

# GAME SUMMARY

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DATE September 5, 1976 DAY OF WEEK SUNDAY STARTING TIME 1:30 P.M.  
 VISITOR MINNESOTA VIKINGS VS. HOME DENVER BRONCOS AT MILE HIGH STADIUM  
 WEATHER Sunny TEMPERATURE 87° WIND AND DIRECTION North 3 miles  
 OFFICIALS REFEREE 7 Bell UMPIRE 89 Wells LINE JUDGE 9 Markbreit  
 LINESMAN 74 Dodez BACK JUDGE 25 Kelleher FIELD JUDGE 76 Merrifield

VISITOR				LINEUPS				HOME			
OFFENSE		DEFENSE		OFFENSE		DEFENSE		OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
WR	82 Lash	LE	81 Eller	WR	25 Moses	LE	79 Chavous	WR	78 Montgomery	LT	68 Carter
LT	78 Riley	LT	69 Sutherland	LG	62 Glassic	RT	77 Alzado	LG	50 Maples	RE	63 Grant
LG	68 Goodrum	RT	88 Page	C	50 Maples	RE	59 Rizzo	C	61 Lyons	LLB	53 Gradishar
C	63 Tingelhoff	RE	70 Marshall	RG	61 Lyons	LLB	57 Jackson	RG	71 Minor	MLB	20 Wright
LG	62 White	LLB	54 McNeill	RT	83 Odoms	MLB	26 Jones	RT	88 Odoms	RCB	46 Rowser
LT	73 Yary	MLB	50 Simon	TE	80 Upchurch	LCB	36 Thompson	TE	10 Ramsey	RCB	26 Jones
LE	83 Voigt	RLB	59 Blair	WR	80 Upchurch	LCB	20 Wright	WR	24 Armstrong	LS	46 Rowser
WR	85 White	LCB	40 Hall	QB	10 Ramsey	RCB	26 Jones	QB	24 Armstrong	LS	46 Rowser
CB	10 Tarkenton	RCB	25 Allen	RB	24 Armstrong	LS	46 Rowser	RB	32 Keyworth	RS	36 Thompson
FB	33 McClanahan	LS	23 Wright	RB	32 Keyworth	RS	36 Thompson				
FB	44 Foreman	RS	22 Krause								

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUBSTITUTIONS</b></p> <p>1) Glabo, 14 Cox, 17 Berry, 19 Lee, 21 Wagner,<br/>             2) Brown, 27 Beamon, 31 Spencer, 32 Reed, 35 Miller,<br/>             3) Keller, 41 Osborn, 43 Wright, 45 Athas, 47 Groce,<br/>             5) Mack, 55 Martin, 56 Anderson, 57 Dunler,<br/>             5) Hilgenberg, 60 Winston, 61 Hamilton, 72 White,<br/>             7) Lurtsema, 77 Mullaney, 80 Willis, 84 Craig,<br/>             8) Geredine, 87 Haslerig, 89 Kingsriter</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUBSTITUTIONS</b></p> <p>12 Penrose, 14 Wease, 15 Turner, 16 Hufnagel,<br/>             21 Polt, 23 Panc, 28 Betterson, 30 Ross,<br/>             31 Frankowiak, 33 Kick, 35 Perrin, 40 Rich,<br/>             41 Hooker, 42 Van Heusen, 43 Foley, 45 Schultz;<br/>             51 Swenson, 54 Baska, 56 Evans, 58 Olsen,<br/>             64 Goodman, 66 Manor, 70 Smith, 73 Rogers,<br/>             74 Buetow, 75 Bain, 76 Moore, 82 Dolbin,<br/>             87 Brown</p> |
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DID NOT PLAY

FIELD GOALS  
(Made & Missed)

Cox (43)

Turner (49)

	1	2	3	4	OT	TOTAL
(Visitor) MINNESOTA VIKINGS	7	10	0	0		17
(Home) DENVER BRONCOS	3	7	6	14		30

TEAM	PERIOD	ELAPSED TIME	SCORING PLAY	SCORE	
				VISITOR	HOME
Minn	1	4:43	McClanahan 1 run (Cox kick)	7	0
Den	1	14:38	FG Turner 49	7	3
Minn	2	2:10	S. White 50 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)	14	3
Den	2	14:03	Armstrong 1 run (Turner kick)	14	10
Minn	2	0:00	FG Cox 43	17	10
Den	3	3:25	Armstrong 2 run (Kick failed)	17	16
Den	4	1:45	Perrin 29 blocked punt (Turner kick)	17	23
Den	4	14:32	Gradishar 87 pass interception (Turner kick)	17	30

ATTENDANCE: TICKETS DISTRIBUTED \_\_\_\_\_; ACTUAL 52,129; NO SHOWS \_\_\_\_\_; TIME 2:54

VISITOR MINNESOTA VIKINGS

HOME DENVER BRONCOS

RUSHING		ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD			
FOREMAN		11	33	3.0	7	0			
McCLANAHAN		11	25	2.3	7	1			
MILLER		5	8	1.6	4	0			
KELLAR		2	2	1.0	2	0			
SPENCER		3	10	3.3	5	0			
REED		3	6	2.0	4	0			
WHITE		1	-5	-5.0	0	0			
TOTALS		36	79	2.2	7	1			
PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKB YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.		
TARKENTON	41	27	315	2-17	1	50	4		
TOTALS		41	27	315	2-17	1	50	4	
PASS RECEIVING		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
LASH		2	31	24	0				
VOIGHT		1	9	9	0				
S. WHITE		3	95	50	1				
McCLANAHAN		9	53	18	0				
FOREMAN		4	37	14	0				
HASLERIG		1	8	8	0				
MILLER		3	23	9	0				
BEREDINE		1	21	21	0				
CRAIG REED		2	14	14	0				
TOTALS		27	315	50	1				
INTERCEPTIONS		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
TOTALS		0	0	0	0				
PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB	IN 20	LG.			
CLABO	3	111	37.0	0	2	41			
TEAM	1	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTALS		4	111	27.8	0	2	41		
PUNT RETURNS		NO.	FC	YARDS	LG.	TD			
WILLIS		3	1	60	52	0			
S. WHITE		2	0	2	2	0			
TOTALS		5	1	62	52	0			
KICKOFF RETURNS		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
S. WHITE		1	23	23	0				
WILLIS		1	43	43	0				
TOTALS		2	66	43	0				
FUMBLES		FUM.	OWN REC.	YDS.	TD	OPP. REC.	YDS.	TD	OUT BOS.
WILLIS		1	1	0					
S. WHITE		1	0	0					
TARKENTON		1	0	0					1
TOTALS		3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

RUSHING		ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD			
ARMSTRONG		9	35	3.9	9	2			
KEYWORTH		8	29	3.6	10	0			
ROSS		4	9	2.2	6	0			
KIICK		2	-2	-1.0	1	0			
RAMSEY		2	13	6.5	12	0			
FERRIN		4	14	3.5	6	0			
ODOMS		1	27	27.0	27	0			
TOTALS		30	125	4.2	27	2			
PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKB YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.		
RAMSEY	20	9	130	3-20	0	29	0		
TOTALS		20	9	130	3-20	0	29	0	
PASS RECEIVING		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
ODOMS		2	37	26	0				
MOSES		1	29	29	0				
UPCHURCH		1	11	11	0				
ARMSTRONG		4	29	13	0				
ROSS		1	24	24	0				
TOTALS		9	130	29	0				
INTERCEPTIONS		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
THOMPSON		1	23	23	0				
WRIGHT		1	3	3	0				
ROWSER		1	9	9	0				
GRADISHAR		1	27	27	1				
TOTALS		4	62	27	1				
PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB	IN 20	LG.			
VAN HEUSEN	6	270	45.0	0	2	58			
TOTALS		6	270	45.0	0	2	58		
PUNT RETURNS		NO.	FC	YARDS	LG.	TD			
UPCHURCH		1	0	3	3	0			
TOTALS		1	0	3	3	0			
KICKOFF RETURNS		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
FERRIN		2	42	24	0				
UPCHURCH		1	21	21	0				
TOTALS		3	63	24	0				
FUMBLES		FUM.	OWN REC.	YDS.	TD	OPP. REC.	YDS.	TD	OUT BOS.
ODOMS		1	0	0					1
RICH						1	0	0	
TOTALS		1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Date Sunday, September 5, 1976

At: DENVER MILE HIGH STADIUM

## FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	VISITOR VIKINGS	HOME BRONCOS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS . . . . .	22	13
BY RUSHING . . . . .	5	6
BY PASSING . . . . .	16	6
BY PENALTY . . . . .	1	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY . . . . .	19-9	13-6
TOTAL NET YARDS . . . . .	377	235
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS (Inc. times thrown passing) . . . . .	79	53
AVERAGE GAIN PER OFFENSIVE PLAY . . . . .	4.8	4.4
NET YARDS RUSHING . . . . .	79	125
TOTAL RUSHING PLAYS . . . . .	36	30
AVERAGE GAIN PER RUSHING PLAY . . . . .	2.2	4.2
NET YARDS PASSING . . . . .	298	110
-TIMES THROWN — YARDS LOST ATTEMPTING TO PASS . . . . .	2-17	3-20
GROSS YARDS PASSING . . . . .	315	130
PASS ATTEMPTS — COMPLETIONS — HAD INTERCEPTED . . . . .	41-27-4	20-9-0
AVERAGE GAIN PER PASS PLAY (Inc. times thrown passing) . . . . .	6.9	4.8
PUNTS—NUMBER AND AVERAGE . . . . .	4-27.8	6-45.0
HAD BLOCKED . . . . .	1	0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE . . . . .	128	217
NO. AND YARDS PUNT RETURNS . . . . .	5-62	1-3
NO. AND YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS . . . . .	2-66	3-63
NO. AND YARDS INTERCEPTION RETURNS . . . . .	0-0	4-122
NO. AND YARDS MISCELLANEOUS RETURNS (Field Goals, Blocked Punts, Fumble Returns) . . . . .	0-0	2-29
PENALTIES—NUMBER AND YARDS . . . . .	4-20	5-50
FUMBLES—NUMBER AND LOST . . . . .	3-1	1-0
TOUCHDOWNS . . . . .	2	4
RUSHING . . . . .	1	2
PASSING . . . . .	1	0
RETURNS . . . . .	0	2
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATTEMPTS . . . . .	2-2	3-4
FIELD GOALS MADE — ATTEMPTS . . . . .	1-1	1-1

FIRST QUARTER

Denver's wins toss and will receive. Minnesota will defend south goal.

Cox kicks off to D12. Perrin returns to D30. (Kellar & Brown) 18 yd. return

- 1/10/D30 - Armstrong at 1 ft end for 5 yds. (Allen)
- 2/5/D35 - Keyworth at middle for 1 yd. (Blair)
- 3/4/D36 - Ramsey's pass tipped by Marshall - PENALTY against Minnesota - Offsides - 5 yds. (McNeill) **FIRST DOWN (Penalty)**
- 1/10/D41 - Armstrong at middle for 2 yds. (Sutherland and Page)
- 2/8/D43 - Keyworth at left tackle for 5 yds. (Siemon)
- 3/3/D48 - PENALTY against Denver - 5 yds. (Delay of game)
- 3/8/D43 - Ramsey passes to Armstrong, incomplete, dropped (McNeill)
- 4/8/D43 - Van Heusen punts to M15. Willis returns to D33. (Van Heusen & Politt)  
(42 yd. punt, 52 yd. return)
- 1/10/D33 - McClanahan at left side - PENALTY against Minnesota - Motion - 5 yds. (Voigt)
- 1/15/D38 - Foreman at left end for 6 yds. (Rizzo)
- 2/9/D32 - Tarkenton passes complete to Lash over middle for 24 yds. (Wright) **FIRST DOWN (Passing)**
- 1/G/D8 - Foreman at right end for 7 yds. (Gradishar & Alzado)
- 2/G/D1 - McClanahan over ~~right~~ left guard for TD. Cox converts. **FIRST DOWN (Rushing)**  
(33 yd. scoring drive, 4 plays)

TIME: 4:43 - SCORE: Minnesota 7, Denver 0

Cox kicks off to D9. Perrin returns to D33. (Miller). 24 yd. return

DENVER BALL (10:07)

- 1/10/D33 - Ramsey passes complete to Armstrong for 13 yds. (Sutherland) **FIRST DOWN (PASSING)**
- 1/10/D46 - Keyworth at middle for 1 yd. (Blair)
- 2/9/D47 - Ramsey passes complete to Armstrong in left flat for 8 yds. (Blair)
- 3/1/M45 - Ramsey on QB sneak for 1 yd. (Page) **FIRST DOWN (Rushing)**
- 1/10/M44 - Ramsey's pass intended for Moses, overthrown (Wright)
- 2/10/M44 - ~~ARMSTRONG~~ Armstrong at right side for 4 yds. (Page)
- 3/6/M40 - Ramsey, attempting to pass, dropped for 8 yd. loss (Eller)  
Holding against Glassic - declined
- 4/14/M48 - Van Heusen punts to D10. White returns for 2 yds. (Brown) 48 yd. punt, 2 yd. ret.

MINNESOTA BALL (7:06)

- 1/10/M12 - McClanahan at right tackle for 1 yd. (Carter & Chavous)
- 2/9/M13 - Tarkenton passes complete to McClanahan in left flat for 13 yds. (Rowser) **FIRST DOWN (PASSING)**
- 1/10/M26 - Foreman carries for ~~Eight~~ 6 yds. (Alzado)
- 2/4/M32 - McClanahan at left guard for 1 yd. (Rizzo)
- 3/3/M33 - Tarkenton passes complete to McClanahan for 3 yds. (Carter & Gradishar) **FIRST DOWN (PASSING)**
- 1/10/M36 - Foreman at right guard for 4 yds. (Carter & Alzado)
- 2/6/M40 - Tarkenton's pass, intended for Foreman, ~~is~~ incomplete (Wright)
- 3/6/M40 - Tarkenton's pass, intercepted by Thompson on D36, returned to M41  
23 yd. return (White)

DENVER BALL (3:17)

- 1/10/M41 - Ramsey passes complete to Upchurch for 11 yds. (Hall) **FIRST DOWN (Passing)**
- 1/10/M30 - Keyworth at middle for no gain (Siemon)
- 2/10/M30 - Ramsey passes complete to Armstrong for 6 yds. (Hall)
- 3/4/M24 - Ramsey passes complete to Armstrong for 2 yds. (Siemon)
- 4/2/M22 - Turner attempts 39 yd. field goal - PENALTY - Holding against Denver - 10 yd. penalty (Gradishar)
- 4/12/M32 - Turner attempts 49 yd. field goal - Good.

TIME: 14:38 - SCORE: Minnesota 7, Denver 3

Perrin kicks off out of end zone.

MINNESOTA BALL (:18)

- 1/10/M20 - Foreman at right tackle - 2 yd. gain - PENALTY - Personal foul against Denver - 15 yds. (Jackson) **FIRST DOWN (Penalty)**
- 1/10/M37 - Tarkenton's pass complete to Foreman for 5 yds. (Thompson)

END OF FIRST QUARTER: Minnesota 7, Denver 3

3rd Down plays - Minnesota 2-1, Denver 4-1

SECOND QUARTER

2/5/M42 - McClanahan at right guard for 5 yds. (Gradishar) FIRST DOWN  
1/10/M47 - Foreman at middle for 4 yds. (Alzado) (Rushing)  
2/6/D49 - McClanahan on delay for loss of 1 yd. (Alzado)  
3/7/50 - Tarkenton passes complete to White for 50 yd. TD. Cox converts.  
(80 yds. in 6 plays)

TIME: 2:10 - SCORE: Minnesota 14, Denver 3

Cox kicks off 2 yds. deep. Upchurch returns to D19. (Hall) - 21 yd. return

DENVER BALL (12:41)

1/10/D19 - Kllick carries at ~~right~~ left end for 3 yd. loss (Allen)  
2/13/D16 - Ramsey's pass intended for Ross, incomplete (Marshall rush)  
3/13/D16 - Ramsey's pass intended for Moses, incomplete (Hall)  
4/13/D16 - Van Heusen punts to D35, Willis fumbles, recovers own fumble (49 yd. punt - 0 return)  
PENALTIES - Offsetting - Clipping on Minn., Personal foul on Denver

MINNESOTA BALL (11:48)

1/10/M33 - Tarkenton passes complete to Lash for 7 yds. (Jackson)  
3/3/M40 - McClanahan at left tackle for 4 yds. (Thompson & Manor) FIRST DOWN  
1/10/M44 - Foreman at right end for 2 yds. (Rowser) (Rushing)  
2/8/M46 - Tarkenton passes complete to Voigt for 9 yd. (Rizzo) FIRST DOWN  
1/10/D45 - McClanahan over middle for 2 yds. (Rizzo) (Passing)  
2/8/D43 - Tarkenton's pass, intended for Foreman, incomplete  
3/8/D43 - Tarkenton, runs all over field, passes incomplete, intended for Lash  
Offsides against Minnesota - declined  
4/8/D43 - Clabo punts out of bounds at D9. (34 yd. punt)

DENVER BALL (7:57)

1/10/D9 - Ross at right guard for 6 yds. (McNeill)  
2/4/D15 - Ross at left tackle for no gain (Marshall)  
3/4/D15 - Ramsey passes over middle complete to Odoms for 26 yds. (J. Wright) FIRST DOWN  
1/10/D41 - Ramsey's pass, intended for Upchurch, overthrown (Passing)  
2/10/D41 - Ramsey's pass, knocked down by Page, incomplete  
3/10/D41 - Ramsey passes complete to Odoms for 11 yds. (Blair & Stemon) FIRST DOWN  
1/10/M48 - Ross at left end for 2 yds. (Allen) (Passing)  
2/8/M46 - Ramsey sacked by Sutherland for 4 yd. loss.  
3/12/50 - PENALTY against Denver - Illegal procedure - 5 yds.  
3/17/D45 - Ramsey passes complete to Ross for 24 yds. (Hall) FIRST DOWN  
1/10/M31 - Ross at middle for 1 yd. (Stemon) (Passing)  
2/9/M30 - Ramsey's pass, intended for Kllick, incomplete (Almost intercepted by Allen)  
3/9/M30 - Ramsey passes complete to Moses for 29 yds. (Brown) FIRST DOWN  
1/G/M1 - Keyworth at middle for no gain (Page & Sutherland) (Passing)  
2/G/M1 - (2:00) - ~~RAMSEY PASSES COMPLETE TO MOSES FOR 29 YDS. (BROWN)~~ (FIRST DOWN  
Armstrong over right guard for TD. Turner converts. Rushing)

TIME: 13:03 SCORE: Minnesota 14, Denver 10 91 yd. drive, 14 plays + 1 pen.

Perrin kicks off out of end zone.

MINNESOTA BALL (1:57)

1/10/M20 - Tarkenton passes complete to McClanahan for 6 yds. (Gradishar)  
2/4/M26 - Tarkenton passes complete for Foreman for 7 yds. (Thompson) FIRST DN,  
1/10/M33 - (Time Out M) - Tarkenton passes complete to McClanahan (Passing)  
for 4 yds. (Jones)  
2/6/M37 - Tarkenton passes complete to Foreman for 14 yds. (Gradishar) FIRST DN,  
1/10/D49 - (Time Out M) - Tarkenton passes complete to White for (Passing)  
19 yds. (Jones) FIRST DOW  
1/10/D30 - (TO M) - Tarkenton passes complete to McClanahan for  
4 yds. (Jackson) Passing  
2/6/D26 - Tarkenton passes, incomplete, intended for Getedine  
3/6/D26 - Tarkenton's pass, intended for Voigt, incomplete  
4/6/D26 - Cox attempts 43 yd. field goal good.

END OF HALF: SCORE: Minnesota 17, Denver 10

3rd down plays - quarter: Minnesota 3-1, Denver 5-4

3rd down plays - half: Minnesota 5-2, Denver 9-5

# FIRST HALF SUMMARY

MINNESOTA VIKINGS VS. DENVER BRONCOS      September 5, 1976      MILE HIGH STADIUM

VISITOR

HOME

DATE

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### PERIOD SCORES

VISITOR 7 - 10 = 17  
 HOME 3 - 7 = 10 (HALFTIME SCORE)

TEAM	PERIOD	ELAPSED TIME	SCORING PLAY	SCORE	
				VISITOR	HOME
MINN	1	4:43	MCCLANAHAN 1 RUN (COX KICK)	7	0
DENVER	1	14:38	FG TURNER 49	7	3
MINN	2	2:10	S. WHITE 50 PASS FROM TARKENTON (COX KICK)	14	3
DENVER	2	13:03	ARMSTRONG 1 RUN (TURNER KICK)	14	10
MINN	2	14:56	FG COX 43	17	10

	VISITOR VIKINGS	HOME BRONCOS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	<u>3-8-1</u>	<u>2-6-1</u>
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	<u>2/5</u>	<u>5/9</u>
TOTAL NET YARDS	<u>209</u>	<u>144</u>
Total No. Offensive Plays (Include times thrown passing)	<u>33</u>	<u>31</u>
NET YARDS RUSHING	<u>44</u>	<u>26</u>
NET YARDS PASSING	<u>165</u>	<u>118</u>
Gross Yards Gained Passing	<u>165</u>	<u>130</u>
Times Thrown — Yards Lost Attempting to Pass	<u>0-0</u>	<u>2-12</u>
PASS ATTEMPTS — COMPLETIONS — HAD INTERCEPTED	<u>19-13-1</u>	<u>16-9-0</u>
PUNTS — Number and Average	<u>1-34.0</u>	<u>3-43.0</u>
PENALTIES — Number and Yards	<u>2-10</u>	<u>4-35</u>
FUMBLES — Number and Lost	<u>1-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>

VISITOR MINNESOTA VIKINGS

HOME DENVER BRONCOS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
FOREMAN	7	31	4.4	7	0
MCCLANAHAN	7	13	1.9	5	1

RUSHING	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
ARMSTRONG	4	12	3.0	5	1
KEYWORTH	5	7	1.4	5	0
RAMSEY	1	1	1.0	1	0
ROSS	4	9	2.2	6	0
KICK	1	-3	-3.0	0	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKD YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.
TARKENTON	19	13	165	0	1	50	1

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKD YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.
RAMSEY	16	9	130	2	0	29	0

PASS RECEIVING	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
LASH	2	31	24	0
MCCLANAHAN	5	30	13	0
FOREMAN	3	26	14	0
S. WHITE	2	69	50	1
VOIGHT	1	9	9	0

PASS RECEIVING	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
ARMSTRONG	4	29	13	0
UPCHURCH	1	11	11	0
ODOMAS	2	37	26	0
ROSS	1	24	24	0
MOSES	1	29	29	0

THIRD QUARTER

Perrin kicks off out of the end zone.

MINNESOTA BALL (14:55)

- 1/10/M20 - McClanahan carries - PENALTY against Minn. offsidess -  
for 1 yd. (Jackson) (Voigt) declined
- 2/9/M21 - Foreman carries at middle for 4 yds. (Rizzo)
- 3/5/M25 - Tarkenton passes complete to McClanahan for 5 yd. loss (Gradishar)
- 4/10/M20 - Clabo punts to D44, Upchurch returns to D47 (36 yd. punt, 3 yd. ret.)

DENVER BALL (13:15)

- 1/10/D47 - Keyworth at left guard for 4 yds. (McNeill)
- 2/6/M49 - Armstrong at left end - PENALTY against Denver - Illegal use of hands  
5 yd. gain (15 yd. pnity)
- 2/16/D41 - Keyworth at middle for 8 yds. (McNeill)
- 3/8/D49 - Ramsey's pass intended for Moses, knocked down by Hall.
- 4/8/D49 - Van Heusen punts to M10, ~~Wright~~ fumbles, recovered by Rich  
Wight (49 yd. punt)

DENVER BALL (11:45)

- 1/10/M20 - M11 - Armstrong at left end for 9 yds. (Krause)
- 2/1/M2 - Armstrong carries around right end for TD. Kick blocked. (Sutherland) (FIRST DOWN)  
(11 yd. drive, Rushing 2 plays)

TIME: 3:25 - SCORE: Minnesota 17, Denver 16

Perrin kicks off to M1, Willis returns to M44 (Rich) - 43 yd. return

MINNESOTA BALL (11:23)

- 1/10/M44 - McClanahan at left guard for 7 yds. (Grant)
- 2/3/D49 - Foreman at right end for 4 yd. loss (Swenson & Chavous)
- 3/7/M47 - Tarkenton passes complete to McClanahan for ~~8 yds.~~ 8 yds. (Gradishar) FIRST DOWN (Passing)
- 1/10/D45 - Foreman at right tackle for no gain (Chavous)
- 2/10/D45 - Tarkenton passes complete to McClanahan for 2 yds. (Gradishar)
- 3/8/D43 - Tarkenton passes complete fo Foreman for 11 yds. (Thompson) (FIRST DOWN)
- 1/10/D32 - Tarkenton passes complete to Haslerig for 8 yds. (Thompson) PASSING
- 2/2/D24 - Miller carries at right guard for ~~2~~ 3 yds. (Jackson) FIRST DOWN (Rushing)
- 1/10/D21 - Miller at the middle for 4 yds. (Gradishar)
- 2/6/D17 - Miller carries - PENALTY against Minn. - motion - 5 yd. penalty (Vary)
- 2/11/D22 - Tarkenton passes intended for Miller, incomplete (Wright)
- 3/11/D22 - Tarkenton's pass, intercepted by Wright, intended for Voigt (Tinglehoff)  
intercepted on D12, 3 yd. return

DENVER BALL (6:31)

- 1/10/D15 - Armstrong at left tackle for 3 yds. (Page & Blair)
- 2/7/D18 - Keyworth at left tackle for 10 yds. (Allen & McNeill) FIRST DOWN (Rushing)
- 1/10/D28 - Ramsey's pass, intended for Dolbin, incomplete (Allen)
- 2/10/D28 - Armstrong on delay for 4 yds. (Siemon)
- 3/6/D32 - Ramsey, hit by Page, attempting to pass, incomplete
- 4/6/D32 - Van Heusen punts to M26. Fair catch by Willis. (42 yd. punt)

MINNESOTA BALL (4:20)

- 1/10/M26 - Miller carries at middle for 1 yd. loss (Jackson)
- 2/11/M25 - Tarkenton's pass intercepted by Rowser, intended for Voigt  
9 yd. return (Geredine) (intercepted on M41)

DENVER BALL (3:38)

- 1/10/M32 - Perrin at the middle for 4 yds. (Page)
- 2/6/M28 - End around to Odoms, fumbles out of end zone (Hilgenberg on hit) 27 yd. gain

MINNESOTA BALL (2:53)

- 1/10/M20 - Tarkenton passes in flat complete to Miller for 6 yds. (Carter)
- 2/4/M26 - Miller at the middle for 1 yd. (Swenson)
- 3/3/M27 - Tarkenton passes complete to Miller for 8 yds. (Thompson) FIRST DOWN (Passing)
- 1/10/M35 - End around to White for 5 yd. loss (Jackson)
- 2/15/M36 -

SCORE END OF THIRD QUARTER: Minnesota 17, Denver 16

3rd down plays: Minnesota 5-3, Denver 2-0

FOURTH QUARTER

- 2/15/M30 - Tarkenton passes complete over middle to Geredine for 21 yds. (Rowser) **FIRST DOWN**  
Passing
- 1/10/D49 - Tarkenton's pass complete to Miller - now ruled incomplete (Thompson)
- 2/10/D49 - Kellar on draw for 2 yds. (Swenson & Jackson)
- 3/8/D47 - Tarkenton's pass, intended for Voigt, incomplete (Swenson)
- 4/8/D47 - Clabo punts, blocked by Ferrin, returns for TD. Turner converts.  
29 yd. return

TIME: 1:45 - SCORE: Denver 23, Minnesota 17

Perrin kicks off, Willis downs ball in end zone.

MINNESOTA BALL (13:10)

- 1/10/M20 - Tarkenton passes complete to Miller for 9 yds. (Gradishar)
- 2/1/M29 - Kellar at the middle for no gain (Alzado)
- 3/1/M29 - Miller carries at left end for 1 yd. (Rowser) **FIRST DOWN**  
(Rushing)
- 1/10/M30 - Tarkenton's pass complete to Craig for 13 yds (Thompson) **FIRST DOWN**
- 1/10/M43 - Tarkenton's pass, intended for Geredine, incomplete (Passing)
- 2/10/M43 - Tarkenton, back to pass, sacked for 6 yd. loss (Chavous)
- 3/16/M37 - Tarkenton passes complete to S. White for 26 yds. (Jackson) **FIRST DN.**
- 1/10/D37 - Spencer at right tackle for 2 yds. (Moore) **Passing**
- 2/8/D35 - Spencer at right end for 3 yds. (Chavous)
- 3/5/D32 - Tarkenton, hit by Grant, fumbles out of bounds for 11 yd. loss
- 4/16/D43 - Clabo punts out of bounds at D2 - **PENALTY** against Denver - Offsides -  
(Perrin - declined) 41 yd. punt

DENVER BALL (7:56)

- 1/10/D2 - Perrin carries at right guard for 3 yds. (Mullaney)
- 2/7/D5 - Perrin on delay for 6 yds. (Beamon)
- 3/1/D11 - Perrin at right end for 1 yd. (McNeill) **FIRST DOWN**
- 1/10/D12 - Ramsey runs for 12 yds. Forced out of bounds by (N. Wright) **FIRST DOW**(Rushing)  
Rushing
- 1/10/D24 - Klick at middle for 1 yd. (McNeill)
- 2/9/D25 - Ramsey back to pass, sacked for 8 yd. loss (Siemon)
- 3/17/D17 - Ramsey's pass, intended for Perrin, incomplete
- 4/17/D17 - Van Heusen punts to M25, Willis returns to M35 (Evans & Brown) 58 yd. punt,  
\*ret. 10 yd. ret.

MINNESOTA BALL (4:47)

- 1/10/M35 - Reed at right end for 1 yd. (Wright)
- 2/9/M36 - Reed at the middle for 1 yd. (Grant)
- 3/8/M37 - Tarkenton's pass complete to Reed for 17 yds. (Baska) **FIRST DOWN**  
Passing
- 1/10/D46 - Reed at the middle for 4 yds. (Carter)
- 2/6/D42 - McClanahan at right tackle for 2 yds. (Gradishar)
- 3/4/D40 - McClanahan at middle for 2 yds. (Carter)
- 4/2/D38 - (2:00)-Tarkenton's pass complete to McClanahan for 18 yds.  
(Grant) **FIRST DOWN**
- 1/10/D20 - Foreman at right guard for 2 yds. (Alzado) **Passing**
- 2/8/D18 - (T.O.\_M)-Tarkenton passes complete to Foreman - **PENALTY** against  
Minn. - Illegal procedure - 5 yds.
- 2/13/D23 - Tarkenton passes complete to Craig for 8 yds. (Jackson)
- 3/5/D15 - (T.O.\_M) - Tarkenton's pass, intended for Foreman, incomplete  
(Gradishar)
- 4/5/D15 - Tarkenton's pass, deflected by Chavous, intercepted by Gradishar for TD.  
Intercepted at D13, returned 87 yds. Turner converts

TIME: 14:32 - Denver 30, Minnesota 17

Perrin kicks off 7 yds. deep, White returns to D16 (Betterson) - 23 yd. return

MINNESOTA BALL (:21)

- 1/10/M16 - Spencer at right guard for 5 yds. (Chavous)

END OF GAME: SCORE: Denver 30, Minnesota 17

3rd down plays: Quarter - Minnesota 9-4, Denver 2-1

3rd down plays: Game - Minnesota 19-9, Denver 13-6



# DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(Unofficial)

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MINNESOTA VIKINGS	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	Yards Lost	Intreceptions	Passes Defensed	Fumbles Recovered	Blocked Punt FG and PAT	DENVER BRONCOS	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	Yards Lost	Intreceptions	Passes Defensed	Fumbles Recovered	Blocked Punt FG and PAT
21 Wagner	1								20 Wright	2				1	1		
22 Krause	1								21 Polt	1							
23 J. Wright	1								23 Pane								
24 Brown	1	1							26 Jones	2							
25 Allen	3	1				2			36 Thompson	6	1			1			
27 Beamon	1								40 Rich	1						1	
40 Hall	4					2			43 Foley								
43 N. Wright	1								46 Rowser	4				1			
45 Athas									51 Swenson	1	2				1		
50 Slemon	6	1	1	8					53 Gradishar	10	3			1	1		
51 Mack									54 Baska	1							
54 McNeill	5	2				1			56 Evans		1						
55 Martin									59 Rizzo	4	1						
58 Hilgenberg	1								63 Grant	4	1	1	2				
59 Blair	4	3							66 Manor		1						
60 Winston									68 Carter	4	2						
69 Sutherland	3	1	1	4				1	70 Smith								
70 Marshall	1					1			76 Moore	1							
72 Whit									77 Alzado	6	4						
75 Lurtsema		1							79 Chavous	4	3	1	6		1		
77 Mullan y	1	1							42 Van Housen		1						
81 Ell r	1		1	8					87 Brown	1	1						
88 Page	3	3				2			57 Jackson	8	1						
89 Miller	1								35 Perrin								1
90 Miller	1								28 Betterson	1							
95 White	1																
96 Perodine	1																
98 Tinselhoff	1																

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