

## Predicting the Winner of the 2014 Super Bowl

With the 2014 Super Bowl just around the corner, football fans and non-fans alike are anxiously searching the Internet for any prediction of the game's outcome. While some may choose to look up statistics from the 2014 regular season, others may choose to rely on hometown spirit, or preference of jersey color when deciding what team should ultimately reign supreme. In my personal opinion, I believe that the Broncos will beat the Seahawks 31-28 based on researched information from NFL statistics and standings as well as from a simulation of the big game.

### Why the Broncos will win: (information derived from NFL statistics and standings)

- While both teams have 13 wins and 3 losses, the Broncos have a higher net point score than the Seahawks with a score of 207 compared to 186. Net point score is evaluated from the total number of points given away subtracted from the total number of points gained for the team.
- The Broncos scored 76 touchdowns during the regular season while the Seahawks only scored 45.
- The Broncos are 5-1 in their division while Seahawks are 4-2, leading to a higher percentage of wins by approximately 16.6%
- In terms of non-conference standings, the Broncos have a 4-0 record while the Seahawks only have a 3-1 record.
- In the last five games of the season, the Broncos won 4 out of 5 of the games while the Seahawks won 3 out of 5.
- As seen from the previous bullet points, the Broncos have an overall higher standing, with more touchdowns scored and an overall better ratio in wins to losses than the Seahawks. Based on standings and statistics, the Denver Broncos are favored to win.

### Prediction based on Madden NFL 25:

- EA Sports simulates the Super Bowl using the game Madden NFL 25
- The simulation takes into account scouting reports, team statistics, and individual player statistics.
- Over the past ten years (from 2004 to 2013), the Madden simulation has been surprisingly accurate while predicting the winners and a rough final score for 8 out of the past 10 games.
- Yahoo! called the simulation "freaky good" in terms of predicting the winner and score
- Failed in 2008 and 2011, but even when it failed the score between the two teams only differed by a maximum of 6 points
- The simulation accurately predicted a receiver's total yards in multiple cases.
- Since both teams have similar statistics, the game will be neck-in-neck and go into overtime