

# BCSP Profile

50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50



A DAY-BY-DAY, SUPER BOWL-BY-SUPER BOWL LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON SUPER BOWLS I THRU 49 AS WE COUNT DOWN THE 50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50

DAY 21 - Sunday, January 10

## SUPER BOWL XXI New York Giants 39, Denver 20 January 25, 1987 - Rose Bowl, Pasadena

Three (3) Black College Players

### Denver Broncos (2)

Steve Wilson DB Howard  
Ken Woodard LB Tuskegee

### New York Giants (1)

Harry Carson LB South Carolina State



**ICONIC PHOTO:** NY Giants middle linebacker **Harry Carson (South Carolina State)** - yellow jacket) douses head coach Bill Parcells with Gatorade, starting a trend and tradition that exists to this day.

**STORYLINE:** New York middle linebacker **Harry Carson (South Carolina State)** led the vaunted Giants linebacking corps including Carl Banks and Lawrence Taylor in shutting down QB John Elway and the Broncos. The Giants' defense held Denver to 52 rushing yards in 19 carries while posting four sacks for -32 yards. New York rushed for 136 yards on 38 carries (3.6 yards per carry) setting up QB Phil Simms to complete 22 of 25 passes for 263 yards. This was the first Super Bowl with less than five black college players on the rosters of the two teams.

### New York Giants

#### Harry Carson, MLB (South Carolina State)

Six tackles in win over Denver

- Stops Denver QB John Elway after 10-yard gain on first play from scrimmage.
- Tackles RB Sammy Winder after 14-yard reception in Broncos' second possession. Two plays later, Carson penalized for late hit after 9-yard screen pass to Winder. Lawrence Taylor also penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct. Three plays later Denver scores on Elway 4-yard run to go up 10-7 with 2:06 left in the first quarter.
- Stops Wilhite on run up the middle for no gain in Denver's first possession of second quarter.
- Stops WR Vinnie Johnson after 5-yard third-quarter pass.
- Stops Elway after fourth-quarter keeper for 8 yards.



### Denver

#### Steve Wilson, DB (Howard)

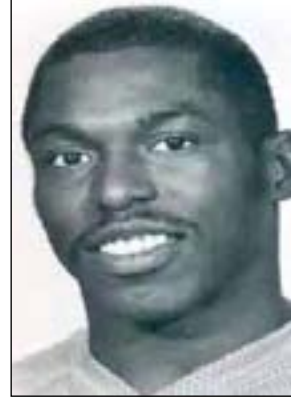
Three tackles in loss to NY Giants.

- Tackles WR Stacy Robinson after 18-yard reception from NY QB Phil Simms on Giants' first possession.
- Stops RB Joe Morris after 9-yard run off right tackle in third quarter.
- Stops RB Lee Rouson after 18-yard fourth-quarter run wide right.

#### Ken Woodard, LB (Tuskegee)

Six solo tackles, two half-sacks, 1 special teams' tackle in loss to NY Giants.

- Holds RB Maurice Carthon to 1 yard on second-quarter reception.
- Stops Joe Morris after 3-yard run wide right in third quarter.
- Tackles Phi McConkey after 25-yard third-quarter punt return.
- Stops RB Lee Rouson after 1-yard third quarter run.
- Teams with DE Freddy Gilbert sacking Simms for loss of -5 yards early in fourth quarter.
- Stops RB Tony Galbreath after 7-yard run up the middle inside final two minutes.
- Teamed with DE Rulon Jones to stop QB Jeff Rutledge on bootleg left for loss of -1 yard.



MVP: Phil Simms, QB, NY - 22 of 25 for 266 yards, 3 TDs

**KEY FACTS:** Denver led 10-9 at the half but was outscored 17-0 in the third quarter and 30-10 in the second half. Future Hall of Famers **Carson** (6) and Taylor (4), along with Banks (9) combined for 19 tackles in the game. Denver defensive back **Steve Wilson (Howard)** and linebacker **Ken Woodard (Tuskegee)** both came off the bench to make significant contributions.



**CLOSING FAST:** Future Hall of Fame linebacker **Harry Carson (#53, South Carolina State)** chases Denver quarterback John Elway in Super Bowl XXI at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.



**HANGING ON FOR DEAR LIFE:** Denver Broncos' defensive back **Steve Wilson (#45, Howard)** grabs to stop New York Giants wide receiver Stacy Robinson (#81) after an 18-yard pass reception in the first quarter of Super Bowl XXI at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.