-time leader in rushing touchdowns against Indianapolis in the regular-season is quarterback Jake Plummer (3 TDs)... Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer and Colts signal-caller Peyton Manning were ranked No. 4 and No. 3, respectively, in passing yards as two of an NFL-record tying five 4,000-yard passers in 2004... The Colts' Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison are part of a quarterback-wide receiver tandem that has accounted for 82 touchdowns, trailing only current Bronco Jerry Rice and Steve Young (85 – San Francisco) for the most by a tandem in NFL history... Broncos Head Coach Mike Shanahan and Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy were one year removed from being on the same coaching staff at the University of Minnesota... Shanahan served a one-year stint as the Golden Gophers' offensive coordinator in 1979 and Dungy worked as the school's defensive backs coach for one season in 1980... On May 2, 1983, Denver traded quarterback Mark Herrmann, the rights to tackle Chris Hinton and a first-round pick in the 1984 NFL Draft (guard Ron Solt) to Baltimore in exchange for quarterback John Elway, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1983 NFL Draft.

## BRONCOS/COLTS TEAM COMPARISON

	BRONCOS	COLTS
Preseason Record .....	2-0	0-3
Division Standing .....	1st (AFCW)	4th (AFC)
NFL Offensive Ranking .....	1	29
Offense-Points Per Game .....	23.0	16.0
Possession Average .....	32:22	25:23
Total Net Yards Per Game .....	424.5	236.0
Net Rushing Yards Per Game .....	198.0	17.3
Net Passing Yards Per Game .....	226.5	218.7
Had Intercepted/Yards Lost .....	1/0	3/26
Sacks Allowed/Yards Lost .....	4/30	14/91
Field Goals/FGA .....	4/6	2/5
NFL Defensive Ranking .....	10	9
Defense-Points Per Game .....	17.5	22.7
Defense-Total Net Yards Per Game .....	265.5	265.0
Defense-Rushing Yards Per Game .....	118.0	137.3
Defense-Passing Yards Per Game .....	147.5	127.7
Defense-Intercepted by/Yards .....	0/0	3/20
Defense-Sacks For/Yards .....	6/38	9/62
Punts-Average Yards (Gross) .....	39.9	38.9
Punts-Average Yards (Net) .....	29.1	32.7
Punt Returns-Average Per .....	11.5	6.9
Punt Returns-Average Per Allowed .....	11.4	10.3
Kickoff Returns-Average Per .....	25.0	18.8
Kickoff Returns-Average Per Allowed .....	21.6	23.7
Penalties Against/Yards .....	29/187	26/186
Fumbles/Lost .....	2/0	9/4
Opponent Fumbles/Lost .....	2/0	9/4
Turnover Ratio .....	-1	0

## BRONCOS/COLTS INDIVIDUAL COMPARISON

BRONCOS		COLTS	
<b>PASSING YARDS</b>			
Van Pelt.....	213	Sorgi.....	313
Plummer.....	171	T. Brown.....	299
Mauck.....	99	Manning.....	116
<b>RUSHING YARDS</b>			
Dayne.....	143	James.....	24
Van Pelt.....	82	Mungro.....	15
Bell.....	73	Rhodes.....	8
<b>RECEIVING YARDS</b>			
Devoe.....	134	L. Thomas.....	120
Smith.....	61	Moorehead.....	118
Watts.....	52	Culton.....	99
<b>POINTS SCORED</b>			
Elam.....	16	Vanderjagt.....	10
Five Players.....	6	Six Players.....	6
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>			
		Brackett.....	2
		Sanders.....	1
<b>SACKS</b>			
Pryce.....	2.0	Mathis.....	4.0
Four Players.....	1.0	Five Players.....	1.0



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## BRONCOS/COLTS PRESEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

<b>Series Meeting:</b>	13th
<b>Broncos Overall Record:</b>	6-6 (5-5 home; 1-1 away)
<b>First Game:</b>	Baltimore 24, at Denver 7 (8/22/70)
<b>Last Game:</b>	Ind. 28, at Denver 23 (8/25/03)
<b>Current Streak:</b>	Lost 1
<b>Longest Broncos Win Streak:</b>	4 (1977-1988)
<b>Longest Colts Win Streak:</b>	4 (1970-75)
<b>Last Broncos Home Win:</b>	at Denver 10, Ind. 3 (8/2/91)
<b>Last Broncos' Home Loss:</b>	Ind. 28, at Denver 23 (8/25/03)
<b>Last Broncos' Road Win:</b>	Denver 16, at Ind. 7 (8/11/90)
<b>Last Broncos' Road Loss:</b>	at Ind. 38, Denver 24 (9/2/89)
<b>Broncos Shutouts:</b>	1 (31-0 at Denver 8/18/84)
<b>Colts Shutouts:</b>	None
<b>Most Broncos Points:</b>	34 (9/2/89 L at Ind.)
<b>Most Colts Points:</b>	38 (9/2/89 L at Ind.)
<b>Average Broncos Points:</b>	18.3
<b>Average Colts Points:</b>	15.9
<b>Largest Broncos Win:</b>	31 (8/18/84): 31-0 at Denver
<b>Largest Colts Win:</b>	17 (8/22/70): 24-7 at Denver

## BRONCOS/COLTS ALL-TIME PRESEASON RESULTS

1970—Baltimore 24, @Denver 7	1985—@Denver 20, Indianapolis 3
1972—Baltimore 20, @Denver 13	1988—@Denver 21, Indianapolis 20
1973—Baltimore 17, @Denver 10	1989—@Indianapolis 38, Denver 34
1975—Baltimore 23, @Denver 20	1990—Denver 16, @Indianapolis 7
1977—@Denver 14, Baltimore 8	1991—@Denver 10, Indianapolis 3
1984—@Denver 31, Indianapolis 0	2003—Indianapolis 28, @Denver 23

## SHANAHAN AND THE BRONCOS AGAINST DUNGY AND THE COLTS

### Shanahan vs. the Colts (regular and postseason):

As a head coach, Shanahan has only faced the Colts during his time in Denver and owns a 2-2 regular-season and 0-2 postseason record against Indianapolis... San Francisco did not play Indianapolis when he was the 49ers' offensive coordinator (1992-94), but Shanahan was a part of teams that went 2-0 against the Colts as a Broncos assistant from 1989-90 with Denver defeating Indianapolis once in 1989 and '90 when Shanahan was its quarterbacks coach... During 20 games as the Los Angeles Raiders' head coach from 1988-89, Shanahan did not coach against Indianapolis... The Broncos were 1-0 against Indianapolis during Shanahan's first stint in Denver (1984-87) as an assistant, defeating the Colts in 1985 when Shanahan was Denver's offensive coordinator.

### The Broncos vs. Dungy (regular and postseason):

The Broncos have a 3-2 regular-season record and 0-2 postseason mark against Tony Dungy as a head coach... Denver is 2-1 in the regular season and 0-2 in the playoffs against Dungy during his time as Indianapolis' head coach... When Dungy was Tampa Bay's head coach from 1996-2001, Denver was 1-1 against his teams after a win against the Buccaneers in 1996 and a loss in 1999... As its defensive coordinator from 1992-95, Dungy was a part of a Minnesota team that was 1-0 against Denver with its victory in 1993... The Chiefs were 1-5 against Denver from 1989-91 when Dungy was their defensive backs coach... As a Pittsburgh assistant coach from 1981-88, Dungy was a part of Steelers teams that were 1-3 against Denver in the regular season and 1-0 in the postseason with their 1984 AFC Wild Card Game win.

## DENVER BRONCOS MEDIA SCHEDULE

### vs. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

AUG. 27, 2005 • INVESCO FIELD AT MILE HIGH

#### MONDAY, Aug. 22:

**3:25-5:25 p.m.:** Practice (Open to the media for approximately the first 30 minutes.)

**Post-Practice:** Interview access will occur when players and coaches leave the field.

#### TUESDAY, Aug. 23:

**1:30-3:15 p.m.:** Practice (Open to the media for approximately the first 30 minutes.)

**Post-Practice:** Interview access will occur when players and coaches leave the field.

#### WEDNESDAY, Aug. 24:

**1:30-3:30 p.m.:** Practice (Open to the media for approximately the first 30 minutes.)

**Post-Practice:** Interview access will occur when players and coaches leave the field.

#### THURSDAY, Aug. 25:

**11:45 a.m.-1:05 p.m.:** Practice (Open to the media for approximately the first 30 minutes.)

**Post-Practice:** Interview access will occur when players and coaches leave the field.

#### FRIDAY, Aug. 26:

*No Player or Coach Availability*

**NOTE** – Broncos Head Coach Mike Shanahan will meet members of the press coming off the field at the conclusion of practice each day.

## 2005 PRESEASON – WEEK 3 NFL SCHEDULE

### Thursday, August 25

Atlanta at Jacksonville ..... (ESPN) 8:00p (ET)

### Friday, August 26

Pittsburgh at Washington ..... (FOX) 8:00p (ET)

Cincinnati at Philadelphia..... 7:30p (ET)

Baltimore at New Orleans ..... 7:00p (CT)

Buffalo at Chicago ..... 7:00p (CT)

Carolina at Cleveland ..... 8:00p (ET)

New England at Green Bay..... 7:00p (CT)

N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants ..... 8:00p (ET)

San Diego at Minnesota..... 7:00p (CT)

Arizona at Oakland..... 6:30p (PT)

Tennessee at San Francisco..... 7:00p (PT)

### Saturday, August 27

**Indianapolis at Denver ..... (CBS) 6:05p (MT)**

Tampa Bay at Miami ..... 7:30p (ET)

Houston at Dallas ..... 7:00p (CT)

Seattle at Kansas City ..... 7:30p (CT)

### Monday, August 29

St. Louis at Detroit ..... (ABC) 8:00p (ET)



## TRACKING DENVER'S PRESEASON OPPONENTS

Opponent	Date/Result	Record	Last Game	Next Up
Houston	W, 20-14	1-1	Won vs. Oakland, 19-17	at Dallas (Aug. 27)
San Francisco	W, 26-21	1-1	Lost at Denver, 26-21 (Aug. 20)	vs. Tennessee (Aug. 26)
<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>Aug. 27</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>Lost vs. Chicago, 24-17 (Aug. 20)</b>	<b>at Denver (Aug. 27)</b>
Arizona	Sept. 2	2-0	Won at Kansas City, 24-17 (Aug. 20)	at Oakland (Aug. 26)

### Shanahan vs. Dungy (regular and postseason):

Mike Shanahan owns a 3-2 regular-season record and 0-2 postseason mark against Tony Dungy when the two were head coaches in the NFL... Shanahan has a 2-1 regular-season record against Dungy's Indianapolis teams and has suffered two playoff losses to the Colts under Dungy... Shanahan faced Dungy twice in the regular season when Dungy was Tampa Bay's head coach and has a 1-1 record in those games with Denver defeating Tampa Bay 27-23 in 1996 and dropping a 13-10 loss at Tampa Bay in 1999... When Shanahan was the 49ers' offensive coordinator from 1992-94, he faced off against Dungy three times during that period when Dungy was the Vikings' defensive coordinator and helped the 49ers go 2-1 in those games... When Shanahan was a Bronco assistant coach from 1984-87, Denver was 2-0 in the regular season (wins in 1985 and '86), and 0-1 in the postseason (1984 AFC Wild Card Game) against Pittsburgh teams that featured Dungy as their defensive coordinator... When Shanahan was quarterbacks coach (1989) and offensive coordinator (1990-91) of the Broncos, Denver went 4-1 against Kansas City teams that featured Dungy as their defensive backs coach... As head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders, Shanahan was 0-1 against a Kansas City team that had Dungy as its defensive backs coach, dropping the teams' first meeting in 1989.

### MASTERS OF THEIR TRADES (PART 2)

Mike Shanahan (49ers offensive coordinator) and Tony Dungy (Vikings defensive coordinator) directed two of the NFL's top offenses and defenses when they held those posts at the same time from 1992-94.

Last week, Denver faced San Francisco and Head Coach Mike Nolan, who had the New York Giants' defense ranked near the top of the NFL as its defensive coordinator while Shanahan's 49ers offense was putting up record-setting numbers.

Below is a look at where Shanahan's 49ers offense and Dungy's Vikings defense ranked in the NFL from 1992-94.

#### NFL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE RANKINGS, 1992-94

Category (NFL rank)	Shanahan (Off. Coord.)	Dungy (Def. Coord.)
	49ers Offense	Vikings Defense
Net Yds. per game	389.4 (1st)	284.6 (3rd)
Net Rush Yds. per game	132.2 (1st)	90.8 (2nd)
Net Pass. Yds. per game	257.2 (2nd)	193.8 (9th)
First Downs	1,078 (1st)	839 (T8th)
Points per game	29.4 (1st)	17.8 (7th)
Total Touchdowns	181 (1st)	95 (9th)

### UNCOMMONLY COMMON

Including preseason (1), regular season (4) and postseason (2) games, Denver and Indianapolis have met seven times since 2001. Those seven meetings are by far the most for Denver against a non-divisional opponent since 2001 and make Indianapolis one of the Broncos' two most common non-divisional opponents (San Francisco - 7) in their 150 total games played since 1998.

#### MOST COMMON BRONCOS NON-DIVISIONAL OPPONENTS, 2001-PRESENT

Team	Pre.	Reg.	Post.	Tot.
1. Indianapolis	1	4	2	7
2. Arizona	2	2	0	4
Houston	3	1	0	4
San Francisco	3	1	0	4
5. Chicago	2	1	0	3
New England	0	3	0	3

#### MOST COMMON BRONCOS NON-DIVISIONAL OPPONENTS, 1998-PRESENT

Team	Pre.	Reg.	Post.	Tot.
1. Indianapolis	1	4	2	7
San Francisco	5	2	0	7
3. Arizona	4	2	0	6
Green Bay	4	2	0	6
Miami	0	5	1	6
6. New England	0	6	0	6

### RAISING THE STAKES

Denver's Saturday night tilt with Indianapolis marks the fifth time in the Broncos' history that they have played a preseason game against a playoff opponent from a year earlier. In each of the previous four occurrences, the playoff result has held true in the preseason.

Below is a look at the four other preseason games Denver has played against one of its playoff opponents from the previous season.

#### EXHIBITION GAMES PLAYED AGAINST THE PREVIOUS SEASON'S PLAYOFF OPPONENT

TEAM	Playoff	Preseason
Green Bay	W, 31-24 (S.B. - 1/25/98)	W, 34-31 (8/24/98)
L.A. Raiders	L, 42-24 (W.C. - 1/9/94)	L, 25-22 (7/31/94)
San Francisco	L, 55-10 (S.B. - 1/28/90)	L, 27-24 (8/20/90)
Dallas	L, 27-10 (S.B. - 1/15/78)	L, 21-14 (8/12/78)



## DON'T I KNOW YOU?

The Broncos face off against a familiar opponent Saturday night in the Colts, who have played Denver 12 times in the preseason. Those 12 meetings against Indianapolis make it Denver's third most common preseason opponent.

Of note is the fact that the Broncos play all three of their most common preseason opponents listed below during the 2005 exhibition schedule.

### MOST COMMON BRONCOS PRESEASON OPPONENTS

FRANCHISE	MEETINGS	RECORD
1. San Francisco	31	17-14
2. Arizona	15	10-5
<b>3. Indianapolis</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6-6</b>

*Note: The Broncos have met Dallas, Oakland, Miami and Minnesota 11 times during the preseason.*

## OFF TO A GREAT START

One of five undefeated teams in the 2005 preseason, the Broncos have won their first two exhibition games for the 11th time in 46 years of professional football. Head Coach Mike Shanahan has played a key role in Denver's success early in the preseason as he owns seven of those 11 2-0 exhibition starts.

Below is a look at the 11 times that Denver has opened its preseason with a 2-0 record as well as its final record from those exhibition schedules.

### BRONCOS 2-0 PRESEASON STARTS, ALL-TIME

Year	Head Coach	Final Preseason Record.
1. 2005	Mike Shanahan	?-?
2. 2003	Mike Shanahan	3-1
3. 2000	Mike Shanahan	4-0
4. 1999	Mike Shanahan	3-2
5. 1998	Mike Shanahan	3-1
6. 1996	Mike Shanahan	3-1
7. 1995	Mike Shanahan	3-2
8. 1988	Dan Reeves	3-1
9. 1983	Dan Reeves	3-1
10. 1982	Dan Reeves	4-0
11. 1977	Red Miller	5-1

## AIRING IT OUT

Jake Plummer and Peyton Manning directed two of the NFL's top passing offenses in 2004 with the Colts and Broncos ranking first and third, respectively, in net passing yards per attempt.

### NET PASSING YARDS PER ATTEMPT, NFL, 2004

Team	Net Pass Yds.	Net Yds. per. Att.
1. Indianapolis	4,623	8.55
2. Minnesota	4,516	7.55
<b>3. Denver</b>	<b>3,999</b>	<b>7.46</b>
4. Kansas City	4,406	7.43
5. Green Bay	4,449	7.27

## BRONCOS AND COLTS POST IMPRESSIVE SACK DIFFERENTIALS

In 2004, Denver and Indianapolis ranked third and first, respectively, in the NFL in sack differential. The Broncos set a franchise record for fewest sacks allowed (15) last season to rank third in the NFL while they tied for 14th in the league with 38 sacks of their own.

### SACK DIFFERENTIAL, NFL, 2004

Team	Own (rank)	Opp. (rank)	Diff.
1. Indianapolis	45 (3t)	14 (1t)	+31
2. Green Bay	40 (9t)	14 (1t)	+26
<b>3. Denver</b>	<b>38 (14t)</b>	<b>15 (3)</b>	<b>+23</b>
4. New England	45 (3t)	26 (5)	+19
5. Philadelphia	47 (2)	37 (16t)	+10

## THE LAST TIME (Preseason) Colts 28, at BRONCOS 23 (INVESCO FIELD AT MILE HIGH, 8/25/03)

Denver suffered its first loss of the 2003 preseason Monday night to Indianapolis 28-23 before a crowd of 72,510 at INVESCO Field at Mile High and a national television audience. Unable to maintain the 10-0 first-quarter lead, the Broncos were hampered by turnovers and failure to score in the red zone.

The Broncos' defense began the game strong, halting the Colts' opening drive and forcing them to punt. Colts punter Hunter Smith could not handle the snap, and Sam Brandon recovered it, giving the Broncos the ball on Indianapolis' 35-yard line. After Jake Plummer recovered his own fumble on Denver's first offensive play of the game, the Broncos regained their composure and drove down the field for a Jason Elam 36-yard field goal.

Thanks to another stingy defensive stance by the Broncos, the Colts went three-and-out and the Broncos took over on their own 45-yard line. Jake Plummer and the offense struck quickly with Plummer finding Ashley Lelie in the end zone for a 55-yard touchdown pass to put the Broncos up 10-0.

On the ensuing drive, the Colts got on the scoreboard when Peyton Manning led Indianapolis on a nine-play, 66-yard drive that ended in a 14-yard touchdown pass from Manning to Dallas Clark early in the second quarter. The Colts scored again to take a 14-10 lead when Manning completed a 53-yard pass to Brian Allen on their next possession after stopping the Broncos and forcing them to punt. The Broncos settled for another Elam field goal from 39 yards out, to bring the Broncos within one with four minutes remaining in the half. Neither team would score and the Colts lead 14-13 at halftime.

Turnovers plagued the Broncos on their first two possessions of the second half. On the opening drive of the third quarter, Plummer marched the Broncos from their own 20-yard line to the Colts' 29 before a Mike Anderson fumble was recovered by the Colts. Indianapolis was able to capitalize, driving 74 yards in 11 plays to score and give themselves a 21-13 lead. On the Broncos' next possession, Anthony Floyd's interception of Plummer's pass intended for Ed McCaffrey halted yet another drive.



Steve Beuerlein led the second team on a fourth-quarter drive that went 43 yards in nine plays, and was capped by a 42-yard Elam field goal. Quarterback Danny Kanell—who relieved Beuerlein in the fourth quarter—was intercepted by Tom Lopienski on the Denver 35-yard line, which led to a Colts touchdown and a 28-16 lead with just 2:38 remaining in the game.

Kanell stepped up to the challenge and led the Broncos on an impressive 80-yard drive in 1:58 that was highlighted by a 5-yard touchdown pass to tight end Dwayne Carswell, bringing Denver to within five points. After the Broncos' onside-kick attempt was recovered by Indianapolis, the Colts ran out the remaining 40 seconds to secure the 28-23 win.

Despite the Broncos' offense leading the Colts in total first downs (23 to 15) and in total net yards (398 to 231), Denver was just 1-for-3 in the red zone, compared to 3-for-4 for the Colts. Additionally, Denver struggled with five fumbles (losing one) and two interceptions.

Second-year wide receiver Ashley Lelie proved to be the bright spot in the Broncos' offense, finishing with four receptions for 92 yards. Rod Smith added six catches for 60 yards, and tight end Dwayne Carswell chipped in with six receptions for 49 yards. Running back Clinton Portis rushed for 49 yards on 13 carries, and Chris Cole returned three kicks for 84 yards. Jake Plummer completed 15-of-22 passes for 205 yards, including one touchdown and one interception in three quarters of play.

Denver's defense held the Colts to just 78 yards rushing on 24 carries (3.3 yards) and allowed just 153 yards passing on 18 of 27 attempts.

**LAST WEEK'S GAME**  
**at DENVER 26, SAN FRANCISCO 21**  
**(INVESCO FIELD AT MILE HIGH, 8/20/05)**

It was a team effort for the Denver Broncos on Saturday night as they held off a rally by the San Francisco 49ers to boost their preseason record to 2-0 with a 26-21 win in their exhibition home opener at INVESCO Field at Mile High.

Denver dominated the rushing game, compiling 266 yards on 47 carries (5.7 avg.) for the highest single-game preseason rushing yards total in the Mike Shanahan era. Quarterback Jake Plummer had a strong showing, completing 7-of-9 passes for 95 yards early in the contest, including a 2-yard scoring toss to Mike Anderson in the first quarter.

The Broncos extended the lead to 10-0 later in the first quarter when Jason Elam connected from 31 yards out.

The 49ers answered with 4:26 left to go in the half when running back Kevan Barlow scored from 16 yards out, cutting the Broncos lead to 10-7. San Francisco took a 14-10 after its initial offensive play of the second half. Quarterback Tim Rattay connected with wide receiver Arnaz Battle for a 58-yard touchdown.

Denver regained its lead late in the third quarter when second-year running back Tatum Bell scampered into the end zone from 2 yards out. The scoring drive was bolstered by Ron Dayne's 34

rushing yards on four carries and a 32-yard connection from quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt to Todd Devoe along the sideline.

Almost three minutes into the fourth quarter, Elam increased the Broncos' cushion to 20-14 with a 22-yard field goal.

Denver continued its offensive success for the remainder of the contest on the way to finishing the game with 453 net yards. Charlie Adams' 29-yard punt return gave Denver excellent field position at the San Francisco 35-yard line with 4:19 remaining in the game. After Ron Dayne ran the ball on five consecutive plays to advance Denver to the 49ers' 16-yard line, quarterback Matt Mauck capped the drive with a 16-yard scramble for a touchdown for a 26-14 Broncos lead.

San Francisco answered with a score of its own late in the game when quarterback Cody Pickett engineered a 17-play drive, which he capped off with a 23-yard run for a touchdown and the eventual final score of 26-21.

**POST-GAME QUOTES**  
**at DENVER 26, SAN FRANCISCO 21**  
**(INVESCO FIELD AT MILE HIGH, 8/20/05)**

**HEAD COACH MIKE SHANAHAN:**

**On the Broncos' win**

"We made some strides from last week. Last week, we didn't do well in the running game. There was an emphasis on it this week, and we had a chance to go against the same type scheme. That helped us out a lot because we've seen a lot of it during this preseason. To go against Houston with a 3-4 look and go against San Francisco, it really helped our offense going against a four-man front all through camp. So we made some strides in that area."

**On Denver's special teams**

"Well, you can't do anything about the (missed) field goals, but the punt block was just one guy, so I thought we made some strides in special teams today. The punt blocked by No. 28 (S Keith Lewis), he's been bringing it, not only last year but this year and he's just a great special-teams player. If you give any kind of penetration to him, he's going to find a way to block that punt. So it was a really great play by him. But overall I was really pleased and we made some strides on special teams."

**On punt returns**

"I thought Charlie (Adams) made some great runs, and we got some great effort, much improved over last week and we still have a ways to go, but I was pleased with the progress. I'm happy that there is some competition there. Charlie obviously proved today that he can make some people miss, and I think Williams' has proved, at least in his collegiate career, that any time he touches the ball he can go the distance."

**On red zone and third-down production**

"Its still an area we have to improve on. Any time you're 3-for-7 in the red zone, that's not good enough, but I was pleased with the third downs. Any time you're 9-of-17, you're doing some good things."



## On the play of Denver's quarterbacks against the 49ers

"I thought Jake (Plummer) played well. He's got such a good feel for the game. He's been there and done that, so he's been pretty cool, calm and collected. For Bradlee (Van Pelt), it's another story. It's a great learning experience. I thought he really settled down and came back, moved the ball and we finally got into the end zone. That's just the nature of being a quarterback in the NFL. You've got to go through a learning process, there's a curve there and you're going to make some mistakes. But he seems to make those mistakes full speed and he's an athlete, and I thought he played well after he settled down a little bit."

## On second-year wide receiver Darius Watts

"Well I thought he made a great play over there, and I'm not sure on his couple of drops... One was underthrown, and if we had a little bit better protection, Darius would have walked into the end zone. He had a great studder takeoff, and I think Matt's (Mauck) arm got hit right as he was delivering it. We had max protection and just a great route, and I thought he made a great route on Bradlee's throw into the end zone. It just looked like he hit his foot right on the line."

## On the Broncos' 10 penalties against San Francisco

"I was disappointed because any time you get the ball in the end zone it's called back, and I think (guard) Ben (Hamilton) was disappointed in that since we got it down to the 1-yard line. I was pleased (overall), just disappointed those couple of times we got the ball down there and didn't score. But after the penalty, we regained our momentum and our focus and got the ball right down there again and scored again on a touchdown."

## On Denver's defense

"You just play who you have, and that'll be decided as the year goes on. I'm not going to make excuses for a defense playing well. You never know how you're going to be when the regular starts, or how they're going to be. All you can do is evaluate the team and the way they played, and I thought our first team played pretty good."

## WIDE RECEIVER ROD SMITH:

### On preseason games

"It counts but it doesn't count. We're just trying to get better as a team, that's our goal."

## On the Broncos' offensive production against San Francisco

"I think we made some strides tonight. We certainly have a ways to go, but I thought we definitely showed some improvement from last week. We just have to continue that again next week."

## QUARTERBACK JAKE PLUMMER:

### On Denver's offense

"I think we were happy with our performance. We just wanted to get that second (drive) into the end zone and didn't. Our coaches did a great job play-calling, mixing it up. We just have to cut down on the mistakes and keep improving."

## On the play of running back Ron Dayne

"I really like to watch Ron run. He's a load."

## On Denver's run game totaling 266 yards against the 49ers

"We were hungry after last week. We knew we didn't run the ball well, so we wanted to come out here tonight and do something about it."

## RUNNING BACK RON DAYNE:

### On adjusting to the Broncos' system

"I am just trying to get used to everything and get better. That's the challenge. Every chance I get, I just want to make the most of it. I think we did some good things out there tonight. Our running game was strong - Mike (Anderson) and Tatum (Bell) both played well. We just have to continue working hard."

## QUARTERBACK BRADLEE VAN PELT

### On his play against San Francisco

"You see me making the tough plays, but it's the easy plays that I have to be more consistent with. These preseason games, you have to grade yourself hard. Until I'm perfect—and I don't think I'll ever be that—you have to stay hard on yourself."

## **BRONCOS/COLTS CONNECTIONS**

### Former Indianapolis Colts:

Denver Broncos DE **Chukie Nwokorie** played three seasons with the Colts from 1999-2002.

### Former Denver Broncos:

Indianapolis DT **Montae Reagor** was drafted by the Broncos with the 58<sup>th</sup> pick of the 1999 NFL Draft and played in the Orange and Blue through the 2002 season... Indianapolis defensive line coach **John Teerlinck** has worked with a number of Broncos players and coaches while he was on the staff from 1997-2001.

### From Indianapolis and the surrounding area:

Denver Broncos QB **Matt Mauck** was born in Evansville, Ind., and attended Jasper High School in Jasper, Ind... Broncos DE **Chukie Nwokorie** attended Jefferson High School in West Lafayette, Ind., and was a four-year letterman at Purdue University.

### From Denver and the surrounding area:

Indianapolis DB **Eric Hill** attended high school in the Denver and played college football at Colorado State with current Broncos G **Tim Stuber**, T **Erik Pears**, RB **Cecil Sapp** and QB **Bradlee Van Pelt**... Colts WR **Brad Pyatt** grew up in Arvada, Colo., and played at the University of Northern Colorado... Indianapolis DB **Donald Strickland** spent his college years at the University of Colorado with Broncos LB **Jashon Sykes**... Colts LB **Andre Sommersell** is a product of Colorado State.

### Common High Schools:

Broncos WR **Darius Watts** and Indianapolis WR **Levon Thomas** both attended Banneker High School in College Park, Ga... Broncos RB **Maurice Clarett** played at Warren Harding High



School in 1998 with Colts LB **Deryck Toles**... Denver Broncos S **Nick Ferguson** and Indianapolis Colts DB **Jermaine Mays** both attended Jackson High School in Miami, Fla.

### Crossing Paths (Pro):

Denver Broncos RB **Kyle Johnson** played the 1998-2001 seasons with Colts DB **Willie Ford** and DE **Dwight Freeney**... Colts G **Joaquin Gonzalez** also spent time on the Cleveland Browns roster with DE **Courtney Brown**, DT **Gerard Warren**, DE **Ebenezer Ekuban** and DT **Michael Myers**... Colts DE **Javor Mills** and Broncos DE **Marco Coleman** lined up together with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2002... Broncos TE **Patrick Hape** and S **John Lynch** played under Indianapolis head coach **Tony Dungy**, tight ends coach **Ricky Thomas** and receivers coach **Clyde Christensen** while at Tampa Bay... **Lynch** also worked with Colts assistant head coach/quarterbacks coach **Jim Caldwell** and defensive backs coach **Alan Williams** at Tampa Bay... Broncos DE **Ebenezer Ekuban** played under Colts assistant strength coach **Richard Howell** at the University of North Carolina... Broncos linebackers coach **Kirk Doll** worked with running backs coach **Gene Huey** while the two were on the coaching staff at Arizona State... **Coach Huey** also worked with Broncos defensive coordinator **Larry Coyer** and running backs coach **Bobby Turner** at Ohio State... Indianapolis defensive coordinator **Ron Meeks** coached current Broncos TE **Stephen Alexander**, DE **Marco Coleman** and CB **Champ Bailey** while they were with the Washington Redskins... **Coach Meeks** was also on the coaching staff at Atlanta while Broncos QB **Danny Kanell** and special teams coach **Ronnie Bradford** played for the Falcons... **Meeks** coached G **Cameron Spikes** at St. Louis in 2001... Broncos assistant strength and conditioning coach **Cedric Smith** played at Minnesota while Indianapolis offensive coordinator **Tom Moore** was on the coaching staff... **Coach Moore** coached Broncos DT **Luther Elliss** from 1995-1996 in Detroit... Broncos G **Tyson Clabo** played at Wake Forest in 2000 when Colts defensive quality control coach **Diron Reynolds** was on the coaching staff... Broncos TE **Mike Leach** played at William and Mary from 1996-1999 while Colts defensive backs coach **Alan Williams** was on the coaching staff... Broncos defensive line/tackles coach **Andre Patterson** coached Colts OG **Joaquin Gonzales** at Cleveland from 2003-2004... Broncos coach **Ronnie Bradford** was on the staff at Minnesota in 2002 while Indianapolis DE **Nick Rogers** played there... Broncos tight ends coach **Tim Brewster** and Colts C **Jeff Saturday** met up at the University of North Carolina from 1994-1997... Denver Broncos linebackers coach **Kirk Doll** was at Notre Dame from 1995-1998 with Indianapolis P **Hunter Smith**... **Coach Doll** also coached Colts DB **Gerome Sapp** at Notre Dame from 1999-2001.

### Crossing Paths (College):

Denver Broncos WR **Triandos Luke** teamed up with Colts DB **Waine Bacon** at the University of Alabama in 2001 and 2002... Indianapolis G **Cody Campbell**, G **Dylan Gandy** and TE **Joey Hawkins** spent time on the Texas Tech roster with current Broncos DE **Aaron Hunt** and DL **Patrice Majondo-Mwamba**... Broncos G/T **Cooper Carlisle** and DL **Gerard Warren** played at

the University of Florida with DB **Daryl Dixon**... Denver CB **Karl Paymah** spent four years with Colts DB **Jason David** at Washington State from 2000-2003... Broncos RB **Maurice Clarett** played the 2002 season at Ohio State with Indianapolis DB **Mike Doss** and TE **Ben Hartsock**... The University of Miami brought together current Broncos OL **Chris Myers** and LB **D.J. Williams** along with Colts G **Joaquin Gonzalez**... Broncos DT **Mario Fattehi** and LB **Terry Pierce** teamed up with Colts LB **Thomas Houchin** and G **Ryan Lilja** at Kansas State... Broncos S **Jeremy LeSueur** joined Indianapolis WR **Marlin Jackson** and LB **Cato June** at the University of Michigan from 2001-2003... **June** also teamed up with LB **Ian Gold** at Michigan... Broncos CBs **Curome Cox** and **Domonique Foxworth** were at the University of Maryland with Colts T **Lou Lombardo**... Denver CB **Champ Bailey** and T **George Foster** played with Indianapolis DE **Josh Mallard** at the University of Georgia... Broncos LB **Al Wilson** teamed up with Colts QB **Peyton Manning** at the University of Tennessee from 1995-1997... Colts DB **Jermaine Mays** also played with Broncos G/C **Ben Hamilton** at the University of Minnesota... Denver FB **Kyle Johnson** attended Syracuse with Colts RB **James Mungro** and DE **Josh Thomas**... Broncos WR **Triandos Luke** played the 2001 and 2002 seasons at Alabama with Indianapolis G **Marico Portis**... Denver Broncos S **Chris Young** spent four years with Colts DE **Nick Rogers** at Georgia Tech... **Rogers** also teamed up with current Broncos LB **Patrick Chukwurah** in Minnesota in 2002... Denver Broncos DE **Ebenezer Ekuban** spent part of collegiate career at the University of North Carolina with Colts C **Jeff Saturday** and LB **David Thornton**... Indianapolis QB **Jim Sorgi** and Broncos RB **Ron Dayne** attended the University of Wisconsin together in 1999... Denver T **Anthony Clement** played at Louisiana-Lafayette from 1994-1997 with Indianapolis WR **Brandon Stokley**... Colts WR **Levon Thomas** played at Georgia Tech with Broncos S **Chris Young** in 2001... Denver CB **Roc Alexander** and DT **Larry Tripplett** took the field together at the University of Washington... Broncos P **Todd Sauerbrun** shared special teams duties with Colts K **Mike Vanderjagt** at West Virginia in 1991 and 1992... Denver Broncos T **George Foster** went to the University of Georgia with Indianapolis RB **J.T. Wall** from 2000-2002... Broncos LB **Patrick Chukwurah** played at Minnesota in 2001 with Indianapolis WR **Troy Walters**... Broncos OL **Chris Myers** and LB **D.J. Williams** went to the University of Miami with Colts WR **Reggie Wayne** and DB **Jarrell Weaver**... The University of Tennessee was the college home for Broncos DT **Demetris Veal**, LB **Al Wilson** and Colts LB **Keyon Whiteside**... Broncos LB **Ian Gold** and S **Jeremy LeSueur** went to the University of Michigan with Indianapolis DT **Josh Williams**... Broncos Head Coach **Mike Shanahan** and Colts Head Coach **Tony Dungy** were one year removed from being on the same coaching staff at the University of Minnesota... **Shanahan** served a one-year stint as the Golden Gophers' offensive coordinator in 1979 and **Dungy** worked as the school's defensive backs coach for one season in 1980.





## BRONCOS HEAD COACH MIKE SHANAHAN

Mike Shanahan in 2005 begins his 11th season as head coach of the Denver Broncos, and his first decade of measurement against the game's all-time coaches places him among the pro football elite. Last year, he joined the exclusive club of head coaches to post 100 wins in his first 10 seasons with one club, finishing the campaign and decade tied for fourth on this ultra-impressive list. The group that Mike Shanahan joined is listed below:

### COACHES WITH 100 WINS FOR ONE TEAM THROUGH THE FIRST 10 SEASONS WITH THAT TEAM (including playoffs)

	Years	Wins by Season			SB
		Reg	Post	TOTAL	
Joe Gibbs, Washington	1981-1990	101	12	113	2
John Madden, Raiders	1969-1978	103	9	112	1
Don Shula, Miami	1970-1979	104	8	112	2
<b>Mike Shanahan, Broncos</b>	<b>1995-2004</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2</b>
George Seifert, San Francisco	1989-1996	98	10	108	2
Mike Ditka, Chicago	1982-1991	101	6	107	1
Marv Levy, Buffalo	1986-1995	96	11	107	0
Bud Grant, Minnesota	1967-1976	98	8	106	0
Bill Cowher, Pittsburgh	1992-2001	99	6	105	0
Marty Schottenheimer, K.C.	1989-1998	101	3	104	0
Bill Walsh, San Francisco	1979-1988	92	10	102	3
Dennis Green, Minnesota	1992-2001	97	4	101	0

No head coach in the NFL has won more games than Mike Shanahan's 108 victories over the last 10 seasons. Those 108 wins by Mike Shanahan include seven consecutive in the playoffs (he is the only coach to have produced seven playoff wins in two years) during the 1997 and 1998 World Championship seasons, years in which he firmly established himself among the game's sideline greats.

In 10 seasons with Denver, Shanahan owns an impressive regular-season coaching record of **101-59 (.631)**. Including a postseason record of 7-4, he has a combined record of **108-63 (.632)** as head coach of the Broncos. Not only is that record the best among all coaches in Denver history, but his home record is a staggering **62-18 (.775)** in regular-season play.

The Broncos' success in Shanahan's 10 seasons with the club is staggering and puts Denver at the top of several offense categories during that time. From 1995-2004, Denver: tied with Green Bay for the NFL's best per-game scoring average (25.3 ppg., 4,045 points); Ranked first in the NFL in rushing yards (22,483, 140.5 per game; and ranked second in the NFL in total offense (58,469 yards, 365 per game). Below is the most updated look at how the success Denver's offense has enjoyed under Shanahan's leadership.

## BRONCOS OFFENSE CLICKS DURING THE MIKE SHANAHAN ERA

### MOST RUSHING YARDS, 1995-PRESENT

TEAM	YARDS
<b>1. Denver</b>	<b>22,483</b>
2. Pittsburgh	21,749
3. Kansas City	20,101
4. San Francisco	19,951
5. Minnesota	19,471

### MOST TOTAL YARDS, 1995-PRESENT

TEAM	YARDS
1. Minnesota	58,524
<b>2. Denver</b>	<b>58,469</b>
3. San Francisco	56,587
4. Green Bay	56,445
5. St. Louis	55,911

### MOST FIRST DOWNS, 1995-PRESENT

TEAM	1ST DWNS
<b>1. Denver</b>	<b>3,404</b>
2. Indianapolis	3,245
3. San Francisco	3,242
4. Green Bay	3,229
5. Kansas City	3,227

### MOST POINTS, 1995-PRESENT

TEAM	POINTS
1. Green Bay	4,054
<b>2. Denver</b>	<b>4,045</b>
3. Minnesota	3,917
4. Kansas City	3,856
5. Indianapolis	3,854

Under Shanahan's superb guidance, the Broncos have: posted the most wins in pro football history in a two-year period (33 in 1997-98; New England has since won 34 in 2003-04); Posted the most wins in pro football history in a three-year period (46 in 1996-98); Won the most postseason games in history over a two-year period (seven, 1997-98); Won 18 consecutive games from 1997-98 to tie the NFL record at that time for consecutive wins, going undefeated for a calendar year during that streak (Dec. 15, 1997, Dec. 13, 1998); and recorded a 22-2 record in their last 24 games during the back-to-back title years.

Since Shanahan took over the Broncos' coaching reins in 1995, Denver has scored 30 or more points at home 39 times (twice in postseason) and 20 or more points at home 72 times (four times in playoff action) in 80 regular season and four playoff games. Including road games, the Broncos have scored 30 or more points 68 times (including four times in the playoffs) and 20 or more points 128 times (including eight times in the playoffs) in the 160 regular season games and 11 postseason games under him. Denver's record in the 68 games in which it has scored 30 or more points under Shanahan is an amazing 66-2 (which includes 4-0 in playoff competition), including a 39-0 mark (which includes a 2-0 playoff record) at Mile High Stadium and INVESCO Field at Mile High.

Over the last 13 years (10 in Denver and the previous three in San Francisco), Mike Shanahan's offenses have finished number one in the NFL four times, second twice, third three times and fourth once; in two of those campaigns Denver was just 17 and 83 yards short of the number one spot.



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During his NFL career, Shanahan has been a part of teams that have played in nine AFC or NFC Championship Games, in addition to his six Super Bowl appearances, five with Denver and the Super Bowl XXIX game with San Francisco. In his nine seasons as a college assistant, Shanahan's teams participated in eight bowl games, winning two national championships.

## MIKE SHANAHAN YEAR-BY-YEAR

Yrs.	Pos.	Team	Record
1975	Assistant Coach	University of Oklahoma	10-1
1976	Assistant Coach	University of Oklahoma	9-2
1977	Backfield Coach	Northern Arizona	9-2
1978	Off. Coordinator	Eastern Illinois	9-2
1979	Off. Coordinator	University of Minnesota	4-6-1
1980	Off. Coordinator	University of Florida	8-3
1981	Off. Coordinator	University of Florida	7-4
1982	Off. Coordinator	University of Florida	8-3
1983	Asst. H.C. /Off. Coord.	University of Florida	8-2-1
1984	Receivers Coach	Denver Broncos	13-3
1985	Offensive Coordinator	Denver Broncos	11-5
1986	Offensive Coordinator	Denver Broncos	11-5
1987	Offensive Coordinator	Denver Broncos	10-4-1
1988	Head Coach	Los Angeles Raiders	7-9
1989	Head Coach	Los Angeles Raiders	1-3
1989	Quarterbacks Coach	Denver Broncos	6-4
1990	Quarterbacks Coach	Denver Broncos	5-11
1991	Off. Coordinator	Denver Broncos	12-4
1992	Off. Coordinator	San Francisco 49ers	14-2
1993	Off. Coordinator	San Francisco 49ers	10-6
1994	Off. Coordinator	San Francisco 49ers	13-3
1995	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	8-8
1996	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	13-3
1997	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	12-4
1998	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	14-2
1999	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	6-10
2000	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	11-5
2001	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	8-8
2002	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	9-7
2003	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	10-6
2004	Head Coach	Denver Broncos	10-6

## COLTS HEAD COACH TONY DUNGY

Tony Dungy enters his fourth season as head coach of the Indianapolis Colts. Dungy took the helm of the club on January 22, 2002, after serving six seasons with Tampa Bay. Dungy has directed the Colts to a 34-14 regular-season record, three playoff appearances, two AFC South titles and one AFC Championship game during his three seasons in Indianapolis. The club was 10-6 in his initial season, and he has guided the Colts to 12-4 division-winning seasons in 2003 and 2004. Dungy helped the club defend a divisional crown for the first time since 1975-77. The 2005 season will mark his 10th as an NFL head coach. He has taken seven of his previous nine teams to the playoffs.

Dungy, 49, has led a revival of the club during the past three seasons. He has directed the Colts to double-digit victory totals and playoff berths in his first three seasons, joining Ted Marchibroda as the only Colts head coaches to accomplish that feat. The 12 victories in 2003 and 2004 tie the second-highest seasonal total in the club's 52-year history (13, 1968, 1999; 12, 1964). With a 3-2 playoff record in the past two seasons, the club's 27 overall wins mark the best two-year total in franchise history. Dungy's 34-14 (.708) record is the second-best mark in club history over the first three seasons with the club (34-13-1,

.719, Shula). Dungy enters 2005 with an 88-56 regular-season record. His .611 winning percentage ranks 6th among active coaches (.667, Andy Reid, 64-32; .663, Mike Sherman, 53-27; .650, Joe Gibbs, 130-70; .638, Mike Martz, 51-29; .627, Bill Cowher, 130-77-1). Dungy owns a 64-32 regular-season record since the start of the 1999 season (30-18 at Tampa Bay; 34-14 with Colts), and he is the NFL's winningest coach during that span. The Colts are 63-33 during those same seasons as Dungy has helped the club produce the third-best record among NFL teams (64-32, Philadelphia and St. Louis). Dungy also stands as the only NFL coach to beat all 32 member clubs.

In 2004, Dungy produced the 14th 10+-victory season in franchise history. It marked his sixth career double-digit victory season (11-5, 1999; 10-6, 1997; 10-6, 2000 with Tampa Bay; 12-4, 2003; 12-4, 2004; 10-6, 2002 with Colts).

Dungy joined the Colts after being the most successful head coach in Tampa Bay history. Dungy coached the Buccaneers from 1996-2001, compiling a 54-42 regular season record and earning four playoff appearances in six seasons.

Under Dungy, the Buccaneers won the NFC Central in 1999, their first division championship in 18 seasons (1981) and then the third in franchise history (1979, 1981).

Tampa Bay was hardly the first stop in Dungy's career in which he had defensive success. He spent 1992-1995 as the defensive coordinator in Minnesota, where his defenses ranked 8th (1992), 1st (1993), 5th (1994) and 20th (1995) in the NFL.

Key to Dungy's ascension to the head coaching level was his tenure in Minnesota, where he further developed as one of the game's top assistants and defensive minds. From 1989-1991, Dungy served as defensive backs coach at Kansas City under Marty Schottenheimer, helping the Chiefs to the playoffs in 1990 and 1991. Dungy's first NFL coaching job came with the Steelers, where he worked from 1981-1988, developing into one of the NFL's top young defensive assistants. In 1981, he became the NFL's youngest assistant (25) when he joined the Steelers as a defensive coach. He was promoted to defensive backs coach in 1982 and held that job for two seasons until he became the NFL's youngest defensive coordinator in 1984.

Dungy began his coaching career in 1980, serving as defensive backs coach at his alma mater, the University of Minnesota.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE BRONCOS

Denver's offense enters Saturday's game averaging 424.5 yards per game for the top mark in the NFL... The offense also leads the AFC in rushing yards per game (198.0), ranking second in the league to Seattle (216.0 ypg)... Denver has turned the football over once in the 2005 preseason and went the first 114 minutes and 18 seconds of the preseason without a turnover until **Matt Mauck** was intercepted by San Francisco at 5:42 of the fourth quarter... Quarterback **Jake Plummer** has played five series in the preseason (3 at Hou. 8/13 and 2 vs. S.F. 8/20) and leads the AFC (No. 5 in NFL) in passer rating with a 131.7 rating... The Broncos feature the league's No. 2 rusher and receiver, yardage-wise, in **Ron Dayne** (143 yds.) and **Todd Devoe**



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(134 yds.)... Denver, which used its first three choices in the 2005 NFL Draft on cornerbacks, has started one of its rookie draft choices in both of its preseason games with **Darrent Williams** getting the nod in the preseason opener at Hou. (8/13) and **Domonique Foxworth** starting vs. S.F. (8/20)... Defensive end **Trevor Pryce** had two sacks vs. S.F. (8/20), taking down No. 1 overall draft choice Alex Smith twice in the first quarter... Quarterback **Bradlee Van Pelt** leads all NFL quarterbacks in rushing yards with 82 yards on 10 carries (8.2 avg.), including a 40-yard scamper in Denver's preseason opener at Hou. (8/13)... Wide receiver/returner **Charlie Adams** has an NFL-best 25.7 punt-return average on three returns, including a 39-yard return vs. S.F. (8/20)... The Broncos placed third-year safety **Chris Young** on the reserve/injured list Aug. 17 with a right knee injury suffered in Denver's preseason opener at Houston... **Young** had surgery on his right patella on Aug. 18... Rookie safety **Brandon Browner**, an undrafted free agent from Oregon State, broke his left forearm vs. S.F. (8/20).

### NEW ADDITIONS (PLAYERS):

Among several offseason additions for Denver were five former first-round draft picks (DE **Courtney Brown** – No. 1 in '00; DT **Gerard Warren** – No. 3 in '01; RB **Ron Dayne** – No. 11 in '00; DE **Ebenezer Ekuban** – No. 11 in '99; **Jerry Rice** – No. 16 in '85)... DT **Michael Myers** joins defensive linemen **Brown**, **Ekuban** and **Warren** as players acquired from Cleveland in the offseason... DE **Courtney Brown**, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft from Penn State, is looking to join quarterback John Elway (1983 – Stanford) as the only the second former No. 1 overall draft choice to play for the Broncos, who are one of four current teams to have never picked first in the NFL or AFL Draft... RB **Ron Dayne**, the 1999 Heisman Trophy winner at Wisconsin, is looking to join Tony Dorsett (1988-89) as only the second Heisman winner to play for the Broncos... Three-time Pro Bowl P **Todd Sauerbrun**, who has the best net punting average and second best gross average in the NFL since 2000, joined the Broncos in a trade with Carolina... WR **Jerry Rice**, who owns nearly every major NFL receiving record, joined the Broncos as a free agent from Seattle and enters his 21st season three touchdown receptions shy of 200 for his career... LBs **Keith Burns** (1994-98, 2000-03) and **Ian Gold** (2000-03) rejoined the Broncos in the offseason after playing the 2004 campaign with Tampa Bay... Eighth-year TE **Stephen Alexander**, who has three times posted 40 or more receptions in a season and is a one-time Pro Bowl choice, was signed as an unrestricted free agent from Detroit... DE **John Engelberger**, who recorded a team and career-high six sacks for San Francisco last season, was acquired by Denver in a trade a week before training camp... T **Anthony Clement** and G **Cameron Spikes** started eight and nine games, respectively, for Arizona last season and were signed as free agents.

### NEW ADDITIONS (COACHES):

Denver has six new additions to its coaching staff: **Tim Brewster** (tight ends), **Thomas McGaughey** (special teams assistant), **Andre Patterson** (defensive line/tackles), **Jim Ryan** (defensive assistant), **Bob Slowik** (defensive backs) and **Ryan Slowik**

(defensive assistant)... Broncos Tight Ends Coach **Tim Brewster**, who coached the position in San Diego and helped Antonio Gates earn All-Pro honors last season, is working with another former college basketball player in rookie free agent **Wesley Duke** from Mercer University... Broncos Defensive Line/Tackles Coach **Andre Patterson** was Cleveland's defensive line coach last season and worked with defensive line additions **Courtney Brown**, **Ebenezer Ekuban**, **Michael Myers** and **Gerard Warren**... Defensive Backs Coach **Bob Slowik**, who has eight years' experience as a defensive coordinator in the NFL, was on the same coaching staff at the University of Florida in the early 1980s that included Head Coach Mike Shanahan and Strength and Conditioning Coach Rich Tuten as assistants... **Bob Slowik's** son, **Ryan Slowik**, is a defensive assistant for Denver... Defensive Assistant **Jim Ryan**, who played 10 seasons at linebacker for the Broncos (1979-88) to help the team advance to two Super Bowls, spent the second half of the 2004 season as a volunteer defensive assistant with Denver... **Jim Ryan** is one of six former Denver players on its current coaching staff.

### POSITION/NUMBER CHANGES:

Veteran **Dwayne Carswell**, a former Pro Bowl player at tight end in his 12th season, has worked on the offensive line in training camp for the second consecutive season and is competing at the guard position after practicing at tackle in 2004... **Carswell** has switched to No. 77 from No. 89... Third-year player **Nate Jackson**, who had eight receptions last season as a wide receiver, has moved to tight end and switched to No. 89 from No. 14... **Jeremy LeSueur**, who was selected by the Broncos in the third round of the 2004 NFL Draft but spent his rookie year on injured reserve (hernia), has moved to safety from cornerback and switched to No. 31 from No. 43... WR **Jerry Rice** wears No. 19, marking the first time in his 20-year career he has not worn No. 80... Other Broncos to wear No. 19 are current WR **Rod Smith**, who donned that jersey as a rookie in 1994, and K **Fred Steinfort** (1979-81) and QB **Don Breaux** (1963)... LB **D.J. Williams**, who finished third in the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year voting last season while becoming the first Broncos rookie in 32 years to lead the team in tackles, has switched to No. 55 from No. 52... LB **Patrick Chukwurah** has switched from No. 55 to No. 54... RB **Quentin Griffin** has switched to No. 21 from No. 22, which he wore at the University of Oklahoma... QB **Bradlee Van Pelt** has switched to No. 11, which he wore at Colorado State University, from No. 9... Second-year CB **Jeff Shoate** has switched to No. 28 from No. 40... WR **Triandos Luke**, who ranked second on Denver in kick and punt returns as a rookie in 2004, has switched to No. 87 from No. 10... Second-year WR **B.J. Johnson**, who spent last year on injured reserve (left ankle), has switched to No. 12 from No. 2 while WR **Romar Crenshaw** wears No. 15 instead of No. 3, which he wore as a practice squad player last season.



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## A FINAL LOOK AT 2004

In 2004, Denver earned its second consecutive trip to the playoffs with a 10-6 record and a second-place finish in the AFC West. But despite losing its AFC Wild Card Game, Denver found plenty of success it can build on in 2005.

Offensively, Jake Plummer—in his second season as the Broncos' starting quarterback—passed for a franchise record 4,089 yards and tied the franchise record with 27 touchdowns passes. His primary targets, Rod Smith and Ashley Lelie, each eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark in receiving, posting 1,144 and 1,084 yards respectively. On the ground, the running game again excelled as Reuben Droughns, aided by a stellar offensive line, led the team with 1,240 yards rushing and six touchdowns.

On the other side of the ball, the team welcomed a number offseason additions who made an immediate impact. Cornerback Champ Bailey and safety John Lynch garnered Pro Bowl selections for the NFL's fourth-ranked defense while rookie linebacker D.J. Williams led the team with 114 tackles (82 solo). In addition, defensive end Reggie Hayward had a break-out year, posting career highs in sacks (10.5) and tackles (60, 45 solo).

Denver earned its sixth trip to the postseason under Mike Shanahan, who completed a full decade as the franchise's head coach. In the process, Shanahan joined an elite group of coaches who have posted 100 wins in their first 10 seasons with one club.

## 2005 GAME NOTES

### BRONCOS CAN RUN THE BALL ANY TIME OF YEAR

The regular season and playoffs aren't the only places that Denver's run game thrives. As the team proved with a 266-yard, two-touchdown rushing output in a preseason win against San Francisco on Aug. 20, Denver can run the football any time of the year.

The Broncos' 266 yards against the 49ers rank as the highest team rushing total in the preseason since Mike Shanahan took Denver's head coaching reigns in 1995.

#### MOST DENVER RUSHING YARDS IN A PRESEASON GAME SINCE 1995

	Date	Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1.	8/20/05	vs. S.F.	47	266	5.7	2
2.	8/29/02	vs. Sea.	45	209	4.6	3
3.	8/21/04	at Sea.	43	206	4.8	1
4.	8/31/01	vs. S.F.	40	194	4.9	3
5.	8/10/02	at Chi.	42	188	4.5	2

### DEVOE GOES THE DISTANCE

First-year wide receiver Todd Devoe may have entered the Broncos' training camp with little fanfare, but that changed late in the fourth quarter of Denver's preseason opener in Houston. Devoe, a product of Division II Central Missouri State University, turned a short pass from quarterback Matt Mauck into a 92-yard touchdown reception that stands as the second-longest scoring reception in team annals during the preseason.

### LONGEST SCORING RECEPTIONS, BRONCOS, PRESEASON HISTORY

Player	Scoring Rec.	QB	Game
1. Jack Dolbin	93 yds.	J.Hufnagel	vs. Bal. (8/9/75)
2. <b>Todd Devoe</b>	<b>92 yds.</b>	<b>M. Mauck</b>	<b>at Hou. (8/13/05)</b>
3. Rod Smith	80 yds.	J.Elway	vs. G.B. (8/24/98)
4. Bob Scarpitto	78 yds.	J.McCormick	vs. K.C. (8/6/66)
5. Vince Kinney	76 yds.	N. Weese	at S.F. (8/18/79)
Eugene Mingo	76 yds.	J. Lee	vs. Bos. (9/5/64)

Additionally, Devoe's 92-yard touchdown grab marked the fifth-longest scoring play in Broncos preseason history.

### LONGEST SCORING PLAYS, BRONCOS, PRESEASON HISTORY

Player	Scoring Play	Game
1. Vance Joseph	99-yd. INT return	vs. Buf. (7/26/97)
Al Frazier	99-yd. kick return	vs. Oak. (8/11/63)
3. Dennis Smith	95-yd. INT return	at Cin. (8/29/81)
4. Jack Dolbin	93-yd. rec. (QB - Hufnagel)	vs. Bal (8/9/75)
5. <b>Todd Devoe</b>	<b>92-yd. rec. (QB - Mauck)</b>	<b>at Hou. (8/13/05)</b>

### BRONCOS ELECT 20TH MEMBER TO RING OF FAME

Steve Atwater recently was elected as the 20th member of the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame. Atwater was named to eight Pro Bowls at safety during his 10-year career with the team from 1989-98.

The induction ceremony will take place Sunday, Oct. 9, at halftime of the Broncos' 2:15 p.m. MDT game against the Washington Redskins at INVESCO Field at Mile High.

Atwater is the first former Bronco to be inducted into the franchise's Ring of Fame since tackle Gary Zimmerman (1993-97) joined the distinguished membership in 2003.

The Broncos' Ring of Fame was created in 1984 by team owner Pat Bowlen to honor former players and administrators who played significant roles in the franchise's history. The Ring of Fame is displayed on the Level 5 façade of INVESCO Field at Mile High.

### MEET DENVER'S 2005 DRAFT CLASS

Rd.	Choice	Pos.	Player	College
2	56	CB	Darrent Williams	Oklahoma State
<i>Owens the Big 12 Conference career record with five INT returns for a TD.</i>				
3a	76	CB	Karl Paymah	Washington State
<i>Started the final 24 games of his career as a two-year starter.</i>				
3b	97	CB	Domonique Foxworth	Maryland
<i>Earned All-ACC honors in each of his final three seasons.</i>				
3c	101	RB	Maurice Clarett	Ohio State
<i>Named Big Ten Freshman of the Year and first-team all-conference in 2002.</i>				
6	200	OL	Chris Myers	Miami (Fla.)
<i>Started at both guard positions, right tackle and center for the Hurricanes.</i>				
7	239	P/K	Paul Ernster	Northern Arizona
<i>Led Division I-AA in 2004 with a 47.8 gross punting average on 55 punts.</i>				



## SMITH ONE OF THE BEST UNRAFTED 'CATCHES'

During the 1994 NFL Draft, 222 total players and 29 wide receivers were selected by NFL teams before Rod Smith, a receiver from Division II Missouri Southern University, signed a rookie free agent contract with the Broncos. The wideout is ranked first in receptions (712), second in receiving yards (9,772) and second in receiving touchdowns (59) among undrafted players in NFL history.

### CAREER RECEPTIONS AMONG UNRAFTED PLAYERS, ALL-TIME, NFL

Player	Receptions
1. Rod Smith (1995-2004)	712
2. Gary Clark (1985-95)	699
3. Wayne Chrebet (1995-2004)	565
4. J.T. Smith (1978-90)	544
5. Drew Pearson (1973-83)	489

### CAREER RECEIVING YARDS AMONG UNRAFTED PLAYERS, ALL-TIME, NFL

Player	Rec. Yards
1. Gary Clark (1985-95)	10,856
2. Rod Smith (1995-2004)	9,772
3. Drew Pearson (1973-83)	7,822
4. Wayne Chrebet (1995-2004)	7,212
5. Ken Burrough (1970-81)	7,102

### CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS AMONG UNRAFTED PLAYERS, ALL-TIME, NFL

Player	Rec. TDs
1. Gary Clark (1985-95)	65
2. Rod Smith (1995-2004)	59
3. Ken Burrough (1970-81)	49
Stephone Paige (1983-91)	49
5. Drew Pearson (1973-83)	48

Smith is not the only undrafted wide receiver who has found success with the Broncos. Steve Watson (1979-87), who has coached Denver's wide receivers since 2003, ranks 11th all-time in receiving yards (6,112), 11th in receiving touchdowns (36) and 13th in receptions (353) among undrafted players in NFL history.

## SMITH RANKS WITH NFL'S BEST

Rod Smith has been one of the NFL's most productive receivers since 1997 and ranks second among active pass catchers in receptions (690), third in receiving yards (9,383) and fourth in receiving touchdowns (56) during that period.

### MOST RECEPTIONS IN THE NFL SINCE 1997

Player	Receptions
1. Marvin Harrison (Colts)	781
2. Rod Smith (Broncos)	690
3. Jimmy Smith (Jaguars)	687
4. Terrell Owens (Eagles)	634
5. Keyshawn Johnson (Cowboys)	610

### MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN THE NFL SINCE 1997

Player	Rec. Yards
1. Marvin Harrison (Colts)	10,349
2. Jimmy Smith (Jaguars)	9,732
3. Rod Smith (Broncos)	9,383
4. Terrell Owens (Eagles)	9,252
5. Randy Moss (Vikings)	9,142

### MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS IN THE NFL SINCE 1997

Player	Rec. TDs
1. Terrell Owens (Eagles)	91
2. Marvin Harrison (Colts)	90
Randy Moss (Vikings)	90
4. Rod Smith (Broncos)	56
5. Tony Gonzalez (Chiefs)	54

## BRONCOS WIDEOUT ON A STREAK

Rod Smith owns the Broncos' franchise record with 92 consecutive games with at least one catch after making at least one catch in all 16 games in 2004.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RECEPTION, BRONCOS

Player	Consec. Games	Years of Streak
1. Rod Smith	92	1999-Present
2. Ed McCaffrey	68	1997-2003
3. Lionel Taylor	62	1960-64
4. Shannon Sharpe	60	1995-99
5. Steve Watson	49	1983-86

## SMITH LEADS BY EXAMPLE

Wide receiver Rod Smith is widely considered one of the leaders in the locker room, but he also is the team's all-time leader in receiving yards (9,772), receptions (712) and touchdown catches (59) over his 10-year career.

### MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY A BRONCO, CAREER

Player	Yards	Rec. TDs	Years with Den.
1. Rod Smith	9,772	712	59 1995-Present
2. Shannon Sharpe	8,439	675	55 1990-99, 02-03
3. Lionel Taylor	6,872	543	44 1960-65

## RICE: SIMPLY THE BEST

Few NFL players have accomplished more than wide receiver Jerry Rice, who enters 2005 owning 38 NFL records (16 regular season, 9 postseason 11 Super Bowl and 2 Pro Bowl), according to the *NFL Record & Fact Book*. The 13-time Pro Bowler and 11-time Associated Press All-Pro has a commanding lead on all three major career receiving categories.

### CAREER RECEPTIONS, ALL-TIME, NFL

Player	Receptions
1. Jerry Rice (1985-2004)	1,549
2. Cris Carter (1987-2002)	1,101
3. Tim Brown (1988-2004)	1,094
4. Andre Reed (1985-2000)	951
5. Art Monk (1980-95)	940



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## CAREER RECEIVING YARDS, ALL-TIME, NFL

Player	Rec. Yards
1. Jerry Rice (1985-2004)	22,895
2. Tim Brown (1988-2004)	14,934
3. James Lofton (1978-93)	14,004
4. Cris Carter (1987-2002)	13,899
5. Henry Ellard (1983-98)	13,777

## CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, ALL-TIME, NFL

Player	Rec. TDs
1. Jerry Rice (1985-2004)	197
2. Cris Carter (1987-2002)	130
3. Tim Brown (1988-2004)	100
Steve Largent (1976-89)	100
5. Don Hutson (1935-45)	99

## RICE BEGINS 21ST NFL SEASON

Wide receiver Jerry Rice begins his 21st season in 2005, and his longevity has placed him in elite company among NFL players who have played more than 20 seasons in the NFL. Of the nine players in NFL history to have played 20 or more seasons, Rice is the only wide receiver in that select group.

## CAREER YEARS OF SERVICE, ALL-TIME, NFL

Player	Pos.	Seasons	Years
1. George Blanda	K	1949-58; '60-75	26
2. Morten Andersen	K	1982-2004	23
Gary Anderson	K	1982-2004	23
4. Earl Morrall	QB	1956-76	21
5. Jerry Rice	WR	1985-2004	20
Darrell Green	CB	1983-2002	20
Sean Landeta	P	1985-2004	20
Jim Marshall	DE	1960-79	20
Jackie Slater	T	1976-95	20

## LELIE DIGS THE LONG BALL

Wide receiver Ashley Lelie steadily has emerged as one of the top deep threats in the NFL since entering the NFL in 2002. Lelie, who led all NFL pass catchers in yards-per-reception average with a franchise record 20.1 average in 2004, leads the NFL in yards per reception average (17.8) during his three-year career. Additionally, his pass-catching average ranks third in Broncos annals.

## YARDS PER RECEPTION AVERAGE, NFL, SINCE 2002 (min. 60 rec.)

Player	Current Team	Rec.	Yards	Avg.
1. Ashley Lelie	Denver	126	2,237	17.8
2. Plaxico Burress	N.Y. Giants	173	2,883	16.7
3. Eddie Kennison	Kansas City	171	2,845	16.6
4. Corey Bradford	Houston	96	1,556	16.2
5. Amani Toomer	N.Y. Giants	196	3,147	16.1

## YARDS PER RECEPTION AVERAGE, BRONCOS, ALL-TIME (min. 50 rec.)

Player	Years	Rec.	Yards	Avg.
1. Bill Van Heusen	1968-76	82	1,684	20.5
2. Haven Moses	1972-81	302	5,450	18.1
3. Ashley Lelie	2002-2004	126	2,237	17.8
4. Al Frazier	1961-63	58	1,010	17.4
5. Steve Watson	1979-87	353	6,112	17.3

## PLUMMER: DENVER'S ALL-TIME TOP-RATED PASSER

Jake Plummer, after his first two seasons as the Broncos' starting quarterback, has amassed the best career passer rating in Broncos history. Below is a look at the top five:

## BEST PASSER RATING AMONG ALL-TIME BRONCOS (min. 500 attempts)

Quarterback	Years	Passer Rating
1. Jake Plummer	2003-04	87.0
2. Brian Griese	1998-02	84.1
3. John Elway	1983-98	79.9
4. Craig Morton	1977-82	78.8
5. Charley Johnson	1972-75	73.1

## PLUMMER POSTING IMPRESSIVE TD PCT.

Jake Plummer ranks fifth in the NFL in touchdown percentage since the start of the 2003 season. He has thrown 42 touchdown passes in 823 attempts for a percentage of 5.10.

## MOST TOUCHDOWNS PER PASS ATTEMPT, 2003-04 (QBs with 600 or more attempts)

Player	TD	Att.	TD Pct.
1. Peyton Manning, Ind.	78	1,063	7.34%
2. Daunte Culpepper, Min.	64	1,002	6.39%
3. Brett Favre, G.B.	62	1,011	6.13%
4. Steve McNair, Ten.	32	615	5.20%
5. Jake Plummer, Den.	42	823	5.10%
6. Tom Brady, N.E.	51	1,001	5.09%

## PLUMMER GETTING BETTER WITH AGE

Jake Plummer has improved his career statistics considerably since joining the Broncos before the 2003 season. Below is a side-by-side look at Plummer's statistics from 1997-2002 and from 2003-04:

Statistical Category	1997-2002 (Arizona)	2003-04 (Denver)
Win/Loss Record	30-52	19-8
Winning Pct.	37%	70%
Passer Rating	69.1	87.0
TD/INT Ratio	90-114 (-24)	42-27 (+15)
TD%	3.3	5.1
INT%	4.2	3.3
Completion Pct.	56.1%	59.8%
Passing Yds./Game	208.7	232.3
Passing Yds./Attempt	6.39	7.62

## WINNING /ISN'T EVERYTHING?

Since coming to Denver in 2003 and taking over as Denver's starting quarterback, Jake Plummer has found a way to win. He currently ranks fourth in the NFL in winning percentage by a starting quarterback and below is a list of the top performers.

## BEST REG.-SEASON WINNING PERCENTAGE BY A QB, 2003-04

Quarterback	Record	Pct.
1. Tom Brady, N.E.	28-4	88%
2. Donovan McNabb, Phi.	25-6	81%
3. Peyton Manning, Ind.	24-8	75%
4. Jake Plummer, Den.	19-8	70%
5. Marc Bulger, StL.	20-9	69%



## THE START OF SOMETHING GOOD

Durability and longevity are traits every coach looks for in a quarterback, and Jake Plummer ranks among the best in both. Plummer has started 109 games since 1997, a total that ranks fifth in the NFL among active quarterbacks.

### MOST STARTS BY NFL QUARTERBACKS SINCE 1997

Quarterback	Starts
1. Brett Favre, G.B.	128
2. Drew Bledsoe, N.E./Buf./Dal. Peyton Manning, Ind.	112
4. Steve McNair, Ten.	111
5. <b>Jake Plummer, Ari./Den.</b>	<b>109</b>

## THE COMEBACK KID

Jake Plummer has a knack for bringing his team back. In his career, Plummer has amassed 26 game-saving or game-tying drives in the fourth quarter and 19 game-winning comeback drives in the fourth quarter or overtime, which ranks first among active quarterbacks.

### MOST COMEBACKS SINCE 1995

Quarterback	Comebacks
1. <b>Jake Plummer, Ari./Den. (1997-2004)</b>	<b>19</b>
2. Drew Bledsoe, N.E./Buf. (1997-2004) Peyton Manning, Ind. (1998-2004)	18

## NALEN TIES RECORD FOR STARTS AT CENTER

Center Tom Nalen, entering his 12th NFL season, needs to start one more regular-season game to move into sole possession of eighth place on the Broncos' all-time games started list and first place among centers. Currently, his 151 starts ties Billy Bryan (1977-88) for most starts by a center in franchise history and eighth place overall.

### MOST GAMES STARTED BRONCOS HISTORY (REGULAR SEASON)

Player	Games	Years Played
1. John Elway	231	1983-98
2. Billy Thompson	178	1969-81
3. Tom Jackson	177	1973-86
Barney Chavous	177	1973-85
5. Dennis Smith	170	1981-94
6. Louis Wright	163	1975-86
7. Steve Atwater	155	1989-98
8. <b>Tom Nalen</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1993-Present</b>
Billy Bryan	151	1977-88
Rubin Carter	151	1977-86

## DENVER O-LINE PROVIDING PASS PROTECTION

The Broncos' offensive line, renowned for its ability to clear the way for a dominant rushing attack, also has proven to be equally adept in pass protection during the last two seasons. Denver, which set a franchise record in 2004 by allowing only 15 sacks, has given up the third fewest sacks (40) in the NFL since 2003.

### FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED, NFL, SINCE 2003

Team	Sacks	Yards
1. Indianapolis	33	219
Green Bay	33	238
3. <b>Denver</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>247</b>
4. Detroit	48	272
5. San Diego	50	354

## IT STARTS WITH CHAMP

Cornerback Champ Bailey, who earned his fifth Pro Bowl nomination and first Associated Press All-Pro selection of his career in 2004, has started every game of his career since the Redskins drafted him No. 7 overall in the 1999 NFL Draft, a span of 96 consecutive starts. He is the only cornerback in the NFL to start every possible regular-season game played during that period.

### MOST STARTS BY A CORNERBACK, NFL 1999-04

Cornerback	Starts
1. <b>Champ Bailey, Den.</b>	<b>96</b>
2. Ronde Barber, T.B.	95
3. Sam Madison, Mia.	93
4. Dewayne Washington, K.C.	92
5. Chris McAlister, Balt.	87

## ELAM MOVES PAST 1,400 CAREER POINTS

In 188 career games, Jason Elam has scored 1,442 career points—and with his five points at San Diego in the Dec. 5 game last season—eclipsed the 1,400-point plateau faster than any player in NFL history. Nick Lowery held the NFL record, reaching the mark in 203 career games.

### FASTEST TO 1,400 CAREER POINTS, NFL HISTORY

Player	Games Needed
1. <b>Jason Elam</b>	<b>184 games</b>
2. Nick Lowery	203 games
3. Gary Anderson	205 games
4. Morten Andersen	207 games

In addition, Elam surpassed the 1,300 career points mark in just his 170th career game and was the fastest player in NFL history to accomplish that feat.

### FASTEST TO 1,300 CAREER POINTS, NFL HISTORY

Player	Games Needed
1. <b>Jason Elam</b>	<b>170 games</b>
2. Nick Lowery	188 games
3. Gary Anderson	191 games



## ELAM REACHES ANOTHER CAREER MILESTONE

Kicker Jason Elam joined a very elite group in NFL history in 2004 by becoming just the 16<sup>th</sup> player ever to hit 300 career field goals. Elam now has 317 career field goals and ranks third among active kickers.

### ACTIVE KICKERS WITH 300 OR MORE FIELD GOALS

Player	FGs
1. John Carney (NO)	365
2. Matt Stover (BAL)	350
<b>3. Jason Elam (DEN)</b>	<b>317</b>
4. Jason Hanson (DET)	308
5. John Kasay (CAR)	284

Of the kickers in league history who have reached this number, Elam did it faster than any other, taking just 177 games to accomplish the feat (11 faster than John Carney).

### GAMES NEEDED TO REACH 300 CAREER FIELD GOALS

Player	Games
<b>1. Jason Elam</b>	<b>177</b>
2. John Carney	188
3. Gary Anderson	191
Nick Lowery	191

## ELAM HAS NFL'S SECOND LONGEST SCORING STREAK

Jason Elam is on quite a tear. He has scored at least one point in every game of his career (188), which is the second longest streak in NFL history for scoring in consecutive games.

### LONGEST CONSECUTIVE SCORING STREAKS, NFL HISTORY

Player	Games	Years
1. Morten Andersen	327	1983-Present
<b>2. Jason Elam</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1993-Present</b>
3. Jim Breach	186	1979-92
4. Ray Wersching	155	1977-87

## ELAM RANKS SECOND ALL-TIME IN 50+ FGS

The 50-yard field goal by Elam in Denver's 20-17 win vs. Miami in the Dec. 12 game last season was the 34<sup>th</sup> 50-yard field goal of his career during the regular season. He currently ranks second all-time in field goals of 50+ yards.

### CAREER FIELD GOALS OF 50+-YARDS, ALL-TIME

Name	Field Goals
1. Morten Andersen	40
<b>2. Jason Elam</b>	<b>34</b>
3. John Kasay	26
4. Jason Hanson	25
5. Nick Lowery	22

## ELAM IS 1ST IN CAREER PAT PCT.

Elam is the NFL's leader in career PAT percentage at 99.6 percent (491 of 493):

### NFL'S CAREER LEADERS IN PAT PERCENTAGE

Player	Made	Att.	Pct.
<b>1. Jason Elam (DEN)</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>99.6</b>
2. Tommy Davis	348	350	99.4
3. Mike Vanderjagt (IND)	292	294	99.3
Matt Stover (BAL)	431	434	99.3
Jeff Wilkins (STL)	399	402	99.3

## ELAM AMONG THE LEADERS

Jason Elam ranks among the league leaders in fields goals made inside 40 yards since he entered the league in 1993:

### NFL'S MOST ACCURATE KICKERS INSIDE 40 YDS. SINCE 1993

Player	Team(s)	FG/FGA	Pct.
1. Jason Hanson	Detroit	189/198	.955
2. Matt Stover	Baltimore/Cleveland	213/224	.951
3. John Kasay	Carolina/Seattle	161/171	.942
<b>4. Jason Elam</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>209/224</b>	<b>.933</b>
5. Morten Andersen	MIN/K.C./N.O./ATL/N.Y.G.	182/196	.929

## ELAM AMONG THE LEADERS (PART 2)

Jason Elam ranks first in the NFL in points scored (1,442) and field goals made (317) since entering the league in 1993. Here is a look at the tops in each category:

### MOST POINTS SCORED, 1993-2004

Player	Current Team	Points
<b>1. Jason Elam</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>1,442</b>
2. Gary Anderson	Out of NFL	1,311
3. Matt Stover	Baltimore	1,308
4. Morten Andersen	Out of NFL	1,273
5. Jason Hanson	Detroit	1,243

### MOST FIELD GOALS MADE, 1993-2004

Player	Current Team	FGs
<b>1. Jason Elam</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>317</b>
2. Matt Stover	Baltimore	313
3. John Carney	New Orleans	299
4. Jason Hanson	Detroit	287
5. Gary Anderson	Out of NFL	281

## A "SCORE" TO SETTLE

In only 12 years, Jason Elam has scored 1,442 career points, which ranks third among the league's active leaders. In addition, Elam ranks 13<sup>th</sup> all-time in league history, and with 29 more points in 2005, can move past Pat Leahy for 12<sup>th</sup>. Below is a list of the NFL's top-5 active scorers:

### TOP-5 ACTIVE SCORERS, NFL

Player	Yrs	TDs	PATs	FGs	Total Pts
1. John Carney, N.O.	17	0	442	365	1,537
2. Matt Stover, Bal.	14	0	431	350	1,481
<b>3. Jason Elam, Den.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1,442</b>
4. Jason Hanson, Det.	13	0	412	308	1,336
<b>5. Jerry Rice, Den.</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,256</b>

*Note: Rice's totals include four 2-point conversions (8 pts.).*





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## ELAM THIRD IN CAREER 100-POINT SEASONS

Kicker Jason Elam scored 129 points in 2004 to pass the 100-point plateau for the 12th time in his career, a total that ranks third all-time among kickers. Elam needs 100 points in 2005 to become the first player in NFL history with 100 points in each of his first 13 seasons.

### NFL'S CAREER LEADERS IN 100-POINT SEASONS

Name	100-pt Seasons	Years Played
1. Morten Andersen	14	1982-2004
Gary Anderson	14	1982-2004
<b>3. Jason Elam</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1993-2004</b>
4. Nick Lowery	11	1980-1996

In addition, Elam's 12 consecutive 100-point seasons are the most consecutive in NFL history.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE 100-POINT SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Name	100-pt Seasons	Years
<b>1. Jason Elam</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1993-Present</b>
2. Adam Vinatieri	9	1996-Present
3. Ryan Longwell	9	1997-Present
4. Mike Vanderjagt	7	1998-Present

## ELAM TIED FOR THIRD IN GAMES PLAYED

By playing in all 16 games in 2004, Jason Elam has moved into third place all-time Broncos history in regular-season games played with 188.

### MOST GAMES PLAYED BRONCOS HISTORY (REGULAR SEASON)

Name	Games	Years Played
1. John Elway	234	1983-98
2. Tom Jackson	191	1973-86
<b>3. Jason Elam</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1993-Present</b>
4. Paul Howard	187	1973-86
5. Dennis Smith	184	1981-94

## SAUERBRUN ON A ROLL

Three-time Pro Bowl punter Todd Sauerbrun, whom Denver acquired in an off-season trade with Carolina, has posted the best net punting average and second best gross average in the NFL over the last five seasons among punters with a minimum of 200 punts during that period.

### NET PUNTING AVERAGE, NFL, 2000-PRESENT (min. 200 punts)

Player	Team(s)	Punts	Net Avg.
<b>1. Todd Sauerbrun</b>	<b>Kansas City/Carolina</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>37.1</b>
2. Craig Henrich	Tennessee	370	36.6
3. Brad Maynard	N.Y. Giants/Chicago	440	36.5
4. Shane Lechler	Oakland	360	36.4
5. Matt Turk	Miami/N.Y. Jets	402	36.3

### GROSS PUNTING AVERAGE, NFL, 2000-PRESENT (min. 200 punts)

Player	Team(s)	Punts	Gross Avg.
1. Shane Lechler	Oakland	360	45.9
<b>2. Todd Sauerbrun</b>	<b>Kansas City/Carolina</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>45.4</b>
3. Mitch Berger	Min./Stl./N.O.	337	43.6
4. Chris Hanson	Jacksonville	270	43.5
5. Hunter Smith	Indianapolis	315	43.4

## ONE POWERFUL PUNTER

Todd Sauerbrun's consistency throughout his 10 NFL seasons has placed the punter among the best in NFL history. His 44.0 gross punting average ranks fifth all-time in league history among punters with a minimum of 250 punts.

### GROSS PUNTING AVERAGE, NFL HISTORY (min. 250 punts)

Player	Punts	Yards	Gross Avg.
1. Shane Lechler (OAK)	360	16,522	45.9
2. Sammy Baugh	338	15,245	45.1
3. Tommy Davis	511	22,833	44.7
4. Yale Lary	503	22,279	44.3
<b>5. Todd Sauerbrun (DEN)</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>33,443</b>	<b>44.0</b>

Additionally, Sauerbrun has posted the highest gross punting average in the league among punters with a minimum of 500 attempts since beginning his NFL career in 1995.

### GROSS PUNTING AVERAGE, NFL, 1995-PRESENT (min. 500 punts)

Player	Punts	Yards	Gross Avg.
<b>1. Todd Sauerbrun (DEN)</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>33,443</b>	<b>44.0</b>
2. Chris Gardocki (PIT)	810	35,502	43.8
3. Tom Tupa (WAS)	787	34,371	43.7
4. Tom Rouen (CAR)	606	26,375	43.5
5. Darren Bennett (MIN)	828	36,016	43.5

## HOLDING THE OPPONENTS AT BAY

The Broncos held 10 of their 16 opponents under 20 points in 2004 and look to improve on that total in 2005. Under Head Coach Shanahan, they are 69-15 (.821) when they hold their opponents under 20 points. In addition, the club is 45-3 (.938) when holding the opponent to 15 points or less, including seven times in 2004 (6-1, .857). Also, in that time the Broncos have only lost once when holding the opponent to 10 points or less. Below is a list of the 31 games in which Denver's defense has held the opponent to 10 points or under since 1995 (20-0 home and 10-1 on the road).

### GAMES IN WHICH THE BRONCOS HAVE HELD THEIR OPPONENTS TO 10 POINTS OR LESS

Sept. 3, 1995	W 22-7	vs. Buffalo
Oct. 8, 1995	W 37-3	at New England
Oct. 16, 1995	W 27-0	vs. Oakland
Nov. 5, 1995	W 38-6	vs. Arizona
Sept. 1, 1996	W 31-6	vs. New York Jets
Sept. 29, 1996	W 14-10	at Cincinnati
Oct. 27, 1996	W 34-7	vs. Kansas City
Nov. 17, 1996	W 34-8	at New England
Dec. 1, 1996	W 34-7	vs. Seattle
Aug. 31, 1997	W 19-3	vs. Kansas City
Nov. 9, 1997	W 34-0	vs. Carolina
Nov. 24, 1997	W 31-3	vs. Oakland
Dec. 21, 1997	W 38-3	vs. San Diego
Nov. 8, 1998	W 27-10	vs. San Diego
Nov. 16, 1998	W 30-7	at Kansas City
Oct. 17, 1999	W 31-10	vs. Green Bay
Dec. 25, 1999	W 17-7	at Detroit
Oct. 8, 2000	W 21-7	at San Diego
Oct. 15, 2000	W 44-10	vs. Cleveland
Dec. 23, 2000	W 38-9	vs. San Francisco
Oct. 7, 2001	W 20-6	vs. Kansas City
Dec. 9, 2001	W 20-7	vs. Seattle
Oct. 6, 2002	W 26-9	vs. San Diego
Nov. 17, 2002	W 31-9	at Seattle



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Dec. 29, 2002	W 37-7	vs. Arizona
Sept. 7, 2003	W 30-10	at Cincinnati
Sept. 22, 2003	W 31-10	vs. Oakland
Nov. 16, 2003	W 37-8	vs. San Diego
Nov. 30, 2003	W 22-8	at Oakland
Sept. 19, 2004	L 6-7	at Jacksonville
Oct. 17, 2004	W 31-3	at Oakland

## CENTURY MARK AND BEYOND

The Denver Broncos have had one of the most potent rushing attacks in the NFL since Head Coach Mike Shanahan took over in 1995. In addition to having five different running backs rush for over 1,000 yards in a season (Terrell Davis, Olandis Gary, Mike Anderson, Clinton Portis and Reuben Droughns, who eclipsed the 1,000 yard mark in 2004), the Broncos are tops in the NFL with most individual 100-yard games with 75. Below is a list of the NFL's top teams in 100-yard performers since 1995.

### MOST INDIVIDUAL 100-YARD GAMES SINCE 1995, NFL

Team	100-yd. Games
1. Denver	75
2. Pittsburgh	65
3. Indianapolis	55
4. Dallas	54
5. Detroit	49

## 100-YARDS AND RUNNING

The Broncos have won 10 of their last 12 games and 35 of their last 43 when a running back rushes for 100 yards or more.

### BRONCOS' WINS WHEN A RUNNING BACK TOPS 100-YARDS

Player	Yards	Opponent	Result
1. Terrell Davis	178 yards	Seattle (12/27/98)	W 28-21
2. Olandis Gary	124 yards	Green Bay (10/17/99)	W 31-10
3. Olandis Gary	108 yards	at San Diego (11/7/99)	W 33-17
4. Olandis Gary	183 yards	Seattle (12/19/99)	W 36-30
5. Olandis Gary	185 yards	at Detroit (12/25/99)	W 17-7
6. Mike Anderson	131 yards	Atlanta (9/10/00)	W 42-14
7. Mike Anderson	187 yards	at Oakland (9/17/00)	W 33-24
8. Mike Anderson	103 yards	Cleveland (10/15/00)	W 44-10
9. Terrell Davis	115 yards	at N.Y. Jets (11/5/00)	W 30-23
10. Mike Anderson	195 yards	at Seattle (11/26/00)	W 38-31
11. Mike Anderson	251 yards	at New Orleans (12/3/00)	W 38-23
12. Mike Anderson	131 yards	Seattle (12/10/00)	W 31-24
13. Terrell Davis	101 yards	N.Y. Giants (9/10/01)	W 31-20
14. Mike Anderson	155 yards	Kansas City (10/7/01)	W 20-6
15. Mike Anderson	118 yards	at Dallas (11/22/01)	W 26-24
16. Terrell Davis	109 yards	Seattle (12/9/01)	W 20-7
17. Clinton Portis	103 yards	Buffalo (9/22/02)	W 28-23
18. Clinton Portis	102 yards	San Diego (10/6/02)	W 26-9
19. Clinton Portis	111 yards	at New England (10/27/02)	W 24-16
20. Clinton Portis	136 yards	at Seattle (11/17/02)	W 31-9
Clinton Portis	159 yards	at San Diego (12/1/02)	L 37-30 OT
Clinton Portis	103 yards	at New York (12/8/02)	L 13-19
21. Clinton Portis	130 yards	Kansas City (12/15/02)	W 31-24
22. Clinton Portis	228 yards	Arizona (12/29/02)	W 37-7
23. Clinton Portis	120 yards	at Cincinnati (9/7/03)	W 30-10
24. Clinton Portis	129 yards	at San Diego (9/14/03)	W 37-13
Clinton Portis	141 yards	at Kansas City (10/5/03)	L 23-24
Clinton Portis	117 yards	at Minnesota (10/19/03)	L 20-28
Clinton Portis	111 yards	vs. New England (11/3/03)	L 26-30
25. Clinton Portis	106 yards	vs. San Diego (11/16/03)	W 37-8
Clinton Portis	165 yards	vs. Chicago (11/23/03)	L 10-19
26. Clinton Portis	170 yards	at Oakland (11/30/03)	W 22-8
27. Clinton Portis	218 yards	vs. Kansas City (12/7/03)	W 45-27
28. Clinton Portis	139 yards	vs. Cleveland (12/14/03)	W 23-20 OT
29. Quentin Griffin	136 yards	at Indianapolis (12/21/03)	W 31-17
30. Quentin Griffin	156 yards	vs. Kansas City (9/12/04)	W 34-24

31. R. Droughns	193 yards	vs. Carolina (10/10/04)	W 20-17
32. R. Droughns	176 yards	at Oakland (10/17/04)	W 31-3
R. Droughns	110 yards	at Cincinnati (10/25/04)	L 10-23
33. R. Droughns	120 yards	vs. Houston (11/7/04)	W 31-13
34. R. Droughns	166 yards	at New Orleans (11/21/04)	W 34-13
R. Droughns	102 yards	vs. Oakland (11/28/04)	L 24-25
35. Tatum Bell	123 yards	vs. Miami (12/12/04)	W 20-17

## SHUTOUTS, WE NO NEED NO STINKIN' SHUTOUTS

It's a rare day when the Broncos can't score any points. Denver currently holds the third longest current streak in the NFL for consecutive games without being shutout at 198. Below is a list of the top current streaks in the league.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT BEING SHUTOUT, NFL

Team	Games
1. Minnesota	218
2. Green Bay	214
3. Denver	198

## BRONCOS TOPS IN THE AFC SINCE FREE AGENCY BEGAN (1993)

Since the league's current free-agent system began in 1993, the Broncos have been extremely successful. In fact, the team has the AFC's best record, 117-75 (.609) and ranks second overall. Below are the NFL's top teams since free agency began:

### NFL'S WINNINGEST TEAMS SINCE FREE AGENCY BEGAN (1993)

Team	Record	Playoff Appearances	Super Bowl Wins
1. Green Bay	127-65 (.661)	10	1
2. Denver	117-75 (.609)	7	2
3. San Francisco	112-80 (.583)	8	1
4. Kansas City	111-81 (.578)	5	0
5. Miami	109-83 (.568)	7	0

## ROAD WARRIORS AGAINST THE RUN

The Broncos' run defense in road games played since 1995 has proven to be the stingiest in the NFL, allowing the fewest yards per game during that period. In the 80 contests it has played away from home, Denver is allowing an average of only 87.2 rushing yards per game.

### TOP ROAD RUSHING DEFENSES SINCE 1995

Team	Rd. Games	Opp. Rush Yds.	Opp. Rush Avg.
1. Denver	80	6,973	87.2
2. Pittsburgh	80	7,159	89.5
3. Tennessee	80	7,319	91.5
4. San Francisco	80	7,444	93.1
5. San Diego	80	7,791	97.4





## WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2005

- The Broncos look to extend their NFL-best home record of 190-63-1 (179-61-1 regular season) since 1974. The regular season victories and total victories are the most in the NFL over that period.

## RUNNING BACK MIKE ANDERSON

- **Career Rushing Yards, Broncos:** Needs 292 yards to pass Clinton Portis (3,099) for sixth place, 600 to pass John Elway (3,407) for fifth place and 1,646 to pass Otis Armstrong (4,453) for fourth place on Denver's all-time career rushing yards list.
- **Career Rushing Touchdowns, Broncos:** Needs two rushing touchdowns to move past Otis Armstrong (25) for sixth place, six to move past Clinton Portis (29) for fifth place and 10 to pass John Elway (33) on the Broncos' all-time list for career rushing scores.
- **Career Rushing Attempts, Broncos:** Needs 74 carries to move past Jon Keyworth (699) for sixth place, 149 to move past John Elway (774) for fifth place and 398 to move past Otis Armstrong (1,023) for fourth place on the Broncos' all-time list for career rushing attempts.

## KICKER JASON ELAM

- **Career 100-Point Seasons, NFL:** Needs 100 points to become the first player in NFL history with 100 points in each of his first 13 seasons.
- **Career Points, NFL:** Needs 29 points to pass Pat Leahy (1,470) for 12th place, 35 to pass Steve Christie (1,476) for 11th place and 40 to pass Matt Stover (1,481; active) for 10th place on the NFL's all-time career points scored list.
- **Career Field Goals Made, NFL:** Needs to make 19 field goals to pass George Blanda (335) for 11th place, 20 to pass Steve Christie (336) for 10th place and 31 to pass Al Del Greco (347) for ninth place on the NFL's all-time career field goals made list.
- **Career Field Goals Attempted, NFL:** Needs to attempt eight field goals to pass Lou Groza (405) for 18th place, 18 to pass Matt Bahr (415) for 17th place, 26 to pass Matt Stover (423, active) for 16th place and 29 to pass Pat Leahy (426) for 15th place on the NFL's all-time career field goals attempted list.
- **Career Extra Points Made, NFL:** Needs to make 27 extra points to pass Jim Breech (517) for 15th place, 29 to pass Fred Cox (519) for 14th place and 31 to pass Jim Turner (521) for 13th place on the NFL's all-time extra points made list.
- **Career Extra Points Attempted, NFL:** Needs to attempt 20 extra points to pass Mark Moseley (512) for 17th place, 27 to pass Chris Bahr (519) for 16th place and 42 to pass Matt Bahr for 15th place on the NFL's all-time extra points attempted list.
- **Career Games Played, Broncos:** Needs to play four games to pass Tom Jackson (191) for second place on Denver's all-time career games played list.

## CENTER TOM NALEN

- **Career Games Started, Broncos:** Needs to start one game to pass Rubin Carter and Billy Bryan (151) for sole possession of eighth place, five to pass Steve Atwater (155) for seventh place and 13 to pass Louis Wright (163) for sixth place on Denver's all-time career games started list.

## QUARTERBACK JAKE PLUMMER

- **Career Yards of Total Offense, Broncos:** Needs 575 yards of total offense (rushing and passing) to pass Charley Johnson (7,252) for sixth place, 930 to pass Terrell Davis (7,607) for fifth place and 974 to pass Frank Tripucka (7,651) for fourth place on Denver's all-time career yards of total offense list.
- **Career Passing Yards, Broncos:** Needs 167 passing yards to pass Steve Ramsey (6,437) for sixth place, 968 to pass Charley Johnson (7,238) for fifth place and 1,406 to pass Frank Tripucka (7,676) for fourth place on Denver's all-time career passing yards list.
- **Career Passing Attempts, Broncos:** Needs 97 passing attempts to pass Steve Ramsey (919) for sixth place, 148 to pass Charley Johnson (970) for fifth place and 455 to pass Frank Tripucka (1,277) for fourth place on Denver's all-time career passing attempts list.
- **Career Completions, Broncos:** Needs 26 completions to pass Charley Johnson (517) for fifth place, 171 to pass Frank Tripucka (662) for fourth place and 416 to pass Craig Morton (907) for third place on Denver's all-time career completions list.
- **Career Touchdown Passes, Broncos:** Needs 10 touchdown passes to move ahead of Frank Tripucka (51) for fifth place, 11 to pass Charley Johnson (52) for fourth place and 30 to pass Brian Griese (71) for third place on Denver's all-time career touchdown passes thrown list.
- **Career 300-Yard Passing Games, Broncos:** Needs two 300-yard games to pass Steve DeBerg (3) for sixth place, three to pass Craig Morton and Charley Johnson (4) for fourth place and four to pass Frank Tripucka (5) for third place on Denver's all-time career 300-yard passing games list.

## DEFENSIVE END TREVOR PRYCE

- **Career Sacks, Broncos:** Needs five sacks to pass Lyle Alzado (64.5) for fifth place, 14 to pass Rulon Jones (73.5) for fourth place and 15.5 to pass Barney Chavous (75.0) for third place on Denver's all-time career sacks list.
- **Multiple-Sack Games, Broncos:** Needs two multiple-sack games to pass Lyle Alzado (13) for fourth place, four to pass Paul Smith (15) for third place and five to pass Barney Chavous (16) for second place on Denver's all-time career multiple-sack games list.



## WIDE RECEIVER JERRY RICE

- **200 Career Receiving Touchdowns, NFL:** Needs three touchdown receptions to become the first player in NFL history with 200 career touchdown catches.
- **1,600 Career Receptions, NFL:** Needs 51 receptions to become the first player in NFL history with 1,600 career catches.
- **23,000 Career Receiving Yards, NFL:** Needs 105 receiving yards to become the first player in NFL history with 23,000 career receiving yards.
- **Career 200-Yard Receiving Games, NFL:** Needs one 200-yard receiving game to tie Lance Alworth (5) for most career 200-yard receiving games in NFL history.
- **Career 100-Catch Seasons, NFL:** Needs 100 receptions to pass Marvin Harrison (4) to become the first player in NFL history with five 100-catch seasons.

## WIDE RECEIVER ROD SMITH

- **Career Touchdowns, Broncos:** Needs to score four touchdowns to pass Terrell Davis (65) for first place on Denver's all-time career touchdowns scored list.
- **Career Points Scored, Broncos:** Needs to score 23 points to pass Terrell Davis (396) for sixth place, 35 to pass Gene Mingo (408) for fifth place and 56 to pass David Treadwell (429) for fourth on Denver's all-time career points scored list.
- **Career Receptions, NFL:** Needs 12 catches to pass Marshall Faulk (723, current) for 19th place, 32 to pass Andre Rison (743) for 18th place, 39 to pass Charlie Joiner and Michael Irvin (750) for 16th place, 44 to pass Keenan McCardell (755, current) for 15th place and 53 to pass James Lofton (764) for 14th place in NFL history for career receptions.
- **Career Receiving Yards, NFL:** Needs 60 yards receiving to pass Drew Hill (9,831) for 22nd place, 289 to pass Shannon Sharpe (10,060) for 21st place, 434 to pass Andre Rison (10,205) for 20th place, 495 to pass Lance Alworth (10,266) for 19th place and 601 to pass Harold Jackson (10,372) for 18th place in NFL history for career receiving yards.
- **Consecutive Games with a Reception, Broncos:** Every game he catches a pass in this season will increase his franchise record for consecutive games with a reception (92).
- **Combined Yardage, Broncos:** Needs 1,303 combined yards (receiving/rushing/returns) to pass Floyd Little (12,157) for first place on Denver's all-time career combined yards list.
- **Punt Return Yards, Broncos:** Needs 45 punt return yards to pass Vance Johnson (689) for eighth place, 249 to pass Floyd Little (893) for seventh place, 278 to pass Darrien Gordon (922) for sixth place and 366 to pass Gerald Willhite (1,010) for fifth place on Denver's all-time career punt return yards list.



## RECORDS WATCH – WHICH BRONCOS ARE CLIMBING THE CHARTS

(as of preseason 2005)

### RB MIKE ANDERSON

#### CAREER RUSHING YARDS, BRONCOS

1. Terrell Davis, 1995-2002	7,607
2. Floyd Little, 1967-75	6,323
3. Sammy Winder, 1982-90	5,428
4. Otis Armstrong, 1973-80	4,453
5. John Elway, 1983-98	3,407
6. Clinton Portis, 2002-03	3,099
7. <b>Mike Anderson, 2000-04</b>	<b>2,808</b>

#### CAREER RUSHING ATTEMPTS, BRONCOS

1. Terrell Davis, 1995-2002	1,655
2. Floyd Little, 1967-75	1,641
3. Sammy Winder, 1982-90	1,493
4. Otis Armstrong, 1973-80	1,023
5. John Elway, 1983-98	774
6. Jon Keyworth, 1974-80	699
7. <b>Mike Anderson, 2000-04</b>	<b>626</b>

#### CAREER RUSHING TDs, BRONCOS

1. Terrell Davis, 1995-2002	60
2. Floyd Little, 1967-75	43
3. Sammy Winder, 1982-90	39
4. John Elway, 1983-98	33
5. Clinton Portis, 2002-03	29
6. Otis Armstrong, 1973-80	25
7. <b>Mike Anderson, 2000-04</b>	<b>24</b>

### K JASON ELAM

#### CAREER POINTS, NFL

9. John Carney, 1988-2004	1,537
10. Matt Stover, 1991-2004	1,481
11. Steve Christie, 1990-2004	1,476
12. Pat Leahy, 1974-91	1,470
13. <b>Jason Elam, 1993-2004</b>	<b>1,442</b>

#### CAREER FIELD GOALS MADE, NFL

8. Matt Stover, 1991-2004	350
9. Al Del Greco, 1984-2000	347
10. Steve Christie, 1990-2004	336
11. George Blanda, 1949-75	335
12. <b>Jason Elam, 1993-2004</b>	<b>317</b>

#### CAREER FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED, NFL

15. Pat Leahy, 1974-91	426
16. Matt Stover, 1991-2004	423
17. Matt Bahr, 1979-95	415
18. Lou Groza, 1950-67	405
19. <b>Jason Elam, 1993-2004</b>	<b>398</b>

#### CAREER EXTRA POINTS MADE, NFL

12. Matt Bahr, 1979-95	522
13. Jim Turner, 1964-79	521
14. Fred Cox, 1963-77	519
15. Jim Breech, 1979-92	517
16. <b>Jason Elam, 1993-2004</b>	<b>491</b>

#### CAREER EXTRA POINTS ATTEMPTED, NFL

13t. Jim Breach, 1979-92	539
13t. Fred Cox, 1963-77	539
15. Matt Bahr, 1979-95	534
16. Chris Bahr, 1976-89	519
17. Mark Moseley, 1970-86	512
18. <b>Jason Elam, 1993-2004</b>	<b>493</b>

#### CAREER GAMES PLAYED, BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	234
2. Tom Jackson, 1973-86	191
3. <b>Jason Elam, 1993-2004</b>	<b>188</b>
4. Paul Howard, 1973-86	187
5. Dennis Smith, 1981-94	184

### C TOM NALEN

#### CAREER STARTS, BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	231
2. Bill Thompson, 1969-81	178
3. Tom Jackson, 1973-86	177
3t. Barney Chavous, 1973-85	177
5. Dennis Smith, 1981-94	170
6. Louis Wright, 1975-86	163
7. Steve Atwater, 1989-98	155
8t. Billy Bryan, 1977-88	151
8t. Rubin Carter, 1975-86	151
8t. <b>Tom Nalen, 1994-2004</b>	<b>151</b>

### QB JAKE PLUMMER

#### CAREER PASSING YARDS, BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	51,475
2. Craig Morton, 1977-82	11,895
3. Brian Griese, 1998-2002	11,763
4. Frank Tripucka, 1960-63	7,676
5. Charley Johnson, 1972-75	7,238
6. Steve Ramsey, 1971-76	6,437
7. <b>Jake Plummer, 2003-04</b>	<b>6,271</b>

#### CAREER PASSING ATTEMPTS, BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	7,250
2. Brian Griese, 1998-2002	1,678
3. Craig Morton, 1977-82	1,594
4. Frank Tripucka, 1960-63	1,277
5. Charley Johnson, 1972-75	970
6. Steve Ramsey, 1971-76	919
7. <b>Jake Plummer, 2003-04</b>	<b>823</b>

#### CAREER COMPLETIONS, BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	4,123
2. Brian Griese, 1998-2002	1,044
3. Craig Morton, 1977-82	907
4. Frank Tripucka, 1960-63	662
5. Charley Johnson, 1972-75	517
6. <b>Jake Plummer, 2003-04</b>	<b>492</b>

#### CAREER TD PASSES, BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	300
2. Craig Morton, 1977-82	74
3. Brian Griese, 1998-2002	71
4. Charley Johnson, 1972-75	52
5. Frank Tripucka, 1960-63	51
6. <b>Jake Plummer, 2003-04</b>	<b>42</b>

#### CAREER 300-YD. GAMES, BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	40
2. Brian Griese, 1998-2002	12
3. Frank Tripucka, 1960-63	5
4t. Charley Johnson, 1972-75	4
4t. Craig Morton, 1977-82	4
5. Steve DeBerg, 1981-83	3
6. <b>Jake Plummer, 2003-04</b>	<b>2</b>

#### CAREER YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE (RUSHING AND PASSING), BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	54,882
2. Brian Griese, 1998-2002	12,279
3. Craig Morton, 1977-82	12,155
4. Frank Tripucka, 1960-63	7,651
5. Terrell Davis, 1995-2002	7,607
6. Charley Johnson, 1972-75	7,252
7. <b>Jake Plummer, 2003-04</b>	<b>6,678</b>

#### RUSHING YARDS BY A QB, BRONCOS

1. John Elway, 1983-98	3,407
2. Brian Griese, 1998-2002	516
3. <b>Jake Plummer, 2003-04</b>	<b>407</b>
4. Norris Weese, 1976-79	362
5. Mickey Slaughter, 1963-66	266

### DE TREVOR PRYCE

#### CAREER SACKS, BRONCOS

1. Simon Fletcher, 1985-95	97.5
2. Karl Mecklenburg, 1983-94	79.5
3. Barney Chavous, 1973-85	75
4. Rulon Jones, 1980-88	73.5
5. Lyle Alzado, 1971-78	64.5
6. <b>Trevor Pryce, 1997-2004</b>	<b>60</b>

#### MULTIPLE-SACK GAMES, BRONCOS

1. Simon Fletcher, 1985-95	20
2. Barney Chavous, 1973-85	16
3. Paul Smith, 1968-78	15
4. Lyle Alzado, 1971-78	13
5. <b>Trevor Pryce, 1997-04</b>	<b>12</b>

### WR JERRY RICE

#### CAREER GAMES PLAYED, NFL

1. Morten Andersen, 1982-2004	354
2. Gary Anderson, 1982-2004	353
3. George Blanda, 1949-75	340
4. <b>Jerry Rice, 1985-2004</b>	<b>303</b>
5. Bruce Matthews, 1983-2001	296



## RECORDS WATCH – WHICH BRONCOS ARE CLIMBING THE CHARTS (as of preseason 2005)

### CAREER POINTS, NFL

17.	Jim Bakken, 1963-78	1,380
18.	Fred Cox, 1963-77	1,365
19.	Lou Groza, 1950-67	1,349
20.	Jason Hanson, 1992-2004	1,336
21.	<b>Jerry Rice, 1985-2004</b>	<b>1,256</b>

### **WR ROD SMITH**

### CAREER TOUCHDOWNS, BRONCOS

1.	Terrell Davis, 1995-2002	65
2.	<b>Rod Smith, 1995-2004</b>	<b>62</b>
3.	Shannon Sharpe, 1990-98, '02-03	55
4.	Floyd Little, 1967-75	54
5.	Sammy Winder, 1982-90	48

### POINTS SCORED, BRONCOS

1.	Jason Elam, 1993-2004	1,442
2.	Jim Turner, 1971-79	742
3.	Rich Karlis, 1982-88	655
4.	David Treadwell, 1989-92	429
5.	Gene Mingo, 1960-64	408
6.	Terrell Davis, 1995-2001	396
7.	<b>Rod Smith, 1995-2004</b>	<b>374</b>

### CAREER RECEPTIONS, NFL

16t.	Michael Irvin, 1988-99	750
16t.	Charlie Joiner, 1969-86	750
18.	Andre Rison, 1989-2000	743
19.	Marshall Faulk, 1994-2004	723
20.	<b>Rod Smith, 1995-2004</b>	<b>712</b>

### CAREER RECEIVING YARDS, NFL

20.	Andre Rison, 1989-2000	10,205
21.	Shannon Sharpe, 1990-2003	10,060
22.	Drew Hill, 1979-93	9,831
23t.	<b>Rod Smith, 1995-2004</b>	<b>9,772</b>
23t.	Terrell Owens, 1996-2004	9,772

### COMBINED YARDAGE (RECEIVING, RUSHING, RETURNS), BRONCOS

1.	Floyd Little, 1967-75	12,157
2.	<b>Rod Smith, 1995-2004</b>	<b>10,855</b>
3.	Rick Upchurch, 1975-83	10,081
4.	Terrell Davis, 1995-2002	8,887
5.	Shannon Sharpe, 1990-99, '02-03	8,448

### CAREER PUNT RETURN YARDS, BRONCOS

1.	Rick Upchurch, 1975-83	3,008
2.	Bill Thompson, 1969-81	1,814
3.	Deltha O'Neal, 2000-03	1,325
4.	Glyn Milburn, 1993-95	1,158
5.	Gerald Willhite, 1982-88	1,010
6.	Darrien Gordon, 1997-98	922
7.	Floyd Little, 1967-75	893
8.	Vance Johnson, 1985-91	689
9.	<b>Rod Smith, 1995-2004</b>	<b>645</b>



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## 2005 PRESEASON GAME-BY-GAME OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	RB	FB
at Houston	Smith	Green	Hamilton	Nalen	Carlisle	Foster	Alexander	Lelie	Plummer	Anderson	Johnson
vs. San Fran.	Smith	Lepis	Hamilton	Nalen	Carlisle	Foster	Alexander	Lelie	Plummer	Rice (WR)	Watts (WR)
vs. Ind.											
at Arizona											

## 2005 PRESEASON GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	LE	LT	RT	RE	WLB	MLB	SLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
at Houston	Ekuban	Myers	Pope	Pryce	Gold	Wilson	D.J. Williams	Da. Williams	Walls	Ferguson	Lynch
vs. San Fran.	Ekuban	Myers	Warren	Pryce	Gold	Wilson	D.J. Williams	D. Foxworth	Walls	Ferguson	Lynch
vs. Ind.											
at Arizona											

## DENVER'S PRESEASON RECORD WAS...

1-0	when leading after 1st quarter	0-0	when Denver passes for 300 yards
2-0	when leading after 2nd quarter	0-0	when opponent passes for 300 yards
2-0	when leading after 3rd quarter	1-0	when playing indoors
1-0	when trailing after 1st quarter	1-0	when playing outdoors
0-0	when trailing after 2nd quarter	0-0	when playing on an artificial surface
0-0	when trailing after 3rd quarter	2-0	when playing on natural grass
1-0	when Denver scores first	1-0	when winning the coin toss
1-0	when opponent scores first	1-0	when losing the coin toss
0-0	when tied at the half	2-0	when scoring 20 or more points
2-0	when Denver rushes for 100 yards	1-0	when yielding 20 or more points
2-0	when opponent rushes for 100 yards	0-0	in overtime games
0-0	when winning turnover margin	1-0	when losing turnover margin

## 2005 BRONCOS PRESEASON TURNOVER RATIO

Opponent	Interceptions	GIVEAWAYS		Interceptions	TAKEAWAYS		Difference	Result
		Fumbles	Total		Fumbles	Total		
at Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W
vs. San Fran.	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	W
vs. Ind.								
at Arizona								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>2-0</b>





## 2005 PRESEASON INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

### BRONCOS

YARDS RUSHING.....	87, Ron Dayne, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
RUSHING ATTEMPTS .....	18, Ron Dayne, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS.....	1, Tatum Bell, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
YARDS PASSING .....	107, Bradlee Van Pelt, at Houston (8/13/05)
PASS ATTEMPTS .....	18, Bradlee Van Pelt, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PASS COMPLETIONS.....	10, Bradlee Van Pelt, at Houston (8/13/05)
TOUCHDOWN PASSES .....	1, Jake Plummer at Houston (8/13/05) and vs. San Francisco (8/20/05); Matt Mauck at Houston (8/13/05)
PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED .....	1, Matt Mauck vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
RECEPTIONS.....	3, Charlie Adams, at Houston (8/13/05) and Rod Smith, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
RECEIVING YARDS .....	92, Todd Devoe, at Houston (8/13/05)
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS .....	1, Stephen Alexander and Todd Devoe, at Houston (8/13/05); M. Anderson vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE.....	100, Ron Dayne, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
FIELD GOALS .....	2, Jason Elam, at Houston (8/13/05) and vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
TACKLES.....	4, Foxworth and Sykes vs. San Francisco (8/20/05); Brandon, Green, Paymah, at Houston (8/13/05)
INTERCEPTIONS .....	None
SACKS .....	2.0, Trevor Pryce vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE .....	40, Bradlee Van Pelt, at Houston (8/13/05)
LONGEST PASS COMPLETION .....	92t, Matt Mauck, at Houston (8/13/05)
LONGEST PASS RECEPTION .....	92t, Todd Devoe, at Houston (8/13/05)
LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN.....	None
LONGEST PUNT RETURN .....	39, Charlie Adams, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN .....	26, Darrent Williams, at Houston (8/13/05)
LONGEST PUNT .....	58, Todd Sauerbrun, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
LONGEST FIELD GOAL.....	31, Jason Elam, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)

### OPPONENTS

YARDS RUSHING.....	36, Kevan Barlow, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
RUSHING ATTEMPTS .....	10, Vernand Morency, at Houston (8/13/05)
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS.....	1, Kevan Barlow and Cody Pickett, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
YARDS PASSING .....	91, Tim Rattay, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PASS ATTEMPTS .....	11, Tim Rattay, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PASS COMPLETIONS.....	7, Tim Rattay and Cody Pickett, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
TOUCHDOWN PASSES .....	1, Tony Banks and Dave Ragone, at Houston (8/13/05); Tim Rattay, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED .....	None
RECEPTIONS.....	3, Jason McAddley, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
RECEIVING YARDS .....	64, Arnaz Battle, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS .....	1, LaTarence Dunbar and Matt Murphy, at Houston (8/13/05); Arnaz Battle, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE.....	68, Arnaz Battle, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
FIELD GOALS .....	0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05) and at Houston (8/13/05)
TACKLES.....	7, C.C. Brown, at Houston (8/13/05)
INTERCEPTIONS .....	1, Derrick Johnson, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
SACKS .....	1.0, Shantee Orr, at Houston (8/13/05); Jamie Winborn, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE.....	23, Cody Pickett, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
LONGEST PASS COMPLETION .....	58t, Tim Rattay, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
LONGEST PASS RECEPTION .....	58t, Arnaz Battle, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN.....	0, Derrick Johnson, vs. San Francisco
LONGEST PUNT RETURN .....	17, Reggie Swinton, at Houston (8/13/05); Arnaz Battle and Rasheed Marshall, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN .....	31, Kevin Kasper, at Houston (8/13/05)
LONGEST PUNT .....	56, Andy Lee, vs. San Francisco (8/13/05)
LONGEST FIELD GOAL.....	None



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## 2005 PRESEASON BRONCOS SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

BRONCOS	HIGHS	LOWS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	27, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	17, at Houston (8/13/05)
TOTAL NET YARDS	453, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	396, at Houston (8/13/05)
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	79, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	61, at Houston (8/13/05)
NET YARDS RUSHING	266, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	130, at Houston (8/13/05)
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	47, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	29, at Houston (8/13/05)
NET YARDS PASSING	266, at Houston (8/13/05)	187, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PASS ATTEMPTS	30, at Houston (8/13/05); S.F. (8/20/05)	30, at Houston (8/13/05); S.F. (8/20/05)
PASS COMPLETIONS	18, at Houston (8/13/05)	15, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED	1, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	0, at Houston (8/13/05)
TIMES SACKED	2.0, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)	2.0, at Houston (8/13/05); S.F. (8/20/05)
PUNTS	6, at Houston (8/13/05)	3, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
GROSS PUNTING AVERAGE	40.2, at Houston (8/13/05)	39.3, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
NET PUNTING AVERAGE	29.7, at Houston (8/13/05)	28.0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PUNT RETURNS	4, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)	4, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)
PUNT RETURN YARDS	82, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	17, at Houston (8/13/05)
KICKOFF RETURNS	2, at Houston (8/13/05)	0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
KICKOFF RETURN YARDS	50, at Houston (8/13/05)	0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
INTERCEPTION RETURNS	None	
INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS	None	
PENALTIES	10, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)	10, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)
YARDS PENALIZED	95, at Houston (8/13/05)	92, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
FUMBLES	1, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)	1, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)
FUMBLES LOST	None	
SACKS MADE	2.0, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)	2.0, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)
FUMBLES FORCED	1, at Houston (8/13/05)	0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
FUMBLES RECOVERED	None	
TIME OF POSSESSION	35:13, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	29:32, at Houston (8/13/05)

## 2005 PRESEASON OPPONENT SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

OPPONENT	HIGHS	LOWS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	18, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	13, at Houston (8/13/05)
TOTAL NET YARDS	302, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	229, at Houston (8/13/05)
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	63, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	56, at Houston (8/13/05)
NET YARDS RUSHING	136, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	100, at Houston (8/13/05)
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	30, at Houston (8/13/05)	26, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
NET YARDS PASSING	166, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	129, at Houston (8/13/05)
PASS ATTEMPTS	33, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	24, at Houston (8/13/05)
PASS COMPLETIONS	19, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	12, at Houston (8/13/05)
PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED	None	
TIMES SACKED	4.0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	2.0, at Houston (8/13/05)
PUNTS	8, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	7, at Houston (8/13/05)
GROSS PUNTING AVERAGE	38.9, at Houston (8/13/05)	44.0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
NET PUNTING AVERAGE	34.6, at Houston (8/13/05)	31.3, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PUNT RETURNS	3, at Houston (8/13/05)	2, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
PUNT RETURN YARDS	34, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	23, at Houston (8/13/05)
KICKOFF RETURNS	4, at Houston (8/13/05)	3, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
KICKOFF RETURN YARDS	93, at Houston (8/13/05)	58, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
INTERCEPTION RETURNS	1, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	0, at Houston (8/13/05)
INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS	0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	None
PENALTIES	13, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	12, at Houston (8/13/05)
YARDS PENALIZED	85, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)	84, at Houston (8/13/05)
FUMBLES	1, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)	1, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)
FUMBLES LOST	0, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)	0, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)
SACKS MADE	2.0, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)	2.0, at Houston (8/13/05); vs. S.F. (8/20/05)
FUMBLES FORCED	1, at Houston (8/13/05)	0, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)
FUMBLES RECOVERED	None	
TIME OF POSSESSION	30:28, at Houston (8/13/05)	24:47, vs. San Francisco (8/20/05)



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## LONGEST SCORING DRIVES OF 2005 PRESEASON

### Most Plays:

Broncos: 12 (vs. San Francisco, Aug. 20, FG, 58 yards, 6:11)  
 Opponent: 14 (vs. San Francisco, Aug. 20, TD, 91 yards, 2:26)

### Most Yards:

Broncos: 99 (at Houston, Aug. 13, TD, 3 plays, 1:28)  
 Opponent: 91 (vs. San Francisco, Aug. 20, TD, 14 plays, 2:26)

### Most Time:

Broncos: 6:11 (vs. San Fran., Aug. 20, FG, 12 plays, 58 yards)  
 Opponent: 3:55 (at Houston, Aug. 13, TD, 7 plays, 54 yards)

## SHORTEST SCORING DRIVES OF 2005 PRESEASON

### Fewest Plays:

Broncos: 3 (at Houston, 8/20/05, TD, 99 yards, 1:28)  
 Opponent: 1 (vs. San Fran., 8/20/05, TD, 58 yards, 0:09)

### Fewest Yards:

Broncos: 23 (vs. San Fran., 8/20/05, FG, 8 plays, 4:08)  
 Opponent: 44 (twice, last vs. S.F., 8/20/05, 7 plays, 3:33)

### Fewest Time:

Broncos: 1:28 (at Houston, 8/13/05, TD, 3 plays, 99 yards)  
 Opponent: 0:09 (vs. San Fran. 8/20/05, TD, 1 play., 58 yds.)

## 2005 PRESEASON SACK CHART

**Trevor Pryce (2.0)** — 2.0 vs. San Francisco (8/20/05); **John Engelberger (1.0)** — 1.0 at Houston (8/13/05); **Louis Green (1.0)** — 1.0 at Houston (8/13/05); **Jashon Sykes (1.0)** — 1.0 vs. San Francisco (8/20/05); **D.J. Williams (1.0)** — 1.0 vs. San Francisco(8/20/05).

## 2005 PRESEASON INTERCEPTION CHART

Team (0) — None.

## BRONCOS INDIVIDUAL LEADERS BY STATISTICAL CATEGORY

Category	Player	AFC Rank	AFC Leader	NFL Rank	NFL Leader
Scoring	Elam — 16	2nd	Vinatieri, N.E. — 19	3rd	Peterson, Atlanta — 22
Rushing	Dayne — 143	1st	Dayne, Denver — 143	2nd	Peterson, Chicago — 150
Passing Yards	Van Pelt — 213	6th	Sorgi, Indianapolis — 313	14th	Sorgi, Indianapolis — 313
Passer Rating	Plummer — 131.7	1st	Plummer, Denver — 131.7	5th	Rattay, San Francisco — 141.2
Receiving Yards	Devoe — 134	1st	Devoe, Denver — 134	2nd	Bradley, Chicago — 243
Receptions	Smith — 5	T35th	Mann — 11	T32nd	Bradley, Chicago — 12
Punting Avg.	Sauerbrun — 39.9	17th	Moorman, Buffalo — 50.8	36th	Bidwell, Tampa Bay — 55.1
Net Punting Avg.	Sauerbrun — 29.1	19th	Hentrich, Tennessee — 42.0	40th	Baker, Carolina — 47.3
Interceptions	None	None	4 Players — 2	None	D. Johnson, San Francisco — 3
Kickoff Ret. Avg.	Da. Williams — 25.0	T10th	Taylor, Pittsburgh — 57.0	T18th	Taylor, Pittsburgh — 57.0
Punt Ret. Avg.	Adams — 25.7	1st	Adams, Denver — 25.7	1st	Adams, Denver — 25.7

## HOW THE BRONCOS RANK IN THE AFC AND NFL

OFFENSE	Broncos Total	AFC Rank	AFC Leader	NFL Rank	NFL Leader
Points Per Game	23.0	4th	Pittsburgh — 27.5	9th	Seattle — 34.0
Total Yards Per Game	424.5	1st	Denver — 424.5	1st	Denver — 424.5
Yards Per Play	6.1	1st	Denver — 6.1	4th	Philadelphia — 6.1
Rushing Yards Per Game	198.0	1st	Denver — 198.0	2nd	Seattle — 216.0
Net Passing Yds. Per Game	226.5	4th	Tennessee — 306.0	9th	Washington — 310.5
Interceptions thrown (fewest)	1	3rd	Buffalo and Houston — 0	5th	4 Teams — 0
Sacks (fewest)	4	T8th	San Diego — 1	T13th	Arizona — 0
First Downs Per Game	22.0	2nd	Kansas City — 23.5	3rd	Kansas City — 23.5
Third-Down Efficiency	48.5	4th	Cincinnati — 57.6	6th	Cincinnati — 57.6
Fourth-Down Efficiency	None	T12th	Four Teams — 100.0	T25th	Nine Teams — 100.0
DEFENSE	Broncos Total	AFC Rank	AFC Leader	NFL Rank	NFL Leader
Points Per Game	17.5	7th	Buffalo — 8.5	14	Buffalo — 8.5
Total Yards Per Game	265.5	6th	San Diego — 196.0	10	San Diego — 196.0
Yards Per Play	4.5	6th	Buffalo — 3.5	9	Arizona — 3.5
Rushing Yards Per Game	118	8th	Buffalo — 50.5	19	Chicago — 50.0
Net Passing Yds. Per Game	147.5	5th	Tennessee — 94.5	6	Tennessee — 94.5
Interceptions (most)	None	None	Cleveland — 5	None	Cleveland and Atlanta — 5
Sacks (most)	6	T10th	Buffalo — 10	T9th	Buffalo — 10
First Downs Allowed Per Game	8.5	5th	Buffalo — 8.5	8th	Buffalo — 8.5
Third-Down Efficiency	29.6	5th	San Diego — 18.2	9th	Dallas — 16.7
Fourth-Down Efficiency	0.0	T7th	Houston and N.Y. Jets — 0.0	T15th	6 Teams — 0.0



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## BRONCOS 2005 PRESEASON GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

Date	Opp.	Plays	Yards	Time	Res.	Qtr	Scoring Play	Quarterback
8-13	@HOU	10	76	5:19	TD	2	S. Alexander 3-yd. pass from Plummer (Elam kick)	Plummer
8-13	@HOU	11	71	5:26	FG	2	Elam 27-yd. field goal	Van Pelt
8-13	@HOU	10	75	4:42	FG	4	Elam 24-yd. field goal	Van Pelt
8-13	@HOU	3	99	1:28	TD	4	Devoe 92-yd. pass from Mauck (Elam kick)	Mauck
8-20	vs. S.F.	5	68	2:31	TD	1	M. Anderson 2-yd. pass from Plummer (Elam kick)	Plummer
8-20	vs. S.F.	12	58	6:11	FG	1	Elam 31-yd. field goal	Plummer
8-20	vs. S.F.	9	80	3:52	TD	3	T. Bell 2-yd. run(Elam kick)	Van Pelt
8-20	vs. S.F.	8	23	4:08	FG	4	Elam 22-yd. field goal	Van Pelt
8-20	vs. S.F.	6	35	1:51	TD	4	M. Mauck 16-yd. run (run failed)	Mauck

## BRONCOS 2005 PRESEASON TOUCHDOWN DRIVE ANALYSIS

Yards	TD Length	TD Drive Length	Possession Time	TDs	Plays	TDs
1-9 yards	3	-	00:00-00:59	-	1	-
10-19 yards	1	-	01:00-01:59	2	2	-
20-29 yards	-	-	02:00-02:59	1	3	1
30-39 yards	-	1	03:00-03:59	1	4	-
40-49 yards	-	-	04:00-04:59	-	5	1
50-59 yards	-	-	05:00-05:59	1	6	1
60-69 yards	-	1	06:00-06:59	-	7	-
70-79 yards	-	1	07:00-07:59	-	8	-
80-89 yards	-	1	08:00-08:59	-	9	1
90-99 yards	1	1	09:00-09:59	-	10	1
			10:00-10:59	-	11	-
			11:00-11:59	-	12	-
			12:00-12:59	-	13	-
			13:00-13:59	-	14	-
			14:00-14:59	-	15	-
			15:00+	-	16+	-
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>

## 2005 PRESEASON GAME OPENING DRIVES

		BRONCOS			OPPONENT		
		Pts	FD	Yds.	Pts	FD	Yds.
8-13	@HOU	0	0	-1	0	3	72
8-20	vs. S.F.	7	4	68	0	0	-3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69</b>

## 2005 PRESEASON 2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

		BRONCOS			OPPONENT		
		Pts	FD	Yds.	Pts	FD	Yds.
8-13	@HOU	0	2	28	0	0	-4
8-20	vs. S.F.	0	0	4	7	1	58
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>

## 2005 PRESEASON SCORING DRIVE LENGTH

	BRONCOS		OPPONENT	
	TD	FG	TD	FG
(MINUS)	-	-	-	-
0-9	-	-	-	-
10-19	-	-	1	-
20-29	-	1	1	-
30-39	1	-	-	-
40-49	-	-	1	-
50-59	-	1	2	-
60-69	1	-	-	-
70-79	1	2	-	-
80-89	1	-	-	-
90-99	1	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>



# 2005 BRONCOS WEEKLY RELEASE

## DENVER BRONCOS 2005 PRESEASON THIRD-DOWN CHART (OVERALL)

GAME	Overall			3rd and 1		3rd and 2		3rd and 3		3rd and 4		3rd and 5		3rd and 6		3rd and 7		3rd and 8		3rd and 9		3rd and 10+	
	Md.	Att.	Pct.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.
Denver	7	16	0.44	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	4
at Hou. (8/13)	5	14	0.36	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	3
Denver	9	17	0.53	3	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	5
vs. S.F. (8/20)	3	13	0.23	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
<b>DENVER TOT.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>OPP. TOT.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>

## DENVER BRONCOS 2005 PRESEASON THIRD-DOWN CHART (RED ZONE)

GAME	Overall			3rd and 1		3rd and 2		3rd and 3		3rd and 4		3rd and 5		3rd and 6		3rd and 7		3rd and 8		3rd and 9		3rd and 10+	
	Md.	Att.	Pct.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.	Md.	Att.
Denver	1	3	0.33	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Hou. (8/13)	1	2	0.50	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denver	3	6	0.50	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
vs. S.F. (8/20)	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DENVER TOT.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>OPP. TOT.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## DENVER BRONCOS 2005 PRESEASON RED ZONE ANALYSIS

GAME	Poss	Pts	TD	FG	TDPct
Denver	3	13	1	2	0.33
at Hou. (8/13)	2	7	1	0	0.50
Denver	6	26	3	2	0.50
vs. S.F. (8/20)	2	14	2	0	1.00
<b>DENVER TOT.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.44</b>
<b>OPP. TOT.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.75</b>



**DENVER BRONCOS 2005 PRESEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS (2-0)**  
(based on press box statistics)

	PLAYER	TT	UT	A	S	Yds.	I	Yds.	PD	FF	FR
1	Foxworth	9	7	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
2	Brandon	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
	Paymah	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	3	0	0
4	Gold	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wilson	6	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Green	5	5	0	1.0	6.0	0	0	0	0	0
	LeSueur	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
	M. Myers	5	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pierce	5	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.J. Williams	5	3	2	1.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sykes	5	4	1	1.0	5.0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Pryce	4	4	0	2.0	20.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Walls	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0
14	Ferguson	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lynch	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Steele	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Da. Williams	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0
18	Burns	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chukwurah	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0
	Davis	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
21	Babers	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cox	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ekuban	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Elliss	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
	Engelberger	1	1	0	1.0	5.0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Browner	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS**

	PLAYER	TT	UT	A	FF	FR	BK	BP	TD
1	Burns	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LeSueur	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pierce	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Adams	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bell	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Brandon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Browner	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Green	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	R. Alexander	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sapp	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES: Plummer 1.

MISCELLANEOUS FUMBLE RECOVERIES: None.

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL TEAMS FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Adam:

MISCELLANEOUS FORCED FUMBLES: None.

DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS: None.

TWO-POINT CONVERSION STOPS: None.

BLOCKED PUNTS: None.

BLOCKED KICKS: None.

# INDIANAPOLIS COLTS 2005 PRESEASON TEAM STATISTICS (0-3)

Date	W-L	Score	OT	Opponent	Attendance	Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
08/06	L	21-27		at Atlanta	45,203	James	9	24	2.7	9	0
08/13	L	10-17		Buffalo	56,045	Mungro	7	15	2.1	11	1
08/20	L	17-24		Chicago	52,704	Rhodes	6	8	1.3	10	0
08/27				at Denver		Arth	1	6	6.0	6	0
09/02				at Cincinnati		Davis	5	4	0.8	7	0
						T. Brown	1	2	2.0	2	0
						Sorgi	3	1	0.3	2	0
						Manning	1	0	0.0	0	0
						Pearson	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
						Carthon	9	-7	-8	12	0
						<b>Team</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
						<b>Opponents</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>

	Indianapolis	Opponent		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
Total First Downs	50	51	<b>Receiving</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>TD</b>			
Rushing	5	23	L. Thomas	11	120	10.9	27	0			
Passing	36	22	Moorehead	10	118	11.8	32	0			
Penalty	9	6	Standeford	9	95	10.6	25	1			
3rd Down: Made/Att	10/39	13/41	Culton	6	99	16.5	45	0			
3rd Down Pct.	25.6	31.7	Harrison	5	46	9.2	17	0			
4th Down: Made/Att	1/3	2/3	Utecht	4	57	14.3	30	0			
4th Down Pct.	33.3	66.7	Pyatt	4	56	14.0	20	0			
Possession Avg.	25:23	34:37	Rhodes	4	25	6.3	25t	1			
Total Net Yards	708	795	Fletcher	2	40	20.0	31t	1			
Avg. Per Game	236.0	265.0	Carthon	2	20	10.0	16	0			
Total Plays	181	191	Hartsock	2	16	8.0	12	0			
Avg. Per Play	3.9	4.2	Pearson	2	15	7.5	15	0			
Net Yards Rushing	52	412	Davis	2	7	3.5	4	0			
Avg. Per Game	17.3	137.3	Walters	2	7	3.5	5	1			
Total Rushes	43	102	Wayne	1	12	12.0	12	0			
Net Yards Passing	656	383	Mungro	1	10	10.0	10	0			
Avg. Per Game	218.7	127.7	Clark	1	8	8.0	8	0			
Sacked/Yards Lost	14/91	9/62	Wall	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0			
Gross Yards	747	445	Hannah	0	0	---	---	0			
Att./Completions	124/69	80/53	<b>Team</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4</b>			
Completion Pct.	55.6	66.3	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>			
Had Intercepted	3	3	<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>TD</b>			
Punts/Average	20/38.9	20/44.1	Brackett	2	10	5.0	7	0			
Net Punting Avg.	20/32.7	20/37.3	Sanders	1	10	10.0	10	0			
Penalties/Yards	26/186	44/310	<b>Team</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>			
Fumbles/Ball Lost	9/4	9/4	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>			
Touchdowns	6	8	<b>Punting</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>B</b>
Rushing	1	3	Smith	19	778	40.9	32.7	0	10	52	1
Passing	4	3	<b>Team</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>
Returns	1	2	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>

Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS	Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
Team	10	14	17	7	0	48	Pyatt	11	1	68	6.2	16	0	
Opponents	14	37	3	14	0	68	David	3	2	28	9.3	15	0	
							<b>Team</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	
							<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>54t</b>	<b>1</b>	
Scoring	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Vanderjagt	0	0	0	0	4/4	2/4	0	10	<b>Kickoff Returns</b>					
Fletcher	1	0	1	0			0	6	Pyatt	4	75	18.8	25	0
Mungro	1	1	0	0			0	6	Rhodes	3	71	23.7	35	0
Pope	1	0	0	1			0	6	Dennis	2	49	24.5	30	0
Rhodes	1	0	1	0			0	6	Davis	1	20	20.0	20	0
Standeford	1	0	1	0			0	6	June	1	5	5.0	5	0
Walters	1	0	1	0			0	6	Mungro	1	6	6.0	6	0
Rayner	0	0	0	0	2/2	0/1	0	2	<b>Team</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Team</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>2/5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8/8</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>Field Goals</b>	<b>1-19</b>	<b>20-29</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50+</b>
									Vanderjagt	0/0	0/1	0/0	2/2	0/1
									Rayner	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0
									<b>Team</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>0/1</b>
									<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1/1</b>

**2-Pt. Conversions:** Team 0-0, Opponents 0-0  
**Sacks:** Mathis 4.0, Bacon 1.0, J. Brown 1.0, Lobel 1.0, Reid 1.0, Stewart 1.0  
**Team 9.0, Opponents 14.0**

**Vanderjagt:** ( )(42G,27N)(50N,45G)  
**Rayner:** ( )(43N)( )  
**Team:** ( )(42G,43N,27N)(50N,45G)  
**Opponents:** (36G,28G)(36G)(50G)

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Sorgi	51	28	313	54.9	6.14	0	0.0	1	2.0	32	7/54	65.2
T. Brown	46	24	299	52.2	6.50	2	4.3	1	2.2	45	6/28	78.1
Manning	22	14	116	63.6	5.27	2	9.1	1	4.5	25t	1/9	88.4
Arth	5	3	19	60.0	3.80	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	0/0	67.9
<b>Team</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>6.02</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14/91</b>	<b>74.2</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>5.56</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9/62</b>	<b>77.3</b>



# 2005 PRESEASON GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS (2-0)

## BRONCOS OFFENSE

	at Hou. (8/13)	vs. S.F. (8/20)	vs. Ind. (8/27)	at Ariz. (9/2)	TOTAL
<b>First Downs</b>					
Total	17	27			44
Rushing	4	16			20
Passing	12	10			22
Penalty	1	1			2
<b>Third-Down Efficiency</b>					
Attempts	7	9			16
Converted	16	17			33
Efficiency	44%	53%			48%
<b>Fourth-Down Efficiency</b>					
Attempts	0	0			0
Converted	0	0			0
Efficiency	0%	0%			0%
<b>Total Offense</b>					
Net Yards	396	453			849
Plays	61	79			140
Avg./play	6.5	5.7			6.1
<b>Rushing</b>					
Net Yards	130	266			396
Attempts	29	47			76
Avg./rush	4.5	5.7			5.2
TFL - yds.	4-4	2-2			6-6
<b>Passing</b>					
Net Yards	266	187			453
Sacks	2	2			4
Yds. Lost	13	17			30
Gross Yds.	279	204			483
Attempts	30	30			60
Compl.	18	15			33
Pct.	60%	50%			55%
Int.	0	1			1
Avg./play	8.3	5.8			7.1
<b>Kickoffs</b>					
No.	5	6			11
In End Zone-TB	1-1	4-3			5-8
<b>Punts</b>					
No.	6	3			9
Yards	241	118			359
Avg.	40.2	39.3			39.9
Net Avg.	29.7	28.0			29.1
Had Blocked	0	0			0
<b>Kicks, Had Blocked</b>					
Field Goals-PATs	0-0	0-0			0-0
<b>Punt Returns</b>					
No.	4	4			8
Yards	10	82			92
Avg.	2.5	20.5			11.5
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>					
No.	2	0			2
Yards	50	0			50
Avg.	25.0	0.0			25.0
<b>Interception Returns</b>					
No.	0	0			0
Yards	0	0			0
Avg.	0.0	0.0			0.0
<b>Penalties</b>					
Number	10	10			20
Yds. Lost	95	92			187
<b>Fumbles</b>					
No.	1	1			2
Lost	0	0			0
<b>Touchdowns</b>					
Total TDs	2	3			5
Rush	0	2			2
Pass	2	1			3
Returns	0	0			0
<b>Extra Points</b>					
Made-Attempts	2-2	2-3			4-5
Kicking Md.-Att.	2-2	2-2			4-4
Rushing Md.-Att.	0-0	0-1			0-1
Passing Md.-Att.	0-0	0-0			0-0
<b>Field Goals</b>					
Made-Attempts	2-2	2-4			4-6
<b>Red Zone Efficiency</b>					
Scored-Attempts	1-3	3-6			4-9
Efficiency	33%	50%			44%
<b>Goal-to-Go Efficiency</b>					
Scored-Attempts	1-3	2-3			3-6
Efficiency	33%	67%			50%
Safeties	0	0			0
Total Points	20	26			46
Time of Poss. Avg.	29:32	35:13			32:22

## BRONCOS DEFENSE

	at Hou. (8/13)	vs. S.F. (8/20)	vs. Ind. (8/27)	at Ariz. (9/2)	TOTAL
<b>First Downs</b>					
Total	13	18			31
Rushing	4	7			11
Passing	6	8			14
Penalty	3	3			6
<b>Third-Down Efficiency</b>					
Attempts	5	3			8
Converted	14	13			27
Efficiency	36%	23%			30%
<b>Fourth-Down Efficiency</b>					
Attempts	0	1			1
Converted	1	1			2
Efficiency	0%	100%			50%
<b>Total Offense</b>					
Net Yards	229	302			531
Plays	56	63			119
Avg./play	4.1	4.8			4.5
<b>Rushing</b>					
Net Yards	100	136			236
Attempts	30	26			56
Avg./rush	3.3	5.2			4.2
TFL - yds.	3-12	3-8			6-20
<b>Passing</b>					
Net Yards	129	166			295
Sacks	2	4			6
Yds. Lost	11	27			38
Gross Yds.	140	193			333
Attempts	24	33			57
Compl.	12	19			31
Pct.	50%	58%			54%
Int.	0	0			0
Avg./play	5.0	4.5			4.7
<b>Kickoffs</b>					
No.	3	4			7
In End Zone-TB	1-0	3-3			4-3
<b>Punts</b>					
No.	7	8			15
Yards	272	352			624
Avg.	38.9	44.0			41.6
Net Avg.	34.6	31.3			32.8
Had Blocked	0	0			0
<b>Kicks, Had Blocked</b>					
Field Goals-PATs	0-0	0-0			0-0
<b>Punt Returns</b>					
No.	3	2			5
Yards	23	34			57
Avg.	7.7	17.0			11.4
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>					
No.	4	3			7
Yards	93	58			151
Avg.	23.3	19.3			21.6
<b>Interception Returns</b>					
No.	0	1			1
Yards	0	0			0
Avg.	0.0	0.0			0.0
<b>Penalties</b>					
Number	12	13			25
Yds. Lost	84	85			169
<b>Fumbles</b>					
No.	1	1			2
Lost	0	0			0
<b>Touchdowns</b>					
Total TDs	2	3			5
Rush	0	2			2
Pass	2	1			3
Returns	0	0			0
<b>Extra Points</b>					
Made-Attempts	2-2	3-3			5-5
Kicking Md.-Att.	2-2	3-3			5-5
Rushing Md.-Att.	0-0	0-0			0-0
Passing Md.-Att.	0-0	0-0			0-0
<b>Field Goals</b>					
Made-Attempts	0-0	0-1			0-1
<b>Red Zone Efficiency</b>					
Scored-Attempts	1-2	2-2			3-4
Efficiency	50%	100%			75%
<b>Goal-to-Go Efficiency</b>					
Scored-Attempts	0-1	0-0			0-1
Efficiency	0%	0%			0%
Safeties	0	0			0
Total Points	14	21			35
Time of Poss. Avg.	30:28	24:47			27:38

# DENVER BRONCOS 2005 DEPTH CHART

(AS OF THURSDAY, AUG. 18, 2005)

## Broncos Offense

<b>WR</b>	80	Rod Smith	17	Darius Watts	81	Charlie Adams	14	<u>Todd Devoe</u>
							15	<u>Romar Crenshaw</u>
<b>LT</b>	78	Matt Lepsis	74	Cornell Green	64	<u>Erik Pears</u>		
<b>LG</b>	50	Ben Hamilton	63	Tim Stuber	73	Cameron Spikes		
<b>C</b>	66	Tom Nalen	71	<u>Chris Watton</u>	62	<u>Chris Myers</u>	79	<u>Ben Nowland</u>
<b>RG</b>	65	Cooper Carlisle	77	Dwayne Carswell	69	<u>Zach Wilson</u>		
<b>RT</b>	72	George Foster	67	Anthony Clement	70	Tyson Clabo		
<b>TE</b>	82	Stephen Alexander	88	Jeb Putzier	89	Nate Jackson	86	Patrick Hape
					83	Mike Leach	84	<u>Wesley Duke</u>
<b>WR</b>	85	Ashley Lelie	19	Jerry Rice	87	Triandos Luke	12	B.J. Johnson
<b>QB</b>	16	Jake Plummer	11	<u>Bradlee Van Pelt</u>	13	Danny Kanell	8	Matt Mauck
							9	<u>Chad Frieauf</u>
<b>RB</b>	38	Mike Anderson	26	Tatum Bell	21	Quentin Griffin	33	Ron Dayne
							20	<u>Maurice Clarett</u>
<b>FB</b>	39	Kyle Johnson	37	Cecil Sapp	48	Brandon Miree	36	<u>Kris Briggs</u>

## Broncos Defense

<b>LE</b>	98	Courtney Brown	91	Ebenezer Ekuban	92	Marco Coleman	90	Chukie Nwokorie
							71	<u>Aaron Hunt</u>
<b>LT</b>	76	Michael Myers	75	Monsanto Pope	94	Luther Elliss	64	<u>Patrice Majondo-Mwamba</u>
<b>RT</b>	61	Gerard Warren	68	Mario Fatafehi	96	Dorsett Davis	97	Demetris Veal
<b>RE</b>	93	Trevor Pryce	60	John Engelberger	95	Anton Palepoi	99	Raylee Johnson
<b>WLB</b>	52	Ian Gold	58	Terry Pierce	57	Jashon Sykes		
<b>MLB</b>	56	Al Wilson	51	Keith Burns				
<b>SLB</b>	55	D.J. Williams	54	Patrick Chukwurah	53	Louis Green	59	Markus Steele
<b>LCB</b>	24	Champ Bailey	22	<u>Domonique Foxworth</u>	45	Roc Alexander	40	<u>Curome Cox</u>
							23	Rod Babers
<b>RCB</b>	35	Lenny Walls	27	<u>Darrent Williams</u>	41	<u>Karl Paymah</u>	28	Jeff Shoate
<b>SS</b>	25	Nick Ferguson	31	Jeremy LeSueur	29	<u>Brandon Browner</u>		
<b>FS</b>	47	John Lynch	42	Sam Brandon				

## Broncos Specialists

<b>P</b>	10	Todd Sauerbrun				
<b>K</b>	1	Jason Elam	3	<u>Paul Ernster</u>		
<b>KO</b>	10	Todd Sauerbrun	3	<u>Paul Ernster</u>		
<b>PR</b>	27	<u>Darrent Williams</u>	87	Triandos Luke	81	Charlie Adams
<b>KR</b>	27	<u>Darrent Williams</u>	45	Roc Alexander	87	Triandos Luke
<b>PC</b>	83	Mike Leach	86	Patrick Hape		
<b>KC</b>	83	Mike Leach	78	Matt Lepsis		
<b>H</b>	10	Todd Sauerbrun	13	Danny Kanell	3	<u>Paul Ernster</u>

Rookie and First-Year players underlined  
[injured players]

## BRONCOS PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Patrick Chukwurah (chuk-WER-uh)  
Tyson Clabo (CLAY-boh)  
Maurice Clarett (clur-ETT)  
Curome Cox (KER-ome)  
Todd Devoe (deh-VOH)  
Ebenezer Ekuban (EK-you-BAHN)  
Jason Elam (EE-lum)  
Mario Fatafehi (fah-tah-FAY-hee)  
Chad Frieauf (FREE-hoff)  
Ashley Lelie (luh-LEE)  
Jeremy LeSueur (luh-SER)

Triandos Luke (tree-AN-dus)  
Patrice Majondo-Mwamba (muh-JOHN-doe ma-WAHM-ba)  
Brandon Miree (my-REE)  
Ben Nowland (NAW-land)  
Chukie Nwokorie (CHOO-kee wah-KOR-ee)  
Anton Palepoi (AN-TAWN PAL-a-poy)  
Erik Pears (PEERS)  
Jeb Putzier (putz-EER)  
Jeff Shoate (SHOTE)  
Jashon Sykes (JAY-shon)  
Demetris Veal (du-MEE-trin)

**Denver Broncos 2005 Alphabetical Roster**

(updated 8/22/05)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	NFL Exp.	College	High School Hometown	How Acq.	2004 P-S-DNP-INA
81	Adams, Charlie	WR	6-2	190	10/23/79	3	Hofstra	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	FA-'04	4-0-0-3
45	Alexander, Roc	CB	5-10	190	9/23/81	2	Washington	Colorado Springs, Colo.	CFA-'04	16-1-0-0
82	Alexander, Stephen	TE	6-4	250	11/7/75	8	Oklahoma	Chickasha, Okla.	UFA(Det)-'05	16-15-0-0
38	Anderson, Mike	RB	6-0	230	9/21/73	6	Utah	Winnsboro, S.C.	D6-'00	0-0-0-0
23	Babers, Rod	CB	5-9	185	10/6/80	3	Texas	Houston, Tex.	FA-'05	2-0-0-0
24	Bailey, Champ	CB	6-0	192	6/22/78	7	Georgia	Folkston, Ga.	T(Was)-'04	16-16-0-0
26	Bell, Tatum	RB	5-11	213	3/2/81	2	Oklahoma State	Dallas, Texas	D2a-'04	14-0-0-2
42	Brandon, Sam	S	6-2	200	7/5/79	4	UNLV	Riverside, Calif.	D4-'02	9-0-0-7
36	Briggs, Kris	RB	5-11	242	4/17/81	1	Southern Methodist	Carthage, Texas	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
98	Brown, Courtney	DE	6-4	285	2/14/78	6	Penn State	Alvin, S.C.	FA-'05	2-2-0-0
29	Browner, Brandon	CB	6-4	221	8/2/84	R	Oregon State	Sylmar, Calif.	CFA-'05	0-0-0-0
51	Burns, Keith	LB	6-2	235	5/16/72	12	Oklahoma State	Alexandria, Va.	UFA(TB)-'05	16-0-0-0
65	Carlisle, Cooper	G/T	6-5	295	8/11/77	6	Florida	McComb, Miss.	D4b-'00	16-3-0-0
77	Carswell, Dwayne	G	6-3	290	1/18/72	12	Liberty	Jacksonville, Fla.	CFA-'94	15-14-0-0
54	Chukwurah, Patrick	LB	6-1	250	3/1/79	5	Wyoming	Irving, Texas	FA-'04	14-0-0-2
70	Clabo, Tyson	G/T	6-6	314	10/17/81	2	Wake Forest	Knoxville, Tenn.	CFA-'04	0-0-0-2
20	Clarett, Maurice	RB	5-11	234	10/29/83	R	Ohio State	Youngstown, Ohio	D3c-'05	0-0-0-0
67	Clement, Anthony	T	6-8	320	4/10/76	8	Louisiana-Lafayette	Cecilia, La.	FA-'05	16-8-0-0
92	Coleman, Marco	DE	6-3	270	12/18/69	14	Georgia Tech	Dayton, Ohio	UFA(Phi)-'04	16-16-0-0
40	Cox, Curome	CB	6-1	199	2/28/81	1	Maryland	Washington, D.C.	FA-'04	0-0-0-0
15	Crenshaw, Romar	WR	6-0	185	9/22/80	1	S.E. Oklahoma State	Broken Bow, Okla.	CFA-'04	0-0-0-0
96	Davis, Dorsett	DT	6-5	305	1/24/79	4	Mississippi State	Cleveland, Miss.	D3-'02	0-0-0-0
33	Dayne, Ron	RB	5-10	245	3/14/78	6	Wisconsin	Berlin, N.J.	UFA(NYG)-'05	14-2-0-2
14	Devoe, Todd	WR	6-2	198	4/5/80	1	Central Missouri State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
84	Duke, Wesley	TE	6-5	225	6/21/81	R	Mercer	Norcross, Ga.	CFA-'05	0-0-0-0
91	Ekuban, Ebenezer	DE	6-3	275	5/29/76	7	North Carolina	Bowie, Md.	T(Cle)-'05	16-11-0-0
1	Elam, Jason	K	5-11	200	3/8/70	13	Hawaii	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.	D3b-'93	16-0-0-0
94	Ellis, Luther	DE	6-5	318	3/22/73	11	Utah	Mancos, Colo.	FA-'04	8-0-0-5
60	Engelberger, John	DT	6-4	268	10/18/76	6	Virginia Tech	Springfield, Va.	T(SF)-'05	16-15-0-0
3	Ernster, Paul	P/K	6-0	217	1/26/82	R	Northern Arizona	Glendale, Ariz.	D7-'05	0-0-0-0
68	Fatafehi, Mario	DT	6-2	300	1/27/79	5	Kansas State	Honolulu, Hawaii	FA-'03	16-16-0-0
25	Ferguson, Nick	S	5-11	201	11/27/74	6	Georgia Tech	Miami, Fla.	FA-'03	16-1-0-0
72	Foster, George	T	6-5	338	6/9/80	3	Georgia	Macon, Ga.	D1-'03	16-16-0-0
22	Foxworth, Domonique	CB	5-11	180	3/27/83	R	Maryland	Catonsville, Md.	D3b-'05	0-0-0-0
9	Frieauff, Chad	QB	6-6	211	8/31/82	R	Colo. School of Mines	Brush, Colo.	CFA-'05	0-0-0-0
52	Gold, Ian	LB	6-0	223	8/23/78	6	Michigan	Belleville, Mich.	FA-'05	16-13-0-0
74	Green, Cornell	T	6-6	315	8/25/76	6	Central Florida	St. Petersburg, Fla.	UFA(TB)-'04	0-0-3-13
53	Green, Louis	LB	6-3	228	9/23/79	2	Alcorn State	Vicksburg, Miss.	FA-'03	6-0-0-0
21	Griffin, Quentin	RB	5-7	195	1/12/81	3	Oklahoma	Houston, Texas	D4a-'03	6-4-0-1
50	Hamilton, Ben	G/C	6-4	283	8/18/77	5	Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.	D4a-'01	16-16-0-0
86	Hape, Patrick	TE	6-4	262	6/6/74	9	Alabama	Killen, Ala.	UFA(TB)-'01	16-5-0-0
71	Hunt, Aaron	DE	6-2	265	6/19/80	1	Texas Tech	Denison, Texas	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
89	Jackson, Nate	TE	6-3	235	6/4/79	3	Memlo	San Jose, Calif.	T(SF)-'03	12-0-0-0
12	Johnson, B.J.	WR	5-11	207	8/4/82	2	Texas	Grand Prairie, Texas	CFA-'04	0-0-0-0
39	Johnson, Kyle	FB	6-0	242	12/15/78	3	Syracuse	Woodbridge, N.J.	FA-'03	14-3-0-2
99	Johnson, Raylee	DE	6-3	272	6/1/70	13	Arkansas	Fordyce, Ark.	FA-'04	14-1-0-2
13	Kanell, Danny	QB	6-3	218	11/21/73	8	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA-'03	0-0-16-0
83	Leach, Mike	TE/LS	6-2	245	10/18/76	6	William & Mary	Jefferson Township, N.J.	FA-'02	16-0-0-0
85	Lelie, Ashley	WR	6-3	200	2/16/80	4	Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	D1-'02	16-16-0-0
78	Lepsis, Matt	T	6-4	290	1/13/74	9	Colorado	Conroe, Texas	CFA-'97	16-16-0-0
31	LeSueur, Jeremy	S	6-0	204	10/5/80	2	Michigan	Holly Springs, Miss.	D3-'04	0-0-0-0
87	Luke, Triandos	WR	5-10	195	12/24/81	2	Alabama	Phenix City, Ala.	D6b-'04	10-0-0-6
47	Lynch, John	S	6-2	220	9/25/71	13	Stanford	Del Mar, Calif.	FA-'04	15-15-0-1
64	Majondo-Mwamba, Patrice*	DL	6-4	293	7/29/79	R	Texas Tech	Republic of Congo	CFA-'05	0-0-0-0
8	Mauck, Matt	QB	6-1	213	2/12/79	2	Louisiana State	Jasper, Ind.	D7a-'04	0-0-0-2
48	Miree, Brandon	RB	5-11	237	4/14/81	2	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati, Ohio	D7b-'04	0-0-0-0
62	Myers, Chris	OL	6-4	300	9/15/81	R	Miami	Miami, Fla.	D6-'05	0-0-0-0
76	Myers, Michael	DT	6-2	300	1/20/76	8	Alabama	Vicksburg, Miss.	T(Cle)-'05	16-7-0-0
66	Nalen, Tom	C	6-3	286	5/13/71	12	Boston College	Foxboro, Mass.	D7c-'94	16-16-0-0
79	Nowland, Ben**	C	6-2	298	5/27/80	1	Auburn	St. Augustine, Fla.	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
90	Nwokorie, Chukie	DE	6-3	285	7/10/75	6	Purdue	West Lafayette, Ind.	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
95	Palepoi, Anton	DE	6-3	283	1/19/78	4	UNLV	Salt Lake City, Utah	FA-'04	11-0-0-3*
41	Paymah, Karl	CB	6-0	200	11/29/82	R	Washington State	Culver City, Calif.	D3a-'05	0-0-0-0
64	Pears, Erik	T	6-8	305	6/25/82	R	Colorado State	Denver, Colo.	CFA-'05	0-0-0-0
58	Pierce, Terry	LB	6-1	251	6/21/81	3	Kansas State	Fort Worth, Texas	D2-'03	15-0-1-0
16	Plummer, Jake	QB	6-2	212	12/19/74	9	Arizona State	Boise, Idaho	UFA(Ari)-'03	16-16-0-0
75	Pope, Monsanto	DT	6-3	300	1/27/78	4	Virginia	Hopewell, Va.	D7b-'02	16-15-0-0
93	Pryce, Trevor	DE	6-5	286	8/3/75	9	Clemson	Winter Park, Fla.	D1-'97	2-1-0-14
88	Putzier, Jeb	TE	6-4	256	1/20/79	4	Boise State	Eagle, Idaho	D6-'02	16-5-0-0
19	Rice, Jerry	WR	6-2	200	10/13/62	21	Mississippi Valley State	Crawford, Miss.	FA-'05	17-14-0-0
37	Sapp, Cecil	RB	5-11	229	12/23/78	3	Colorado State	Miami, Fla.	CFA-'03	5-0-0-4
10	Sauerbrun, Todd	P	5-10	215	1/4/73	11	West Virginia	East Setauket, N.Y.	T(Car)-'05	16-0-0-0
28	Shoate, Jeff	CB	5-10	189	3/23/81	2	San Diego State	San Diego, Calif.	D5-'04	7-0-0-9
80	Smith, Rod	WR	6-0	200	5/15/70	11	Missouri Southern	Texarkana, Ark.	CFA-'94	16-16-0-0
73	Spikes, Cameron	G	6-4	313	11/6/76	7	Texas A&M	Bryan, Texas	UFA(Ari)-'05	16-8-0-0
59	Steele, Markus	LB	6-3	240	7/24/79	4	Southern California	Bedford, Ohio	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
63	Stuber, Tim	G	6-5	315	2/2/78	3	Colorado State	Northglenn, Colo.	FA-'04	0-0-0-2
57	Sykes, Jashon	LB	6-2	236	9/25/79	3	Colorado	Los Angeles, Calif.	CFA-'02	3-0-0-13
11	Van Pelt, Bradlee	QB	6-2	220	7/3/80	1	Colorado State	Santa Barbara, Calif.	D7c-'04	0-0-0-0
97	Veal, Demetris	DT	6-2	288	8/11/81	3	Tennessee	Paramount, Calif.	FA-'04	0-0-0-3
35	Walls, Lenny	CB	6-4	195	9/26/79	4	Boston College	San Francisco, Calif.	CFA-'02	7-1-1-3
61	Warren, Gerard	DT	6-4	325	7/25/78	5	Florida	Raiford, Fla.	T(Cle)-'05	13-13-0-3
71	Watton, Chris	C/G	6-3	305	10/6/77	1	Baylor	Stoux Falls, S.D.	W-'05	0-0-0-0
17	Watts, Darius	WR	6-2	190	12/19/81	2	Marshall	Atlanta, Ga.	D2b-'04	16-2-0-0
27	Williams, Darrent	CB	5-8	188	9/27/82	R	Oklahoma State	Fort Worth, Texas	D2-'05	0-0-0-0
55	Williams, D.J.	LB	6-1	242	7/20/82	2	Miami	Concord, Calif.	D1-'04	16-14-0-0
56	Wilson, Al	LB	6-0	240	6/21/77	7	Tennessee	Jackson, Tenn.	D1-'99	16-16-0-0
69	Wilson, Zach**	G	6-5	302	10/14/79	1	Southern California	Lakewood, Calif.	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
<b>Reserve/Injured List</b>										
32	Young, Chris	S	6-0	210	1/23/80	3	Georgia Tech	Senoia, Ga.	D7a-'02	10-0-0-6
<b>Reserve/Non-Football Injury List</b>										
69	Alexander, P.J.	G	6-4	297	12/23/78	3	Syracuse	Tallahassee, Fla.	FA-'03	5-0-11-0
<b>Reserve/NFL Europe Injury List</b>										
71	Renteria, D.J.	DT	6-3	300	1/15/81	1	New Mexico	Roswell, N.M.	FA-'04	0-0-0-0
<b>Reserve/Left Squad</b>										
79	Sewell, Josh	C/G	6-2	288	7/26/81	1	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	D6b-'04	0-0-0-0

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**Denver Broncos 2005 Numerical Roster**

(updated 8/19/05)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College	High School Hometown	How Acq.	2004 P-S-DNP-IA
1	Jason Elam	K	5-11	200	35	13	Hawaii	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.	D3b-'93	16-0-0-0
3	Paul Ernster	P/K	6-0	217	23	R	Northern Arizona	Glendale, Ariz.	D7-'05	0-0-0-0
8	Matt Mauck	QB	6-1	213	26	2	Louisiana State	Jasper, Ind.	D7a-'04	0-0-0-2
9	Chad Frieheuf	QB	6-6	211	22	R	Colo. School of Mines	Brush, Colo.	RFA-'05	0-0-0-0
10	Todd Sauerbrun	P	5-10	215	32	11	West Virginia	East Setauket, N.Y.	T(Car)-'05	16-0-0-0
11	Bradlee Van Pelt	QB	6-2	220	25	1	Colorado State	Santa Barbara, Calif.	D7c-'04	0-0-0-0
12	B.J. Johnson	WR	5-11	207	23	2	Texas	Grand Prairie, Texas	CFA-'04	0-0-0-0
13	Danny Kanell	QB	6-3	218	31	8	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA-'03	0-0-16-0
14	Todd Devoe	WR	6-2	198	25	1	Central Missouri State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
15	Romar Crenshaw	WR	6-0	185	24	1	S.E. Oklahoma State	Broken Bow, Okla.	CFA-'04	0-0-0-0
16	Jake Plummer	QB	6-2	212	30	9	Arizona State	Boise, Idaho	UFA(Ari)-'03	16-16-0-0
17	Darius Watts	WR	6-2	190	23	2	Marshall	Atlanta, Ga.	D2b-'04	16-2-0-0
19	Jerry Rice	WR	6-2	200	42	21	Mississippi Valley State	Crawford, Miss.	FA-'05	17-14-0-0
20	Maurice Clarett	RB	5-11	234	21	R	Ohio State	Youngstown, Ohio	D3c-'05	0-0-0-0
21	Quentin Griffin	RB	5-7	195	24	3	Oklahoma	Houston, Texas	D4a-'03	6-4-0-1
22	Domonique Foxworth	CB	5-11	180	22	R	Maryland	Catonville, Md.	D3b-'05	0-0-0-0
23	Rod Babers	CB	5-9	185	24	3	Texas	Houston, Tex.	FA-'05	2-0-0-0
24	Champ Bailey	CB	6-0	192	27	7	Georgia	Folkston, Ga.	T(Was)-'04	16-16-0-0
25	Nick Ferguson	S	5-11	201	30	6	Georgia Tech	Miami, Fla.	FA-'03	16-1-0-0
26	Tatum Bell	RB	5-11	213	24	2	Oklahoma State	Dallas, Texas	D2a-'04	14-0-0-2
27	Darrent Williams	CB	5-8	188	22	R	Oklahoma State	Fort Worth, Texas	D2-'05	0-0-0-0
28	Jeff Shoate	CB	5-10	189	24	2	San Diego State	San Diego, Calif.	D5-'04	7-0-0-9
29	Brandon Browner	CB	6-4	221	21	R	Oregon State	Sylmar, Calif.	CFA-'05	0-0-0-0
31	Jeremy LeSueur	S	6-0	204	24	2	Michigan	Holly Springs, Miss.	D3-'04	0-0-0-0
33	Ron Dayne	RB	5-10	245	27	6	Wisconsin	Berlin, N.J.	UFA(NYG)-'05	14-2-0-2
35	Lenny Walls	CB	6-4	195	25	4	Boston College	San Francisco, Calif.	CFA-'02	7-1-1-3
36	Kris Briggs	RB	5-11	242	23	1	Southern Methodist	Carthage, Texas	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
37	Cecil Sapp	RB	5-11	229	26	3	Colorado State	Miami, Fla.	CFA-'03	5-0-0-4
38	Mike Anderson	RB	6-0	230	31	6	Utah	Winnsboro, S.C.	D6-'00	0-0-0-0
39	Kyle Johnson	FB	6-0	242	26	3	Syracuse	Woodbridge, N.J.	FA-'03	14-3-0-2
40	Curome Cox	CB	6-1	199	24	1	Maryland	Washington, D.C.	FA-'04	0-0-0-0
41	Karl Paymah	CB	6-0	200	22	R	Washington State	Culver City, Calif.	D3a-'05	0-0-0-0
42	Sam Brandon	S	6-2	200	26	4	UNLV	Riverside, Calif.	D4-'02	9-0-0-7
45	Roc Alexander	CB	5-10	190	23	2	Washington	Colorado Springs, Colo.	CFA-'04	16-1-0-0
47	John Lynch	S	6-2	220	33	13	Stanford	Del Mar, Calif.	FA-'04	15-15-0-1
48	Brandon Miree	RB	5-11	237	24	2	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati, Ohio	D7b-'04	0-0-0-0
50	Ben Hamilton	G/C	6-4	283	28	5	Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.	D4a-'01	16-16-0-0
51	Keith Burns	LB	6-2	235	33	12	Oklahoma State	Alexandria, Va.	UFA(TB)-'05	16-0-0-0
52	Ian Gold	LB	6-0	223	26	6	Michigan	Belleville, Mich.	FA-'05	16-13-0-0
53	Louis Green	LB	6-3	228	25	2	Alcorn State	Vicksburg, Miss.	FA-'03	6-0-0-0
54	Patrick Chukwurah	LB	6-1	250	26	5	Wyoming	Irving, Texas	FA-'04	14-0-0-2
55	D.J. Williams	LB	6-1	242	23	2	Miami	Concord, Calif.	D1-'04	16-14-0-0
56	Al Wilson	LB	6-0	240	28	7	Tennessee	Jackson, Tenn.	D1-'99	16-16-0-0
57	Jashon Sykes	LB	6-2	236	25	3	Colorado	Los Angeles, Calif.	CFA-'02	3-0-0-13
58	Terry Pierce	LB	6-1	251	24	3	Kansas State	Fort Worth, Texas	D2-'03	15-0-1-0
59	Markus Steele	LB	6-3	240	26	4	Southern California	Bedford, Ohio	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
60	John Engelberger	DE	6-4	268	28	6	Virginia Tech	Springfield, Va.	T(SF)-'05	16-15-0-0
61	Gerard Warren	DT	6-4	325	27	5	Florida	Raiford, Fla.	T(Cle)-'05	13-13-0-3
62	Chris Myers	OL	6-4	300	23	R	Miami	Miami, Fla.	D6-'05	0-0-0-0
63	Tim Stuber	G	6-5	315	27	3	Colorado State	Northglenn, Colo.	FA-'04	0-0-0-2
64	Patrice Majondo-Mwamba*	DL	6-4	293	26	R	Texas Tech	Republic of Congo	RFA-'05	0-0-0-0
64	Erik Pears	T	6-8	305	23	R	Colorado State	Denver, Colo.	CFA-'05	0-0-0-0
65	Cooper Carlisle	G/T	6-5	295	28	6	Florida	McComb, Miss.	D4b-'00	16-3-0-0
66	Tom Nalen	C	6-3	286	34	12	Boston College	Foxboro, Mass.	D7c-'94	16-16-0-0
67	Anthony Clement	T	6-8	320	29	8	Louisiana-Lafayette	Cecilia, La.	FA-'05	16-8-0-0
68	Mario Fatafehi	DT	6-2	300	26	5	Kansas State	Honolulu, Hawaii	FA-'03	16-16-0-0
69	Zach Wilson**	G	6-5	302	25	1	Southern California	Lakewood, Calif.	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
70	Tyson Clabo	G/T	6-6	314	23	2	Wake Forest	Knoxville, Tenn.	CFA-'04	0-0-0-2
71	Aaron Hunt	DE	6-2	265	25	1	Texas Tech	Denison, Texas	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
71	Chris Watton	C/G	6-3	305	27	1	Baylor	Sioux Falls, S.D.	W-'05	0-0-0-0
72	George Foster	T	6-5	338	25	3	Georgia	Macon, Ga.	D1-'03	16-16-0-0
73	Cameron Spikes	G	6-4	313	28	7	Texas A&M	Bryan, Texas	UFA(Ari)-'05	16-8-0-0
74	Cornell Green	T	6-6	315	28	6	Central Florida	St. Petersburg, Fla.	UFA(TB)-'04	0-0-3-13
75	Monsanto Pope	DT	6-3	300	27	4	Virginia	Hopewell, Va.	D7b-'02	16-15-0-0
76	Michael Myers	DT	6-2	300	29	8	Alabama	Vicksburg, Miss.	T(Cle)-'05	16-7-0-0
77	Dwayne Carswell	G	6-3	290	33	12	Liberty	Jacksonville, Fla.	CFA-'94	15-14-0-0
78	Matt Lepsis	T	6-4	290	31	9	Colorado	Conroe, Texas	CFA-'97	16-16-0-0
79	Ben Nowland**	C	6-2	298	25	1	Auburn	St. Augustine, Fla.	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
80	Rod Smith	WR	6-0	200	35	11	Missouri Southern	Texarkana, Ark.	CFA-'94	16-16-0-0
81	Charlie Adams	WR	6-2	190	25	3	Hofstra	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	FA-'04	4-0-0-3
82	Stephen Alexander	TE	6-4	250	29	8	Oklahoma	Chickasha, Okla.	UFA(Det)-'05	16-15-0-0
83	Mike Leach	TE/LS	6-2	245	28	6	William & Mary	Jefferson Township, N.J.	FA-'02	16-0-0-0
84	Wesley Duke	TE	6-5	225	24	R	Mercer	Norcross, Ga.	CFA-'05	0-0-0-0
85	Ashley Lelie	WR	6-3	200	25	4	Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	D1-'02	16-16-0-0
86	Patrick Hape	TE	6-4	262	31	9	Alabama	Killen, Ala.	UFA(TB)-'01	16-5-0-0
87	Triandos Luke	WR	5-10	195	23	2	Alabama	Phenix City, Ala.	D6a-'04	10-0-0-6
88	Jeb Putzier	TE	6-4	256	26	4	Boise State	Eagle, Idaho	D6-'02	16-5-0-0
89	Nate Jackson	TE	6-3	235	26	3	Menlo	San Jose, Calif.	T(SF)-'03	12-0-0-0
90	Chukie Nwokorie	DE	6-3	285	30	6	Purdue	West Lafayette, Ind.	FA-'05	0-0-0-0
91	Ebenezer Ekuban	DE	6-3	275	29	7	North Carolina	Bowie, Md.	T(Cle)-'05	16-11-0-0
92	Marco Coleman	DE	6-3	270	35	14	Georgia Tech	Dayton, Ohio	UFA(Phi)-'04	16-16-0-0
93	Trevor Pryce	DE	6-5	286	30	9	Clemson	Winter Park, Fla.	D1-'97	2-1-0-14
94	Luther Elliss	DT	6-5	318	32	11	Utah	Mancos, Colo.	FA-'04	8-0-0-5
95	Anton Palepoi	DE	6-3	283	27	4	UNLV	Salt Lake City, Utah	FA-'04	11-0-0-3*
96	Dorsett Davis	DT	6-5	305	26	4	Mississippi State	Cleveland, Miss.	D3-'02	0-0-0-0
97	Demetris Veal	DT	6-2	288	24	3	Tennessee	Paramount, Calif.	FA-'04	0-0-0-3
98	Courtney Brown	DE	6-4	285	27	6	Penn State	Alvin, S.C.	FA-'05	2-2-0-0
99	Raylee Johnson	DE	6-3	272	35	13	Arkansas	Fordyce, Ark.	FA-'04	14-1-0-2
<b>Reserve/Injured List</b>										
32	Chris Young	S	6-0	210	25	3	Georgia Tech	Senoia, Ga.	D7a-'02	10-0-0-6
<b>Reserve/Non-Football Injury List</b>										
69	P.J. Alexander	G	6-4	297	27	3	Syracuse	Tallahassee, Fla.	FA-'03	5-0-11-0
<b>Reserve/NFL Europe Injury List</b>										
71	D.J. Renteria	DT	6-3	300	24	1	New Mexico	Roswell, N.M.	FA-'04	0-0-0-0
<b>Reserve/Left Squad</b>										
79	Josh Sewell	C/G	6-2	288	24	1	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	D6b-'04	0-0-0-0

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(Updated August 17, 2005)

**BY DATE**

12/30/03	Signed WR MarTay Jenkins to future contract Signed DT Thomas Pittman to future contract Signed QB Tory Woodbury to future contract		Placed CB Jermaine Chatman on reserve/injured list (left hand) Placed WR B.J. Johnson on reserve/injured list (left ankle)	11/30/04	Placed CB Lenny Walls on reserve/injured (right shoulder) Signed LB Louis Green from practice squad Signed CB Curome Cox to practice squad
12/31/03	Signed G Calvin Collins to future contract Signed S Ron Israel to future contract Signed T Jamain Stephens to future contract		Waived DE Luis Almanzar Waived RB Antonio Beard Waived WR Atnaf Harris Waived S Ron Israel	12/1/04	Signed G Tyson Clabo from practice squad
1/6/04	Signed WR Atnaf Harris to future contract		Waived LB Riall Johnson	12/7/04	Placed WR Nate Jackson on reserve/injured (left ankle)
1/7/04	Signed DT Luis Almanzar to future contract		Waived DT Brandon Kennedy	12/8/04	Re-signed WR Charlie Adams
1/13/04	Signed LB Patrick Chukwurah to future contract		Waived G Tyler Lenda	12/9/04	Waived P Micah Knorr Claimed P Jason Baker off Waivers (IND)
2/9/04	Signed RB Antonio Beard		Waived QB Mike Quinn	12/17/04	Placed CB Willie Middlebrooks on reserve/injured (right knee) Placed DT Luther Elliss on reserve/injured (lower back)
2/17/04	Signed P Hayden Epstein		Waived TE O.J. Santiago	12/18/04	Signed DT Demetrian Veal
2/24/04	Re-signed LB Al Wilson		Waived T Jamain Stephens	12/21/04	Waived DT Darius Holland Signed G Tyson Clabo from practice squad Signed DT D.J. Renteria to practice squad
3/2/04	Placed WR Ed McCaffrey on reserve/retired list Waived T Ephraim Salaam		Waived CB Scott Turner	12/22/04	Signed G Tim Stuber Signed WR Grant Mattos to practice squad DE Bryant McNeal signed to Tampa Bay's active roster
3/4/04	Acquired CB Champ Bailey and a 2004 second-round (41 <sup>st</sup> overall) draft choice from Washington in exchange for RB Clinton Portis	9/5/04	Placed CB Jeremy LeSueur on reserve/injured list (hernia) Waived LB Cornelius Anthony Waived LB Charles Burton Waived TE Byron Chamberlain Waived G Tyson Clabo Waived WR Romar Crenshaw Waived DT Nick Eason Waived P Hayden Epstein Waived RB Ahmaad Galloway Waived DE Randy Garner Waived LB Louis Green Waived DE Bryant McNeal Waived DE Clint Mitchell Waived DT Thomas Pittman Waived LB Johnny Rutledge Waived RB Cecil Sapp Waived C/G Josh Sewell Waived G Shannon Snell Waived QB Bradlee Van Pelt Waived G/C Chris Watton Waived TE Jed Weaver	12/28/04	Placed RB Garrison Hearst on reserve/injured (left hand) Signed RB Johnathan Reese
3/10/04	Signed QB Mike Quinn (UFA-Houston) Re-signed CB Scott Turner (UFA)		Signed WR Romar Crenshaw to practice squad Signed DT Nick Eason to practice squad Signed LB Louis Green to practice squad Signed DE Bryant McNeal to practice squad Signed RB Cecil Sapp to practice squad Signed C/G Josh Sewell to practice squad Signed QB Bradlee Van Pelt to practice squad Signed TE John Paul Foschi to practice squad	1/7/05	Signed RB Kris Briggs to future contract Signed WR Todd Devoe to future contract Signed DE Randy Garner to future contract Signed G Reese Hicks to future contract Signed TE Mike Pinkard to future contract Signed LB Markus Steele to future contract
3/11/04	Signed DE Marco Coleman (UFA-Philadelphia) Re-signed TE Mike Leach		9/6/04	1/8/05	Signed QB Matt Mauck from practice squad Waived RB Johnathan Reese
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3/15/04	Re-signed CB Jimmy Spencer (UFA) Signed CB Reggie Stephens		9/7/04	1/19/05	Signed DE Chukie Nwokorie to future contract
3/19/04	Re-signed RB Reuben Droughns (UFA) Signed TE Jed Weaver (UFA-San Francisco) Signed DE Raylee Johnson		9/11/04	1/26/05	Signed P/K Mark Mariscal to future contract
3/22/04	Signed DE Raylee Johnson		9/13/04	1/27/05	Signed G/C Josh Sewell to future contract
3/23/04	Signed S John Lynch		9/15/04	1/31/05	Signed QB Bradlee Van Pelt to future contract
3/24/04	Signed DT Luther Elliss		9/20/04	2/24/05	Released G Dan Neil
3/25/04	Signed RB Garrison Hearst		9/22/04	3/3/05	Traded a 2005 fourth round pick to Cleveland in exchange for DT Gerard Warren Signed LB Ian Gold Signed DE Aaron Hunt Re-signed G Ben Hamilton (UFA) Re-signed TE Jeb Putzier (RFA) Re-signed LS/TE Mike Leach (UFA)
3/26/04	Signed T Cornell Green (UFA-Tampa Bay)		9/24/04	3/11/05	Waived P/K Mark Mariscal Signed P/K Jeff Crowell Signed P/K Tyler Fredrickson
4/9/04	Traded CB Deltha O'Neal, a 2004 first round (24 <sup>th</sup> overall) pick and a 2004 fourth round (117 <sup>th</sup> overall) pick to Cincinnati in exchange for a 2004 first round (17 <sup>th</sup> overall) selection		10/2/04	3/18/05	Re-signed P/K Jason Baker (UFA) Re-signed G/T Cooper Carlisle (UFA)
4/15/04	Re-signed TE Patrick Hape (UFA) Signed TE O.J. Santiago (UFA-Oakland)		10/4/04	3/25/05	Signed TE Stephen Alexander (UFA-Detroit) Signed LB Keith Burns (UFA-Tampa Bay)
4/26/04	Waived QB Tory Woodbury		10/11/04	3/30/05	Traded RB Reuben Droughns to Cleveland in exchange for DE Ebenezer Ekuban and DT Michael Myers Signed DE Courtney Brown
4/28/04	Signed G Tyson Clabo (rookie free agent)		10/18/04	4/1/05	Signed RB Ron Dayne (UFA-N.Y. Giants) Re-signed DT Luther Elliss (UFA) Re-signed TE Patrick Hape (UFA) Re-signed DT Monsanto Pope (RFA)
5/3/04	Signed CB Roc Alexander (rookie free agent) Signed WR Romar Crenshaw (rookie free agent)		10/26/04	4/6/05	Re-signed DT Dorsett Davis (RFA)
5/7/04	Signed WR B.J. Johnson (rookie free agent) Signed DT Brandon Kennedy (rookie free agent) Signed G Shannon Snell (rookie free agent)		10/27/04	4/15/05	Re-signed CB Lenny Walls (RFA)
5/10/04	Waived QB Steve Beuerlein			4/19/05	Re-signed DE Marco Coleman (UFA)
5/11/04	Signed LB Johnny Rutledge			4/20/05	Traded a 2005 first round pick to Washington in exchange for Washington's 2005 third round pick (CB Karl Paymah) and a 2006 unannounced pick
5/14/04	Signed TE Byron Chamberlain			4/21/05	Re-signed DE Anton Palepoi (RFA)
6/2/04	Waived DT Daryl Gardener			4/26/05	Signed T Anthony Clement Signed CB Brandon Browner (rookie free agent) Signed Wesley Duke (rookie free agent) Signed T Erik Pears (rookie free agent) Waived RB Antonio Beard Waived TE Keith Willis
6/9/04	Waived G Calvin Collins				
6/11/04	Signed WR Triandos Luke (draft choice)				
6/14/04	Signed LB Charles Burton Signed DE Randy Garner Signed G Tyler Lenda				
7/27/04	Signed WR Darius Watts Signed CB Jeremy LeSueur Signed CB Jeff Shoate Signed C Jeff Sewell Signed QB Matt Mauck Signed RB Brandon Miree Signed QB Bradlee Van Pelt Waived S Jarious Jackson Waived WR MarTay Jenkins Waived CB Reggie Stephens				
7/28/04	Waived LB John Mobley				
7/30/04	Signed CB Reggie Stephens				
7/31/04	Placed DT Dorsett Davis on reserve/injured list (left finger)				
8/12/04	Signed CB Jermaine Chatman				
8/16/04	Placed RB Brandon Miree on reserve/injured list (left thumb) Waived CB Reggie Stephens				
8/17/04	Signed LB Cornelius Anthony Waived WR Willie Jackson				
8/23/04	Signed LB Riall Johnson				
8/31/04	Placed CB Jimmy Spencer on reserve/retired list Placed RB Mike Anderson on reserve/injured list (groin)				

5/3/05 Re-signed S Sam Brandon (RFA)  
 5/12/05 Signed QB Chad Frieauf (rookie free agent)  
 Waived TE Mike Pinkard  
 5/19/05 Traded P Jason Baker and a 2006 seventh round pick to Carolina in exchange for P Todd Sauerbrun  
 5/23/05 Signed G Cameron Spikes (UFA – Arizona)  
 Waived DE Randy Garner  
 6/1/05 Signed WR Jerry Rice FA  
 6/3/05 Placed G P.J. Alexander on reserve/non-football injury list  
 6/14/05 Signed G Zach Wilson (RFA)  
 Assigned Patrice Majondo-Mwamba by NFL as Intl. Practice Squad Player  
 7/15/05 Traded CB Willie Middlebrooks to San Francisco in exchange for DE John Engelberger  
 7/25/05 Waived P/K Jeff Crowell. Waived P/K Tyler Fredrickson. Waived G Reese Hicks.  
 7/27/05 Waived WR Grant Mattos  
 7/30/05 Placed DT D.J. Renteria on reserve/NFL Europe injury list  
 7/31/05 Placed C/G Josh Sewell on Exempt/Left Squad list. Signed C Ben Nowland  
 8/2/05 Claimed C/G Chris Watton off Waivers  
 8/9/05 Placed C/G Josh Sewell on Reserve/Left Squad list  
 8/16/05 Signed CB Rod Babers  
 8/17/05 Placed S Chris Young on reserve/injured list (right knee)

#### BY PLAYER

##### ADAMS, Charlie — WR

10/2/04 Waived  
 12/8/04 Re-signed

##### ALEXANDER, P.J. — G

6/3/05 Placed on reserve/non-football injury list

##### ALEXANDER, Roc — CB

5/3/04 Signed (rookie free agent)

##### ALEXANDER, Stephen — TE

3/25/05 Signed (UFA-Detroit)

##### ALMANZAR, Luis — DT

1/7/04 Signed to future contract  
 8/31/04 Waived

##### ANDERSON, Mike — RB

8/31/04 Placed on reserve/injured list (groin)

##### ANTHONY, Cornelius — LB

8/17/04 Signed  
 9/5/04 Waived

##### BABERS, Rod — CB

8/16/05 Signed

##### BAILEY, Champ — CB

3/4/04 Acquired from Washington with a 2004 second-round (41<sup>st</sup> overall) draft choice for RB Clinton Portis

##### BAKER, Jason — P

12/9/04 Claimed off Waivers (Indianapolis)  
 3/18/05 Re-signed (UFA)  
 5/19/05 Traded to Carolina for P Todd Sauerbrun

##### BEARD, Santonio — RB

2/9/04 Signed  
 8/31/04 Waived  
 9/15/04 Signed to practice squad  
 1/10/05 Signed to future contract  
 4/26/05 Waived

##### BEUERLEIN, Steve — QB

5/10/04 Waived

##### BRANDON, SAM — S

5/3/05 Re-signed (RFA)

##### BRIGGS, Kris — RB

10/27/04 Signed to practice squad  
 11/17/04 Waived from practice squad  
 1/7/05 Signed to future contract

##### BROWN, Courtney — DE

3/30/05 Signed

##### BROWNER, Brandon — CB

4/26/05 Signed (rookie free agent)

##### BURNS, Keith — LB

3/25/05 Signed (UFA-Tampa Bay)

##### BURTON, Charles — LB

6/14/04 Signed  
 9/5/04 Waived

##### CARLISLE, Cooper — G/T

3/18/05 Re-signed (UFA)

##### CARSWELL, Dwayne — T

10/118/04 Placed on reserve/suspended list by NFL  
 10/26/04 Reinstated by NFL from reserve/suspended list

##### CHAMBERLIN, Byron — TE

5/14/04 Signed  
 9/5/04 Waived

##### CHATMAN, Jermaine — CB

8/12/04 Signed  
 8/31/04 Placed on reserve/injured list (left hand)  
 10/11/04 Waived from reserve/injured list

##### CHUKWURAH, Patrick — LB

1/13/04 Signed to future contract

##### CLABO, Tyson — G/T

4/28/04 Signed (rookie free agent)  
 9/5/04 Waived  
 11/17/04 Signed to practice squad  
 12/21/04 Signed from practice squad

##### CLEMENT, Anthony — T

4/26/05 Signed

##### COLEMAN, Marco — DE

3/11/04 Signed (UFA-Philadelphia)  
 4/19/05 Re-signed (UFA)

##### COLLINS, Calvin — G

12/31/03 Signed to future contract  
 6/9/04 Waived

##### COX, Curome — CB

12/1/04 Signed to practice squad  
 1/10/05 Signed to future contract

##### CRENSHAW, Romar — WR

5/3/04 Signed (rookie free agent)  
 9/5/04 Waived  
 9/6/04 Signed to practice squad  
 1/10/05 Signed to future contract

##### CROWELL, Jeff — P/K

3/11/05 Signed  
 7/25/05 Waived

##### DAYNE, Ron — RB

4/1/05 Signed (UFA-N.Y. Giants)

##### DAVIS, Dorsett — DT

7/31/04 Placed on reserve/injured list (left finger)  
 4/6/05 Re-signed (RFA)

##### DEVOE, Todd — WR

1/7/05 Signed to future contract

##### DROUGHNS, Reuben — RB

3/19/04 Re-signed (UFA)  
 3/30/05 Traded to Cleveland for DE Ebenezer Ekuban and DT Michael Myers

##### DUKE, Wesley — TE

4/26/05 Signed (rookie free agent)

##### EASON, Nick — DT

9/5/04 Waived  
 9/6/04 Signed to practice squad  
 9/24/04 Waived

##### EKUBAN, EBENEZER — DE

3/30/05 Acquired from Cleveland with DT Michael Myers in exchange for RB Reuben Droughns

##### ELLISS, Luther — DT

3/24/04 Signed  
 12/17/04 Placed on reserve/injured (lower back)  
 4/1/05 Re-signed (UFA)

##### ENGELBERGER, John — DE

5/23/05 Acquired from San Francisco in exchange for CB Willie Middlebrooks

##### EPSTEIN, Hayden — P

2/17/04 Signed  
 9/5/04 Waived

##### FOSCHI, John Paul — TE

9/7/04 Signed to practice squad  
 9/15/04 Waived

##### FREDRICKSON, Tyler — P/K

3/11/05 Signed  
 7/25/05 Waived

##### FRIEHAUF, Chad — QB

5/12/05 Signed (rookie free agent)

##### GALLOWAY, Ahmaad — RB

9/5/04 Waived

##### GARDENER, Daryl — DT

6/2/04 Waived

##### GARNER, Randy — DE

6/14/04 Signed  
 9/5/04 Waived  
 1/7/05 Signed to future contract  
 5/23/05 Waived

##### GOLD, Ian — LB

3/3/05 Signed

##### GREEN, Cornell — T

3/26/04 Signed (UFA-Tampa Bay)

##### GREEN, Cornell — T

9/5/04 Waived  
 9/6/04 Signed to practice squad  
 9/11/04 Signed  
 9/13/04 Waived and re-signed to practice squad

##### GREEN, Louis — LB

9/5/04 Waived  
 9/6/04 Signed to practice squad  
 9/11/04 Signed from practice squad  
 9/11/04 Waived; re-signed to practice squad  
 11/30/04 Signed from practice squad

##### GRIFFIN, Quentin — RB

10/27/04 Placed on reserve/injured list (right knee)

##### HAPE, Patrick — TE

4/15/04 Re-signed (UFA)  
 4/1/05 Re-signed (UFA)

##### HARRIS, Atnaf — WR

1/6/04 Signed to future contract  
 8/31/04 Waived

##### HEARST, Garrison — RB

3/25/04 Signed  
 12/28/04 Placed on reserve/injured (left hand)

##### HICKS, Reese — G

1/7/05 Signed to future contract

##### HOLLAND, Darius — DT

9/11/04 Waived  
 9/13/04 Signed  
 12/21/04 Waived

##### HUNT, Aaron — DE

3/3/05 Signed

##### ISRAEL, Ron — S

12/31/03 Signed to future contract  
 8/31/04 Waived

##### JACKSON, Jarious — QB

7/27/04 Waived

##### JACKSON, Nate — TE

12/7/04 Placed on reserve/injured list (left ankle)

##### JACKSON, Willie — WR

3/12/04 Signed  
 8/17/04 Waived

##### JENKINS, MarTay — WR

12/30/03 Signed to future contract  
 7/27/04 Waived

##### JOHNSON, B.J. — WR

5/7/04 Signed (rookie free agent)  
 8/31/04 Placed on reserve/injured list (left ankle)

##### JOHNSON, Ellis — DE

9/20/04 Acquired in a trade from Atlanta in exchange for a 2005 conditional draft pick  
 10/2/04 Activated from exempt/commissioner permission to 53-man roster

##### JOHNSON, Raylee — DE

3/22/04 Signed

##### JOHNSON, Riall — LB

8/23/04 Signed

##### KENNEDY, Brandon — DT

5/7/04 Signed (rookie free agent)  
 8/31/04 Waived

##### KNORR, Micah — P

2/9/04 Waived

##### LEACH, Mike — LS/TE

3/11/04 Re-signed (UFA)  
 3/10/05 Re-signed (UFA)

##### LENDA, Tyler — G

6/14/04 Signed  
 8/31/04 Waived

##### LeSUEUR, Jeremy — S

7/27/04 Signed  
 9/5/04 Placed on reserve/injured list (hernia)

##### LUKE, Triandos — WR

6/11/04 Signed

##### LYNCH, John — S

3/23/04 Signed

**MADISE, Adrian — WR**  
 10/4/04 Moved from reserve/suspended to exempt/commissioner permission list  
 10/11/04 Waived

**MARISCAL, Mark — P/K**  
 1/26/05 Signed to future contract  
 3/11/05 Waived

**MATTOS, Grant — WR**  
 12/22/04 Signed to practice squad  
 1/10/05 Signed to future contract  
 7/27/05 Waived

**MAUCK, Matt — QB**  
 7/27/04 Signed  
 9/22/04 Waived  
 9/24/04 Signed to practice squad  
 1/8/05 Signed from practice squad

**McNEAL, Bryant — DE**  
 9/5/04 Waived  
 9/6/04 Signed to practice squad  
 12/22/04 Signed to Tampa Bay's active roster

**MIDDLEBROOKS, Willie — CB**  
 12/17/04 Placed on reserve/injured (right knee)  
 7/15/05 Traded to San Francisco in exchange for DE John Engelberger

**MIREE, Brandon — RB**  
 7/27/04 Signed  
 8/16/04 Place on reserve/injured list (left thumb)

**McCAFFREY, Ed — WR**  
 3/2/04 Placed on reserve/retired list

**MITCHELL, Clint — DE**  
 9/5/04 Waived

**MOBLEY, John — LB**  
 7/28/04 Waived

**MAJONDO-MWAMBA, Patrice — DL**  
 6/14/05 Assigned by NFL to the Int'l. Practice Squad

**MYERS, Michael — DT**  
 3/30/05 Acquired from Cleveland with DE Ebenezer Ekuban in exchange for RB Reuben Droughns

**NEIL, Dan — G**  
 2/24/05 Released

**NOWLAND, Ben — C**  
 7/31/05 Signed

**NWOKORIE, Chukie — DE**  
 1/19/05 Signed to future contract

**O'NEAL, Deltha — CB**  
 4/9/04 Traded to Cincinnati along with a 2004 first round (24<sup>th</sup> overall) pick and a 2004 fourth round (117<sup>th</sup> overall) pick, in exchange for the Bengals 2004 first round (17<sup>th</sup> overall) selection

**PALEPOI, Anton — DE**  
 9/22/04 Signed  
 4/21/05 Re-signed (RFA)

**PEARS, Erik — T**  
 4/26/05 Signed (rookie free agent)

**PINKARD, Mike — TE**  
 1/7/05 Signed to future contract  
 5/12/05 Waived

**PITTMAN, Thomas — DT**  
 12/30/03 Signed to future contract  
 9/5/04 Waived

**POPE, Monsanto — DT**  
 4/1/05 Re-signed (RFA)

**PORTIS, Clinton — RB**  
 3/4/04 Traded to Washington for CB Champ Bailey and a 2004 second-round (41<sup>st</sup> overall) draft choice

**PUTZIER, Jeb — TE**  
 3/10/05 Re-signed (RFA)

**QUINN, Mike — QB**  
 3/10/04 Signed (UFA-Houston)  
 8/31/04 Waived

**REESE, Johnathan — RB**  
 12/28/04 Signed  
 1/8/05 Waived

**RENTERIA, D.J. — DT**  
 12/21/04 Signed to practice squad  
 1/10/05 Signed to future contract  
 7/30/05 Placed on reserve/NFL Europe injury list

**RICE, Jerry — WR**  
 6/1/05 Signed

**RUTLEDGE, Johnny — LB**  
 5/11/04 Re-signed  
 9/5/04 Waived

**SALAAM, Ephraim — T**  
 3/2/04 Waived

**SANTIAGO, O.J. — TE**  
 4/15/04 Signed (UFA-Oakland)  
 8/31/04 Waived

**SAPP, Cecil — RB**  
 9/5/04 Waived  
 9/6/04 Signed to practice squad  
 10/27/04 Signed

**SAUERBRUN, Todd — P**  
 5/19/05 Acquired from Carolina for P Jason Baker and a 2006 seventh round pick

**SEWELL, Josh — C**  
 7/27/04 Signed  
 9/5/04 Waived  
 9/6/04 Signed to practice squad  
 1/27/05 Signed to future contract  
 7/31/05 Placed on exempt/left squad list  
 8/9/05 Placed on reserve/left squad list

**SHOATE, Jeff — CB**  
 7/27/04 Signed

**SNELL, Shannon — G**  
 5/7/04 Signed (rookie free agent)  
 9/5/04 Waived

**SPENCER, Jimmy — CB**  
 3/15/04 Re-signed (UFA)  
 8/31/04 Placed on reserve/retired list

**SPIKES, Cameron — G**  
 5/23/05 Signed (UFA-Arizona)

**STEELE, Mark — LB**  
 1/7/05 Signed to future contract

**STEPHENS, Jamain — T**  
 12/31/03 Signed to future contract  
 8/31/04 Waived

**STEPHENS, Reggie — CB**  
 3/15/04 Signed  
 7/27/04 Waived  
 7/30/04 Signed  
 8/16/04 Waived

**STUBER, Tim — G**  
 12/22/04 Signed

**TURNER, Scott — CB**  
 3/10/04 Re-signed (UFA)  
 8/31/04 Waived

**VAN PELT, Bradlee — QB**  
 7/27/04 Signed  
 9/5/04 Waived  
 9/6/04 Signed to practice squad  
 1/31/05 Signed to future contract

**VEAL, Demetris — DT**  
 12/18/04 Signed

**WALLS, Lenny — CB**  
 11/30/04 Placed on reserved/injured list (right shoulder)  
 4/21/05 Re-signed (RFA)

**WARREN, Gerard — DT**  
 3/3/05 Acquired from Cleveland for a 2005 fourth-round pick

**WATTON, Chris — C/G**  
 9/5/04 Waived  
 8/2/05 Claimed off Waivers (Tampa Bay)

**WATTS, Darius — WR**  
 7/27/04 Signed

**WEAVER, Jed — TE**  
 3/19/04 Signed (UFA-San Francisco)  
 9/5/04 Waived

**WILLIS, Keith — TE**  
 1/10/05 Signed to future contract

**WILSON, Al — LB**  
 2/24/04 Re-signed

**WILSON, Zach — G**  
 6/14/05 Signed

**WOODBURY, Tory — QB**  
 12/30/03 Signed to future contract  
 4/26/04 Waived

**YOUNG, Chris — CB**  
 6/11/02 Signed as a draft choice

9/1/02 Waived  
 9/3/02 Signed (practice squad)  
 8/17/05 Placed on reserve/injured list (right knee)

# HOW THE BRONCOS ARE BUILT

Updated 8/18/05

Year	Draft/College Free Agent	Trades	Free Agents/Waivers
<b>1993</b> 9-7 (3rd AFC West)	K Jason Elam (3b)		
<b>1994</b> 7-9 (4th AFC West)	C Tom Nalen (7c) T Dwayne Carswell (CFA) WR Rod Smith (CFA)		
<b>1995</b> 8-8 (4th AFC West)			
<b>1996</b> 13-3 (1st AFC West)			
<b>1997</b> 12-4 (2nd AFC West) Super Bowl Champs	DT Trevor Pryce (1) T Matt Lepsis (CFA)		
<b>1998</b> 14-2 (1st AFC West) Super Bowl Champs			
<b>1999</b> 6-10 (5th AFC West)	LB Al Wilson (1)		
<b>2000</b> 11-5 (2nd AFC West)	G/T Cooper Carlisle (4b) RB Mike Anderson (6)		
<b>2001</b> 8-8 (3rd AFC West)	C Ben Hamilton (4a)		TE Patrick Hape*** (UFA-Tampa Bay)
<b>2002</b> 9-7 (2nd AFC West)	WR Ashley Lelie (1) DT Dorsett Davis (3) S Sam Brandon (4) TE Jeb Putzier (6) S Chris Young (7a) (IR) DT Monsanto Pope (7b) WR Charlie Adams (CFA) LB Jashon Sykes (CFA) CB Lenny Walls (CFA)		FB Kyle Johnson** TE/LS Mike Leach**
<b>2003</b> 10-6 (2nd AFC West)	T George Foster (1) LB Terry Pierce (2) RB Quentin Griffin (4a) RB Cecil Sapp (CFA)	TE Nate Jackson (S.F.)**	G/T P.J. Alexander** (IR) DT Mario Fatafehi** S Nick Ferguson** LB Louis Green** QB Danny Kanell** QB Jake Plummer*** (UFA-Arizona)
<b>2004</b> 10-6 (2nd AFC West)	LB DJ. Williams (1) RB Tatum Bell (2a) WR Darius Watts (2b) S Jeremy LeSueur (3) CB Jeff Shoate (5) WR Triandos Luke (6a) QB Matt Mauck (7a) RB Brandon Miree (7b) QB Bradlee Van Pelt (7c) CB Roc Alexander (CFA) G/T Tyson Clabo (CFA) WR Romar Crenshaw (CFA) WR B.J. Johnson (CFA)	CB Champ Bailey (Was)**	LB Patrick Chukwurah** DE Marco Coleman*** (UFA-Philadelphia) CB Curome Cox** DT Luther Elliss** T Cornell Green*** (UFA-Tampa Bay) DE Raylee Johnson** S John Lynch** DT D.J. Renteria** DE Anton Palepoi** G Tim Stuber** DT Demetrin Veal**
<b>2005</b>	CB Darrent Williams (2) CB Karl Paymah (3a) CB Domonique Foxworth (3b) RB Maurice Claret (3c) OL Chris Myers (6) P/K Paul Ernster (7) CB Brandon Browner (CFA) TE Wesley Duke (CFA) T Erik Pears (CFA) QB Chad Frieauf (CFA) DL Patrice Majondo-Mwamba (CFA)	DE Ebenezer Ekuban (Cle)** DE John Engelberger (SF)** DT Michael Myers (Cle)** P Todd Sauerbrun (Car)** DT Gerard Warren (Cle)**	TE Stephen Alexander*** (UFA-Detroit) CB Rod Babers** DE Courtney Brown** RB Kris Briggs** LB Keith Burns*** (UFA-Tampa Bay) T Anthony Clement** RB Ron Dayne*** (UFA-N.Y. Giants) WR Todd Devoe** LB Ian Gold** (D2a-2000) DE Aaron Hunt** (D6-2003) C Ben Nowland** DE Chukie Nwokorie** WR Jerry Rice** G Cameron Spikes*** (UFA-Arizona) LB Markus Steele** C/G Chris Watton** G Zach Wilson**

Number in parenthesis after draft choice indicates the round in which the player was taken.

CFA – indicates player was a rookie free agent when he joined the Broncos.

\*\* – indicates player was an NFL veteran or had been in other camps before joining the Broncos.

\*\*\* – indicates player was an unrestricted free agent who had not been released by previous team.

(year) – indicates a player who had a previous tenure with the club, and the year it began.

IR - indicates player is on Injured Reserve list for '05 season





**ROD BABERS**

**5-9 • 185 • 3RD YR. • TEXAS**

**BORN:** Oct. 6, 1980, in Houston  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Lamar High School, Houston  
**ACQUIRE:** Free Agent, 2005  
**NFL YEAR:** 3rd • **YEAR WITH BRONCOS:** 1st  
**NFL GAMES PLAYED/STARTED:** 7/0



**CORNERBACK**

**BABERS AT A GLANCE:**

- A 24-year-old, third-year player joined the Broncos as a free agent on Aug. 16, 2005.
- Recorded a pair of special teams stops in his NFL debut, when the Detroit Lions visited Denver on Sept. 28, 2003.
- Played in seven games, posting four solo tackles and five special teams stops in his career.
- Started for three seasons at Texas, recording 131 tackles (104 solo) with four sacks and amassed 176 return yards and three touchdowns on five interceptions.
- Selected by the New York Giants in the fourth round (123rd overall) of the 2003 NFL Draft.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS:** Drafted by NY Giants 4/26/03; Waived by NY Giants 9/6/03; Claimed by Detroit off waivers 9/8/03; Waived by Detroit 9/5/04; Signed by Detroit (practice squad) 9/7/04; Signed by Detroit to active roster 9/18/04; Waived by Detroit 3/1/05; Signed by Tampa Bay 4/4/05; Waived by Tampa Bay 4/28/05; Signed by Denver 8/16/05.



**2004:** After spending the opening week of the regular season on the practice squad, Babers played the next two games with Detroit, making one solo tackle before being placed on the injured reserve list. In his first game of the season, Babers made one solo tackle on defense at Hou. (9/19). He played the following week vs. Phi. (9/26) and was placed on the injured reserve list on Sept. 28.

**2003:** Babers entered the NFL when the New York Giants selected him in the fourth round (123rd overall) of the 2003 NFL Draft. He was released by the Giants at the end of training camp. The Detroit Lions claimed him and initially put him on the practice squad. He saw his first NFL action and made a pair of special teams tackles when Detroit visited Denver (9/28). The following week, Babers saw his first action on defense and tied for the team lead with three special teams stops at S.D. (10/5). Two weeks later, Babers registered three solo tackles vs. Dal. (10/19). He suffered a shoulder injury at Chi. (10/26) and did not return to the game. He re-injured his shoulder vs. Chi. (11/9) in the first quarter. He was placed on injured reserve (11/11).

**COLLEGE:** Babers started for three seasons at the University of Texas. He recorded 131 tackles (104 solo) with four sacks (32 yards) and 11 stops for a loss (50 yards) in 47 games. He also nabbed five interceptions, which he returned for 176 yards with three touchdowns. His interception return average of 35.2 yards shattered the previous Longhorns benchmark by more than 15 yards (20.1 by Chris Carter). His 176 interception return yards rank third in Texas annals. As a senior, Babers was an All-American second-team selection by *The NFL Draft Report*. All-Big 12 Conference first-team choice and a semi-finalist for the Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back. He earned Big 12 Player of the Week when he returned an interception three yards, had a stop for a 2-yard loss, three passes defensed and four tackles (3 solo) against Oklahoma State. He recorded the eighth-longest interception return in school history when he logged a 73-yard interception return for a touchdown against Oklahoma. He started every game as a junior, amassing 42 tackles (30 solo), two interceptions (one touchdown), and led the team with 20 passes defensed, the fourth-best total in school history. Babers garnered an All-Big 12 Conference second-team selection by *The NFL Draft Report* in 2001 as he teamed with Quentin Jammer to give the Longhorns an elite cornerback tandem as they combined to defend 41 passes.

**PERSONAL:** Babers played Lamar High School in Houston where he played for Tom Nolan. He earned a *USA Today* All-America honorable mention, Texas Class 5A All-State 3rd team and All-District first team (3 times) honors. He added All-Greater Houston honors as he totaled 43 tackles (23 solo) with eight interceptions, returned two of them and a fumble for touchdowns as a senior. As a junior, Babers accrued 38 tackles with 11 passes defensed and a pair of interceptions. He also competed in track, finishing fourth in the 400-meter relay at the Texas Class 5A state meet as a junior. He studied Liberal Arts at the University of Texas. Roderick Henri Babers was born Oct. 6, 1980 in Houston.

**BABER'S REGULAR SEASON RECORD**

Year	Club	G	S	UT	A	TT	S-Yds.	I-Yds.	PD	FF	FR	TD-Int.	TD-FR	S	Pts.
2003	Detroit	5	0	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	Detroit	2	0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:** Miscellaneous tackles — 2003 (5), TOTAL (5).



**JOHN ENGELBERGER**

6-4 • 268 • 6TH YR. • VIRGINIA TECH

**BORN:** Oct. 18, 1976, in Heidelberg, Germany  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Robert E. Lee High School, Springfield, Va.  
**ACQUIRED:** Trade with San Francisco, 2005  
**NFL YEAR:** 6th • **YEAR WITH BRONCOS:** 1st  
**NFL GAMES PLAYED/STARTED:** 78/58 • **POSTSEASON:** 2/0

**DEFENSIVE END**

**ENGELBERGER AT A GLANCE:**

- A sixth-year defensive end who joined the Broncos on July 15, 2005, in a trade with San Francisco in exchange for CB Willie Middlebrooks.
- Recorded a team and career-high six sacks (40.5 yds.) in 2004, starting 15-of-16 games played for the 49ers.
- San Francisco's leader with four forced fumbles last season, Engelberger finished the 2004 campaign ranked second in tackles among 49ers linemen with a career-best 64 stops (34 solo).
- Started 16 games in 2003 and tallied a then career-high 4.5 sacks (31 yds.) to help San Francisco tie for fourth in the NFL with 42 sacks.
- Missed only two games in five NFL seasons and was a key member of 49ers run defenses that posted three consecutive top-10 NFL rankings in 2001-03.
- Selected as a second-team All-American by the Associated Press and All-Big East first-team honoree his junior and senior campaigns at Virginia Tech.
- Placed second on Virginia Tech with seven sacks as a senior in 1999.
- Selected by San Francisco in the second round (35th overall) of the 2000 NFL Draft.



**2004:** Engelberger started 15 of 16 games played at left defensive end for the San Francisco 49ers, recording career-highs for tackles (64), and sacks (6) while matching his personal best with four forced fumbles. He also dropped St. Louis Rams quarterbacks twice for his best single-game performance. He posted single-game highs with six tackles (three times) and two forced fumbles in the season finale at New England. He finished the year with 64 tackles (34 solo), six sacks (40.5 yds.), four forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and three passes defensed. He started at defensive end and amassed three tackles (1 solo) in the opener vs. Atl. (9/12). At N.O. (9/19), he started at defensive end on a unit that limited the Saints' offense to 46 rushing yards. He made three tackles (1 solo), one sack (11 yds.), one forced fumble and one pass defensed against the Saints. The following week, he started at defensive end and made four stops (3 solo) and a half-sack at Sea. (9/26). On 10/3 vs. Stl., he started at defensive end and contributed to two tackles. He had an assisted tackle in a win against Ari. (10/10). Engelberger returned to the starting lineup at defensive end and recorded five tackles (4 solo) and a pass defensed at N.Y. Jets (10/17). Engelberger contributed to five tackles and a half sack (5.5 yds.) while starting at defensive end at Chi. (10/31). He started at defensive end and made two solo tackles, including a four-yard sack vs. Seattle (11/7). He contributed three tackles (2 solo) and one pass defensed to a defense that allowed only 57 rushing yards against Car. (11/14). He posted a season-high six tackles (3 solo) as a starter at defensive end at T.B. (11/21). He started at defensive end and matched his season-high six tackles (3 solo) to contribute to a defense that yielded just 49 rushing yards vs. Mia. (11/29). He posted a career-high two sacks (14 yds.) as part of a five-tackle (two solo), one-forced fumble effort as a starter at defensive end at Stl. (12/5). He made five stops (4 solo) as a starting defensive end on a unit that limited Arizona to 75 rushing yards in a win at Ari. (12/12). Against Was. (12/18), he registered four tackles (2 solo). He started at defensive end and made four solo tackles vs. Buf. (12/26). He started at defensive end at N.E. (1/2) and matched his career high with six tackles (3 solo) and two forced fumbles. He also recovered a fumble and had one sack (5 yds.) in the season finale against the Patriots.

**2003:** Engelberger started all 16 games at defensive end, recording 35 tackles (25 solo) while setting a then career-high 4.5 sacks (31 yds.). He contributed to a rush defense that placed in the league's top-10 for the third consecutive campaign. In the season-opening win vs. Chi. (9/7), he made one solo tackle and a half-sack (two yards) to contribute to a defense that allowed only 55 rushing yards. At Stl. (9/14), he tallied three tackles (2 solo) in limiting the Rams to 88 rushing yards. For the third consecutive week, the 49ers defensive unit did not yield 100 rushing yards as Engelberger made two tackles (1 solo) and a sack (6 yds.) to help limit Chi. (9/21) to 51 yards on the ground. He registered three tackles (2 solo) and a sack (1.0 yards) at Min. (9/28). He made two tackles (1 solo) in a victory vs. Det. (10/5). At Sea. (10/12) he made two solo tackles. In a victory vs. T.B.

(10/19), he contributed two tackles (1 solo) in limiting the Buccaneers to 68 rushing yards. At Ari. (10/26), he made two solo tackles. In a victory vs. Stl. (11/2), he contributed to a defense that allowed just nine rushing yards to the Rams, the second-fewest rushing yards allowed in a single game in 49ers history. He tallied four solo tackles in back-to-back games vs. Pit. (11/17) and at G.B. (11/23). In the win against the Steelers, the defense yielded 44 rushing yards. At Bal. (11/30), he recorded one solo tackle, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one sack (12 yds.). He contributed to a defense that allowed 59 rushing yards in a winning effort vs. Ari. (12/7). He made three tackles (1 solo) at Cin. (12/14). He contributed two solo tackles and one sack (0 yds.) to a win at Phi. (12/21). He recorded two tackles (1 solo) vs. Sea. (12/27).

**2002:** Engelberger played in 15 regular season and both postseason contests for San Francisco, compiling 12 tackles (11 solo) and one special teams tackle while contributing to a unit that finished in the league's top-10 run defenses for the second consecutive season. The defense held its opponent under 100 yards rushing seven times, and twice under 50 yards. He recorded one solo tackle in a win at N.Y. Giants (9/5) in helping to limit the Giants just 43 rushing yards. He played on a defense that yielded under 100 rushing in consecutive weeks, allowing only 57 rushing yards in a win vs. Was. (9/22) and 88 yards vs. Stl. (10/6). He recorded two tackles to contribute to the win against the Rams. He left the victory at Sea. (10/14) with an ankle injury, forcing him to miss the following game against N.O. (10/20). He returned to the action, but saw limited play in a victory vs. Ari. (10/27). The defense again held consecutive opponents to under 100 rushing yards in back-to-back wins, limiting Oakland (11/3) to 81 yards and Kansas City (11/10) to 80 yards. He recorded one solo tackle vs. K.C. He made a special teams tackle vs. Phi. (11/25). He made two solo stops in a win against Sea. (12/1). Vs. G.B. (12/15), he made three solo tackles. He contributed two tackles (1 solo) to a win at Ari. (12/21). At Stl. (12/30), he made one solo stop to contribute to a defense which yielded just 35 rushing yards. He recorded a sack (6 yds.), a pass defensed and a special teams tackle in the Wild Card Game win vs. N.Y. Giants (1/5). In the Divisional Playoff Game, he contributed two tackles (1 solo) at T.B. (1/12).

**2001:** Engelberger started 14 of the 15 games he played at defensive end and set his career high with four forced fumbles. He also contributed 36 tackles (32 solo) and four sacks (29 yds.) to a defense which ranked in the league's top-10 rushing defenses. The unit held its opponents under 100 yards eight times and under 60 yards three times. He recorded two tackles (1 solo) as a starter in a win vs. Atl. (9/9). Vs. Stl. (9/23), he was credited with three tackles (2 solo), and a forced fumble. The 49ers defense did not yield 100 yards in three consecutive victories at N.Y. Jets (10/1), vs. Car. (10/7) and at Atl. (10/14). He registered four tackles (3 solo) against the Jets to contribute to a defense that allowed 82 rushing yards. He registered three solo tackles to help limit the Panthers to 61 rushing yards. He notched two solo tackles and a pass defensed to curb the Falcons to just 88 rushing yards. He also made a special teams stop against the Falcons. He made three stops (1 solo) at Chi. (10/28). He contributed two tackles and a sack to help limit Det. (11/4) to 58 rushing yards in the first of a five-game winning streak. He recorded one solo tackle at Car. (11/18). He was credited with four solo tackles, a sack (6 yds.) and a forced fumble at Ind. (11/25). He recorded two solo tackles in a 35-0 win vs. Buf. (12/2). He was credited with one solo tackle at Stl. (12/9). He did not play in the win vs. Mia. (12/16) due to a left heel injury. He returned to action in a win vs. Phi. (12/22) and recorded a sack (11 yds.), one forced fumble and two solo tackles. He set his then-career high with five solo tackles at Dal. (12/30). He chipped in two solo tackles and a forced fumble to help limit at N.O. (1/6) to 40 rushing yards in a win. He was inactive for the Wild Card Game at G.B. (1/13) due to a right ankle injury which forced him from the game against the Saints.

**2000:** Selected by the 49ers in the second round (35th overall) of the 2000 NFL Draft, Engelberger played in all 16 games and started 13 as a rookie. He recorded 28 tackles (20 solo), three sacks (22 yds.) and a forced fumble. He contributed to a defense which held its opponents to under 100 rushing yards eight times. He added six special teams stops. In his NFL debut at Atl. (9/3), he made one solo tackle in helping to limit the Falcons to 95 rushing yards. He assisted on one tackle the following week vs. Car. (9/10). He recorded his first pro sack at Stl. (9/17) when he dropped Kurt Warner for a 5-yard loss. He finished the game with three tackles (2 solo).

**ENGELBERGER'S SACKS BY QUARTERBACK**

*49ers sack including 1-0 in the postseason*

QB	Sacks	Dates
Chris Chandler	2	at Stl., 12/5/04
Doronen McInabb	2	1 vs. Phi., 12/22/01* 1 at Phi., 12/21/03*
Kurt Warner	2	1 at Stl., 9/17/00 1 vs. Stl., 9/23/01
Matt Hasselbeck	15	1 vs. Sea., 11/17/04, 5 at Sea., 9/28/04
Travis Akman	1	1 at Dal., 9/24/00*
Charlie Batch	1	1 vs. Det., 11/4/01*
Tom Brady	1	1 at N.E., 1/20/05
Aaron Brooks	1	1 at N.O., 9/19/04
Gary Collins	1	1 vs. N.Y. Giants, 1/5/03* (MFC/Wild Card Game)
Kurt Warner	1	1 at Min., 9/28/03
Trent Green	1	1 vs. Stl., 10/29/00
Kelly Holcomb	1	1 vs. Cle., 9/21/03
Payton Manning	1	1 at Ind., 11/25/01*
Anthony Wright	1	1 at Bal., 11/30/03
Craig Krenzel	5	1 at Chi., 10/31/04
Kordell Stewart	5	5 vs. Chi., 9/7/03*

The following week he made his first NFL start in place of injured Junior Bryant at Dal. (9/24) and made one solo tackle, a sack (7 yds.) to contribute to a defense that held the Cowboys to just 76 rushing yards in a win. He remained in the starting lineup for the rest of the season. He made three tackles (2 solo) in a win vs. Ari. (10/1). He was credited with two solo stops vs. Oak. (10/8). Posted a season-high four tackles (2 solo) at G.B. (10/15). At Car. (10/22), he registered a solo tackle. He recorded three solo tackles, including a 10-yard sack vs. Stl. (10/29). He added a special teams tackle against the Rams. He made two solo tackles at N.O. (11/5). In a win vs. K.C. (11/12), he registered four tackles (3 solo) to help the defense limit the Chiefs to 49 rushing yards. In a win the following week vs. Atl. (11/19), he recorded two tackles

(1 solo) to help cap the Falcons at 93 rushing yards. In a victory at S.D. (12/3), he played on a defensive unit that limited the Chargers to 49 rushing yards. He recorded an assisted tackle and a pass defensed vs. N.O. (12/10). He added a solo special teams stop against the Saints. In a winning effort vs. Chi. (12/17), he played on a defensive unit that held the Bears to 104 total offensive yards (39 rushing and 65 passing).

**COLLEGE:** Engelberger was a second-team All-America selection by the Associated Press and All-Big East first-team honoree following a senior season at Virginia Tech which saw him record 53 tackles (32 solo) and seven sacks. During his four years at Virginia Tech, the Hokies played in four bowl games, including an appearance in the National Championship Game. His senior season, he spearheaded a defense that ranked third in the nation in total defense (247.3 yards per game) and rushing defense (75.9 yds. per game) en route to a berth in the National Championship Game against Florida State University. At the conclusion of his senior season, he was awarded the Paul Torgersen Award as the Hokie player who shows a commitment to hard work and great effort everytime he takes the field. As a junior he recorded 66 tackles and 7.5 sacks (59 yds.) to help garner a All-Big East second-team selection. The Hokies defense placed seventh in the country in yards allowed per game (284.9 yds. per game), and eleventh in the nation in both rushing defense (102.2 yds. per game) and pass efficiency defense (103.4 rating) as they were chosen to play in the Music City Bowl. He was named the team's outstanding defensive lineman following his junior campaign. He finished his sophomore season with 70 tackles (43 solo) and six sacks (47 yds.) en route to a second-team All Big East selection. The Hokies were chosen to play in the Gator Bowl. As a freshman he contributed 64 tackles (33 solo) and six sacks (40 yds.) to a team that was undefeated at home (7-0) en route to a berth in the Orange Bowl. Engelberger started his collegiate career as a walk on at Virginia Tech.

**PERSONAL:** Engelberger lettered two years at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Va. where he played tight end and linebacker in high school. He caught 19 passes for 422 yards and four touchdowns as a senior. He added 94 tackles and three sacks as a linebacker during his senior campaign. He earned a bachelors degree in interdisciplinary studies from Virginia Tech. John Albert Engelberger was born Oct. 18, 1976, in Heidelberg, Germany.

### ENGELBERGER'S REGULAR SEASON RECORD

Year	Club	G	S	UT	A	TT	S-Yds.	I-Yds.	PD	FF	FR	TD-Int.	TD-FR	S	Pts.
2000	San Fran.	16	13	20	8	28	3-22	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2001	San Fran.	15	14	32	4	36	4-29	0-0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
2002	San Fran.	15	0	11	1	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	San Fran.	16	16	25	10	35	4.5-31	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2004	San Fran.	16	15	34	30	64	6-40.5	0-0	3	4	1	0	0	0	0
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>		<b>78</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>17.5-122.5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:** Miscellaneous tackles — 2000 (6), 2001 (1), 2002 (1), 2003 (1), 2004 (8).

### ENGELBERGER'S POSTSEASON RECORD

Year	Club	G	S	UT	A	TT	S-Yds.	I-Yds.	PD	FF	FR	TD-Int.	TD-FR	S	Pts.
2001	San Fran.	2	0	2	1	3	1-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	San Fran.	2	0	2	1	3	1-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:** Miscellaneous tackles — 2002 (1), TOTAL (1), (10/27/02).

### ENGELBERGER'S SINGLE GAME HIGHS

(Postseason in parentheses)

**Sacks** — 2 at St. Louis, 12/5/04 (1 vs. N.Y. Giants, 1/5/03). **Sack yards** — 14 at St. Louis, 12/5/04 (6 vs. N.Y. Giants, 1/5/03). **Interceptions** — None (none). **Interception return yards** — None (none).

### ENGELBERGER'S MULTIPLE SACK GAMES (1)

Date	Opponent	S-Yds.
12/5/04	at St. Louis	2-14

\* denotes win (Engelberger's teams are 0-1 when he records more than one sack in a game.)



**PATRICE MAJONDO-MWAMBA**

**6-4 • 293 • TEXAS TECH**

**BORN:** July 29, 1979, in Democratic Republic of Congo

**High School:** Athenee of the Waterloo High School, Belgium

**Acquired:** Rookie Free Agent, 2005

**DEFENSIVE LINEMAN**



### MAJONDO-MWAMBA AT A GLANCE:

- A 25-year-old rookie who played three games for the Rhein Fire of NFL Europe.
  - Recorded his first collegiate sack as a Red Raider when he dropped Aaron Rogers of California for a 1-yard loss in the third quarter of the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl.
  - Graduated from Hartnell Community College before attending Texas Tech University.
  - Started his first collegiate contest on Oct. 18, 2003 against Oklahoma State.
- CAREER TRANSACTIONS:** Assigned to the International Practice Squad by the NFL, 6/14/05.



**2004:** Majondo-Mwamba played three games for the Rhein Fire, but did not record any stats. He recorded 15 stops (10 solo), including 3.5 for a combined loss of eight yards and one sack. He recorded the lone sack of his collegiate career when he dropped Aaron Rogers for a one-yard loss in the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl, his final collegiate outing. Contributed two tackles (1 solo) for a combined loss of six yards against Texas A&M. Made his only start of the season against Oklahoma State.

**2003:** Majondo-Mwamba stopped 18 ballcarriers (12 solo), including 2.5 for a combined loss of 21 yards while seeing action in all 13 contests. Started consecutive games (Nov. 1 vs. Colorado and Nov. 8 at Baylor) for his first two collegiate starts. He started the season finale and turned in a solid outing against Navy with three tackles, one for a loss and a forced fumble. He contributed to a defense that shut the Midshipmen out for the first half, the first time in 14 years a Navy team had been blanked in the first half of a game. The following week, the previous week he contributed to a defense that limited Oklahoma to 78 rushing yards. His cousin Loliki Bongo-Wanga was a running back on the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

**2002:** Majondo-Mwamba sat out as a redshirt at Texas Tech.

**COLLEGE:** Majondo-Mwamba graduated from Hartnell Community College (Salinas, Calif.) before attending Texas Tech. In his second season at Hartnell, he amassed 67 tackles, 11 sacks and five tackles for loss. Following his final season at Hartnell, he was named to the JUCO Top 100 list and was named First-Team All-Conference. He majored in human development and family studies at Texas Tech.

**PERSONAL:** Patrice Majondo-Mwamba was born July 29, 1979 in Congo. He and his cousin Loliki Bongo-Wanga moved to Georgia together and began learning English. They soon moved to Salinas, California to attend Hartnell Community College. In his first season of organized football, Majondo-Mwamba was selected All-Coast Conference first team defensive end.





**BEN NOWLAND**

6-2 • 298 • 1ST YR. • AUBURN

BORN: May 27, 1980, in Jacksonville, Fla.  
 HIGH SCHOOL: Nease High School, St. Augustine, Fla.  
 ACQUIRED: Free Agent, 2005  
 NFL YEAR: 1st • YEAR WITH BRONCOS: 1st  
 NFL GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 0/0

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**CENTER**

**NOWLAND AT A GLANCE:**

- Played the last two seasons in NFL Europe for the Frankfurt Galaxy.
- Started four games at center in 2005 for Frankfurt in NFL Europe.
- Helped Frankfurt advance to the World Bowl and pace the league in rushing in 2004.
- Earned a spot on the All-Southeastern Conference first team in 2002.
- Signed as an undrafted free agent by San Francisco on May 2, 2003.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS:** Signed by San Francisco as an undrafted free agent 5/2/03; Waived by San Francisco 8/1/03; Signed by Carolina 8/11/03; Waived by Carolina 8/25/03; Signed by Washington (practice squad) 11/18/03; Waived by Washington 9/5/04; Signed by Washington (practice squad) 9/7/04; Released by Washington 9/21/04; Signed by Washington (practice squad) 11/30/04; Released by Washington 1/10/05; Signed by Washington (future contract) 1/11/05; Waived by Washington 7/28/05; Signed by Denver 7/31/05.




**2004:** Nowland had two stints on the Washington Redskins' practice squad. He spent the first two weeks of the season on Washington's practice squad before his release on Sept. 21. Nowland again signed to the Redskins' practice squad on Nov. 30, 2004, for the duration of the season. He was signed to a future contract by Washington on Jan. 11, 2005, and was allocated to the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL Europe. Nowland started four games for the Galaxy at center.

**2003:** Nowland entered the NFL on Nov. 18, 2003, the San Francisco 49ers signed Nowland as an undrafted free agent but waived him on Aug. 4. A week later, the Carolina Panthers signed Nowland, but waived him two weeks later. Nowland was out of football until joining the Washington Redskins' practice squad on Nov. 18, 2003. He was later allocated to NFL Europe, where he played nine games for the Frankfurt Galaxy. He helped the Galaxy pace the circuit in rushing en route to a World Bowl berth.

**COLLEGE:** Nowland started 33 games in his four seasons at Auburn. He garnered first All-Southeastern Conference honors as a senior. He received the Pat Dye Leadership Award after spring drills. *The Sporting News* rated him one of the top 12 centers in the nation going into his senior campaign. As a junior, Nowland started 11 games, missing one contest with a sprained knee. He was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Nowland started 10 of the 12 games he played as a sophomore, helping the Tigers reach the Citrus Bowl. As a redshirt freshman, Nowland played on special teams and served as the backup center. As a freshman, he earned one start, but broke his foot and was granted a medical redshirt season. Nowland earned his degree in industrial design.

**PERSONAL:** Nowland was a three-year starter at tackle and guard. He was an honor student and was selected as a *Florida Times-Union* "Top 10 Scholastic Athlete" and ESPN's *Scholastic Sports America* student of the week. He also was a standout wrestler at Nease High School in St. Augustine, Fla., posting a 34-4 record and winning a regional championship. He competed in shotput and discus on the track team. Benjamin Lee Nowland was born May 27, 1980, in Jacksonville, Fla.



**CHRIS WATTON**

6-3 • 305 • 1ST YR. • BAYLOR

BORN: Oct. 6, 1977, in Sioux Falls, S.D.  
 HIGH SCHOOL: Foley High School, Foley, Ala.  
 ACQUIRED: Waivers, 2005  
 NFL YEAR: 1st • YEAR WITH BRONCOS: 1st  
 NFL GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 0/0

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**CENTER/GUARD**

**WATTON AT A GLANCE:**

- Played 14 regular season games and three postseason contests on the offensive and defensive lines for the ArenaBowl XIX winning Colorado Crush in 2005.
- Recorded his first Arena Football League sack on June 5, 2005, when he stopped Raymond Philyaw for a 9-yard loss in a playoff win against Chicago.
- Earned two letters at Baylor after transferring from Southwest Mississippi Community College.
- Spent 14 weeks on the Denver Broncos' practice squad in 2003 and in 2002.
- Entered the NFL as a rookie free agent by Arizona on April 28, 2000, after playing two seasons at Baylor.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS:** Signed by Arizona as an undrafted free agent 4/28/00; Waived by Arizona 6/30/00; Signed by Baltimore 7/27/01; Waived by Baltimore 9/1/01; Signed by Green Bay (future contract); Waived by Green Bay 8/27/02; Signed by Denver (practice squad) 9/18/02; Waived by Denver 8/31/03; Signed by Denver (practice squad) 9/2/03; Released by Denver 11/17/03; Signed by Denver (practice squad) 11/26/03; Signed by Denver (future contract) 1/13/04; Waived by Denver 9/5/04; Signed by Tampa Bay 6/15/05; Waived by Tampa Bay 8/11/05; Claimed by Denver off waivers 8/2/05.



**2004:** Watton competed in Broncos' training camp, but was waived on Sept. 5, 2004. He spent the NFL season out of football before signing with the Colorado Crush of the Arena Football League. He played on the offensive and defensive lines for the Crush in 14 consecutive regular season games after missing the first two with a sprained ankle. He also played in all three playoff games en route to winning ArenaBowl XIX. He recorded 5.5 total tackles during the regular season and 1.5 stops in the postseason. He stopped Chicago's Raymond Philyaw for a 9-yard sack in the second round of the playoffs.

**2003:** Watton had two stints totaling 14 weeks with Denver (practice squad) during the 2003 campaign. He signed with the Broncos (practice squad) on Sept. 2, but was released on Nov. 11. Two weeks later, he re-signed with the Broncos (practice squad).

**2002:** Watton started the 2002 season in Green Bay's training camp, but was waived on Aug. 27 before signing with Denver (practice squad) on Sept. 18. Watton spent 14 weeks on Denver's practice squad.

**2001:** Watton spent training camp with the Baltimore Ravens' training camp roster, but was waived on Sept. 1, 2001. Watton spent the regular season out of football before signing with Green Bay (future contract) on Jan. 17, 2002.

**2000:** Watton entered the NFL with Arizona as an undrafted free agent on April 28. He was waived on June 30 and spent the remainder of the season out of football. He competed for the Scottish Claymores in the spring of 2001.

**COLLEGE:** Watton lettered two years (1996-97) at Southwest Mississippi Community College before transferring to Baylor (1998-99). Watton started 20 games in his two seasons at Baylor.

**PERSONAL:** Watton attended Foley (Ala.) High School, where he lettered four times in football, twice in track and once in baseball. He was named to all-county, all-region and all-state teams his senior year. Watton is married, and he and his wife, Emily, have a daughter, Zoey (4) and a son, Gage (3). Christopher Lee Watton was born Oct. 6, 1977, in Sioux Falls, S.D.



# ZACH WILSON

6-5 • 302 • 3RD YR. • USC

BORN: Oct. 14, 1979, in Little Rock, Ark.

HIGH SCHOOL: Mayfair High School, Lakewood, Calif.

ACQUIRE: Free Agent, 2005

NFL YEAR: 1st • YEAR WITH BRONCOS: 1st

NFL GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 0/0

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### WILSON AT A GLANCE:

- Played two seasons in NFL Europe for the Cologne Centurions.
  - Started at guard and helped Cologne to a third-place ranking in 2005 and fourth place in NFL Europe in 2004. Cologne finished third in the league in rushing yards per game (122.4) in the 2005 campaign.
  - Played with WR Todd Devoe in his initial stint in Cologne.
  - Started four seasons at the University of Southern California at guard. Earned second-team All-Pac 10 honors, named first-team All-Pac 10 by *The Sporting News*, and was the Trojans' Offensive Lineman of the Year 2002.
  - Started all 11 games in 2001. Inserted into the Trojans' starting lineup for the 2000 season's final seven games after seeing action as a backup and on special teams.
  - Signed as a rookie free agent by Detroit on May 2, 2003 after playing four seasons at the University of Southern California.
- CAREER TRANSACTIONS:** Signed by Detroit as a rookie free agent 5/2/03; Released by Detroit 8/25/03; Re-signed to the reserve/future list by Detroit 12/29/03; Released by Detroit (2005); Signed by Denver 6/14/05.



**2004:** Wilson started all 10 games for the Cologne Centurions. Cologne boasted the most rushing touchdowns (12) in NFL Europe.

**2003:** Wilson signed with Detroit as an undrafted free agent May 2 and practiced with the team through training camp before his release on Aug. 25. He was signed to Detroit's reserve/future list on Dec. 29. He was allocated to NFL Europe, where he started seven of the 10 games he played in for the Cologne Centurions. He contributed to an offensive line that yielded the second-fewest sacks (12) in NFL Europe.

**COLLEGE:** Wilson started four seasons (1999-02) at guard after redshirting the 1998 season. He gained a starting position for the final seven games of his redshirt freshman season. He missed the opening game of his senior season with a sprained foot, but returned to action the next game (but did not start) of the season against Colorado. Played but did not start one game his junior season. Inserted into the Trojans' starting lineup for the final seven games of the season. Wilson played well enough to garner 1999 Freshman All-American second team (*The Sporting News*) honors. He majored in public policy and management.

**PERSONAL:** Wilson was named to the 1997 Prep Star All-American, ESPN/National Recruiting Advisor All-American second team, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-Western Region, *Long Beach Press-Telegram* Best of the Best, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Medium Schools first team, All-CIF Division VIII first team, *Los Angeles Times* All-Southeast, *Long Beach Press-Telegram* Dream Team second team and All-Suburban League (offense and defense) as a senior at Mayfair High in Lakewood (Calif.). A two-way lineman, he had 40-plus tackles, five sacks, one fumble recovery and a deflection on defense in 1997. Mayfair went 7-3 in 1997. As a junior in 1996, he earned *Long Beach Press-Telegram* Dream Team honorable mention and All-Suburban League (offense and defense) honors and posted 57 tackles (42 solo), 24 tackles for losses, four sacks, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries on defense. He had an 87% blocking grade in 1996. Mayfair was 10-1 in 1996. He started for three years (Mayfair went 8-2 in 1995). He posted 111 tackles and 16.5 sacks in his career. On offense during his career, Mayfair ran behind him 23 times on fourth down and converted 22 times. He also wrestled at Mayfair, twice winning the league championship, and was on the track team (shot put and discus). Zach Wilson was both Oct. 14, 1979, in Little Rock, Ark.

### WILSON'S REGULAR SEASON RECORD

Year	Club	G	S
2003	Detroit	OUT OF FOOTBALL	
2004	Detroit	OUT OF FOOTBALL	
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# National Football League Game Summary

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Date: Saturday, 8/20/2005

**San Francisco 49ers At Denver Broncos**  
at Invesco Field at Mile High, Denver

Start Time: 7:07 PM MDT

## Game Day Weather

Game Weather: Cloudy

Temp: 70° F (21.1° C), Humidity: 42%, Wind: S 25 mph

Played Outdoor on Turf: Grass

Outdoor Weather: Cloudy

## Officials

Referee: Mike Carey (94)	Umpire: Dan Ferrell (64)	Head Linesman: Steve Stelljes (22)
Line Judge: Mark Perlman (9)	Side Judge: Tom Fincken (47)	Field Judge: Buddy Horton (82)
Back Judge: Keith Ferguson (61)	Replay Official: Tommy Moore ()	Video Operator: Bud Alexander ()

## Lineups

### San Francisco 49ers

Offense		Defense	
WR 83 A.Battle	LE 97 B.Young		
LT 75 J.Jennings	NT 91 A.Adams		
LG 65 J.Smiley	RE 94 M.Douglas		
C 66 E.Heitmann	LOLB 98 J.Peterson		
RG 68 A.Snyder	LILB 50 D.Smith		
RT 77 K.Harris	RILB 53 J.Ulbrich		
TE 49 A.Walker	ROLB 55 J.Winborn		
WR 85 B.Lloyd	LCB 29 A.Plummer		
QB 11 A.Smith	RCB 25 W.Middlebrooks		
RB 32 K.Barlow	SS 33 T.Parrish		
FB 40 F.Beasley	FS 24 M.Rumph		

### Denver Broncos

Offense		Defense	
WR 80 R.Smith	LE 91 E.Ekuban		
LT 78 M.Lepsis	LT 76 M.Myers		
LG 50 B.Hamilton	RT 61 G.Warren		
C 66 T.Nalen	RE 93 T.Pryce		
RG 65 C.Carlisle	WLB 52 I.Gold		
RT 72 G.Foster	MLB 56 A.Wilson		
TE 82 S.Alexander	SLB 55 DJ.Williams		
WR 85 A.Lelie	LCB 22 D.Foxworth		
QB 16 J.Plummer	RCB 35 L.Walls		
WR 17 D.Watts	SS 25 N.Ferguson		
WR 19 J.Rice	FS 47 J.Lynch		

## Substitutions

QB 3 C.Pickett, P 4 A.Lee, K 6 J.Nedney, QB 7 K.Dorsey, QB 13 T.Rattay, WR 15 J.Hunter, WR 17 J.Morton, WR 18 F.Amey, WR 19 M.Maxwell, WR 20 M.Adams, RB 21 F.Gore, FB 22 T.Jackson, CB 23 D.Johnson, CB 26 D.Holly, CB 27 J.Hanson, S 28 K.Lewis, CB 31 R.Reed, S 35 D.Carpenter, RB 41 T.Ficklin, RB 43 M.Hicks, TE 45 D.Zeigler, RB 46 B.Purify, TE 47 B.Bajema, FB 48 B.Johnson, LB 51 S.Rasheed, LB 54 R.Seigler, LB 56 B.Moore, LB 57 M.Yates, LB 59 R.Wells, T 60 B.Darby, C 63 N.Katnik, C/G 67 S.Peters, G 69 T.Wragge, DE 71 C.Smith, G 72 T.Herrion, DE 74 S.Scharff, T 74 T.Provost, DE 76 J.Cooper, T 76 H.Dahl, T 78 P.Estes, WR 81 R.Woods, WR 84 R.Marshall, TE/LS 86 B.Jennings, WR 89 J.McAddley, DT 90 I.Sopoaga, DT 92 T.Brown, DE 93 C.Cooper, DT 95 R.Fields, LB 96 A.Carter, LB 99 A.Williams

## Substitutions

K 1 J.Elam, P/K 3 P.Ernster, QB 8 M.Mauck, QB 9 C.Friehauf, P 10 T.Sauerbrun, QB 11 B.Van Pelt, WR 12 B.Johnson, WR 14 T.Devoe, WR 15 R.Crenshaw, CB 23 Babers, Rod, RB 26 T.Bell, CB 27 D.Williams, CB 28 J.Shoate, S 31 J.LeSueur, RB 33 R.Dayne, RB 36 K.Briggs, RB 37 C.Sapp, RB 38 M.Anderson, FB 39 K.Johnson, CB 40 C.Cox, CB 41 K.Paymah, S 42 S.Brandon, RB 48 B.Miree, LB 51 K.Burns, LB 53 L.Green, LB 54 P.Chukwurah, LB 57 J.Sykes, LB 58 T.Pierce, LB 59 M.Steele, DE 60 J.Engelberger, OL 62 C.Myers, G 63 T.Stuber, T 64 E.Pears, DL 64 P.Majondo-Mwamba, T 67 A.Clement, G 69 Z.Wilson, G/T 70 T.Clabo, DE 71 A.Hunt, C/G 71 C.Watton, G 73 C.Spikes, T 74 C.Green, DT 75 M.Pope, G 77 D.Carswell, C 79 B.Nowland, WR 81C.Adams, TE/LS 83 M.Leach, TE 84 W.Duke, TE 86 P.Hape, WR 87 T.Luke, TE 88 J.Putzier, DE 90 C.Nwokorie, DE 92 M.Coleman, DT 94 L.Elliss, DE 95 A.Palepoi, DT 96 D.Davis, DT 97 D.Veal, DE 99 R.Johnson

## Did Not Play

P 1 C.Farden, K 5 K.Yliniemi, CB 36 S.Spencer, S 38 A.Parker, CB 41 A.Amundson

## Did Not Play

QB 13 D.Kanell, RB 21 O.Griffin, CB 29 B.Browner, S 32 C.Young, CB 45 R.Alexander

## Not Active

## Not Active

## Injured (Did Not Play)

WR 10 P.Fleck, FB 44 S.Bush, G 61 P.Zukauskas, C 62 J.Newberry, G 64 D.Baas, TE 82 E.Johnson, WR 88 D.Hamilton

## Injured (Did Not Play)

RB 20 M.Clarett, CB 24 C.Bailey, DT 68 M.Fatafehi, TE 89 N.Jackson, DE 98 C.Brown

## Field Goals (made ( ) & missed)

J.Nedney	55WR	J.Elam	(31) 46WL 48WR (22)
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
VISITOR:	San Francisco 49ers	0	7
HOME:	Denver Broncos	10	0
		<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>

## Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Broncos	1	10:29	M.Anderson 2 yd. pass from J.Plummer (J.Elam kick) (5-68, 2:31)	0	7
Broncos	1	2:05	J.Elam 31 yd. Field Goal (12-58, 6:11)	0	10
49ers	2	4:26	K.Barlow 16 yd. run (J.Nedney kick) (7-44, 3:33)	7	10
49ers	3	13:09	A.Battle 58 yd. pass from T.Rattay (J.Nedney kick) (1-58, 0:09)	14	10
Broncos	3	2:58	T.Bell 2 yd. run (J.Elam kick) (9-80, 3:52)	14	17
Broncos	4	12:11	J.Elam 22 yd. Field Goal (8-23, 4:08)	14	20
Broncos	4	2:28	M.Mauck 16 yd. run (run failed) (6-35, 1:51)	14	26
49ers	4	0:02	C.Pickett 23 yd. run (J.Nedney kick) (14-91, 2:26)	21	26

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Paid Attendance: 70,794

Time: 3:21





San Francisco 49ers vs Denver Broncos  
8/20/2005 at Invesco Field at Mile High

## Final Team Statistics

	Visitor 49ers	Home Broncos
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b>	18	27
By Rushing	7	16
By Passing	8	10
By Penalty	3	1
<b>THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY</b>	3-13-23%	9-17-53%
<b>FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY</b>	1-1-100%	0-0-0%
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS</b>	302	453
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	63	79
Average gain per offensive play	4.8	5.7
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	136	266
Total Rushing Plays	26	47
Average gain per rushing play	5.2	5.7
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	3-8	2-2
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	166	187
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	4-27	2-17
Gross yards passing	193	204
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED</b>	33-19-0	30-15-1
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	4.5	5.8
<b>KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks</b>	4-3-3	6-4-3
<b>PUNTS Number and Average</b>	8-44.0	3-39.3
Had Blocked	0	0
<b>FGs - PATs Had Blocked</b>	0-0	0-0
<b>Net Punting Average</b>	31.3	28.0
<b>TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)</b>	34	82
No. and Yards Punt Returns	2-34	4-82
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	3-58	0-0
No. and Yards Interception Returns	1-0	0-0
<b>PENALTIES Number and Yards</b>	13-85	10-92
<b>FUMBLES Number and Lost</b>	1-0	1-0
<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b>	3	3
Rushing	2	2
Passing	1	1
<b>EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts</b>	3-3	2-3
Kicking Made-Attempts	3-3	2-2
Rushing Made-Attempts	0-0	0-1
<b>FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts</b>	0-1	2-4
<b>RED ZONE EFFICIENCY</b>	2-2-100%	3-6-50%
<b>GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY</b>	0-0-0%	2-3-67%
<b>SAFETIES</b>	0	0
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>	21	26
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION</b>	24:47	35:13



SF wins toss, elects to Receive, and DEN elects to defend the South goal.

P.Ernster kicks 70 yards from DEN 30 to end zone, Touchback.

**San Francisco 49ers at 15:00**

- 1-10-SF 20 (15:00) K.Barlow left end to SF 21 for 1 yard (D.J.Williams).
- 2-9-SF 21 (14:33) K.Barlow right guard to SF 20 for -1 yards (A.Wilson).
- 3-10-SF 20 (13:48) (Shotgun) A.Smith Aborted. E.Heitmann FUMBLES at SF 17, recovered by SF-T.Jackson at SF 17.
- 4-13-SF 17 (13:06) A.Lee punts 56 yards to DEN 27, Center-B.Jennings. D.Williams to DEN 32 for 5 yards (T.Jackson).

**Denver Broncos at 13:00**

- 1-10-DEN 32 (13:00) (Shotgun) J.Plummer pass to R.Smith to DEN 43 for 11 yards (W.Middlebrooks). P1
- 1-10-DEN 43 (12:41) J.Plummer pass to K.Johnson to SF 30 for 27 yards (T.Parrish). P2
- 1-10-SF 30 (11:58) M.Anderson left tackle to SF 24 for 6 yards (W.Middlebrooks, J.Winborn).
- 2-4-SF 24 (11:20) M.Anderson up the middle to SF 2 for 22 yards (W.Middlebrooks). R3
- 1-2-SF 2 (10:35) **J.Plummer pass to M.Anderson for 2 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** P4  
J.Elam extra point is GOOD, Center-M.Leach, Holder-T.Sauerbrun.

**SF 0 DEN 7, 5 plays, 68 yards, 2:31 drive, 4:31 elapsed**

P.Ernster kicks 70 yards from DEN 30 to end zone, Touchback.

**San Francisco 49ers at 10:29**

- 1-10-SF 20 (10:29) K.Barlow up the middle to SF 24 for 4 yards (I.Gold, A.Wilson).
- 2-6-SF 24 (9:55) *PENALTY on SF-B.Lloyd, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at SF 24 - No Play.*
- 2-11-SF 19 (9:33) K.Barlow up the middle to SF 24 for 5 yards (D.Williams, A.Wilson).
- 3-6-SF 24 (8:49) (Shotgun) A.Smith sacked at SF 15 for -9 yards (T.Pryce).
- 4-15-SF 15 (8:31) A.Lee punts 56 yards to DEN 29, Center-B.Jennings, downed by SF-T.Jackson.

**Denver Broncos at 8:16**

- 1-10-DEN 29 (8:16) J.Plummer pass to M.Anderson to DEN 44 for 15 yards (D.Smith). P5
- 1-10-DEN 44 (7:38) M.Anderson right end to 50 for 6 yards (A.Adams, J.Ulbrich).
- 2-4-50 (7:00) J.Plummer pass to J.Putzier to SF 32 for 18 yards (T.Parrish). P6
- 1-10-SF 32 (6:23) M.Anderson right end to SF 26 for 6 yards (M.Douglas).
- 2-4-SF 26 (5:44) J.Plummer left end to SF 14 for 12 yards (J.Winborn). R7
- 1-10-SF 14 (4:57) J.Plummer pass incomplete to T.Bell.
- 2-10-SF 14 (4:53) T.Bell right guard to SF 1 for 13 yards (D.Johnson, M.Adams).  
*PENALTY on DEN-B.Hamilton, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at SF 14 - No Play.*
- 2-20-SF 24 (4:23) J.Plummer pass to R.Smith to SF 14 for 10 yards (M.Rumph).  
Timeout #1 by DEN at 03:45.
- 3-10-SF 14 (3:45) J.Plummer pass to R.Smith to SF 2 for 12 yards (M.Adams). P8
- 1-2-SF 2 (3:20) M.Anderson left tackle to SF 3 for -1 yards (J.Peterson; A.Carter).
- 2-3-SF 3 (2:40) J.Plummer FUMBLES (Aborted) at SF 3, and recovers at SF 3. J.Plummer to SF 3 for no gain (J.Peterson).
- 3-3-SF 3 (2:22) M.Anderson left guard for 3 yards, TOUCHDOWN NULLIFIED by Penalty.  
*PENALTY on DEN-T.Nalen, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at SF 3 - No Play.*
- 3-13-SF 13 (2:18) (Shotgun) J.Plummer pass incomplete to J.Rice (J.Winborn).
- 4-13-SF 13 (2:10) **J.Elam 31 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-M.Leach, Holder-T.Sauerbrun.**

**SF 0 DEN 10, 12 plays, 58 yards, 6:11 drive, 12:55 elapsed**

P.Ernster kicks 60 yards from DEN 30 to SF 10. D.Johnson to SF 33 for 23 yards (K.Burns).

**San Francisco 49ers at 2:05, (1st play from scrimmage 2:00)**

- 1-10-SF 33 (2:00) (Shotgun) A.Smith right end pushed ob at SF 34 for 1 yard (M.Myers).  
*PENALTY on DEN-M.Myers, Unnecessary Roughness, 15 yards, enforced at SF 34.* X1
- 1-10-SF 49 (1:42) A.Smith pass to B.Lloyd to DEN 49 for 2 yards (L.Walls).
- 2-8-DEN 49 (1:03) A.Smith pass to B.Bajema to DEN 33 for 16 yards (J.Lynch). P2
- 1-10-DEN 33 (:38) *PENALTY on SF-A.Walker, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 33 - No Play.*
- 1-15-DEN 38 (:21) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete to T.Jackson (P.Chukwurah).
- 2-15-DEN 38 (:16) A.Smith sacked at DEN 49 for -11 yards (T.Pryce).

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies	
==== Quarter Summary =====		Poss	R	P	X	T	3Down	4Down
San Francisco 49ers	0	6:18	0	1	1	2	0/2	0/0
Denver Broncos	10	8:42	2	6	0	8	1/2	0/0



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Play By Play

San Francisco 49ers continued.

- 3-26-DEN 49 (15:00) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete to B.Lloyd.
- 4-26-DEN 49 (14:55) A.Lee punts 49 yards to end zone, Center-B.Jennings, Touchback.

Denver Broncos at 14:47

- 1-10-DEN 20 (14:47) B.Van Pelt pass to D.Watts to DEN 28 for 8 yards (W.Middlebrooks, J.Winborn).
- 2-2-DEN 28 (14:10) T.Bell left end to DEN 29 for 1 yard (D.Smith, W.Middlebrooks).
- 3-1-DEN 29 (13:31) B.Van Pelt up the middle to DEN 32 for 3 yards (M.Douglas). R9
- 1-10-DEN 32 (12:52) B.Van Pelt pass to J.Rice ran ob at DEN 40 for 8 yards.
- 2-2-DEN 40 (12:30) T.Bell right end to DEN 49 for 9 yards (J.Ulbrich). R10
- 1-10-DEN 49 (11:50) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to J.Rice.
- 2-10-DEN 49 (11:45) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to J.Rice (A.Plummer).
- 3-10-DEN 49 (11:41) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to J.Rice (M.Rumph).
- 4-10-DEN 49 (11:33) T.Sauerbrun punts 9 yards to SF 42, Center-M.Leach, downed by DEN. Punt was tipped

San Francisco 49ers at 11:18

- 1-10-SF 43 (11:18) A.Smith sacked at SF 41 for -2 yards (DJ.Williams).
- 2-12-SF 41 (10:47) A.Smith pass incomplete to B.Lloyd.
- 3-12-SF 41 (10:44) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete to J.Morton.  
*PENALTY on DEN-D.Foxworth, Defensive Pass Interference, 17 yards, enforced at SF 41 - No Play.* X3
- 1-10-DEN 42 (10:39) A.Smith pass incomplete to A.Battle.  
Timeout #1 by SF at 10:33.
- 2-10-DEN 42 (10:33) A.Battle left end to DEN 38 for 4 yards (I.Gold).
- 3-6-DEN 38 (9:49) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete to A.Battle (L.Walls).
- 4-6-DEN 38 (9:44) (Field Goal formation) *PENALTY on SF-S.Peters, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 38 - No Play.*
- 4-11-DEN 43 (9:44) A.Lee punts 32 yards to DEN 11, Center-B.Jennings, fair catch by D.Williams.

Denver Broncos at 9:35

- 1-10-DEN 11 (9:35) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to R.Dayne.  
*PENALTY on DEN-D.Watts, Unnecessary Roughness, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 11.*
- 2-15-DEN 6 (9:31) R.Dayne right tackle to DEN 11 for 5 yards (I.Sopoaga).
- 3-10-DEN 11 (8:49) B.Van Pelt sacked at DEN 3 for -8 yards (sack) split by A.Adams and M.Adams).
- 4-18-DEN 3 (8:13) T.Sauerbrun punts 58 yards to SF 39, Center-M.Leach. A.Battle to DEN 44 for 17 yards (K.Burns).

San Francisco 49ers at 7:59

- 1-10-DEN 44 (7:59) K.Barlow to DEN 37 for 7 yards (I.Gold, N.Ferguson).
- 2-3-DEN 37 (7:28) K.Barlow left tackle to DEN 36 for 1 yard (J.Lynch).
- 3-2-DEN 36 (6:54) K.Barlow right tackle to DEN 33 for 3 yards (M.Myers, I.Gold). R4
- 1-10-DEN 33 (6:18) F.Gore left tackle to DEN 27 for 6 yards (L.Walls).
- 2-4-DEN 27 (5:40) F.Gore up the middle to DEN 22 for 5 yards (M.Myers). R5
- 1-10-DEN 22 (5:03) T.Rattay pass to A.Battle to DEN 16 for 6 yards (L.Walls, DJ.Williams).  
Timeout #2 by DEN at 04:32.
- 2-4-DEN 16 (4:32) **K.Barlow left end for 16 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** R6  
J.Nedney extra point is GOOD, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.  
*PENALTY on SF-B.Jennings, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 2 - No Play.*  
J.Nedney extra point is GOOD, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.

**SF 7 DEN 10, 7 plays, 44 yards, 3:33 drive, 10:34 elapsed**

J.Nedney kicks 70 yards from SF 30 to end zone, Touchback.

Denver Broncos at 4:26

- 1-10-DEN 20 (4:26) T.Bell right guard to DEN 36 for 16 yards (D.Johnson). R11
- 1-10-DEN 36 (3:45) T.Bell left tackle pushed ob at SF 45 for 19 yards (D.Carpenter). R12
- 1-10-SF 45 (3:23) T.Bell left tackle to SF 45 for no gain (T.Brown).
- 2-10-SF 45 (3:04) *PENALTY on SF, Defensive 12 On-field, 5 yards, enforced at SF 45 - No Play.*
- 2-5-SF 40 (2:59) (Shotgun) B.Van Pelt left end ran ob at SF 35 for 5 yards. R13
- 1-10-SF 35 (2:32) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to D.Watts.  
Timeout #3 by DEN at 02:24.
- 2-10-SF 35 (2:24) B.Van Pelt right end to SF 26 for 9 yards (D.Holly).
- 3-1-SF 26 (2:03) B.Van Pelt up the middle to SF 23 for 3 yards (J.Winborn). R14

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- 1-10-SF 23 (2:00) T.Bell left tackle to SF 22 for 1 yard (D.Smith).  
Timeout #2 by SF at 01:53.
- 2-9-SF 22 (1:53) R.Dayne right guard to SF 27 for -5 yards (B.Moore).  
*PENALTY on DEN-A.Clement, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at SF 22 - No Play.*
- 2-19-SF 32 (1:49) (Shotgun) B.Van Pelt right tackle pushed ob at SF 19 for 13 yards (D.Holly; K.Lewis).
- 3-6-SF 19 (1:43) (Shotgun) B.Van Pelt sacked at SF 28 for -9 yards (J.Winborn).  
Timeout #3 by SF at 01:38.
- 4-15-SF 28 (1:38) J.Elam 46 yard field goal is No Good, Wide Left, Center-M.Leach, Holder-T.Sauerbrun.

San Francisco 49ers at 1:33

- 1-10-SF 36 (1:33) (Shotgun) F.Gore up the middle to DEN 48 for 16 yards (S.Brandon, D.Foxworth). R7
- 1-10-DEN 48 (1:11) (Shotgun) T.Rattay pass to B.Lloyd to DEN 42 for 6 yards (D.Foxworth).
- 2-4-DEN 42 (:54) T.Rattay pass to A.Walker to DEN 42 for no gain (D.Foxworth).
- 3-4-DEN 42 (:34) (Shotgun) T.Rattay pass to A.Walker pushed ob at DEN 39 for 3 yards (S.Brandon).
- 4-1-DEN 39 (:29) (Shotgun) *PENALTY on SF-T.Rattay, Delay of Game, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 39 - No Play.*
- 4-6-DEN 44 (:29) (Shotgun) T.Rattay pass to B.Lloyd pushed ob at DEN 37 for 7 yards (D.Foxworth). P8
- 1-10-DEN 37 (:24) (Shotgun) T.Rattay pass incomplete to B.Lloyd.
- 2-10-DEN 37 (:18) (Shotgun) T.Rattay pass incomplete to A.Walker.
- 3-10-DEN 37 (:13) (Shotgun) T.Rattay pass incomplete to A.Battle.
- 4-10-DEN 37 (:07) J.Nedney 55 yard field goal is No Good, Wide Right, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.

Denver Broncos at 0:03

- 1-10-DEN 46 (:03) B.Van Pelt kneels to DEN 45 for -1 yards.

**2nd Quarter**

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Play By Play

END OF QUARTER

==== Quarter Summary =====

	Score	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies	
		Poss	R	P	X	T	3Down	4Down
San Francisco 49ers	7	6:59	4	1	1	6	1/5	1/1
Denver Broncos	10	8:01	6	0	0	6	2/5	0/0

**San Francisco 49ers vs Denver Broncos**  
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**First Half Summary**

	PERIOD SCORES			TIME OF POSSESSION	
49ers (Visitor)	0	7 = 7	49ers	13:17	
Broncos (Home)	10	0 = 10	Broncos	16:43	

**Scoring Plays**

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	Score	
				Visitor	Home
Broncos	1	10:29	M.Anderson 2 yd. pass from J.Plummer (J.Elam kick) (5-68, 2:31)	0	7
Broncos	1	2:05	J.Elam 31 yd. Field Goal (12-58, 6:11)	0	10
49ers	2	4:26	K.Barlow 16 yd. run (J.Nedney kick) (7-44, 3:33)	7	10

	49ers	Broncos
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b>	8	14
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	4 - 2 - 2	8 - 6 - 0
<b>THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY</b>	1-7-14%	3-7-43%
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS</b>	86	228
Total Offensive Plays	32	38
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	68	134
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	18	94
Gross Yards Passing	40	111
Times thrown-yards lost attempting to pass	3-22	2-17
<b>Pass Attempts-Completions-Had Intercepted</b>	15 - 7 - 0	16 - 9 - 0
<b>Punts-Number and Average</b>	4 - 48.3	2 - 33.5
<b>Penalties-Number and Yards</b>	6 - 30	6 - 67
<b>Fumbles-Number and Lost</b>	1 - 0	1 - 0
<b>Red Zone Efficiency</b>	1-1-100%	1-3-33%
<b>Average Drive Start</b>	SF 35	DEN 26

San Francisco 49ers						Denver Broncos											
<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>TD</b>						
K.Barlow	8	36	4.5	16	1	T.Bell	6	46	7.7	19	0						
F.Gore	3	27	9.0	16	0	M.Anderson	5	39	7.8	22	0						
A.Battle	1	4	4.0	4	0	B.Van Pelt	6	32	5.3	13	0						
A.Smith	2	1	0.5	1	0	J.Plummer	2	12	6.0	12	0						
						R.Dayne	1	5	5.0	5	0						
Total	14	68	4.9	16	1	Total	20	134	6.7	22	0						
<b>PASSING</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>CMP</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>SK/YD</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>RT</b>	<b>PASSING</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>CMP</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>SK/YD</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>RT</b>
T.Rattay	8	5	22	0/0	0	7	0	66.7	J.Plummer	9	7	95	0/0	1	27	0	147.7
A.Smith	7	2	18	3/22	0	16	0	39.6	B.Van Pelt	7	2	16	2/17	0	8	0	39.6
Total	15	7	40	3/22	0	16	0	53.5	Total	16	9	111	2/17	1	27	0	98.7
<b>PASS RECEIVING</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>PASS RECEIVING</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>TD</b>						
B.Lloyd	3	15	5.0	7	0	R.Smith	3	33	11.0	12	0						
A.Walker	2	3	1.5	3	0	M.Anderson	2	17	8.5	15	1						
B.Bajema	1	16	16.0	16	0	K.Johnson	1	27	27.0	27	0						
A.Battle	1	6	6.0	6	0	J.Putzier	1	18	18.0	18	0						
						J.Rice	1	8	8.0	8	0						
						D.Watts	1	8	8.0	8	0						
Total	7	40	5.7	16	0	Total	9	111	12.3	27	1						

San Francisco 49ers		Regular Defensive Plays								Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SACK	YRDS	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
W.Middlebrooks	4	1	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Winborn	3	2	5	1.0	9.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Smith	3	0	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Douglas	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Denver Broncos		Regular Defensive Plays								Special Teams					Misc			
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3rd Quarter

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DEN elects to Receive, and SF elects to defend the South goal.

J.Nedney kicks 70 yards from SF 30 to end zone, Touchback.

**Denver Broncos at 15:00**

- 1-10-DEN 20 (15:00) R.Dayne up the middle to DEN 26 for 6 yards (T.Brown).
- 2-4-DEN 26 (14:27) R.Dayne left tackle to DEN 29 for 3 yards (I.Sopoaga).
- 3-1-DEN 29 (13:52) *PENALTY on DEN-C.Green, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 29 - No Play.*
- 3-6-DEN 24 (13:34) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to D.Watts.
- 4-6-DEN 24 (13:29) T.Sauerbrun punts 51 yards to SF 25, Center-M.Leach. R.Marshall to SF 42 for 17 yards (K.Paymah).

**San Francisco 49ers at 13:18**

- 1-10-SF 42 (13:18) **T.Rattay pass to A.Battle for 58 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** P9  
J.Nedney extra point is GOOD, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.

**SF 14 DEN 10, 1 plays, 58 yards, 0:09 drive, 1:51 elapsed**

J.Nedney kicks 70 yards from SF 30 to end zone, Touchback.

**Denver Broncos at 13:09**

- 1-10-DEN 20 (13:09) B.Van Pelt pass to J.Putzier to DEN 39 for 19 yards (D.Carpenter). P15
- 1-10-DEN 39 (12:36) T.Bell right end to DEN 48 for 9 yards (S.Rasheed).
- 2-1-DEN 48 (12:00) T.Bell right tackle to DEN 49 for 1 yard (T.Brown, B.Moore). R16
- 1-10-DEN 49 (11:31) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to C.Adams.
- 2-10-DEN 49 (11:27) T.Bell right end pushed ob at SF 49 for 2 yards (T.Brown).
- 3-8-SF 49 (10:58) B.Van Pelt pass to D.Watts to SF 30 for 19 yards (D.Carpenter). P17
- 1-10-SF 30 (10:30) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to P.Hape.
- 2-10-SF 30 (10:23) R.Dayne right tackle to SF 25 for 5 yards (T.Brown, B.Moore).
- 3-5-SF 25 (9:46) *PENALTY on DEN-C.Adams, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at SF 25 - No Play.*
- 3-10-SF 30 (9:25) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to D.Watts.
- 4-10-SF 30 (9:20) J.Elam 48 yard field goal is No Good, Wide Right, Center-M.Leach, Holder-T.Sauerbrun.

**San Francisco 49ers at 9:15**

- 1-10-SF 38 (9:15) T.Rattay pass to F.Amey to SF 49 for 11 yards (K.Paymah). P10
- 1-10-SF 49 (8:54) M.Hicks right end to DEN 37 for 14 yards (J.LeSueur, K.Paymah). R11
- 1-10-DEN 37 (8:19) M.Hicks up the middle to DEN 40 for -3 yards (K.Burns).
- 2-13-DEN 40 (7:45) M.Hicks right tackle to DEN 38 for 2 yards (T.Pierce).
- 3-11-DEN 38 (7:05) (Shotgun) T.Rattay pass incomplete to J.Morton.
- 4-11-DEN 38 (6:59) A.Lee punts 18 yards to DEN 20, Center-B.Jennings, fair catch by C.Adams.

**Denver Broncos at 6:50**

- 1-10-DEN 20 (6:50) R.Dayne up the middle to DEN 23 for 3 yards.
- 2-7-DEN 23 (6:17) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to T.Devoe.
- 3-7-DEN 23 (6:13) B.Van Pelt pass to T.Devoe to DEN 33 for 10 yards (D.Carpenter). P18  
*Penalty on SF-C.Cooper, Defensive Offside, declined.*
- 1-10-DEN 33 (5:56) R.Dayne right tackle to SF 49 for 18 yards (M.Adams; S.Rasheed). R19
- 1-10-SF 49 (5:18) R.Dayne right tackle to SF 44 for 5 yards (S.Rasheed).
- 2-5-SF 44 (4:44) R.Dayne left end to SF 36 for 8 yards (D.Johnson; M.Adams). R20
- 1-10-SF 36 (3:59) T.Bell right tackle to SF 34 for 2 yards (S.Rasheed).
- 2-8-SF 34 (3:22) B.Van Pelt pass to T.Devoe to SF 2 for 32 yards (D.Holly). P21  
*Penalty on SF-D.Holly, Defensive Pass Interference, declined.*
- 1-2-SF 2 (3:01) **T.Bell right tackle for 2 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** R22  
J.Elam extra point is GOOD, Center-M.Leach, Holder-T.Sauerbrun.

**SF 14 DEN 17, 9 plays, 80 yards, 3:52 drive, 12:02 elapsed**

P.Ernster kicks 70 yards from DEN 30 to end zone, Touchback.

**San Francisco 49ers at 2:58**

- 1-10-SF 20 (2:58) M.Hicks right tackle to SF 16 for -4 yards (S.Brandon).
- 2-14-SF 16 (2:18) K.Dorsey pass to M.Hicks to SF 18 for 2 yards (P.Chukwurah).
- 3-12-SF 18 (1:38) (Shotgun) K.Dorsey pass incomplete to J.McAddley.
- 4-12-SF 18 (1:33) A.Lee punts 48 yards to DEN 34, Center-B.Jennings. C.Adams ran ob at SF 27 for 39 yards.

**Denver Broncos at 1:19**

- 1-10-SF 27 (1:19) T.Devoe left end to SF 19 for 8 yards (M.Yates).
- 2-2-SF 19 (:54) R.Dayne right tackle to SF 15 for 4 yards (T.Brown).  
*PENALTY on DEN-D.Carswell, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at SF 19 - No Play.*
- 2-12-SF 29 (:25) B.Van Pelt pass to R.Dayne to SF 19 for 10 yards (M.Yates).

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time	First Downs					Efficiencies	
==== Quarter Summary ====		Poss	R	P	X	T	3Down	4Down	
San Francisco 49ers	14	4:13	1	2	0	3	0/2	0/0	
Denver Broncos	17	10:47	4	4	0	8	2/4	0/0	



4th Quarter

Play By Play

Denver Broncos continued.

3-2-SF 19	(15:00) R.Dayne left guard to SF 15 for 4 yards (R.Wells).	R23
<u>1-10-SF 15</u>	(14:24) R.Dayne left tackle to SF 16 for -1 yards (D.Johnson).	
2-11-SF 16	(13:45) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to D.Watts. <i>PENALTY on SF-D.Holly, Defensive Holding, 5 yards, enforced at SF 16 - No Play.</i>	X24
<u>1-10-SF 11</u>	(13:36) R.Dayne right tackle to SF 9 for 2 yards (T.Brown). Timeout #1 by DEN at 12:59.	
2-8-SF 9	(12:59) B.Van Pelt pass incomplete to J.Putzier.	
3-8-SF 9	(12:54) B.Van Pelt up the middle to SF 4 for 5 yards (D.Carpenter).	
4-3-SF 4	(12:15) J.Elam 22 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-M.Leach, Holder-T.Sauerbrun.	

**SF 14 DEN 20, 8 plays, 23 yards, 1 penalty, 4:08 drive, 2:49 elapsed**

P.Ernster kicks 66 yards from DEN 30 to SF 4. R.Marshall to SF 20 for 16 yards (T.Pierce).

*PENALTY on SF-R.Seigler, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at SF 20.*

**San Francisco 49ers at 12:11, (1st play from scrimmage 12:04)**

1-10-SF 10	(12:04) K.Dorsey pass to J.McAddley to SF 18 for 8 yards (K.Paymah).	
2-2-SF 18	(12:04) K.Dorsey pass to R.Woods to SF 24 for 6 yards. <i>PENALTY on SF-S.Peters, Offensive Holding, 9 yards, enforced at SF 18 - No Play.</i>	
2-11-SF 9	(11:16) M.Hicks to SF 16 for 7 yards.	
3-4-SF 16	(10:41) (Shotgun) K.Dorsey sacked at SF 10 for -6 yards (J.Engelberger). FUMBLES (J.Engelberger), and recovers at SF 10. K.Dorsey to SF 10 for no gain (J.Engelberger). <i>PENALTY on DEN, Illegal Contact, 5 yards, enforced at SF 16 - No Play.</i>	X12
<u>1-10-SF 21</u>	(10:18) K.Dorsey pass to T.Ficklin to SF 25 for 4 yards (J.Sykes).	
2-6-SF 25	(9:42) M.Hicks left guard to SF 30 for 5 yards (J.Sykes).	
3-1-SF 30	(9:09) M.Hicks up the middle to SF 30 for no gain (T.Pierce).	
4-1-SF 30	(8:48) A.Lee punts 43 yards to DEN 27, Center-B.Jennings. C.Adams to DEN 36 for 9 yards (R.Seigler).	

**Denver Broncos at 8:37**

1-10-DEN 36	(8:37) R.Dayne right tackle to DEN 42 for 6 yards (R.Wells).	
2-4-DEN 42	(7:58) M.Mauck pass incomplete to D.Watts.	
3-4-DEN 42	(7:51) M.Mauck up the middle to DEN 48 for 6 yards (R.Seigler).	R25
<u>1-10-DEN 48</u>	(7:10) R.Dayne left tackle to SF 48 for 4 yards (C.Smith).	
2-6-SF 48	(6:30) M.Mauck pass to R.Dayne to SF 45 for 3 yards (R.Seigler).	
3-3-SF 45	(5:42) M.Mauck pass intended for D.Watts INTERCEPTED by D.Johnson at SF 15. D.Johnson pushed ob at SF 15 for no gain.	

**San Francisco 49ers at 5:36**

1-10-SF 15	(5:36) B.Purify left guard to SF 19 for 4 yards (J.Sykes).	
2-6-SF 19	(5:08) C.Pickett sacked at SF 14 for -5 yards (J.Sykes).	
3-11-SF 14	(4:41) (Shotgun) C.Pickett pass incomplete to M.Maxwell.	
4-11-SF 14	(4:35) A.Lee punts 50 yards to DEN 36, Center-B.Jennings. C.Adams to SF 35 for 29 yards (R.Seigler).	

**Denver Broncos at 4:19**

1-10-SF 35	(4:19) R.Dayne up the middle to SF 30 for 5 yards (R.Wells).	
2-5-SF 30	(3:37) R.Dayne right tackle to SF 26 for 4 yards (J.Cooper). Timeout #1 by SF at 03:30.	
3-1-SF 26	(3:30) R.Dayne right tackle to SF 21 for 5 yards (J.Cooper).	R26
<u>1-10-SF 21</u>	(2:48) R.Dayne up the middle to SF 18 for 3 yards (A.Williams). Timeout #2 by SF at 02:42.	
2-7-SF 18	(2:42) R.Dayne left tackle to SF 16 for 2 yards (T.Provost). Timeout #3 by SF at 02:36.	
3-5-SF 16	(2:36) M.Mauck up the middle for 16 yards, TOUCHDOWN. TWO-POINT CONVERSION ATTEMPT. R.Dayne rushes left tackle. ATTEMPT FAILS.	R27

**SF 14 DEN 26, 6 plays, 35 yards, 1:51 drive, 12:32 elapsed**

P.Ernster kicks 71 yards from DEN 30 to SF -1. R.Marshall to SF 18 for 19 yards (T.Pierce).

*PENALTY on SF-B.Darby, Illegal Block Above the Waist, 9 yards, enforced at SF 18.*

**San Francisco 49ers at 2:28, (1st play from scrimmage 2:23)**

1-10-SF 9	(2:23) <i>PENALTY on SF-D.Smith, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at SF 9 - No Play.</i>	
1-15-SF 4	(2:22) B.Purify left guard to SF 15 for 11 yards (L.Green).	
2-4-SF 15	(2:03) C.Pickett left end ran ob at SF 18 for 3 yards.	

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3-1-SF 18	(1:56) C.Pickett left end ran ob at SF 24 for 6 yards.	R13
<u>1-10-SF 24</u>	(1:51) (Shotgun) C.Pickett pass incomplete to R.Marshall (J.LeSueur).	
2-10-SF 24	(1:45) (Shotgun) C.Pickett pass to B.Purify to SF 35 for 11 yards (J.LeSueur).	P14
<u>1-10-SF 35</u>	(1:38) (Shotgun) C.Pickett pass incomplete to R.Marshall (K.Paymah).	
2-10-SF 35	(1:31) C.Pickett pass to R.Woods to SF 45 for 10 yards (C.Cox).	P15
<u>1-10-SF 45</u>	(1:12) C.Pickett pass to B.Purify ran ob at DEN 48 for 7 yards.	
2-3-DEN 48	(1:05) C.Pickett pass to J.McAddley ran ob at DEN 43 for 5 yards.	P16
<u>1-10-DEN 43</u>	(1:00) (Shotgun) C.Pickett pass to J.McAddley to DEN 37 for 6 yards (Babers, Rod).	
2-4-DEN 37	(:52) (Shotgun) C.Pickett pass to R.Marshall ran ob at DEN 16 for 21 yards (D.Foxworth).	P17
<u>1-10-DEN 16</u>	(:47) C.Pickett pass incomplete to M.Maxwell. <i>PENALTY on SF-T.Herrion, Illegal Use of Hands, 12 yards, enforced at DEN 16 - No Play.</i>	
1-22-DEN 28	(:42) C.Pickett pass to F.Amey to DEN 18 for 10 yards (J.LeSueur).	
2-12-DEN 18	(:19) C.Pickett pass incomplete to M.Maxwell. <i>PENALTY on SF, Illegal Formation, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 18 - No Play.</i>	
2-17-DEN 23	(:14) (Shotgun) C.Pickett pass incomplete to M.Maxwell.	
3-17-DEN 23	(:10) (Shotgun) C.Pickett up the middle for 23 yards, TOUCHDOWN. J.Nedney extra point is GOOD, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.	R18

**SF 21 DEN 26, 14 plays, 91 yards, 2:26 drive, 14:58 elapsed**

(Onside Kick formation) J.Nedney kicks 22 yards from SF 30 to DEN 48, out of bounds. Watts batted ball out of bounds.

**Denver Broncos at 0:02, (1st play from scrimmage 0:01)**

1-10-DEN 48	(:01) C.Friehauf kneels to DEN 47 for -1 yards.	
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**4th Quarter**

Play By Play

END OF QUARTER

==== Quarter Summary =====

Score	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies		
	Poss	R	P	X	T	3Down	4Down	
San Francisco 49ers	21	7:17	2	4	1	7	2/4	0/0
Denver Broncos	26	7:43	4	0	1	5	4/6	0/0

San Francisco 49ers vs Denver Broncos

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**Ball Possession And Drive Chart**

**San Francisco 49ers**

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	15:00	13:00	2:00	Kickoff	SF 20	3	-3	0	-3	0	SF 17	Punt
2	10:29	8:16	2:13	Kickoff	SF 20	3	0	-5	-5	0	SF 15	Punt
3	2:05	14:47	2:18	Kickoff	SF 33	6	8	10	18	2	DEN 49	Punt
4	11:18	9:35	1:43	Punt	SF 43	5	2	12	14	1	DEN 43	Punt
5	7:59	4:26	3:33	Punt	DEN 44	7	44	0	44	3	* DEN 16	Touchdown
6	1:33	0:03	1:30	Missed FG	SF 36	9	32	-5	27	2	DEN 37	Missed FG
7	13:18	13:09	0:09	Punt	SF 42	1	58	0	58	1	SF 42	Touchdown
8	9:15	6:50	2:25	Missed FG	SF 38	5	24	0	24	2	DEN 38	Punt
9	2:58	1:19	1:39	Kickoff	SF 20	3	-2	0	-2	0	SF 18	Punt
10	12:11	8:37	3:34	Kickoff	SF 10	5	24	-4	20	1	SF 30	Punt
11	5:36	4:19	1:17	Interception	SF 15	3	-1	0	-1	0	SF 14	Punt
12	2:28	0:02	2:26	Kickoff	SF 9	14	113	-22	91	6	* DEN 23	Touchdown

(342) Average SF 28

**Denver Broncos**

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	13:00	10:29	2:31	Punt	DEN 32	5	68	0	68	4	* SF 2	Touchdown
2	8:16	2:05	6:11	Punt	DEN 29	12	78	-20	58	4	* SF 13	Field Goal
3	14:47	11:18	3:29	Punt	DEN 20	8	29	0	29	2	DEN 49	Punt
4	9:35	7:59	1:36	Punt	DEN 11	3	-3	-5	-8	0	DEN 3	Punt
5	4:26	1:33	2:53	Kickoff	DEN 20	11	57	-5	52	4	* SF 28	Missed FG
6	0:03	0:00	0:03	Missed FG	DEN 46	1	-1	0	-1	0	DEN 46	End of Half
7	15:00	13:18	1:42	Kickoff	DEN 20	3	9	-5	4	0	DEN 24	Punt
8	13:09	9:15	3:54	Kickoff	DEN 20	10	55	-5	50	3	SF 30	Missed FG
9	6:50	2:58	3:52	Punt	DEN 20	9	80	0	80	5	* SF 2	Touchdown
10	1:19	12:11	4:08	Punt	SF 27	8	28	-5	23	2	* SF 4	Field Goal
11	8:37	5:36	3:01	Punt	DEN 36	6	19	0	19	1	SF 45	Interception
12	4:19	2:28	1:51	Punt	SF 35	6	35	0	35	2	* SF 16	Touchdown
13	0:02	0:00	0:02	Kickoff	DEN 48	1	-1	0	-1	0	DEN 48	End of Game

(440) Average DEN 34

\* inside opponent's 20

Time of Possession by Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
<b>Visitor</b> San Francisco 49ers	6:18	6:59	4:13	7:17		24:47
<b>Home</b> Denver Broncos	8:42	8:01	10:47	7:43		35:13
<b>Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average</b>	49ers: 6 - SF 19		Broncos: 4 - DEN 27			





# DENVER BRONCOS VS. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS



SATURDAY, AUG. 20, 2005 • 7:00 P.M. • INVESCO FIELD AT MILE HIGH • DENVER, COLO.

## 49ERS NUMERICAL

No.	Player	Pos.
1	Cole Frazier	P
3	Cody Pickett	QB
4	Andy Lee	RB
5	Kirk Vlimeni	K
6	Joe Bickley	K
7	Ken Dorsey	TE
10	P.J. Fleck	TE
11	Alex Smith	QB
13	Tim Harty	WR
15	Jawn Hunter	WR
17	Johnnie Morton	WR
18	Fred Amey	WR
19	Marcus Maxwell	WR
20	Mike Adams	WR
21	Frank Gore	RB
22	Terry Jackson	RB
23	Derrick Johnson	RB
24	Mike Rumph	RB
25	Willie Middlebrooks	RB
26	Devin Holly	RB
27	Jeshaun Harrison	RB
28	Keith Lewis	RB
29	Armed Plummer	QB
31	Rayshun Reed	RB
32	Keenan Barlow	RB
33	Tony Parish	RB
35	Dwaine Carpenter	TE
38	Arnold Parker	TE
40	Fred Beasley	TE
41	Allan Amundson	TE
41	Tony Holm	TE
44	Marques Hicks	TE
45	Steve Bush	TE
46	Doug Zeigler	TE
46	Bobby Purdy	TE
47	Billy Bagina	TE
48	Brian Johnson	TE
48	Aaron Walker	TE
50	Steve Bish	TE
51	Salem Rashheed	TE
53	Jeff Ulbrich	TE
55	Richard Seigler	TE
55	Jason Winnum	TE
56	Brandon Moore	TE
57	Max Yates	TE
59	Ray Wells	TE
60	Brendan Darty	TE
61	Paul Zukauskas	TE
62	Jeremy Newberry	TE
63	Norm Kantik	TE
64	David Bass	TE
65	Justin Smiley	TE
66	Eric Helman	TE
67	Scott Peters	TE
68	Adam Snyder	TE
69	Tony Wragge	TE
70	Tony Wragge	TE
71	Corey Smith	TE
72	Thomas Herron	TE
74	Tim Probst	TE
75	Scott Scharrf	TE
75	Joas Jennings	TE
76	Josh Cooper	TE
76	Harvey Dahl	TE
77	Kwane Harris	TE
78	Patrick Estes	TE
81	Rashawn Woods	TE
82	Eric Johnson	TE
83	Arac Battle	TE
84	Rashard Marshall	TE
85	Brian Lovv	TE
86	Brian Jennings	TE
87	Jason McAdley	TE
88	Derrick Marshall	TE
89	Jason McAdley	TE
90	Isaac Sopoaga	TE
91	Anthony Adams	TE
92	Tony Brown	TE
93	Chris Cooper	TE
94	Marques Douglas	TE
95	Ronald Fields	TE
96	Aaron Carter	TE
97	Bryan Young	TE
98	Juan Pileoni	TE
99	Andrew Williams	TE

## BRONCOS DEFENSE

LE	[98] Courtney Brown	91	Ebenezer Eukan	92	Marco Coleman	90	Chukie Nwokorie	
LT	76	Michael Myers	75	Monsanto Pope	94	Luther Elliss	71	Aaron Hunt
RT	61	Gerard Warren	[68	Mario Fatatehji	96	Dorsett Davis	64	Patrice Mawoko-Mwamba
RE	39	Trevor Pryce	60	John Engelberger	95	Anton Paleoni	97	Dermatin Veal
WLB	52	Ian Gold	58	Terry Pierce	57	Jashon Stokes		
MLB	55	A.J. Williams	51	Keith Burns				
SLB	55	D.J. Williams	54	Patrick Chukwurah	53	Louis Green	59	Markus Sheale
LCB	24	Champ Bailey	22	Domonique Foxworth	45	Roc Alexander	40	Qurome Cox
RCB	35	Lenny Walls	22	Domonique Foxworth	45	Roc Alexander	40	Qurome Cox
SS	25	Nick Ferguson	22	Domonique Foxworth	45	Roc Alexander	40	Qurome Cox
FS	47	John Lynch	42	Sam Brandon			28	Jeff Shoate

## 49ERS OFFENSE

WR	83	Arac Battle	81	Rashawn Woods	10	P.J. Fleck	64	Rashard Marshall
LT	75	Joas Jennings	78	Patrick Estes				
LG	65	Justin Smiley	67	Scott Peters				
C	68	Eric Helman	63	Norm Kantik	[62	Jeremy Newberry]	60	Brendan Darty
RG	68	Adam Snyder	69	Tony Wragge	76	Harvey Dahl	64	David Bass
TE	77	Kwane Harris	74	Tim Probst	44	Steve Bish	47	Billy Bagina
TE	82	Eric Johnson	49	Aaron Walker	45	Doug Zeigler	86	Brian Jennings
WR	85	Brandon Lloyd	17	Johnnie Morton	89	Jason McAdley	19	Marcus Maxwell
QB	11	Alex Smith	13	Tim Rattay	7	Ken Dorsey	15	Jawn Hunter
RB	32	Keenan Barlow	21	Frank Gore	22	Terry Jackson	43	Maurice Hicks
FB	40	Fred Beasley	41	Tony Feklin	48	Brian Johnson	46	Bobby Purdy

## 49ERS SPECIALISTS

P	4	Andy Lee	1	Cole Frazier
K	6	Joe Nedney	5	Kirk Vlimeni
PR	83	Arac Battle	10	P.J. Fleck
KR	43	Maurice Hicks	89	Jason McAdley
LS	86	Brian Jennings	44	Steve Bush
H	4	Andy Lee	10	P.J. Fleck

**49ERS:** Billy Bailema (Ba-g-ma); Keenan Barlow (kevin); Arac Battle (AR-nez); Marques Douglas (Marcus); Kwame Harris (Kw-may-ne); (like same); Josselo Hanson (Ho-SELL-ee-oh); Eric Helman (HE-ghT-m-an); Daven Holly (DAV-in); Armed Plummer (AH-mep); Saleem Rashheed (Sul-LEE-ew Puh-SHEED); Tim Rattay (Puh-TAY); Mike Rumph (Rumpf); Richard Seigler (SEE-gler); Isaac Sopoaga (SO-po-ah-nah); Jeff Ulbrich (Ul-brick); Kirk Vlimeni (E-luh-me-in); Pete Hoener (HA-ner).

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

**BRONCOS:** Patrick Chukwurah (chuk-wER-uh); Tyson Glabo (CLAV-bo); Maurice Glalet (glu-ETT); Qurome Cox (KER-ome); Todd Dwayne (dew-VOH); Ebenezer Eukan (EK-you-hahn); Jason Elm (EE-lum); Mario Fatatehji (fah-fah-FAY-hee); Chad Frazier (FREE-zhoff); Ashley Lale (lu-LEE); Jeremy Lesbur (luh-SER); Trandus Luke (tree-AY-ous); Brandon Miree (my-HEE); Ben Nowland (NAV-hand); Chukie Nwokorie (CHOO-kee wan-KOR-ee); Anton Paleoni (AN-TAWN PAL-a-poy); Erik Peas (PEERS); Job Pultz (POOT like "toot", zee-air); Jeff Shoate (SHOTE); Jashon Stokes (JAV-shon); Dermatin Veal (du-MEE-fin).

## TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

**Referee**—Mike Carey (94); **Umpire**—Dan Ferrill (64); **Head Linesman**—Steve Seilles (22); **Line Judge**—Mark Pertman (9); **Field Judge**—Buddy Horton (82); **Side Judge**—Tom Finken (47); **Back Judge**—Keith Ferguson (61); **Replay**—Tommy Moore; **Video**—Bud Alexander; **Observer**—Howard Roe.

*cookie or first-year player*

## BRONCOS NUMERICAL

No.	Player	Pos.
1	Jason Elm	P
3	Paul Emser	PK
8	Matt Hancock	QB
9	Chad Frazier	QB
10	Todd Sauerbrun	P
11	Bradlee Van Pelt	WR
12	B.J. Johnson	WR
13	Danny Kanell	WR
14	Todd Dwayne	WR
15	Ronnie Crenshaw	WR
16	Jake Plummer	WR
17	Darius Watts	WR
19	Jerry Rice	WR
20	Maurice Glalet	WR
21	Dominic Griffin	RB
22	Domonique Foxworth	RB
23	Rod Babs	RB
24	Champ Bailey	RB
25	Nick Ferguson	RB
26	Tatum Bell	RB
27	Darrel Williams	RB
28	Jeff Shoate	RB
29	Brandon Browner	RB
31	Jeremy Lesbur	RB
33	Ron Dwayne	RB
35	Lenny Walls	RB
36	Kris Briggs	RB
37	Cecil Sapp	RB
38	Mike Anderson	RB
39	Kyle Johnson	RB
40	Qurome Cox	RB
41	Karl Payman	RB
42	Sam Brandon	RB
45	Roc Alexander	RB
47	John Lynch	RB
48	Brandon Miree	RB
50	Ben Hamilton	RB
51	Keith Burns	RB
52	Ian Gold	RB
53	Louis Green	RB
54	Patrick Chukwurah	RB
55	D.J. Williams	RB
56	A.J. Williams	RB
57	Jason Skyes	RB
58	Terry Pierce	RB
59	Markus Sheale	RB
60	John Engelberger	RB
62	Gerard Warren	RB
63	Chris Myers	RB
64	Patrice Mawoko-Mwamba	RB
65	Eric Peas	RB
66	Tom Mahen	RB
67	Anthony Central	RB
68	Mario Fatatehji	RB
69	Zach Wilson	RB
70	Ysion Glabo	RB
71	Aaron Hunt	RB
71	Chris Watson	RB
72	George Foster	RB
73	Camron Spikes	RB
74	Camel Green	RB
75	Monsanto Pope	RB
76	Michael Myers	RB
77	Dwayne Carswell	RB
78	Matt Leaps	RB
79	Ben Nowland	RB
80	Rod Smith	RB
81	Stephen Alexander	RB
82	Chukie Nwokorie	RB
83	Wesley Duke	RB
84	Mike Leach	RB
85	Ashley Lale	RB
86	Patrick Hape	RB
87	Trandus Luke	RB
88	Job Pultz	RB
89	Hale Jackson	RB
90	Chukie Nwokorie	RB
91	Ebenezer Eukan	RB
92	Marco Coleman	RB
93	Trevor Pryce	RB
94	Luther Elliss	RB
95	Anton Paleoni	RB
96	Dorsett Davis	RB
97	Dermatin Veal	RB
98	Courtney Brown	RB
99	Rajlee Johnson	RB

## BRONCOS OFFENSE

WR	80	Rod Smith	17	Darius Watts	81	Charlie Adams	14	Todd Dwayne
LT	78	Matt Leaps	74	Correll Green	64	Eric Peas	15	Ronnie Crenshaw
LG	50	Ben Hamilton	63	Tim Stuber	73	Camron Spikes		
RG	66	Tom Mahen	71	Chris Watson	62	Chris Myers	79	Ben Nowland
RE	39	Trevor Pryce	69	Zach Wilson	69	Zach Wilson		
TE	72	George Foster	67	Anthony Clement	70	Tyson Glabo		
TE	82	Stephen Alexander	88	Job Pultz	89	Nate Jackson	86	Patrick Hape
WR	85	Ashley Lale	19	Jerry Rice	83	Mike Leach	84	Wesley Duke
WR	16	Jake Plummer	11	Bradlee Van Pelt	12	B.J. Johnson	12	B.J. Johnson
RB	38	Mike Anderson	26	Tatum Bell	8	Matt Hancock	8	Matt Hancock
FB	39	Kyle Johnson	37	Cecil Sapp	21	Quentin Griffin	9	Chad Frazier
					33	Ron Dwayne	20	Maurice Glalet
					35	Lenny Walls	20	Maurice Glalet
					36	Kris Briggs	20	Maurice Glalet
					48	Brandon Miree	20	Maurice Glalet

## 49ERS DEFENSE

LE	97	Bryan Young	93	Chris Cooper	71	Corey Smith	74	Scott Scharrf
NT	91	Anthony Adams	90	Shaun Sopoga	95	Ronald Fields		
RE	94	Marques Douglas	92	Tony Brown	76	Josh Cooper		
LOLB	98	Julian Peterson	99	Andrew Williams	57	Max Yates		
LILB	50	Derek Smith	56	Brandon Moore	54	Richard Seigler		
RIILB	53	Jeff Ulbrich	51	Saleem Rashheed	59	Ray Wells		
ROLB	55	Jamie Winnum	96	Andre Carter				
LCB	25	Armed Plummer	31	Rayshun Reed	28	Daven Holly	41	Allan Amundson
RCB	29	Willie Middlebrooks	[36	Shaunna Spencer]	28	Derrick Johnson	27	Josselo Hanson
SS	33	Tony Parish	28	Keith Lewis	38	Arnold Parker		
FS	24	Mike Rumph	35	Dwaine Carpenter	20	Mike Adams		

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## Plummer feeling fine

QB puts sore knee aside as Denver hits 2-0 exhibition mark

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As Jake Plummer rolled nimbly to the left on one play, swiftly to the right on another, throwing accurately wherever he went Saturday night, game-day adrenaline had another endorsement.

Funny how the aches and pains felt in practice are soothed and cured come kickoff.

Plummer entered the Broncos' preseason game against the San Francisco 49ers with a left knee that was becoming sorer by the day. Yet, while helping the Broncos remain undefeated in the preseason with a 26-21 victory before a paid crowd of 70,794 at Invesco Field at Mile High, Plummer could not have performed better in his first-quarter appearance.

"If you see me limping and not moving, then there's reason to worry," said Plummer, who is 13-of-19 for 171 yards, a touchdown and no interceptions in his two quarters of preseason play. "It's football. This is my eighth year going into year nine. You ask anybody in here who has played eight years, as many snaps as I've had, they're going to have something that hurts right now.."

The game was marred by the collapse of San Francisco 49ers guard Thomas Herrion, who was rushed to St. Anthony's after collapsing in the 49ers' locker room after the game.

Broncos fans and objective experts may have spent all spring and summer discussing the importance of red-zone efficiency, special teams, turnovers and pass coverage. This could all become analytical mumbo-jumbo, however, if Denver's most prominent players either don't return from devastating injuries or understand their bodies enough to avoid them.

Veteran cornerback Champ Bailey, a regular-season Ironman, figured the best way to extend his current NFL start streak of 96 games was to sit out the Broncos' first two exhibition games because of a nagging hamstring injury.

To the contrary, defensive end Trevor Pryce and running back Mike Anderson need the preseason to rediscover the explosive starts and stops that can only be simulated on game day. Pryce, who missed virtually all of last season recovering from back surgery, had two sacks in the first quarter Saturday and helped the first-team offense hold the 49ers scoreless into the second quarter.

"It's good to be back," Pryce said. "We didn't cue it up like it was a real game, but it felt good to come out here and play. I feel good, but my ankle hurts. I'm tired, cold, but I'm still pretty hungry."

Anderson, who missed the 2004 season because of two groin tears, ran hard, ran strong and ran forward for 39 yards on just five carries, and also caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from a rolling Plummer on the Broncos' first drive.

"Adrenaline, our game depends on it," Anderson said. "We thrive off it out here."

As for Plummer, he displayed all the mobility and precision passing that once caused a Hall of Fame coach to compare him favorably to a Hall of Fame quarterback. "When Plummer came out of college," legendary former 49ers coach Bill Walsh said last week, "the way he moved and threw the ball, he had all the skills of Joe Montana."

Although the consensus is Plummer has yet to prove he's as cool as the other side of the pillow, as Montana once was characterized, an ability to combine escape with productive passing wasn't all the two had in common.

Plummer showed Saturday he's as tough as they come. After undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee during the offseason, Plummer had all but fully recovered as training camp opened four weeks ago.

An inadvertent collision, however, knocked the knee in such a way that his between-workout ice packs started getting larger, the protective wrappings getting sturdier. Not once, however, has Plummer missed a workout. And against the 49ers, Plummer ran off the question mark from his questionable knee. He completed 7-of-9 passes for 95 yards, including the short touchdown pass to Anderson. Plummer also had a 12-yard scramble on his second series that set up a first down at the 49ers' 14.

Only holding penalties, as the Broncos were running in for touchdowns, prevented Plummer from directing two touchdowns in his two first-team drives.

If the knee hurt, Plummer proved he could handle it.

"If it'd hurt you'd know," Plummer said. "Let's make it a non-issue until something happens. Let's drop it, please."

## The goals

Here were five goals for the Broncos entering their preseason game Saturday against San Francisco and how they fared:

### 1. Stronger running game

With Matt Lepsis back at tackle, tailbacks Mike Anderson and Tatum Bell combined for 85 yards on 11 carries in the first half.

### 2. Better showing from first-team defense

Trevor Pryce was credited with two sacks and 49ers rookie QB Alex Smith got nowhere near the goal line.

### 3. 10 points from first-team offense

Big check here. Jake Plummer needed just two drives to get his 10. And it would have been 14 if not for two goal-line holding penalties.

### 4. Continued improvement from Bradlee Van Pelt

This will be deemed a learning experience. Although the young QB again displayed magical scrambling skills and moved the Broncos, he missed open receivers.

### 5. Two defensive turnovers

The next turnover gained will be the first of the Broncos' preseason.

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## Adams lone special teams hero

**Sauerbrun's first punt tipped, while Elam misses two field-goal attempts from 46 and 48 yards**

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The members of the Broncos' special teams should brace themselves.

It could be another testy week of work coming up. Last week, the unit caught the ire of the coaching staff. Tuesday, coach Mike Shanahan stopped a morning practice to give the unit a tongue-lashing. Later that day, in a driving thunderstorm, special teams coach Ronnie Bradford threw down his clipboard in disgust. The next day, Shanahan kicked rookie Brandon Browner out of a drill for lack of effort on a special teams play.

Sans two long punt returns by camp star Charlie Adams in the second half, the Denver special teams were again lackluster in the Broncos' 26-21 victory Saturday against the San Francisco 49ers at Invesco Field at Mile High.

The unit struggled much of last season in coverage and return phases, as well as last week against Houston.

While coverage was an issue last week, the kicking game was the biggest culprit against San Francisco. Shanahan said overall he was happy with some progress, but the kicking game struggled.

In his first appearance at Invesco Field as a Bronco, standout punter Todd Sauerbrun had his first punt tipped and went only 9 yards. Sauerbrun's kicking counterpart, Jason Elam, also had problems. He missed field-goal attempts of 46 and 48 yards.

Elam did, though kick field goals of 31 and 22 yards.

The tipped punt wasn't Sauerbrun's fault. The snap from Mike Leach was high and protector Tatum Bell couldn't keep standout special teams ace Keith Lewis from getting to the ball. Sauerbrun didn't have enough time to set when it was tipped.

"That was one guy," Shanahan said of Lewis' effort.

Added Bell: "It was my fault. I should have held the guy longer."

Sauerbrun did recover on his second punt, booting it 58 yards.

Denver acquired Sauerbrun from Carolina for punter Jason Baker and a seventh-round pick in May to take advantage of the thin Mile High air.

In recent years, Denver's punters struggled, even at home. Sauerbrun, though, is a three-time Pro Bowl player and has the fifth highest gross average in NFL history. He has been solid in training camp.

Rookie kickoff specialist Paul Ernster appeared to be recovered from a hip injury that bothered him last week in Houston.

Shanahan praised Ernster's kicking Saturday night.

Ernster, a seventh-round pick, is vying to make the team and force the Broncos to keep three kicking specialists, a rarity.

Thus far, he appears to be doing enough to make Shanahan keep three kickers.

Adams took over for rookie Darrent Williams late in the third quarter as the return specialist. Adams caused some excitement with punt returns of 39 and 29 yards, giving Shanahan something to be pleased about with his special teams unit. Adams will likely push Williams for at least the punt return job the rest of the preseason.

"It's good to have competition there," Shanahan said.

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## Preseason or not, it's always game on for Lynch

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Forget the merlot sippers in the expensive club seats. Nobody pays more to attend Broncos home games than safety John Lynch.

Why?

When tackling, Lynch hits harder than the NFL law allows.

The scores don't count in exhibition games.

But the rattled brains do.

Lynch made San Francisco rookie Billy Bajema pay for catching a pass Saturday night, with a violent helmet-to-helmet shot. It was a big bam! - like you hear John Madden shout about on television.

"I was making a tackle, man. I don't know what happened. He went to sleep," Lynch said after Denver's 26-21 victory.

Although 49ers personnel treated the injured tight end for a concussion, no X-rays were needed to determine the real damage.

Lynch knocked the Bajema out of him. Lights out. Nighty-night.

Bam! Take that, Gene Washington.

Washington, the league's chief disciplinarian, is football's version of a playground monitor. He does not particularly like it when Lynch plays rough and makes the other kids cry.

As you will recall, the last time Lynch went to work at Invesco Field at Mile High, during the regular-season finale against Indianapolis on Jan. 2, he made a three-egg omelette of tight end Dallas Clark's gray matter with a hit the Broncos swore up and down was clean.

Washington disagreed. Adamantly. He not only slapped Lynch with a \$75,000 fine, but sent a letter of reprimand to put in the veteran defender's permanent file.

It remains a sore subject with Lynch, who might be the nicest man in professional sports - unless you make the mistake of sticking your head into his neck of the woods during a game.

A stung Lynch felt his hard-earned image as a good guy in the community took a beating by being made to look like a cold-hearted, vicious head-hunter on the field.

Now, Washington has more videotape of Lynch's violence to study.

Lynch pleaded not guilty, saying Bajema was fair game.

"He was a runner there," Lynch said. "If he's catching the ball, I'm nervous. But not running the ball. He put his head down."

No penalty flag was thrown on the first-quarter pass play that gained 16 yards for San Francisco, but ended with a nasty collision between Bajema and Lynch, who initiated contact with his helmet.

How hard was the hit? Although Bajema tried to walk off as teammates came to his assistance, it appeared the young tight end did not know what city, planet or galaxy he was in.

If Bajema were a boxer, the ref would have called a standing eight count. Or a technical knockout.

So much for NFL warnings and a hefty fine changing the style of play by Lynch.

While Lynch has vowed he will continue to keep the hits coming, he recently told The Denver Post there would be a concerted effort to stop the head-to-head blows.

That ringing you hear from the ears of Bajema is a signal that Lynch might still have a little work to do. Guess that's what preseason games are for.

At age 33, Lynch might be too old to change, no matter how it costs him. The defender's unrelenting aggression has been rewarded with six selections to the Pro Bowl.

"You got to play the play the way you play," said Lynch, who believes no tackler could be effective constantly worrying about the consequences of every hard hit. "I've always been proud of the way I've played."

As proof the league does not hold grudges, Lynch is featured in new feel-good commercials for the United Way. But the NFL has been known to have a long memory for defenders who break bones or bend the rules.

Football is the No. 1 game in America because we are a country that finds violence almost as entertaining as sex.

Lynch is not a dirty player by any means. But he is a dangerous man.

If the NFL is crazy serious about making this a kinder and gentler sport, the league might not have any choice except to fine Lynch. Again.

That would really hurt.

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## **UPDATE: Niner collapses, dies after game**

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San Francisco offensive lineman Thomas Herrion collapsed in the locker room and died this morning, shortly after the 49ers played the Denver Broncos in a preseason game. He was 23.

Herrion, a 6-foot-3, 310-pound guard, was on the field for San Francisco's 14-play, 91-yard drive that ended with a touchdown with 2 seconds left.

Players had finished listening to coach Mike Nolan address them in a postgame meeting when Herrion collapsed. Medics administered CPR on him and took him to an ambulance that rushed him to a nearby hospital.

About three hours later, 49ers spokesman Aaron Salkin confirmed that Herrion had been pronounced dead. The cause of death was not immediately known.

"This is a colossal tragedy for the 49ers and the entire NFL community," Salkin said. "We still do not know all the details. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Herrion family."

The death comes a little more than four years after offensive lineman Korey Stringer of the Minnesota Vikings died of heatstroke during a training camp practice on a day during which the heat index soared to 110.

Since Stringer's death, NFL teams have increased their efforts to teach players about hydration and how to manage the heat. They have been experimenting with sensors to measure players' core body temperatures, although those by themselves wouldn't be able to prevent a heat-related death.

Temperatures were in the mid-60s with 50 percent humidity Saturday night in Denver, although experts say heatstroke can occur even in cool conditions.

After the game, Nolan said he had no comments about San Francisco's 26-21 loss to the Broncos.

"There are more important things on our mind than the game," he said. "Right now, our thoughts and prayers are with Thomas Herrion."

Shortly after that statement, the Niners got dressed and boarded buses that took them to the Denver airport for their flight back to California. Salkin said coaches notified players of the tragedy at the airport.

"We didn't see anything happen," Niners defensive lineman Marques Douglas said. "I sat by my locker and prayed for him."

Herrion, a first-year player with the 49ers, played college ball at Utah and spent part of last season on the San Francisco and Dallas practice squads. He also played this season with the Hamburg Sea Dogs of NFL Europe.

Stringer's death was thought to be the first of its kind in the NFL. In 1979, St. Louis Cardinals tight end J.V. Cain died of a heart attack during training camp. Chuck Hughes, a wide receiver for the Detroit Lions, died of a heart attack Oct. 24, 1972, during a game in Detroit against the Chicago Bears.

In April, Arena Football League player Al Lucas of the Los Angeles Avengers died of a spinal-cord injury he endured while making a tackle.

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## Watts' drops catching up with him

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When the Broncos drafted Darius Watts from Marshall last year in the second round and made him the 54th overall pick, no one was surprised that Denver liked him. Plenty of other NFL teams did, too.

But many executives in personnel across the league were shocked that Denver thought that much of Watts. At that spot in the draft, he was a reach, they insisted. Good player. Costly infatuation.

Watts worked hard to show his value and worth in his rookie season. He played in all 17 of Denver's games and started two of them. He caught 31 balls in the regular season and one in the playoff game against Indianapolis. He made one touchdown catch in the regular season.

It was the balls he did not catch that were remembered.

His drops that cost games and cost him more playing time and trust.

Watts is in his second pro season now, and it is beginning to resemble the bottom-side of his first one. He had already been demoted to No. 4 receiver before the game Saturday night here against San Francisco. Jerry Rice was moved up to No. 3.

I did not take the demotion of Watts to mean much.

Maybe we all should have.

The Broncos were certainly trying to grab his attention, make him focus even more, challenge him with what must be a humiliating moment for any player when he drops on a depth chart whether it be in training camp or during the season. Watts said it would not rattle him. He would keep working hard.

He was teamed with Rice in several two-receiver set formations late in the second quarter. He caught a deep pass where he was ruled out of the end zone and then dropped one later in the end zone. The 49ers were called for holding on the play, but that happened well before the ball got there. Watts shook loose. He was open in the end zone. The ball simply bounced off his hands as much as it did his chest.

Happened again late in the fourth quarter.

Elusive move by Watts. Ball underthrown. He circles back and lunges for it.

It bounces off his hands.

There are many successful, artistic receivers who have experienced this. They entered the league full of promise, ran great routes, exhibited premier ability - and could not, at first, catch a ball, seemingly even if the ball and their hands were saturated with glue.

It happens, this dropsy thing, especially to the young receiver. Within a season he usually grows out of it. He becomes more comfortable in the NFL and is able to focus and snare footballs.

But Watts is proving to be a late bloomer at this. His hands tend to fight the football when attempting to catch it instead of embracing it.

In football, you have soft hands or you have brick hands.

With Watts, we are looking for a little more tenderness.

His confidence looks shaky. The Broncos bring Rice into camp and that no doubt shook him and most of the receivers from the start. For now, Rice has passed him. Another blow. It looks so mental for Watts now much more than physical.

He caught two passes for 27 yards with a long catch for 19 yards against the 49ers. But why is it now that with Watts his drops



linger more than his catches?

He needs to settle down and realize that he is not going anywhere - for now. The Broncos love his raw talent and see a potential playmaker. They are not about to part with such a high pick so soon. Second-round picks in this league are simply not banished after one season. Plus, with all of the banter about the Broncos personnel choices in recent years, management is not about to give up on Watts and fan that fire.

The Broncos are forced to play Watts, find ways to get him on the field to work through this trouble. He can do it. No one knows if he will.

"Pressure? We all feel it," Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer said. "I think Darius gets a little tired in games. He's got to learn to play tired. Everything he does now is just glaring."

Every single drop.

But Plummer and the Broncos are not giving up on Watts. Everyone is watching to make sure he doesn't either.

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## Rice's old team hardly looks the same

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**Denver** - Jerry Rice held no animosity toward the San Francisco 49ers when they parted ways in 2000.

"They were going in a different direction, and I understood that," Rice said.

As everyone knows now, the different direction has been down.

The 49ers have fallen so far that when they visit Rice's new team, the Denver Broncos, for a preseason game today, they will bring with them the prize that goes to the worst team in the NFL - the first pick of the 2005 draft, who in this case is quarterback Alex Smith.

Smith is in a somewhat surprising struggle with Tim Rattay for the starting position. Last week in a 21-13 win over the Raiders, Rattay threw two touchdowns in the span of 4 1/2 minutes after Smith went 3-for-9 and failed to lead the Niners to a first down.

"I think it's going to be a tough decision," said coach Mike Nolan, who is leaning toward Smith as the opening-day starter. "I look forward to the tough decision." Not nearly as difficult is determining Rice's status for 2005.

Barring something drastic, he will be on Denver's regular-season roster. And after the opening preseason game, he moved from fourth to third on the depth chart, in front of struggling Darius Watts.

It is the quest to make the team, and extend his brilliant career into a 21st year, that has Rice fired up about Saturday's game, when he will see his first extended action of the preseason.

That the game is against the Niners is more of a coincidence to him than anything else.

"I think the thing for me is that I have to prove that I can carry that load" of being a No. 3 receiver, Rice said. "That's the way I look at it. My focus is going completely toward that.

With San Francisco, there was no animosity. ... So here I am in Denver, and I'm just looking forward to my opportunities in the preseason." While Rice figures to get plenty of chances, none will be coming for Maurice Clarett. On Friday, coach Mike Shanahan said there was "no chance" Clarett would play Saturday. The third-round draft pick missed most of the last two weeks with a groin injury and returned to practice Thursday.

Also sitting out for Denver will be cornerback Champ Bailey, who continues to nurse a sore hamstring.

The Rice connection isn't the only bond between these two franchises, even though they are in different conferences and don't play often. Shanahan was San Francisco's offensive coordinator for three years in the 90s, which is part of what set things up for Rice to try to finish his career in Denver.

The Niners and Broncos also made a trade in the offseason, Denver shipping disappointing 2001 first-round draft pick Willie Middlebrooks to the 49ers for defensive lineman John Engelberger, who the team didn't think would fit in to its new 3-4 defense.

"I have nothing to prove to them," said Middlebrooks, a cornerback who started two games over four seasons in Denver.

"Everything I have to prove is to Mike Nolan and my coaches here.

What would I prove to them? That I can cover people and tackle?" He might end up lined up against Rice, who seems like more and more a memory to the current 49ers with every year that passes.

"It's always good to see Jerry," said defensive lineman Bryant Young, who has been with the 49ers since 1994. "But it's normal now. He's been gone for a while. It doesn't feel as weird to see him on the other side of that line now. The years pile up. I can't believe I've been here 12 years, so his longevity speaks for itself."

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### Broncos starters hitting on all cylinders

**By Jeff Legwold, Rocky Mountain News**  
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Before the Broncos had taken one snap in the summer sun, before they had crossed one day off the training camp calendar, coach Mike Shanahan was mulling what might be in 2005.

And he said; "It's about winning those close games you're supposed to win. You need some luck, to be healthy, but in the end you can't let those games get away that you should win."

So it went with the San Francisco 49ers Saturday night in Invesco Field at Mile High.

The 49ers, well down the road from their dynasty age, are coming off a 2-14 mark in '04 and this year personnel executives around the league rank the team's roster near the bottom as well.

So in a game that was swallowed in the mire of the preseason for the most part, the Broncos starters still showed they could slam the door on the fingers of a rebuilding team with a 26-21 victory. The win improved Denver to 2-0 in the preseason.

Denver's starting offense put up 10 points in its two series' worth of work and piled up 146 yards in the first quarter. Quarterback Jake Plummer was 7-of-9 passing for 95 yards with a two-yard touchdown pass to running back Mike Anderson to finish the team's first possession of the night.

Denver went 80 yards in just five plays on that opening drive.

Anderson, who continues to try to tighten his grip on the starting running back job, finished with 39 yards rushing on his five carries.

"We did have some long plays in there," said wide receiver Rod Smith. "We were able to move the ball."

The Broncos were busily moving their second possession toward a touchdown as well, but two holding calls – the first on guard Ben Hamilton, the second on center Tom Nalen at the 49ers' 3-yard line – eventually stalled them. Nalen's penalty negated a touchdown run by Anderson and Jason Elam finished the drive off with a 31-yard field goal.

For its part, the Broncos starting defense rattled rookie quarterback Alex Smith some. Smith, who was the first pick of this past April's draft after his career at the University of Utah, was 2-of-7 for 18 yards and sacked three times.

Shanahan left the starting defense in slightly longer than the offensive counterparts, as the 49ers worked with a short field in much of the opening half. That included a blocked punt by the 49ers in the second quarter.

When the Broncos second-team defense did take the field against San Francisco's top offense, the 49ers scored on the next play – a 16-yard run by Kevan Barlow.

San Francisco's first-year coach Mike Nolan, in search of some confidence for a young team trying to rebound from the league's worst record in '04, left his starters in for the opening half.

"We are still building our foundation," Nolan said. "Our team is still growing and learning."

That showed in Broncos backup quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt's night. After a smooth outing against the Houston Texans last week in the preseason opener, Van Pelt was just 2-of-7 in the first half for 16 yards.

Van Pelt, who played almost three quarters in the game, was also sacked twice before halftime. He finished the night 7-of-18 for 106 yards without a touchdown or interception.

Shanahan had spent much of this past week riding his special teams units in practice going as far as to threaten to toss rookie safety Brandon Browner off the field during the week.

They likely won't get a break this week either after the blocked punt, two missed field goals by Elam and some spotty work in the coverage units.

Among the Broncos reserves, wide receiver Todd Devoe, who had a 92-yard touchdown against the Texans last week, continued his quality work. He had first-down catch in the middle of the field in the third quarter to go with a 32-yard grab on the same drive to set up the Broncos second touchdown of the night.

Quarterback Matt Mauck added a late fourth-quarter touchdown on a long scramble.

Reserve wide receiver Charlie Adams also had a 39-yard punt return in the third quarter.

Injuries: Broncos wide receiver Darius Watts suffered a neck strain in the second half of Saturday night's game, but did return later. He will be evaluated more on Sunday.

Linebacker Patrick Chukwurah also suffered an injured left hand.

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### Strong-arm tactics

Nolan, 49ers likely will push envelope more than usual

By Jeff Legwold, Rocky Mountain News  
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ENGLEWOOD - It is often the difference between now and later, between what you want and what you need.

And while most everybody is looking for something in the NFL preseason - mostly a way out of it without a limp - the Broncos know the San Francisco 49ers will hope for a little more tonight at Invesco Field at Mile High.

On the heels of last season's 2-14 cave-in, the 49ers hired Mike Nolan to be the coach to dig them out. And first-year coaches routinely push a little harder in preseason games, use a little more of the eventual playbook and have a little more concern for how it all looks.

"When you first come in, you've got to find out what your team is made of, what you've got," Broncos linebacker Al Wilson said. "You know, kind of, quote, unquote, make a statement. They're game-planning, they're going through it like they would during the regular season. Definitely, the first-year coaches do go at it a little bit harder."

Sometimes with mixed results. Of the seven first-year coaches in 2004, Norv Turner of the Oakland Raiders finished with the best preseason record (3-1) and four of the seven teams won at least two preseason games.

However, of those seven, only one, Jim Mora with the Atlanta Falcons, went to the playoffs.

By contrast, of the 12 playoff teams last season, only two, the Seattle Seahawks and New York Jets, won three preseason games. The Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots, the eventual Super Bowl teams, went 1-3.

"I think when you've had a losing season and you come in, you want to set the tempo," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "I know that was my thought process when I got here: We had to get back to winning.

"You don't want to do it at the expense of playing your first team the whole game. And you still want to evaluate players and get your scheme in, but at the same time, you're looking for a positive note."

Shanahan has stuck to the same rotation through his previous 10 seasons in Denver. Starters play 10 to 12 plays in the first preseason game, 20 to 25 in the second and into the third quarter in the third.

And in the final preseason game, established veteran starters do not play at all.

It has served Shanahan well because last season's 2-3 mark is the only losing record his Broncos teams have had in the preseason.

"Sure, you always want to win," he said. "It's a fine line. You know that they don't count, so you've got to be smart enough to figure out who your top 53 guys are and at the same time get something positive out of it.

"It's a fine line. You've got to be careful."

The Broncos did use some of practice Thursday to work on some things specific to the 49ers, but Shanahan said the Broncos will most resemble a regular-season effort Aug. 27 against the Indianapolis Colts when they will use at least an abbreviated game plan.

But there is some confidence to be won in these August affairs, Shanahan said. He pointed to the New Orleans Saints' 37-27 win Thursday against the Patriots.

The Saints, who have not been to the playoffs since 2000, scored the final 21 points. The Patriots have won three of the past four Super Bowls and had quarterback Tom Brady attempt only 11 passes in his preseason cameo.

"But New Orleans goes in there and finished the game strong, found a way to win," Shanahan said. "But when you look at it, that game was probably a lot more important for New Orleans than New England."

The Broncos expect to see rookie quarterback Alex Smith, who was the first pick in the April draft, start the game for the 49ers followed by Tim Rattay and Ken Dorsey.

Smith was the Mountain West Conference Player of the Year and a finalist for the Heisman Trophy for Utah last season.

## **Tough gauge**

### **The 2004 preseason records for the last season's playoff teams.**

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**Pittsburgh** 2-2

**San Diego** 2-2

**Denver** 2-3

**New England** 1-3

- **NFC**

**Seattle** 3-1

**Atlanta** 2-2

**Minnesota** 2-2

**Green Bay** 1-3

**Philadelphia** 1-3

**St. Louis** 1-3

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## Niners lineman dies

By **FRANK SCHWAB** and **MILO BRYANT - THE GAZETTE**

DENVER - San Francisco 49ers guard Thomas Herrion died early this morning at a Denver hospital after collapsing in the locker room at Invesco Field at Mile High following the team's game against the Broncos.

"This is a colossal tragedy for the 49ers and the entire NFL community," 49ers spokesman Aaron Salkin said. "We still do not know all of the details. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Herrion family. Head coach Mike Nolan informed the team at the airport after hearing word."

Herrion played in the 49ers' final drive of the game, which ended with the Broncos winning 26-21.

Herrion, who was 23, collapsed after Nolan spoke to the team. Team doctors and trainers worked to resuscitate him. Emergency medical personnel were administering CPR and oxygen to Herrion as he was loaded into an ambulance. He was transported to St. Anthony's Central Hospital.

Herrion, who played college football at Utah, was with Dallas and then on San Francisco's practice squad last season.

"He went down in the locker room," Nolan said after Herrion was taken to the hospital but before word of his death was announced. "The medical staff immediately went to him at that time and they were the only ones that were around him. So, really, no one knows other than medical staff as far as what went on."

There was no immediate word on the cause of death. The temperature at the start of the game was 70 degrees, though it dropped as the game progressed. However, heat stroke can occur at any temperature.

The 49ers' locker room was closed after the game.

"We were huddled up as a team, and we had a player go down," 49ers defensive tackle Bryant Young said outside the locker room. "I'm not sure what happened, because the medical staff told us to step back. As players, we all stood back, took one knee and prayed for Thomas."

Meanwhile, the Broncos improved to 2-0 in the preseason. Their starting offense moved the ball with little problem and the starting defense held the 49ers to 8 yards in the first quarter in front of 64,622 fans.

However, Denver's special teams struggled a bit. The Broncos had a punt blocked and Jason Elam missed two field-goal attempts.

Quarterback Jake Plummer completed 7-of-9 passes for 95 yards and a touchdown. Running back Mike Anderson rushed for 39 yards on five carries and had a touchdown catch.

The 49ers were 2-14 last season and rookie Alex Smith, the top pick in the draft, started at quarterback. But Denver was still pleased with its performance.

"We did all right," defensive end Trevor Pryce said. "We had some breakdowns but we played pretty well. It's never going to be perfect."

Smith struggled in completing 2-of-7 passes for 18 yards and he was sacked three times. Backups Tim Rattay and Cody Pickett both completed 7-of-11 passes, albeit against the Broncos' reserves.

The Broncos' three tailbacks were more effective than they were last week against Houston.

Mike Anderson started and rushed for 39 yards on five carries. He also had 17 yards receiving and caught a 2-yard touchdown pass on Denver's first drive.

Tatum Bell had 11 carries for 62 yards and a touchdown, and Ron Dayne had 87 yards on 18 carries.

Denver had 266 rushing yards as a team.

"We were hungry after last week," Plummer said. "We knew we didn't run the ball well, so we wanted to come out here tonight and do something about it."

Holding penalties nullified a 13-yard run by Bell to the 1-yard line and a 3-yard touchdown by Anderson. The Broncos settled for a field goal and led 10-0 after the first quarter.

"Any time you get the ball in the end zone and it's called back . . . I was disappointed in that," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said.

Kevan Barlow's 16-yard run cut the Broncos' lead to 10-7.

Backup quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt completed 7-of-18 passes for 106 yards, although he did run for 37 yards.

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Broncos WR Lelie sees room to grow

By Frank Schwab

Colorado Springs Gazette

August 21, 2005

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. -- For the first time, receiver Ashley Lelie isn't a big focus in Denver Broncos training camp.

He's not a rookie first-round pick, like he was in 2002. He's not battling a local favorite for a starting spot, like he did with Ed McCaffrey two years ago.

And nobody's wondering if he'll ever be an impact receiver, like plenty of people were last year.

This year Lelie has been keeping the pressure on himself in camp, because he's not content with what he did in 2004.

Lelie caught 54 passes for 1,084 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

He led the league in yards per catch, and his 20.1 yards per catch was the best by a Denver receiver in 17 years.

Many receivers would be pleased with that season.

"Most of us underachievers would," Lelie said with a smile, using a term that was associated with him early in his career. "But I'm not an underachiever. It was a step to get to the top."

Lelie's biggest improvement could come inside the 20-yard line. All of his touchdowns last season were 30 yards or longer. He had one catch, an 8-yard gain that wasn't a touchdown, all season inside the 20.

Lelie should be an enticing target in the end zone because of his 6-foot-3-inch height and his jumping ability.

Lelie said that he didn't view his lack of production inside the 20 last year as a failure.

"It's not like I dropped any red-zone balls," Lelie said. "It's not like I had too many balls to me thrown in the red zone. I have to get the confidence of coaches to go to me in the red zone and call my number."

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### Broncos rumble by Niners

#### No. 1 offense rolls early; Denver 'D' stifles Smith

By **Zak Brown**, Camera Sports Writer

August 21, 2005

DENVER — As bad as Bradlee Van Pelt's biggest fans want one, there isn't a quarterback controversy in Denver.

After how well Mike Anderson, Tatum Bell and Ron Dayne played Saturday night, there shouldn't be a running back controversy either. They all looked like they can handle the job.

Van Pelt wasn't as spectacular as the first preseason game, but he did lead his team to a comeback, 26-21, win against the San Francisco 49ers at Invesco Field at Mile High.

Meanwhile, the three backs racked up 188 yards rushing. Anderson ran for 39 yards and had 17 yards receiving. Bell ran for 62 yards and one touchdown, and Dayne had 87 yards on 18 carries.

"I thought we played pretty well. We wanted to go out and set the tone and run hard," Anderson said. "I think we all did that when we got on the field, and for most of it, I thought the running game got on track."

Van Pelt was only 7-for-17 for 106 yards and one touchdown. Last week he was 10-for-17 for 107 yards with 45 yards rushing. But like last week in Houston, he showed the ability to make plays with his feet and keep others alive with them. He missed some receivers and seemed to panic in the pocket some, but he didn't throw an interception and led the team on two scoring drives.

Anderson missed all of last season, and Bell struggled with injuries through most of it. Reuben Droughns picked up the slack, but he picked up and moved to Cleveland in the offseason. Dayne was brought in from New York this year, and they all played well Saturday. Anderson and Dayne brought the power running, while the speedy Bell provided some big bursts. His longest run was 19 yards late in the second quarter, and he averaged about six yards per carry.

"Just as a group we wanted to come out and establish the run, because last week we didn't do that," said Bell, whose team only had 130 yards rushing against Houston.

Anderson started the game, and he fit nicely with the first team.

The entire unit looked sharp on the first drive, quickly scoring on five plays. Quarterback Jake Plummer hit Rod Smith for an 11-yard pass and Kyle Johnson for a 27-yarder the next play. Anderson took it from there, rushing for 28 yards on the next two plays and catching a 2-yard touchdown pass for a 7-0 lead.

The next drive wasn't as short, but it was nearly as precise. Plummer was 4-for-6 for 55 yards on the drive, finding Anderson for a 15-yard pass and Jeb Putzier for an 18-yard pass. He finished his quarter-long night 7-for-9 for 95 yards and one touchdown.

"Jake played well," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said. "He has a feel for the game. He's been there, done that."

Plummer's understudy took over after the drive and played the majority of the game. Van Pelt had a turnover-free game, doing his best to not get knocked from the backup spot. And he wasn't even credited for his best play of the first half.

With just 2:24 left in the half and three 49ers aimed straight for him, Van Pelt displayed the elusiveness that excites Bronco fans. He escaped one rusher coming at him, then stood in against another. He slung the ball off one foot and took a hit as soon as he let it go. The ball sailed behind the defense and to Darius Watts, but Watts couldn't keep both feet in bounds in the

Associated Press

Bronco RB Mike Anderson breaks away for a gain in the first quarter Saturday night.

end zone after he caught the ball.

Thanks to Todd Devoe, who had a 92-yard touchdown reception last week against Houston, another long Van Pelt pass did go in the books. With three minutes left in the third quarter, Van Pelt lofted one to Devoe, streaking down the sidelines. Devoe's inside arm was being held by a 49er defender, so he caught it with his outside one at the 2-yard line. Bell scored on the next play to take the lead at 17-14.

The Broncos had a 10-0 lead after the team's second drive. Plummer engineered this one. After a 12-yard pass to Rod Smith for a first down, Anderson was stopped for a gain of negative one yard at the 49ers' 3-yard line. The Broncos then fumbled the exchange and Tom Nalen was called for holding on the next play. An incomplete pass intended for Jerry Rice was the last play the first-teamers had before Jason Elam kicked a 31-yard field goal for the 10-0 lead.

"We just kind of stumbled there at the end and some penalties that stopped us," Smith said. "That's an area that we need to get better in, but we'll go back and work on that."

Van Pelt went 5-for-10 in the third quarter for 90 yards. The team took the lead on Bell's 2-yard touchdown run with 10:47 left in the game. He and Van Pelt left the game with the lead intact, and Matt Mauck secured the win with a 16-yard run in the fourth quarter.



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### Lynch delivers big hit on Niners TE Bajema

By Ryan Thorburn, Camera Sports Writer

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DENVER — It was only a preseason game, but John Lynch was in late-season form.

Denver's truculent free safety laid a helmet-to-helmet lick on San Francisco tight end Billy Bajema in the first quarter of Saturday's exhibition contest at Invesco Field. The Broncos beat the 49ers 26-21.

Lynch was not penalized on the play and immediately showed concern for Bajema, who was examined for a concussion after spending a few woozy moments on the field.

After the Broncos' last game at Invesco Field — a 33-14 win over Indianapolis in the regular-season finale on Jan. 2 — Lynch was fined \$75,000 by the NFL for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Colts tight end Dallas Clark.

Lynch unsuccessfully appealed the fine. The league's position was that the dollar amount was high because the six-time Pro Bowl selection had been fined three other times for illegal hits at a cost of only \$7,500 for each offense.

The Broncos were upset that the league told officials to be on the lookout for any questionable hits before the playoff rematch at the RCA Dome. The issue was not a factor after Indianapolis jumped out to a huge first-quarter lead en route to an easy 49-24 victory.

#### D-line dominates

Gerard Warren made his Broncos debut and the defensive tackle's presence helped free up Trevor Pryce, who sacked San Francisco rookie quarterback Alex Smith twice. The two other former Cleveland linemen Denver acquired during the offseason, Ebenezer Ekuban and Michael Myers, rounded out the starters up front.

Defensive coordinator Larry Coyer wants his players to be more aggressive in terms of getting to the quarterback this season. Myers' personal foul for tackling Smith, the No. 1 overall pick, out of bounds was a little extreme.

In the nickel package, linebacker Patrick Chukwurah lined up at defensive, end and rookie Domonique Foxworth came in as the extra defensive back.

#### 49er collapses

San Francisco lineman Thomas Herrion collapsed in the 49ers locker room after the game and was rushed to a hospital.

As he was being placed in an ambulance, emergency crews were performing CPR on him.

The lineman played during San Francisco's 91-yard drive that ended with a touchdown with 2 seconds left in the game.

San Francisco coach Mike Nolan had just finished his postgame meeting with the team when Herrion collapsed.

"They're more important matters than the game at this time," he said. "We all saw him leave the locker room on a stretcher. I don't know anything further than that because we were all told to stay back so the medical staff could do their work."

#### Second-team slips

Denver's second-team defense entered the game during San Francisco's best drive of the first half. And on the first snap, Kevin Barlow went around the left end for a 16-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 10-7.

Tim Rattay connected on a 58-yard touchdown pass to Arnaz Battle, who beat rookie cornerback Karl Paymah and first-year safety Jeremy LeSueur down the right sideline.

Darrent Williams started for Champ Bailey, who also missed the exhibition opener against Houston.

### **Inconsistent special teams**

Todd Sauerbrun had his first punt attempt in front of the home fans blocked by safety Keith Lewis. His second attempt from out of the end zone carried 58 yards, but Battle returned it 17 yards. ...

Jason Elam missed field goals of 46 and 48 yards, causing the crowd to groan at the Pro Bowl place-kicker's rare off night. ...

As if Danny Kanell's demotion at quarterback wasn't bad enough news for him, Sauerbrun has also taken over his holding duties in the place-kicking game. ...

Paul Ernster sent his first two kickoffs deep into the end zone for touchbacks.

### **Clarett suits up, sits**

Maurice Clarett wore a Broncos uniform for the first time but did not play in the game. The rookie from Ohio State did not make the trip with the team for the exhibition opener at Houston due to a groin injury.

After missing two weeks of practice, Clarett returned to the field on Thursday, the final day of training camp. Shanahan hopes to evaluate the third-round pick over the next two weeks to decide if the rookie — who is currently fifth on the depth chart at running back — is worth using a roster spot on.

Other injured players who did not play were Bailey (hamstring), Mario Fatafehi (knee), Courtney Brown (elbow), Nate Jackson (hamstring) and Quentin Griffin (knee). **New injuries**

Brandon Browner left the game with a broken hand. ... No other injuries of note were reported. **Notable**

Former Bronco first-round pick Willie Middlebrooks, who was traded to San Francisco for defensive end John Engelberger on July 15, was greeted warmly by teammates and made two tackles. Engelberger had a sack of Ken Dorsey taken away due to a holding penalty in the Denver secondary. ... Kyle Johnson, who dropped some passes during practice last week, made a 27-yard reception in the first quarter. ... Attendance was 64,622 (6,172 no-shows).



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### Thorburn: Shanahan faces tough decision with Rice

August 21, 2005



DENVER — Do you remember Jerry Rice's debut as a San Francisco starter?

Sadly, I do — Nov. 11, 1985.

Twenty years ago I wasn't very old, but finally wise enough to stay up into the wee hours on a school night with my dad to watch Monday Night Football.

That blustery night, San Francisco visited Denver for an instant classic in the Invesco Field parking lot formerly known as Mile High Stadium. Rice played very well for a rookie, but the game was memorable for its bizarre ending.

The Broncos prevailed 17-16 after a fan threw a well-timed snowball from the stands, distracting the holder as the 49ers botched a last-minute field goal attempt.

On Saturday night, the two teams tried to create some more magic. The Broncos won this one 26-21. These are not your father's 49ers.

Heck, they're not even Steve Mariucci's 49ers.

Needless to say, I'm already trying to forget Rice's debut in the Broncos' starting lineup. As are the 64,622 people who paid regular-season money to watch this glorified scrimmage.

Instead of wearing No. 80, the greatest receiver of all time wore No. 19, joining a list of Mile High legends that includes Fred Steinfort and Don Breaux.

Instead of catching passes from Joe Montana down field, the 42-year-old took a beating over the middle stretching out for a Bradlee Van Pelt floater.

Instead of finishing a Hall of Fame career with the Niners — Jerry called and the new regime hung up — Rice has now called Oakland, Seattle and Denver home in the last 10 months.

And so it has come to this. In less than two weeks, Mike Shanahan must decide if Rice will be enshrined in Canton, Ohio, in 2010 or 2011. It's going to be a tough decision to make, either way.

Shanahan and Rice are close. They won a Super Bowl together in San Francisco when some believed the offensive coordinator's star receiver was nearing the end at 32.

But it's hard to tell how much, if anything, Rice has left. Is it really fair to judge him based on brief appearances in a couple of exhibition games? If so, the G.O.A.T. is averaging one catch for seven yards as a Bronco so far.

Speaking of goats, it's obvious that Shanahan is paying attention to what Darius Watts has been doing. Or more accurately, dropping. Which is why Rice moved into the No. 3 receiver spot this week and took the field with Ashley Lelie and Rod Smith on the first-team offense.

When Watts made a great catch in the end zone — finally! — his second step was out of bounds. When the second-year flop was given another opportunity, the ball hit him in a bad spot — the hands — and fell to the ground.

Meanwhile, Charlie Adams and Todd Devoe continued to catch everything thrown their way. Even though they're playing against third- and fourth-stringers, these two have shown a knack for producing big plays, which is what the coaching staff

says it's all about.

If No. 19 didn't have "Rice" printed on the back of his jersey, there's no way he beats out Adams. If Watts wasn't a second-round pick, there's no way you keep him over Devoe.

It's easy to remember the glory days.

Now it will be interesting to see if the Broncos decide to forget some of the things that happened here on Saturday night when they decide which receivers to keep and which to cut.

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### Denver's Pryce collects 2 sacks

By Zak Brown, Camera Sports Writer

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DENVER — With some new neighbors from Cleveland on his defensive line, Trevor Pryce showed Saturday night that Invesco Field is still his house.

The former Pro Bowl defensive end had two sacks in his short time on the field in a preseason, 26-21, win over the San Francisco 49ers to lead the D-line's performance.

"It felt good. We didn't play our best, but we played good," said Gerard Warren, one of the new defenders acquired from Cleveland. "It was a step up for all of us."

Pryce only played for a quarter and a half, but he made his presence felt. His two sacks were for negative 20 yards, the most on the team. Linebacker D.J. Williams also had a sack for negative one yard.

The Broncos did have an easy target. Alex Smith looked like a rookie after being the top overall pick in the draft. He spent most of the night on his back and didn't get much going. He finished the game 2-for-7 with 18 yards and three sacks.

Warren made his first appearance as a Bronco. He didn't record a tackle, but he plugged up the middle and put pressure on the inside of the line.

"It was exciting, especially since I had some success with some of the things we were working on," he said.

Michael Meyers, another Cleveland castoff, made an impression with a 15-yard penalty for hitting Smith out of bounds.

The night wasn't as impressive because of the woeful 49ers, but it was one that Mike Shanahan will take with his new line.

"You just play who you have, and that'll be decided as the year goes on," he said. "I'm not going to make excuses for a defense playing well."



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DENVER (AP) -- San Francisco offensive lineman Thomas Herrion collapsed in the locker room and was rushed to the hospital Saturday night after the 49ers' 26-21 preseason loss to the Denver Broncos.

Herrion was on the field during San Francisco's frantic 14-play, 91-yard touchdown drive that ended with 2 seconds left in the game.

Shortly after the Niners entered the locker room, Herrion collapsed. Emergency workers were performing CPR on the lineman as he was being placed in an ambulance.

Coach Mike Nolan said he had no comments about the game.

"There are more important things on our mind than the game," he said.

Herrion, a first-year player with the 49ers, played college ball at Utah and spent part of last season on the Dallas and San Francisco practice squads. He played in NFL Europe earlier this year and was listed as a third-string left guard for the Niners.

Players said he collapsed just after coaches finished addressing players after the game.

"All we could do is what we know how to do, and that was stand back and let the medical staff do their job," Niners defensive lineman Marques Douglas said.

Before Herrion collapsed, the big story of the game for the Niners had been Tim Rattay's performance and the possibility that he might win the starting quarterback job from Alex Smith, the first pick of this year's draft.

For the second straight week, Rattay relieved Smith and outplayed him.

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"You can't do anything about the field goals, but the punt block was just one guy," Shanahan said.

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Notes: @ Broncos CB Brandon Browner broke his left forearm. ... Ron Dayne led the Broncos with 87 yards rushing on 18 carries. ... Kevin Barlow had 36 yards and one score on eight carries.

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## First-string defense can't slow Broncos

By Roger Phillips, STAFF WRITER  
Inside Bay Area

DENVER — Just like the offense, the 49ers defense struggled early in Saturday night's preseason game against the Denver Broncos.

Denver drove down the field with little resistance on its first possession, scoring a touchdown on a 2-yard pass from Jake Plummer to Mike Anderson. On the Broncos' second possession, they drove deep into 49ers territory before settling for a 31-yard field goal by Jason Elam.

"We have to start faster," linebacker Jeff Ulbrich said. "I know personally, I have to start faster, play better technique. I think once we settle down, we show some great potential. The key to winning in this league is starting fast and (making) a statement, and we have to do that."

The 49ers are switching this year to a 3-4 defensive alignment, and linebacker Julian Peterson said they are still developing chemistry.

"I think sometimes we try to overthink and try to make sure we're doing the right things too much," Peterson said. "We just have to go out there and play and let it loose."

On at least one play in the second quarter, the defense did let loose.

The 49ers blitzed four players — Andre Carter, Anthony Adams, Ulbrich and Mike Adams — and got an 8-yard sack of Broncos backup quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt.

NOTEWORTHY: Rookie Billy Bajema started at tight end ahead of third-year veteran Aaron Walker. Starter Eric Johnson is out with a heel injury. Bajema left the game after suffering a concussion when he was hit at the end of a 16-yard reception by the Broncos' John Lynch. ... Rookie running back Frank Gore looked sharp in his first NFL action, gaining 27 yards on three carries. ... Rookie Rasheed Marshall had his first punt return, a 17-yarder.

NEWBERRY UPDATE: Coach Mike Nolan said that when center Jeremy Newberry begins practicing, the primary goal will be to see whether he can endure the pain in his surgically repaired right knee.

Nolan said Thursday that Newberry would not begin practicing in the next week. He amended that Friday, saying Newberry may start practicing late this week.

If the 49ers determine that Newberry is unable to play this season — in which case he is expected to undergo microfracture surgery — Nolan said the team will need to adjust its roster.

Eric Heitmann, the center in Newberry's absence, botched a snap in the shotgun in Saturday's game.

EXTRA POINTS: Former 49er John Engelberger is the second-string right defensive end on the Broncos' depth chart. The 49ers traded Engelberger to the Broncos last month for cornerback Willie Middlebrooks. ... Jerry Rice had one catch for 8 yards for Denver and took a big hit from Mike Rumph on an incomplete pass. ... Controversial Broncos rookie running back Maurice Claret has yet to play in the preseason and is unlikely to do so before Denver's exhibition finale against Arizona on Sept. 2. ... Also not playing for the Broncos were cornerback Champ Bailey (left hamstring) and tight end Nate Jackson (right hamstring). ... Niners receiver P.J. Fleck (shoulder) missed the game. Cornerback Shawntae Spencer (hamstring) dressed but did not play. ... Others not playing were defensive tackle Chris Cooper (shoulder), guard Paul Zukauskas (back), tight end/fullback Steve Bush (left shoulder), guard David Baas (hamstring) and Johnson.



## See Broncos, see them run?

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DENVER -- Sometimes two heads are better than one, especially if it is a two-headed monster.

The Denver Broncos don't need a starting running back. They appear to have two.

While in the past Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan has always had a feature back in his offense, this year it may be time for a double-feature.

The combination of Mike Anderson and Tatum Bell appears to be a winning one. The two certainly showed that Saturday in Denver's 26-21 victory over the San Francisco 49ers at Invesco Field at Mile High.

Anderson rushed for 39 yards on five carries and a 7.8 average with a two-yard TD catch in the first quarter. Bell added 62 yards on 11 carries for a 5.6 average and a TD.

While Anderson is a bruiser who can pick up the tough yards and wear down a defense, Bell is a speedster who can break away for the long TD run at anytime.

Together they could conquer. Divided they could fall.

While previous feature backs in Denver's offense like Terrell Davis and Clinton Portis were the ultimate combination of strength and speed, the kind of feature back that could do it all, Anderson and Bell appear to have all that as a tandem if not separately.

True, Anderson did rush for 1,487 yards as a rookie and looked like he might be Denver's back of the future. But remember that Shanahan moved him to fullback two years ago, a clear indication he didn't see his future as the feature tailback.

Besides, his bruising style may take too much of a toll on his body. Anderson pulled two groin muscles in the preseason last year and missed the entire season. Backs who continue to take a pounding like Anderson does usually don't last long in the NFL.

On the other hand, Bell is young and has fresh legs, but doesn't have the ability yet to break tackles and make yards on his own. Besides, he could wear down as the season goes along when the pounding takes its toll.

Even Bell knows that the Broncos have two backs that can get the job done if injuries occur.

"I always said if one goes down the next one will go in there and our offense won't miss a beat," Bell said.

Still, the offense will be even better if both are in there sharing time, giving Denver a lethal one-two punch.

Other ramblings from a wandering mind...

Is Darius Watts ever going to put the whole package together? The second-year pro makes a spectacular stretching catch in the end zone during the second quarter from Bradlee Van Pelt, only to forget to drag his foot

so he could stay in bounds. Then he dropped a pass in the end zone in the fourth quarter, but was bailed out by pass He has the breakaway speed and the hands to be a dangerous threat in this league if he shows consistency.

It's time for the NFL to cut the number of preseason games to two. Teams do enough in the off-season with minicamps and training camp to evaluate the talent on their rosters and get players in shape for the regular season. They don't need two meaningless preseason games where injuries can ruin a team's season before it gets started. Oh, well, at least having to watch four meaningless preseason football games is better than watching the 162 meaningless games the Colorado Rockies have played this year.

Guess who was the 49ers leading tackler in the first half? Yep, former Denver Broncos cornerback and No. 1 draft pick Willie Middlebrooks. Too bad Middlebrooks contributed more to the 49ers in one preseason game than he helped the Broncos in his entire career in Denver.

Good thing Denver punter Todd Sauerbrun isn't talking to the media because what could he have to say so far? He averaged on 28 net yards per punt Saturday in his first action punting in the thin air of Mile High. If he isn't taking steroids maybe he needs to.

Don't be surprised if the NFL comes down with another fine for Denver safety John Lynch. His hit on San Francisco tight end Billy Bajema in the first quarter looked like a helmet-to-helmet hit, though certainly unintentional. Still, Lynch has a reputation, so don't expect the league office to give him any leniency.

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## Broncos squeek past lowly Niners

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DENVER - Jake Plummer was close to perfect for the Denver Broncos. Tim Rattay, meanwhile, looked more than good enough to keep San Francisco's starting quarterback job in limbo for a while longer.

Plummer completed 7 of 9 passes for 95 yards and a score to lift the Broncos to 10 early points en route to a 26-21 preseason victory Saturday night.

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the San Francisco  
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quarter at Invesco  
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Cardinals 24, Chiefs 17

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Josh McCown threw two touchdown passes in the second half in relief of Kurt Warner to rally the Cardinals.

Damon Huard, who replaced Trent Green for Kansas City, was 1-for-12 for 11 yards and two interceptions. Huard was elevated to second team this week while regular backup Todd Collins nursed a hand injury.

In the battle of first-teamers, the Chiefs (0-2) were winners. Green hit Samie Parker with an 8-yard pass in the first quarter and engineered a 42-yard drive that resulted in Lawrence Tynes' 31-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead that held up until the Cardinals (2-0) scored 10 points within less than a minute of the third quarter.

Giants 27, Panthers 21

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Inserted into the first unit after an injury to starter Will Peterson, rookie cornerback Corey Webster had an interception and recovered a fumble as the Giants (1-1) forced five turnovers and snapped the Panthers' 10-game preseason win streak.

Eli Manning threw two long scoring passes to overcome a subpar performance by the Giants' first-team offense and defense, both of which were pushed around by the Panthers (1-1) in the first half.

Aside from the two touchdown passes, the Panthers' starters virtually shut down the Giants' offense. Defensive end Julius Peppers scored one of Carolina's touchdowns on a 29-yard fumble return.

Texans 19, Raiders 17

HOUSTON - Receiver Doug Gabriel scored two first-quarter touchdowns and the Raiders' starting offense moved the ball at will in the first half before the Texans (1-1) rallied to win on a pair of fourth-quarter field goals of 53 and 46 yards by Kris Brown. The winner came with eight seconds left.

Randy Moss, meanwhile, had another quiet game, catching two passes for 23 yards in the first half. The only ball thrown to him near the end zone was intercepted, and he has yet to score since putting on the silver-and-black uniform for Oakland (0-2) after his trade from Minnesota.

Gabriel, the all-but-forgotten wide receiver in an offense that should feature Moss and Jerry Porter catching passes, beat Texans cornerback Demarcus Faggins for both scores.

Eagles 20, Ravens 14

BALTIMORE - Dexter Wynn returned a punt 74 yards for a score, Donovan McNabb threw a 51-yard touchdown pass to Brian Westbrook, and the Eagles benefited from three turnovers by Kyle Boller.

McNabb went 6-for-9 for 107 yards before leaving in the second quarter with the Eagles (1-1) leading 17-0. He also ran for 27 yards on his lone carry against the Ravens (0-2).

Terrell Owens missed a second straight preseason game because of a groin injury he aggravated on Thursday. The standout wide receiver hasn't caught a pass this summer, but has made news by demanding a new contract, being sent home from training camp, calling McNabb "a hypocrite" and insulting offensive coordinator Brad Childress.

Bears 24, Colts 17

INDIANAPOLIS - Adrian Peterson and Antoino Harris each ran for a touchdown, the Bears (2-1) returned a punt for another TD and the Colts' high-scoring offense never got in sync.

The Bears played without injured quarterback Rex Grossman and their top two running backs - holdout Cedric Benson and incumbent starter Thomas Jones, whom the coaches kept out - and they were still better than the usually efficient Colts (0-3).

Chad Hutchinson, Grossman's replacement, recovered from two early interceptions to finish 5-of-8 for 40 yards. He also led the Bears on one touchdown drive. Rookie Kyle Orton was 6-of-10 for 67 yards in relief and guided the Bears on their go-ahead drive, while Peterson carried 14 times for 60 yards and scored on a 4-yard run in less than a half.

Steelers 17, Dolphins 3

PITTSBURGH - The Dolphins lost five fumbles in the first half and seven overall in a miserably played game, exhibition or not, and the Steelers (2-0) had just enough offense to capitalize.

James Harrison, filling in for injured Pro Bowl linebacker Joey Porter, scored on a 69-yard return of quarterback Gus Frerotte's fumble in the first quarter for the Steelers' fourth return touchdown in two preseason games. But Pittsburgh's only touchdown on offense - Ben Roethlisberger and the starters were shut out for a second consecutive game - was backup Verron Haynes' 1-yard run in the third quarter set up by, of course, a Dolphins fumble.

Frerotte had moved ahead of A.J. Feeley in the race to be the Dolphins' opening day quarterback, but it was hard to tell as Miami (0-3) lost nearly as many fumbles as Frerotte had completed passes.

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## Kids' smiles at 1st visit keeps QB coming back

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Jake Plummer remembers the first time he walked into Phoenix Children's Hospital as an NFL quarterback.

How could he forget it? The visit may have changed his life, or at least the way he looks at life.

It was December 1997, and Plummer, then a Cardinals rookie, took part in the team's "Teddy Bear Express" promotion. Plummer went in thinking he would pass out a few toys, pose for a few pictures and be on his merry way. But he was in for a surprise. As teammates returned to the bus at the end of the hourlong visit, Plummer lingered in the intensive care unit.

"The one thing I remember out of all them is the smiles on their faces," Plummer said from the Denver Broncos' training camp in Englewood, Colo.

"You see these little kids and they're 1 year old and they've had multiple heart surgeries, and here I am whining about having to be 'scoped," said Plummer, referring to arthroscopic surgery.

Within two years, Plummer had created a charitable foundation; one of its first gifts was to Phoenix Children's. He also became a regular, often unannounced, visitor to the ICU in the off-season.

Plummer has earned a reputation as a wild man - he was fined for flashing an obscene gesture at jeering fans in Denver last season - but a different side emerges when he's with a kid who's in a tough spot.

- Andrew Bagnato

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## Triple the Fun

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**DENVER** – Call it the Denver Broncos' version of Murderers' Row.

Running backs [Ron Dayne](#), [Mike Anderson](#) and [Tatum Bell's](#) lockers are placed next to each other on the east side of the Broncos locker room. Anderson, the veteran in the group resides in the center.

Dayne to his right.

Bell to his left.

Together they formed quite the offensive juggernaut Saturday night. The trio combined for 188 of the Broncos 266 rushing yards in a 26-21 victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

In fairness, the original Murders' Row – the heart of the New York Yankee lineup in 1927 – played an entirely different sport. But both the Bronx Bombers of their day and the new group of Broncos' runners share one thing. Power.

"I think we played pretty well," Anderson said. "We were determined to come out today and set the tone, tempo and just run hard and make the most out of every play each one of us got on the field, however many plays that might have been. We had to make the most of it and get our running game on track."

Sure, it's only the preseason, but the team was not pleased with its 130 rushing yards last week against Houston. The team won the game 20-14, but felt it didn't have many victories in the trenches.

What a difference a week can make.

Anderson started the game and finished with 39 yards on five carries. He had a 22-yard run up the middle to put the Broncos in position for the first touchdown of the night, which he got in the form of a pass from quarterback [Jake Plummer](#).

He also had a rushing touchdown called back due to a holding penalty.

"Last week we didn't do well in the running game," [Head Coach Mike Shanahan](#) said. "There was an emphasis on it this week, and we had a chance to go against the same type scheme. That helped us out a lot because we've seen a lot of it during this preseason. To go against Houston with a 3-4 look and go against San Francisco, it really helped our offense going against a four-man front all through camp. So we made some strides in that area."

Bell also made strides – literally and figuratively. Arguably the quickest of the three backs, the second-year player had back-to-back rushes of 16 and 19 yards against the 49ers and led the team's backs with a 5.6 yard per carry average and a touchdown.

"I felt like I played okay," Bell said. "A couple of runs I made, I should have taken them to the house. I felt like I should have, but I didn't do it. But overall, I think it was okay."

Dayne, the Heisman Trophy winner who signed with the team after five uneventful years with the New York Giants, led the

team in rushing for the second straight game (87 yards).

Of course, the designation did not hold much weight in his mind.

"Every time we get in, we go for each other," Dayne said of the trio of running backs. "Where ever we can help each other on the field or off the field we're going to do it ... We just want to keep doing what we've got to do to win."

Anderson, the man in the center locker, spoke of an unusual competition among all the backs on the roster. [Quentin Griffin](#) and [Maurice Claret](#) also got some carries during training camp.

"It's a lot of fun," Anderson said. "It's competition, but it's a lot of fun. Those guys are great guys on the field and off the field. We hang out off the field as well. We know when we're out here we're competing but it's not in a bad way. We try to help everybody and help each one of us improve and get better."

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## **Broncos-49ers Notebook**

### ***Many Happy Returns***

When Charlie Adams stepped onto the field to field an Andy Lee punt with 93 seconds left the third quarter, the Broncos had amassed just 15 yards on five punt returns in the previous game and a half.

Adams caught the 48-yard kick, then didn't stop until he'd gone more than twice as far, sprinting 39 yards to the San Francisco 27 and setting up Jason Elam's second field goal of the game.

It matched the return he posted the last time the Broncos played on their home field, when he posted the team's longest punt return of the 2004 season during the regular-season-ending win over the Indianapolis Colts on Jan. 2.

That's not bad for someone who is listed as third on the depth chart at punt returner behind rookie Darrent Williams and second-year wideout Triandos Luke.

"I'm not down here thinking about who's going to be the returner," Adams said. "I'm just trying to help the team where I can, and I was able to do that."

Adams added a 29-yard return in the final period and ended the evening with a 25.7-yard average on three punt returns. By those numbers, one could understand if Adams was feeling overlooked in the returner derby. But he refused to fret about his status in regards to his performance.

"That's the business," Adams said. "That's how things go. If you're going to get upset over things like that, then you will drive yourself crazy worrying about things that you have no control over. That's something that no one has control over. I haven't really concerned myself with it. I just go out and play."

And on Saturday, he played quite well.

-- *Andrew Mason*

### ***Homecoming***

Running back Mike Anderson injured his groin last preseason and was forced to sit out the entire year. So, for him, playing in front of the fans at INVESCO Field at Mile High meant a little more.

"It felt great," he said. "I felt great just being back on the field tonight. Knock on wood, I remember the last game I played (here) I was getting carried off the field. It felt great being able to walk back on that field."

Anderson ran with the first team offense and rushed five times for 39 yards. He caught a touchdown pass from Jake Plummer after a 22-yard run to set the team up at the goal line.

-- *J. Michael Moore*

### ***Williams Week-to-Week***

Rookie Darrent Williams didn't get the start Saturday night; Domonique Foxworth did and led the Broncos with five total tackles.

But Williams looked at his defensive efforts against the 49ers and saw improvement/

"I think I did better as far as knowing the defense, not making any mental errors, just going out there and knowing what to do and knowing what situation we were in and going out and playing hard," he said.

-- Andrew Mason

## **Going Deep**

With three running backs accounting for more than half of Denver's total rushing yards Saturday, there was plenty of talk around the locker room concerning depth.

The trio of Anderson, Ron Dayne and Tatum Bell kept the offense moving for the entire night and had the entire locker room talking about the possibilities – and necessity – of having more than one capable back in the offense.

"You've got to have depth at every position," wide receiver Rod Smith said. "No one guy on this team except for Jake last year took every snap. You have to have those guys because they're going to get tired ... You've got to have multiple backs in this offense because we want to keep a fresh guy in there."

-- J. Michael Moore

## **Stats Corner**

The Broncos' 2-0 start is their seventh in the 11 preseasons of the Shanahan era. The most recent before this year came in 2003; the team also opened the summer slate 2-0 in 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000 ...

... Denver's defense clamped down upon San Francisco on third downs, forcing incompletions on all eight attempts ...

... Talk about going to extremes: Matt Mauck's passer rating for three tosses last week was 149.3. Against the 49ers it was 2.8, as he completed one of three passes for three yards with an interception -- which is also the Broncos' only turnover of the preseason to date ...

... With two catches for 42 yards Saturday, wide receiver Todd Devoe is now averaging 44.7 yards per reception this preseason. Devoe is now first in the AFC with 134 receiving yards lead the team through two games ...

... Denver has amassed 849 yards from scrimmage in its two preseason games, an average of 424.5 per game ...

... There were 70,794 tickets distributed for the game; 64,622 were used, leaving 6,172 no-shows.

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# Denver Broncos vs San Francisco 49ers

Saturday, August 20, 2005, 07:00 PM (Mountain Daylight Savings)

## BOX SCORE

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<b>Broncos</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>49ers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>

**DENVER** -- A steady rain at INVESCO Field at Mile High lifted an hour before kickoff of the Broncos' preseason game against the San Francisco 49ers. Denver entered the game with a 1-0 record in the preseason, having defeated Houston 20-14 Aug. 13. San Francisco also won its presesaon opener.

No official injury report is kept for the preseason, but Head Coach Mike Shanahan announced running back Maurice Claret, cornerback Champ Bailey, defensive tackle Mario Fatafehi, tight end Nate Jackson and defensive end Courtney Brown would not participate due to injuries.

Kicker Jason Elam, safety John Lynch, wide reciever Rod Smith and middle linebacker Al Wilson represented the Broncos at the coin toss. The 49ers won the toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff.

### FIRST QUARTER

Paul Emster's opening kickoff went six yards deep in the north endzone, a play that got the rookie punter/kicker a congratulations from Shanahan on the sideline. The Broncos defense took the field and pushed the 49ers back three yards on three plays.

Denver took over first-and-10 at its own 32-yard line.

Quarterback Jake Plummer hit Smith for 11 yards and then found fullback Kyle Johnson on a rollout pass for a gain of 29 to quickly put the Broncos inside the 49ers 30-yard line. Running back Mike Anderson busted through the middle for 22 yards two plays later to give the Broncos first-and-goal at the 3. Plummer then rolled out of the pocket and hit Anderson in the back of the end zone.

Elam's extra point gave the Broncos a 7-0 lead with 10:29 remaining in the first quarter.

San Francisco took over at its own 20 on its second drive and again went three-and-out. This time, defensive end Trevor Pryce pulled down quarterback Alex Smith for a sack to force a punt.

The Broncos worked their way back down field behind Plummer's arm and feet.

The quarterback had a 12-yard run to set the team up inside the 49ers 30 and hit Smith for a 12-yard gain on third-and-10 to set up first-and-goal at the 3. Anderson had a touchdown run called back on a holding penalty, pushing the team back.

Elam kicked a 31-yard field goal with 2:05 remaining in the first quarter to give the Broncos a 10-0 lead.

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The 49ers offense worked its way into Denver territory on the next drive, which was highlighted by a leaping one-handed catch by wide receiver Brandon Lloyd and a Lynch hit on San Francisco tight end Billy Bajema. Pryce picked up his second sack of the game two plays later, forcing third-and-26 for the 49ers from 49-yard line.

Smith's pass for Lloyd was incomplete on the next play.

## **SECOND QUARTER**

Andy Lee's punt flew into the end zone, giving the Broncos second team offense first-and-10 at the 20-yard line.

Quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt completed one pass to Jerry Rice for eight yards but had three other passes for the receiver fall incomplete on the drive. Running back Tatum Bell had two rushing attempts in the series for 10 yards.

Punter Todd Sauerbrun had a punt blocked by Keith Lewis to end the drive and give San Francisco the ball at their own 42.

The Broncos first team defense stayed in the game to face Smith for another series and kept San Francisco from getting inside the 30. Joe Nedney came into the game to attempt a 56-yard field goal, but a flag delayed the attempt. After a discussion by the officials, the 49ers were flagged for a false start, brining the punt team into the game.

Williams called for a fair catch at the 10-yard line, where the Broncos took over. A personal foul on wide receiver Darius Watts backed the Broncos up inside the five, where they did not recover. Sauerbrun dropped back to punt from his own endzone and sent a line drive to the Denver 40. Arnaz Battle returned the 58-yard punt to the Broncos 44.

The Broncos defense lost the shutout with 4:26 remaining when 49ers running back Kevan Barlow tiptoed down the near sideline for a 16-yard touchdown run. The extra point attempt was backed up five yards due to a penalty, but Nedney connected making the score 10-7.

The touchdown run capped a Tim Rattay-led drive that covered 44 yards in seven plays.

Bell opened the Broncos' next possession with back-to-back runs of 16 and 19 yards.

Van Pelt took over from there, rolling out to his right, missing a tackler and finding Watts in the end zone. Watts, however, was out of bounds on the play. The quarterback was forced out of the pocket on the next play as well, scrambling for nine yards and bringing up third-and-inches from the 49ers 25. Van Pelt rushed for three yards and a first down before the two-minute warning.

The Broncos however were held out of the end zone and Elam's field goal attempt was no good.

The 49ers moved the ball into Denver territory and threatend late in the half, but failed to convert a third-and-10 and the resulting field goal try.

The Broncos took a knee and carried a 10-7 lead into the locker room.

## **THIRD QUARTER**

The Broncos went three-and-out to open the third quarter of play, and it didn't take the 49ers long to take advantage. Rattay found Battle on a 58-yard touchdown pass on the team's first offensive play.

San Francisco took a 14-10 lead with 13:09 remaining.

The offense responded, working its way down field to the 49ers 30-yard line. The drive stalled, however, and Elam found himself with another long field goal attempt. The kicker missed the 48-yarder, giving the ball back to the Niners on the 38-yard line.

The next drive ate up clock without a score, and after a punt, the Broncos took over on their own 20.

Denver drove to the San Francisco 34-yard line when Van Pelt lofted a pass down the near side to wide receiver Todd Devoe. Daven Holly was whistled for pass interference, placing the ball at the 2-yard line. Bell went up the middle for a touchdown on the next play.

The extra point gave the Broncos a 17-14 lead with 2:58 remaining in the period.

The Niners gave the ball to Maurice Hicks to start the next drive, who was thrown for a four-yard loss by Sam Brandon. Quarterback Ken Dorsey hit Hicks for two yards on the next play, but the third down pass attempt to Jason McAddley went high.

Charlie Adams returned the ensuing punt 39 yards to set the Broncos up inside the 49ers 30-yard line.

#### **FOURTH QUARTER**

The Broncos converted a third-and-two at the 19 with a Ron Dayne run over left tackle. But the Broncos' drive stalled outside of a five-yard Van Pelt scramble. Elam kicked a 22-yard field goal with 12:11 remaining to increase Denver's lead to 20-14.

The Niners were backed up to their own 10-yard line to start the next drive and never worked out of the hole. A sack by former 49ers defensive end John Engelberger was called back due to an illegal contact penalty, but it did not seem to hurt the Broncos defense. The 49ers punted, giving the ball back to the Broncos with Matt Mauck under center.

Mauck proceeded to turn the ball over when his pass for Watts was picked off by Derrick Johnson while falling out of bounds, giving San Francisco possession at their 15-yard line with 5:42 left. The turnover was not harmful as the 49ers punted back to Denver.

Mauck atoned for his earlier miscue when he ran 16 yards on 3rd-and-5 for a touchdown to make the score 26-14 with 2:20 left. The second-year quarterback led his club on a 6-play, 35-yard drive that lasted 1:51. Denver tried to boost the lead with a 2-point conversion but the attempt fell short when Dayne was stopped short of the goal.

San Francisco fought to the end as fourth-string quarterback Cody Pickett scrambled for a 23-yard score with two seconds left. The drive covered 91 yards in 15 plays and spanned 2:26. The final score was 26-21.

#### **NOTES**

Plummer was solid in his second preseason action, finishing 7-of-9 for 95 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed twice for 12 yards.

Anderson also exploded onto the scene, rushing five times for 39 yards.

The Broncos gained 228 yards in the first half to San Francisco's 86.

Rookie safety Brandon Browner sustained a left forearm injury in the fourth quarter and did not return to action.

Rod Smith led Denver's receivers with three catches for 33 yards.

Todd Sauerbrun punted three times for 118 yards, an average of 39.3 and a long of 58.

Charlie Adams returned three punts for 77 yards, a 25.7 average per return

The Broncos committed 10 penalties for 92 yards

Denver was 9-17 for 53 percent on third down and it had no fourth down conversion attempts.

The team gained 453 total yards, 266 rushing and 187 passing.



## **BRONCOS QUOTES**

*Head Coach Mike Shanahan*

"We made some strides from last week. Last week we didn't do well in the running game. There was an emphasis on it this week. and we had a chance to go against the same type scheme. That helped us out a lot because we've seen a lot of it during this preseason. To go against Houston with a 3-4 look and go against San Francisco, it really helped our offense going against a four-man front all through camp. So we made some strides in that area."

*Wide receiver Rod Smith*

(on the second scoring drive, which resulted in a field goal)

"We just kind of stumbled there at the end and had some penalties that stopped us. That's an area that we need to get better in, but we'll go back and work on that."

(on the offensive success)

"We did have some long plays in there and moved the ball. We were able to gain some yards with our keeper plays."

(on facing a 3-4 defense)

"This is a good opportunity for our (offensive) group, to play against a 3-4 defense, because we're going to face a 3-4 about five or six times this year."

*Defensive tackle Gerard Warren*

(on the comfort level with the rest of the defense)

"I feel very comfortable, there are a lot of great guys that I play with on this team. All we have to do is go out there and play with the scheme that (Defensive Coordinator) Larry (Coyer) puts in."

(on the pressure that is put on him to play well enough to make the Pro Bowl)

"I would expect all of my coaches to feel like I can do that once I get out there and start playing some football."

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## Quick Improvement

### ***First-Team Offense Dominates, and Defense Improves in Exactly the Way It Hoped***

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**DENVER** -- It's preseason. The result of Saturday's game will soon be forgotten by all but the most ardent die-hards.

But it's still a game. Still a chance for the Broncos to provide a statement -- both to themselves and to the league at large. And when the Broncos' defense gathered prior to a 26-21 win over the San Francisco 49ers, safety John Lynch had a message.

"We came out today and John got us all in the huddle and (said), 'Last week, the starters didn't cut it,'" cornerback Darrent Williams said.

This time around, they did.

While the Broncos would eventually cede the 10-0 lead they built in the first period, the Broncos' front-line players on offense and defense left the game knowing that they had not only staked the club to a lead, but they had thoroughly dominated proceedings, reversing some of the struggles that plagued the first string early in what became a win at Houston seven nights earlier.

The first-team offense left after its second and final possession of the first quarter, while the No. 1 defense did not depart *en masse* until 4:32 remained in the second quarter, when the Broncos called time out to make the switch to the second team. At that point, the Broncos led 10-0 and had limited the 49ers to just five first downs and 38 yards on 23 plays.

Denver's No. 1 offense, meanwhile, racked up 146 yards on 18 plays and posted eight first downs in two drives of work.

"That's what you expect out of your offense," safety Nick Ferguson said. "You want them to actually move the ball."

Only the first-team offense's own penalties kept it from a second touchdown; a holding infraction against Tom Nalen wiped out what would have been Mike Anderson's second touchdown of the night.

"We just kind of stumbled there at the end and had some penalties that stopped us," wide receiver Rod Smith said. "That's an area that we need to get better in."

"I was pleased (overall), just disappointed those couple of times we got the ball down there and didn't score," added Head Coach Mike Shanahan.

Nevertheless, it was a promising start on both sides of the football.

#### **BACK TO THE FUNDAMENTALS**

Defensively, the Broncos spoke all week of improving their tackling performance. A week earlier, the Texans marched to a touchdown on one drive and made another foray deep into Denver territory that only ended with a goal-line stand. Players such as Lynch and Al Wilson immediately pegged poor tackling as the root cause, and made improvement in that area the goal for the game against San Francisco.

Evidence of progress in the past seven days abounded, particularly on the 49ers' first two possessions, which saw the Broncos push them back three yards on six plays, snaps that included a Trevor Pryce sack of rookie Alex Smith, a play set up largely by Patrick Chukwurah, who pushed 49ers tackle Kwame Harris backwards, collapsing the pocket around the 21-year-old passer.

"It was actually great to be out there and see guys running around, making plays that we really didn't make last week," Ferguson said. "It's a spectacular thing, and it's amazing when you look at the whole defense and what actually can happen. If we play like this all the time ... this thing could be ridiculous."

The only glaring missed tackle of the first period came when Ferguson let Billy Bajema out of his grasp and in the open field for what eventually became a 16-yard gain. But Lynch collided with Bajema about 10 yards downfield, and the ensuing helmet-to-helmet collision forced the tight end to the sidelines with a concussion.

Two plays later, Pryce recorded his second sack of the quarter, taking the 49ers out of field-goal range. It was good enough to keep the Niners off the scoreboard in the first period, and the way the defense was playing, Ferguson thought the shutout might have perpetuated had the first-teamers played the entire game.

"Possibly. I think we were playing that well," he said. "It's like one of those cliched things -- a well-oiled chain. Every link in the chain was moving efficiently, and I think if we did play (the whole game) that we possibly could have pitched a shutout. But that's what the regular season is for."

### **PILING UP THE YARDAGE**

Meanwhile, the offense was brutally efficient in driving to 10 points before the 49ers could even muster a first down. On the first possession, the Broncos only faced a second down once -- and the result of that play was a 22-yard sprint by Anderson that set up his touchdown reception from Jake Plummer one play later.

"I think we were happy with our performance," Plummer said. "We just wanted to get that second (drive) into the endzone and didn't. Our coaches did a great job play-calling, mixing it up. We just have to cut down on the mistakes and keep improving."

Denver ended the first period averaging 9.1 yards per play. The 49ers, meanwhile, managed just 0.7 -- or 26.2 inches per snap. While those numbers eventually normalized, the Broncos still ended up outgaining San Francisco 453 yards to 302, outrushing the Niners by some 130 yards (266 to 136), notching nine more first downs (27 to 18) and controlling the football for 10:26 longer than the visitors.

"We certainly have a ways to go but I thought we definitely showed some improvement from last week," Smith said. "We just have to continue that again next week."

### **VAN PELT'S DISSATISFACTION**

As well as the first-teamers played early, the loudest roar from the fans might have arrived with the entry of Bradlee Van Pelt, who strolled onto the field for two-plus quarters of work beginning with the Broncos' first second-quarter possession.

Van Pelt directed two scoring drives, ran for 37 yards, passed for 106 yards and committed no turnovers. But his 7-for-18 completion ratio kept his passer rating down at 59.0 and left the local hero frustrated following the proceedings.

"It's a sub-par performance," Van Pelt said. "It's hard to walk off that field and know that I didn't play up to my standards. I know I'm learning, and I have a long ways to go."

A few of Van Pelt's passes sailed high of their intended targets. But Van Pelt also made some eye-popping plays -- including one where he shook off 49ers defensive tackle Tony Brown to keep a play going, allowing him to locate Darius Watts in the right side of the end zone. But Watts couldn't quite get his feet in-bounds, forcing the Broncos to eventually settle for a field-goal attempt that missed.

"I'm looking at the easy passes -- once again -- that I have some errant throws on, and those are what get to me," Van Pelt said. "I seem to be making some of the tougher plays, but it's the easy plays I've got to make on a consistent basis."

But Shanahan saw the bright side of Van Pelt's performance. After all, the quarterback did lead the Broncos to scores on his final two drives, and three of his eight drives covered 55 yards or more.

"It's a great learning experience," Shanahan said. "I thought he really settled down and came back, moved the ball and we finally got into the end zone. That's just the nature of being a quarterback in the NFL. You've got to go through a learning process, there's a curve there and you're going to make some mistakes. But he seems to make those mistakes full speed and he's an athlete and I thought he played well after he settled down a little bit."

The same can be said of the team as a whole in its preseason, as some of the first-game struggles led to stability in Week 2 -- an evolution expressed most succinctly from the sidelines.

"Gerard Warren was saying on the sideline, 'Wow. If we really get this thing right, it's going to be really scary,'" said Ferguson.

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