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WHAT TO LOOK FOR – A LOOK BACK

CLOSE GAMES: The Seattle Seahawks defeated the San Francisco 49ers 23-17 in the NFC Championship Game on Sunday.

It marked the seventh consecutive NFC Championship Game to be decided by seven points or fewer, extending the longest streak in conference championship game history.

The past seven NFC Championship Games to finish within seven points or fewer:

SEASON	TEAMS	WINNER	FINAL SCORE
2007	N.Y. Giants at Green Bay	N.Y. Giants	23-20*
2008	Philadelphia at Arizona	Arizona	32-25
2009	Minnesota at New Orleans	New Orleans	31-28*
2010	Green Bay at Chicago	Green Bay	21-14
2011	N.Y. Giants at San Francisco	N.Y. Giants	20-17*
2012	San Francisco at Atlanta	San Francisco	28-24
2013	San Francisco at Seattle	Seattle	23-17

*Overtime

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LUCKY SEVEN: The **DENVER BRONCOS** defeated New England 26-16 in the AFC Championship Game to advance to Super Bowl XLVIII. This is the Broncos seventh Super Bowl appearance, tying New England for the third-most in NFL history.

The teams with the most Super Bowl appearances:

TEAM	SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES
Dallas	8
Pittsburgh	8
Denver	7
New England	7
San Francisco	6

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TEAM LEADER: Denver head coach **JOHN FOX** guided the Broncos to a 26-16 win over New England in Sunday's AFC Championship Game.

With the win, Fox became the sixth coach in NFL history to lead two different franchises to the Super Bowl.

The head coaches to lead multiple franchises to the Super Bowl:

HEAD COACH	TEAM	SUPER BOWL(s)	TEAM	SUPER BOWL(s)
Don Shula	Baltimore Colts	III	Miami	VI, VII, VIII, XVII, XIX
Bill Parcells	NY Giants	XXI, XXV	New England	XXXI
Dan Reeves	Denver	XXI, XXII, XXIV	Atlanta	XXXIII
Dick Vermeil	Philadelphia	XV	St. Louis	XXXIV
Mike Holmgren	Green Bay	XXXI, XXXII	Seattle	XL
John Fox	Carolina	XXXVIII	Denver	XLVIII

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PASSING LEGENDS: Denver quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** passed for 400 yards and two touchdowns in Denver's 26-16 win over New England in the AFC Championship Game.

Manning became the fourth quarterback in the Super Bowl era to lead the league in passing yards and TD passes and also advance to the Super Bowl that season, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (1984), **KURT WARNER** (2001) and **TOM BRADY** (2007) as the only QBs to accomplish the feat.

The quarterbacks to advance to the Super Bowl after leading the league in passing yards and touchdown passes in the Super Bowl era:

SEASON	QUARTERBACK	TEAM	YARDS	TDS	SUPER BOWL	RESULT
2007	Tom Brady	New England	4,806	50	XLII	NY Giants 17, New England 14
2001	Kurt Warner	St. Louis	4,830	36	XXXVI	New England 20, St. Louis 17
1984	Dan Marino	Miami	5,084	48	XIX	San Francisco 38, Miami 16
2013	<i>Peyton Manning</i>	<i>Denver</i>	<i>5,477</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>XLVIII</i>	<i>Denver vs. Seattle</i>

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