

Superbowl Predictions

The first step to predicting the Superbowl is to do background research. (Taken from espn.com, and sportingcharts.com)

- Peyton Manning- Future Hall of Famer, who “just turned in the greatest statistical regular season ever for a QB. He has played at a high level all season — motivated by the painful memory of last season’s early playoff exit.”
- The past two-playoff games for Peyton Manning: 57-of-79 passing for 630 yards, four touchdowns and just one interception.
- He is a seasoned veteran who has been to the Superbowl and knows the pressure that comes with it.
- Seahawks Defense is #1 in the NFL versus Denver who is ranked #19
- Manning, though, is one of the best ever at making adjustments on the fly, particularly at the line of scrimmage.
- Weather conditions favor Seattle because Peyton Manning and his offense struggle in the cold conditions.
- Denver has won 7 of the last 11 games against the Seahawks.
- Seattle’s major players have never been to the Superbowl and do not know the pressure and how to adjust for the heightened game stress.
- Seattle can run the ball on any team with their physical strength and should be able to out-do the Broncos Defense.
- Denver has the #1 offense in the NFL
- Denver has the #1 pass off rank in the NFL
- Seattle has the #4 run off rank in the NFL
- Denver has the #1 Scoring rank in the NFL
- Denver averages 340.3 passing yards vs. Seattle who averages 202.3 yards
- Seattle averages 136.8 rushing yards per game versus Denver who averages 117.1 yards
- Denver averages 37.9 points per game versus Seattle’s 26.1 points.
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From here I decided to weigh out the advantages and disadvantages of each team.

- Denver- great offense, seasoned Quarterback, scores a lot of points, good great passing yard averages, bad with cold weather
- Seattle- #1 defense in the nation, allows few points and yards per game, very good run off yards, used to poor weather conditions.

Denver appears to be the team with the most advantageous traits. Now to pick the score you have to take into consideration points allowed and points earned per game.

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Since Seattle has a strong defense, the game will most likely be low scoring, and Denver averages 9 points more per game and Denver averages around 25 points per game, therefore I decided the score would be 27-20 Broncos.