

70401130 Vic Fangio, who guided the NFL's No. 1 scoring defense this season, leaves the Bears for the Broncos # Vic Fangio wasn't carried off the field on his players' shoulders after his final game, but he is the first Bears defensive coordinator since Buddy Ryan after Super Bowl XX to leave the franchise to become a head coach. # The Broncos are hiring Fangio as their new coach and he is expected to be introduced Thursday 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