

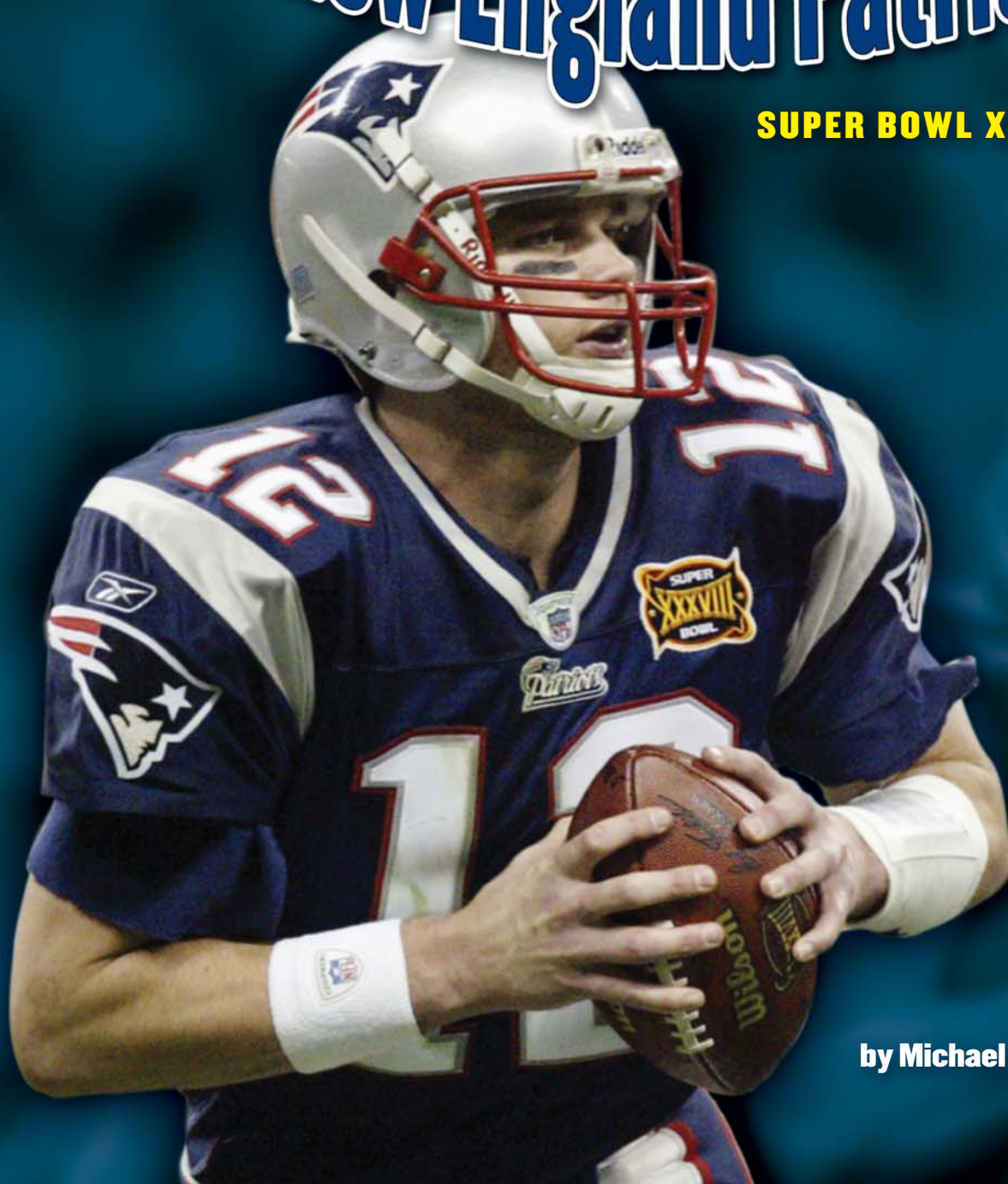


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Fourth Quarter Fireworks

No one could remember a Super Bowl fourth quarter like this one. Five touchdowns had already been scored. With 14 seconds left, the score between the New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers was tied, 29-29.

The Patriots had the ball as the clock ticked down. Quarterback Tom Brady dropped back to pass. Could he set up his team for the winning score?



Tom Brady (#12) reacts happily to a first down during Super Bowl XXXVIII (38).



Tom (#12) looks to pass in Super Bowl XXXVIII (38).

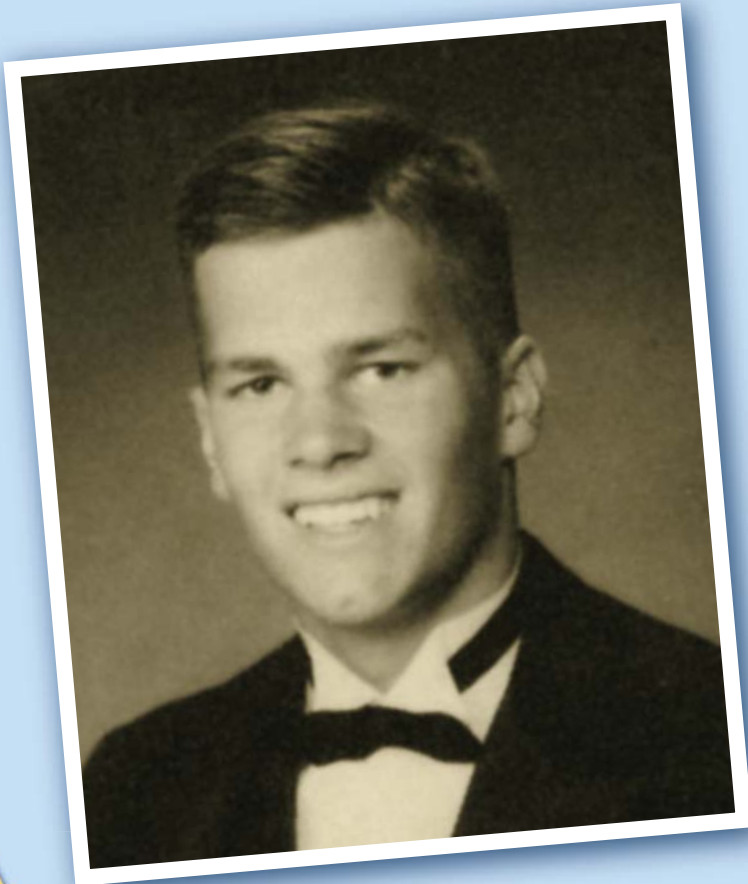


In 2004, the New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers had the highest-scoring fourth quarter in the history of the Super Bowl.

A Late Start

Tom Brady didn't play much football as a child. His parents wouldn't let him. They worried he might get hurt.

In ninth grade, he was finally allowed to join a team. At first, coaches made him a **backup** because he looked small and slow. Tom, though, worked hard. By senior year, he was one of San Francisco's best high school quarterbacks.




Tom grew up in San Mateo, a suburb of San Francisco, California.



A full-page photograph of Joe Montana, a San Francisco 49ers quarterback, in action. He is wearing a red jersey with the number 16, a gold helmet with the 49ers logo, and a white wristband. He is looking down and to the right, holding a football in his right hand. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

Joe Montana

A small, realistic illustration of a brown football with white laces, positioned at the top left of the text box.

Growing up, Tom was a huge fan of Joe Montana. This famous quarterback led the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl victories.

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