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When Pat Bowlen bought the Broncos in 1984, he inherited the best quarterback of that era of pro football and one of the greatest of all-time, John Elway.

In 9 of the next 15 seasons, the Broncos made. the postseason. They made it to five Super Bowls and won two

After John Elway retired, the Broncos missed the playoffs in 8-of-12 seasons including no winning record from 2007-2010.

Who did Pat Bowlen call at that point in time?

I don't like putting words in Pat Bowlen's mouth, saying he would have done this or wouldn't have done that. Fact of the matter is, both Pat Bowlen and John Elway hate losing.

It was Pat who fired Mike Shanahan after a playoff drought. It was also Pat who gave Josh McDaniels the keys to the franchise and let him dismantle the most talented roster the team had in nearly a decade.

What Pat Bowlen discovered after a GENERATIONAL talent at the QB position retired from his team was the simple fact that winning in the NFL is not easy. Finding a QB is not easy.

It's impossible to know how things would be different if Pat were still around today. There are only so many people who know the bond that Elway and Bowlen had.

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It just seems so easy for fans to forget that John Elway knows how much Pat Bowlen loved this team. Elway has not grown apathetic. It looks like there was a visible transition from 2011-17 and 2018-20 in draft philosophy. I don't agree that Elway is not accountable.

Broncos have also remained aggressive in free agency pretty much every year since the Super Bowl despite cap limitations. Fact of the matter is, building a team through the draft just takes more time than doing it with an established QB.

All this to say, I'm as frustrated about the reality of another losing season as anyone. I thought the Broncos were talented enough to make some noise this season as a Wild Card.

In the NFL, you have to stay healthy to win. Despite their injury and turnover issues, the Broncos have one-score losses vs. three of the four AFC division leaders. I don't think they're as far off as today's catastrophe makes it seem.