

**1998 AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME** JANUARY 17, 1999  
**BRONCOS 23, JETS 10**

New York Jets	0	3	7	0	-	10
Denver Broncos	0	0	20	3	-	23



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Appearing in the AFC Championship for the first time since 1982, the Jets battled the Super Bowl Champions Denver Broncos tough all day, but in the end were unable to play the type of mistake-free football that the team had played for most of the season. The Jets held the Broncos to only 108 yards of total offense in that half, highlighted by a goal-line stand in the 1st quarter. The stunned Mile High Stadium crowd was further silenced in the 3rd quarter when rookie TE Blake Spence blocked Tom Rouen's punt and Fred Baxter recovered at the one-yard line. RB Curtis Martin scored on the next play, giving the Jets a 10-0 lead. John Elway, in his last game at Mile High Stadium, drove Denver down the field for a score to cut it to 10-7. The ensuing kickoff sailed into the teeth of gusting 45-MPH winds and was recovered by the Broncos at the Jets' 31. The Broncos took a 13-10 lead on the second of two Jason Elam field goals and never looked back, clinching their trip to Miami. The Jets were experiencing success through the air behind the precision passing of Vinny Testaverde, but were unable to hold onto the ball, fumbling four times and having two other passes deflected into the hands of Denver defenders, as their dream season ended one game short of the Super Bowl.

**STARTING LINEUPS**

**Jets Offense**

WR	Johnson
LT	Elliott
LG	Burger
C	Mawae
RG	O'Dwyer
RT	Fabini
TE	Brady
WR	Chrebet
QB	Testaverde
RB	Martin
FB	Byars

**Broncos Defense**

LE	Hasselbach
LT	Traylor
RT	Pryce
RE	Tanuvasa
SLB	Mobley
MLB	Cadrez
WLB	Romanowski
CB	Crockett
CB	Gordon
S	Johnson
S	Atwater

**Jets Defense**

LE	Lyle
LT	Ferguson
RT	Cascadden
RE	Pleasant
LLB	Lewis
MLB	Johnson
RLB	Cox
CB	Mickens
CB	Smith
S	Green
S	Brown

**Broncos Offense**

WR	Smith
LT	Jones
LG	Schlereth
C	Nalen
RG	Neil
RT	Swayne
TE	Sharpe
WR	McCaffrey
QB	Elway
RB	Davis
FB	Griffith

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	Jets	Broncos
First Downs	18	14
Rushes-Yards	13-14	38-178
Passing Yards	356	153
Total Net Yards	370	331
Pass Att-Comp-INT	52-31-2	34-13-0
Times Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-20
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	2-0
Penalties-Yds. Lost	6-49	6-47
Time of Possession	27:00	33:00

**SCORING**

Team	Play	Score
Jets	J. Hall 32 yd. Field Goal	0-3
Jets	C. Martin 1 yd. run (J. Hall kick)	0-10
Broncos	H. Griffith 11 yd. pass from J. Elway (J. Elam kick)	7-10
Broncos	J. Elam 44 yd. Field Goal	10-10
Broncos	J. Elam 48 yd. Field Goal	13-10
Broncos	T. Davis 31 yd. run (J. Elam kick)	20-10
Broncos	J. Elam 35 yd. Field Goal	23-10

**PASSING**

Jets	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD-I	Broncos	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD-I
Testaverde	52	31	356	0-2	Elway	34	13	173	1-0
Totals	52	31	356	0-2	Totals	34	13	173	1-0

**RUSHING**

Jets	Att	Yds	TD	Broncos	Att	Yds	TD
Martin	13	14	1	Davis	32	167	1
				Elway	3	13	0
				Loville	2	7	0
				Rouen	1	9	0
Totals	13	14	1	Totals	38	178	1

**RECEIVING**

Jets	Rec	Yds	TD	Broncos	Rec	Yds	TD
Chrebet	8	121	0	McCaffrey	3	66	0
K. Johnson	7	73	0	Smith	3	37	0
Ward	5	61	0	Chamberlin	2	26	0
Martin	4	39	0	Sharpe	2	14	0
Byars	3	33	0	Davis	1	12	0
Brady	2	11	0	Griffith	1	11	0
Van Dyke	1	16	0	Carswell	1	7	1
Meggett	1	2	0				
Totals	31	356	0	Totals	13	173	1

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

**Jets:** INT: None. **Sacks:** Cascadden 2-17, Logan 1-0.

**Broncos:** INT: Gordon 2-48. **Sacks:** None.

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