



Jersey

Manufacturer:	Russell Athletic	
Unique Features:	First appearance of V-neck collar with apex intersecting the horizontal cowl seam	
Design/Style Notes:	Nylon mesh fabric; rib-knit V-neck neckband ² ; horizontal seam attaches body front to shoulder cowl, ¼-sleeve with hemmed cuff of self material. Rib-knit neckband with either (1) abutted V-neck terminating at front seam; (2) deep V-neck extending into body; (3) V-neck with apex intersecting the horizontal cowl seam (See Fig 86-3 below).	
Tagging:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturer: 2" x 3 ¾" including blue/red logo, size (½" font), and care instructions (see Fig. 86-4) • Content tag sewn beneath and centered below manufacturer's tag, "100% NYLON" in black font 	
Specifications:	Home	Road
Color:	Burnt Orange	White
Striping:	Russcote 2-color, 5-stripe pattern. White center, blue outers, about 1/8"orange spacing.	Russcote 2-color, 5-stripe pattern. ½" orange center, ¾" blue outers, about 1/8" white spacing.
Identifiers:		
Front #:	White Russcote over blue revealed edge	Blue Russcote over orange revealed edge
Back #:	White Russcote over blue revealed edge	Blue Russcote over orange revealed edge
Sleeve #:	White Russcote over blue revealed edge	Blue Russcote over orange revealed edge
Lettering:	White tackle twill on sewn-on nameplate	Blue heat-set vinyl

Helmet



Shell Color:	Royal Blue (impregnated)
Logo:	Snorting white bronco rearing from inside orange "D"
Striping:	0.75" White / 1" Orange / 0.75" White
Uni No:	1.5" white unique-serif font straddling center stripe on rear of helmet
Facemask Color:	White
Notes:	

Pants

Color:	White
Striping:	~2" orange center stripe bordered by dual ¾-1" blue stripes along outseam (dimensions estimated)

Socks

Orange field with 2-color, 5-stripe striping pattern. White center and blue above and below separated by orange spacing

Misc. & Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Colors: Orange, Royal Blue and White¹ • At least one example a 1985 Champion jersey appears to exist (see Appendix below)
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Sources:	¹ GameDay, Sept. 28, 1986, p. 154
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Specifications and details provided are based upon information available to us as of the date noted, through our own research as well as from what we believe are reliable sources. It is possible, however, that new information may become available that would cause us to revise this in the future.

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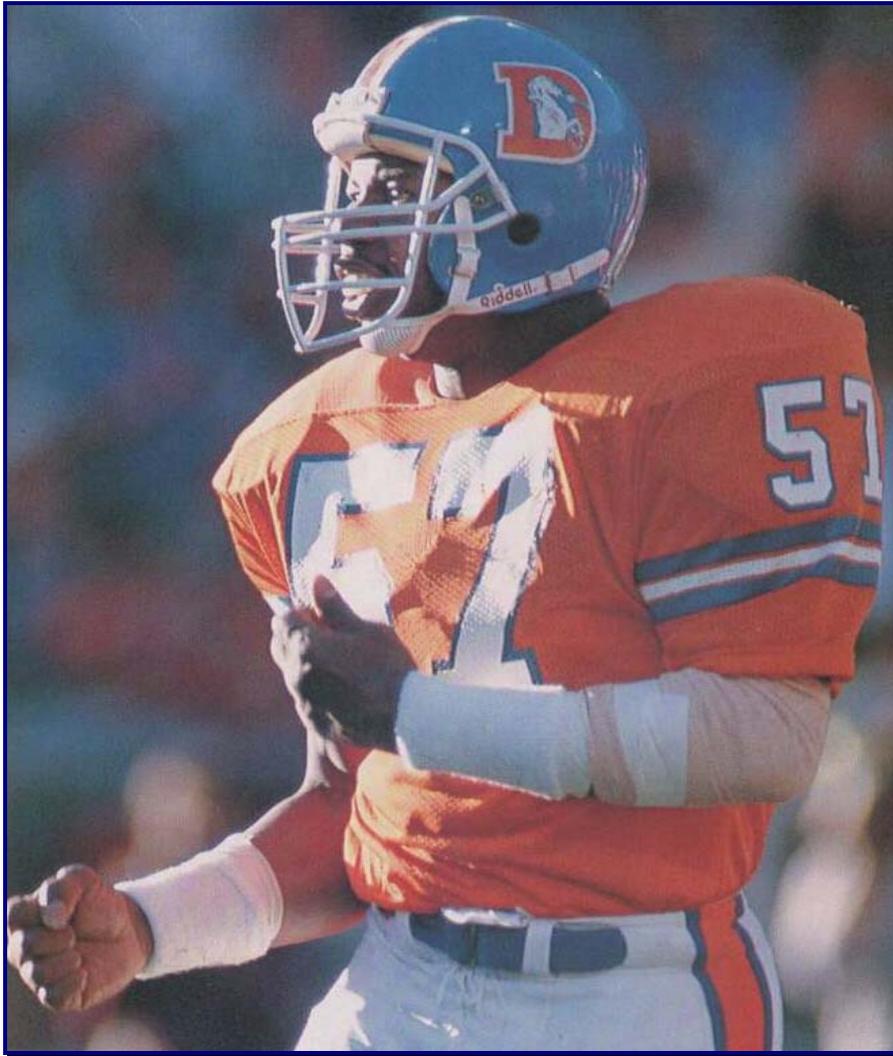


Fig. 86-1. 1986 home uniform (T. Jackson)

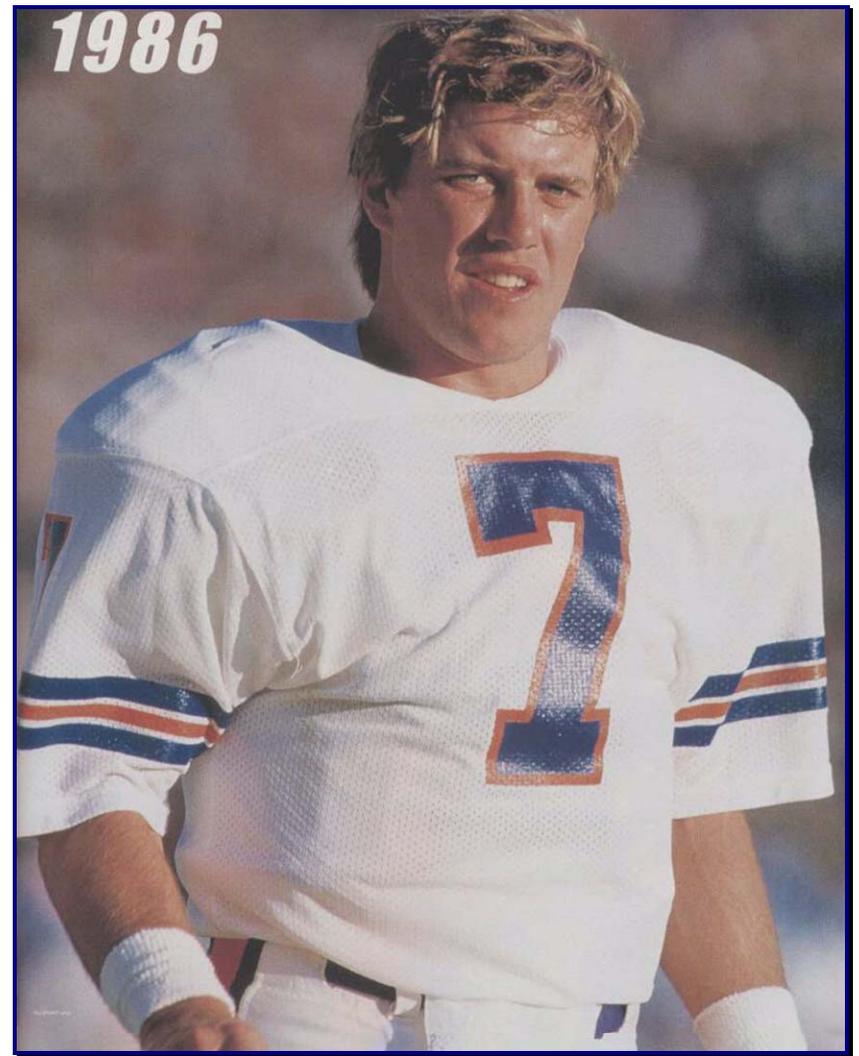


Fig. 86-2. 1986 Russell Athletic road jersey (J. Elway).



Fig. 86-3. Representative sample of new collar style first observed used in 1986. Note that apex of collar's "V" terminates at the seam which joins the shoulder yoke to the body rather than extending into the body.

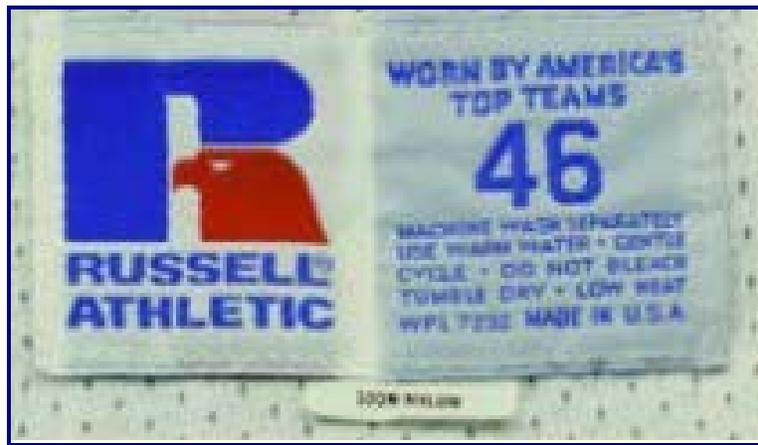


Fig. 86-4. Manufacturer's tag from 1986 John Elway road jersey (Source: Grey Flannel Fall Classic Auction catalog, Nov. 10-11, 1999, Lot #945. p. 256)

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Just as in 1985, it would appear that quarterback John Elway donned a white jersey manufactured by Champion (Figs. 86-4 & 86-5 below). Like in the preceding year, these jerseys can be identified by the red, white & blue Champion “C” logo which appears on the jersey’s sleeve as well as by the sans serif-style numbering—distinctly different from the serif bearing block numbering as used on Russell Athletic’s apparel (see Fig. 86-2 above). Differing from the 1985 jerseys, photos from 1986 show a hand-warmer pocket having been added to the front of the jersey.

Also in evidence is a review of *Mile High Champions*, the 1986 highlight video produced by NFL Films. Footage from the game films at New York (Nov. 23) and Kansas City (Dec 7) show Elway wearing a jersey with the sans serif style numerals, characteristic of the Champion style.

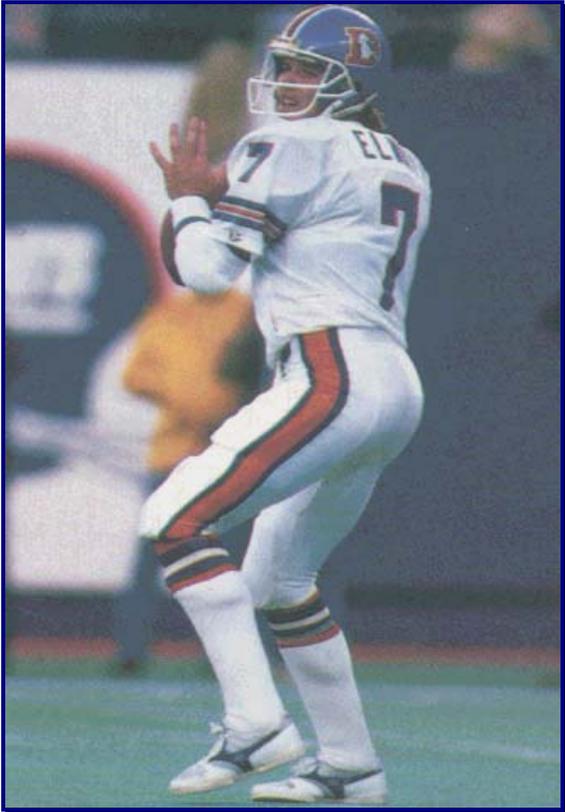


Fig. 86-4. 1986 Champion road jersey (photo from 1987 *Petersen's Annual* taken 11/23/86 at The Meadowlands, NJ).

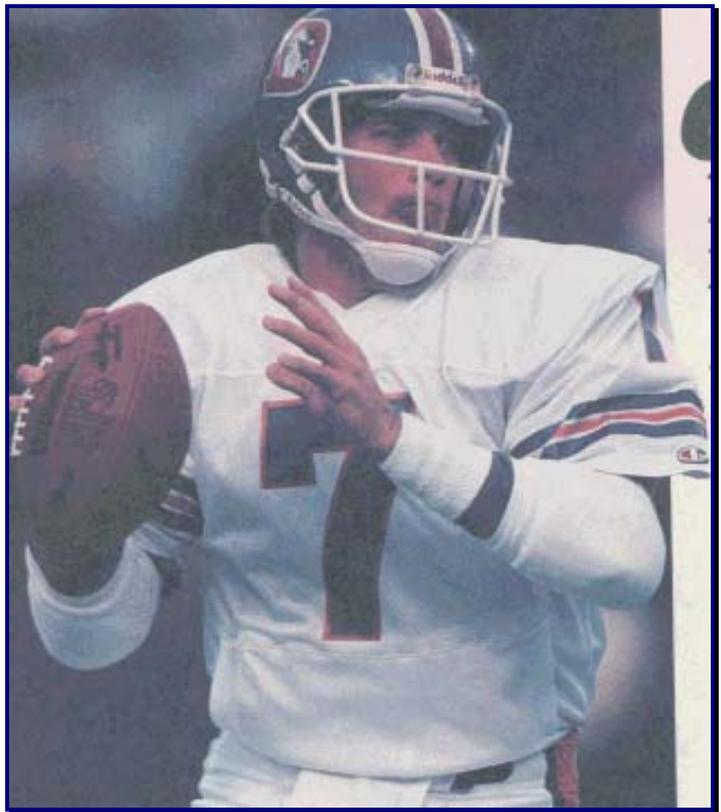


Fig. 86-5. Photo from *Street & Smiths Pro Football 1987 Annual*

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Figs. 86-6 & 86-7. Front and rear of circa 1986 John Elway Champion road jersey



Fig. 86-8. Tagging detail from circa 1986 John Elway Champion road jersey