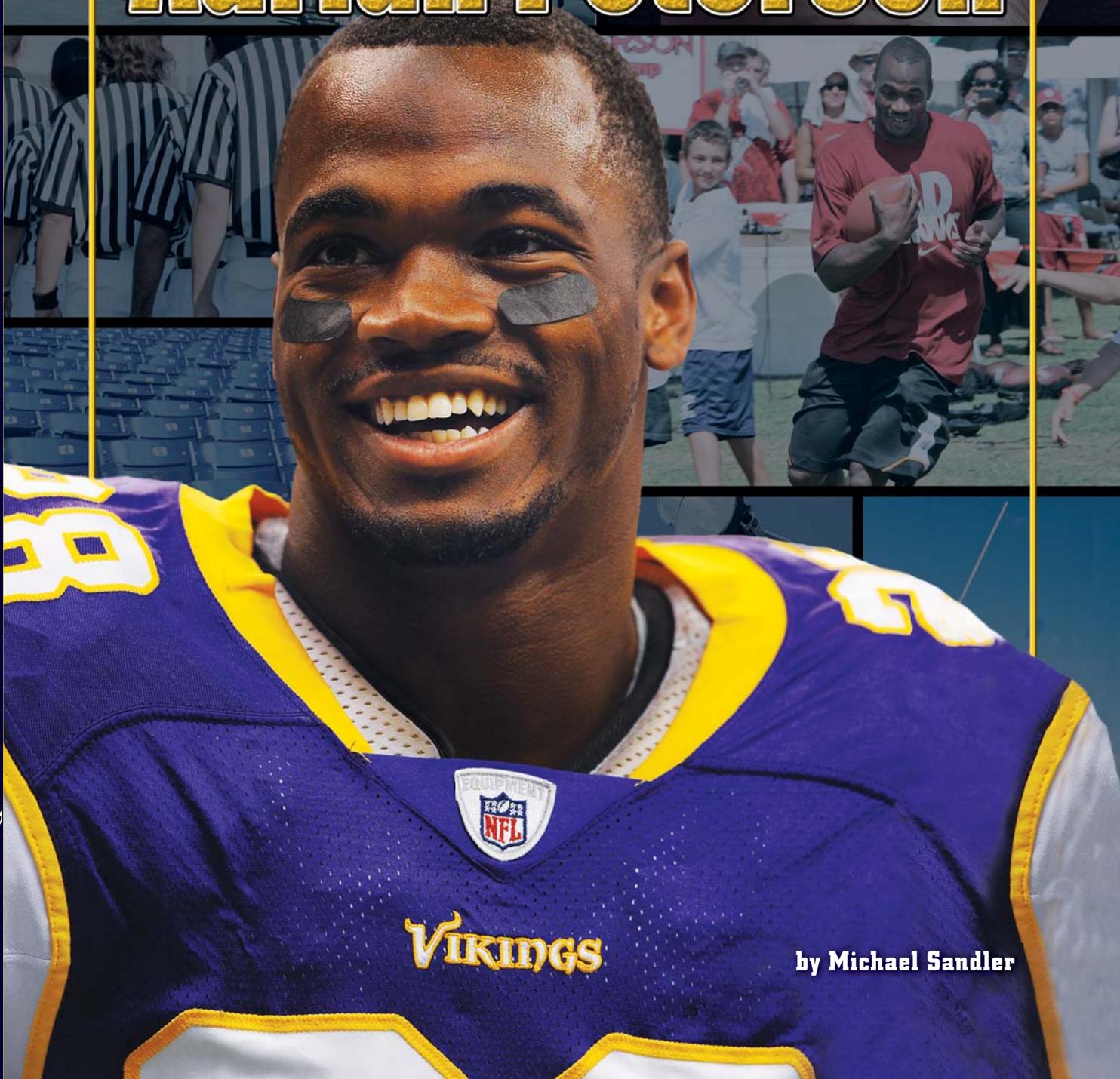


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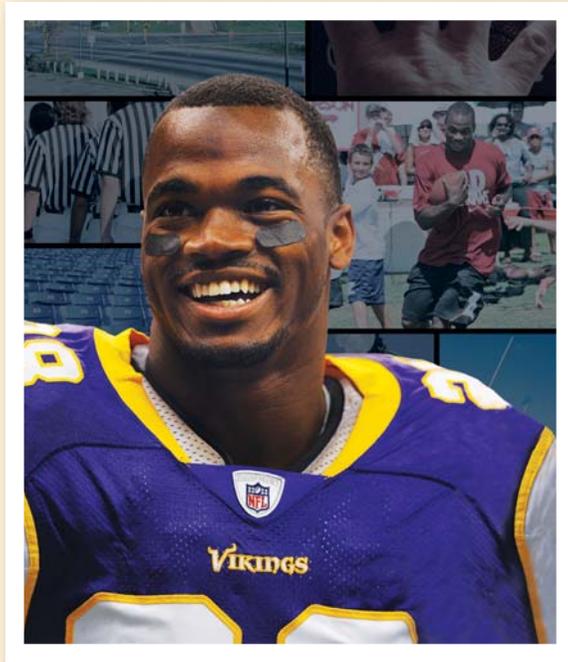
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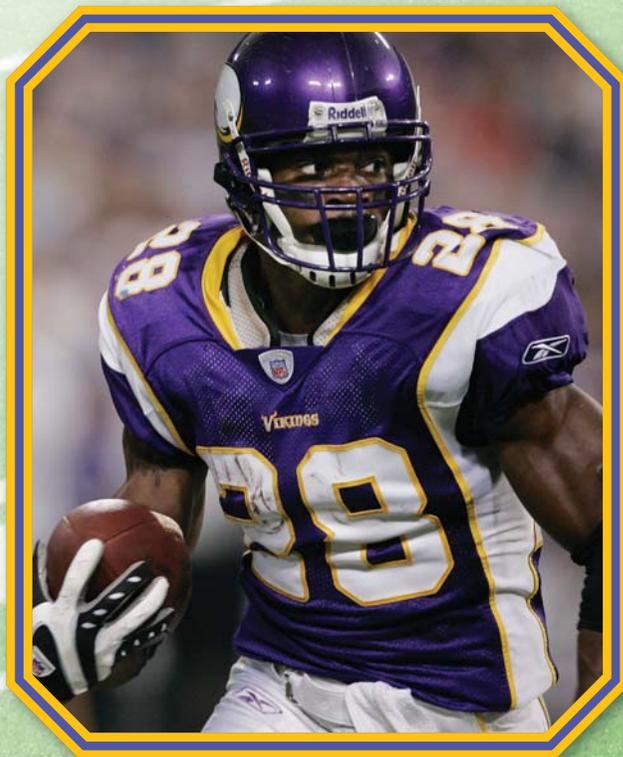
Breaking Away

Early in the second half of the game, Adrian Peterson took the **handoff**. The Minnesota Vikings' **running back** cradled the ball tightly in his arms. He burst to the left as his legs pumped up and down like the **pistons** of an engine.

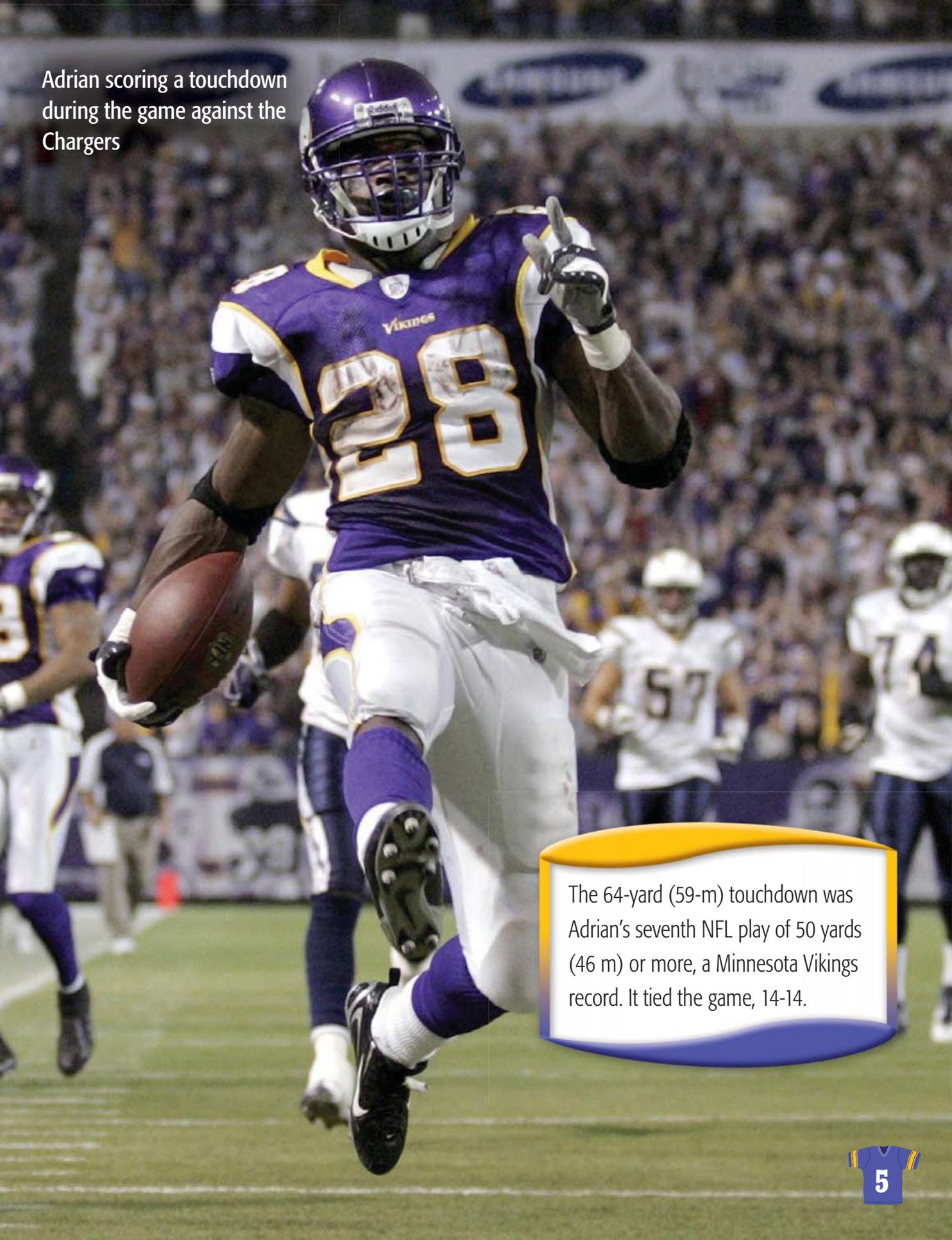
Two San Diego Chargers tried to grab him, but Adrian broke away. As the Chargers looked on, he sprinted down the field and then crossed into the **end zone**. Touchdown!

The 64-yard (59-m) touchdown was Adrian's second of the game—a great day's work for any running back. Adrian wasn't finished, however. There was much, much more to come.

Adrian during
the game against
the Chargers on
November 4, 2007



Adrian scoring a touchdown during the game against the Chargers



The 64-yard (59-m) touchdown was Adrian's seventh NFL play of 50 yards (46 m) or more, a Minnesota Vikings record. It tied the game, 14-14.

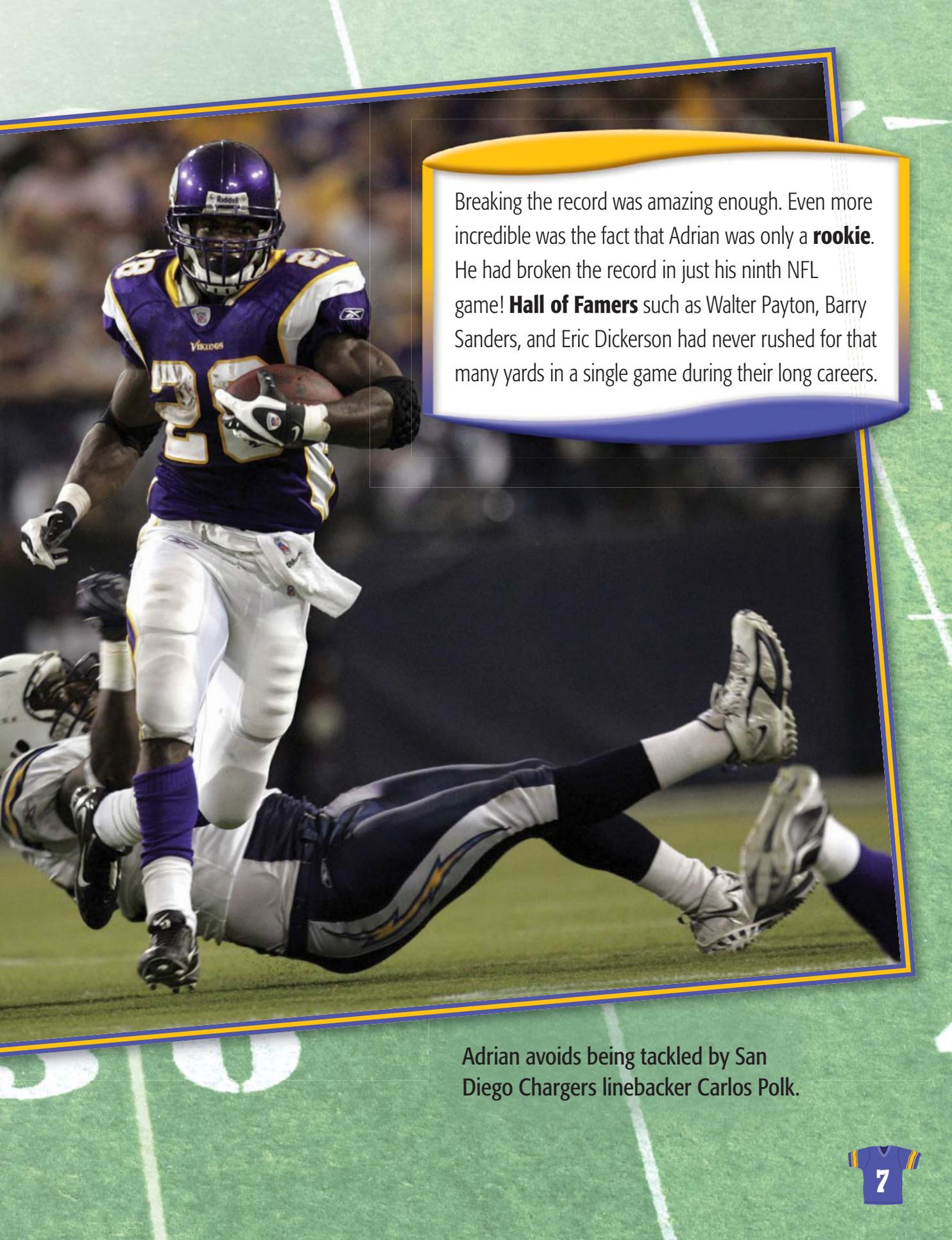
Making History

As the second half went on, Adrian kept running the ball. The yards piled up: 5 yards (5 m), 10 yards (9 m), 20 yards (18 m), and then a 46-yard (42-m) touchdown! Adrian's **rushing** had put the Vikings in position to score again and again. They built a big lead and then won the game, 35-17.

Of all the **carries** Adrian made, his last was the most special. The run was just three yards (3 m), but it sent him into the record books. During the game, Adrian had rushed for a total of 296 yards (271 m). It was the most yards in a game by any running back in NFL history.



Adrian carried the ball 30 times and scored three touchdowns in the record-breaking game.



Breaking the record was amazing enough. Even more incredible was the fact that Adrian was only a **rookie**. He had broken the record in just his ninth NFL game! **Hall of Famers** such as Walter Payton, Barry Sanders, and Eric Dickerson had never rushed for that many yards in a single game during their long careers.

Adrian avoids being tackled by San Diego Chargers linebacker Carlos Polk.

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Adrian Peterson

While still only a rookie, Adrian Peterson found himself in the record books. In just his ninth professional game, this Minnesota Viking rushed for more yards in a game than any running back in NFL history. In addition to his football heroics, Adrian gives his fans reasons to cheer off the field, too. Adrian flies 20 kids from his hometown to his summer football camp to teach them about the game. He also works with young athletes from the Special Olympics. Follow Adrian through the biggest moments of his career on and off the field to see how this champion makes a difference.

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