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Running Out of Time

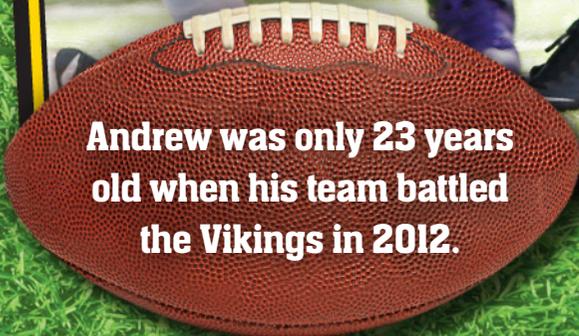
It was the start of the 2012–2013 **NFL** season. The Indianapolis Colts were playing against the Minnesota Vikings. The score was tied 20–20 with just 31 seconds left in the game. Colts **quarterback** Andrew Luck needed to score before time ran out. The pressure was on. He threw two 20-yard (18 m) passes. The Colts were now 40 yards (37 m) from the **end zone**. Could Andrew help his team win the game?

Andrew (#12)
begins a play
against the
Minnesota Vikings.





Andrew (left) gained an average of 7.2 yards (6.6 m) per play in the game against the Vikings.



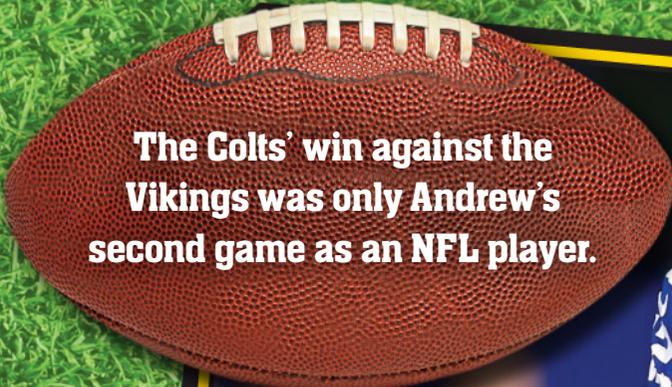
Andrew was only 23 years old when his team battled the Vikings in 2012.

The First Win

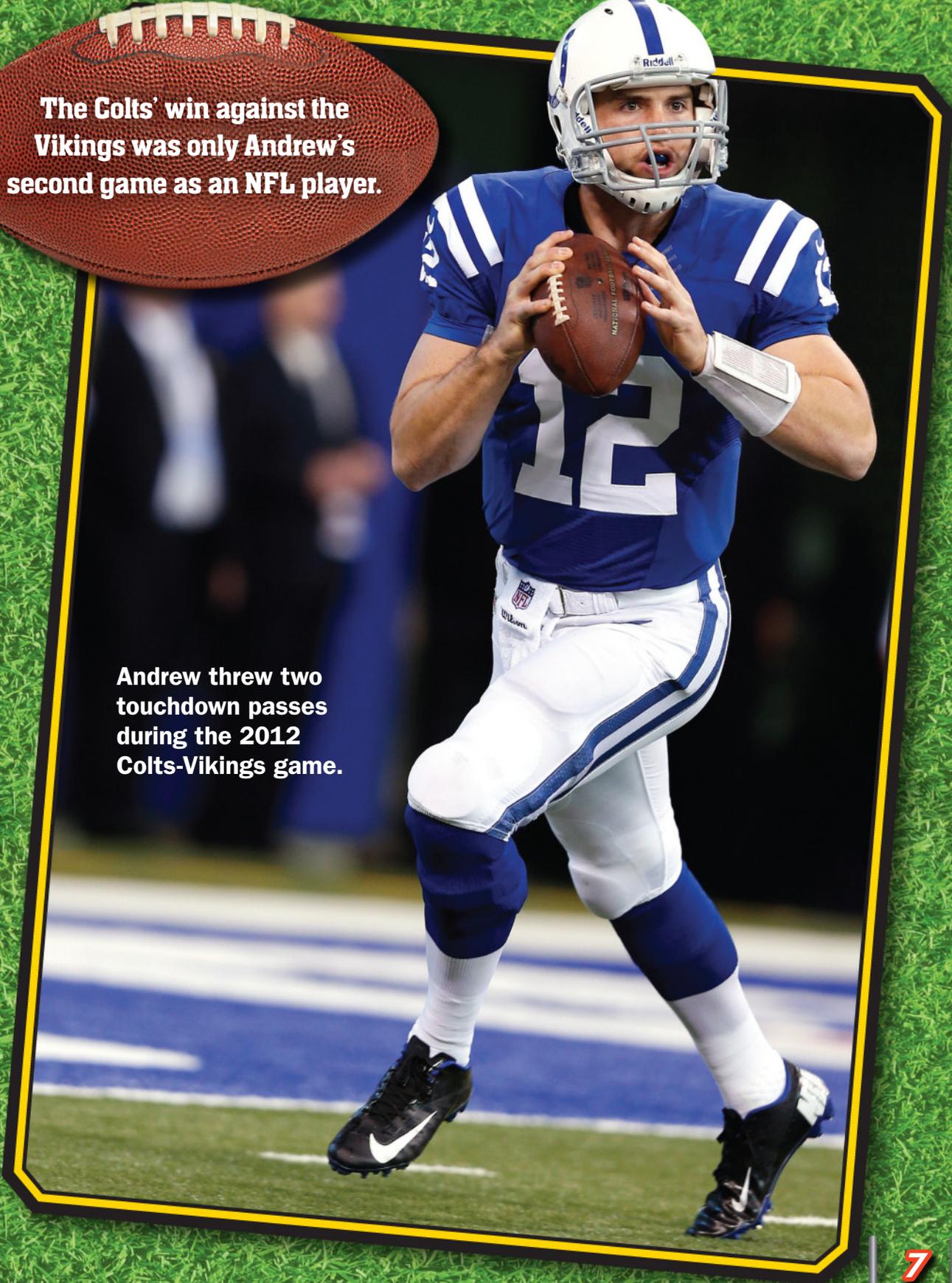
On the next play, Andrew pretended to call for a **snap**. He tricked the Vikings into moving **offside**. This **penalty** allowed the Colts to move five yards (4.6 m) closer to the end zone. Because of Andrew's smart play, the team could try for a **field goal**. Andrew's teammate, Adam Vinatieri, kicked the ball. It sailed through the goalposts. Score! Andrew's quick thinking had helped lead to his first win in the NFL.

Andrew celebrating
after the Vikings' game





The Colts' win against the Vikings was only Andrew's second game as an NFL player.



Andrew threw two touchdown passes during the 2012 Colts-Vikings game.

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Growing up as the son of an NFL player, Andrew Luck had a lot to live up to in his own football career. Amazingly, he proved himself to be better than anyone could have imagined. After graduating from Stanford University, Andrew was chosen by the Indianapolis Colts as the very first pick of the 2012 NFL draft. During his rookie season, he ran, passed, and handed off the football for a total gain of 4,374 yards (4,000 m). This was more than any other rookie quarterback in NFL history!

Look inside to learn about Andrew's inspiring journey from his childhood, through his college years at Stanford University, all the way to NFL stardom.

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