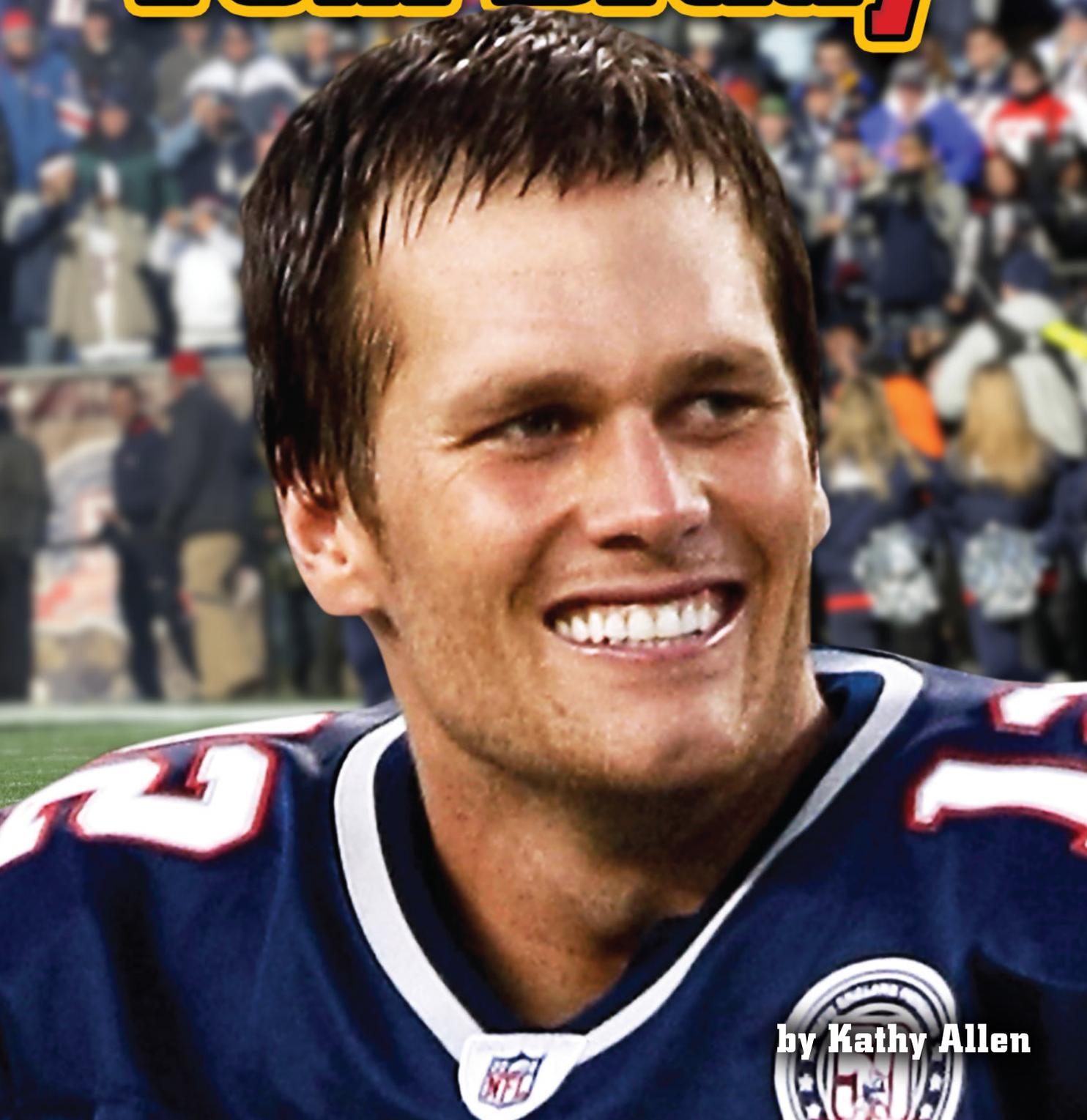


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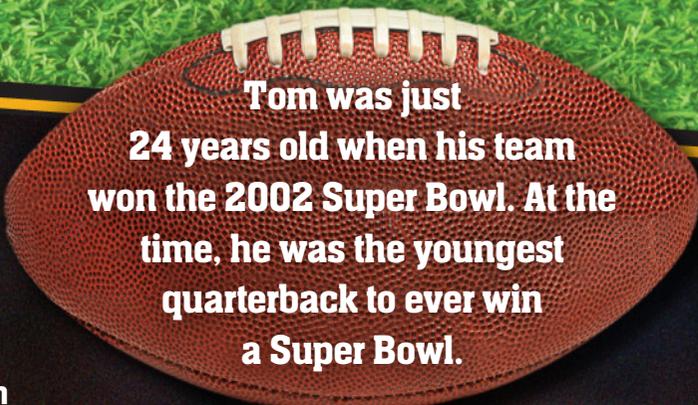


# Super Start

**Quarterback** Tom Brady stood in the middle of the field. Confetti rained down all around him. His team, the New England Patriots, had just won the 2002 **Super Bowl**. As fans cheered from the stands, Tom raised his arms in the air and shook his head. He could not believe what he had just done.

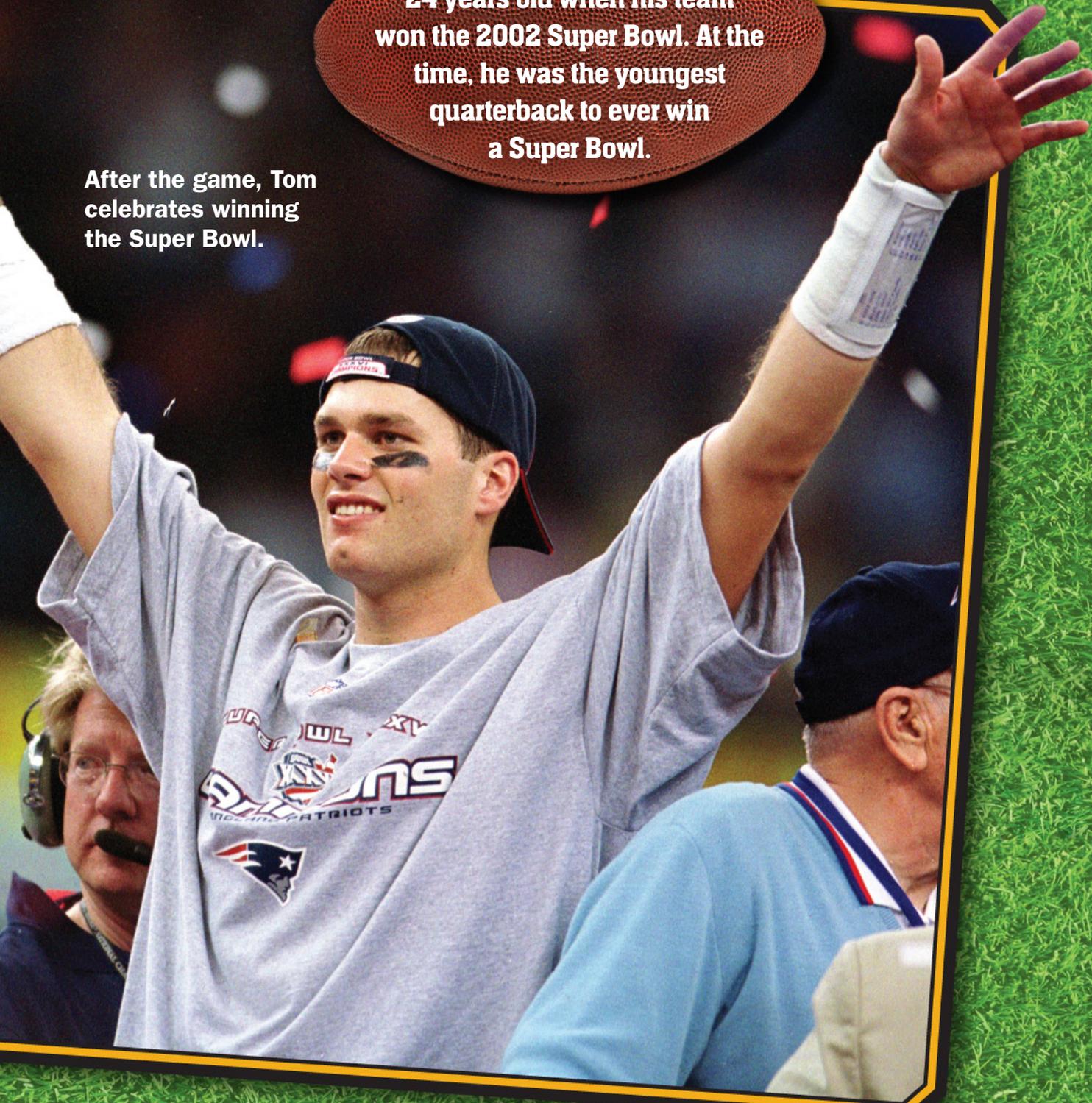


Tom walks off the field after leading his team to a Super Bowl win.

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**Tom was just 24 years old when his team won the 2002 Super Bowl. At the time, he was the youngest quarterback to ever win a Super Bowl.**

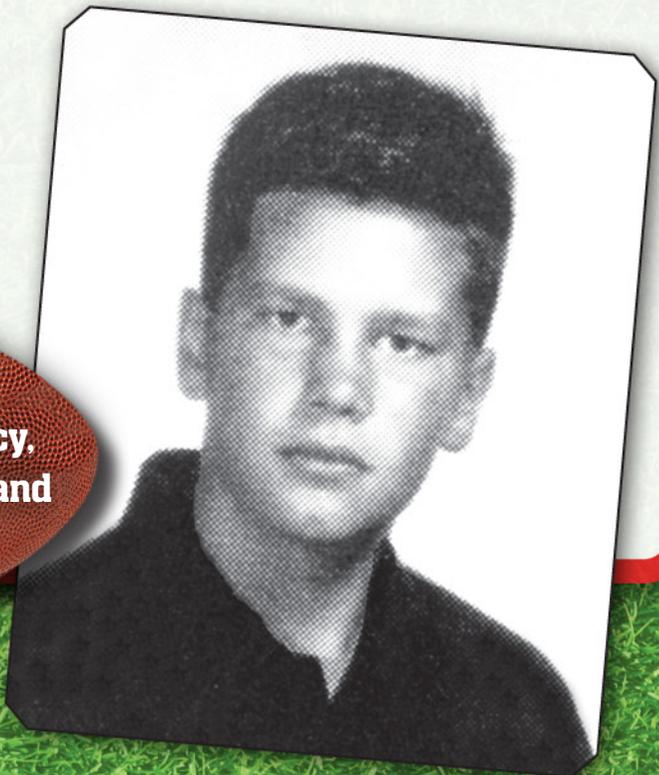
**After the game, Tom celebrates winning the Super Bowl.**



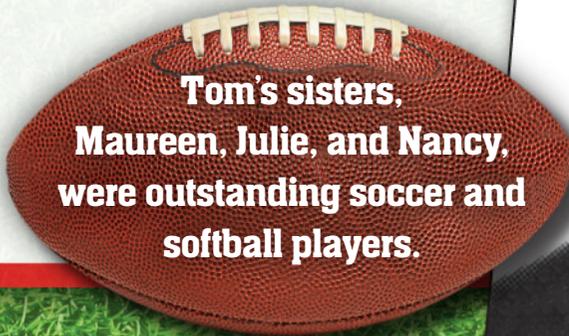
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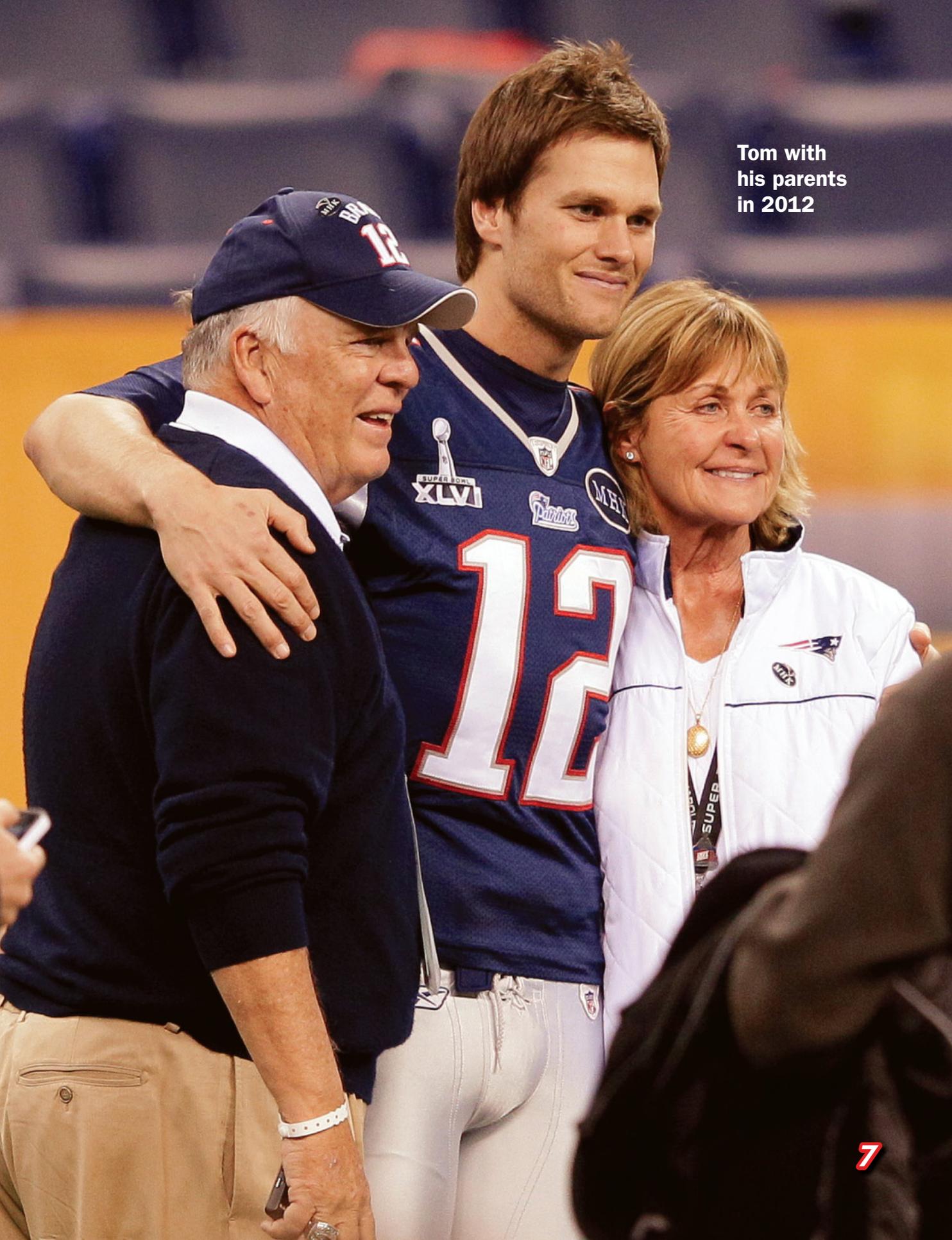
Tom was born in San Mateo, California, on August 3, 1977. When he was a boy, no one thought he would become a football star. He had three older sisters who were all great **athletes**. Tom was a good baseball player, but he was small and not very fast on his feet. Because of his size, Tom's parents worried he would get hurt if he played football.

Tom's ninth-grade yearbook photo



Tom's sisters, Maureen, Julie, and Nancy, were outstanding soccer and softball players.





Tom with his parents in 2012

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Tom Brady's football career got off to a rocky start. In college, the quarterback got only limited playing time. During the 2000 NFL draft, he wasn't chosen until the sixth round, but Tom refused to be discouraged. When the New England Patriots finally selected him to join their team, Tom knew he had a lot to prove. Could he lead his team to Super Bowl success and show the world that he was a shining star?

Look inside for a close-up look at the quarterback's inspiring journey from his childhood in California, through his college years at the University of Michigan, all the way to NFL stardom.

★ **Tom Brady**

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