



DENVER BRONCOS POSTGAME NOTES

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Denver Broncos (2-0) vs. Indianapolis Colts (0-2)

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 • 2:25 p.m. MDT • Sports Authority Field at Mile High

FINAL SCORE: BRONCOS 34, COLTS 20 • ATTENDANCE: 76,379

BRONCOS DEFENSE COMES UP WITH MULTIPLE SCORES IN WIN AGAINST COLTS

The **Denver Broncos (2-0)** improved to 2-0 on the season, beating the **Indianapolis Colts (0-2)** in large part due to two defensive touchdowns—a 46-yard interception return from **CB Aqib Talib** and a 15-yard fumble return from **OLB Shane Ray**—in the second half.

It marked the 10th time in team history the Broncos recorded multiple defensive touchdowns in the same game.

BRONCOS GAMES WITH MULTIPLE DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

Opp. (Date)	Scoring Play	Opp. (Date)	Scoring Play
vs. Oak. (10/5/62)	John McGeever (48 INT Ret) Goose Gonsoulin (64 INT Ret)	at Det. (10/7/84)	Rulon Jones (5 FUM Ret) Ken Woodard (27 INT Ret)
vs. NYT (11/22/62)	Bud McFadin (69 FUM Ret) Jim McMillin (59 INT Ret)	vs. G.B. (10/15/84)	Louis Wright (27 FUM Ret) Steve Foley (22 FUM Ret)
at K.C. (11/1/64)	Ed Cooke (46 FUM Ret) Tom Janik (22 INT Ret)	vs. K.C. (9/10/89)	Tyrone Braxton (34 INT Ret) Randy Robbins (18 INT Ret)
vs. T.B. (11/7/76)	Randy Poltl (26 FUM Ret)* John Rowser (32 INT Ret) Randy Gradishar (31 INT Ret)	at S.D. (10/15/12)	Tony Carter (65 FUM ret) Chris Harris Jr. (46 INT Ret)
vs. NYJ (11/5/78)	Bill Thompson (4 FUM Ret) Tom Jackson (28 INT Ret)	vs. Ind. (9/18/16)	Aqib Talib (46 INT Ret) Shane Ray (15 FUM Ret)

**lateral from Bob Swenson*

TALIB RECORDS NINTH CAREER PICK-SIX

Denver **CB Aqib Talib** recorded his ninth career interception returned for a touchdown when he picked off Colts **QB Andrew Luck** in the fourth quarter and returned it 46 yards for a score.

Talib's nine career interceptions returned for a touchdown rank first among active NFL players and tied for fourth all-time in league annals. His five interceptions returned for a touchdown since joining the Broncos in 2014 are the most in franchise history.

MOST INTERCEPTIONS RETURNED FOR TDs, NFL HISTORY

Player	No.
1. Rod Woodson	12
2. Darren Sharper	11
Charles Woodson	11
4. Aqib Talib (active)	9
Ken Houston	9
Deion Sanders	9
Aeneas Williams	9

MOST INTERCEPTIONS RETURNED FOR TDs, BRONCOS HISTORY

Player	No.
1. Aqib Talib	5
2. Tyrone Braxton	4
Mike Harden	4
4. Six players	3

MILLER POSTS THIRD CAREER THREE-SACK GAME

Broncos **OLB Von Miller** tied his career high with three sacks to move into a tie with **DL Trevor Pryce** for sixth place on the team's all-time sack list with 64 quarterback takedowns in the regular season.

Miller's fourth-quarter strip-sack that led to **OLB Shane Ray's** 15-yard fumble return for a touchdown was the 17th forced fumble of his career—the third most in the NFL since he entered the league in 2011.

MOST CAREER SACKS, BRONCOS HISTORY

	Player	Years	No.
1.	Simon Fletcher	1985-95	97.5
2.	Karl Mecklenburg	1983-94	79.0
3.	Barney Chavous	1973-85	75.0
4.	Rulon Jones	1980-88	73.5
5.	Lyle Alzado	1971-78	64.5
6.	Von Miller	2011-pres.	64.0
	Trevor Pryce	1997-2005	64.0
8.	Elvis Dumervil	2006-12	63.5
9.	Paul Smith	1968-78	55.5
10.	Tom Jackson	1973-86	44.0

MOST FORCED FUMBLES, NFL (2011-Pres.)

	Player	No.
1.	Charles Tillman, Chi./Car.	19
2.	Ryan Kerrigan, Was.	18
3.	Von Miller, Den.	17
4.	Cliff Avril, Det./Sea.	16
	Robert Quinn, L.A.	16

SIEMIAN IMPROVES TO 2-0 AS A STARTER

Broncos **QB Trevor Siemian**, who completed 22-of-33 passes (66.7%) for 266 yards with one interception against Indianapolis, joined **Marlin Briscoe** (1968), **Craig Penrose** (1976) and **Brock Osweiler** (2015) as the only four quarterbacks drafted by the club to win their first two NFL starts.

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS BY A BRONCOS QB DRAFTED BY DENVER TO START HIS CAREER

	Player	Year(s)	No.
1.	Brock Osweiler	2015	3
	Craig Penrose	1976, '78	3
3.	Trevor Siemian	2016	2
	Marlin Briscoe	1968	2

WARE PASSES ALLEN/PEPPERS ON ALL-TIME SACK LIST

Broncos **OLB DeMarcus Ware** recorded a half sack in the second quarter to give him 136.5 career quarterback takedowns, passing **Jared Allen** (136) and **Julius Peppers** (136) into sole possession of ninth place on the NFL's all-time sack list.

MOST CAREER SACKS, NFL HISTORY

	Player	No.		Player	No.
1.	Bruce Smith	200.0	7.	Richard Dent	137.5
2.	Reggie White	198.0		John Randle	137.5
3.	Kevin Greene	160.0	9.	DeMarcus Ware*	136.5
4.	Chris Doleman	150.5	10.	Jared Allen	136.0
5.	Michael Strahan	141.5		Julius Peppers*	136.0
6.	Jason Taylor	139.5		<i>*active</i>	

THOMAS PASSES McCAFFREY ON BRONCOS' ALL-TIME RECEIVING LIST

Broncos **WR Demaryius Thomas**, who led the team with five catches for 90 yards (18.0 avg.) against the Colts, now has 465 career receptions to pass **WR Ed McCaffrey** (462 rec.) into fourth place on the team's all-time receptions list.

MOST CAREER RECEPTIONS, BRONCOS HISTORY

	Player	No.
1.	Rod Smith	849
2.	Shannon Sharpe	675
3.	Lionel Taylor	543
4.	Demaryius Thomas	465
5.	Ed McCaffrey	462

BRONCOS 2-0 FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Broncos are 2-0 for the fourth consecutive season to mark the first time in franchise history the team has opened the season with back-ton-back wins in four straight years.

MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS STARTING 2-0, BRONCOS HISTORY

	<u>Years</u>	<u>No.</u>
1.	2013-16	4
2.	2007-09	3
	2001-03	3
	1996-98	3



DENVER BRONCOS

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



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

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DRIVE ENGINEERING

Quarterback, Team (*Plays/Yards)	Drives										Points Yielded
	Started	TD	FG	FGA	Punt	Downs	Turn.	Safety	Clock	(Rplcd)	
SIEMIAN, Denver (65-400)	9	1	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	(0)	19
LUCK, Indianapolis (65-254)	12	2	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	(0)	20

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

FIRST DOWN TENDENCIES

Team	Rushing			Passing			Overall			Times Gained					Miscellany			
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	20+	10+	5+	2-	0	Neg	TD	OBS	TO
DENVER	17	69	4.1	13	109	8.4	30	178	5.9	1	6	18	10	3	2	0	0	1
Indianapolis	9	25	2.8	19	28	1.5	28	53	1.9	0	1	7	17	11	3	0	2	1

YARDS GAINED BY DOWN / QUARTER / PLUS TERRITORY

Team	1st Down			2nd Down			3rd Down			4th Down			BY QUARTER				IN PLUS TERRITORY		
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	1	2	3	4	Plays	Yards	Avg.
	DENVER	30	178	5.9	24	158	6.6	11	64	5.8	0	0	0.0	132	162	51	55	31	140
Indianapolis	28	53	1.9	23	138	6.0	14	50	3.6	1	12	12.0	47	25	82	99	26	109	4.2

Overtime Yards: N/A.

KICKOFF ANALYSIS

Player, Team	Opp							In20/				Opponent SYL	Opp. ASL
	Total	Ret	FC	MF	NA	TB (EZ+)	25	OB	Ons	SQB			
McManus, Denver	8	2	0	0	0	6	(4)	0/1	0	(0)	(0)	25t•25t•25T•21r•28r•25T•25T•25T	125
McAfee, Indianapolis	5	0	0	0	0	5	(5)	0/0	0	(0)	(0)	25T•25T•25T•25T•25T	D25

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

TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

Team	POINTS OFF TURNOVERS		AVERAGE STARTING FIELD POSITION		SECOND DOWN EFFICIENCY		YDS LOST DUE TO PENALTIES		AVG TO GO		3 & TIME SPENT	
	Opp TO	Pts	Drives	AFP	In/At20	Made-Att	Pct.	No.	Yards	Avg.	No.	IN THE LEAD
DENVER	2	15	9	D25	2 (1/1)	10-24	41.7	1	4	5.9	0	34:44
Indianapolis	1	3	12	I27	2 (1/1)	7-23	30.4	2	16	6.8	4	2:47

AFP—Average Field Position; AT/In—Drives Started At/Inside the 20. (Tied 22:29)

INSIDE-THE-20 ANALYSIS (RED ZONE)

	Denver	Indianapolis
(must have crossed the 20-yard line)		
Total Penetrations	4	2
Scores (TDs/FGs)	4	2
Turnovers/Downs/Clock	0/0/0	0/0/0
Plays-Yards	8-13	8-28
Third Down Conversions	0-3	1-1
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Scores From Outside RZ (TD/FG)	1/0,1	2/0,2

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

FIRST DOWNS EARNED (Leaders)

Denver	Rush	Pass	Rec.	—	Total
Siemian	0	13	0	—	13
Anderson	3	0	1	—	4
Green/Thomas	0	0	3	—	3
Booker	3	0	0	—	3
Indianapolis	Rush	Pass	Rec.	—	Total
Luck	2	11	0	—	13
Hilton	0	0	3	—	3
Gore	1	0	1	—	2
Allen/Doyle	0	0	2	—	2

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL NOTES

- DEN defense on first down limited IND to just 53 yards on 28 plays; 17 of those gained 2 yards or fewer, with just 7 gaining five or more (and only one play over 10, which was an 11-yard pass from Luck to Ferguson on Indy's final drive.
- Luck (IND) was just 6-of-17 passing on first down for 43 yards; by comparison, Siemian (DEN) was 11-of-13 for 109 yards.
- DEN was 5-of-11 on third down, 3-of-4 on 3rd-&-10 or longer.