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SUPER BOWL LIII: NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS VS. LOS ANGELES RAMS

On Sunday, February 3rd, the New England Patriots and the Los Angeles Rams will meet in Super Bowl LIII (6:30 PM ET, CBS) at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

Super Bowl LIII will feature the No. 2 seed in each conference – the AFC Champion Patriots against the NFC champion Rams – and is the first Super Bowl matchup of No. 2 seeds since the NFL began seeding teams in 1975. It also marks a rematch of Super Bowl XXXVI, when New England defeated the St. Louis Rams 20-17 on February 3, 2002.

For the Super Bowl LIII capsule, [click here](#).

Here's what's at stake in Super Bowl LIII:

With a New England victory...

- The Patriots will have captured their sixth Super Bowl championship, tied with the **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** (six) for most in NFL history.
- New England will have won its 37th postseason game, surpassing **PITTSBURGH** (36) for the most all-time.
- Head coach Bill Belichick joins **GEORGE HALAS** and **CURLY LAMBEAU** as the only coaches ever to win six NFL championships.
- Quarterback Tom Brady has now won six Super Bowls, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer Charles Haley (five) for the most of any player.

With a Los Angeles win...

- The Rams will celebrate the second Super Bowl victory in the history of their franchise (SB XXXIV) and their first in Los Angeles.
- At age 33, head coach Sean McVay becomes the youngest coach ever to win the Super Bowl. Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin held the previous mark at age 36.
- Quarterback Jared Goff becomes the first quarterback selected No. 1 overall to lead his team to a Super Bowl victory within his first three seasons.

The Patriots earned a trip to the Super Bowl with a 37-31 overtime win against Kansas City in the AFC Championship Game. New England, who won Super Bowl LI to conclude the 2017 season and advanced to Super Bowl LII last season, joins the **BUFFALO BILLS** (1990-93) and **MIAMI DOLPHINS** (1971-73) as the only teams in the Super Bowl era to appear in three consecutive Super Bowls. New England advanced to their 11th Super Bowl in franchise history and are looking for their sixth Super Bowl title, which would tie them with the **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** (six) for the most in NFL history.

The Rams advanced to Super Bowl LIII with a 26-23 overtime victory against New Orleans in the NFC Championship Game. Los Angeles kicker **GREG ZUERLEIN** converted the game-winning 57-yard field goal in overtime, the longest game-winning field goal in postseason history.

Los Angeles advanced to their fourth Super Bowl in franchise history (1979, 1999 and 2001) and are looking for their second Super Bowl title.

Patriots head coach **BILL BELICHICK** and quarterback **TOM BRADY** will be making their ninth Super Bowl appearance together, the most NFL title games for any head coach and starting quarterback duo in league history. Belichick and Brady have won five Super Bowls together, the most by a head coach and starting quarterback combination.

Brady, who is making his NFL-record ninth career Super Bowl start, is the only starting quarterback in league history to win five Super Bowls and the only player ever to be named Super Bowl MVP four times (XXXVI, XXXVIII, XLIX and LI). Brady set a Super Bowl record with 505 passing yards last year and is the all-time leader in Super Bowl passing yards (2,576), completions (235), passing attempts (357) and touchdown passes (18). He is also the NFL postseason leader in wins by a starting quarterback (29), completions (984), passing attempts (1,554), passing yards (10,917) and touchdown passes (73).

New England rookie running back **SONY MICHEL** has five rushing touchdowns this postseason, the most rushing touchdowns by a rookie in postseason history. Michel has rushed for at least 100 yards in each of his first two career postseason appearances and can join **ARIAN FOSTER** as the only players in postseason history to rush for at least 100 yards in each of their first three playoff games.

Patriots running back **JAMES WHITE**, who had a rushing touchdown in Super Bowl LII, has scored four touchdowns (three rushing, one receiving) in two career Super Bowl appearances. Over the past three postseasons (2016-2018), White leads the NFL with eight total touchdowns.

New England tight end **ROB GRONKOWSKI** has 12 touchdown receptions in his postseason career and trails only Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** (22) for the most in NFL playoff history. Gronkowski's 1,076 receiving yards and 12 touchdown receptions are the most ever by a tight end in NFL postseason history.

In the AFC Championship Game, Patriots wide receiver **JULIAN EDELMAN** had seven catches for 96 yards and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** (151 receptions) as the only players with at least 100 career postseason receptions (105). Edelman has recorded at least five receptions in 12 consecutive playoff games, the longest such streak in postseason annals.

Los Angeles Rams head coach **SEAN MC VAY**, who will be 33 years and 10 days old on Super Bowl Sunday, is the youngest head coach to lead his team to the Super Bowl. In each of the past two seasons under McVay, the Rams have ranked first or second in points per game.

Rams quarterback **JARED GOFF**, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2016 NFL Draft, is the first quarterback selected No. 1 overall to reach the Super Bowl within his first three seasons. Four quarterbacks (Pro Football Hall of Famers **TROY AIKMAN** and **JOHN ELWAY**, and **DREW BLEDSOE** and **ELI MANNING**) each reached the Super Bowl in their fourth season.

Los Angeles running back **TODD GURLEY** has rushed for a touchdown in each of the team's two postseason games this season. Gurley led the NFL with 21 touchdowns (17 rushing, four receiving) and ranked fourth with 1,831 scrimmage yards. Rams running back **C.J. ANDERSON** leads the team in postseason rushing and has 481 rushing yards in the postseason since 2014, the most in the NFL over that span.

In the NFC Championship Game, Rams wide receiver **BRANDIN COOKS** led the team with seven receptions and 107 receiving yards. Cooks had 80 catches and 1,204 receiving yards in the regular season and became the first player in NFL history to record at least 1,000 receiving yards with three different teams in three consecutive seasons. With New England in 2017, Cooks recorded 65 receptions for 1,082 yards and seven touchdowns and added 10 receptions for 155 yards in the playoffs.

Los Angeles defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** led the NFL with 20.5 in 2018 and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (1986) as the only players to record 20+ sacks and make it to the Super Bowl in the same season. Rams defensive tackle **NDAMUKONG SUH** recorded 1.5 sacks in the NFC Championship Game and has recorded at least one sack in three of his past four playoff games.



Super Bowl LIII

New England Patriots (AFC East - 13-5) vs. Los Angeles Rams (NFC West - 15-3)



Sunday, February 3, 2019 | 6:30 PM ET | Mercedes-Benz Stadium | Referee: John Parry

SERIES HISTORY (INCL. PLAYOFFS)

LEADER: Patriots lead all-time series, 8-5

STREAKS: Patriots have won past 5

LAST GAME: 12/4/16: Rams 10 at Patriots 26

LAST GAME AT SITE: First meeting in Atlanta

PLAYOFF SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Patriots lead all-time series, 1-0

STREAKS: Patriots won only meeting

LAST PLAYOFF: 2/3/02: Patriots 20, Rams 17 (SB XXXVI)

LAST PLAYOFF AT SITE: First meeting in Atlanta

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

PLAYOFF RECORD	36-20
LAST WEEK	W 37-31 (OT) at Kansas City
VS. COMMON OPP.	6-1 (Chi 1-0; Det 0-1; GB 1-0; KC 2-0; LAC 1-0; Min 1-0)
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	27.3/20.3
OFFENSE	393.4
PASSING	Tom Brady: 375-570-4355-29-11-97.7
RUSHING	Sony Michel (R): 209-931-4.5-6
RECEIVING	James White (RB): 87-751-8.6-7
DEFENSE	359.1
SACKS	Trey Flowers: 7.5
INTs	Duron Harmon: 4
TAKE/GIVE	+10 (28/18)
PR	Julian Edelman: 7.7
KR	Cordarrelle Patterson: 28.8
PUNTING (NET)	Ryan Allen: 45.1 (39.5)
KICKING	Stephen Gostkowski: 130 (49/50 PAT; 27/32 FG)

HEAD COACH: BILL BELICHICK

VS. OPP.	6-1
PLAYOFF RECORD	30-11

PATRIOTS TEAM NOTES

- **PATRIOTS** became 3rd team in the Super Bowl era to appear in 3 consecutive Super Bowls. Have 5 Super Bowl titles, 2nd-most all-time (**PITTSBURGH**, 6).
- **NEW ENGLAND** ranked 4th in scoring offense (27.3 ppg), 5th in total yards of offense (393.4 ypg) and tied for 6th in scoring defense (20.3 ppg allowed).
- **BILL BELICHICK** has most playoff experience (41 games) & postseason wins (30) among HC in NFL history. Is the only HC in NFL history with 5 Super Bowl victories.
- **NEW ENGLAND** had 2 players named for 2019 Pro Bowl: **QB TOM BRADY** & **CB STEPHON GILMORE**.

LOS ANGELES RAMS

PLAYOFF RECORD	21-25
LAST WEEK	W 26-23 (OT) at New Orleans
VS. COMMON OPP.	5-1 (Chi 0-1; Det 1-0; GB 1-0; KC 1-0; LAC 1-0 Min 1-0)
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	32.9/24.0
OFFENSE	421.1
PASSING	Jared Goff: 364-561-4688-32-12-101.1
RUSHING	Todd Gurley: 256-1251-4.9-17 (1L)
RECEIVING	Robert Woods: 86-1219-14.2-6
DEFENSE	358.6
SACKS	Aaron Donald: 20.5 (1L)
INTs	John Johnson: 4
TAKE/GIVE	+11 (30/19)
PR	JoJo Natson: 10.8
KR	Blake Countess: 24.6
PUNTING (NET)	Johnny Hekker: 46.3 (43.0)
KICKING	Greg Zuerlein: 116 (35/36 PAT; 27/31 FG)

HEAD COACH: SEAN MCVAY

VS. OPP.	0-0
PLAYOFF RECORD	2-1

RAMS TEAM NOTES

- **RAMS** won NFC West in consecutive seasons for first time since 1973-79.
- **LOS ANGELES** led NFC in total yards per game (421.1) & points per game (32.9) & ranked 3rd in conference in turnover differential (+11).
- **SEAN MC VAY** has guided Rams to playoffs in each of his 1st 2 seasons as head coach. Became youngest HC in NFL history to lead team to Super Bowl (33 years old).
- **RAMS** had 4 players named to 2019 Pro Bowl: **DT AARON DONALD**, **QB JARED GOFF**, **RB TODD GURLEY** & **ST CORY LITTLETON**.

ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: CBS (6:30 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Tony Romo, Tracy Wolfson, Jay Feely, Gene Steratore
WESTWOOD ONE: Kevin Harlan, Kurt Warner, Mike Holmgren, Tony Boselli, Ed Werder
SIRIUS: 88 (WW1), 82 (NE), 83 (LAR) | **XM:** 88 (WW1), 226 (NE), 225 (LAR)



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GAME NOTE

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PATRIOTS NOTES

- **QB TOM BRADY** is all-time postseason leader in games played (39), wins (29), completions (954), pass yards (10,917) & TD passes (73). Has 16 playoff games with 300+ pass yards, most in NFL history. Has 2 highest single-game passing totals in Super Bowl history (505 yards in SB LII & 466 yards in SB LI). Aims for his 4th Super Bowl in row with 300+ pass yards & 5th Super Bowl in row with 2+ TD passes.
- **RB SONY MICHEL** (rookie) has 5 rush TDs this postseason, most by a rookie in NFL history. Aims for his 3rd postseason game in row with 100+ rush yards & 2+ rush TDs. **RB JAMES WHITE** has 4 TDs (3 rush, 1 rec.) in 2 career Super Bowls. Aims for his 3rd Super Bowl in row with rush TD. **RB REX BURKHEAD** aims for his 3rd in row with rush TD.
- **TE ROB GRONKOWSKI** has 12 career playoff TD catches, tied with HOFer **JOHN STALLWORTH** (12) for 2nd-most in postseason history. Aims for his 3rd Super Bowl in row with TD catch. **WR JULIAN EDELMAN** ranks 2nd in postseason history with 105 receptions. Has 5+ receptions in 12 consecutive postseason games, longest streak in playoff history. Has 14 catches for 196 yards (65.3 per game) & TD catch in 3 career Super Bowls. **WR CHRIS HOGAN** had 6 catches for 128 yards & rec. TD in SB LII in 2017.
- **DL TREY FLOWERS** led team with 7.5 sacks. **S DURON HARMON** led team & tied career-high with 4 INTs. Had INT in SB LII. **CB STEPHON GILMORE** had career-high 20 PD, 2nd-most in NFL. Has 2+ PD in 4 of his past 5 playoff games.

RAMS NOTES

- **QB JARED GOFF** ranked 4th in NFL in pass yards (4,688) & was 1 of 3 in NFL with 4,500+ yards & 100+ rating (101.1) in 2018. In his past 8 vs. AFC, has 2,287 pass yards (285.9 per game) with 18 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 108.9 rating & has rush TD.
- **RB TODD GURLEY** led NFL with 21 scrimmage TDs & ranked 4th with 1,831 scrimmage yards this season. Had rush TD in NFC Champ Game. Aims for his 3rd postseason game in row with rush TD. Has 1,250 scrimmage yards (156.3 per game) with 7 TDs (4 rush, 3 rec.) in his past 8 vs. AFC. Has 120+ scrimmage yards in 6 of his past 7 vs. AFC. **RB C.J. ANDERSON** has 172 scrimmage yards (86 per game) & 2 rush TDs in 2 games this postseason.
- **WR BRANDIN COOKS** had 80 catches for 1,204 yards in 2018, his 4th-career season with 1,000+ rec. yards. Had 1,082 rec. yards & 7 TDs in 2017 with NE. **WR ROBERT WOODS** led team with career-highs in receptions (86) & rec. yards (1,219) this season. Has 3 rec. TDs in his past 6 vs. NE. In his past 3 vs. AFC, has 21 receptions for 285 yards (95 per game) & 3 TDs.
- **DT AARON DONALD** led NFL with 20.5 sacks this season & became 11th player since 1982 with 20+ sacks in single season. Ranked 1st in NFL with 25 TFL in 2018. **DT NDAMUKONG SUH** had 1.5 sacks in NFC Champ Game. Has 5 sacks in 5 career playoff games. **S JOHN JOHNSON** had INT in OT in NFC Champ Game. Had career-highs in tackles (118) & INTs (4) in 2018.
- **K GREG ZUERLEIN** converted game-tying 48-yard FG in 4th Q & GW 57-yard FG in OT in NFC Champ Game.



Patriots QB **TOM BRADY** is the all-time leader in many Super Bowl passing categories. He is the only player in NFL history to win **4 Super Bowl MVP Awards**.

SUPER BOWL PASSING YARDS

TOM BRADY2,576
Kurt Warner 1,156

SUPER BOWL TD PASSES

TOM BRADY 18
Joe Montana 11

SUPER BOWL COMPLETIONS

TOM BRADY 235
Peyton Manning 103



SCRIMMAGE TDs (2018)

TODD GURLEY (LAR) 21
Alvin Kamara (NO) 18
Antonio Brown (Pit)/Saquon Barkley (NYG) ... 15

SACKS (2018)

AARON DONALD (LAR) 20.5
J.J. Watt (Hou) 16
Chris Jones (KC) 15.5

