

# 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 22 - Monday, January 11

## SUPER BOWL XXII

Washington 42, Denver 10

January 31, 1988 - Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego



Two (2) Black College Players

**Denver Broncos (1)**  
Steve Wilson DB Howard

**Washington Redskins (1)**  
Doug Williams QB Grambling



**ICONIC PHOTO:** Washington quarterback Doug Williams (#17, Grambling) graces the Sports Illustrated cover after his four touchdown passes led his team to a 42-10 win in Super Bowl XXII.

**STORYLINE:** Washington quarterback Doug Williams blitzed Denver with four second-quarter touchdown passes as his team, after trailing 10-0 after one quarter, scored 42 consecutive points to embarrass Denver in Super Bowl XXII at Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego. Williams had TD throws of 80, 27, 50 and 8 yards, all in the second quarter, as his team built a 35-10 halftime lead. Williams became the second black college player, after Chicago defensive end Richard Dent of Tennessee State in Super Bowl XX, to win the Super Bowl MVP award.

### Denver

**Steve Wilson, DB (Howard)**

Started at right cornerback and had four tackles in loss to Washington.

- Tackles RB Kelvin Bryant after 20-yard pass from QB Doug Williams in first quarter.
- Tackles Bryant after 8-yard run around left end in second quarter.
- Tackles wide receiver Gary Clark after 16-yard pass over the middle.
- Tackles Sanders after 8-yard fourth-quarter reception, Washington's final pass of the game.



### Washington

**Doug Williams, QB (Grambling)**

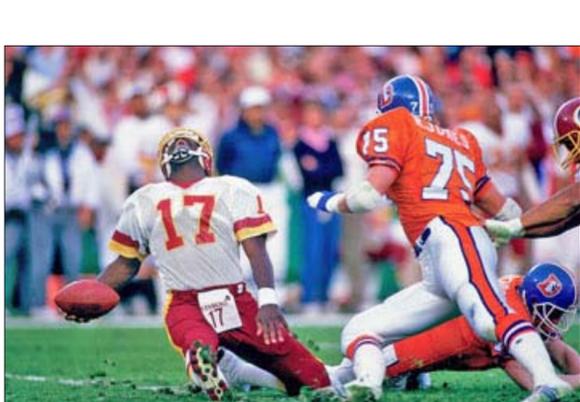
Was 18 of 29 for 340 yards, four (4) TD passes – all in the second quarter – and one interception in win over Denver.

- First pass on third play of the game (third down) dropped by WR Gary Clark.
- On first down of second possession, completes 9-yard swing pass to RB Tim Smith. - His pass two plays later, batted down by Kragen. On 3rd-and-5, Clark drops another pass.
- In third possession of first quarter, completes 40-yard pass to WR Art Monk. Throws two more incompletions before punting.
- On fourth possession, completes 20-yard pass to RB Kelvin Bryant. Sacked on next play for loss of -10 yards, does split and hurts knee. Replaced by Jay Schraeder for last two plays of the drive.
- Returns for first second-quarter possession and hits wide receiver Ricky Sanders for 80-yard touchdown pass (14:17).
- In next possession, hits tight end Don Warren on 9-yard pass across the middle on first down. On fourth play after, hits Gary Clark on 27-yard touchdown strike down the left sideline (10:15). Washington up 14-10 after Williams' second touchdown pass.
- On next possession, hits Clark over the middle for 16 yards. On next play, running back Tim Smith goes 58 yards around right end for a touchdown (6:27). Washington leads 21-10.
- On next Washington possession, hits Sanders on 10-yard pass over the middle. On next play, hits Sanders down the deep right sideline for 50 yards and a touchdown (3:42). Washington leads 28-10 after Williams' third touchdown pass. On third play after score, Elway intercepted.
- Completes 21-yard pass to Sanders, followed by 7-yard pass to Sanders. After one play, hits tight end Clint Didier with 8-yard scoring pass (1:04). After Williams' fourth touchdown pass, Washington leads 35-10. Two plays before the half, Elway intercepted again.
- Kneels down to end first half.
- In first third quarter possession after another Elway interception, completes 12-yard pass to Gary Clark over the middle. Four plays later, completes 2-yard pass to Sanders. Two plays later, Ali Haji-Sheikh misses 46-yard field goal.
- Completes 8-yard pass to Warren over the middle. Two plays later, hooks up with Sanders on 6-yard pass. Three plays later, picked off at Denver 2, intended for Clark with 3:47 left in third quarter.
- First pass in fourth quarter is to Sanders on left for 9 yards two plays before two-minute warning. Kneels down on last play of the game.



**MVP: Doug Williams (Grambling), QB, Washington** - Williams completed 18 of 29 passes for a SB record 340 yards and four TDs, all in the second quarter, with one interception. Washington scored 35 second-quarter points, a SB record, and Williams' four TDs was a SB record for TD passes in a quarter and a half. His TD passes covered 80 yards (to Ricky Sanders), 27 yards (Gary Clark), 50 yards (Sanders) and 8 yards (to Clint Didier).

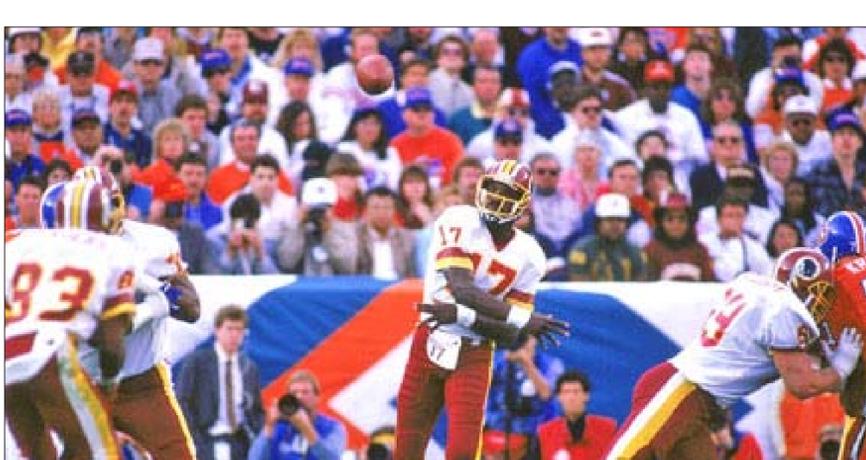
**KEY FACTS:** Washington wide receiver Ricky Sanders had nine receptions for 193 yards and second-quarter scoring catches of 80 and 50 yards from Doug Williams (Grambling). Washington running back Tim Smith had 22 carries for 204 yards and two TDs (58 and 4 yards). Williams led Washington to a record 602 yards of total offense.



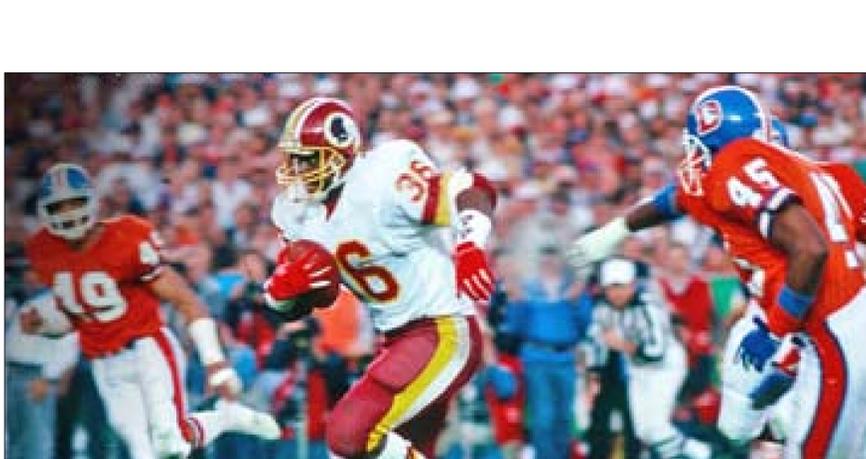
### DOWN GOES DOUG

(Left) Washington quarterback Doug Williams (#17, Grambling) grimaces as he splits and injures his knee in first quarter of Super Bowl XXII in San Diego vs. Denver.

(Below) Williams is administered to by Washington medical personnel after his injury. He would miss only two plays from scrimmage and returned in his teams' next possession.



**DOUG'S BACK UP:** Washington quarterback Doug Williams (#17, Grambling) unleashes a long pass downfield to wide receiver Ricky Sanders for an 80-yard touchdown in second quarter of Super Bowl XXII vs. Denver. It was one of a Super Bowl record four TD passes in the second quarter for Williams whose team went on to win 42-10.



**NOT GONNA GET 'EM:** Denver Broncos' defensive back Steve Wilson (#45, Howard) tries to catch Washington running back Tim Smith (#36) on his way to a 58-yard second quarter touchdown run in Super Bowl XXII in San Diego. Smith ran for 204 yards on 22 carries and scored two touchdowns. Wilson finished with four tackles.



**WE'RE NO. 1:** Washington quarterback Doug Williams (Grambling) is surrounded by reporters after his record-setting performance (340 passing yards, 4 TDs) in Super Bowl XXII.