

at a news conference in Denver. # It is the first head-coaching job for Fangio, 60, who masterminded the rise of the Bears defense since coming to the organization under John Fox in 2015. Previously, Fangio was a coordinator for the 49ers, Texans, Colts and Panthers in a professional career that dates to 1984 with the Philadelphia Stars of the USFL. # With many teams seeking the next hot, young offensive mind, the Broncos bucked the trend, picking Fangio over Steelers offensive line coach Mike Munchak. He is the first head coach hired this cycle with a defensive background after the Packers (Matt LaFleur), Browns (Freddie Kitchens), Cardinals (Kliff Kingsbury) and Buccaneers (Bruce Arians) made their moves. # Two days after the wild-card round a year ago, Matt Nagy boarded a plane in Kansas City, Mo., and headed for Chicago to be hired as Bears coach. Three days after this year's wild-card round, in which the Eagles eliminated the Bears 16-15 at Soldier Field, Nagy is in search of a new defensive coordinator. The Bears sought to replace Fangio with former Jets coach Todd Bowles, but he chose to rejoin Arians in Tampa Bay. # It's a good problem for the Bears to have. Broncos President John Elway wouldn't have hired Fangio if the defense hadn't been impressive the last few seasons. In fact, it was dominant this season, ranking first in scoring defense and leading the league in several key statistical categories, including run defense, takeaways and opponents' passer rating. # Fangio doesn't leave after a Super Bowl title, as Ryan did, but the defense is young with foundational players at all three