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1975

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A Quick Glance

It took 14 years for the Denver Broncos to record their first winning season, that being the 7-5-2 mark posted by the 1973 squad. But it has taken only one more season to point out that the Broncos are not more season to point out that the Broncos are no longer satisfied with winning seasons, that reaching the play-offs, and ultimately the Super Bowl, is the target squarely in the sights of everyone connected with Denver football. In posting their second straight winning season last year (7-6-1), the Broncos came away disappointed, but much wiser in the ways of the NFL football wars, and have re-dedicated themselves to bringing a championship to the Mile High City.

The transition from being a winner to becoming a champion is no easy road, though, and it is obvious that a beefed-up defense is the most urgent assignment for Head Coach John Ralston and his staff heading into their fourth campaign in Denver. This was evidenced by the 1975 draft in which the Broncos selected Louis Wright, an outstanding cornerback prospect from San Jose State in the first round, and came right back with Charlie Smith, a defensive end with fine pass rushing credentials from North Carolina Central, in the second round. With two choices each in the third, fourth and fifth rounds, Denver took three defensive and three offensive players to round out eight picks in the first five rounds. That, incidentally, is the best collection of draft choices Denver has ever enjoyed in the early rounds.

In assessing the defensive problems of 1974, little blame can be put on the rushing defense, as the Broncos ranked fifth in the AFC in that department, but Denver was 11th against the pass. And, the pass defense problems were peculiar, in that Denver set a club record for fewest touchdown passes allowed with 14. The problem wasn’t touchdowns...it was third downs. Eighty-eight times, Broncos opponents converted third downs into precious first downs, with only the Jets and Atlanta proving to be more vulnerable in the NFL last year. The 135 first downs via the pass that Broncos opponents notched was topped only by opponents of the Giants and Kansas City, while the net passing yardage allowed by Denver was also third from the bottom.

Certainly the secondary cannot shoulder all of the blame, as the loss of All-Pro defensive tackle Paul Smith was almost a fatal blow to the pass rush, and injuries forced many combinations at linebacker. Whatever the reason, Broncos opponents can expect a stiffer challenge from the Denver defenders.

Offensively, Denver has been a championship team for the past couple of years. Veteran quarterback Charley Johnson will be back to lead the attack which features Otis Armstrong, the top ball carrier in the National Football League last year with 1,407 yards. He teams with second year pro fullback Jon Keyworth (10 TD’s rushing as a rookie) to give Denver a powerful running game. Tight end Riley Odoms looks like a perennial all-pro, and the offensive line, anchored by veteran center Bobby Maples, is becoming one of the league’s good units.

There are still some “ifs” in Denver’s battle plans for 1975, but they’re few and far between, compared to those of John Ralston’s first season in Denver. The Broncos learned that the pressures of playing as contenders are different after spending 14 seasons in the underdog role, and feel they’re ready to accept the challenge as being a factor in the 1975 National Football League championship race.

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John Ralston Says:

“We learned a lot about ourselves last year, both as coaches and as players. We were coming off our first winning season and a near-miss for a play-off berth, and we were a little complacent. More to the point, we thought we were a helluva good football team and the 1974 season just solidifies our thinking about football teams: No one stays the same, you either get better or you slip some. Although we showed some individual improvement, we didn’t get better as a team. We did manage another winning season, but that’s not enough any more.

“We also learned about playing under the pressures of a contending team. We didn’t sneak up on anyone in 1974, after our good season the year before. Everyone was pointing for us, and, hopefully, we learned to develop the poise a championship team needs to go through a long season.

“We will profit from our mistakes, and we will be better in 1975. We think we had an excellent draft, and I wouldn’t be surprised if we have eight to ten new faces on the squad this season. Louis Wright, our first round draft choice, would appear to be the best bet for a starting job among the newcomers, but we could have as many as three rookies among our starters by the start of the regular season.

“Otis Armstrong and Jon Keyworth combine to give us a young and formidable running game, and we look for Charley Johnson to be back better than ever after enjoying one of his rare off-seasons without surgery. The 39 touchdowns scored last season doesn’t need much improvement, and our offensive line is shaping up as an excellent unit. We need a backup for center Bobby Maples who had a fantastic year, putting the ball into play on every offensive play, punt and place kick in 1974 except one. We expect Marv Montgomery back from knee surgery which will really strengthen our line, with veteran Chuck Walton (obtained via trade from Detroit) expected to give us some help at guard.

“Defensively, we have some good players, but just didn’t seem to get things together after losing tackle Paul Smith for the season. With Paul back to anchor the line, we feel we’re in good shape there. Randy Gradishar and Tom Jackson came along real well at linebacker to give us some long range strength there, while safety Bill Thompson and cornerback Calvin Jones proved they are people to build upon in the secondary. What we need more than anything, is to settle on a lineup early and let them play together as a unit, and that’s just what we plan to do. We converted to more zone and combination coverages last season which we plan to refine this year.

“The kicking game with kicker Jim Turner and punter Bill Van Heusen is in good hands, although rookie Mike Franckowiak looks like he’ll be able to help with the kickoff chores. Special teams will continue to get a good deal of attention, and we expect to be solid in that area.

“Overall, there aren’t nearly the weak spots to fill that we had three years ago. What we need most of all is a good camp so we can get all the experimentation out of the way early and be ready to get after people on opening day, something we didn’t do last year. This should be our best football team, and our squad is eager to get the 1975 season underway.”

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Bronco Directory
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Chairman of the Board.................Gerald H. Phipps
President..........................Allan R. Phipps
Vice Presidents...............John Ralston, James H. Burris
Secretary.....................Richard S. Kitchen, Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
General Manager.....................John Ralston
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Director of Player Personnel........Fred Gehrke
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Director of Promotions.............Dick Maxwell
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Equipment Manager................Larry Elliott
Assistant Trainer...................Dave Kendall
Assistant Equipment Manager........Ronnie Bill
Assistant Ticket Manager...........Bob Burris
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Administrative Assistant...........Bill Goldy
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                                Yolanda Saltus, Oneta Brame
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                                Barbara Bryant
Data Processing.....................Wayne Furney
Scouts..............................Mac Speedie, Bernie Reid, Jack Hennemier,
                                Bill Daddio, Hugh Davidson, Ken Heizer and Hank Johnson
Team Physician.....................Dr. John Leidholt

COACHING STAFF
Head Coach.........................John Ralston (California, 1951)
Defensive Coordinator..............Joe Collier (Northwestern, 1954)
Defensive Line......................Richard "Doc" Urich (Miami O., 1951)
Defensive Backs....................Bob Gambold (Washington State, 1951)
Linebackers and Special
Teams..............................Myrel Moore (Cal-Davis, 1958)
Offensive Coordinator and Offensive
Backfield.........................Max Coley (San Jose State, 1950)
Offensive Line.....................Jerry Frei (Wisconsin, 1948)
Wide Receivers....................Kay Dalton (Colorado State, 1954)

MISCELLANEOUS
Stadium......................Denver Mile High Stadium (51,706)
Stadium Ticket Office Address..West 19th Ave. and Elliot St.
Bronco Administrative Offices
                                5700 Logan St., Denver 80216
Telephone....................Administrative Office—623-8778
                                Ticket Office and Stadium—433-7466
Team Colors......................Orange, Blue and White
Pre-Season Camp..................July 19, Pomona, Calif.

Gerald H. Phipps
Chairman of the Board

With nearly 29 years of participation in the Denver sports scene, Gerald H. Phipps has seen the Rocky Mountain area receive major league sports status.

In 1947, he became part of the organization that brought the Denver Bears here as members of the old Western League. The Bears, during the years that immediately followed that move, set minor league baseball attendance records that stood unchallenged for many years.

In 1961, one year after big league professional football had arrived in the form of the Denver Broncos of the American Football League, Phipps became a major owner and assumed duties as board chairman.

Four years later, he and his brother, Allan, became virtually the sole owners of the club.


He was born March 4, 1915, in Denver to Lawrence C. and Margaret Rogers Phipps and received his bachelor's degree from Williams College in 1936.

He was employed by the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad from then until he entered the Navy as an Ensign in May, 1942.

Following his separation from the service in 1945, he was employed by a general contracting firm in Denver until 1952, when he formed his present company, Gerald H. Phipps, Inc. In 1958, he was elected vice-president and treasurer of California Electric Power Co. and when that company merged with Southern California Edison Company late in 1963, he was named a director of the latter. He is a past president of the Associated Building Contractors of Colorado, Inc., a director and member of the Executive Committee of the First National Bank of Denver and a director of The First National Bancorporation, Western Federal Savings and Loan Association, Rio Grande Industries, and the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad. He is a trustee of The Colorado College. Mr. Phipps is also on the Board of Directors of the Denver Chamber of Commerce.

Phipps was married in New York City on September 24, 1937, to the former Janet Alice Smith. They have three daughters, and eight grandchildren.
Allan R. Phipps
President

Allan R. Phipps, President of the Broncos, has been an active member of the Denver sports and cultural community for a number of years.

At Williams College, where he received his bachelor's degree, he was a member of the tennis and swimming teams.

Phipps, 62, is also a partner in the law firm of Hughes & Dorsey; active in key non-candidate roles in the Republican party, including a stint as chairman of the GOP State Finance Committee, and serves on the governing boards of numerous organizations.

His posts include those of President of the Denver Museum of Natural History and Trustee of the University of Denver, of the Denver Museum of Natural History, of the Denver Symphony Society and of the Graland Country Day School.

Phipps was Alumni Trustee of Williams College and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Winter Park Recreational Association and of the Board of Managers of St. Luke's Hospital in Denver.

In addition to his bachelor's degree from Williams in 1934, he received a degree in Jurisprudence from Oxford University in 1936 and a law degree from the University of Denver in 1937.

Phipps is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He served in World War II as a Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve, in the Pacific Theater.

He is a director of Cherry Creek National Bank, South Denver National Bank, Belcaro Realty Investment Company, Highlander Hotel Corporation, and Van Schaack Corporation.

Phipps was admitted to the Colorado bar in 1938 and joined Hughes & Dorsey in 1946.

He is married to the former Clara Mitchell Van Schaack, and has two sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

John Ralston
General Manager-Head Coach

Only ten teams in the National Football League had winning records in 1974 and the Denver Broncos under the direction of John Ralston was one of those ten.

The 7-6-1 record was short of John's goal of the play-offs for the Broncos, but it was the second consecutive winning season for Denver and that in itself is noteworthy. In 15 years, the Broncos have had just two winning records, and those have come under Ralston's guidance. In 1973, John's second year at Denver, the Broncos were 7-5-2.

After the 1973 season, Ralston was named the American Football Conference Coach-of-the-Year by UPI and by the Kansas City 101 Committee. And after the 1974 season, the entire Broncos coaching staff was honored by being named to coach the North squad in the annual Senior Bowl game in Mobile, Ala.

There have been steady advances for the Broncos since Ralston joined the team as head coach and general manager in January of 1972. Denver climbed from the division cellar in John's first year and finished with a 5-9 record.

Then after starting with a 1-3 record in 1973, the Broncos were defeated just twice in the final ten games of the NFL season. This past season saw the Broncos regroup from injuries to stars Paul Smith, Bob Anderson and Marv Montgomery to firmly establish the winning ways of Denver around the NFL.

John joined the Broncos from Stanford after two Rose Bowl victories over impressive Big Ten competition. He began his Stanford stint on January 18, 1963. In nine seasons at the helm, he captured two Pacific Eight titles, while compiling an impressive 54-36-3 record. He reeled off eight straight winning campaigns, but winning was nothing unusual for him.

Before the Stanford job, Ralston was head coach at Utah State, where he held a 31-11-1 mark in four years. The Aggies were co-champions of the Skyline Conference in two of those years and the team played in the Sun and Gotham Bowls.

Ralston was also the head coach of the West team in the 1965, 1966 and 1969 Shrine games. But his outside activities did not stop there. He has coached at the Hula Bowl, served on the Peace Corps' 21-man Athletic Committee, officiated at several clinics, and fills his off-season calendar with countless speaking engagements.

Born in Oakland, Calif., April 26, 1927, Ralston attended elementary and high schools in Norway, Mich. He served two and one-half years with the U.S. Marine Corps during and after World War II, before entering the University of California at Berkeley, where he graduated in 1951. Ralston was a linebacker on two of Cal's Rose Bowl teams.

He and his wife, Patty, were married in 1951, and they are the parents of three children—twin daughters, Terry and Sherry, and a son, Larry.
Joe Collier
Defensive Coordinator

In his first move in putting together an assistant coaching staff in 1972, John Ralston hired Joe Collier as the Broncos' defensive coordinator.

Collier, 43, was the lone holdover from the Lou Saban staff. Joe joined the Broncos in January of 1969, after serving two-plus seasons as head coach of the Buffalo Bills.

Born in Rock Island, Ill., Collier was graduated from Rock Island High. He attended Northwestern University and lettered three years as an end. In 1953, he captained the Wildcats and was named all-Big Ten. He played in the postseason Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine games.

Joe was drafted by the New York Giants but elected to bypass pro football as a player. He served in the Army from 1954-56 prior to joining the coaching staff at Western Illinois as a graduate assistant in 1957.

A year later he became a full-time member of the staff, serving under Lou Saban. He moved with Saban to Boston in 1960 and on to Buffalo two years later. Joe was named head coach of the Bills in 1966.

He and his wife, Shirley, have three children; Julie, 17; Lisa, 15; and Joe, 11.

Max Coley
Offensive Coordinator

The record speaks for itself as far as Max Coley's presence is concerned on the Bronco staff. After joining Denver as offensive coordinator in 1972, his area showed marked progress.

In his first year, Coley's offensive unit upped the TD production from 18 (in 1971) to 38 in 1972 and 41 in 1973. In 1974, the total was 39.

Max came from the Pittsburgh Steelers where he was offensive backfield coach for three years. Coley also handles the offensive backfield for Denver.

Max, 47, is a native of Tulsa, Okla., and he split his college career between Northeastern Oklahoma A&M and San Jose State, where he graduated from in 1950.

After coaching stints in the California high school system, and at his alma mater, Coley spent ten years as offensive backfield coach at the University of Oregon before joining the Steelers in 1969.

At Oregon, Max helped develop one of the nation's most productive college offensive units, and during his tenure with the Ducks, they averaged better than 300 yards and three TDs per game.

Coley and his wife, Ann, have four children: Max Lynn, Rick, Debra Ann and Melinda Jane.

Bob Gambold
Defensive Backfield Coach

Bob Gambold, 46, a Ralston aide at Stanford for nine years, is Denver's defensive backfield coach.

Gambold served as defensive coordinator and linebacker coach at Stanford, after completing a two-year stint with Tommy Prothro at Oregon State. Bob also has had coaching assignments at Washington State for five years and at Everett (Wash.) Junior College.

A native of Longview, Wash., Gambold is a 1951 graduate of Washington State, where he was a standout quarterback and a varsity basketball player. Following graduation, he served his alma mater as freshman football coach and basketball coach.

Gambold then served two years as a quarterback in the pros with Philadelphia in '53 and Chicago's Cardinals in '54.

Gambold and his wife, Shirley, have seven children: Valerie, 23; Robin, 22; Cheri, 19; Barry, 18; Victoria, 17; Traci, 14; and Liesl, 7.

Richard 'Doc' Urich
Defensive Line Coach

Guiding the Broncos' defensive line is Richard "Doc" Urich. He joined the Broncos in 1972.

Urich, 46, coached the defensive line in 1971 for the Buffalo Bills, after spending 1969 and 1970 as head football coach at Northern Illinois University. He also is the former head coach at the University of Buffalo.

A 1951 graduate of Miami (O.) University where he was a standout end, Doc counted such grid names as Paul Dietzel, Carmen Cozza, Ara Parseghian and Bo Schembechler among his teammates, and was coached by Sid Gillman and Woody Hayes.

Following graduation, Urich launched his coaching career at Massillon (Ohio) High School before returning to his alma mater. He then joined Parseghian's staff at Northwestern for eight years before the entire staff made the transition to Notre Dame in 1964.

Urich and his wife, Pat, have two children: Cynthia, 23, and Danny, 20.
Jerry Frei
Offensive Line Coach

After serving five years as head coach at Oregon, Jerry Frei joined the Denver staff as offensive line coach in 1972.

A 1948 graduate of Wisconsin, Jerry joined the Oregon staff and spent 12 years under Len Casanova before being named head coach in 1967. His Duck teams made steady improvements and in 1970 Oregon took second place in the Pacific Eight Conference. He was named UPI "Coach of the Week" twice during 1970 after beating Southern California and Air Force.

After college graduation, Frei, 51, moved to coaching at the high school level in Oregon. In 1952 he entered the college ranks as line coach at Willamette University until 1955 when he joined the Oregon staff.

At Wisconsin, Jerry lettered three years as a lineman, where he played beside such greats as Pat Harder, Dave Schreiner and Elroy Hirsch.

Jerry and his wife, Marion, have five children: David, 27; Judy, 24; Terry, 20; Susan, 16; and Nancy, 13.

Myrel Moore
Linebacker and Special Teams Coach

Myrel Moore, former assistant at the University of California at Berkeley, will coach the Broncos' special teams and linebackers in 1975.

Moore, 40, was a member of Ray Willsey's staff at California since 1964, before joining Denver in 1972. He served Willsey as offensive and defensive coordinator, at different times during his California stay.

He went to Cal-Berkeley from Santa Ana Junior College where he served as head coach in 1963. He was at Santa Ana J.C. since 1959 as an assistant coach.

The youngest member of the Broncos coaching staff is a former All-Conference end and Small-College All-American at Cal-Davis, where he graduated in 1958. He played for the Washington Redskins as a defensive back in 1958.

Myrel has two children: Michelle Rene, 15, and Michale Damon, 11.

Kay Dalton
Wide Receiver Coach

Kay Dalton, who had spent 1973 as a special assistant in the Broncos' scouting department, is the team's wide receiver coach.

Dalton, 43, who had served with the offensive football staff at the University of Colorado, joined the Bronco staff in August of 1973.

Dalton's coaching experience, in addition to his two seasons at Colorado, include head coaching jobs at Trinidad J.C., and Western State at the collegiate level, and with the Montreal Alouettes in the Canadian Football League.

A native of Moab, Utah, Dalton is a 1954 graduate of Colorado State and was offensive coordinator for the British Columbia Lions from 1969-70, prior to joining the CU staff in 1971.

Kay and his wife, Phyllis, live in Boulder with their three children, Mary Lou, 16; Sharon Kay, 14; and Keith, 12.

Fred Gehrke
Assistant General Manager Player Personnel Director

Fred Gehrke, 57, a workhorse for the Bronco organization since January of 1965, is the assistant general manager and director of player personnel.

A former star football player at Utah, Gehrke concluded his active playing career in 1950 with the L.A. Rams, after being an all-pro with the world-champion Cleveland Rams in 1945.

He started his pro career with the Rams in 1940 and then played with the Los Angeles Bulldogs in the wartime Pacific Coast League from 1941 through 1944.

During that time he also worked in the Engineering Design Division of the Northrup Aircraft Co. A technical artist, he is responsible for the helmet design presently worn by the Los Angeles Rams. He received the first Dan Reeves award from the Hall of Fame in 1972 for his helmet design idea. Previously he was an outstanding scholar-athlete at Utah in 1937, 1938 and 1939. Also, he held the record in the javelin and was the conference diving champion for 3 years.

Gehrke remained close to the game after his retirement and did color commentary with Tom Harmon on radio and television football broadcasts for 13 years. Gehrke has five children — four daughters and a son. Fred and his wife, Jean, live in Arvada.
Carroll Hardy

Director of Scouting

Carroll Hardy, 42, assumed the duties of Director of Scouting in June of 1970. He is responsible for assessing the talent of hundreds of college athletes that become eligible for the pros each year, and deciding which of them can play football professionally.

Hardy has long been considered one of the greatest athletes produced by Colorado since winning a modern record of 10 letters at the University of Colorado (four each in football and baseball and two in track).

After his graduation from the U. of Colorado in 1955 with a degree in education, Carroll signed a baseball contract with the Cleveland Indians and was drafted in the third round by football’s San Francisco 49ers, and played that year as a wide receiver and a running back.

The ’56 and ’57 seasons were spent in the Army, but he returned to Cleveland in 1958 and was used as an outfielder until 1960 when he was traded to the Red Sox. In 1961 Carroll became the only man ever to pinch hit for Ted Williams.

The year 1963 found Hardy with the expansion Houston Colt 45’s, where he remained until 1965 when he was traded to Minnesota. During the fall of ’65 he became associated with the Broncos as a scout.

In 1969 Carroll became assistant ticket manager for the Broncos and held the position until being named to his new post. Hardy and his wife, Janice, were married in 1956 and have three children — Jay, 18; Jill, 17; and Lisa, 14. They reside in Boulder.

Allen Hurst

Trainer

The duties of trainer fall on the shoulders of Allen Hurst, a man who has been in the business since he was 15.

Hurst, 34, was born in Houston, Texas, and took up training in his freshman year in high school. After his graduation in 1959, he accepted a four-year scholarship to train at Texas Christian University.

During his stint as student trainer at TCU, he commuted to Houston where he was on the staff of the Oilers. While with the Oilers training staff, Houston played in the AFL Championship Games of 1960, 1961, and 1962.

He was graduated from TCU in 1963 with a degree in physical education and a minor in biology. He then joined the Broncos and has been in the post of head trainer since.

Allen and his wife, Patsy, were married in 1963 and live in Lakewood. They are parents of sons Gregory, 4, and Justin, 3.

Hurst is assisted by Dave Kendall, 32, former trainer at the University of Pacific.

Larry Elliott

Equipment Manager

Responsible for handling the large amount of equipment needed by a professional football team is Larry Elliott, 38.

Larry began his career in athletics at the age of 13 when his parents moved the family to Colorado. At St. Mary’s High School in Colorado Springs, he won a total of 10 varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. A number of scholarship offers in both football and baseball followed his graduation in 1955, but Larry opted for the Air Force.

During his four years in the service at such spots as Hawaii, Guam, The Philippines, Japan and Tripoli, athletics were not forgotten. While stationed at Tripoli’s Wheelus Air Force Base he won All-European honors as a third baseman.

Following his discharge from the service, Elliott worked as an assistant manager of a finance company, bookkeeper and as assistant athletic equipment manager for the Air Force Academy. He was recommended for the Bronco position in 1965 by Air Force Academy equipment manager Artus Smith; a position he has held since.

Elliott and his wife, Margaret, who reside in Lakewood, were married in 1959 and have five children — Timothy, 15; Troy, 13; Thomas, 9; Terry, 8; and Tammie, 6.

He is helped by Ronnie Bill, 36, assistant to Elliott since 1969.

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THE OFFENSE

For a unit that has averaged more than 23 points per game since John Ralston took over in Denver, little improvement is needed on this side of the fence. However, Denver will be looking to a healthy Charley Johnson to lead an even more productive offense which will feature the NFL's leading rusher in Otis Armstrong with second year back Jon Keyworth who came on in the last half of 1974. For perhaps the first time in Denver history, the offensive lineup appears set going into the campaign, unless a rookie wide receiver can muscle his way into the lineup by September.

QUARTERBACKS

There's no question that CHARLEY JOHNSON is the man for 1975. A veteran of 14 pro seasons, the 36-year-old Johnson needs just over 1,600 passing yards this season to hit the 25,000-yard mark, something accomplished by only eight other passers in NFL history. He has thrown 47 TD passes since becoming the Denver quarterback part-way through the 1972 season, and is looking toward another fine season after ranking fifth in the NFL last year even with a slow start. Behind Charley, quite a battle shapes up between veteran STEVE RAMSEY and JOHN HUFNAGEL. Ramsey is a five-year veteran who sparked in several appearances last year, starting two games, and relieving Johnson in three others. He engineered second half wins over Kansas City and Oakland, and played the final three quarters of the 35-all overtime tie with Pittsburgh. Hufnagel has spent two years as the "third" quarterback, and appears ready to make his move. Rookie MIKE FRANCKOWIAK, a third round draftee from Central Michigan, is a strong-armed candidate who could be a factor.

RUNNING BACKS

Any team with FLOYD LITTLE and BOBBY ANDERSON in reserve, must be pretty well at the running back spots. And that's the way the Denver Broncos find themselves with OTIS ARMSTRONG, the leading rusher in the National Football League last year as a second year pro, and JON KEYWORTH, who rushed for 374 yards and ten touchdowns (tops in the NFL) while starting the last half of the season as a rookie. Anderson should be back after missing the season with an ankle fracture in the final pre-season game, and Little still accounted for more than 800 yards in all categories although yielding his starting job to Armstrong. Veterans FRAN LYNCH and OLIVER ROSS will offer stiff competition for the drafted ERIC PENICK of Notre Dame, the only drafted running back. Overall, one of the strongest areas for the Broncos going into the 1975 season.

RECEIVERS - TIGHT ENDS

All-pro RILEY ODOMS, with 42 receptions for 639 yards and six touchdowns, along with veterans BILLY MASTERS and BOYD BROWN give Denver exceptional talent and depth at the tight end position. Odoms, going into his fourth season, has been a Pro Bowl participant each of the last two years. The wide receivers are headed by HAVEN MOSES (34 catches for 559 yards) and BILL VAN HEUSEN, who averaged over 26 yards per catch last year and carded four touchdowns among his 16 receptions. Newcomers RICK UPCHURCH, a most impressive rookie from Minnesota, and 10th draft choice Steve Haggerty who is also a return man with fine speed will be in the picture. In addition, JACK DOLBIN who spent 1974 with the Chicago Fire, is also very much in the picture. MARV FRAZIER, after two seasons on the injured reserve list, is expected to make a bid along with several free agents.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Rapidly becoming one of the long suits of the Broncos team which has enabled Denver to be among the best rushing teams in the NFL for the past two years. Veteran center BOBBY MAPLES anchors this unit, and was a second team All-Pro pick by the PFWA last year. Veteran guards include TOM LYONS, PAUL HOWARD, MIKE SCHNITKERS and CHUCK WALTON, the latter obtained in an off-season trade with Detroit. In addition PHIL OLSEN will see action at center and guard after coming from the Rams in May. CLAUDIE MINOR started all 14 league games last year as a rookie, and coaches feel there's no limit to his potential. He'll team with MIKE CURRENT, who's started 98 consecutive games at right tackle, with MARV MONTGOMERY, a starter who missed nearly all of 1974 with injuries, back and bidding for a starting berth. LERFRANS ARNOLD, a squad member last year as a rookie free agent, could compete at either guard or center. Tackle STAN ROGERS (6-3, 265) and center HANK ENGLEHARDT (10a), and guard JERRY ARNOLD (14) are the drafted offensive line prospects. Several free agents will also vie for roster spots along with vet STEVE COLEMAN. The offensive line enabled Denver to set a club single season rushing record in 1974 with 2,157 yards, and is obviously largely responsible for second year running back Otis Armstrong's league leading 1,407 yards.

THE DEFENSE

With four of the first five players drafted being defenders, there's no doubt that this phase of the game will draw the emphasis of attention as Denver prepares for a run at the play-offs in 1975. Denver gave up an average of 21 points per game in 1974, and a whopping 258 first downs. Certainly key injuries, like losing all-pro tackle Paul Smith for the season, took their toll, but inconsistency was just as big a problem. All was not bleak, though, as the Broncos did hold the opponents to just 14 touchdown passes for the season, a new Denver low, and there were flashes of brilliant defensive play, particularly against the rush. Although still not as deep in most positions as John Ralston would like there are some potential all-pro players wearing the Orange and Blue, and a solid training camp might go a long way towards returning the Denver defense to far more than respectability.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The crossed fingers in Denver are in hopes that tackle PAUL SMITH can return to his Pro Bowl form of 1973 after missing nearly all of last season with a ruptured Achilles tendon. End LYLE ALZADO has established himself as one of the best in the business after four years in the NFL, and teams with rapidly improving BARNEY CHAYOUS at the end slots. Third year men ED SMITH and JOHN GRANT each saw some starting duty last year, as did veteran PETE DURANKO. Another vet BOB KAMP will also compete for a roster spot. This group was stout against the rush, but the number of quarterback sacks dropped off to 32, the lowest in a number of years. Second round draft choice CHARLIE SMITH has the tools to be a factor as a rookie, and his extreme quickness might enable him to give Denver a pass rush boost. RUBIN CARTER, the AllAmerican tackle from Miami, is also in the Denver fold and could be a real find, despite his 6-1 height, especially playing over the ball in odd-man fronts. All-in-all, the defensive line is shaping up to be a plus for 1975.
LINEBACKERS

This group is coming into focus after being a major area of concern for years. TOM JACKSON, in only his second season, was named defensive MVP and prompted Ralston to say, "I wouldn't trade Tom Jackson for any linebacker in the league." He will probably team with veteran RAY MAY, and second year player RANDY GRADISHAR, Denver's first round draft choice in 1974. Part time starter JIM O'MALLEY returns, along with promising JOE RIZZO. In an off-season camp with veteran BILLY ANDREWS from Cleveland. RALPH CINDRICH signed late in 1974 and he returns. Impressive in early camp was 3b draft choice DREW MAHALIC. Free agents BOB SWENSON and CHARLIE BEERY will get a chance also. Special teams captain and MVP KEN CRITER can add depth in the middle. Broncos coaches are convinced that out of this group will come the finest linebacking corps ever to play for Denver, and the hopes are to settle on a starting unit early in camp to give the group every opportunity to become a smoothly functioning unit by the start of league play.

DEVELOPMENT BACKS

Not far from being a strong group, the secondary came under a lot of fire last season, but lots of problems contributed to an inconsistent pass defense such as line backing problems, and lack of an effective pass rush. Strong safety BILL THOMPSON is one of the best in the NFL, and right cornerback CALVIN JONES, despite being 5-7, has started 28 straight games since arriving in Denver two years ago as a 15th round draft choice. Veteran JOHN PITTTS took over in late season play at free safety and was impressive, with veteran JOHN ROWSER holding down the other corner. Rowser will get a stiff battle from first round draft choice LOUIS WRIGHT, while Pitts must fight off rookie STEVE TAYLOR (4a). And when you add former Atlanta star CLARENCE ELLIS to the secondary, things really are looking up. Also impressive in early camp was cornerstone candidate ROUSSELL WILLIAMS, Denver's 9th round pick. The newcomers add more speed to this group than has ever been seen in Denver, with Wright clocked in early camp at 4.4 in the forty, and Taylor and Williams both at 4.5. REGGIE BERRY was a late addition in a trade with San Diego.

PLACEKICKING

Veteran JIM TURNER became the sixth player in the history of the league to go over 1,000 career points, and stands sixth on the all-time career scoring list (1,061), with a good chance to move up this season. Jim, going into his 12th season in the NFL, is one of the most accurate medium range kickers in the game. His string of consecutive PAT's was snapped last season at 221, the second longest in NFL history. Quarterback Mike Franckowiak, Denver's third round draft choice, is also an accomplished kicker, and might see duty as a kickoff man.

PUNTING

Veteran BILL VAN HEUSEN has a career average of better than 42 yards, making one of the leading active punters in the game. An extremely accurate punter, the new punt rules make him one of the NFL's finest for getting it out of bounds in the corner, and of his 75 punts last season, 13 went out inside the ten, with three inside the one. He was a 2nd team All-Pro selection by the PFWA. Backup punt duties will be handled by BOBBY ANDERSON and STEVE RAMSEY.

Player Profiles

LYLE ALZADO
Defensive End

Birthdate—April 3, 1949
Birthplace—Brooklyn, N.Y.
Residence—Denver, Colo.
How Acquired—Draft #4a, 1971
College—Yankton
Height—6-3
Weight—265
Year with Broncos—5th

PRO: Destined to be one of the league's outstanding players, Lyle shouldn't take a back seat to anyone in this his fifth season. An all-AFC selection last season by PRO QUARTERBACK, Lyle combines tremendous strength with amazing quickness (4.75) to rank with Paul Smith as team's top pass rusher. Recorded 13 QB sacks and 44 harassments to lead team in both departments in '74. Has been starter since rookie season in '71. Was second to Paul Smith in defensive linemen categories in 1973. Has improved his rush defense the last couple years. Compiled 9 QB sacks and 31 harassments plus 82 tackles in 1973. Had successful shoulder surgery in 1974 off-season.

COLLEGE: First player drafted in NFL from Yankton College. Led his team to 6th national ranking among small colleges and was MVP in Copper Bowl. A two-time All-State Conference player after moving to defensive end from linebacker. Played in College All-Star game. Has degree in special education with interest in teaching handicapped children. Finished schooling in off-season... Former Golden Gloves regional heavyweight champion (Omaha), and once had 27 straight wins as amateur boxer. Pronounced AL-ZAY-do. Has bench pressed 500 pounds and dead lifted 595.

BOB ANDERSON
Running Back

Birthdate—Oct. 11, 1947
Birthplace—Boulder, Colo.
Residence—Denver, Colo.
How Acquired—Draft #1, 1970
College—Colorado
Height—6-0
Weight—212
Year with Broncos—5th

PRO: Missed all of '74 season with ankle fracture suffered in final pre-season game after outstanding start. Is third leading Denver career rusher despite missing part of '72 and all of '74 seasons with injuries. Co-holder of team record for most pass receptions in one game with 13 vs. Bears in 1973. Was second first round draft choice ever signed by Broncos. Top rushing game was 106 yards vs. San Diego in '71. A versatile athlete, was college QB who is adept at option pass and is also backup punter. Operates boys camp in summer and does PR work for local bank in addition to being active member of FCA. Teamed with Jeff Burroughs of Texas Rangers to win 1974 pro baseball- football players golf tournaye. Will compete with '74 rookie sensation Jon Keyworth for starting fullback job.

COLLEGE: Shifted from quarterback to halfback as senior and was a near unanimous All-America selection. Held 18 CU varsity records, including rushing for 254 yards in Liberty Bowl win over Alabama. Played quarterback in 1970 Hula Bowl and was named game's MVP.
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BILLY ANDREWS
Linebacker

Birthdate—June 14, 1945  
Birthplace—Clinton, La.  
Residence—Cleveland, Ohio  
How Acquired—Trade with Cleveland, 1975  
College—S. E. Louisiana  
Height—6'0  
Weight—225

PRO: Acquired in an off-season trade from Cleveland for defensive back Lonnie Hepburn. A starter for several seasons for the Browns at an outside spot, was moved into the middle in 1973, but lost his job to veteran Bob Babich, then had surgery to correct a disc problem. Was a backup MLB last season and played on the Cleveland special teams. Was named Browns' defensive player-of-the-year by Cleveland Touchdown Club in 1971. He and brother operate 2,000-acre beef and dairy farm in Clinton. Originally 13th round choice of Browns in 1967.

OTIS ARMSTRONG
Running Back

Birthdate—Nov. 15, 1950  
Birthplace—Chicago, Ill.  
Residence—Denver, Colo.  
How Acquired—Draft #1, 1973  
College—Purdue  
Height—5'10 1/2  
Weight—196  
Year with Broncos—3rd

PRO: Believed by many to be the most exciting back to come into the NFL since O.J., Otis had a phenomenal sophomore season by leading the entire NFL in rushing with 1,407 yards. He became only the fifth player in NFL history to average over 100 yards per game for a season, after carrying only 26 times for 90 yards as a rookie behind Floyd Little. His 1,407 yards is new Denver single season record, and his 183 yards vs. Houston is new Broncos single game mark. He is already second among Denver career rushers, and his 5.35 average per carry is also new Denver high for a season. Five of Denver's all-time high rushing games by an individual are held by Otis. His unparallel season finishes shows 146 yards vs. Oakland, 144 vs. Detroit, 183 vs. Houston and 142 vs. San Diego. Selected by Seagram's Seven Crown of Sports as the NFL's MVP, and the league's top back by Pro Football Weekly. He was also an all-NFL choice by the PFWA, AP and Pro Quarterback. Was an all-AFC choice by The Sporting News and UPI. Otis was also a near unanimous choice for the Pro Bowl, and was named Denver's MVP on offense by his teammates. He scored 12 touchdowns in 1974, second only to Little's record 13 set in '72 and equalled in '73. Great speed and ability to change directions at full speed make him "the greatest draw runner in the game," according to John Ralston. Has become capable receiver, making 38 catches for 405 yards and three scores last season.

COLLEGE: Holder of every Purdue rushing record and most Big Ten marks. As a senior, carried ball 243 times for 1,361 yards and nine TDs. Career rushing total of 3,315 yards vs. major college opponents more than any active NCAA player. Finished 6th on NCAA all-time ranking list. Broke Big Ten 3-year rushing mark by Michigan's Billy Taylor and 4-year record by Wisconsin's Alan Ameche. Was first Big Ten player since 1945 to win league's total offense title without throwing a pass. Consensus All-American (AP, UPI, Coaches, Sporting News, NEA). Majored in Physical Education. Averaged 123.7 yards per game rushing in 1972. Winner of Swede Nelson Award and the Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award. A top game in 1972 was 233 yards vs. Northwestern. In final game of season, carried 32 times for 276 yards in mud vs. Indiana. Selected for both Coaches' All-America and College All-Star games.

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LeFRANCIS ARNOLD
Guard - Center

PRO: One of two free agents to survive the 1974 season. LeFrancis is a talented athlete who can play at either guard or center. Has good size and quickness. Played for offensive line coach Jerry Frei at Oregon.

REGGIE BERRY
Defensive Back

PRO: Joined Broncos this past summer in trade with San Diego when Broncos sent defensive back Maurice Tyler to Chargers. Was shifted to safety from cornerback going into 1974. Signed by San Diego as a free agent in 1972. Also played on special teams.

COLLEGE: All-PCAA as defensive end and rover back at Long Beach State. He also attended Arizona Western. Worked for Inglewood (Calif.) School District in off-season.

BOYD BROWN
Tight End

PRO: One of those rare success stories from the draft. Boyd was the 17th round choice by Denver in 1974 but reported to camp at a sturdy 234 pounds. Played a lot during veteran-less pre-season and won a 1974 job. Excellent receiver who is improving as a blocker. Will battle veteran Billy Masters for backup job behind All-pro Riley Odoms.

COLLEGE: A three-year letterman tight end at Alcorn ... played in three games as a freshman and started every game for the past three seasons. Second team All-SWAC selection as a senior.

BARNEY CHAVOUS
Defensive End

PRO: A starter in 28 consecutive games since being Denver's second round draft choice in 1973. Greatly improved as a pass rusher, his forte is still his strength and tackling skills. Was credited by coaches with 88 solo tackles in '74 with only one miss. Also had 8 sacks and 42 QB harassment to rank just behind Lyle Alzado among the down linemen in both departments. Top game was in win over Colts when he had 9 tackles, 2 sacks and batted down two passes. Slated for starting duty at left defensive end. He

won post-season honors on the Pro Football Weekly All-Rookie team and was voted rookie of the year by the Pittsburgh Courier after 1973. Started every game, one of two rookies to do so. Compiled four QB sacks and 48 tackles as rookie.

COLLEGE: 1972 Little All-America Team (AP & Coaches). All-American by Football News, Kodak, Pittsburgh Courier, Courier Lineman of the Year, Football News All-American. Participated in North-South Shrine Bowl, Senior Bowl, and Coaches' All-America games. Three year starter at SCSC. Same school as Deacon Jones.

RALPH CINDRICH
Linebacker

PRO: Awarded to Denver on waivers from Houston toward end of '74 season. Was 5th round draft choice by Atlanta in '72, but finished that season with New England. Was waived to Houston in '73 and played in 13 games for the Oilers that season. Will compete at an outside spot for the Broncos.

COLLEGE: Second team All-America at Pittsburgh. Rated best linebacker at Pitt since Joe Schmidt, All-East selection. Captained North defense in North-South game.

STEVE COLEMAN
Guard

PRO: Signed November 1974 season as free agent, after Steve was released from Houston. Played as defensive end in 2 games for Denver and will probably be used as offensive guard in 1975.

KEN CRITTER
Linebacker

PRO: The special teams captain the past two years, Ken led his unit in tackles for both kickoffs and punts, and is a member of every special teams unit. A middle backer by trade, he has been used exclusively as a special teams player the past two seasons, was that unit's MVP award winner in '74. Primarily a blocker on kickoff return team, he returned four vs. Philadelphia in 1971.

COLLEGE: Was All-Big Ten twice and All-America once as linebacker at Wisconsin. Set Big Ten record for most tackles in one season. Holds degree in landscape architecture from Wisconsin.
PROFESSIONAL RECORD
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1971 | 5   | 61  | 16.2 | 0  |
1974 | 3   | 48  | 16.0 | 0  |
Totals | 13  | 160 | 13.8 | 0  |

PUNT RETURNS
Year | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
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1973 | 1   | 0   | 0.0  | 0  |

Birthdate—Sept. 17, 1945
Birthplace—Lima, Ohio
Residence—Denver, Colo.
How Acquired—Draft #3a, 1967
College—Ohio State
Height—6-4
Weight—274
Year with Broncos—9th

MIKE CURRENT
Offensive Tackle

PRO: Helped anchor a vastly improved offensive line from his right tackle post, a line which paved the way for the Broncos to average 154 yards per game, fourth best in the AFC even after a very slow start. An excellent pass blocker, Mike has started 98 consecutive games for Denver, tops on the squad for continuous service. As a rookie in ’67, Mike faltered and wound up with Miami briefly before rejoining the Broncos taxi squad, and has been a fixture ever since. Still has many years ahead at age 29. Has started 84 consecutive games for Denver at right tackle. Good pass blocker. Has own radio show.

COLLEGE: A two-year starter for Ohio State where he also handled puntng duties. Played in Coaches’ All-Star Game following senior season. Has degree in marketing from OSU. Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Birthdate—Oct. 12, 1948
Birthplace—Pottsville, Pa.
Residence—Lombard, Ill.
How Acquired—Free Agent, ’75
College—Wake Forest
Height—5-10
Weight—180
Year with Broncos—1st

JACK DOLBIN
Wide Receiver

PRO: Signed in 1975 by the Broncos after an impressive season with Chicago in the WFL. Caught 54 passes for the Fire and was brought to Denver’s attention by his coach, Steve Tensi, former Broncos QB. Has 4.5 speed in the 40, and fine hands which make up for his comparative lack of size.

COLLEGE: A star running back at Wake Forest. Jack’s only pro action has been one year with the Pottstown (Pa.) Firebirds and a brief trial with the San Diego Chargers in 1971.

Birthdate—Dec. 15, 1943
Birthplace—Johnstown, Pa.
Residence—Denver, Colo.
College—Notre Dame
Height—6-2
Weight—250
Year with Broncos—8th

PETE DURANKO
Defensive End

PRO: A steady veteran who can play any spot along the defensive line. Mostly noted for his prowess vs. the rush, Pete was fourth among the eight down linemen who saw duty in ’74 in tackles and had one QB sack. Was drafted as linebacker, but switched to defensive end late his rookie season. A starter for most of his Broncos career although he missed entire ’71 season with knee surgery. Started in all regular season games in 1973. Can play both defensive tackle and end. Was credited with 58 tackles and 5 QB sackings in 1973. Recovered fumble for winning TD in pre-season win over Vikings, the game in which he was injured in 1971. Started pro career as linebacker but switched to defensive end late in rookie year.

COLLEGE: Was AP, UPI and Coaches All-America selection as defensive end at Notre Dame. Participated in North-South Game and was named MVP after making tackles all over field and scoring on a 24-yard interception. Played in College All-Star Game. An economics major at Notre Dame.

CLARENCE ELLIS
Safety-Cornerback

Birthdate—Feb. 11, 1950
Birthplace—Grand Rapids, Mich.
Residence—Atlanta, Ga.
How Acquired—Trade with Atlanta, 1975
College—Notre Dame
Height—6-0
Weight—190
Year with Broncos—1st
Pro Year—4th

PRO: One of the newest Broncos, Ellis came to Denver in late April in a trade which sent safety Charles Greer and wide receiver Jerry Simmons to Atlanta. A number one draft choice by the Falcons in 1972, Ellis injured his knee in the College All-Star camp in ’72, but was in Atlanta’s starting lineup by the second game of that season. He started every game since then at safety. Clarence is tabbed for duty at either corner or safety. Has eight career interceptions, and has reputation as deadly tackler.

COLLEGE: “I’ve never had a better defensive back,” Notre Dame’s Ara Parseghian once said of Ellis. It was certainly no idle compliment, considering the career the young Michigan native had for the Fighting Irish. A sociology major, he was twice named All-America.

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1974 | 3   | 11  | 3.7  | 0  |
Totals | 8   | 144 | 14.3 | 0  |

Birthdate—May 20, 1951
How Acquired—Free Agent, ’73
College—Cheyney (Pa.) St.
Height—6-0
Weight—180
Year with Broncos—1st

MARV FRAZIER
Wide Receiver

PRO: A most promising receiver who signed as a free agent out of Cheyney State in 1973. Frazier switched to receiver in his college senior year after being defensive back and showed great potential. Injuries put him on the reserve list for two seasons, but could make a valuable contribution in this, his third try.

COLLEGE: Coached by former Bronco great, Billy Joe.
**RANDY GRADISHAR**

Linebacker

**PRO:** Denver's first round draft pick in 1974, thus becoming the first defensive player selected in the first round in Broncos history. A part-time starter (4 games) as a rookie, Randy was used both on the strong side and in the middle, the latter position where he is projected as a 1975 starter. Gradishar, described by Ohio State's Woody Hayes as "the best linebacker I ever coached at Ohio State," contributed 51 tackles in '74. Outstanding leadership qualities, strength and range made Randy the most outstanding linebacker prospect in many seasons for the Broncos. The third first round draft choice under the Ralston regime, the previous two played sparingly in their rookie seasons only to come on to be Pro Bowlers the following year (Riley Odoms and Otis Armstrong).

**COLLEGE:** Three year starter for Ohio State, and named to every All-America collegiate team following senior season. Played on winning Rose Bowl team senior year and in the Hula Bowl following senior season. Was injured in 1973 Rose Bowl game and was operated on for cartilage, but played every game as a senior and participated in every practice. Played in Lubbock Coaches All-Star Game and Chicago All-Star Game.

**JOHN GRANT**

Defensive Tackle

**PRO:** A starter in his soph season last year, filling in for the injured Paul Smith. John played over the ball in Denver's odd-man alignments and played well. Outstanding quickness overcomes lack of brute strength. Set Denver single season record for top passes with ten. Credited with 88 solo tackles and ranked third on team for fewest missed tackles. Serves as Broncos alternate Player Representative.

**COLLEGE:** UPI All-Coast, Football News All-American (2nd Team), Football Writers All-America, AP All-Coast, AP 2nd Team All-American. A three-year starter for USC... played some offensive tackle as sophomore. Started at defensive end last two years. Was teammate of Bronco Marv Montgomery. Majored in Business Administration.

**PAUL HOWARD**

Guard

**PRO:** Now in his third year, Howard is a fixture at right guard and considered by Broncos staff to be one of brightest prospects in NFL. Tremendous strength combined with great size make him a stalwart. Very hard worker who wants to excel. Became starter halfway through 1974 season and was key to Denver's late season rushing surge which vaulted Broncos to 4th spot in AFC. Excellent pass blocker.

**COLLEGE:** First Team All-WAC selection, and played in the East-West Shrine Game and the Senior Bowl. Played defensive end as soph and junior at 235 pounds. Went on weightlifting program and boosted weight to 260. Moved to offensive guard for senior season. A weight lifting fan, he set four Utah State records at recent meet when he had 395-pound bench press, 500 squat, 575 dead lift and overall total of 1470. Selected for both Coaches' All-America and College All-Star games.

**JOHN HUFNAGEL**

Quarterback

**PRO:** Now in his third year with Denver, John spent entire rookie season on inactive list, and saw very little duty (appearances in four games) last season. Thought by many to be the quarterback of the future in Denver, John has fine leadership qualities and intelligence to go with a fine arm. After being labeled as not having a strong enough arm by many scouts, John quickly dispelled those rumors by connecting with Bill Van Heusen on 56-yard touchdown pass on his first throw as a pro vs. St. Louis in 1973 pre-season. Will get a lot of attention in '75 pre-season with first unit.

**COLLEGE:** Set 9 Penn State records for game, season and career total offense. In senior season had 318 plays for 2,201 yards, and was responsible for 21 touchdowns. His total offense average of 200.1 yards per game ranked him fifth in final NCAA statistics. Played in Hula Bowl. First team AP All-American and Walter Camp All-American. Led team to 26 wins in 28 starts since taking over starting job in middle of 1970 season. Was named ECAC Player of the Year. Penn State co-captain as senior.

**TOM JACKSON**

Linebacker

**PRO:** One of the brightest young players on a basically young team, Tom was selected by his teammates as the defensive MVP last season. Amazing quickness and reactions, Jackson is noted for his bone-jarring tackles at the line of scrimmage as well as knocking down passes thirty yards downfield. Is excellent on coverage of back one-on-one. Leading tackler on '74 squad with 116. Overlooked by many teams because of relative lack of height, Jackson was praised by Ralston who said, "I wouldn't trade Tom Jackson for any linebacker in the business." Will probably open at strong side and team with Randy Gradishar and veteran Ray May to give Denver its strongest linebacking unit ever.

**COLLEGE:** The most publicized linebacker in the history of U. of Louisville (includes Doug Buffone, John Neidert), All-Missouri Valley selection three straight years (selected by coaches), and named to Walter Camp All-America team. Credited with 268 tackles in three years. Top individual game came as junior when he had 19 solo tackles and 11 assists against North Texas State. As a freshman, had 102- and 101-yard interception returns for TDs. Played in America Bowl (Tampa) and Blue-Gray Game.

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CHARLEY JOHNSON  
Quarterback

PRO: Perhaps the most important trade in Denver history was made in 1972 when Ralston sent a third round draft choice to Houston for this wily veteran. Ranked just ahead of Joe Namath among active passers in the AFC, Charley should easily go past the 25-thousand yard mark in ‘75. Since taking over mid-way through the 1972 season, Charley instantly turned Denver’s offense into a contending unit. From 18 touchdowns in 1971 to 38 in 1972 to 41 in 1973 and a respectable 39 last year, Charley has developed into a standout young quarterback. Set new Broncos single season record for passing accuracy in 1974 with 55% completion percentage. Had his biggest game as a Bronco last season when he completed 25 of 42 for 445 yards vs. Kansas City. Ranks behind only Len Dawson and George Blanda among active AFC passers, in total completions and touchdown passes. Has 3,389 career passing yards and career completion percentage just over 51 percent. Threw six TD passes in one game against Cleveland in ‘65 while with St. Louis. Still holds a raft of Cardinal pass records. Joined the Oilers in 1970 in trade which sent Pete Beathard and cornerback Miller Farr to St. Louis for Johnson and cornerback Bob Atkins. Injured most of the ‘70 and ‘71 seasons at Houston. Johnson went over 20,000 yards career passing in the Houston game when he hit Bill Van Heusen on a 62-yard pass play in 1973. After 1973 season, Johnson was chosen by his teammates as the Top Offensive player, and also made the All-AFC team picked by UPI and Pro Football Weekly. Biggest game in 1972 had to be against Oakland on the West Coast when Charley completed 20 of 28 passes for 361 yards and two TDs in Bronco 30-23 victory. Took over part way through preceding week’s game vs. Minnesota to start Denver comeback against Vikings which fell just short of win. Once threw six TD passes in game against Cleveland in ‘65. Was drafted in the 10th round as a future by the Cardinals in ’60.

COLLEGE: New Mexico State where he led team to two Sun Bowl titles. Outstanding golfer, Native of Big Spring, Texas. Has Ph.D. degree in Chemical Engineering and works as engineer-salesman for Crawford Enterprises in Houston.

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CALVIN JONES  
Cornerback

PRO: Broncos coaching staff has finally stopped worrying about Calvin’s lack of height as he’s proved he can play with the best. A starter since arriving in camp as a rookie 15th round draft choice, Calvin has started 14 straight games for Broncos and already has 9 interceptions. Has knack of coming up with the “big” play and makes up for lack of height with extraordinary jumping ability. Ranked only behind strong safety Bill Thompson in tackles among defensive backs last season with 53. An all-rookie selection a year ago by Pro Football Weekly, and named Pro Athlete of the Year for 1973 in State of Washington.

COLLEGE: First team AP All-America, All-PAC 3 (AP-UPI). Played in East-West Shrine Game in the Hula Bowl. Has fine speed, having been clocked at 4.5, and great acceleration. Was first team All-PAC 8 as both junior and senior. Led the team in punt returns as soph with 17.5 average. Had one run back last season for 78-yard touchdown. Started every game for Huskies since taking over in spring practice his freshman year.

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BOB KAMPA  
Defensive Tackle

PRO: Broncos sent draft choice to Buffalo after Paul Smith was lost for season to shore up defensive line. A 3rd round draft pick by Bills in ’73, appearing in 7 games as rookie. Played in 4 games for Denver in ’74. Can play either end or tackle.

COLLEGE: Co-Captain and Most Valuable Lineman for the California Golden Bears as a senior… A defensive tackle… Won first team All-Pacific 8 and All-West Coast honors… Attended Gavilan Junior College where he lettered in football, track, and wrestling before entering Cal… Set high school records in the shotput and discus… Named to American Bowl squad for annual all-star game at Tampa, Fla. Physical Education major… Has an interest in becoming a physical therapist… Bull riding and calf roping are among his favorite forms of entertainment.
JON KEYORTH
Running Back

Birthdate—Dec. 15, 1950
Birthplace—San Diego, Calif.
Residence—Denver, Colo.
How Acquired—
Trade with Washington, 1974
College—Colorado
Height—6-3
Weight—230
Year with Broncos—2nd

PRO: One of the most pleasant surprises for the Broncos in 1974. Took over as the starting fullback for Denver midway through the season and finished as the team's second leading rusher with 374 yards on 81 carries for a fine 4.6 average. Gives Denver the "big back" Ralston has been looking for. Scored ten TD's in '74 to lead AFC in that department. Top game came in win at Oakland when he rushed 15 times for 148 yards. Was drafted by Redskins in 6th round and traded to Denver before start of camp in '74. A versatile college athlete who played eight positions on Colorado grid team, Jon is also fine receiver, catching 12 for 109 yards in rookie season.

COLLEGE: A standout at Colorado who lost starting fullback job to Bo Matthews (Chargers #1) in sophomore year after suffering broken leg. Played QB, TE, WR, LB, S in varied career.

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FLOYD LITTLE
Running Back

Birthdate—July 4, 1942
Birthplace—New Haven, Conn.
Residence—Denver, Colo.
How Acquired—
Draft Choice #1, 1967
College—Syracuse
Height—5-10
Weight—196
Year with Broncos—9th

PRO: The tenth leading rusher in NFL history goes into his 9th season in a strange position... number two at the running back spot behind Otis Armstrong. What Floyd has meant to the Denver franchise can't be catalogued. The first number one draft choice ever signed by the Broncos, Ls team career leader in total plays (1,525), rushing plays (1,516), rushing yards (5,878), kickoff returns (88), kickoff return yards (2,216), and is tied with Lionel Tatum in total touchdowns with 50. Twice scored 13 TD's in a season, and led entire NFL in rushing with 1,133 yards in 1971. Pro Bowl participant in '71, '72 and '73. Top rushing game came in '69 with 166 yards vs. Cincinnati, a Broncos record until last season. Was leading rusher in AFL in '69 until knee injury sidelined him for final six games of that season, and still finished fifth in the league. In '68, he was only player in AFL to rank in the top ten in three major departments...rushing, punt and kickoff returns. Floyd Little Day was held Oct. 29, 1972 at Mile High Stadium. Toured Vietnam early in '70 with pro football group. Participant in NFL Drug Abuse program. Recipient of Brian Piccolo Award in '73, and the Byron White Award in '74 by NFL Players Association. Recipient of numerous awards in Colorado for work off the field. In his third year as full-time law student at Denver University. Is dedicated to making major contribution to Broncos '75 season which he has indicated might be his last. Has had 15 games over the 100-yard rushing mark.

COLLEGE: College football’s first bona fide three-time All-America since Doak Walker... Followed in the footsteps of Jim Brown and the late Ernie Davis as Syracuse’s left halfback, and shattered most of the records established by the two former Orange greats... In three seasons at Syracuse, Floyd moved the ball almost 5,000 yards via the various modes of attack. He rushed for 2,704 yards, returned punts for 845 yards, brought back kickoffs 797 yards and passed for 19 yards—for a grand total of 4,947 yards... Little scored in 22 of the 30 regular season games he played in at Syracuse. His top effort was five TD's in a game (Kansas) as a sophomore. His multiple scoring feats also included two four-touchdown games and four three-TD games... The hand-legged back rushed for 100 or more yards 13 times during his college career... As a senior, he led the Orangemen to a Gator Bowl berth... Floyd teamed with Boston Patriots star Jim Nance in the Orange backfield as a soph in 1964, and the two sparked Syracuse to a spot in the Sugar Bowl... Floyd ran the 100 in 9.7 in both high school (Hillhouse High in New Haven) and prep school (Bordentown, N.J. Military Academy)... Rushed for 216 yards from scrimmage in the Gator Bowl game... Played in both the Coaches Assn. All-America game in Atlanta and the College All-Star game in Chicago. History and public relations major.

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FRAN LYNCH
Running Back

Birthdate—Dec. 13, 1945
Birthplace—Bridgeport, Mass.
Residence—Arvada, Colo.

How Acquired—
Draft Choice #5a, 1967

College—Hofstra
Height—6-1
Weight—205
Year with Broncos—9th

PRO: A dedicated athlete who saw considerable action as a leader on the special teams unit last year. Carried the ball only three times from scrimmage in ’74. Was backup to Floyd Little through most of early years with his best season coming in ’69 when he started final six games and gained 407 yards. Good receiver and a versatile performer.

COLLEGE: At Hofstra in 1965-66 he set school rushing record of 189 yards against Otterbein College. He scored four times in that game. Named to All-Middle Atlantic Conference team. Management major in college.

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GREG MARX
Defensive Tackle

Birthdate—Aug. 7, 1948
Birthplace—Atlanta, Ga.
Residence—Denver, Colo.

How Acquired—
Draft Choice #14, 1971

College—Georgia
Height—6-2
Weight—230
Year with Broncos—5th

PRO: An exceptionally talented young man who relies on quickness and intelligence to more than make up for his comparatively small size by offensive lineman standards. Has now started 39 straight games, and was moved from the right side to left guard part way through the ’74 season. Has great techniques and has become a leader on a vastly improved unit. Is a fulltime medical student at the U. of Colorado School of Medicine, and has appeared as guest conductor with the Denver Symphony.

COLLEGE: Three year starter at center at Georgia. Made All-America teams for Football News and Sporting Extra. Honorable mention AP. Taking graduate courses in off-season preparing for medical school. High School All-American at Georgia Military Academy.

BOBBY MAPLES
Center

Birthdate—Dec. 28, 1942
Birthplace—Mt. Vernon, Tex.
Residence—Houston, Tex.

How Acquired—
Trade with Pittsburgh, 1972

College—Baylor
Height—6-3
Weight—250
Year with Broncos—4th
Pro Year—11th

PRO: One of the most underrated players in the NFL. Put the ball in play on every offensive play from scrimmage in ’74 except one, and made every snap on every punt, field goal and PAT. Regarded as one of the game’s finest at the long snap. A rugged individual, Bobby became the leader of the offensive line, a unit which enabled Denver to finish with one of the AFC’s top rushing attacks, featuring the leading ball carrier in the league. Was named to All-Pro 2nd team by Pro Football Writers. Won starting job in ’73, after coming to Denver from Pittsburgh. Steelers acquired him on waivers in ’71 from Houston. Was Oilers’ 4th choice in ’65, and was switched from linebacker to center. Played in ’67 AFL title game and in ’68 all-star game.

COLLEGE: All-Southwest Conference quarterback as a freshman. Switched to linebacker as a sophomore. SWC Sportsmanship Award in 1964. Named to All-Baylor team of the ’60s. Majored in Physical Education.

TOM LYONS
Guard

Birthdate—July 18, 1950
Birthplace—Detroit, Mich.
Residence—South Bend, Ind.

How Acquired—
Trade with Atlanta, 1975

College—Notre Dame
Height—6-4
Weight—260
Year with Broncos—1st
Pro Year—2nd

PRO: Marx is coming to Denver in a trade, and after sitting out of pro football in ’74 after an impressive rookie season with Atlanta. Has all the tools to be a great one and will be tried at defensive tackle. Played in 14 games for Falcons but skipped football last year while attending law school. Was Atlanta’s 2nd round pick in ’73.

COLLEGE: Marx’ was a household word in 1972 among All-America selectors. He made virtually every team. The Detroit, Mich., native was an all-star in the classroom too, twice being named to the National All-America Academic squad.

BILLY MASTERS
 Tight End

Birthdate—March 15, 1944
Birthplace—Grayson, La.
Residence—Denver, Colo.

How Acquired—
Trade with Buffalo, 1970

College—LSU
Height—6-5
Weight—240
Year with Broncos—6th
Pro Year—9th

PRO: Has seen limited action the past two seasons since the advent of all-pro Riley Odoms. A fine player in his own right, Billy has 127 career receptions to his credit, and is a fine
target at 6-5. Also an accomplished blocker, he plays in Denver's double tight end formations. Was originally drafted by Buffalo, joining Denver in a 1970 trade. Caught 33 passes for Bills in '69 for his top pass-catching season.

COLLEGE: Played flanker, tight end and halfback in three varsity seasons at LSU. Played in North-South and Senior Bowl games.

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| 1972               | 2  | 0    | 0  | 18  |
| Totals             | 9  | 0    | 0  | 54  |

RAY MAY
Linebacker

Birthdate—June 4, 1945
Birthplace—Los Angeles, Calif.
Residence—Morrison, Colo.
How Acquired—Trade with Baltimore, 1973
College—Southern Cal
Height—6-1
Weight—230
Pro Year—9th
Year with Broncos—3rd

PRO: Came to Denver for two draft choices in third week of '73 season, and has been starter ever since. Has played both outside spots, and started in the middle all of last year. Being moved back to the “weak side” for '75. Was team's 2nd leading tackler last season with 113 and had two interceptions. Originally drafted by Pittsburgh, Ray was traded to Baltimore in '70 where he became outstanding performer. Credited with starting Denver's "hand-holding" defensive huddle. A bachelor, Ray has been showered with national awards and praise for his adoption of five teenagers and for the creation of his boys' ranch which has now been moved to Colorado. Most notable among the recognitions were the Big Brother of Maryland Award from Gov. Marvin Mandel and the Humanitarian of the Year Awards by the NFL Players Association. Also serves as Broncos Player Representative. Had knee surgery following '74 season. Won 1975 Bart Starr Humanitarian Award.

COLLEGE: Played in 1967 Rose Bowl for Southern Cal against Purdue to conclude excellent collegiate career.

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CLAUDIE MINOR
Offensive Tackle
Birthdate—April 21, 1951
Birthplace—Pomona, Calif.
Residence—San Diego, Calif.
How Acquired—Draft #3, 1974
College—San Diego State
Height—6-4
Weight—282
Year with Broncos—2nd

PRO: When veteran tackle Marv Montgomery couldn't answer the opening bell in '74 due to injuries, Claudie was tossed into the breach at left tackle. A player of unlimited potential according to line coach Jerry Frei. Has the great size and aggressiveness and made notable improvement every game last season. Came into the pros with reputation as fine pass blocker which he lived up to by season's end. Despite tangling with some of game's top defensive ends. Will battle Montgomery to keep his starting left tackle job. Has exceptional speed for his size, with particularly good footwork and strength.

COLLEGE: Started every game at San Diego St. after transfer from Mount San Antonio J.C. Reputed to be finest pass-blocker ever at S.D. State. Played defense in J.C. Played in Coach's All-America game at Lubbock.

MARV MONTGOMERY
Offensive Tackle
Birthdate—Feb. 8, 1948
Birthplace—Torrance, Calif.
Residence—Pacoima, Calif.
How Acquired—Draft #1, 1971
College—Southern Cal
Height—6-6
Weight—255
Year with Broncos—5th

PRO: Was close to achieving all-star status in '73 when he was felled by a broken leg in win at Pittsburgh. Had bone graft the following spring and wasn't ready by season's start. Came on in late season, then hurt his knee and had cartilage operation. Should be back this year, fully recovered, and ready to continue his bid for All-Pro recognition. Has exceptional speed to go with the good size. The first lineman ever to be tabbed by Denver as a first round draft choice.

COLLEGE: Twice named Pacific-8 first team. Was named first team Sporting News All-American. Attended Los Angeles Valley College for two years before transferring to USC. Played in Senior Bowl.

HAVEN MOSES
Wide Receiver
Birthdate—July 27, 1946
Birthplace—Los Angeles, Calif.
Residence—Denver, Colo.
How Acquired—Trade with Buffalo, 1972
College—San Diego State
Height—6-3
Weight—208
Year with Broncos—4th
Pro Year—8th

PRO: Going into his third full season as a Broncos starter since coming to Denver in a trade with Buffalo in '72. Has already caught 15 touchdown passes in Denver uniform and gives the Broncos not only a big target at 6-3, but a fine deep threat. Co-holder of Denver club record with three TD catches. Was Bills' first round pick in '68. Currently the
COLLEGE: Was unanimous Little All-America choice in '67 at San Diego State. Also named to Time and SNE All-America teams. Participated in Shrine, East-West, Coaches' All-America and College All-Star games and the Senior Bowl.

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PHIL OLSEN

Birthdate—April 26, 1948
Birthplace—Logan, Utah
Residence—Fountain Valley, Calif.
How Acquired—Trade with Los Angeles, 1975
College—Utah State
Height—6-4
Weight—260
Year with Broncos—1st
Pro Year—5th

PRO: One of the newest members of the squad, Phil came to Denver in a May transaction that sent Otto Stowe to Los Angeles. For five years a defensive tackle and end, Phil is making the transition to the offensive line where he will be a backup to center Bobby Maples. Ralston claims he'll be "a great one" when he settles into his new job, and could play either center or guard. A first round pick by the Patriots in '70, Phil missed his entire rookie year after a College All-Star camp knee injury. Declared a free agent the following summer, Olsen joined his brother (perennial all-pro Merlin) with the Rams where he was a part-time starter in '71 and '72.

COLLEGE: Phil followed Merlin to Utah State and earned many of the same honors. An All-American defensive tackle, he participated in the East-West and Hula Bowl games and was picked for the College All-Star classic.

RILEY ODOMS

Birthday—March 1, 1950
Birthplace—Luling, Texas
Residence—Stafford, Texas
How Acquired—Draft #1, 1972
College—Houston
Height—6-4
Weight—230
Year with Broncos—4th

PRO: Considered by most to be the premier tight end in the business. Has all the tools . . . great size and hands, good speed, fine runner and exceptional blocker. Alternated with Billy Masters as a rookie, and has been a fixture at tight end the past two seasons, gaining a Pro Bowl berth both years. Led the team in receiving in '73 with 43 catches for 629 yards and 7 TD's, and again last year with 42 receptions for 639 yards and 6 TD's. Has averaged nearly 11 yards per carry on 14 end-around plays. Has good enough speed that he is sometimes split in passing situations. A first-round pick in John Ralston's first draft when coming to Denver.

COLLEGE: All-American tight end at Houston. Played in Senior Bowl and Astro-Blue Bonnet game. Played freshman basketball.

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JIM O'MALLEY

Birthday—July 24, 1951
Birthplace—Youngstown, Ohio
Residence—Denver, Colo.
How Acquired—Draft #1, 1972
College—Notre Dame
Height—6-1
Weight—230
Year with Broncos—3rd

PRO: Played in 12 games as a rookie, but came on quickly in the middle of the season, starting four games. Was credited with 54 tackles in 7 games for 629 yards and 7 TD's, and again last year with 42 receptions for 639 yards and 6 TD's. Has averaged nearly 11 yards per carry on 14 end-around plays. Has good enough speed that he is sometimes split in passing situations. A first-round pick in John Ralston's first draft when coming to Denver.

COLLEGE: A 2-year starter at a middle linebacker at Notre Dame. Was credited with 72 tackles as a junior and 122 for senior season. Had one interception in 1972.

JOHN PITTS

Birthday—Feb. 28, 1945
Birthplace—Birmingham, Ala.
Residence—Phoenix, Ariz.
How Acquired—Trade with Buffalo, 1973
College—Arizona State
Height—6-4
Weight—218
Year with Broncos—3rd
Pro Year—9th

PRO: Came to Denver in a '73 trade with Buffalo, and backed up both safety positions. Took over as starting free safety midway through '74 season, and is slated for duty as a starter in '75. At 6-4, 218, John has great range, and
covers well in "centerfield." Chalked up his first interception as a Bronco last season. Was Bills' first round pick in '67 as a wide receiver.

**COLLEGE:** Played both defensive back and wide receiver for Sun Devils . . . Named to All-Western Athletic Conference team in '65 and '66 . . . Attended Santa Ana J.C. for two years . . . Participated in Coaches All-America game . . . Also played basketball and was on school's track team. Completing work on Master of Science degree in Public Administration at A.S.U.

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**STEVE RAMSEY**

Quarterback

**PRO:** A key man in Denver's 2nd straight winning season last year. Played last three quarters of overtime tie with Pittsburgh (35-31), all the way in win over New Orleans and played the last halves of wins over Kansas City and Oakland. Was starter for final five games of '71 and first five of '72 before giving way to veteran Charley Johnson. Has thrown 15 TD passes and has respectable .478 completion percentage. Was Saints' 5th round draft choice in '70 after brilliant career at North Texas State. Threw two pro passes rookie season at New Orleans before being traded to Denver. Will be backup to Charley Johnson, but is capable of taking over at anytime.

**COLLEGE:** Twice named All-Missouri Valley Conference at North Texas State. Held NCAA career records with 491 completions, 7,076 yards and 69 TDs. Punted for 40-yard plus average at N. Texas. Has degree in Business Administration.

**JOE RIZZO**

Linebacker

**PRO:** A success story from last year's strike-torn summer. A free agent who wouldn't quit, and attracted attention with his hard hitting. Played in 11 games last season, and will contend as an outside linebacker and special teams player. Originally drafted by Buffalo in '73, but couldn't pass physical due to knee surgery. Rehabilitated while on duty with Merchant Marine and signed as a free agent last year.

**OLIVER ROSS**

Running Back

**PRO:** A running back with great natural ability who showed flashes of brilliance as a rookie, then saw limited duty last year. Must really show well early in '75 as he's competing at talent-laden position behind formidable group of Armstrong, Keyworth, Little and Armstrong.

**COLLEGE:** A starter for Alabama A&M all four years. Was team's leading scorer, pass receiver and rusher as a freshman. Considered to be good outside runner and better-than-average receiver. Physical Education major.

**JOHN ROWSER**

Cornerback

**PRO:** Obtained from Pittsburgh during '74 draft, and started 11 games at left corner last season. Will be pushed from opening bell by first round draft choice Louis Wright. Might even be tried some at safety. Excellent tackler and zone defender. Was a regular with Steelers from '70 through '73, and led Steelers in interceptions in '71. Grabbed 4 enemy aerials last year to run career total to 21.

**COLLEGE:** Three year letterman on offense and defense . . . 2nd team All Big 10 in final season . . . Won letter in track for long jump . . . Physical Education major.
Led all secondary men in tackles with 98, and also led the team in kickoff and punt returns. As a rookie, he led AFL in punt and kickoff returns, the only player in the history of the league to do so. Is the 5th leading career punt returners among active AFC players with fine 11.6 average. Holds club records for career and season for most punt returns, return yardage and average.

COLLEGE: Started every game for three years at Maryland State. Named All-Conference (CIAA) and All-American (NAIA) teams for two seasons. Played one game as collegiate running back and rushed for 109 yards and one TD.

### ED SMITH
**Defensive End**

**Birthday**—Oct. 23, 1950  
**Birthplace**—Nassau, Bahamas  
**Residence**—Nassau, Bahamas  
**How Acquired**—Draft 13a, 1973  
**College**—Colorado College  
**Height**—6-5  
**Weight**—241  
**Year with Broncos**—3rd

**PRO:** A player with tremendous potential who saw action in all 14 games last year, several as a starter. Has great speed and quickness, and with his 6-5 frame, is destined to become excellent pass rusher. Has only one missed tackle last year and came up with crucial pass interception in win over Baltimore. Figures highly in the plans if he maintains his improvement rate.

**COLLEGE:** Three year starter and Kodak All-American at Colorado College. The first Bahamian to play in the NFL, Ed had never seen football until he was brought to Denver from Nassau as high school junior. Has worked on weights to beef up to 250.

### PAUL SMITH
**Defensive Tackle**

**Birthday**—Aug. 13, 1945  
**Birthplace**—Adel, Okla.  
**Residence**—Denver, Colorado  
**How Acquired**—  
**College**—New Mexico  
**Height**—6-3  
**Weight**—256  
**Year with Broncos**—8th

**PRO:** One of the game's premier defensive linemen, Denver's title hopes were severely dimmed last year when Paul was lost for the season with ruptured Achilles Tendon. Surgery has apparently repaired the injury, and if Paul can return to a performance level anywhere near where he left off, Denver's defense will be a solid unit. In '73, he led the team in QB sacks, harassments and tackles. Amazing quickness enables him to be one of NFL's premier pass rushers. Did play in two games last year. Plays the middle in Denver's odd-man alignments. Was drafted out of New Mexico to be a linebacker. Played in 1972 and '73 Pro Bowl games.

**COLLEGE:** Played defensive line positions at New Mexico. First sophomore at New Mexico to earn lineman of the year award.

### BILL THOMPSON
**Safety**

**Birthday**—Oct. 10, 1946  
**Birthplace**—Greenville, S.C.  
**Residence**—Denver, Colo.  
**How Acquired**—  
**College**—Maryland State  
**Height**—6-1  
**Weight**—201  
**Year with Broncos**—7th

**PRO:** Broncos coaches feel Bill is one of the finest strong safeties in the business, after moving over from corner in '73. Led the team with a 21-yard average on five interception returns, including a 38-yard TD return vs. the Saints.

**COLLEGE:** Was quarterback for John Ralston at Utah State, and quarterbacked his team in 1962 Gotham Bowl. Also played in 1960 Sun Bowl. Received Bachelor of Science degree from Utah State in 1963, and attended graduate school at California State College.

### JIM TURNER
**Kicker**

**Birthday**—March 28, 1941  
**Birthplace**—Martinez, Calif.  
**Residence**—Denver, Colo.  
**How Acquired**—Trade with Jets, 1971  
**College**—Utah State  
**Height**—6-2  
**Weight**—205  
**Year with Broncos**—5th  
**Pro Year**—12th

**PRO:** Jim went over the one-thousand point total last year, only the 6th player in NFL history to do so. He is the 6th leading scorer on the all-time list with 1,061, and is the second leading scorer among active players in the AFC. His string of consecutive PAT's was broken last year at 221, the second longest on the NFL record books. Perhaps one of the most consistent kickers the game has ever known, Jim has a lifetime field goal percentage of over 61%. Once kicked six field goals in a game against Buffalo with the Jets, still a record. Came to Denver from Jets in 1971 trade. Was first pure kicker in AFL to go over 500 points. Led Jets in scoring all six years in New York, and Denver for three years until last season. Led Jets in scoring in Super Bowl III.
BILL VAN HEUSEN
Wide Receiver
Punter

Birthdate—Aug. 27, 1946
Birthplace—New Rochelle, N.Y.
Residence—Denver, Colo.
How Acquired—Free Agent, 1968
College—Maryland
Height—6-1
Weight—200
Year with Broncos—8th

PRO: Without question, one of the finest athletes on the
team, Bill had a fine season as a starting wide receiver,
and an equally impressive year as the ninth leading punter
in the NFL. Bill averaged 40.3 yards on 75 punts, but
booted 11 out of bounds inside the ten, with two inside
the one yard line. Although he caught only 16 passes, they went
for an amazing 421 yards and 4 TD's, an average of 26.3
yards per catch. Bill leads all Denver career received in that
department with an average of 21.46 on 67 receptions. He can
also hold for place kicks, completed his only pass attemps
last year for 41 yards, and is the 4th leading career
punter among active AFC players. Also has a team record
of 7 knee operations.

COLLEGE: Earned 3 varsity letters at Maryland as halfback,
quarterback, flanker and defensive back. Knee surgery every
spring in college prevented him from playing with Terp golf
team. Graduated with degree in marketing, with minor in
public relations. Near scratch golfer, won Brian Piccolo Can-
cer Fund Tournament at Lake Geneva in 1971 and 1974
QB Club Title.

CHUCK WALTON
Guard

Birthdate—July 7, 1941
Birthplace—Canon City, Colo.
Residence—Detroit, Mich.
How Acquired—
Trade with Detroit, 1975
College—Iowa State
Height—6-3
Weight—256
Year with Broncos—1st
Pro Year—9th

PRO: A part time starter with Detroit last year. Chuck
brings 8 years of NFL experience to the Broncos offensive
line. Played four years of Canadian football after being
drafted in '63 before joining Lions where he was a starter
ever since, except for portions of the past three seasons
when sidelined by injury. Came to the Broncos in exchange
for linebacker Bill Laskey. Could win starting job, but will
probably see duty as backup to young Broncos guards.
Voted All-Pro in three of his four CFL seasons (Montreal
1963-'64 and Hamilton 1965-'66).

COLLEGE: Played regular three seasons at Iowa State. All
Big Eight Conference first team as senior. Played prep ball
at Canon City.
1975 Draft Choices

(1) LOUIS WRIGHT, CB, 6-2, 195, San Jose St. . . . Hometown: Bakersfield, Calif. . . . DOB: Jan. 31, 1953 . . . College Major: Physical Education . . . Played in the Senior Bowl and the East-West Shrine Games . . . NEA 2nd team All-America . . . AP and UPI All-West Coast . . . As a senior, was credited with 39 primary tackles, 11 assists, one interception and three blocked kicks. Credited with fine speed (4.4 in the 40), stamina and leaping ability. Never participated in spring football because of track. He was timed at :09.7 in the 100, :21.8 in the 220 and :47.6 in the 440. Also did 25-7 in the long jump. Started at Arizona State but transferred to Bakersfield College where he majored in Business Administration. Played in Chicago All-Star game.

(2) CHARLIE SMITH, DE, 6-5, 245, No Carolina Central . . . Hometown: Durham, N.C. . . . DOB: Sept. 14, 1953 . . . College Major: Physical Education . . . All-American (Mutual Black Radio) . . . Made Kodak All-American and NAIA after lettering four years. Has 12 brothers and sisters . . . Was Player of the Year in MEAC . . . Holds school record for most tackles in a game and in a season . . . Also wrestled . . . He has four goals in professional football: 1, Make the Broncos team; 2, Be a starting defensive lineman; 3, Have a successful career in the game; 4, Be the best at his position . . . Played against Barney Chavous as a soph when Barney was senior at South Carolina State. N.C. Central was 7-2-2 in 1974.


(4a) STEVE TAYLOR, DB, 6-0, 188, Georgia . . . Hometown: Savannah, Georgia . . . DOB: March 19, 1953 . . . Major: Education. Father is a Christian Church minister in Savannah. Led Georgia his senior year with five interceptions . . . one a 31 yard touchdown return. Started for two years at corner for Bulldogs. Played in Lubbock All-Star game.

(4b) RICK UPCHURCH, WR, 5-9, 177, Minnesota . . . Hometown: Holland, Ohio . . . DOB: May 20, 1952. Led the Golden Gophers in punt and kickoff returns as a senior. Had one kickoff return for 100 yards against Wisconsin last season. In spring game, was the outstanding player in the game, carrying 26 times for 141 yards . . . scored three touchdowns, one on a 54-yard punt return. Played in Hula Bowl.

(5a) STAN ROGERS, OT, 6-4, 256, Maryland . . . Hometown: Pottstown, Pa. . . . DOB: March 10, 1952 . . . College Major: Business. Has three younger brothers and three sisters. Father is retired from job as director with the Boy Scouts of America. Said he's always followed Lyle Alzado's career, and is looking forward to meeting him and working with him on a weight program, although "not necessarily looking forward to playing across from him." Honorable Mention All-America (AP) and selected to Coaches All-ACC team. Three-year letterman. Played in Lubbock All-Star game.

(5b) RUBIN CARTER, DT, 6-1, 260, Miami . . . Hometown: Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. . . . DOB: Dec. 12, 1952 . . . General: 1st team All-America (UPI and Kodak) . . . 3rd team All-America (AP) . . . 1st team All-South Independent (AP) . . . Played in Hula Bowl and was selected Defensive MVP . . . All-time leading tackler at Miami. Doc Uriah: "Rubin is built along the lines of Curley Culp, with great body control and upper body strength. He has 4.9 speed in the forty which is excellent for a player of his size." Played in Lubbock All-Star game.


(10a) HANK ENGLEHARDT, C, 6-2½, 241, Pacific . . . Hometown: San Diego, Calif. . . . DOB: July 17, 1952 . . . College Major: Pre-law. All PACA, 1974. All-Mission Conference. Started his collegiate career as an offensive tackle, then red-shirted a year and came back as a center. Improving as a long snapper. Played in Lubbock All-Star game.

(10b) STEVE HAGGERTY, WR, 5-10, 173, Nevada-Las Vegas . . . Hometown, Denver, Colo. . . . DOB: May 12, 1953. Wide receiver and punt return man from Littleton. Played two years at Colorado before transferring to Nevada-Las Vegas where
he played senior year, nephew of NFL referee Pat Haggerty. Coached at CU by Denver's Kay Dalton. Sprained ankle in third game at Las Vegas.

(12)

HARRY WALTERS, LB, 6-0, 217, Maryland ... Hometown: Ortley Beach, N.Y. ... DOB: July 21, 1952 ... College Major: Physical Education. Played in 1973 Peach and 1974 Liberty Bowls. Two-year starter at Maryland after transfer from William and Mary. Led Maryland team in tackles his senior year with 173. Played inside linebacker on wide tackle-six defense. Signed with Winnipeg of CFL in March of 1975.

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ERIC PENICK, RB, 5-11½, 209, Notre Dame ... Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio ... DOB: Sept. 21, 1953 ... College Major: Economics ... Played in two Orange Bowls and one Sugar Bowl. Sidelined with torn ankle ligaments and a broken lower leg in spring 1974, and came back for last two regular season games plus Orange Bowl. Career statistics show 138 carries for 1,327 yards and 12 touchdowns. Biggest game was vs. Southern Cal in 1973 with 118 yards rushing, including 85-yard TD run.

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JERRY ARNOLD, G, 6-2½, 247, Oklahoma ... Hometown: Putnam City, Okla. ... DOB: Dec. 25, 1952 ... College Major: Business ... General: Tabbed the most improved player on the Oklahoma team. Had his best game as junior when he blocked Nebraska’s John Dutton consistently. Three-year letterman and All-Big Eight. On Dean’s List. Played in Senior Bowl.

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KEN SHELTON, TE, 6-4, 205, Virginia ... Hometown: Standardsville, Va. ... DOB: Nov. 6, 1953. Was voted Atlantic Coast Conference Lineman of the Week, twice. Tied ACC record for TD’s in a single season. Broke Virginia record for TD’s in season, and set new ACC record for reception yards in a single game. Also participated in indoor track.

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BUBBA BRIDGES, DT, 6-3½, 250, Colorado ... Hometown: Houston, Texas ... Age: 23 ... Was football and basketball standout at Klein High School in Houston, and enrolled at Colorado in 1970. He was red-shirted in 1971, and left school in 1972 after being a standout in the ’72 spring game. He played with Edmonton in 1973, went to another CFL team in 1974, was released and returned to Edmonton. Has another year on contract plus his option year.

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LESTER SHERMAN, Ret. Sp./RB, 5-8½, 181, Albany St. ... DOB: Feb. 16, 1952 ... Hometown: Albany, Ga. His career totals at Albany State ... rushed 732 times for 3,008 yards (4.1 avg.) and 27 touchdowns. He averaged 30.1 on kickoff returns, and caught 37 passes for four touchdowns. Selected All-SIAC for three years. Made Ebony Magazine All-Star list. Holds school record for 100-yard dash (09.7).
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1974 Leaders

Scorer: Stenerud—24 of 26 PATs and 17 of 24 FGs for 75 pts.
Rusher: Green—135 carries for 509 yds., 3.8 avg., and 3 TDS.
Passer: Dawson—138 of 235, 1573 yds., 58.7%, 7 TDS and 13 Int.
Receiver: Podolak—43 for 306 yds., 7.1 avg., and 1 TD

1974 Results (5-9)

24 *New York Jets ....... 16
7 Oakland ............... 27
17 Houston .............. 7
14 *Denver ............... 17
24 *Pittsburgh .......... 34
3 Miami ................ 9
24 San Diego ............ 14
27 *New York Giants .... 33
7 *San Diego ............ 14
42 Denver ............... 34
6 Cincinnati .......... 33
17 St. Louis .......... 13
6 *Oakland ............. 7
15 *Minnesota .......... 35

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*—Home Games

1975 Schedule

Sept. 21—at Denver
Sept. 28—NEW YORK JETS
Oct. 5—SAN FRANCISCO
Oct. 12—at Oakland
Oct. 19—at San Diego
Oct. 26—DENVER
Nov. 2—HOUSTON
Nov. 10—at Dallas (Mon.)
Nov. 16—at Pittsburgh
Nov. 23—DETROIT
Nov. 30—at Baltimore
Dec. 7—SAN DIEGO
Dec. 14—at Cleveland
Dec. 21—OAKLAND
**GREEN BAY PACKERS**

**Sept. 29—7 P.M.—Mile High Stadium**

The Administration

President—Domenic Olejniczak
General Manager—Bart Starr
Head Coach—Bart Starr
Public Relations—Charles S. Lane
Home Ph.—(414) 435-3332
Offices—1265 Lombardi Ave.
Green Bay, Wis. 54305
(414) 342-2717

Home Field—Milwaukee County Stadium (47,823)
Lambeau Field (56,267)

**1974 Leaders**

Rusher: Brockington—266 carries for 883 yds., 3.3 avg., 5 TDs
Passer: Hadl—89 of 183 for 1072 yds., 48.6%, 3 TDs, 8 Int.
Receiver: Brockington—43 for 314 yds. and 0 TDs.

**1974 Results (6-8)**

17 *Minnesota 32
17 *Detroit (Mil) 19
7 *Buffalo 27
20 *Chicago (Mil) 10
17 Detroit 19
6 *Washington 17
20 Chicago (Mil) 3
19 Minnesota 7
34 *San Diego 0
14 Philadelphia 36
6 San Francisco 7
3 Atlanta 10

210 206

*—Home Games

**BUFFALO BILLS**

**Oct. 5—1 P.M.—Rich Stadium**

The Administration

President—Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.
General Manager—Robert Lustig
Head Coach and V.P.—Lou Saban
Public Relations Director—Bud Thaliman
Home Ph.: (716) 662-9502

Offices—Rich Stadium
Orchard Park, N.Y. 14127

Home Field—Rich Stadium
(30,000)

**1974 Leaders**

Scorer: Lepold—25 of 29 PATS and 19 of 33 FGs for 82 pts.
Rusher: Simpson—270 att. for 1125, 4.2 avg., 3 TDs.
Passer: Ferguson—119 of 232 for 1588 yds., 51.3%, 12 TDs, 12 Int.
Receiver: Rashad—36 for 433 yards, 12 yd. avg., 4 TDs.

**1974 Results (9-5)**

21 *Oakland 20
16 *Miami 24
16 *New York Jets 12
27 Green Bay 7
27 Baltimore 14
30 *New England 28
16 *Chicago 6
29 New England 28
9 *Houston 21
28 Miami 35
15 Cleveland 10
6 *Baltimore 0
10 New York Jets 20
14 Los Angeles 19

264 244

*—Home Games
The Administration
President—Arthur J. Rooney
Head Coach—Chuck Noll
Public Relations—Ed Kleey
Publicity—Joe Gordon
Home Ph.: (412) 488-0465
Office—300 Stadium Circle
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212
Phone: (412) 323-1200
Home Field—Three Rivers Stadium (50,000)

The Series
(Broncos Lead, 3-0-1)
1970—Broncos, 16-13 (D)
1971—Broncos, 22-10 (P)
1973—Broncos, 23-13 (P)
1974—Tie, 35-35 (D)

1974 Leaders
Scorer: Gerela—20 of 29 FGs and 33 of 35 PATs for 93 points.
Rusher: Harris—208 att. for 1006 yds., 4.8 avg., 5 TDs.
Passer: Bradshaw—67 of 148 for 785 yds., 45.3%, 7 TDs, 8 Int.
Receiver: Lewis—30 for 365 yds. and 4 TDs.

1974 Results (10-3-1)
30 *Baltimore .................. 0
35 Denver .................. 35
0 *Oakland .................. 17
13 Houston .................. 7
34 Kansas City .................. 24
20 *Cleveland .................. 16
24 *Atlanta .................. 17
27 *Philadelphia .................. 0
10 Cincinnati .................. 17
26 Cleveland .................. 16
28 New Orleans .................. 7
10 *Houston .................. 13
21 New England .................. 17
27 *Cincinnati .................. 3

305 189

*Home Games

1975 Schedule
Sept. 21—at San Diego
Sept. 28—BUFFALO
Oct. 5—at Cleveland
Oct. 12—DENVER
Oct. 19—CHICAGO
Oct. 26—at Green Bay
Nov. 2—at Cincinnati
Nov. 9—HOUSTON
Nov. 16—KANSAS CITY
Nov. 24—at Houston (Mon.)
Nov. 30—at New York Jets
Dec. 7—CLEVELAND
Dec. 13—CINCINNATI (Sat.)
Dec. 20—at Los Angeles (Sat.)

251 344

*—Home Games

The Administration
President—Arthur Modell
General Manager—
Harold Sarnoff
Head Coach—Forrest Gregg
Public Relations—Nate Wallack
Home Ph.: (216) 464-1685
Office—Municipal Stadium
Cleveland, Ohio 44114
Phone: (216) 696-5555
Home Field—Municipal Stadium (79,282)

The Series
(Browns Lead, 3-1)
1970—Browns, 27-13 (D)
1971—Broncos, 27-0 (C)
1972—Browns, 27-20 (D)
1974—Browns, 23-21 (C)

1974 Leaders
Scorer: Cockroft—29 of 30 PATs and 14 of 16 FGs for 71 pts.
Rusher: Pruitt—126 carries for 540 yds., 4.3 avg., and 2 TDs.
Passer: Phipps—116 of 256 for 1384, 45.7%, 9 TDs, 17 Int.
Receiver: McKinnis—32 catches for 258 yds., 8.1 avg., 0 TDs.

1974 Results (4-10)
7 Cincinnati .................. 33
20 *Houston .................. 7
7 St. Louis .................. 29
24 *Oakland .................. 40
24 *Cincinnati .................. 34
16 Pittsburgh .................. 20
23 *Denver .................. 21
35 San Diego .................. 36
21 New England .................. 14
16 *Pittsburgh .................. 26
10 *Buffalo .................. 15
7 *San Francisco .................. 0
17 Dallas .................. 41
24 Houston .................. 28

1975 Schedule
Sept. 21—at Cincinnati
Sept. 28—MINNESOTA
Oct. 5—PITTSBURGH
Oct. 12—HOUSTON
Oct. 19—at Denver
Oct. 26—WASHINGTON
Nov. 2—at Baltimore
Nov. 9—at Detroit
Nov. 16—at Oakland
Nov. 23—CINCINNATI
Nov. 30—NEW ORLEANS
Dec. 7—at Pittsburgh
Dec. 14—KANSAS CITY
Dec. 21—at Houston
OAKLAND RAIDERS
Nov. 2—2 P.M.—Mile High Stadium
Dec. 8—6 P.M.—Oakland-Alameda Co. Stadium

The Administration
Managing General Partner—Al Davis
Head Coach—John Madden
Public Relations—Tom Grimes
Home Ph.: (415) 522-0429
Offices—7811 Oakport St.
Oakland, Calif. 94621
(415) 562-5900
Home Field—Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum (54,041)

The Series
(Oakland Leads, 22-6-2)
1960—Broncos, 31-14 (D)
1961—Raiders, 48-10 (D)
1962—Raiders, 33-19 (D)
1963—Broncos, 27-24 (D)
1964—Raiders, 44-7 (D)
1965—Raiders, 23-6 (D)
1966—Raiders, 26-10 (D)
1967—Raiders, 35-31 (D)
1968—Raiders, 40-7 (D)
1969—Raiders, 28-20 (D)
1970—Raiders, 17-3 (D)
1971—Raiders, 24-13 (D)
1972—Raiders, 51-0 (D)
1973—Raiders, 28-10 (D)
1974—Raiders, 17-3 (D)
1975—Raiders, 47-7 (D)
1976—Raiders, 33-27 (D)
1977—Raiders, 24-14 (D)
1978—Raiders, 41-10 (D)
1979—Raiders, 35-23 (D)
1980—Raiders, 27-16 (D)
1981—Raiders, 21-13 (D)
1982—Raiders, 29-20 (D)
1983—Raiders, 23-23 (D)
1984—Raiders, 21-17 (D)
1985—Raiders, 28-17 (D)
1986—Broncos, 20-17 (D)

1974 Leaders
Scorer: Branch—13 passes for 78 points.
Rusher: Hubbard—188 att. for 665 yds., 4.6 avg. and 4 TDs.
Passer: Stabler—178 of 310, 2469 yds., 57.4%, 26TDs, 12 Int.
Receiver: Branch—60 catches for 992 yds., 18.2 avg., 13 TDs.

1974 Results (12-2)
20 Buffalo ............ 21
27 *Kansas City .......... 7
17 Pittsburgh ............ 0
40 Cleveland ............ 24
14 San Diego ............ 10
30 *Cincinnati ............ 27
35 San Francisco ............ 24
28 Denver ............ 17
35 *Detroit ............ 13
17 *San Diego ............ 10
17 *Denver ............ 20
41 *New England ............ 26
7 Kansas City ............ 6
27 *Dallas ............ 23

355 *—Home Games
228

1975 Schedule
Sept. 22—at Miami (Mon.)
Sept. 28—at Baltimore
Oct. 5—at San Diego
Oct. 12—KANSAS CITY
Oct. 19—at Cincinnati
Oct. 26—SAN DIEGO
Nov. 2—at Denver
Nov. 9—NEW ORLEANS
Nov. 16—CLEVELAND
Nov. 23—at Washington
Nov. 30—ATLANTA
Dec. 8—DENVER (Mon.)
Dec. 14—HOUSTON
Dec. 21—at Kansas City

283 *—Home Games

CINCINNATI BENGALS
Nov. 9—2 P.M.—Mile High Stadium

The Administration
President—John Sawyer
General Manager—Paul Brown
Head Coach—Paul Brown
Public Relations—Al Heim
Home Ph.: (513) 752-9116
Offices—200 Riverfront Stadium
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(513) 621-3550
Home Field—Riverfront Stadium
(56-200)

The Series
(Broncos Lead, 4-3)
1968—Bengals, 24-10 (C)
1969—Broncos, 10-7 (D)
1970—Bengals, 27-16 (D)
1971—Bengals, 25-10 (D)
1972—Bengals, 21-10 (C)
1973—Broncos, 28-10 (D)

1974 Leaders
Scorer: Muhlmann—32 of 36 PATs and 11 of 18 FGs for 65.
Rusher: Elliott—68 carries for 345 yds., 5.1 avg., and 1 TD.
Passer: Anderson—213 of 328 for 2667 yards, 64.9% and 18 TDs.
Receiver: Myers—32 catches for 383 yards and 1 TD.

1974 Results (7-7)
33 *Cleveland ............ 7
17 *San Diego ............ 20
21 San Francisco ............ 3
28 *Washington ............ 17
34 Cleveland ............ 24
27 Oakland ............ 30
21 *Houston ............ 34
24 Baltimore ............ 14
17 *Pittsburgh ............ 10
3 Houston ............ 20
33 *Kansas City ............ 6
3 Miami ............ 24
19 *Detroit ............ 23
3 Pittsburgh ............ 27

1975 Schedule
Sept. 21—CLEVELAND
Sept. 28—at New Orleans
Oct. 5—at Houston
Oct. 12—NEW ENGLAND
Oct. 19—OAKLAND
Oct. 26—at Atlanta
Nov. 2—PITTSBURGH
Nov. 9—at Denver
Nov. 17—BUFFALO (Mon.)
Nov. 23—at Cleveland
Nov. 30—HOUSTON
Dec. 7—at Philadelphia
Dec. 13—at Pittsburgh (Sat.)
Dec. 21—SAN DIEGO

259 /*—Home Games
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
Nov. 16—1 P.M.—San Diego Stadium
Nov. 30—2 P.M. Mile High Stadium

The Administration
President—Eugene V. Klein
Head Coach—Tommy Prothro
Public Relations—Jerry Wynn
Home Ph.: (714) 286-2338
Offices—9449 Friars Road
San Diego, Calif. 92120
(714) 280-2111
Home Field—San Diego Stadium
(53,222)

1974 Leaders
Scorer: Woods—7 rushing and 3 pass TDs for 60 pts.
Rusher: Woods—227 att. for 1162 yds. and 7 TDs.
Passer: Fouts—15 of 237 for 1732 yds., 48.5%, 8 TDs.
13 Int.
Receiver: Garrison—41 for 785 yds., 19.1 avg., 5 TDs.

1974 Results (5-9)
14 Houston .................. 21
20 Cincinnati ................. 17
21 *Miami ..................... 28
7 *Philadelphia ............... 13
10 *Oakland .................. 14
7 Denver ...................... 27
14 *Kansas City ............... 24
36 °Cleveland ................ 35
14 Kansas City ............... 7
10 Oakland ................... 17
0 Green Bay .................. 34
14 New York Jets ............. 27
28 °Chicago ................... 21
17 °Denver .................... 0

212 285
*—Home Games

ATLANTA FALCONS
Nov. 23—1 P.M.—Atlanta Stadium

The Administration
President—Frank E. Wall
General Manager—Pat Peppier
Head Coach—Marion Campbell
Public Relations—Wilt Browning
Home Field—Atlanta Stadium
(56,990)

The Series
(Tied, 1-1)
1970—Broncos, 24-10 (D)
1971—Falcons, 23-20 (A)

1974 Leaders
Scorer: Mike-Meyer—12 of 12 PAT’s and 9 of 16 FGs for 39 points
Rusher: Hampton—127 carries for 464, 3.7 avg. and 2 TDs.
Passer: Lee—78 of 172 for 852 yds., 45.9%, 3 TDs, 14 Ints.
Receiver: Burrow—34 catches for 545 yards, 16.0 avg., 1 TD.

1974 Results (3-11)
0 °Dallas ..................... 24
10 °San Francisco ............ 16
13 New Orleans ............... 14
14 New York Giants .......... 7
13 °Chicago ................... 10
3 °New Orleans ............... 13
17 Pittsburgh .................. 24
7 Miami ...................... 42
0 °Los Angeles ............... 21
7 °Baltimore ................... 17
0 San Francisco ............... 27
7 °Los Angeles ................ 30
10 Minnesota .................. 23
10 °Green Bay ................ 3

111 271
*—Home Games

1975 Schedule
Sept. 21—at St. Louis
Sept. 28—DETROIT
Oct. 5—NEW ORLEANS
Oct. 12—at San Francisco
Oct. 19—at Los Angeles
Oct. 26—CINCINNATI
Nov. 2—at New Orleans
Nov. 9—at Minnesota
Nov. 16—LOS ANGELES
Nov. 23—DENVER
Nov. 30—at Oakland
Dec. 7—WASHINGTON
Dec. 14—SAN FRANCISCO
Dec. 21—at Green Bay

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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES  
Dec. 14—2 P.M.—Mile High Stadium

The Administration
President—Leonard H. Tose
General Manager—Pete Retzloff
Head Coach—Mike McCormick
Public Relations—
James Gallagher
Home Phone (215) 279-7989
Offices—Veterans Stadium
Philadelphia, Pa. 19248
(215) HO 3-2500
Home Field—Veterans Stadium
(65,000)

The Series
(Eagles Lead, 1-0)
1971—Eagles, 17-16 (P)

1974 Leaders
Scorer: Sullivan—11 rushing, 1 passing for 72 points.
Rusher: Sullivan—244 atts. for 760 yds., 3.1 avg., and 11 TDs.
Passer: Gabriel—193 of 338, 57.1%, 1867 yds., 9 TDs and 12 Ints.
Receiver: Young—63 for 696 yds., 11.0 avg., and 3 TDs.

1974 Results (7-7)
3 St. Louis .................................. 7
13 *Dallas .................................... 10
30 *Baltimore .................................. 10
13 San Diego .................................. 7
35 *New York Giants ..................... 7
24 Dallas ..................................... 31
10 New Orleans ........................... 14
0 Pittsburgh ................................ 27
20 *Washington ............................ 27
3 *St. Louis ................................ 13
7 Washington ............................. 26
36 *Green Bay ............................. 14
20 New York Giants .................... 7
28 *Detroit .................................. 17
242 ........................................ 217

*—Home Games

MIAMI DOLPHINS  
Dec. 20—3:30 P.M.—Orange Bowl

The Administration
Managing General Partner—
Joseph Robbie
Head Coach and V.P.—Don Shula
Public Relations—
Charlie Callahan
Home Ph.: (305) 274-0563
Offices—330 Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, Fla. 33132
(305) 379-1851
Home Field—Orange Bowl
(75,385)

The Series
(Miami Leads, 3-2-1)
1966—Miami 24-7 (Miami)
Denver 17-7 (Denver)
1967—Miami 35-21 (M)
1968—Denver 21-14 (D)
1969—Miami 27-21 (M)
1971—Tie, 10-10 (D)

1974 Leaders
Scorer: Yepremian—43-43 PATs, 8 of 14 FGs for 67 points.
Rusher: Csonka—197 for 749, 3.8 avg., 9 TDs.
Passer: Griese—152 of 253 for 60%, 1968 yds., 16 TDs, 15 Int.
Receiver: Moore, N.—37 for 605 yds., 16.4 avg., 2 TDs.

1974 Results (11-3)
24 New England .......................... 34
24 Buffalo .................................. 16
28 San Diego .............................. 21
21 *New York Jets ..................... 17
17 Washington ........................... 20
9 *Kansas City ............................ 3
17 *Baltimore .............................. 7
42 *Atlanta ................................ 7
21 New Orleans ......................... 0
35 *Buffalo ................................ 28
14 New York Jets ..................... 17
24 *Cincinnati ............................ 3
17 Baltimore ............................. 16
34 *New England ...................... 27
327 ........................................ 216

*—Home Games

1975 Schedule
Sept. 22—OAKLAND (Mon.)
Sept. 28—at New England
Oct. 5—at Green Bay
Oct. 12—PHILADELPHIA
Oct. 19—at New York Jets
Oct. 26—at Buffalo
Nov. 2—at Chicago
Nov. 9—NEW YORK JETS
Nov. 16—at Houston
Nov. 23—BALTIMORE
Dec. 1—NEW ENGLAND
(Mon.)
Dec. 7—BUFFALO
Dec. 14—at Baltimore
Dec. 20—DENVER (Sat.)

1975 Schedule
Sept. 21—NEW YORK GIANTS
Sept. 28—at Chicago
Oct. 5—WASHINGTON
Oct. 12—at Miami
Oct. 19—at St. Louis
Oct. 26—DALLAS
Nov. 3—LOS ANGELES (Mon.)
Nov. 9—ST. LOUIS
Nov. 16—at New York Giants
Nov. 23—at Dallas
Nov. 30—SAN FRANCISCO
Dec. 7—CINCINNATI
Dec. 14—at Denver
Dec. 21—at Washington
Did you know...

TOP INDIVIDUAL HONORS OF 1974

Otis Armstrong, RB — Pro Bowl, Seagram Seven Top Pro Football Player; Pro Football Weekly (Top Back); Pro Football Writers (All-NFL); Pro QB (All-NFL); Hartman Memorial Award (Top Bronco Offensive Player); AP (All-NFL); The Sporting News (All-AFC); UPI (All-AFC); NEA (All-NFL 2nd team)

Bobby Maples, C — Pro Football Writers (All-NFL 2nd team)

Ken Criter, LB-Spec. — Hartman Memorial Award (Top Bronco Specialist)

Bill Van Heusen, WR/P — Pro Football Writers (All-NFL 2nd Team)

Riley Odoms, TE — Pro Bowl; Pro Football Writers (All-NFL); AP (All-NFL); NEA (All-NFL); Pro Football Weekly (All-NFL); The Sporting News (All-AFC); Pro QB (All-AFC); UPI (All-AFC)

Tom Jackson, LB — Hartman Memorial Award (Top Bronco Defender)

Lyle Alzado, DE — Pro Quarterback (All-AFC)

Claudie Minor, T — Pro Football Weekly (All Rookie); UPI (All-Rookie)

BRONCO ROAD HOMES

Aug. 16—at New Orleans — Marriott
   (504) 581-1000

Aug. 30—at Chicago—Water Tower Hyatt House
   (312) 943-5600

Sept. 7—at San Francisco—Ricky’s Hyatt House
   (Palo Alto)—(415) 493-8000

Oct. 5—at Buffalo—Sheraton Inn-Buffalo East
   (716) 681-2400

Oct. 12—at Pittsburgh—Marriott
   (412) 922-8400

Oct. 26—at Kansas City—Crown Center
   (816) 474-4400

Nov. 16—at San Diego—PSA Islandia
   (714) 224-3541

Nov. 23—at Atlanta—Marriott
   (404) 659-6500

Dec. 8—at Oakland—Edgewater Hyatt House
   (415) 562-6100

Dec. 20—at Miami—Sonesta Beach
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INDIVIDUAL LEADERS — CAREER

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**Best average gain per attempt—8.00—Steve Tensi, 1970.**

**Highest average gain per completion—11.79—Marlin Briscoe, 1968.**

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**Best average gain per reception (20 or more receptions)—21.00—Bob Scarlittti, 1963.**

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11—Lionel Taylor, vs. Oakland, 11/24/73
12—Lionel Taylor, at Boston, 9/21/73
Most yards gained—
199—Lionel Taylor, vs. Buffalo, 11/17/73
172—Lionel Taylor, vs. Buffalo, 9/15/73
171—Lionel Taylor, at Los Angeles, 12/10/73
Most touchdown receptions—
3—Haven Moses, at Houston, 10/14/73
3—Bob Scarpitto, at Buffalo, 12/18/73
3—Lionel Taylor, vs. Buffalo, 11/27/73

PUNTING
Most punts—
12—Bob Scarpitto, at Oakland, 9/10/73
Most punting average (4 or more punts)—
53.75—Bob Scarpitto, vs. San Diego, 10/22/73
Longest punt—
78—Bill Van Heusen, vs. Dallas, 12/2/73
75—Jim Fraser, at Oakland, 10/14/73
73—Jim Fraser, vs. Boston, 11/11/73
72—Bob Scarpitto, vs. Boston, 9/3/73
72—Bob Scarpitto, vs. San Diego, 10/22/73

PUNT RETURNS
Most punt returns—
7—Bill Thompson, at K.C., 10/6/73
4—Floyd Little, at Kansas City, 11/6/73
3—Bill Thompson, vs. San Diego, 10/14/73
3—Floyd Little, at Boston, 11/3/73
3—Al Frazier, at Buffalo, 11/19/73
Most yards, punt returns—
105—Bill Thompson, at K.C., 10/6/73
102—Floyd Little, at New York, 12/3/73
99—Bill Thompson, vs. Kansas City, 11/6/72
90—Floyd Little, at Houston, 11/17/73
Longest scoring punt return—
75—Bob Scarpitto, vs. San Diego, 10/22/73
72—Floyd Little, at New York, 12/13/73
67—Floyd Little, at Houston, 11/17/73
Longest non-scoring punt return—
60—Bill Thompson, at K.C., 10/6/73
55—Al Frazier, vs. Boston, 12/13/73
54—Charlie Mitchell, at Buffalo, 9/20/74

KICKOFF RETURNS
Most kickoff returns—
7—Odel Barry, at Kansas City, 11/1/73
6—Randy Montgomery, at San Diego, 9/24/73
5—Fifteen players
Most yards, kickoff returns—
201—Randy Montgomery, at San Diego, 9/24/73
183—Floyd Little, at Miami, 9/1/73
161—Al Frazier, vs. Kansas City, 9/7/73
161—Al Frazier, at Kansas City, 9/10/73
Longest scoring kickoff return—
100—Goldie Sellers, vs. Houston, 10/24/73
100—Nemiah Wilson, at Kansas City, 10/28/73
Longest non-scoring kickoff return—
89—Floyd Little, vs. Oakland, 11/1/73
88—Randy Montgomery, at Oakland, 10/21/73
77—Lew Scott, vs. Kansas City, 10/25/73

FUMBLE RETURNS
Longest scoring fumble return—
80—Bill Thompson, vs. Oakland, 10/22/73
69—Bud McFadin, vs. New York, 11/22/73

PASS INTERCEPTIONS
Most passes intercepted—
4—Willie Brown, vs. New York, 11/15/73
4—Geoff Gonsoulin, at Buffalo, 9/18/73
Most yards, interceptions returned—
91—Willie Brown, vs. New York, 11/15/73
70—Nemiah Wilson, at Kansas City, 12/17/73
70—Leroy Moore, at Boston, 11/20/73
Longest scoring interception return—
70—Nemiah Wilson, vs. Kansas City, 12/17/73
65—Nemiah Wilson, vs. San Diego, 11/17/73
Longest non-scoring interception return—
70—Leroy Moore, at Boston, 11/20/73
65—Buddy Alliston, at Buffalo, 9/18/73

SCORING
Most touchdowns scored—
3—Oris Armstrong, vs. Houston, 12/8/73
3—Jon Keyworth, vs. K.C., 11/18/73
3—Floyd Little, at Cincinnati, 9/15/73
3—Haven Moses, at Houston, 10/14/73
3—Floyd Little, vs. Minnesota, 10/13/73
3—Bob Scarpitto, vs. Buffalo, 12/18/73
3—Don Storie, at San Diego, 11/4/73
2—Lionel Taylor, at Buffalo, 11/27/73
Most kicking conversions attempted—
6—Jim Turner, at Houston, 10/14/73 (made all six)
6—Jim Turner, vs. New England, 12/17/73 (made all six)
5—Jim Turner, at Houston, 12/8/73 (made five)
5—Jim Turner, vs. Pittsburgh, 9/22/74 (made five)
3—Bob Scarpitto, at Boston, 9/15/73 (made five)
3—Bob Scarpitto, at Buffalo, 12/18/73 (made five)
2—Gary Kroner, at Buffalo, 11/23/73 (made five)
1—Gene Mingo, four times (made all 4 four times)
4—Jim Turner, at San Diego, 12/10/73

Most field goals attempted—
7—Gene Mingo, vs. San Diego, 10/6/73
5—Gene Mingo, vs. San Diego, 10/6/73

Most field goals made—
5—Gene Mingo, vs. San Diego, 10/6/73

Largest field goal—
53—Bob Scarpitto, vs. San Diego, 12/13/73
52—Gene Mingo, vs. San Diego, 10/6/73
51—Bob Scarpitto, at Oakland, 11/28/73

Most points scored—
21—Gene Mingo, at Los Angeles, 12/10/73
20—Bob Scarpitto, at Buffalo, 12/18/73
19—Gene Mingo, at San Diego, 10/6/73

Best percentage kicking conversions—
1,000—Jim Turner, 1973 (40 of 40)
1,000—Jim Turner, 1972 (37 of 37)
1,000—Gene Mingo, 1973 (50 of 50)
1,000—Gary Kroner, 1966 (50 of 50)

Best field goal percentage—
1,000—Gary Kroner, 1966 (50 of 50)

TEAM RECORDS — SINGLE GAME

SCORING
Most points scored—
50—Vs. San Diego, 10/6/63
48—At Houston, 10/14/73
45—Vs. New England, 12/17/73
44—At New York, 11/22/73

Largest margin of victory—
37—Vs. Oakland, 10/5/62 (44-7)
28—At Houston, 10/14/73
25—Vs. buffalo, 11/24/69 (52-27)
23—At Cleveland, 10/24/71 (27-0)

Most points, one half—
33—Vs. San Diego, 10/6/63
32—Vs. New York, 11/22/62

Most points, one quarter—
26—At New York, 12/3/67
24—Vs. San Diego, 10/6/63
24—Vs. Buffalo, 11/27/66

TOTAL OFFENSE
Most total plays—
94—Vs. Boston, 12/3/61

Most yards, total offense—
525—Vs. K.C., 11/18/74
505—Vs. San Diego, 9/15/72
492—At Houston, 11/6/70

Highest average gain per play—
8.36—Vs. San Diego, 9/7/62

RUSHING OFFENSE
Most rushes—
57—At Cleveland, 10/24/71
55—Vs. San Diego, 10/17/71
50—At New York Jets, 10/28/73

Most yards rushing—
298—At Oakland, 12/2/73
250—At Cleveland, 10/24/71
272—At Cincinnati, 10/19/69

Best average gain per rush—
6.68—Vs. Dallas, 10/30/60
FORWARD PASSING OFFENSE

Most passes attempted—
56—At Buffalo, 9/15/62
56—At Boston, 9/21/62

Most passes completed—
32—At Houston, 12/20/64
32—Vs. K.C., 11/19/64
31—Vs. Houston, 11/6/60

Most passes had intercepted—
8—At Houston, 12/2/62
6—At San Diego, 9/24/62
6—Vs. Buffalo, 11/19/61
6—At Houston, 11/25/61
6—At Green Bay (Milwaukee), 9/26/61

Most yards passing—
459—Vs. K.C., 11/18/64
428—At Buffalo, 9/15/62
396—At Oakland, 10/22/62
384—Vs. San Diego, 9/17/62

Best completion percentage (10 or more passes)—
.705—Vs. Cincinnati, 12/14/69 (13 of 17)
.708—At Houston, 12/8/64 (15 of 21)
.728—At Oakland, 10/22/67 (21 of 29)
.722—At San Diego, 11/23/69 (26 of 36)

Most touchdown passes—
5—Vs. Buffalo, 10/28/62
4—Vs. Pittsburgh, 9/22/64
4—At Houston, 10/14/64
4—Vs. Buffalo, 11/24/64
4—Vs. Boston, 10/23/64
4—Vs. Cleveland, 11/3/63

Most times Denver passers thrown for losses—
11—Vs. Buffalo, 12/13/64
11—Vs. Oakland, 11/5/67

Most yards lost attempting to pass—
95—Vs. Oakland, 11/5/67
64—Vs. Buffalo, 12/13/64

FIRST DOWNS

Most first downs—
34—Vs. K.C., 11/10/64
28—Vs. San Diego, 9/7/62
27—Vs. Houston, 12/8/64
27—At K.C., 12/8/63

Most first downs rushing—
16—At Boston, 9/24/65
16—At Oakland, 10/1/65

Most first downs passing—
25—Vs. K.C., 11/24/64

Most first downs penalties—
6—Vs. Houston, 1/27/64

PUNTING

Most punts—
12—Vs. Cincinnati, 10/6/68

Best punting average—(4 or more)
53.75—Vs. San Diego, 10/27/67

PUNT RETURNS

Most punt returns—
8—At K.C., 10/6/67
8—At Buffalo, 9/20/67

Most yards, punt returns—
126—At New York, 12/3/67

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most kickoff returns—
10—Vs. Boston, 10/4/64
10—At S.D., 12/22/63

Most yards, kickoff returns—
289—Vs. Buffalo, 11/24/64
289—Vs. Kansas City, 9/7/63

FUMBLES

Most fumbles—
6—At Oakland, 11/6/66
6—Vs. Kansas City, 10/10/66
6—Vs. Los Angeles, 10/16/60
6—At Boston, 9/21/62

Most fumbles lost—
5—Vs. Chicago, 9/30/73

PENALTIES

Most penalties, number—
14—at New York Jets, 10/28/63

Most yards penalized—
130—Vs. New York, 11/2/62
122—At New York Jets, 10/27/63
122—At Oakland, 11/9/69

Fewest yards penalized—
0—Vs. Kansas City, 11/21/67
0—At Boston, 9/21/62
0—Vs. Buffalo, 11/27/60

POOREST OFFENSE RECORDS

Fewest yards, total offense—
—5—At Oakland, 9/10/67
25—At Houston, 9/23/66

Fewest yards, rushing offense—
—13—At Oakland, 10/22/67

Fewest yards, passing offense—
—53—At Oakland, 9/10/67
—7—At Houston, 9/23/66

Fewest first downs—
0—At Houston, 9/10/67
3—At Oakland, 9/10/67

TEAM RECORDS — SINGLE GAME DEFENSE

TOTAL DEFENSE

Fewest plays allowed—
40—Vs. San Diego, 10/5/63

Fewest yards allowed—
60—At Cleveland, 10/24/67
70—Vs. Chicago, 12/5/67
34—Vs. San Diego, 11/9/69

Lowest yield per play—
1.12—Vs. Chicago, 12/5/67
1.25—Vs. San Diego, 12/12/69

RUSHING DEFENSE

Fewest rushes allowed—
11—At New York, 12/3/67
14—At New York Jets, 10/28/63

Fewest yards allowed—
0—At Kansas City, 12/19/65
31—Vs. Pittsburgh, 9/27/67

Lowest yield per rush—
0.00—At Kansas City, 12/19/65
0.64—Vs. Pittsburgh, 9/27/67
1.47—Vs. Cincinnati, 12/14/69

FORWARD PASSING DEFENSE

Fewest attempts by opponents—
14—At Kansas City, 11/27/69
14—At Houston, 11/20/60

Fewest completions by opponents—
5—Vs. Dallas, 10/8/61
5—At Green Bay, 9/26/61

Fewest yards passing allowed—
7—Vs. Chicago, 12/5/67
18—At Kansas City, 12/6/67
33—Vs. Kansas City, 10/4/70

Lowest percentage of opponents' passes completed—
.226—Vs. Chicago, 12/5/67
.259—At Cleveland, 10/24/67

Most opponents' passes intercepted—
4—Vs. Boston, 9/13/67
6—At Houston, 11/14/66
6—Vs. New York, 11/15/64
6—At Buffalo, 9/18/60

Most yards interceptions returned—
179—At Buffalo, 9/18/60
179—Vs. Oakland, 10/5/62

Most times opponent passers thrown for losses—
10—At Cincinnati, 10/19/69
9—Vs. Buffalo, 11/19/61
9—Vs. Chicago, 12/5/71

Most yards lost by opponents attempting to pass—
75—Vs. New York, 11/15/64
75—Vs. Kansas City, 10/4/70

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest first downs allowed—
6—At Cleveland, 10/24/71
6—Vs. Oakland, 11/20/66
8—At Buffalo, 9/20/67
8—At Kansas City, 12/16/70

FUMBLES

Most opponents' fumbles—
7—Vs. Buffalo, 12/13/64
6—At Boston, 11/26/60
5—At Oakland, 10/14/62
5—At Buffalo, 12/13/64
5—At Oakland, 10/14/62
PENALTIES
Most yards opponents penalized—
140—At Houston, 10/26/69
132—Vs. Chicago, 9/30/73
Fewest yards opponents penalized—
0—At Oakland, 12/19/71
5—At Houston, 9/3/66
5—Vs. Boston, 11/11/62

SCORING
Fewest points allowed—
0—At Cleveland, 10/24/71
0—Vs. San Diego, 11/2/69
3—Vs. Chicago, 12/5/71

OPPONENTS TEAM RECORDS — SINGLE GAME

TOTAL OFFENSE
Most total plays—
93—Pittsburgh, 9/22/74 (OT)
87—At Baltimore, 11/10/74
85—At Oakland, 12/17/70

Most yards, total offense—
684—At Oakland, 10/25/64

Best average gain per play—
10.30—San Diego, 10/5/63

RUSHING OFFENSE
Most rushes—
52—Chicago, 9/30/73
50—Dallas, 10/8/61

Most yards rushing—
380—Kansas City, 10/23/66
272—At San Diego, 10/18/64
271—At Dallas, 11/15/60

Best average gain per rush—
9.27—Kansas City, 10/20/66

FORWARD PASSING OFFENSE
Most passes attempted—
62—At New York, 12/3/67
56—Houston, 10/17/65
52—Buffalo, 9/19/65

Most passes completed—
31—Vs. Pittsburgh, 9/22/74 (OT)
25—At New York, 12/3/67
25—At Oakland, 10/25/64
24—Houston, 10/21/62
24—Vs. Houston, 11/16/69

Most passes had Intercepted—
6—Boston, 9/3/67
6—At Houston, 11/14/65
6—New York, 11/15/64
6—At Buffalo, 9/18/60

Most yards passing—
427—At Oakland, 10/25/64
399—New York, 9/24/67

Best completion percentage—
.813—At Atlanta, 11/12/72
.778—At Houston, 10/14/73

Most touchdown passes—
8—At Kansas City, 11/1/64
5—Nine teams

FIRST DOWNS
Most first downs—
29—Vs. Pittsburgh, 9/22/74 (OT)
29—At Oakland, 10/25/64
29—At Oakland, 12/17/60

Most first downs rushing—
16—Vs. Pittsburgh, 9/22/74 (OT)
16—Houston, 11/12/67
15—At San Diego, 11/29/69

Most first downs passing—
21—San Diego, 12/1/68
19—Three teams

Most first downs penalties—
6—Miami, 12/4/66
6—At Oakland, 11/9/69

PUNT RETURNS
Most yards punt returns—
148—At Oakland, 9/10/67
142—At New York, 9/24/61

KICKOFF RETURNS
Most kickoff returns—
9—At Houston, 10/14/73
9—At San Diego, 12/9/73

Most yards kickoff returns—
208—At Kansas City, 10/8/66

FUMBLES
Most fumbles—
7—Buffalo, 12/13/64
6—At Boston, 11/6/66

Most fumbles lost—
5—At Boston, 11/6/66
5—At Oakland, 10/14/62
5—Buffalo, 12/13/64

OPPONENTS INDIVIDUAL—SINGLE GAME—SINGLE PLAY

TOTAL OFFENSE
Most total plays—
60—Joe Namath, at New York, 12/3/67
54—George Blanda, Houston, 10/17/65
53—Jack Kemp, Buffalo, 9/19/65

Most yards gained—
448—Len Dawson, at Kansas City, 11/1/64
419—Cotton Davidson, at Oakland, 10/25/64

Best average gain per play (10 or more plays)—
21.62—Jacky Lee, at Houston, 11/20/60
18.55—Len Dawson, Kansas City, 9/7/63

RUSHING OFFENSE
Most rushes—
27—Abner Haynes, Dallas, 10/30/60
26—Four players

Most yards rushing—
183—Paul Lowe, at San Diego, 12/22/63
169—Mike Garrett, Kansas City, 12/17/67

Best average gain per rush (9 or more rushes)—
12.50—Abner Haynes, at Miami, 9/17/67
11.58—Ed Podolak, at Kansas City, 12/6/60

Longest scoring run—
69—Curtis McClinton, at Dallas, 12/19/62
66—Paul Lowe, at San Diego, 12/22/63

LONGEST PASSING OFFENSE
Most passes attempted—
60—Joe Namath, at New York, 12/3/67
54—George Blanda, Houston, 10/17/65

Most passes completed—
31—Joe Gilliam, Pittsburgh, 9/22/74 (OT)
24—Joe Namath, at New York, 12/3/67
24—George Blanda, Houston, 10/21/62

Most passes had Intercepted—
6—George Blanda, at Houston, 11/14/65
6—Babe Parilli, Boston, 9/3/67

Most yards passing—
435—Len Dawson, at Kansas City, 11/11/64
427—Cotton Davidson, at Oakland, 10/25/64

Best completion percentage (10 or more passes)—
.813—Bob Barry, Atlanta, 11/26/72

Most touchdown passes—
6—Len Dawson, at Kansas City, 11/14/64

Longest scoring pass play—
92—Len Dawson—Tom Brooker, Dallas, 11/5/64
92—Jacky Lee—Bill Groman, at Houston, 12/20/60

LONGEST NON-SCORING PASS PLAY
77—Tom Flores—Art Powell, Oakland, 11/29/64
76—Warren Rabb—Cookie Gilchrist, Buffalo, 10/28/62

PASS RECEIVING
Most pass receptions—
12—Ed Podolak, at Kansas City, 10/7/73
12—Art Powell, New York, 10/22/61

Most yards, pass receptions—
215—Three teams, at Kansas City, 12/19/65
211—Lance Alworth, at San Diego, 1/9/66

Most touchdown receptions—
4—Lance Alworth, San Diego, 12/1/68
3—Eight players
PUNTING

Longest punt—
89—Steve O'Neal, New York, 9/21/69
87—Bob Scarpetto, Boston, 9/29/68

PUNT RETURNS

Most yards, punt returns—
137—Rodger Bird, at Oakland, 9/10/67
137—Dick Christy, at New York, 9/24/61

Longest scoring punt return—
82—Bobby Janckl, at Houston, 12/20/64
71—Willie Mitchell, at Kansas City, 12/19/65

Longest non-scoring punt return—
72—Greg Pruit, at Cleveland, 10/27/74
65—Emmitt Thomas, at Kansas City, 10/8/66
63—Dick Christy, New York, 10/22/61

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most yards, kickoff returns—
164—Dave Grayson, Kansas City, 10/11/64
152—Leslie Duncan, San Diego, 11/27/66

Longest scoring kickoff return—
106—Noland Smith, Kansas City, 12/17/67
99—Dave Grayson, Kansas City, 9/7/63

Longest non-scoring kickoff return—
80—Dave Grayson, Kansas City, 10/11/64
70—Ron Smith, at San Diego, 12/9/73

PASS INTERCEPTIONS

Most passes intercepted—
3—Joe Beauchamp, at San Diego, 9/24/72
3—Ken Ellis, at Green Bay, 9/26/71
3—Charlie Warren, Buffalo, 9/19/65
3—Bobby Pyle, at Dallas, 12/5/62
3—Jim Norton, at Houston, 12/22/62
3—Johnny Robinson, at Kansas City, 12/6/70

Most yards interceptions returned—
99—Bobby Hunt, at Kansas City, 12/8/63
95—Joe Beauchamp, at San Diego, 9/24/72
87—Ron Hal, at Boston, 9/18/66

Longest scoring interception return—
80—Coy Bacon, San Diego, 11/11/73
68—Aaron Brown, Kansas City, 10/3/71
68—Gus Otto, Oakland, 11/21/65

SCORING

Most touchdowns—
4—Lance Alworth, San Diego, 12/1/68
4—Bert Coan, Kansas City, 10/23/66
4—Frank Jackson, at Dallas, 12/10/61

Most field goals—
6—Gino Cappelletti, Boston, 10/4/64
5—Bruce Gossett, San Francisco, 9/23/73

Longest field goal—
57—Don Cockroft, Cleveland, 10/29/72
55—Jan Stenerud, Kansas City, 10/9/69
54—Jan Stenerud, Kansas City, 10/5/69
54—George Fleming, at Oakland, 10/1/61

Most points scored—
24—Lance Alworth, San Diego, 12/9/68
24—Bert Coan, Kansas City, 10/23/66
24—Frank Jackson, at Dallas, 12/10/61

BOTH TEAMS — GAME

PUNTING

Most points scored—
91—New York 46, Denver 45, 11/22/62
88—At Kansas City 49, Denver 39, 11/11/64

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most total plays—
196—Denver 57, Pittsburgh 93, 9/22/74 (OT)
150—Denver 57, Buffalo 74, 11/27/60

Most yards gained—
1108—Denver 347, at San Diego 581, 10/20/66
939—Denver 492, Houston 447, 11/6/66
896—Denver 532, K.C. 364, 11/18/74
867—Denver 347, at Kansas City 520, 11/1/64
867—Denver 233, at Oakland 634, 10/25/64

RUSHING OFFENSE

Most rushing—
80—Denver 43, Detroit 37, 11/7/71
80—Denver 47, Kansas City 33, 10/10/65
80—Denver 46, at New York 23, 9/23/60
80—Denver 51, Buffalo 49, 11/27/60

Most yards gained—
431—Denver 203, Detroit 228, 11/7/71
420—Denver 292, at Oakland 128, 11/24/74
406—Denver 28, Kansas City 380, 10/20/66
395—Denver 196, Buffalo 199, 10/28/65
392—Denver 181, at San Diego 211, 10/20/68

FORWARD PASSING OFFENSE

Most yards passing—
705—Denver 321, at San Diego 387, 10/20/68
652—Denver 259, at Kansas City 383, 11/11/64

Most passes attempted—
97—Denver 53, at Houston 44, 12/2/62
94—Denver 42, Buffalo 52, 9/19/65

Most passes completed—
53—Denver 35, at Houston 18, 12/20/64
51—Denver 32, K.C. 19, 11/18/74
50—Denver 26, Houston 24, 10/21/62

Most passes had intercepted—
9—Denver 3, Green Bay 6, 9/26/71
13—Denver 8, at Houston 5, 12/2/62
9—Denver 3, at Houston 6, 11/14/65
9—Denver 6, at Houston 3, 11/26/61

Most touchdown passes—
8—Denver 3, San Diego 5, 12/1/68
8—Denver 3, San Diego 5, 10/20/68
8—Denver 2, at Kansas City 6, 11/11/64
8—Denver 3, San Diego 5, 10/6/62
8—Denver 3, New York 5, 11/22/62

FUMBLES

Most fumbles—
12—Denver 6, at Boston 6, 11/6/66
12—Denver 5, Buffalo 7, 12/13/64

Most fumbles lost—
10—Denver 5, at Boston 5, 11/6/66
7—Three games

PENALTIES

Most yards penalized—
201—Denver 90, Oakland 111, 11/29/64
200—Denver 100, Chicago 100, 12/8/71

Fewest yards penalized—
25—Denver 5, Dallas 20, 10/30/60
26—Denver 10, at Houston 16, 10/11/67

FIRST DOWNS

Most first downs—
58—Denver 34, K.C. 24, 11/18/74
53—Denver 29, Pittsburgh 33, 9/22/74 (OT)
50—Denver 29, at San Diego 27, 9/21/69
50—Denver 27, at Kansas City 23, 12/8/63
50—Denver 26, Houston 24, 11/6/60

Fewest first downs—
12—Denver 7, Kansas City 8, 12/5/70
16—Denver 10, Oakland 6, 11/20/66
20—Denver 7, Buffalo 13, 12/13/64

DEFENSIVE RECORDS

Fewest points scored—
9—Denver 6, Chicago 3, 12/5/71
13—Denver 13, San Diego 0, 11/2/69
16—Denver 0, Kansas City 16, 12/5/70
16—Denver 6, at Houston 10, 10/11/67
17—Denver 10, Cincinnati 7, 10/6/68

Fewest yards, total offense—
262—Denver 24, Oakland 160, 11/20/66
290—Denver 224, Chicago 66, 12/15/71

Fewest yards, rushing offense—
91—Denver 39, at Houston 52, 12/2/62
100—Denver 82, Pittsburgh 18, 9/27/70
104—Denver 44, at Houston 60, 11/26/64

Fewest yards, passing offense—
47—Denver 54, Chicago 7, 12/5/71
88—Denver 70, Kansas City 18, 12/6/70
115—Denver 52, New York 104, 11/15/64
125—Denver 31, Oakland 94, 11/20/66
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Historical Highlights

1959
August 14 — First American Football League organizational meeting held in Chicago. Denver, with Bob Howsam as its principal owner, named as a charter member along with New York, Dallas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Houston.
November 22 — First player selection draft held through 32 rounds.
Denver's first pick is Roger LeClerc, center, Trinity.
November 30 — Joe Foss named American Football League Commissioner.
December 1 — Dean Griffing named general manager of the Broncos.
December 2 — Second player selection draft of 20 rounds held.

1960
January 1 — Frank Filchock named first head coach of the Broncos.
January 30 — Denver placed in AFL's western division with Dallas, Oakland and Los Angeles.
Spring — Frank Tripucka and Chuck Gavin, with Canadian experience, and NFL veteran, Bud McFadin, coming out of retirement, join squad. Also joining squad is unknown Gene Mingo, without experience, who later proves to be one of the game's great placekickers.
June 9 — AFL signs five-year television contract with the American Broadcasting Company.
July — First Bronco training camp opens at Colorado School of Mines.
July 29 — First intra-squad game played at Colorado School of Mines.
September 9 — After losing all five pre-season games, the Broncos become the first AFL victor when they defeat the Patriots in Boston in history's first AFL game, 33-20. Attendance—21,597.
September 13 — Lionel Taylor, a cut of the Chicago Bears, plays first game for Broncos in New York. He is destined to become one of the league's greatest pass receivers.
October 2 — Broncos play first home game in Bears Stadium, defeat Oakland, 31-24, in front of crowd of 18,372.
November 27 — Broncos, down 38-7 late in the third quarter, stage historic 31-point rally to tie Buffalo, 38-38.
December — Offensive End Lionel Taylor, Defensive Tackle Bud McFadin and Safety Goose Gonsoulin all named to first official all-AFL team.

1961
May 26 — Bob and Lee Howsam, original principal owners of the Broncos, sell their stock to a new syndicate headed by Cal Kunz and Gerry Phipps.
June 1 — Cal Kunz named president and operating head of Empire Sports.
December — Lionel Taylor sets professional record with 100 pass receptions for season. Taylor and Bud McFadin named to all-AFL team.
December — Frank Filchock released as Broncos head coach.

1962
February 1 — Jack Faulkner hired as Broncos head coach.
July 1 — Dean Griffing released as Broncos general manager. Faulkner named to dual post as head coach and general manager.
July — Public burning ceremonies of Broncos' notorious vertically striped socks at Broncos' intra-squad game.
August 24 — Broncos defeat Dallas Texans, 27-24, in Fort Worth in first overtime game played by the Broncos. It was also Denver's first win over the Texans.
September 7 — Broncos open regular season with 31-21 win over defending western division champion San Diego before turnaway crowd at D.U. stadium.
October 21 — Broncos defeat Houston, 20-10, before 34,496 at Bears Stadium. Season record upped to 6-1 with win.
December — Jack Faulkner named coach of the year in AFL. Gene Mingo set professional field goal record of 27 in a season. Eldon Danenhauer, Lionel Taylor, Goose Gonsoulin and Bob Zeman named to the official all-AFL team.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS, DENVER BRONCOS

Continued

1963
July 18 — Bronco rookies defeat Houston rookies, 17-14, before 6500 in Colorado Springs in first pro rookie game ever played.
August — Charlie Mitchell, Tom Janik and Tom Nomina, all future Broncos, play in College All-Star game in Chicago.
September 16 — Frank Tripucka retires.
October 13 — John McCormick injured in Houston game. Will not play again until the 1965 season.
Season — Fourteen rookies play regularly as Broncos start a youth rebuilding program. Tops among the rookies are Mickey Slaughter, Billy Joe, Charlie Mitchell, Willie Brown and Hewitt Dixon.
December — Billy Joe named AFL rookie of the year. Goose Gonsoulin only Bronco to make the all-AFL team. Lionel Taylor wins fourth straight pass receiving title.

1964
January 29 — AFL signs five-year television contract with the National Broadcasting Company for a record $36,000,000.
August — Matt Starton and Ray Kubala, Bronco signees, play in College All-Star game.
August 14 — Broncos obtained quarterback Jacky Lee from Houston in unique 'lend-lease' trade for Bud McFadin, No. 1 draft choice and cash.
September 12 — Jets and Broncos open the regular season in New York's Shea Stadium before a then record crowd of 53,190 (45,665 paid).
October 4 — Jack Faulkner released as head coach.
October 5 — Mac Speedie accepts appointment as interim head coach.
October 11 — Broncos win first game under Mac Speedie by defeating Kansas City, 33-27.
December 12 — Mac Speedie named head coach.
December — Jim Fraser wins third straight punting title. Willie Brown named to all-AFL team. Broncos sign high draft choices Bob Breitenstein (Tulsa) and Gerry Buswell (Georgia Tech), both No. 1 picks of NFL teams.

1965
January 16 — AFL meeting in Houston. Cal Kunz gives first public indication that all may not be well with Broncos franchise in Denver.
January 27 — Broncos obtain Abner Haynes, all-time AFL rushing leader, in trade with Kansas City for Jim Fraser.
February 11 — Fight to retain control of franchise breaks into public focus. Gerald and Alan Phipps are pitted against 'Voting Trust' made up of six principal Empire Sports stockholders and headed by Cal Kunz.
February 15 — Gerald and Alan Phipps purchase 52 percent of the stock of Empire Sports, thus giving them virtually 100 percent ownership and saving the Broncos franchise for Denver.
February 16 — Fabulous season ticket drive begins with sale of 143 season tickets, a Denver record at that time.
February 24 — Cookie Gilchrist, gridiron great, obtained from Buffalo in a trade for Billy Joe.
March 5 — Record sale of 941 season tickets in one day.
April — Setting a new record of $20,000,000 sales reached. Figure to reach 22,000 by May 1.
May 17 — Alan Phipps named president of Empire Sports, Inc. Gerry Phipps re-named Chairman of the Board. Richard S. Kitchen, Sr., and Robert T. Person named to the board of directors.
May 29 — Jim Burris, Bears general manager, named executive vice-president of Empire Sports, Inc., a position carrying with it the duties normally associated with those of a football general manager.
August 20 — Jim Burris added to the board of directors of Empire Sports, Inc.
HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS, DENVER BRONCOS
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October 3 — Broncos defeat New York, 16-13, before a then over-
flow crowd of 34,998.
December 12 — Lionel Taylor makes the 500th catch of his career in
game against Boston to become the first AFL player to top this
figure.
December 12 — Broncos conclude home season with total attendance
of 219,786, an average of 31,398 per game. Both the total and
average attendance were American Football League western divi-
sion records. Six of seven home crowds topped the 30,000 mark.
December — Tackle Eldon Danenhauer, Split End Lionel Taylor and
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the Broncos more all-star players on their offensive unit than any
other AFL team. John Bramlett named second in rookie of the
year voting in at least two polls. Lionel Taylor wins fifth pass
receiving crown and Abner Haynes wins league kickoff return
championship.

1966

February 1 — Record early-season ticket sale passes 15,000 for the
1966 season.
March — Governor Love signs into law legislative act creating a metropo-
nolitan stadium district. Voters of a four-county metropolitan
region will vote on building a multi-million dollar all-purpose metropo-
nolitan stadium before March, 1967. One of provisions of the
bill is that major potential tenants of the stadium, including the
Denver Bears and Denver Broncos, must sign a 10-year lease be-
fore the stadium bill goes to a public vote. Bronco owners Gerry
and Allan Phipps will agree to this stipulation, thus assuring the
permanency of the Bronco franchise in Denver with the passage of
the stadium bill by the voters.
June 8—Merger of American and National Leagues announced. Season
ticket sales surge as enthusiastic fans crowd box office.
July 9 — Fred Forsberg and Pat Matson play in Coaches' All-America
game in Atlanta.
September 19 — Ray Malavasi named Head Coach of the Broncos, re-
placing Mac Speedie, who resigned the previous day.
October 2 — Broncos defeat Houston 40-38 on a 46-yard field goal
by Gary Kroner in last 27 seconds of game for first victory of
1966 season.
November 6 — Broncos stage upset victory (17-10) over Eastern Di-
vision leader Boston in last 11 seconds with spectacular 65-yard
scoring pass from quarterback Max Chobohan to Al Denson.
December — Tackle John Bramlett, Goose Gonsoulin, Bob Scarpetto and Jerry
Sturm chosen to play in AFL All-Star contest in January.
December 19 — Lou Saban signs a 10-year contract as General Man-
ger and Head Coach of the Denver Broncos.

1967

January — Broncos acquire defensive tackle Dave Costa from Buffalo
for a draft choice.
February — Gerald Phipps named Chairman of American Football
League Executive Committee.
March 1 — Broncos move to new suburban executive offices with ad-
jacent practice facility and locker room facilities for both pre-season
and regular season training.
March 7 — Metropolitan Denver voters turn down stadium bond issue,
but Bronco fans immediately organize for fund raising drive to
improve Bears Stadium and keep Broncos in Denver.
May 17 — Floyd Little, Denver's No. 1 draft choice, signs with
Broncos. Little becomes the first No. 1 choice to sign with
Denver in the history of club.
May 24 — Cincinnati awarded 10th American Football League fran-
chise. Will begin play in 1968.
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championship.

1968

January — Flanker Al Denson, defensive tackle Dave Costa, center
Larry Kaminski and cornerback Nemiah Wilson participate in AFL
All-Star game. Lou Saban and staff coach the West stars.
February — Civic drive to raise $1.8 million ends successfully and City
of Denver receives stadium as a gift after purchase of the facility
from Empire Sports, Inc. by non-profit group. Construction begins
on 16,000 seat upper deck that will raise capacity to 50,000 for
1968 season.
September 21 — Broncos move into new administrative building at
7500 Logan Street.
September 28 — Broncos set all-time season ticket sale with a 27,348
figure.
September — Denver will open 1969 home season in 50,000-seat
Bears Stadium.
October 13 — Broncos defeat eventual World Champions New York
Jets 21-13 in Shea Stadium before 62,052 fans.
November 10 — Denver sets all-time one-game home attendance
record by playing before capacity crowd of 50,002 against the
Oakland Raiders.
December 14 — Bears Stadium is officially renamed Denver Mile
High Stadium.

1969

January 19 — Dave Costa, Rich Jackson and Floyd Little participate in
AFL All-Star Game in Jacksonville, Florida.
April 1 — Lou Saban elected to Board of Directors of Empire Sports, Inc.
May 10 — Announcement by Commissioner Rozelle that Baltimore,
Cleveland and Pittsburgh of the National Football League will
join the American Conference of the National Football League in
1970.
May 13 — Broncos set all-time season ticket sale with figure of 27,413,
which is 65 more than the 1968 season sale. Figure is expected
to hit 30,000 before regular season opens.
September 21 — Denver Broncos win over 1969 World Champion
New York Jets (21-19).
September 21 — Denver sets all-time one-game home attendance rec-
ord by playing before capacity crowd of 50,583 against the
New York Jets.
October 19 — Little rushes for 166 yards against Cincinnati, at Cin-
cinnati . . . Top single game rushing effort by running back in
either league.
November 2 — Denver shuts out the San Diego Chargers at Denver
Mile High Stadium (13-0) . . . First shutout for Broncos in 10-
year history in AFL.
December — Floyd Little and Rich Jackson named to first team All
League.
December — Bill Thompson (rookie) tops AFL list in punt and kickoff
returns . . . First player in 10-year history of AFL to ever hold
both titles.
HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS, DENVER BRONCOS
(Continued)

1970
January — Lou Saban head coach of the North team in Senior Bowl at Mobile, Alabama. Game ended in 37-37 tie.

January 17 — Lou Saban head coach of victorious West team in All-Star game at Houston, Texas. (West 20, East 3.)

January 17 — Rich Jackson, Dave Costa, Floyd Little, Mike Current and George Goeddelke play in All-Star game on West team.

May 7 — Bobby Anderson, #1 draft choice in common draft held January 27, signs contract with Denver Broncos.

June 16 — Val Pinchbeck, Jr., Director of Public Relations for the Denver Broncos the last three years, appointed Assistant to the President of the American Football Conference in New York.

July — Season ticket sales continue to set a record. Approximately 41,000 were sold by first week in July. This is over 9,000 more than the 1969 season ticket sales which were 31,936.

September — Season ticket sale hits record number of 43,584.

September 27 — Broncos open home season before record Mile High Stadium crowd of 50,705 with 16-13 win over Steelers.

October 4 — Broncos win over defending World Champion Kansas City Chiefs, 26-13, to boost record to 3-0.

November 15 — Addition of north stand bleacher section enables new Mile High Stadium record of 50,959 to see Broncos lose narrow decision to Oakland, 24-19, in final two minutes of play.

November 22 — Second largest crowd ever to see Broncos in action on hand in New Orleans. Denver wins, 31-6, before 66,837.

December 20 — Record crowd of 51,001 for final game of season as Cleveland Browns stop Denver, 27-13.

December 20 — Floyd Little gains 44 yards to win American Conference rushing title with 901 yards. It was first rushing crown and first season Little played in all 14 games.

1971
January — Richard Jackson named to official National Football League all-star team.

January — Richard Jackson and Floyd Little make starting lineups for American Conference in first AFC-NFC Pro Bowl game.

January 25 — Veteran quarterback Steve Tensi announces retirement from professional football.

January 28 — Broncos get quarterback Don Horn from Green Bay in exchange for defensive end Alden Roche and an exchange of first-round draft positions.

March 26 — Veterans report to Broncos training camp for first off-season camp.

April 1 — Rockies and free agents report for four-day early camp.

April 19 — Marv Montgomery, Denver's number one draft choice, signs his 1971 contract.

May 12 — Broncos stop sale of season tickets at record 47,500.

September 19 — Broncos open season with 10-10 tie against eventual Super Bowl entry, Miami, before first of seven sell-out crowds at Mile High Stadium.

October 24 — Denver coach Lou Saban and Broncos down Cleveland 27-0, on same field Saban starred as All-Star Linebacker in Cleveland. It was first time Browns were shut-out since 1952. It was also to be Saban's last victory as Denver coach. Attendance was 75,674, largest crowd to date to view Denver.

November 17 — Lou Saban resigns as head coach of Broncos, a position he had held for five years. Offensive line coach Jerry Smith is named interim head coach. Saban, in December, resigns as General Manager to return to Buffalo Bills as head coach.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS, DENVER BRONCOS
(Continued)

December 19 — Floyd Little compiles 79 yards against Raiders in Oakland to finish as pro football's top runner with 1,133 yards. Little also becomes first Bronco to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season.

1972
January 5 — John Ralston, successful head coach at Stanford, is announced as Denver's new head coach. He also adds the title of General Manager.

February 28 — Broncos' Number One draft pick, Riley Odoms, TE, from Houston, inks multi-year contract.

March 16 — For the first time in the history of Denver professional football, there will be no public sale of season tickets, it is reported. Season ticket holders renewed 46,500 of the 47,500 available season tickets, and further exercised their option for 8,000 additional tickets, thus assuring Denver of its third straight year of sell-outs.

March 16 — Cal Poly at Pomona is reported to be the pre-season training site for the Broncos. Camp is to open July 19.

April 5 — Long-time Rocky Mountain Empire Sports employee Earl Harman dies of cancer. Hartman is Treasurer of Empire Sports and Business Manager of the Broncos at the time of his death.

July 19 — Broncos open summer camp at Cal Poly at Pomona (Calif.) as rookies report for physicals.

August 16 — Charley Johnson, NFL veteran quarterback, becomes a Bronco as Ralston trades third round choice to Houston. Johnson will become Denver's most accurate passer (.555) in the upcoming season.

August 27 — John Ralston gets first victory in pro ranks as Broncos come from behind to down San Francisco, 27-24, in pre-season action. Win came at right time as Denver had trained the previous week at Ralston's former place of employment, Stanford, in Palo Alto, Calif.

October 22 — Denver, 1-4 going into Raider game on West Coast, surprises Oakland with a 30-23 win, the first victory over the Raiders in a decade. Johnson completes 20 of 28 passes for 361 yards and two TDs.

October 29 — Floyd Little is given his "day" at Mile High Stadium before a sell-out crowd. In pre-game ceremonies, Little receives numerous gifts including a boat. However, Broncos are unable to whip Cleveland as Browns win, 27-20. Floyd's day was in honor of his winning NFL rushing championship in 1971.

November 12 — The L.A. Coliseum is the setting for the Broncos' 16-10 win over the Rams. A strong defense shut off the LA running game was the fourth largest crowd (65,998) ever to watch Broncos is on hand.

December 3 — Broncos lose 24-21 decision to Chiefs before 66,725, third largest crowd to view Denver.

December 10 — San Diego is on short end of 38-13 score played at Mile High Stadium with the temperature at kickoff reportedly nine degrees. This is the coldest kickoff ever for a Denver team.

December 17 — Denver whips New England, 45-21, to end season with 5-9 mark, good enough to escape the fourth spot in the AFC West. This victory also is first time Denver ends seasons with two consecutive wins, setting the stage for 1973.

1973
January 30 — Otis Armstrong, all-star running back from Purdue, is Denver's first round selection in annual draft. Armstrong carries several Big Ten rushing records with him.
HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS, DENVER BRONCOS
(Continued)

March 3—Season ticket holders renew 47,800 of 48,000 season tickets to assure Denver again of having no public sale of season ducats. Season ticket holders asked for additional 11,000 tickets — if they become available.

March 23—Otis Armstrong, Denver’s top choice in recent draft, signs with Broncos. He thus becomes the third number one choice of the Broncos to be in backfield. The others are Floyd Little and Bob Anderson.

July 17—With very few off-season trades under his belt, John Ralston returns his team to Pomona, Calif., to open pre-season camp.

September 16—Floyd Little scores three touchdowns as Denver downs Cincinnati to start the 1973 season—the year the Broncos become winners. The final tally of the Mile High Stadium encounter is 28-10.

October 14—After suffering three losses in the first four games, Denver needs a victory badly this afternoon in Houston. After the Oilers jump to a 20-10 edge in the first half, the Broncos offense gets going and Denver prevails, 48-20. Charley Johnson also becomes the 18th quarterback in pro football history to go over 20,000 yards lifetime as he connects for 214 yards plus three TDs to Haven Moses.

October 22—With “Orange Monday” banners waving, the Broncos perhaps play the most important game to date in the club’s history against Oakland on national television. Denver comes back to knot the contest, 23-23, on a 35-yard field goal by Jim Turner. This tie is described by many as the game the Broncos “turned the corner.”

November 25—Denver defeats Kansas City, 14-10, on two Charley Johnson to Haven Moses passes to take over first place in the AFC West with three games to go. The win moved the Broncos to 6-3-2—the six victories the second best mark ever for a Denver team to date.

December 9 — Denver 42, San Diego 28! The Broncos are winners at last, as Denver clinches the team’s seventh victory of the season, assuring the club of a winning year. Jim Turner contributed 16 points in San Diego.

December 16—A tie or loss would do no good in this afternoon’s game in Oakland. A win would give the Broncos the Western Division title in the AFC, but the Broncos lose 21-17.

1974

January—Four Broncos, Floyd Little, Haven Moses, Riley Odoms and Paul Smith, are invited to play in the Pro Bowl, giving Denver good representation.

In addition, John Ralston is named AFC Coach of the Year for guiding Denver to its first winning season ever. Odoms, incidentally, is named All-Pro by NEA.

Additional honors go to Charley Johnson on offense and Paul Smith on defense for being the team’s most valuable players as voted by their teammates. These two men are the 1973 winners of the Earl Hartman Memorial awards.

January 29-30—The Broncos draft with defense in mind as three of the team’s first four choices are defenders paced by Ohio State linebacker Randy Gradishar. Gradishar later signs a multi-year contract.

March 1—The Broncos announce a six-game pre-season schedule, the most games ever slated for the pre-season by Denver.

March—Only 165 of the 48,000 season tickets sold are not renewed for 1974. Denver then sells an additional 1,000, bringing the total number of season tickets sold to 49,000.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS, DENVER BRONCOS
(Continued)

April 18—The Denver Chamber of Commerce releases survey compiled by Dr. Charles P. Rahe at the University of Colorado. The report entitled, “Economic Impact of the Denver Broncos Football Organization on the Metropolitan Economy”, points out that, in 1973, over $6 million of new money was brought into the metro area by the Broncos.

1974

August 31 — The Broncos defeat the New England Patriots, 27-21, in Spokane, Wash. for the team’s fourth victory of the pre-season. This marks the most wins by a Denver team in pre-season.

September 10 — Denver voters pass a 25 million dollar bond issue to expand and improve Mile High Stadium to over 75,000 seats. The stadium was projected to be finished in time for the 1976 regular season. The expansion would come from double-decking the north stands and also the portable east stands.

September 22 — The Broncos and the Pittsburgh Steelers play in the first regular season overtime game as a 35-35 score was present at the end of regulation play. Neither team scored in the sudden death period.

November 28 — Before a television audience estimated at 35 million, the Broncos riddle the Detroit Lions 31-27 on Denver’s first Thanksgiving Day game in Detroit.

December 8 — Denver assurs itself of the team’s second consecutive winning season and Otis Armstrong sets a single game rushing mark of 183 yards as the Broncos down Houston, 37-14.

December 15 — Although Denver loses at San Diego, Otis Armstrong finishes the season with 1407 yards and the NFL rushing title becoming one of a half dozen players ever to average more than 100-yards per game in pro football.

1975

January — Otis Armstrong and Riley Odoms represent the Broncos in the annual Pro Bowl game in Miami, Fla. Additional honors go to Armstrong as he is voted the top offensive player on the team. Tom Jackson was voted the top Defender and Ken Criter the top Specialist.

Did you know...

HALF-TIME SCHEDULE (Tentative) — 1975

DR. JESS GERARDI — Director of Entertainment

Date        Game                Guest Performers
Aug. 9      Baltimore           Eldoradoans
Aug. 23     Houston             Blue Knights
Sept. 14    St. Louis           Casper Troopers
Sept. 21    Kansas City        Arvada High School Band
Sept. 29    Green Bay           USAFA Corps
Oct. 19     Cleveland           Dodge Corp, Special Show
Nov. 2      Oakland             Denver Public Schools
Nov. 9      Cincinnati          Fairview High School Band
Nov. 30     San Diego           Colorado State Univ. Band
Dec. 14     Philadelphia        Northglenn High School Band
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