



## DENVER BRONCOS POSTGAME NOTES

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### Denver Broncos (1-0) vs. Carolina Panthers (0-1)

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016 • 6:40 p.m. MDT • Sports Authority Field at Mile High

**FINAL SCORE: BRONCOS 21, PANTHERS 20 • ATTENDANCE: 76,843**

#### BRONCOS OUTLAST PANTHERS IN SEASON OPENER

The **Denver Broncos (1-0)** beat the **Carolina Panthers (0-1)** by a score of 21-20 to improve to 37-19-1 (.658) all-time in season openers and 43-13-1 (.763) all-time in home openers. Additionally, the Broncos improved to an NFL-best 29-4 (.879) in home openers during Owner **Pat Bowlen's** tenure with the team (1984-pres.).

Denver's one-point win tied for the closest margin of victory in a season opener in Broncos history.

#### SMALLEST MARGIN OF VICTORY BY THE BRONCOS IN A SEASON OPENER

	Date	Result	Margin
1.	Sept. 8, 2016	@Den. 21, Car. 20	+1
	Sept. 9, 2007	Den. 15, at Buf. 14	+1
3.	Sept. 7, 1986	@Den. 38, LAA 36	+2
	Sept. 6, 1981	@Den. 9, Oak. 7	+2

#### SIEMIAN EARNS WIN IN FIRST CAREER START

Denver **QB Trevor Siemian** earned a win in his NFL debut by completing 18-of-26 passes (69.2%) for 178 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions in addition to rushing for 20 yards on five attempts (4.0 avg.).

Selected by Denver in the seventh round (250th overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft, Siemian became just the sixth Broncos quarterback drafted by the team to post a win in his first NFL start.

#### QUARTERBACKS DRAFTED BY DENVER TO WIN THEIR STARTING DEBUTS

Player	Date	Res./Opp.	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	TD	INT	Rtg.
Mickey Slaughter	9/29/1963	W, 14-10 vs. Bos.	18	7	109	0	2	20.1
Marlin Briscoe	10/6/1968	W, 10-7 vs. Cin.	11	4	37	0	0	46.4
Craig Penrose	12/5/1976	W, 17-16 vs. K.C.	27	11	176	2	2	57.0
Gary Kubiak	11/20/1983	W, 38-27 vs. Sea.	18	10	165	1	1	81.9
Brock Osweiler	11/22/2015	W, 17-15 at Chi.	27	20	250	2	0	127.1
<b>Trevor Siemian</b>	<b>9/8/2016</b>	<b>W, 21-20 vs. Car.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>69.1</b>

#### WARE MOVES UP ALL-TIME SACK LIST

Broncos **OLB DeMarcus Ware** posted 1.5 sacks (9.5 yds.) against Carolina to tie **Julius Peppers** and **Jared Allen** for the ninth-most career sacks (136) in NFL history. The game represented Ware's 34th career multi-sack performance, including playoffs.

#### MOST CAREER SACKS, NFL HISTORY (Since sacks became an official statistic in 1982)

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. <b>DeMarcus Ware*</b>	<b>136.0</b>
4. Chris Doleman	150.5	Jared Allen	136.0
5. Michael Strahan	141.5	Julius Peppers*	136.0
6. Jason Taylor	139.5		<i>*active</i>

## JANOVICH SCORES ON FIRST CAREER CARRY

Broncos rookie **FB Andy Janovich**, who was selected by the team in the sixth round (176th overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft, tied the game at 7-7 in the first quarter when he took his first NFL handoff and scored on a 28-yard touchdown run.

Janovich joins **FB Kyle Johnson** (3 yds. vs. S.D., 9/18/05) and **QB Bradlee Van Pelt** (7 yds. at K.C., 12/4/05) as the only three Broncos to score on their first career rushing attempt in the last 30 years. He is the fifth NFL player to accomplish that feat since the start of the 2015 season.

He is also the first true fullback to record a touchdown for the Broncos since **FB Spencer Larsen** scored on a 3-yard touchdown pass from **QB Tim Tebow** vs. Kansas City on Nov. 14, 2010.

### NFL PLAYERS TO SCORE ON THEIR FIRST CAREER RUSHING ATTEMPT, 2015-PRES.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Opp. (Date)</u>	<u>Length</u>
Ameer Abdullah, Det.	at S.D. (9/13/15)	24
Karlos Williams, Buf.	vs. Ind. (9/13/15)	26
Zach Line, Min.	vs. Det. (9/20/15)	1
Dontari Poe, K.C.	at S.D. (11/22/15)	1
<b>Andy Janovich, Den.</b>	<b>vs. Car. (9/8/16)</b>	<b>28</b>

### MISCELLANEOUS GAME NOTES

\* - Head Coach **Gary Kubiak** earned his 16th overall win (13-4 reg. season, 3-0 postseason) with Denver to tie Defensive Coordinator **Wade Philips** for seventh place on the franchise's all-time win list for a Broncos head coach.

\* - Denver **RB C.J. Anderson** accounted for 139 total yards (92 rushing, 47 receiving) and two touchdowns (1 rushing, 1 receiving), averaging 5.8 yards per offensive touch. He passed three players on the franchise's all-time rushing list and now rankles 15th in team history with 1,699 career rushing yards.

\* - After allowing Carolina to convert all seven third down attempts in the first half, Denver limited the Panthers to 2-of-8 on third downs in the second half.

\* - Broncos **WR Cody Latimer** recorded a pair of special-teams tackles against the Panthers to match his total from the 2015 season.



# 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 Ended By -----										Points Yielded
	Drives Started	TD	FG	FGA	Punt	Downs	Turn.	Safety	Clock	(Rplcd)	
SIEMIAN, Denver (55-309).....	11	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	(0)	21
NEWTON, Carolina (xx-xxx).....	10	2	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	(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.....	15	74	4.9	13	103	7.9	28	177	6.3	3	7	14	12	5	4	0	0	1
Carolina.....	20	106	5.3	9	27	3.0	29	133	4.6	1	4	11	10	6	1	1	1	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.....	28	177	6.3	18	88	4.9	10	51	5.1	1	1	1.0	96	82	89	40	27	132
Carolina.....	29	133	4.6	24	86	3.6	15	108	7.2	0	0	0.0	76	134	32	91	22	123	5.6

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.....	4	1	0	0	0	3 (3)	1/1	0	(0)	(0)	10r•25T•25T•25T•	C21		
Gano, Carolina.....	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	3rd Dwn Avg.	OUT IN THE LEAD	
DENVER.....	1	7	11	D29	3 (1/2)	7-18	38.9	0	0	6.9	3	9:26
Carolina.....	3	7	10	C26	2 (2/0)	6-24	25.0	2	33	7.7	4	33:32

AFP—Average Field Position; AT/In—Drives Started At/Inside the 20. (Tied 17:02)

### INSIDE-THE-20 ANALYSIS (RED ZONE)

	Denver	Carolina
(must have crossed the 20-yard line)		
Total Penetrations.....	2	3
Scores.....	1	3
(TDs/FGs).....	1/0	2/1
Turnovers/Downs/Clock.....	1/0/0	0/0/0
Plays-Yards.....	12-5	7-34
Third Down Conversions.....	0-1	1-2
Fourth Down Conversions.....	1-1	0-0
Scores From Outside RZ (TD/FG)....	2/2,0	1/0,1

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

### FIRST DOWNS EARNED (Leaders)

Denver	Rush	Pass	Rec.	—	Total
Siemian.....	2	11	0	—	13
Anderson.....	6	0	2	—	8
Thomas.....	0	0	4	—	4
Sanders.....	0	0	3	—	3
Carolina	Rush	Pass	Rec.	—	Total
Newton.....	2	12	0	—	14
Benjamin.....	0	0	5	—	5
Olsen.....	0	0	5	—	5
Stewart.....	3	0	0	—	3

### MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL NOTES

- DEN outgained CAR in the first & third quarters combined by 185-108; CAR outgained DEN in the second & fourth quarters by 225-122.
- CAR was 7-of-11 on 3rd-&-5 or longer, gaining 93 yards on those seven plays (or 29 percent of its offense). DEN did record two third down quarterback sacks; the Broncos had 18 in the 2015 regular season and tacked on eight more in three playoff games.