



DENVER BRONCOS POSTGAME NOTES

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Denver Broncos (4-1) vs. Atlanta Falcons (4-1)

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 • 2:05 p.m. MDT • Sports Authority Field at Mile High

FINAL SCORE: FALCONS 23, BRONCOS 16 • ATTENDANCE: 76,802

MILLER EXTENDS SACK STREAK

Broncos **OLB Von Miller** recorded his league-leading sixth sack of the season against the Falcons to extend his regular-season sack streak to an NFL-best six games. The sack streak also ties for the longest such streak of Miller's career (accomplished in 2012 & '14).

VON MILLER'S LONGEST CAREER SACK STREAKS

	Year(s)	Games	No.
1.	2015-16	16, 1-5	6
	2014	2-7	6
	2012	8-13	6
4.	2015	9-13	5
	2011	8-12	5
	2011	2-6	5

LYNCH MAKES FIRST CAREER START

Denver rookie **QB Paxton Lynch**, who was selected by the Broncos with the 26th overall pick in the 2016 NFL Draft, made his professional starting debut against the Falcons.

Lynch completed 23-of-35 passes (65.7%) for 223 yards with one touchdown and one interception (81.0 rtg.). His 23 completions were one shy of the Broncos record for a starting debut (Brian Griese, 24 vs. Mia., 9/13/99).

Including today's game, quarterbacks are 19-27 all-time in their debuts with the Broncos.

MOST COMPLETIONS BY A QUARTERBACK IN HIS BRONCOS STARTING DEBUT

	Player	Date	No.
1.	Brian Griese	vs. Mia. (9/13/1999)	24
2.	Paxton Lynch	vs. Atl. (10/9/2016)	23
3.	Ken Karcher	vs. Hou (10/4/1987)	22
4.	Steve DeBerg	at Cin. (11/22/1981)	21
5.	Charley Johnson	at Oak. (10/22/1972)	20
	Brock Osweiler	at Chi. (11/22/2015)	20
	Hugh Millen	at LAA (12/11/1994)	20

MISCELLANEOUS GAME NOTES

- * - Denver's game captains were **T Russell Okung** (offense), **DE Derek Wolfe** (defense) and **LB Dekoda Watson** (special teams).
- * - The Broncos held Atlanta's wide receivers to five catches for 72 yards on 12 targets.
- * - Denver held Atlanta to 2-of-12 (16.7%) on third downs.
- * - Denver **OLB Shane Ray** recorded his fourth sack of the season in the first quarter to tie his personal best for quarterback takedowns set in his rookie year in 2015.
- * - Broncos **S. T.J. Ward** led the team with eight tackles (6 solo) while adding a forced fumble and fumble recovery.
- * - **TE John Phillips** saw action in his 100th career regular-season game, making his third consecutive start in place of injured **TE Virgil Green**.
- * - Rookie **P Riley Dixon** booted a career-long 62-yard punt in the first half and finished with six punts for 290 yards (48.3 gross / 43.8 net) with two kicks placed inside the 20.
- * - Broncos **WR Emmanuel Sanders** led the team in receptions for the fourth time in five weeks, totaling seven catches for 80 yards (11.4 avg.).



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)

Sunday, October 8, 2016 • 2:05 p.m. MDT • Sports Authority Field at Mile High • Denver, Colo.

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DRIVE ENGINEERING

Quarterback, Team (*Plays/Yards)	Drives Ended By -----										Points Yielded
	Drives Started	TD	FG	FGA	Punt	Downs	Turn.	Safety	Clock	(Rplcd)	
LYNCH, Denver (65-267)	11	1	3	0	6	0	1	0	0	(0)	16
RYAN, Atlanta (61-373)	11	2	3	0	3	1	1	0	1	(0)	23

*—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.....	7	22	3.1	18	66	3.7	25	88	3.5	1	3	8	12	6	4	0	3	1
Atlanta	17	72	4.2	11	167	15.2	28	239	8.5	3	8	13	10	5	2	0	0	0

YARDS GAINED BY DOWN / QUARTER / PLUS TERRITORY

Team	1st Down-----			2nd Down-----			3rd Down-----			4th Down-----			BY QUARTER				IN PLUS TERRITORY		
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	1	2	3	4	Plays	Yards	Avg.
	DENVER.....	25	88	3.5	20	79	4.0	16	88	5.5	4	12	3.0	59	17	57	134	25	96
Atlanta	28	239	8.5	19	68	3.6	12	62	5.2	3	3	1.0	118	75	103	76	30	155	5.2

Overtime Yards: N/A.

KICKOFF ANALYSIS

Player, Team	Opp							In20/					Opponent SYL	Opp. ASL
	Total	Ret	FC	MF	NA	TB (EZ+)	25	OB	OnS	SOB				
McManus, Denver.....	3	1	0	0	0	2	(1)	0/1	0	(2)	(0)	25t•21r•25r•OnS•OnS	A24	
Atlanta	6	3	0	0	0	3	(0)	2/3	0	(0)	(0)	25t•25t•16r•19r•25t•22r	D22	

*—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 IN THE LEAD		
	Opp	TO	Pts	Drives	AFP	In/At20	Made-Att	Pct.	No.	Yards	Avg.	No.	Time
DENVER.....	1	3		11	D25	4 (3/1)	4-20	20.0	1	12	7.9	3	0:00
Atlanta	1	7		11	A33	3 (1/2)	6-19	31.6	3	34	10.0	3	56:18

AFP—Average Field Position; AT/In—Drives Started At/Inside the 20. (Tied 3:42)

INSIDE-THE-20 ANALYSIS (RED ZONE)

	Denver	Atlanta
(must have crossed the 20-yard line)		
Total Penetrations	2	3
Scores	2	3
(TDs/FGs)	1/1	1/2
Turnovers/Downs/Clock	0/0/0	0/0/0
Plays-Yards.....	6-22	9-27
Third Down Conversions.....	0-1	0-2
Fourth Down Conversions.....	0-0	1-1
Scores From Outside RZ (TD/FG)....	2/0,2	2/1,1

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

FIRST DOWNS EARNED (Leaders)

Denver	Rush	Pass	Rec.	—	Total
Lynch.....	1	10	0	—	11
Sanders	0	0	0	—	4
Anderson	2	0	1	—	3
Thomas	0	0	2	—	2
Booker.....	1	0	1	—	2
Atlanta	Rush	Pass	Rec.	—	Total
Ryan	2	11	0	—	13
Freeman	5	0	2	—	7
Coleman	2	0	3	—	5

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL NOTES

- DEN did not lead for the first time in a game this season; ATL led for 56:18, in fact, DEN had trailed for just 60:54 coming into today.
- DEN opponents have now run 69 third down plays this year; the Bronco defense has nine sacks and five forced turnovers (3 INT, 2 FR).