

# SUPER BOWL

## Scouting Reports

### Bears Look Truly Super

The following scouting reports were compiled by Dick Vermeil, the former head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. He was assisted by William N. Wallace of The New York Times.

The statistical analysis was supplied by the Bud Goode Sports Computer service of Studio City, Calif. Goode's clients in the National Football League this season included both the Bears and the Patriots.

**W**HEN we consider what constitutes a Super Bowl team, the Chicago Bears reveal themselves as a super Super Bowl team.

In breaking down a team statistically, there are 42 different variables that I study. In 22 of them the Bears rank first. No other team was close in the number of firsts. I doubt that any team has been so dominant in the league as were the Bears this season.

The two statistics that jump out and will have the most bearing on the Super Bowl are rushing yards per game and defense against the rush.

Chicago averaged 172 yards rushing a game and allowed only 82 yards rushing. That's a difference of 90 yards a game, a remarkable figure.

Here is another reason why the Bears are so impressive: They have scored a touchdown for every 25 plays from scrimmage and given up a touchdown every 43 plays.

The Bears also compare very favorably in what I call the profile of a Super Bowl team. This statistical profile is based on the teams that have played in the Super Bowl going back to 1978.

That date is important because of the significant rule changes that season that opened up the passing game by liberalizing pass-blocking rules and limiting defensive contact on receivers.

Sixteen teams have played in Super Bowl games since then and the Bears equal or exceed every one of them in my statistical package. The Bears were so dominant that they gave me the confidence to

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