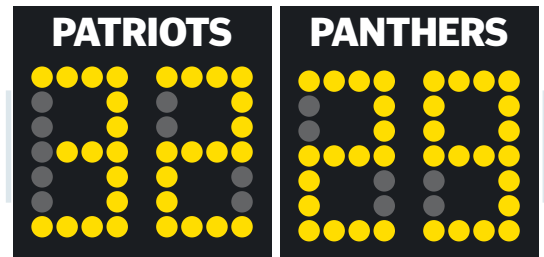


SUPER BOWL XXXVIII



Supermen II

It's a perfect ending to sequel as Vinatieri delivers another world title to Patriots



In another photo finish, Adam Vinatieri again provides the winning kick, a 41-yard field goal to give the Patriots their second Super Bowl victory.

By Michael Smith
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Patriots 32
Panthers 29

HOUSTON — Moments before Super Bowl XXXVIII, in the privacy of the Patriots' locker room at Reliant Stadium, Bill Belichick finally released his tongue from the captivity of his teeth. The reserved coach, whose every public uttering is calculated, lit a fire under his team by lighting into the Carolina Panthers during a stirring pregame speech.

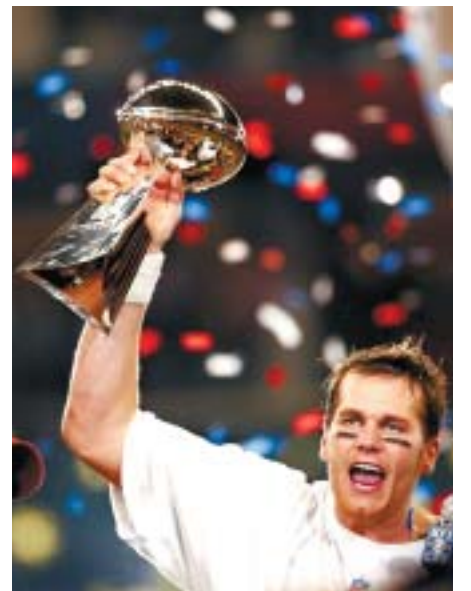
"I always believe he saves the best for last," tight end Christian Fauria said. "The speech was basically like, 'We kept our mouths shut, we didn't say anything, now it's time to get to business.' I don't want to go into exactly what he said, but we just knew that the show was over, being politically correct was over, and we knew what we had to do no matter what we were saying to the press. When we came out there, you could tell we were ready to fight those guys right on the field."

Drive time

The Patriots' winning drive last night was similar to the one that beat the Rams in the Super Bowl two years ago. How they compare:

	2002	2004
Time	1:30	1:04
Yards	53	37
Passes	5 of 8	4 of 5
FG	48	41

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GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/JIM DAVIS

Tom Brady, at 26 the youngest quarterback to win two Super Bowls, hoists the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

MICHAEL HOLLEY

Winners are one of a kind



HOUSTON — It is now OK to place the New England Patriots in a historical sentence that few teams are able to utter. You can call them one of the greatest teams of all time, and you can say it without apologizing or blinking or giving a monologue on this era of free agency.

The Patriots are great. Swallow it straight, with no chaser.

A few things became obvious when the Patriots won Super Bowl XXXVIII last night, 32-29 over the Carolina Panthers:

Adam Vinatieri is one of the best clutch athletes New England sports fans have ever seen. We're not just talking about clutch kickers or clutch football players. We're talking athletes, regardless of the sport and

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More on the Super Bowl

Familiar ring

Once again, Patriots simply went about their business and finished the job. **Shaughnessy, A1**

Show of shows

It was a classic Super Bowl in more ways than one for both sides. **Ryan, A1**

Adam's eve

Vinatieri proves he's Mr. Clutch with another championship-winning field goal. **C2**

Elite company

Bill Belichick (right) acknowledges the victory and the season as "unforgettable." **C18**



In sports

Hats off

Glen Murray scores three goals as the Bruins rally to defeat the Penguins. **D1**