

## McKibbin's Scribbles: Not gonna do it. No way.

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As Dana Carvey said on "Saturday Night Live" during at least one of his great impressions of the first President Bush, "Not gonna do it."

I'm not going to write about the thing that left me speechless, angry, disappointed and disillusioned last Sunday night.

I won't write about how an entire season's worth of record-setting performances can be flushed away by one game they never showed up to play.

Not gonna do it.

I won't write about how that one game may have exposed weaknesses that every other team may exploit next year. And next year's schedule is a killer.

Not gonna do it. Nope.

Won't write about all the changes they need to make, like how the coaching staff needs to be overhauled. Like which free agents should be brought back and which ones should be let go. Or that maybe they should seriously consider trading a key defensive player to move up in the draft.

Not gonna do it.

Not saying they need to find new special teams coaches and players. Ones that know when to not run a kick out of the end zone and how to hang on to the ball.

You can't make me do it.

Not going to talk about how all the old 1980s Super Bowl nightmares came flowing back, one after another, instead of wallowing again in the euphoria of the two 1990s games.

I won't do it.

Won't point out which team has now lost the most Super Bowls ever. Or who lost by the biggest margins.

No, not gonna do it.

I won't harp on how an entire world watched them look like the football equivalent of the Washington Generals.

Nor will I say the first snap of the game left me with an ominous feeling. And I won't write how they had better get a real center next year, not a utility lineman.

Nope, not gonna do it.

Not going to admit that maybe the critics who said our leader doesn't deliver in the biggest games may have a point.

I can't do it.

Not going to say that a certain Hall of Fame defensive back should realize when his skills no longer allow him to do his job up to the caliber needed any more.

Not gonna do it.

So what do I write about?

How about a huge thanks for great memories, even greater, historic personal performances; how perseverance and will power can help overcome a litany of injuries, heart attacks, suspensions and fax fiascoes?

Or how they pulled a city, a state and a region together as one, giving everyone feelings of pride and sharing not usually present?

What about the personal appearances and charitable functions each one of them made in the off season and during the season? How they give back to the fans and the communities that support them?

And maybe I should write about how it made us proud to see how each player (most of them, anyway) represented Denver, the state of Colorado and Rocky Mountain region with class and dignity.

I know. Here's what I'll write:

Thank you, Denver Broncos! We still love you! Can't wait until next year!

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