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Giants manhandle Broncos to win 1st Super Bowl

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Phil Simms and the New York Giants defense overcame a one-man show by John Elway as the Giants won their first Super Bowl by scoring 30 points in the second half Sunday to beat the Denver Broncos 39-20.

Simms, considered the lesser of the two quarterbacks in this game, completed 22 of 25 for 268 yards, including three touchdown passes, and was unanimously voted the Most Valuable Player.

He also set a Super Bowl record with 10 straight completions during New York's second-half tear. His 88 percent completion rate was an NFL playoff record.

"This ought to dispel any myth about Phil Simms," Giants Coach Bill Parcells said. "He was absolutely

magnificent today. It might be the best game a quarterback has played in all games this year."

Simms said he had an inkling the day would be his.

"When I was warming up I told everyone, 'I've got it today.' I was throwing real well," he said. "Our offense had a lot to prove coming in here. Nobody said anything about us all week."

"In the first half we moved it (the ball) every time. I just had a couple of breakdowns. We stayed with the same stuff (in the second half)."

Most of this came after a first half in which Denver outplayed the heavily favored Giants, going off with a 10-9 lead that easily could have been 20-7 or 20-9. Early in the second quarter, New York held Denver

without a point after the Broncos had a first-and-goal from their 1 and Rich Karlis missed field goals from 23 and 34 yards for Denver, one after that goal-line stand.

So dominant was Elway in that period that he accounted for 200 yards on his own — 187 passing and 13 rushing. That was 13 yards more than Denver's total offense when sacks are figured in.

Then came the third quarter, in which the Giants outgained the Broncos by 163 yards to 2, scoring 17 points. From the time the Broncos led 10-9 until the Giants led 33-10, Denver was held without a first down, going out 1-2-3-punt on two occasions and Elway threw an interception on the other.

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started innocently enough.

Three plays netted 9 yards, and the Giants' punting team ran onto the field to punt from its own 46. Suddenly, the Giants shifted out of punt formation, and Jeff Rutledge, the second-string quarterback, came up behind the center.

The ball was snapped, and Rutledge sneaked for 1 yard and a first down.

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Denver, which went the entire third quarter without calling a running play, went 1-2-3-punt, and the punt was returned 25 yards by Phil McConkey to the Denver 36. Eight

plays later, Raul Allegre's 21-yard field goal made it 19-10.

Again Denver went 1-2-3-punt, and again New York scored, going 68 yards in four plays with Joe Morris running over from 1 yard out following a 44-yard flea-flicker pass from Simms to McConkey.

Elvis Patterson intercepted an Elway pass the next time, setting up a 6-yard scoring pass from Simms to McConkey. The ball bounced off tight end Mark Bavaro's hands and helmet, right into the hands of McConkey, who did a victory dance and ran off the field with the ball.

This was the fifth time in six years that an NFC team has won the Super Bowl. The last AFC team was the Los Angeles Raiders in 1984. The Giants won their three postseason

games by a total score of 105-23, beating San Francisco 49-3 and Washington 17-0 en route to their first NFL title since 1956.

From then on it was garbage time. Otis Anderson had a 1-yard TD run for New York. Karlis had a 29-yard field goal for Denver, and Elway threw 46-yards to Vance Johnson for a consolation TD late in the game.

It didn't start that way. Denver took a 3-0 lead on the first possession of the game on Karlis' 48-yard field goal.

Elway was the prime mover on the drive, scrambling 10 yards for a first down on the first play, then hitting Mark Jackson for 24 yards on a third-and-7 from his own 39.

Simms' record-setting day results in win, MVP honors

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The New York Giants vs. John Elway? How about the Denver Broncos vs. Phil Simms?

The Giants won their first NFL championship in 30 years Sunday, scoring 30 points in the second half to beat the Broncos 39-20 in their first Super Bowl.

The Giants' victory was earned primarily in two areas: the highly publicized defense and the under-publicized Simms, who ran a distant second to his blond Denver counterpart in the pre-game hype.

All Simms did was complete 22 of his 25 passes — a Super Bowl record 88 percent. He threw for 268 yards and three touchdowns to be named MVP of the game.

Simms also set a Super Bowl record with 10 consecutive completions during the third and fourth quarter, when the Giants turned a 10-9 halftime deficit into a 33-10 lead without allowing as much as a first down to Denver.

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"It was about two feet," Giants Coach Bill Parcells said of the fourth-down play. "You know, you're trying to win the game. This is for the world championship. It's not for faint-hearted people. He's either going to go for it or take a delay. If it's not there, I'll take the delay. He looked over at me. I nodded my head to him, and he went for it."

Denver Coach Dan Reeves lamented: "We just didn't have enough to make it interesting. They

certainly are a great football team and they played a great game. In the first half, we should have scored about 10 more points, at least.

"We knew going into the game if we didn't take advantage of every opportunity, we'd be in tough shape," Reeves said. "The field position in the third quarter really killed us. We were backed up to our 15-yard line the first three times we touched the ball. We felt going in we couldn't get in a scoring contest with them."

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Arkansas blasts A&M with Huery's hot hand

What a difference losing to Rice makes.

The Texas A&M basketball team, which was trying to shake off the effects of the upset to the Owls last Wednesday, dropped an 87-69 decision to the Arkansas Razorbacks Sunday at Barnhill Arena in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Aggies fell into trouble early in the game as Arkansas' Ron Huery hit three 3-point shots in the first four minutes of the game to give the Razorbacks a comfortable 17-4 lead.

A&M later went on a 20-7 run to close the gap to within seven points at 31-24. And Darryl McDonald cut the lead to 39-36 with less than a minute and a half to go in the half on a reverse layup, but the Aggies would come no closer in the remainder of the game.

Arkansas' Mario Credit then scored on a dunk, and Huery hit a free throw to lift the Hogs to a 44-38 halftime lead.

In the second half, the closest the Aggies would get to the Ra-

zorbacks was five points at 47-42 with 17:42 left in the game.

Winston Crite led all Aggie scorers with 23 points and had 12 rebounds. Keron Graves had 14 points, while McDonald added 11.

But it was Huery who led all scorers with 25 points, many of which came from 3-point land. Tim Scott added 15 points for Arkansas and Andrew Lang scored 13 with five blocked shots.

The loss, which was A&M's second consecutive defeat, dropped the Aggies to 12-6 overall and 4-3 in Southwest Conference play.

A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said his game plan was to force the Razorbacks to shoot from the outside.

"We planned to pack it in inside and make them beat us from the outside," Metcalf said. "But they really were on a roll shooting the ball early in the game."

The Aggies return home to take on Baylor Wednesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Razorbacks power by Lady Aggies

The Lady Aggies lost to Arkansas 86-69 Saturday night, but there were a few positive notes.

Sophomore forward Veronda Roundtree scored a career-high 18 points and A&M's offense looked like it had finally gotten over the loss of Donna Roper.

"We worked harder tonight," Coach Lynn Hickey said. "We had a better effort. We had people concentrating, paying attention to things."

"I think that even though we had a loss tonight that maybe we got a little bit over the hump."

Arkansas, recently upset by Baylor, and struggling with a 6-10 record, 3-3 in the SWC, went on a 22-0 run early in the second half to put the game out of reach.

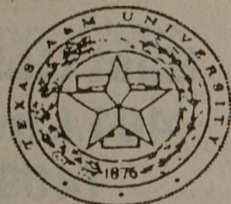
The Lady Aggies fell to 6-10 and 2-5.

Arkansas' Monica Brown led all scorers with 23 points, while Evelyn Sanders chipped in 17 for the Aggies.

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