

# 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 33 - Friday, January 22

## SUPER BOWL XXXIII

Denver 34, Atlanta 19

January 31, 1999 - Pro Player Stadium, Miami

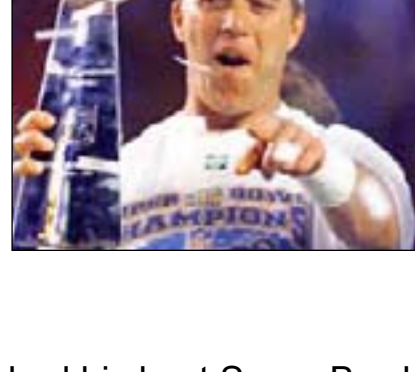
Two (2) Black College Players

### Atlanta Falcons (1)

Randy Fuller DB Tennessee State

### Denver Broncos (1)

Shannon Sharpe TE Savannah State



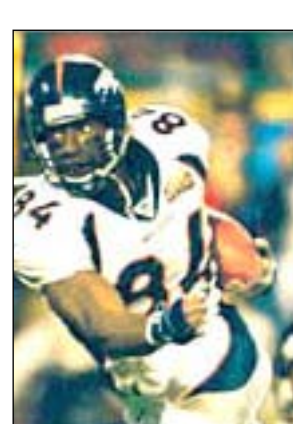
**ICONIC PHOTO:** Denver MVP quarterback John Elway holds the Super Bowl XXXIII Lombardi Trophy after his team's 34-19 win.

**Storyline:** Denver quarterback John Elway, at age 38, had his best Super Bowl by far in five appearances -- completing 18 of 29 passes for 336 yards with 1 touchdown and 1 interception to win the MVP award in a Super Bowl XXXIII win. The Falcons drove inside the Broncos' 30 seven times, but tallied just one touchdown and two field goals, throwing two interceptions, missing a field goal, and turning the ball over one time on downs during the other possessions.

### Denver

**Shannon Sharpe (Savannah State), TE, Denver** - Two (2) receptions for 26 yards in Denver win.

- Catches 12-yard pass from quarterback John Elway on second Broncos' possession. Seven plays later in same drive, catches 14-yard pass over the middle to the Atlanta 1. Fullback Howard Grffith scores on next play to put Denver up 7-3 (3:55).
- Two passes intended for him in next possession, first is incomplete, the second is intercepted by Atlanta cornerback Ronnie Bradford late in first quarter.



### Atlanta

**Randy Fuller, DB (Tennessee State)**

Three solo tackles, one on special teams, and one assist in loss to Denver.

- Tackles Denver running back Terrell Davis after 8-yard run on the right side early in second quarter.
- Tackles Vaughn Hebron after 16-yard kickoff return late in second quarter after 28-yard Anderson field goal.
- Teams with tackle Travis Hall to stop Davis after 2-yard run on sweep to the right late in second quarter.
- Stops wide receiver Ed McCaffrey for no gain on 3rd-and-8 in third quarter. Elam misses 48-yard field goal on next play.



MVP: John Elway, QB, Denver - 18 of 29, 336 yards, 1 TD, 1 int.

**KEY FACTS:** Denver tight end **Shannon Sharpe (Savannah State)**, a key weapon in the Broncos' arsenal, caught just two passes, both in the first quarter, in Super Bowl XXXIII but won his second Super Bowl ring in the win. Sharpe had 64 receptions for 768 yards and tied his career-high with 10 TDs in the 1998-99 season.



**SHARP RECEPTION:** Denver tight end **Shannon Sharpe (#88, Savannah State)** gets past Atlanta linebacker Jesse Tuggle (#58) after catching a pass in Super Bowl XXXIII. Sharp had two first-quarter catches in Denver's win.



**BEAT YA':** Denver wide receiver Rod Smith (#80) gets behind Atlanta defender and is about to pull in a pass from quarterback John Elway that went for 80 yards and a touchdown in Super Bowl XXXIII. It was Elway's only touchdown pass of the day.