

Broken: Broncos Routed By Seattle In Super Bowl 48

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Defense wins championships, and the NFL has not seen a defense like Seattle's in a long time.

The Seahawks won their first Super Bowl title Sunday night in overpowering fashion, punishing Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos 43-8. That relentless defense, the NFL's stingiest, never let the five-time MVP get going, disarming the highest-scoring offense in league history.

Seattle (16-3) was too quick, too physical and just too good for Denver, and that was true in all areas. What was hyped as a classic matchup between an unstoppable offense and a miserly defense turned into a rout.

Punctuating Seattle's dominance were a 69-yard interception return touchdown by linebacker Malcolm

Smith to make it 22-0, and Percy Harvin's sensational 87-yard kickoff runback to open the second half.

When the Seahawks, up by 29 points, forced a Denver punt early in the third quarter, the 12th Man — and there were legions of them in MetLife Stadium — began chanting "L-O-B, L-O-B."

As in Legion of Boom, the Seahawks hard-hitting secondary.

The loss by the Broncos again raised questions about Manning's ability to win the biggest games. He is 11-12 in the postseason, 1-2 in Super Bowls. He never looked comfortable against a defense some will begin comparing to the 1985 Bears and 2000 Ravens — other NFL champions who had runaway Super Bowl victories.

Seattle forced four turnovers; Denver had 26 all season.

The Seahawks looked comfortable and at ease, and not just their defense, which lost All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman to an ankle injury in the fourth quarter.

Russell Wilson, who has an NFL-record 28 wins in his first two pro seasons, including playoffs, had a 23-yard TD pass to Jermaine Kearse late in the third quarter to make it 36-0.

Wilson also hit Doug Baldwin for a 10-yard score in the final period in what had become one of the most lopsided Super Bowls. For the fifth time in six meetings between the NFL's No. 1 offense and defense, the D dominated. Only Denver in 1990, when it lost in the biggest romp in Super Bowl history, 55-10 against San Francisco, failed with the top defense.

Denver fell to 2-5 in Super Bowls,

and by the end many of Manning's passes resembled the "ducks" Sherman said the All-Pro quarterback sometimes threw.

The victory was particularly sweet for coach Pete Carroll, who was fired in 1994 by the Jets, led the Patriots for three seasons and again was canned. After a short stint out of coaching, he took over at Southern California and won two national titles.

But he always felt there was unfinished business in the NFL. Carroll finished that business by lifting the Vince Lombardi Trophy, four years after taking charge in Seattle and eight years after the Seahawks lost in their only previous Super Bowl to Pittsburgh.

No Super Bowl had been played outdoors in a cold-weather city before — not that the Big Apple was anything

close to frozen Sunday, with a 49-degree temperature at kickoff. And no Super Bowl has started more bizarrely.

Things went sour for Manning and the Broncos from the very first scrimmage play, and by halftime they were down 22-0 — their biggest deficit of the season and the only time they didn't score in a half.

On that first play for the Broncos, Manning stepped up toward the line just as center Manny Ramirez snapped the ball. It flew past his incredulous quarterback into the end zone, where Knowshon Moreno dived on it for a safety.

A mere 12 seconds in, Seattle led 2-0 with the quickest score in Super Bowl history, beating Chicago's Devin Hester's kickoff return to open the 2007 game — against Manning's Colts.

State Sweeps South Dakota

SDSU Men Earn Rare Victory At DakotaDome

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VERMILLION — Road wins are typically hard to come by anyway, but the men's basketball rivalry between South Dakota State and the University of South Dakota has been especially dominated by the home team.

That is, until Saturday.

Picking up the first victory by the visiting team in the series in 12 years, the Jackrabbits held on late to edge the rival Coyotes 70-68 in Saturday afternoon's Summit League showdown at the DakotaDome.

The differences were small, but played a big role. Particularly in the final moments, when the Jacks (12-10, 4-3) forced two turnovers in the final 30 seconds.

"They played pretty good defense as a team, but we weren't able to do enough there down the stretch," said USD sophomore Casey Kasperbauer, who scored 17 points off the bench.

In the previous two Division I meetings in Vermillion, the script had been flipped. The Coyotes (8-13, 3-4) were the ones to see a big lead slip but ultimately hang on.

Saturday was just another what-could-have-been for a USD squad still stinging from a 3-point home loss to North Dakota State last Thursday.

"We need to come out in the second half with more energy," senior Trevor Gruis, owner of 16 points and six rebounds, said. "We were up one (at halftime), but we've done it before this year."

"We come out and give up a big lead on the other team, and

it's just too much."

Despite trailing by as many as 15 points in the second half — and by eight with four minutes left — the Coyotes were in prime position to tie the game.

USD — down 68-66 — got the steal it needed on an in-bounds play with 11 seconds left, and the ball went into the hands of junior reserve Tyler Larson. He drove the ball down the court, but eventually had the ball poked away by the Jacks.

Two Jake Bittle free throws later iced the victory. But the question later revolved around that final play for the Coyotes — was a timeout considered?

"I'm not sure Larson had an idea where he was quite going. I was trying to scream timeout, but couldn't get it," interim head coach Joey James said. "By then the turnover occurred."

That singular play didn't seem like the biggest reason why the Coyotes lost. No, a significant disparity on rebounds played an even bigger role.

And for SDSU, that is becoming a common theme, dominating the glass.

In winning road games at Denver and at USD, the Jackrabbits out-rebounded those teams by 24 on the glass and surrendered just four offensive rebounds. In Saturday's victory, SDSU had a 32-22 edge and held the Coyotes to just two offensive rebounds.

"That's how hard it is to win a road game," said SDSU head coach Scott Nagy, whose team won in Vermillion for the first time since 2001.

"For us, we were more



South Dakota's Adam Thoesby goes to the basket against South Dakota State's Chad White during their Summit League men's basketball game on Saturday at the DakotaDome. SDSU won 70-68, the Jackrabbits' first victory in Vermillion since 2001.

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SDSU Women Overpower Coyotes 88-69

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BROOKINGS — The trend continues.

South Dakota State was just too much for the University of South Dakota.

This time on the women's stage, the Jackrabbits cruised 88-69 in what was a foul-heavy Summit League showdown on Sunday afternoon at Frost Arena.

In winning their 14th consecutive home game, the first-place Jackrabbits (16-7, 7-0) made 25-of-31 free throws in a game that featured 59 fouls.

What can you do to overcome that many fouls?

"Look at the bench and pick the next one," SDSU head coach Aaron Johnston joked. "That's all you can do in a game like this."

"Because of our depth, we have the ability to manage through a game like that."

Particularly in the second half, when the Jacks out-scored USD by one, fouls became an issue. The Coyotes made 13-of-22 foul shots after halftime, while the Jacks hit 15-of-17.

"That could have been a much closer game if we made more than half of those," said USD junior Nicole Seekamp, who had 13 points and five assists.

"That got us into a big hole."

As did an 18-point halftime break for the Jacks, who hit nine three-pointers before the break. That was more than

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Veterans Spark Mount Marty Men Past Concordia

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All season, Mount Marty College head coach Andrew Baker as relied on his two seasoned veterans on his team: Chris Richardson and Bud Smith.

"It all starts with our upperclassmen being leaders and having motivation," he said. "Those two guys get us going and have got us rolling all season long."

Richardson and Smith combined for 34 of the 56 Lancer points in a 56-55 victory over Concordia University in Great Plains Athletic Conference action on Saturday afternoon at the Laddie E. Cimpr Arena in Yankton.

"It was a good win, any win is a good win," Baker said. "I had a weird feeling when I got out of the shower this morning that it was going to be a close one."

Bud Smith scored the Lancers first four baskets, giving Mount Marty (4-19, 2-13 in GPAC) an 8-3 advantage on an 8-0 run within the first four minutes.

With 11 minutes remaining, Tyler Payer recored a block, went coast-

to-coast and made an and-one lay-up to give the Lancers a 12-7 lead.

Both squads fought hard defensively in the first half.

With four minutes remaining, as the Bulldogs (7-17, 2-13 in GPAC) were mounting a comeback, Alex Irvine used a slick post-move to bolster the Lancer lead to 23-16.

Concordia marched on a 4-0 run, forcing Coach Baker to call a timeout with 2 minutes remaining.

At the half, the Lancers held onto a 24-21 lead in a very physical first half.

"It was a grudge match the whole game long," Baker said. "It's GPAC basketball, that's what you have to expect."

Smith led the Lancers at the half with nine points and three rebounds. Irvine added six points and three boards. Mount Marty shot 35 percent from the field and committed 12 turnovers.

Adam Vogt led the Bulldogs with five points, while Robby Thomas had four points and eight rebounds. Concordia shot 23 percent from the field and committed eight

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No. 9 Concordia Women Escape Mount Marty

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Concordia may have beaten Mount Marty, but it was not as easy of a feat as it was the last time these teams were matched up. Concordia beat Mount Marty 60-53 Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena. The last time they were put head-to-head Concordia blew out Mount Marty 109-86.

"We played very good defensively," Mount Marty's head coach Tom Schlingen said. "We made them earn their points."

Bailey Morris earned 21 points for Concordia. Tracy Peitz cashed in 15 points and snatched 10 rebounds. Beckey Mueller added 10 points and eight rebounds to the win.

For Mount Marty, both Raquel Sutera and Denae Veldkamp tallied 13 points. Sutera also grabbed 10 rebounds. Logan Wagner added nine points to Mount Marty's effort.

"We played really hard and showed great effort," Schlingen said. "We left too many points up there and missed

some easy baskets."

In the first ten seconds of the game, Mount Marty's Logan Wagner put up the game's first three pointer to get Mount Marty rolling. Holly Hegge added two points soon after to feed Mount Marty's early lead. Concordia scored three consecutive baskets, one being a three pointer, to take the lead for the first time. Then Mount Marty got warmed up and went on a scoring streak and with 8:34 left in the first half had its biggest lead of 11 with a score of 21-9.

Concordia started closing the gap towards the end of the first half and ended it 29-28 with Mount Marty in the lead.

"Our offensive end was our Achilles heel," Schlingen said. "We are going to work on our offensive consistency."

Mount Marty and Concordia kept it a two point game until there was less than five minutes left in the game. Concordia had a nice scoring run to take the game.

"We didn't shoot as well as we should have," sophomore Raquel

Sutera said.

Intensity was definitely shown by both teams.

"Positivity is the main key to keeping intensity up," Sutera said. "We try to stay as positive as we can on the court and communicate to each other."

Mount Marty travels to Morning-side Wednesday.

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CONCORDIA (20-5)
Bailey Morris 8-18 4-7 21, Tracy Peitz 7-14 2-2 15, Kelsey Hizer 1-4 2-2 4, Shelby Quinn 0-4 0-0 0, Beckey Mueller 4-11 1-1 10, Devin Edwards 1-3 0-0 3, Lori Laboda 2-5 0-0 4, Kristen Conahan 0-1 0-0 0, Taylor Wissing 0-2 0-0 0, Jenna Lehmann 1-3 0-0 2, Karissa Segelke 0-1 1-2 1, Ashley Kuntz 0-1 0-0 0

MOUNT MARTY (10-14)
Cassidy Gebhart 1-4 0-0 2, Logan Wagner 3-10 1-3 9, Holly Hegge 2-5 2-2 7, Raquel Sutera 5-9 1-5 13, Allison De Kam 2-9 0-0 4, Denae Veldkamp 3-7 5-5 13, Cheyenne Lambley 2-2 1-1 4, Kellie Winkler 0-1 0-0 0

At the half: MMC 29, CC 28. Three pointers MMC 7-22 (Veldkamp 2-5, Sutera 2-5, Wagner 2-5, Hegge 1-3, Gebhart 0-1), CC 4-22 (Peitz 1-2, Edwards 1-3, Morris 1-5, Mueller 1-5, Quinn 0-1, Wissing 0-1, Segelke 0-1, Laboda 0-2, Hizer 0-2). Rebounds: CC 45 (Peitz 10), MMC 35 (Sutera 10) Personal fouls: MMC 17, CC 16. Assists: MMC 12 (Gebhart 3, Sutera 3), CC 11 (Morris 5). Turnovers: MMC 19, CC 13. Blocked Shots: CC 3 (Laboda 2), MMC 3 (De Kam 2). Steals: CC 4 (Morris 2) MMC 3. Attendance: 398

Top-Ranked Tigers Rally Past Yankton 59-52



Players from Huron, center, and Yankton battle for possession during their Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball game on Saturday at the Summit Center.

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The Huron Tigers played like the state's top-ranked team Saturday night in the fourth quarter against the Yankton Bucks.

Entering the final period trailing by one point after Yankton's Ryan Olson hit a half-court buzzer-beating three-pointer, the Tigers held the upset-minded Bucks scoreless for 3 minutes, 51 seconds. That stretch was part of a larger 14-2 run that allowed the No. 1-ranked team in Class AA to break away before holding on for a hard-fought 59-52 Eastern Dakota Conference victory at the Summit Center.

Huron, who entered the final eight minutes down 36-35,

made 7-of-8 shots from the field in the fourth quarter and knocked down 8-of-10 free throws in the final 1:17 to win its seventh straight game. The victory was the Tigers' seventh straight on the road and improved the Tigers to 12-1 overall and 10-1 in the ESD.

Huron got a perfect start to the fourth quarter.

Senior Caleb Carr answered Olson's three with one of his own on the first possession of the fourth quarter. Senior Lucas Morrison drove in for a layup on the Tigers' next trip down the floor. Senior Justin Decker followed that with a pair of baskets in the post.

It was the response Huron coach Tim Buddenhagen wanted for him his team on the road.

"We've come a long way mentality and I think our mental toughness is a lot better," Buddenhagen said. "... I just think about our kids, we're always too this or too that. Everybody is saying the guards aren't good enough. They can't handle the pressure. They can't dribble the ball. They're going to turn it over. These kids have banded together and we're winning."

"People can say what they want but these kids have been mentality tough all year. They've had the target on their back night in and night out. People are going to give you their best game and they've shouldered it. We went out there and played our game."

The Tigers' game Saturday was to get the ball inside to

Decker while Carr hit shots from behind the 3-point line while showing the ability to finish inside. The 6-foot-7 Decker finished with a game-high 20 points and five rebounds while Carr added 14 points and six boards. Huron made 61 percent of its shots (23-of-38) from the field.

It was Huron's tough man-to-man defense that proved to be the difference in the fourth quarter. The Tigers allowed only four points in the first five minutes of the final period. During that time, Huron took a 51-40 lead to gain control.

Yankton coach Chris Haynes said the Tigers' defense — which held the Bucks to 40 percent shooting (21-of-

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