## Russell Wilson and the danger of the offseason

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The NFL is always at the forefront when it comes to the sporting world. During the offseason, the NFL gets a lot of attention because of the various moves made by teams. Russell Wilson was traded to the Denver Broncos during the 2022 off-season. There have been mixed results early in the season for Russell Wilson and the Broncos.

Denver needed to upgrade its quarterback position and decided to trade for Russell Wilson. A lot of excitement was built in Broncos country. Fans and sports analysts believed Russell Wilson would lead the Broncos to the Super Bowl. The old cliche; they're a quarterback away from winning it all was mentioned constantly. Wilson's Broncos are currently 2-4 and in third place in the AFC West.

## What happened over the offseason?



Russell Wilson smiles during his introductory interview with the Broncos. Photo by Justin Edmonds/Getty Images

Over the last couple of seasons, Russell Wilson and the Seahawks grew apart. Wilson and Seattle didn't see eye to eye on the direction of the offense. Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll wanted to stick to running the ball, while Wilson wanted to air it out and cook. A breaking point came when the Seahawks shipped Wilson to Denver. Russell Wilson signed a five-year \$245 million extension with \$165 million dollars guaranteed in September.

Wilson was the definition of a pro during his time in Denver. Wilson was beloved by his teammates, coaches, and fans. Wilson led Seattle to consecutive playoff appearances, two super bowls, and won over 100 games. He gave his all to Seattle and did his best to represent the franchise.

## **The Present**



Stephon Gilmore after intercepting Russel Wilson's pass in 4th quarter of Thursday's win over the Broncos. (Photo by Dustin Bradford/Getty Images)

Simply put, the Broncos have struggled with Russell Wilson. The season has started off rocky for Broncos country. Denver's offense has struggled to convert and Wilson has struggled to deliver the ball to his receivers. The most significant example of this came against the Indianapolis Colts. Denver had a chance to win the game in overtime and Wilson missed a wide-open KJ Hamler.

Denver's offense currently ranks 22nd in the NFL. Wilson has thrown for 1,442 yards, thrown five touchdowns, and three interceptions.

## Danger of the offseason

Offseason hype can be dangerous because you never know what will happen during the regular season. It's hard for quarterbacks to adapt to new environments. Wilson has to earn the trust of his new teammates and connect with the Bronco's culture. Additionally, Wilson has to learn a new offense. Some offseason moves fit like a glove, while others don't work out.

Let's not forget about Matthew Stafford and Tom Brady. Brady struggled to learn Bruce Arian's offense and the Buccanneers struggled to gel. Stafford threw 17 interceptions last season and the Rams had to fight to make the super bowl. Hopefully, Wilson and the Broncos can turn their season around.