

Ocean Lakes captures two region championships

The Dolphins win Class 6 Region A titles in gymnastics and boys swimming. Other region champs include First Colonial in Class 5 Region A boys and girls swimming and York in Class 3 Region A boys and girls swimming. **PAGE 2**

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SUPER BOWL 55

Tampa Bay (14-5) vs. Kansas City (16-2), 6:30 p.m. (WTKR)
Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida

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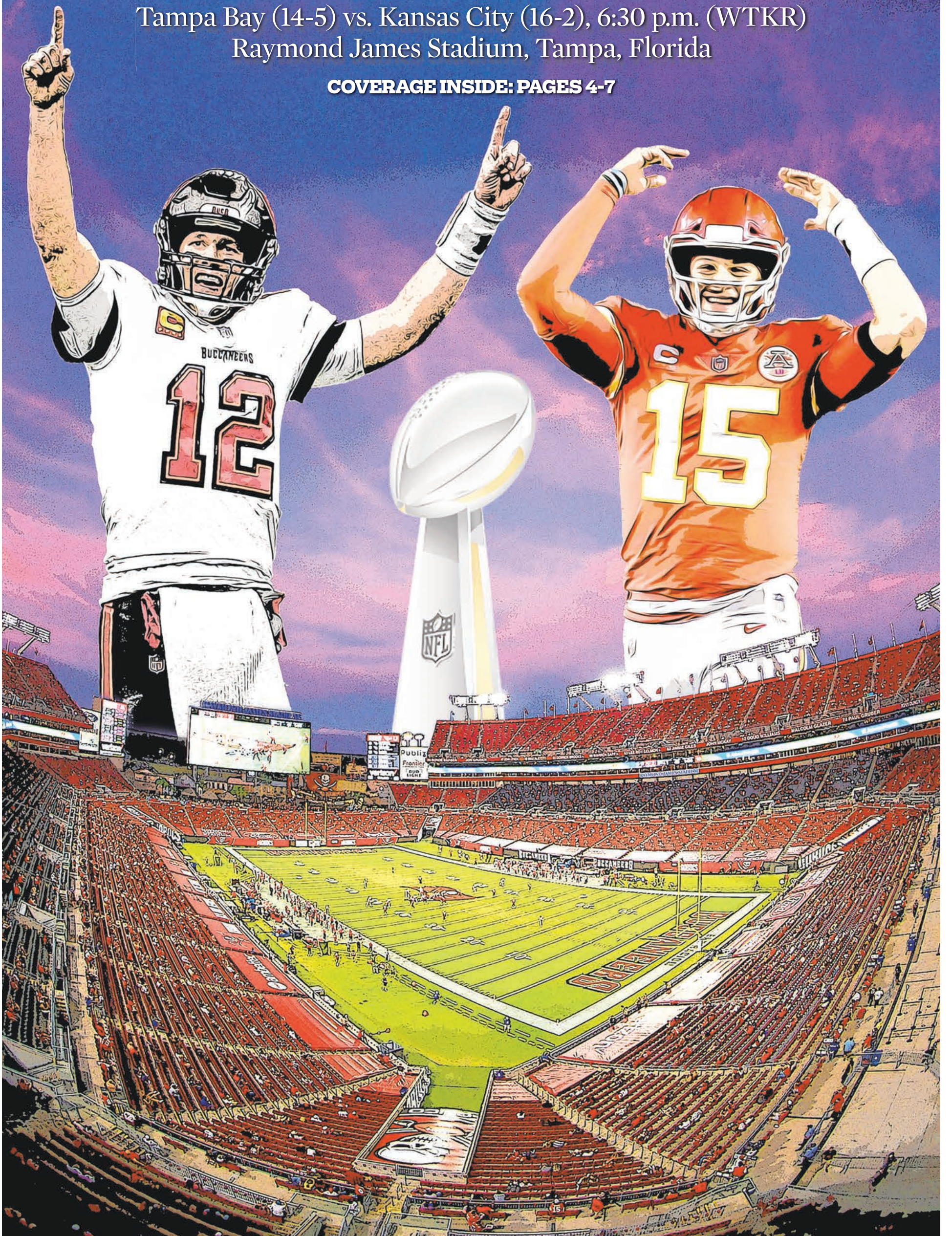


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Donovan Cotton is a former Hampton High and Norfolk State football player who is now a collegiate scout for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. **COURTESY OF DONOVAN COTTON**

Hampton High, NSU alum helped build Bucs into a title contender

By **Marty O'Brien**
Staff Writer

In between classwork and playing college football, Donovan Cotton found time during his final year at Norfolk State in 2010 to read Pete Williams' book, "The Draft: A Year Inside the NFL's Search for Talent."

Cotton knew after finishing the 305-page look at hopefuls playing through the 2004 season in preparation for the 2005 NFL draft that he wanted to be a professional football scout. He just didn't have any idea how to go about it.

So, although he was a running back, he essentially threw up a Hail Mary — or to be more accurate, dozens and dozens of them. With the help of the late Kirk Mastro-matteo, then the Spartans' offen-

Inside

Former Churchland High star Jamin Elliott who played for New England in Super Bowl XXXVIII is happy former teammate Tom Brady has returned to the big game for a record 10th time. **PAGE 6**

sive coordinator and running backs coach, he wrote to every NFL team asking for a chance.

He didn't hear back right away, so he kept writing for years until, in 2012, the Green Bay Packers offered him an internship. That led to an internship with the Seattle Seahawks and eventually a job in 2014 as an assistant scout with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Buccaneers were so impressed that they offered Cotton a full-time job, and he is their colle-

giate scout in a seven-state area of the Southwest that includes Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Now in his sixth year as a full-time scout, Cotton will be in Raymond James Stadium tonight to watch his employer host the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LV.

"Getting to see my team play in this game is so exciting because to go from the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft in 2015 to the Super Bowl means we have overcome a lot of adversity to be here," Cotton said. "To share in a success like this with those same people is the best feeling."

Cotton's biggest success on the field came taking handoffs from current NFL quarterback Tyrod Taylor on Hampton High's Group

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Virginia forward Jay Huff puts up a shot against Pittsburgh on Saturday. **ERIN EDGERTON/AP**

U.Va. downs Pitt

Sam Hauser scores a season-high 23 in the No. 14 Cavs' 73-66 victory. **PAGE 8**

Tech tops Miami




















Hunter Cattoor hits a 3-pointer at the end of regulation and No. 16 Virginia Tech pulls out a road win in overtime. **PAGE 8**

SUPER BOWL 55 BUCCANEERS

HOW THE BUCS (14-5) GOT HERE

(2nd place in NFC South; wild card) Game by game results

REGULAR SEASON

-  **Sept. 13**
@ Saints
Loss, 34-23
 -  **Sept. 20**
vs. Panthers
Win, 31-17
 -  **Sept. 27**
@ Broncos
Win, 28-10
 -  **Oct. 4**
vs. Chargers
Win, 38-31
 -  **Oct. 8**
@ Bears
Loss, 20-19
 -  **Oct. 18**
vs. Packers
Win, 38-10
 -  **Oct. 25**
@ Raiders
Win, 45-20
 -  **Nov. 2**
@ Giants
Win, 25-23
 -  **Nov. 8**
vs. Saints
Loss, 38-3
 -  **Nov. 15**
@ Panthers
Win, 46-23
 -  **Nov. 23**
vs. Rams
Loss, 27-24
 -  **Nov. 29**
vs. Chiefs
Loss, 27-24
 -  **Dec. 13**
vs. Vikings
Win, 26-14
 -  **Dec. 20**
@ Falcons
Win, 31-27
 -  **Dec. 26**
@ Lions
Win, 47-7
 -  **Jan. 3**
vs. Falcons
Win, 44-27
- ### PLAYOFFS
-  **Jan. 9, wild card**
@ Washington FT
Win, 31-23
 -  **Jan. 17, divisional**
@ Saints
Win, 30-20
 -  **Jan. 24, championship**
@ Packers
Win, 31-26

MEET THE BUCS

Depth chart

OFFENSE	
WR	Mike Evans Scotty Miller Tyler Johnson Jaydon Mickens
TE	Rob Gronkowski Tanner Hudson
LT	Donovan Smith Josh Wells
LG	Ali Marpet Earl Watford
C	Ryan Jensen
RG	Aaron Stinnie
RT	Tristan Wirfs Joe Haeg
TE	Cameron Brate * Antony Auclair
WR	Chris Godwin Antonio Brown Justin Watson
QB	Tom Brady Blaine Gabbert Ryan Griffin
RB	Ronald Jones II Leonard Fournette LeSean McCoy Ke'Shawn Vaughn
DEFENSE	
DE	Ndamukong Suh Khalil Davis Jeremiah Ledbetter
NT	Vita Vea Rakeem Nunez-Roches
DE	William Gholston Patrick O'Connor
OLB	Jason Pierre-Paul *
ILB	Anthony Nelson Devin White Kevin Minter
ILB	Lavonte David * Deone Bucannon
OLB	Shaquil Barrett Cam Gill
CB	Carlton Davis Ross Cockrell
CB	Jamel Dean Sean Murphy-Bunting Ryan Smith
S	Antoine Winfield Jr. * Mike Edwards
S	Jordan Whitehead * Andrew Adams
SPECIAL TEAMS	
P	Bradley Pinion
PK	Ryan Succop
LS	Zach Triner

— buccaneers.com, espn.com
* subject to change due to injury

Mike Preston

The Baltimore Sun



Tampa Bay has had an impressive run through the playoffs, but the Chiefs have too much creativity on offense and the NFL's most dominant offensive player, **Chiefs 30, Bucs 24**

Childs Walker

The Baltimore Sun



The Bucs are better rounded, but they won't have as much success pressuring Patrick Mahomes as they did Aaron Rodgers in the NFC title game. **Chiefs 33, Bucs 27**

Dan Wiederer

Chicago Tribune



America is preparing for a rework show. And a show they shall get. At this rate, Mahomes will have more Super Bowl rings than Brady by the time he's 34. **Chiefs 34, Bucs 26**

Mike Bianchi

Orlando Sentinel



The Chiefs are favored. The Chiefs are the defending champions. But this Super Bowl is about the greatness of one Thomas Edward Patrick Brady Jr. **Bucs 38, Chiefs 34**



When the Buccaneers have the ball

If Tampa Bay is on offense in the final minutes in a tight game, it's surely time for the Chiefs to worry. There are only two ways to beat a Tom Brady-led team in a Super Bowl. One is to outscore it in a shootout, as the Eagles did three years ago. The other is to mount consistent pressure up the middle and from the outside to make him throw before he wants to or can get set. Remember, Brady was intercepted on three consecutive series in the NFC championship. The onus for protecting him falls on a solid offensive line featuring left guard **Ali Marpet** and rookie right tackle **Tristan Wirfs**. They must deal with Kansas City DT Chris Jones and DE Frank Clark, plus an assortment of linebackers and defensive backs coming after their quarterback on blitzes. Brady won't be running around to extend plays the way Patrick Mahomes can, but he also will be getting the ball out of his hand quickly and, at times, reading the Chiefs' coverage before they even show it. In **Mike Evans**, **Chris Godwin**, **Rob Gronkowski** and **Cameron Brate**, Brady has receivers he is comfortable with. While the Chiefs are exceptional at safety with **All-Pro Tyrann Mathieu** and **Daniel Sorensen**, cornerbacks **Charvarius Ward**, **Ionarius Sneed**, **Bashaud Breeland** and **Rashad Fenton** aren't at that level.

Special teams

The Bucs settled on **Jaydon Mickens** as the punt returner after several changes, mainly because of injuries. Signing **Ryan Succop** has been their best offseason decision and he has been reliable on field goals, though he missed a few extra points. Punter **Bradley Pinion** has a strong leg, but punt coverage has been problematic in the postseason.

Coaching

Bruce Arians leaves the defense to coordinator **Todd Bowles**, and that arrangement has especially been effective the last two months. Brady has become more comfortable with the offensive schemes and OC **Byron Leftwich**, with many of the QB's favorite plays incorporated in game plans.

Intangibles

Brady, of course, goes after a seventh ring in his 10th Super Bowl. He has already proven how overwhelmingly responsible he was for the Patriots' dominance, but that actually drives him even harder to equal such achievements with his new team. Oh yeah, there's this: The Super Bowl is being played on the Buccaneers' home field, a first in this 10th edition of the game. The stadium won't be filled to anything near capacity, but familiar surroundings certainly can't hurt.

— Barry Wilner, AP

Super Bowl results

I: Green Bay Packers (NFL) 35f	Kansas City Chiefs (AFL) 10
II: Green Bay Packers (NFL) 16f	Dakland Raiders (AFL) 14
III: New York Jets (AFL) 16f	Baltimore Colts (NFL) 7
IV: Kansas City Chiefs (AFL) 23f	Minnesota Vikings (NFL) 7
V: Baltimore Colts (AFL) 16f	Dallas Cowboys (NFL) 13
VI: Dallas Cowboys (NFL) 24f	Miami Dolphins (AFC) 3
VII: Miami Dolphins (AFC) 14f	Washington (NFL) 7
VIII: Miami Dolphins (AFC) 24f	Minnesota Vikings (NFL) 7
IX: Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC) 16f	Minnesota Vikings (NFL) 6
X: Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC) 21f	Dallas Cowboys (NFL) 17
XI: Oakland Raiders (AFC) 32f	Minnesota Vikings (NFL) 14
XII: Dallas Cowboys (NFL) 27f	Denver Broncos (AFC) 10
XIII: Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC) 35f	Dallas Cowboys (NFL) 31
XIV: Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC) 31f	Los Angeles Rams (NFL) 19
XV: Oakland Raiders (AFC) 27f	Philadelphia Eagles (NFL) 10
XVI: San Francisco 49ers (NFL) 26f	Cincinnati Bengals (AFC) 21
XVII: Washington (NFL) 27f	Miami Dolphins (AFC) 17
XVIII: Los Angeles Raiders (AFC) 38f	Washington (NFL) 9
XIX: San Francisco 49ers (NFL) 38f	Miami Dolphins (AFC) 16
XX: Chicago Bears (NFL) 46f	New England Patriots (AFC) 10
XXI: New York Giants (NFL) 39f	Denver Broncos (AFC) 20
XXII: Washington (NFL) 42f	Denver Broncos (AFC) 10
XXIII: San Francisco 49ers (NFL) 20f	Cincinnati Bengals (AFC) 16
XXIV: San Francisco 49ers (NFL) 55f	Denver Broncos (AFC) 10
XXV: New York Giants (NFL) 20f	Buffalo Bills (AFC) 19
XXVI: Washington Redskins (NFL) 37f	Buffalo Bills (AFC) 24
XXVII: Dallas Cowboys (NFL) 52f	Buffalo Bills (AFC) 17
XXVIII: Dallas Cowboys (NFL) 30f	Buffalo Bills (AFC) 13
XXIX: San Francisco 49ers (NFL) 49f	San Diego Chargers (AFC) 26
XXX: Dallas Cowboys (NFL) 27f	Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC) 17
XXXI: Green Bay Packers (NFL) 35f	New England Patriots (AFC) 21
XXXII: Denver Broncos (AFC) 31f	Green Bay Packers (NFL) 24
XXXIII: Denver Broncos (AFC) 34f	Atlanta Falcons (NFL) 19
XXXIV: St. Louis Rams (NFL) 23f	Tennessee Titans (AFC) 16
XXXV: Baltimore Ravens (AFC) 34f	New York Giants (NFL) 7
XXXVI: New England Patriots (AFC) 20f	St. Louis Rams (NFL) 17
XXXVII: Tampa Bay Buccaneers (NFL) 48f	Oakland Raiders (AFC) 21
XXXVIII: New England Patriots (AFC) 32f	Carolina Panthers (NFL) 29
XXXIX: New England Patriots (AFC) 24f	Philadelphia Eagles (NFL) 21
XL: Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC) 21f	Seattle Seahawks (NFL) 10
XLI: Indianapolis Colts (AFC) 29f	Chicago Bears (NFL) 17
XLII: New York Giants (NFL) 17f	New England Patriots (AFC) 14
XLIII: Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC) 27f	Arizona Cardinals (NFL) 23
XLIV: New Orleans Saints (NFL) 31f	Indianapolis Colts (AFC) 17
XLV: Green Bay Packers (NFL) 31f	Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC) 25
XLVI: New York Giants (NFL) 21f	New England Patriots (AFC) 17
XLVII: Baltimore Ravens (AFC) 34f	San Francisco 49ers (NFL) 31
XLVIII: Seattle Seahawks (NFL) 43f	Denver Broncos (AFC) 8
XLIX: New England Patriots (AFC) 28f	Seattle Seahawks (NFL) 24
XLX: Denver Broncos (AFC) 24f	Carolina Panthers (NFL) 10
L: New England Patriots (AFC) 34f	Atlanta Falcons (NFL) 28
LII: Philadelphia Eagles (NFL) 41f	New England Patriots (AFC) 33
LIII: New England Patriots (AFC) 13f	Los Angeles Rams (NFL) 3
LIV: Kansas City Chiefs (AFC) 31f	San Francisco 49ers (NFL) 20

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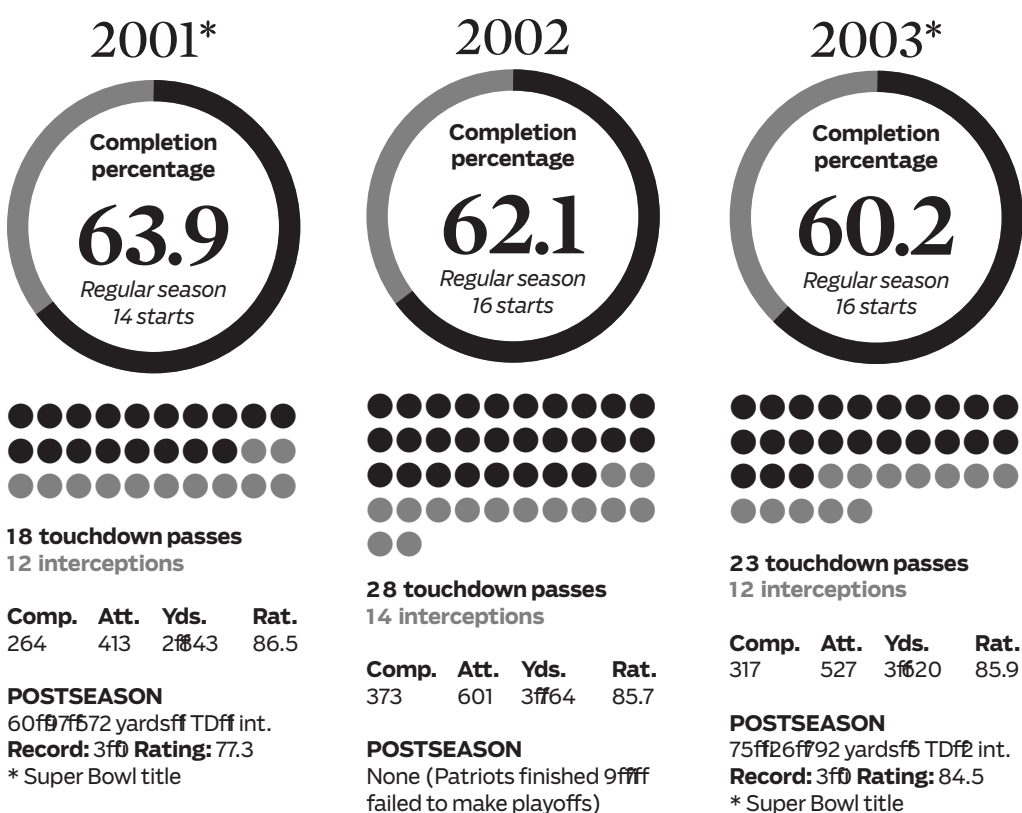
Tom Brady is looking for his 7th Super Bowl crown

Tom Brady
Height: 6ft
Weight: 225
College: Michigan
Draft: 2000 Off Round 6f Pick 199
Notes: Brady is trying to win his seventh Super Bowl, extending his record for a player. He would join Peyton Manning as the only QBs to win Super Bowls with multiple franchises.... Brady has Super Bowl records for yards passing (2,838) and touchdowns passing (505) and touchdowns passing (18). He is also the playoff leader in completions (1,085) yards passing (12,487) touchdowns passing (80) and wins (33).

— AP

The first three years ...

A look at Tom Brady's first three seasons as a starter in New England, in which he won two Super Bowls



SUPER BOWL 55 CHIEFS

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The line: Chiefs by 1/2

The defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs and Buccaneers have not met in the playoffs since 1970. Tampa Bay went 1-15 against common opponents this season. Kansas City went 11-5.

Craig Larimer
The Morning Call (Allentown)

If Andy Reid's coaching staff get off to a quick start, the game will not be close. As long as KC limits its own self-implosion and in-game injuries, the champs will defend their title. **Chiefs 34, Bucs 20**

David Hyde
South Florida Sun Sentinel

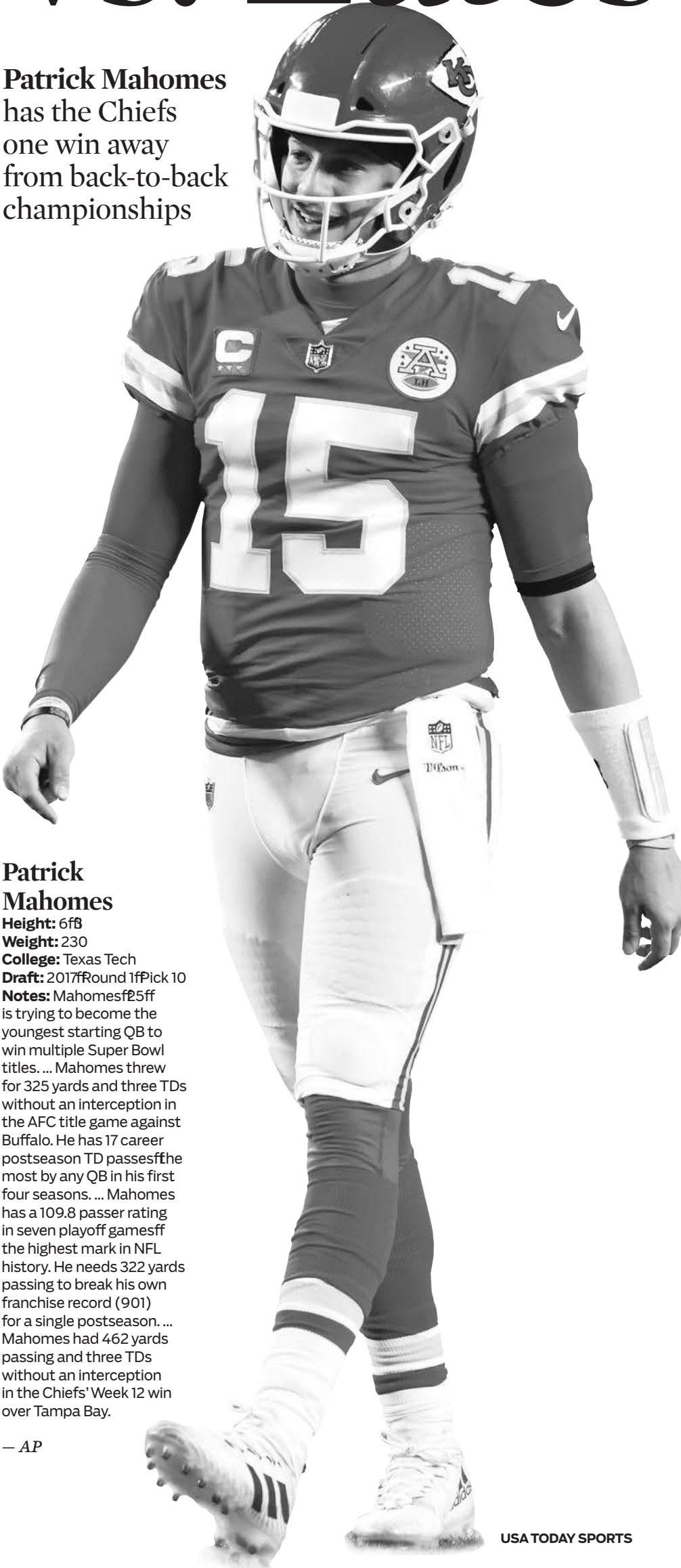
KC has an NBA-style offense of big runs and it will be the Mahomes Show. Too much firepower for Brady's almost-dream season. **Chiefs 37, Bucs 27**

Omar Kelly
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Todd Bowles' defensive playcalling has the personnel needed to pressure Patrick Mahomes without blitzing. That should lead to a Bucs win. **Bucs 28, Chiefs 27**

vs. Latest

Patrick Mahomes has the Chiefs one win away from back-to-back championships



Patrick Mahomes

Height: 6'8"
Weight: 230
College: Texas Tech
Draft: 2017 Round 1, Pick 10
Notes: Mahomes is trying to become the youngest starting QB to win multiple Super Bowl titles. ... Mahomes threw for 325 yards and three TDs without an interception in the AFC title game against Buffalo. He has 17 career postseason TD passes, the most by any QB in his first four seasons. ... Mahomes has a 109.8 passer rating in seven playoff games, the highest mark in NFL history. He needs 322 yards passing to break his own franchise record (901) for a single postseason. ... Mahomes had 462 yards passing and three TDs without an interception in the Chiefs' Week 12 win over Tampa Bay.

— AP

When the Chiefs have the ball

Having clearly established itself as a force whether **Patrick Mahomes** is throwing to **Alvin Kamara**, **Travis Kelce** or **Tyreek Hill**, an impressive group of other targets or handing off to **Clyde Edwards-Helaire** — not to mention the quarterback taking off himself — Kansas City excels at scoring quickly. And often.

So where would Tampa Bay have any chance of defending the speed demons and shifty targets?

For one, the Bucs have the league's best linebacker corps, sack master Shaq Barrett, run stuffer Lavonte David and around stand-out Devin White. They are capable of at least giving Kelce, the sport's best tight end, some trouble.

The Bucs showed how strong their pass rush can be in last week's NFC championship victory over Green Bay. They sacked Aaron Rodgers five times, bothered him a slew more and that was operating against a solid offensive line.

Mahomes has similar escapability to Rodgers and is far more of a threat to beat out run the ball himself. Keeping him in the pocket and pressured is a key, and the Chiefs will be without starting left tackle **Eric Fisher**, Achilles tendon. Barrett edge rusher Jason Pierre-Paul and inside presence Ndamukong Suh must be controlled by Kansas City.

With a strong pass rush, the Bucs can protect a secondary that makes big plays but also can give them up. If safeties Antoine Winfield Jr., a rookie, and Jordan Whitehead can't go or are limited by injuries, that could spell trouble and Chiefs touchdowns.

Carlton Davis, Jamel Dean and Sean Murphy-Bunting are the key cornerbacks trying to slow the KC express. No one on the Tampa defense can match the speed of Hill or **Mecole Hardman**.

Special teams

Punt units have been a bit of an issue for KC. **Hardman's** muff against Buffalo was the latest in a string of questionable decisions. But he also had a return touchdown this season.

Harrison Butker, like Succop, is dynamic on field goals, less dependable on extra points. Rookie punter **Tommy Townsend** has done a solid job.

Coaching

Andy Reid's Chiefs have the most innovative attack the NFL has seen since perhaps the Rams' Greatest Show on Turf. Credit OC **Eric Bieniemy** for some of that, but Reid always has tested the limits. DC **Steve Spagnuolo** is equally as aggressive, and his best teams always bring a potent pass rush. Ask Brady about how his Patriots were manhandled by Spagnuolo in the Super Bowl.

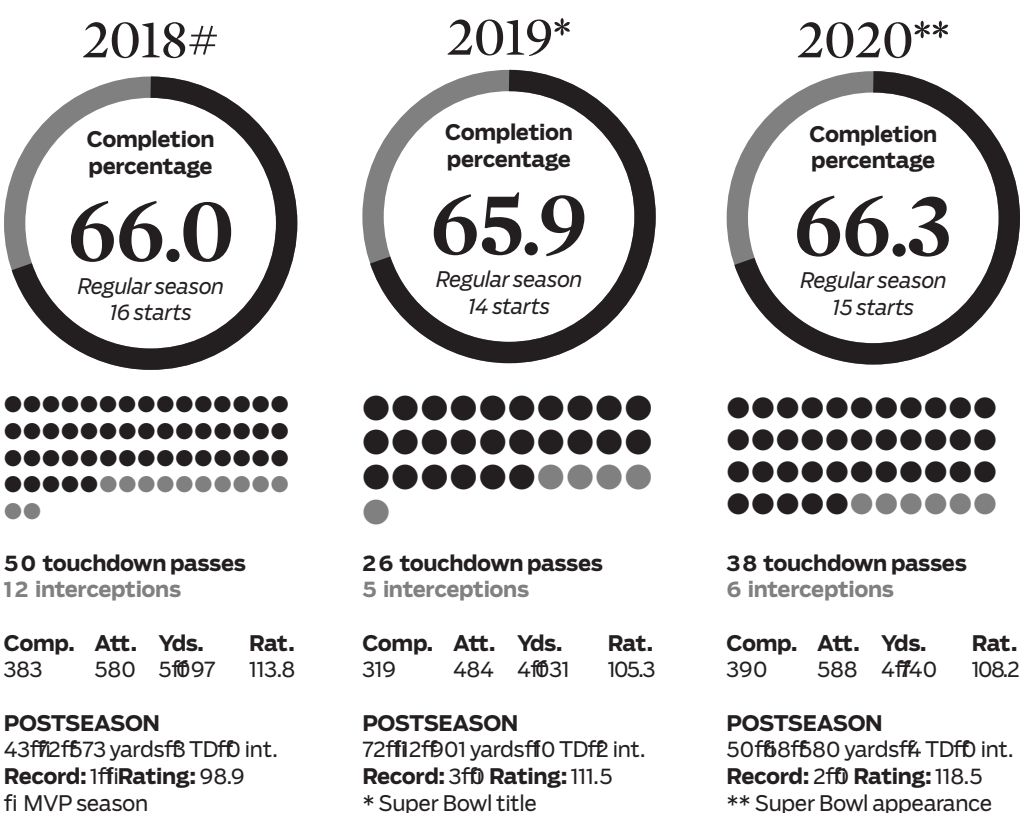
Intangibles

Kansas City seeks to become the first repeat champion since New England led by Brady in the 2002 and 2003 seasons. Reid would solidify his already likely Hall of Fame credentials with a victory. Bieniemy would further display why he deserves a head coaching job.

— Barry Wilner, AP

The first three years ...

A look at Patrick Mahomes' first three seasons as starter for the Chiefs, winning one Super Bowl title



Super Bowl MVPs

- I: Bart Starr (QB, Green Bay)
- II: Bart Starr (QB, Green Bay)
- III: Joe Namath (QB, New York Jets)
- IV: Len Dawson (QB, Kansas City)
- V: Chuck Howley (LB, Dallas)
- VI: Roger Staubach (QB, Dallas)
- VII: Jake Scott (FB, Miami)
- VIII: Larry Csonka (FB, Miami)
- IX: Franco Harris (RB, Pittsburgh)
- X: Lynn Swann (WR, Pittsburgh)
- XI: Fred Biletnikoff (WR, Oakland)
- XII: Harvey Martin & Randy White (DL, Dallas)
- XIII: Terry Bradshaw (QB, Pittsburgh)
- XIV: Terry Bradshaw (QB, Pittsburgh)
- XV: Jim Plunkett (QB, Oakland)
- XVI: Joe Montana (QB, San Francisco)
- XVII: John Elway (QB, Denver)
- XVIII: Marcus Allen (RB, Los Angeles Raiders)
- XIX: Joe Montana (QB, San Francisco)
- XX: Richard Dent (DE, Chicago)
- XXI: Phil Simms (QB, New York Giants)
- XXII: Doug Williams (QB, Washington)
- XXIII: Jerry Rice (WR, San Francisco)
- XXIV: Joe Montana (QB, San Francisco)
- XXV: Ottis Anderson (RB, New York Giants)
- XXVI: Mark Rypien (QB, Washington)
- XXVII: Troy Aikman (QB, Dallas)
- XXVIII: Emmitt Smith (RB, Dallas)
- XXIX: Steve Young (QB, Philadelphia)
- XXX: Larry Brown (CB, Dallas)
- XXXI: Desmond Howard (FR, Green Bay)
- XXXII: Terrell Davis (QB, Denver)
- XXXIII: John Elway (QB, Denver)
- XXXIV: Kurt Warner (QB, St. Louis)
- XXXV: Ray Lewis (LB, Baltimore)
- XXXVI: Tom Brady, QB, New England
- XXXVII: Dexter Jackson (CB, Tampa Bay)
- XXXVIII: Tom Brady, QB, New England
- XXXIX: Deion Branch (WR, New England)
- XL: Hines Ward (WR, Pittsburgh)
- XLI: Peyton Manning (QB, Indianapolis)
- XLII: Eli Manning (QB, New York Giants)
- XLIII: Antonio Holmes (WR, Pittsburgh)
- XLIV: Drew Brees (QB, New Orleans)
- XLV: Aaron Rodgers (QB, Green Bay)
- XLVI: Eli Manning (QB, New York Giants)
- XLVII: Joe Flacco (QB, Baltimore)
- XLVIII: Malcolm Smith (LB, Seattle)
- XLIX: Tom Brady, QB, New England
- L: Von Miller (LB, Denver)
- LI: Tom Brady, QB, New England
- LII: Nick Foles (QB, Philadelphia)
- LIII: Julian Edelman (WR, New England)
- LIV: Patrick Mahomes, QB, Kansas City

HOW THE CHIEFS (16-2) GOT HERE

(1st place AFC West; No. 1 seed)
Game by game results

REGULAR SEASON
Sept. 10
vs. Texans
Win, 34-20

Sept. 20
@ Chargers
Win, 23-20 (OT)

Sept. 28
@ Ravens
Win, 34-20

Oct. 5
vs. Patriots
Win, 26-10

Oct. 11
vs. Raiders
Loss, 40-32

Oct. 19
@ Bills
Win, 26-17

Oct. 25
@ Broncos
Win, 43-16

Nov. 1
vs. Jets
Win, 35-9

Nov. 8
vs. Panthers
Win, 33-31

Nov. 22
@ Raiders
Win, 35-31

Nov. 29
@ Buccaneers
Win, 27-24

Dec. 6
vs. Broncos
Win, 22-16

Dec. 13
@ Dolphins
Win, 33-27

Dec. 20
@ Saints
Win, 32-29

Dec. 27
vs. Falcons
Win, 17-14

Jan. 3
vs. Chargers
Loss, 38-21

PLAYOFFS

Jan. 17, divisional
vs. Browns
Win, 22-17

Jan. 24, championship
vs. Bills
Win, 38-24

MEET THE CHIEFS

Depth chart

POSITION	PLAYERS
WR	Tyreek Hill, Mecole Hardman, Eric Fisher (out), Martinas Rankin, Nick Allegretti
LG	Stefen Wisniewski, Yasir Durant
C	Austin Reiter, Daniel Kilgore (out)
RG	Andrew Wylie, Stefen Wisniewski, Yasir Durant
RT	Mike Remmers, Martinas Rankin
TE	Travis Kelce, Nick Keizer, Ricky Seals-Jones
WR	Sammy Watkins*, Demarcus Robinson (out)
QB	Byron Pringle, Patrick Mahomes, Chad Henne
RB	Clyde Edwards-Helaire, Le'Veon Bell*, Darrel Williams
FB	Darwin Thompson, Anthony Sherman

DEFENSE

LDE	Tanoh Kpassagnon, Alex Okafor, Tim Ward
LDT	Chris Jones, Tershawn Wharton, Khalen Saunders
RDT	Derrick Nnadi, Mike Penele
RDE	Frank Clark, Mike Danna
LB	Anthony Hitchens, Ben Niemann, Dorian O'Daniel, Damien Wilson, Willie Gay (out), Darius Harris
LCB	Charvarius Ward, L'Jarius Sneed, BoPete Keyes
RCB	Bashaud Breeland, Rashad Fenton
CB	Rashad Fenton, Antonio Hamilton
FS	Daniel Sorensen, Juan Thornhill, Armani Watts
SS	Tyrann Mathieu

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	Tommy Townsend
PK	Harrison Butker
LS	James Winchester

— chiefs.com, espn.com
* subject to change due to injury