

APBA 2003 Super Bowl Football Season Card Set

For 59 minutes just about everything that was supposed to happen in Super Bowl XXXVIII didn't happen. Then Tom Brady and Adam Vinatieri, two of the many players whose miscues contributed to the game's sheer unpredictability and thus made it a joy to behold, did what they usually do in the clutch. Brady passed under pressure, Vinatieri kicked in the clutch, and the New England Patriots won another Super Bowl in the closing seconds.

How would anyone have known that on a 59-degree night in Houston that both defenses would have been just trying to survive physically? Sweltering conditions took hold inside Reliant Stadium after NFL officials decided to shut the retractable roof about an hour before kickoff.

Would anyone suspect that Carolina's Jake Delhomme, after a horrendous start, would pick apart a heretofore impenetrable unit coached by defensive wizards Bill Belichick and Romeo Crennel that had mystified quarterback Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts two weeks before?

Did people foresee New England's offensive line --- with free-agent backups opposing Panther studs Julius Peppers and Kris Jenkins --- not allowing a sack?

In the frantic fourth quarter when the teams went back and forth to score on six of seven possessions, the only misfire came when Brady, in the red zone of all places, was guilty of a bad read and suffered an interception that could well have snuffed out his team chances.

[The Ultimate Super Bowl Book Edition 2 by Bob McGinn.](#)

NEW ENGLAND

OFFENSE

Wide Receiver: T. Brown TA
Branch TC
Givens OC
B. Johnson OA, TC

Tackle: Light
Ashworth
Gorin

Guard: Woody
Andruzzi
Hochstein

Center: Koppen
Paxton

Tight End: Fauria

Quarterback: T. Brady PB

Halfback: A. Smith
K. Faulk OC, TC
Cloud OC

Fullback: D. Graham (ET)
Centers
Pass OB
Vinatieri KA, KO
K. Walter KB, PA

DEFENSE

End: B. Hamilton
Seymour
T. Warren
J. Green
T. Washington
Klecko OC

Inside LB: Bruschi OC
Phifer
Chatham
T. Johnson
D. Davis

Outside LB: Vrabel OC
McGinest
Izzo

Cornerback: Law
Poole TB
Samuel
Cherry

Strong Safety: Harrison

Free Safety: E. Wilson
Akins
A. Harris

CAROLINA

OFFENSE

Wide Receiver: Muhammad OC
S. Smith OB, TA-TB
Proehl OC
Hankton

Tackle: Steussie
Gross
Willig

Guard: Donnalley
James
B. Nelson

Center: Mitchell

Tight End: Mangum
Wiggins
Seidman OC

Quarterback: Delhomme
Peete

Halfback: S. Davis
Foster

Fullback: Smart OA
Hoover OC
Goings
Kasay KA, KO, PB
Sauerbrun KB, PA

DEFENSE

End: Peppers
Rucker
Wallace OC
Rasmussen OC

Tackle: Buckner
Jenkins
Moorehead
Burton

Middle LB: Morgan
Townes

Outside LB: Favors
Witherspoon
Kyle
B. Allen

Cornerback: Manning
Howard
Cousin
Wesley

Strong Safety: Minter

Free Safety: Grant
Branch

The following players comprise the 2003 Super Bowl season APBA Football Player Card Set. The regular starters at each position are listed first and should be used most frequently. Realistic use of the players below will generate statistical results remarkably similar to those from real life. The numbers in parentheses beside "Offensive Platoon" and "Defensive Platoon" are the point totals for the team's starting offensive and defensive units, respectively.

IMPORTANT: When a Red "K" appears in the R-column as the result on any kind of running play from scrimmage or on any return, roll the dice again, refer to the K-column, and use the number there for the result. When a player has a "K" in his R-column, he can never be used for kicking or punting.