When the Broncos run
The Broncos’ running game was slow to catch on in the opener, but ultimately Vincent Young, Andre Hall and Michael Pittman combined for 47 yards and three touchdowns. The Chargers did not allow a rushing touchdown in their loss to Carolina.

When the Chargers run
So what if LaDainian Tomlinson didn’t score last week? He’s still the league’s best running back.

When the Chargers pass
The Chargers’ corners, Quentin Jammer and Antwan Molden, are among the league’s best, but Thomas was 1-for-1 in field-goal attempts last week. However, he was 4-for-4 in his starts against Denver in 2007.

Injury Report

Chargers
Out: C Nick Hardwick (foot), OT Marcus McNeill (foot)
Questionable: LB Shawne Merriman (knee), CB Antonio Cromartie (calf), WR Vincent Jackson (ankle), DE Paul Soliai (ankle), S Marquand Manuel (ribs)

Broncos
Out: C Tony Mulin (oblique), RB Ryan Torain (allow), LB Louis Delmas (hamstring)
Questionable: WR Darrell Jackson (ankle), LB Rocky Beattie (knee), FB Peyton Hillis (illness), RB Jay Croom (ankle), S Mike Adams (ankle), WR Eddie Royal (ankle), DE Marcus Thomas (ankle)

By the Numbers

21-3
Denver’s record in home-openers since 1984. It’s the best record in the league this year. The team hasn’t lost a home opener since 1999.

46-6
The composite score by which the Chargers have outscored the Broncos in the teams’ two games last season.

317.5
Jay Cutler’s quarterback rating after Week 1, second best in the league behind Pittsburgh’s Ben Roethlisberger (311.1).

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