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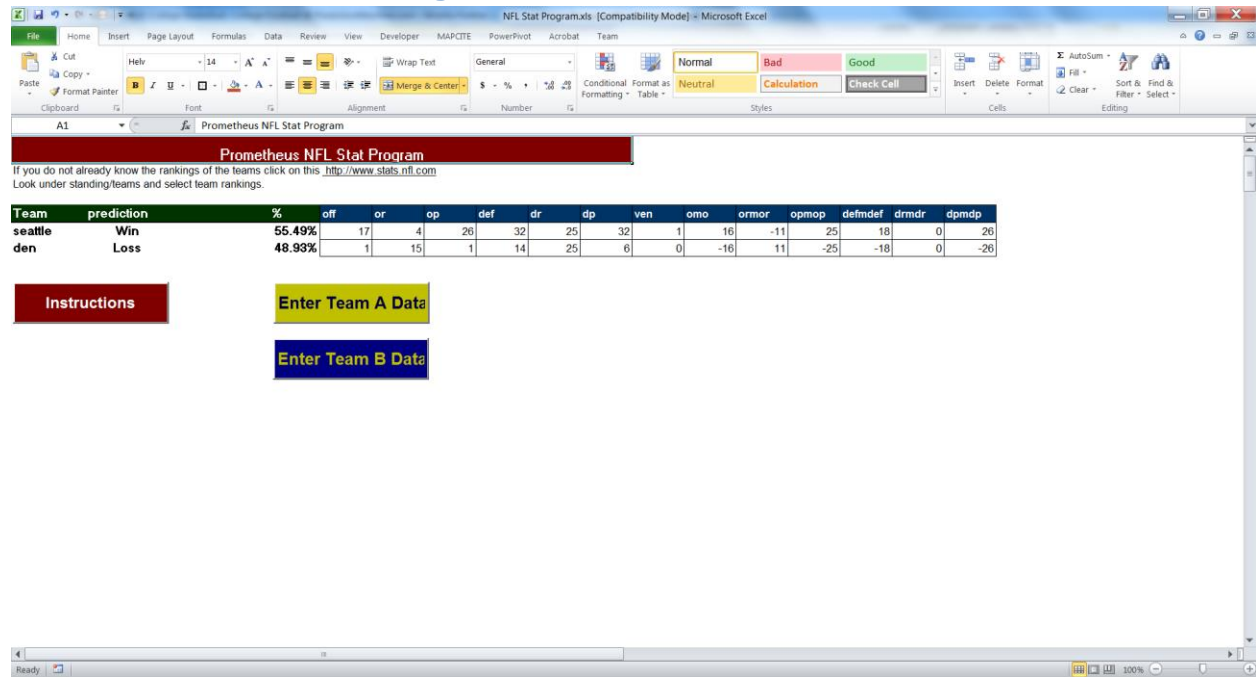
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Descriptive Analysis of Prediction Result

This prediction report was calculated through the combination of three processes. First, a statistical programs such as the Promethus NFL Stat Program and the Prediction Machine was used to determine overall percentage% margin of victory. Second, multiple 'experts' were surveyed to determine their predictions. From this survey an average point score was determined. Lastly, another human video game simulation was used to determine another prediction result. The end prediction was an amalgamation of the several different inputs.

Prometheus NFL Stat Program

This program utilizes the variable statistical ranking of each team in order to produce a percentage differential between the two teams. The larger the percent difference equates towards a larger point spread and vice versa for smaller point spreads. Two separate tests were conducted based on regular season and post-season statistics. The variables, statistical ranking for each variable and end results are listed on the next page.

REGULAR SEASON		
TOTAL OFFENSE	1	17
OFF RUSH	15	4
OFF PASS	1	26
TOTAL DEFENSE	14	32
DEF RUSH	25	25
DEF PASS	6	32
HOME (1/0)	0	1
SCORE	49%	55.49%

POST SEASON		
TOTAL OFFENSE	4	9
OFF RUSH	8	5
OFF PASS	4	12
TOTAL DEFENSE	11	7
DEF RUSH	12	5
DEF PASS	6	7
HOME (1/0)	0	1
SCORE	61.32%	33.79%

The Prediction Machine

This was a newly found website (http://www.predictionmachine.com/) which purported to run 50,000s of simlulations to determine the winner. Devner was predicted to be the winner roughly to the same percentage results as the Prometheus program.

From the Experts

43 'experts' were asked to provide their prediction as well as game score results. The submissions were tallied, recorded, and the average point value was obtained.

EXPERT	SCORE		WIN	
	Broncos	Seahawks	Broncos	Seahawks
SB	20	14	1	
CB	21	23		1
TB	27	23	1	
FC	31	24	1	
AC	24	20	1	
CC	27	20	1	
CARI	31	26	1	
COLIN	26	20	1	
TDILFER	27	24	1	
DITKA	21	17	1	
HERM ED	17	20		1
MICK GOLIC	23	27		1
M GREENBERG	23	24		1
BRIAN GRIESE	24	20	1	
GRUDEN	26	20	1	
MERRILLE	28	24	1	
T JACKSON	24	13	1	
RON JANO	27	24	1	
KEYSHAWN	21	23		1
KANNELL	21	24		1
SUZY K	24	17	1	
RAY LEWIS	17	21		1
STEVE LEVY	30	24	1	
CHRIS	23	20	1	
WENDI NIX	27	21	1	
BILL POLLIAN	27	23	1	
RICK REILLY	35	34	1	
L RIDDICK	24	28		1
RYEN RUSSILLO	21	27		1
MARK S	31	17	1	
STUART SCOTT	31	23	1	
HANNAH STM	24	21		1
MIKE T	27	23	1	
SCOTT VAMP	20	23		1
TREY WINGO	34	24	1	
STEVE YOUNG	27	17	1	
average score	25.31	22.03	30	13
			69.77%	30.23%

Listing of Responses from Experts

Skip Bayless, "First Take" commentator
Broncos 20, Seahawks 14 -- Because of Denver's defense.

Tedy Bruschi, "NFL Live" analyst, three-time Super Bowl champion
Broncos 27, Seahawks 23 -- Peyton Manning has too many weapons for the Seahawks' defense to handle.
The second half is when the Broncos' offense finds its groove.

Frank Caliendo, comedian, "Sunday NFL Countdown" contributor
Broncos 31, Seahawks 24 -- Peyton Manning will show he can play in cold weather
and will finally be able to quit his second job at the pizza place.

Adam Caplan, NFL Insider
Broncos 24, Seahawks 20 -- The Broncos will win this game for one primary reason:
They are the one team capable of spreading out the excellent Seahawks secondary
and finding favorable matchups.

Cris Carter, Pro Football Hall of Famer, "Sunday NFL Countdown" analyst
Broncos 27, Seahawks 20 -- If any QB can figure out how to attack the Seahawks secondary, it's Peyton Manning.
And a favorable forecast should make his task a bit easier.

Cari Champion, "First Take" host
Broncos 31, Seahawks 26 -- Peyton Manning is a surgeon.
He will carve up the defense and go down as the greatest doctor in NFL history.

Colin Cowherd, Seattle native, host of ESPN Radio's "The Herd"
Broncos 26, Seahawks 20 -- The story of the game won't be the Seattle defense.
Instead, it will be Denver's much improved defense.

Trent Dilfer, "Monday Night Countdown" analyst, Super Bowl XXXV champion
Broncos 27, Seahawks 24 -- In what will go down as one of the best Super Bowls ever,
Peyton drives the Broncos down the field for a touchdown on the final possession to win it.

Mike Ditka, Pro Football Hall of Famer, "Sunday NFL Countdown" analyst
Broncos 21, Seahawks 17 -- I don't think it's going to be a high-scoring game,
and I think that the Broncos will be able to score enough points on the Seattle defense.

Brian Griese, ESPN college football analyst, former Broncos QB
Broncos 24, Seahawks 20 -- Richard Sherman meets his match in Demaryius Thomas and Peyton Manning.
The Broncos' defense, with its rebuilt front seven, limits Marshawn Lynch, and
Champ Bailey makes a game-clinching play in the end to seal the victory.

Jon Gruden, "Monday Night Football" analyst, Super Bowl XXXVII champion coach
Broncos 26, Seahawks 24 -- I've got to go with Peyton Manning.
I've never seen an offense with this kind of production. I think the tempo is something
the Seahawks are going to have trouble preparing for and simulating on the practice field.

Merril Hoge, "NFL Live" and "NFL Matchup" analyst
Broncos 28, Seahawks 24 -- The Broncos have too much flexibility and versatility with their wide
receivers and the formations they will be able to create, and Manning uses that to manage the game.

Tom Jackson, "Sunday NFL Countdown" analyst, former Broncos LB
Broncos 24, Seahawks 13 -- If you give Peyton Manning and this Broncos team two weeks to prepare,
they'll figure out a way to score 24 points.

Ron Jaworski, "NFL Live" and "NFL Matchup" analyst
Broncos 27, Seahawks 24 -- A fast start by Peyton Manning forces Seahawks to play from behind.

Suzy Kolber, "NFL Insiders" host
Broncos 24, Seahawks 17 -- I give the slight, intangible edge to Denver based on experience.
Peyton Manning and all his weapons pull it out.

Steve Levy, "SportsCenter" anchor
Broncos 30, Seahawks 24 -- Two weeks for Peyton Manning is simply too much
for the Seahawks' defense to overcome. Plus, no 12th Man here.

Chris Mortensen, ESPN NFL senior analyst
Broncos 23, Seahawks 20 -- The X factor in this game is Percy Harvin. He can flip that score,
but in the end I'm going with Peyton Manning's ability to break down the defense just enough.

Wendi Nix, ESPN NFL studio host and reporter
Broncos 27, Seahawks 21 -- With this much time to prepare and his experience,
Peyton Manning can audible enough to throw off the Seattle defense, especially if there's not inclement weather.

Bill Polian, NFL Insider, six-time NFL Executive of the Year who drafted Peyton Manning
Broncos 27, Seahawks 23 -- The metrics all point to Seattle, but my heart points me to No. 18.

Rick Reilly, ESPN.com columnist, "Monday Night Countdown" contributor, longtime Denver resident
Broncos 35, Seahawks 34 -- I picked Denver to beat Seattle before the season started, and I'm sticking with it.
 So ... just as nobody predicted, it's a shootout. Peyton Manning's unheard-of, earth-rattling,
never-seen-before, 3-yard bootleg run to win it is timed at 11.3 seconds. Millions slap their forehead in unison.

Jeff Saturday, "NFL Live" analyst, Super Bowl XLI champion, former teammate of Peyton Manning
Broncos 28, Seahawks 24 -- That's what I picked at the beginning of the season,
and as you look at the Broncos, with the talent on offense and their defense playing as well as they have been
in the playoffs -- not letting teams run the ball -- they really are a complete team.

Adam Schefter, ESPN NFL Insider
Broncos 30, Seahawks 20 -- This one's for Peyton.

Mark Schlereth, "NFL Live" analyst, three-time Super Bowl champion, former Broncos OL, Denver resident
Broncos 31, Seahawks 17 -- As long as it's not windy out, I think the Broncos have too much offensively.

Stuart Scott, "SportsCenter" anchor, "Monday Night Countdown" co-host
Broncos 31, Seahawks 23 -- Because it's not going to be that windy, and it won't be that cold,
and Peyton Manning doesn't have to look Richard Sherman's way.

Mike Tirico, "Monday Night Football" play-by-play commentator
Broncos 27, Seahawks 23 -- I think Seattle has everything it takes to win the game,
just having trouble seeing Peyton losing after all he has overcome getting back to this point.

Trey Wingo, "NFL Live" and "NFL PrimeTime" host
Broncos 34, Seahawks 24 -- Peyton erases all doubts.

Steve Young, "Monday Night Countdown" analyst, Pro Football Hall of Famer, three-time Super Bowl champion
Broncos 27, Seahawks 17 -- In a quarterback-driven league where defenses are handcuffed to a certain
degree, and we have one of the best quarterbacks to ever play in Peyton Manning, it's offense over defense.

Chris Berman, "Sunday NFL Countdown," "Monday Night Countdown" host
Seahawks 23, Broncos 21 -- Temperature at kickoff will be higher than the winning score.
You could have had long odds on that one a week ago.

Scott Van Pelt, "SportsCenter" anchor, co-host of ESPN Radio's "SVP & Russillo"
Seahawks 23, Broncos 20 -- Defense tends to trump offense in these spots. I'm leaning on that.

Hannah Storm, "SportsCenter" anchor
Seahawks 24, Broncos 21 -- The Seahawks' stellar defense takes a half to adjust to Peyton Manning and then
shuts down the Broncos in the second half. Defense wins championships and the Hawks win in a close one.

Louis Riddick, NFL Insider
Seahawks 28, Broncos 24 -- Defensively, Seattle is uniquely equipped -- better than any team in the NFL -- to deal with Denver's offense both physically and mentally. Offensively, they have the kind of ability to be balanced that leads to time-consuming drives, limiting Denver's offensive possessions.
As a team, I just don't see Seattle's resolve and fortitude allowing it to lose this game.

Ryen Russillo, co-host of ESPN Radio's "SVP & Russillo"
Seahawks 27, Broncos 21 -- The best secondary in the NFL.

Ray Lewis, "Sunday NFL Countdown" analyst, two-time Super Bowl champion
Seahawks 21, Broncos 17 -- Overall, Seattle is a better team. Denver relies so much on Peyton that if he has an average day it's not enough. And I think the weather favors Seattle with its defense.

Keyshawn Johnson, "Sunday NFL Countdown" analyst, Super Bowl XXXVII champion
Seahawks 23, Broncos 21 -- This will be an even football game, and Seattle wins it late by a field goal.

Danny Kanell, ESPN college football analyst, former Broncos QB
Seahawks 24, Broncos 21 -- Seattle's front seven is physical enough to pressure Peyton and the secondary is the best in the NFL and has enough to match up with all the Broncos' weapons.

Herm Edwards, "NFL Live" analyst
Seahawks 20, Broncos 17 -- The Seahawks' defense has been dominant all season, allowing just six touchdown passes.
In a quarterback-driven league, that says a lot about how great this defense is.
I still think you win in this league playing great defense.

Mike Golic, co-host, ESPN Radio's "Mike & Mike"
Seahawks 27, Broncos 23 -- I'm going to take defense over offense.
If the refs let the teams play physically -- and I think they will -- Seattle has the edge.

Mike Greenberg, co-host, ESPN Radio's "Mike & Mike"
Seahawks 24, Broncos 23 -- Seattle forces three field goals with great red zone defense.
Russell Wilson makes just enough plays.

Last Consideration Factor

Madden video game predicts Broncos win Super Bowl in epic fashion

By Ross Maghielse, Digital First Media

Posted: 01/28/2014 01:43:38 PM PST | Updated: 6 days ago

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P70-MtBgsOQ&feature=player_embedded

MAIN REASON DENVER LOST…..

White-shirted teams have won 29 of 47 Super Bowls to date (61.7%).
Reinforced by this article….

Super Bowl Odds: Seahawks vs. Broncos against the spread
By Rob Davies @RobDaviesNFL on Feb 1 2014, 10:16a

Uniform stats...generally, little is known of these around the NFL, but the Pittsburgh Steelers elected to wear their white 'road' jerseys against Seattle in Super Bowl XL, having reached Detroit not having worn their traditional black in each of their three preceding playoff encounters; they had no choice, if truth be told, as theirs was a road playoff run. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, I suppose.

Denver, just like Pittsburgh, had the choice of jersey colour for Sunday and they took the no-brainer route. Orange it is.

Those of you, who, like me, are looking for any positive portent possible, can look upon this and allow ourselves to breathe a little easier. I'll explain why, but must warn you that there's more of this shallow, unmitigated rubbish to come.

The Broncos have worn orange jerseys in three Super Bowls and not only did they lose each one, but they lost each one while scoring just ten points each time. The losses were 27-10 to Dallas in Super Bowl XII, 42-10 to Washington in Super Bowl XXII and 55-10 to San Francisco in Super Bowl XXIV. I can't apologise for the use of Roman numerals here. It's the way the NFL wants it to be, it's the way it is and, as unpopular as it can be, I embrace it.

That's an odd little statistic and you may already have noticed, in the build up since the NFC Championship Game, something even stranger, linked to the above. Denver wears orange as the designated home team in Super Bowl XII. If you double the Super Bowl, you're at XXIV where Denver wears orange as the designated home team. If you double that Super Bowl, you're at XLVIII...where...Denver...wears...orange...as...the...designated...home...team.

How has that ever been allowed to happen? And how can it possibly have no meaning whatsoever?
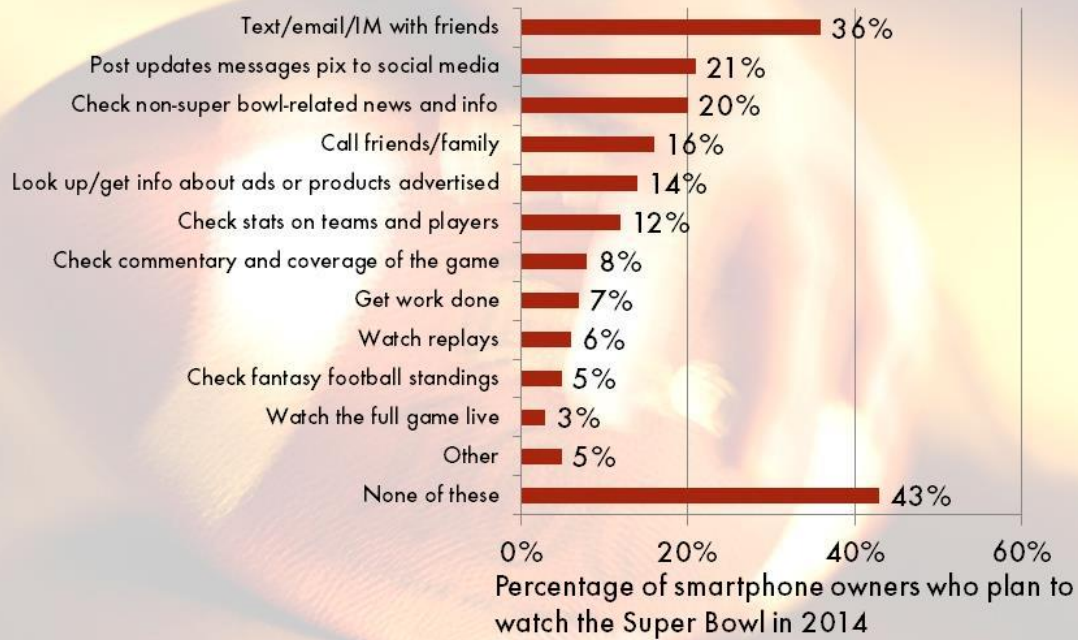
Super Bowl XXII is probably feeling a little unloved right now, but, yes, you've guessed it, even that one can't escape the clutches of numerology, or at least my perceived notion of such a thing. To best show this for what it is, I'm going to briefly dispense with the Roman numerals (tut tut).

This year's Super Bowl takes place on 2/2. The Broncos wore orange in Super Bowl 22 and lost to a quarterback whose surname began with the letter 'W'. Doug Williams is the gentleman in question and the opposing quarterback that day was a first ballot Hall of Famer. Sounds familiar, huh?

Where else can all of this go? Probably anywhere, but while we're still very high on anything uniform related right now, eight of the last nine Super Bowls have been won by the team wearing their white 'road' jersey. Taking that a little further, 11 of the last 15 Super Bowls have been won by the team wearing their white 'road' jersey. Ultimately, that does count for nothing; only in my head, it matters a little too much.

Interesting Planned Use of Smartphone Statistic

Planned Use of Smartphones During the Super Bowl

Activity	Percentage
Text/email/IM with friends	36%
Post updates messages pix to social media	21%
Check non-super bowl-related news and info	20%
Call friends/family	16%
Look up/get info about ads or products advertised	14%
Check stats on teams and players	12%
Check commentary and coverage of the game	8%
Get work done	7%
Watch replays	6%
Check fantasy football standings	5%
Watch the full game live	3%
Other	5%
None of these	43%

Percentage of smartphone owners who plan to watch the Super Bowl in 2014

Source: IAB 2014 Mobile Super Bowl Consumer Survey, conducted by Harris Interactive, January 2014. n=809 (Smartphone owners planning to watch the Super Bowl this year).