



New York Giants

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY



Denver Broncos

Giants All The Way, Local Fans Predict

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In the North Country, as in the rest of the nation, football fans' eyes will turn to the tube on Sunday for the annual pro football classic, the Super Bowl.

While the Giants and the Broncos are running plays on the field, local bars and restaurants will be running specials on red hot chicken wings and other favorite snacks, as well as beverages both potent and not-so-potent.

Those who choose to enjoy the game at home will have stocked up on all those edibles that enhance enjoyment.

Game results will have to wait until the waning hours of Super Bowl Sunday. But, with the game still a few days away, Courier-Freeman staffers found area sports buffs eager to predict the game's results. With few excep-

tions, those surveyed feel sure the victory will belong to the Giants.

Defense
'Something Else'
Con Elliott, the radio "Voice of the North Country," says he's been a Giants fan since he was "a day old." So he's betting with both his heart and his head. He thinks the Jersey Giants will win 20-14. "Their defense is really something else. Old Bill (Coach Bill Parcells) and the gang will come up with a way to stop Elway," said Elliott.

Con's wife, Louise, not a big football fan, disagrees with her sport-scaster husband. She thinks the Broncos will win 33-20, but says she really doesn't care.

Potsdam College men's basketball coach and athletic director Jerry Welsh is one of the nation's most highly-respected basketball coaches. But, he knows his others sports as well. And, he says the

Giants will win 23-17. "Defense is the key. The Giants have to stop Elway from throwing the long bomb. If they do, they'll win," said Welsh.

A co-worker with Welsh at Maxcy Hall, Neil Johnson, the college's wrestling coach, agrees. He thinks the Giants will take the Super Bowl championship 21-17. He says, "The Giants are a more balanced club all-around. Their offense and defense are both strong. Plus, I think they have a little more experience and are a bit hungrier than Denver."

Potsdam High School boys basketball coach Steve Knaack, like Welsh, knows much more about roundball than a football. But, he too, is a proponent of defense and feels the Giants will prevail. "The Giants are on a roll. They are a very confident team. They looked simply awesome against us in the first game in the playoffs. Their offense is defense. Giants 27-10," said Knaack.

Supports Broncos
Supporting the underdog Broncos are a hockey coach who likes the Buffalo Bills, and a high school football coach who has a bias for offense.

Jerry Patterson, the Potsdam High hockey coach, is an avid Bills supporter and tends to root for AFC-based squads in the Super Bowl. He predicts Denver to win 17-

14, saying, "I'm a Buffalo Bills and an AFC fan. I tend to lose interest in football after three weeks when the Bills are 0-3. I like John Elway a lot. I think he's a good leader. The Giants defense is just awesome. True Giants fans have been waiting a long time for this. But, I have to stick with the AFC."

Britton, the Potsdam High football coach, likes the Broncos because of their multiple offense alignments. He said Denver would win 21-17. "The Giants have a strong defense, but Denver has been in closer and better games than the Giants. Carl Mecklenburger and Ruben Jones are excellent big play defensive players for Denver. Coach Dan Reeves is more imaginative on offense than Parcells, but then again Parcells is more defensive-oriented. Elway is more mobile than Phil Simms and their running attack isn't as good as the Broncos. I think the Broncos will win 27-10. The Broncos have to rely on his backs. There won't be a blowout this year," said Britton.

Another Giants backer, Scott Burr, the JV baseball coach for Potsdam High, thinks his team will blow away the AFC representative 38-14. "The Giants defense is too overwhelming. There isn't an offense in the league right now that can compete against the Giants' defense," said Burr, a vocal, but knowledgeable Giants fan.

Not everyone backing the Giants is a coach. Potsdam Police Chief Clinton Matott says Sunday will belong to the Giants, 21-7. Why will the Giants win it? "Because I think their defensive team is going to hold Denver to little or nothing," Chief Matott said.

And football fan Rick Washik picks the Giants 24-10. "I think they're the best team in the league right now," he said, adding that during Sunday's game he'll be "waiting to open the champagne."

After Monday night's Norwood Village Board meeting, some of the local lawmakers took a vote on the winner of Sunday's contest. Trustee Pete LePage said he's been "a Giants fan for the last 30 years," and picked them to win on Sunday (LePage also asked a reporter for a prediction on Wednesday night's Potsdam-Norwood basketball game).

Trustee LePage said he picked the Giants, while Trustee Alan Tebo said he "can't make a decision."

And it's the Giants all the way, according to those polled at Monday night's Potsdam village board meeting.

Trustee Hugh Sprague said he predicts New York will win 13-0, but noted that "both (teams) have been playing good defensive ball" and that neither team will have a weather advantage in sunny Pasadena.

Trustees Helen Brouwer and Jeff Belodoff both said they weren't football fans by any means, but would probably root for the Giants.

Belodoff noted that after spending time as a fan for our excellent local hockey and basketball programs, there isn't much time left for professional football.

Village Administrator Robert Burns predicts a Giants win by at least three points. Burns said he thinks it will be a "tight, low-scoring game," based on the defensive strengths of both teams.

Village Attorney Peter Laska said he thinks he'll "cheer" for the Giants, while Trustee Robert Sullivan predicts a Giants victory by around 15 points.

Editor's note: Additional material for this story was gathered and written by Ron Robertson and Betsy Baker.

SUPER BOWL XXI

	BRONCOS		GIANTS	
	Bronco	Opp.	Giants	Opp.
Total First Downs	319	291	324	284
Rushing	94	93	127	78
Passing	184	177	171	177
Penalty	41	21	26	29
Rushing				
Net Yards Gained	1678	1651	2245	1284
Rushes	455	432	558	350
Avg./rush	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.7
Passing				
Total Yards Gained	3811	3755	3500	3887
Sacks	38	49	46	59
Yards Lost, Sacks	273	459	367	414
Net Yards Gained	3538	3296	3133	3473
Passes Attempted	549	545	472	587
Passes Completed	306	301	260	334
Completion Pct.	55.7	55.2	55.1	56.9
Had Intercepted	16	18	22	24
Combined Net Yards	5216	4947	5378	4757
Ball Control Plays	1042	1026	1076	996
Average per Play	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.8
Interceptions By	18	16	24	22
Yards Returned	318	363	296	218
Returned for TD	2	2	1	1
Punts	86	86	79	89
Average Distance	39.3	42.9	44.8	39.3
Punts Returned	48	40	41	41
Average Return	11.5	9.1	7.0	9.4
Returned for TD	2	0	0	0
Kickoff Returns	53	65	50	70
Average Return	20.6	20.0	17.4	19.5
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0
Fumbles	24	32	31	36
Fumbles Lost	13	17	10	19
Penalties	104	127	96	120
Penalty Yardage	910	1034	738	988
Scoring				
Touchdowns	45	36	42	26
Rushing	17	13	18	10
Passing	22	21	22	15
Returns	6	2	2	1
Extra Points	44	35	41	26
Field Goals	20	24	26	18
Field Goals Attempted	28	32	37	25
Safeties	2	2	0	0
Total Points	378	327	371	236

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DENVER BRONCOS (11-5)

38	Los Angeles Raiders	36
21	at Pittsburgh	10
33	at Philadelphia	7
27	New England	20
29	Dallas	14
31	at San Diego	14
10	at New York Jets	22
20	Seattle	13
21	at L.A. Raiders	10
3	San Diego	9
38	Kansas City	17
16	at New York Giants	19
34	Cincinnati	28
10	at Kansas City	37
31	Washington	30
16	at Seattle	41
378		327

NEW YORK GIANTS (14-2)

28	at Dallas	31
20	San Diego	7
14	at L.A. Raiders	9
20	New Orleans	17
13	at St. Louis	6
35	Philadelphia	3
12	at Seattle	17
27	Washington	20
17	Dallas	14
17	at Philadelphia	14
22	at Minnesota	20
19	Denver	16
21	at San Francisco	17
24	at Washington	14
27	St. Louis	7
55	Green Bay	24
371		236

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