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SUPER BOWL XLII



Before breaking down the fundamental aspects of Super Bowl XLII, we must address the potential history that can be made on Super Sunday in Glendale, Arizona. The New England Patriots can join the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only undefeated teams in the history of the NFL. This story line will be the main focus of the media throng that will drive the hype of this mega event. However, the Giants also have an opportunity to be remembered for years to come. If New York were to pull the upset, the Giants could join some legendary underdog teams in the history of sports. Teams like the Super Bowl III champion New York Jets, the 1969 New York "Miracle" Mets, the 1983 North Carolina State Wolfpack basketball team, and the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey team will never be forgotten for winning championships as huge underdogs.

If momentum counts for anything, the Giants have a live shot to shock the world. New York has already made some history this season with ten straight road victories. After allowing 80 points in two losses to begin the year, the Giants came together to win 13 of their next 17 games to capture the NFC title. The club's defense eventually adjusted to the aggressive schemes of first-year coordinator Steve Spagnuolo. New York finished seventh in the NFL in total defense during the regular season. The defensive line has the potential to disrupt Tom Brady in this contest as Michael Strahan, Osi Umenyiora, and Justin Tuck combined to register 32 sacks this season. Antonio Pierce led the club in tackles from the linebacker spot. The pass rush will be important as the secondary isn't the strength of the New York defense. However, even with some banged up players, this group has risen up in the post-season. The maturation of quarterback Eli Manning has been the story of the New York offense. After tying for the league lead in interceptions and ranking 25th in the NFL in passer rating during the regular season, it seemed unlikely that Manning could guide a team to a Super Bowl. Manning has come up huge for the Giants in the postseason (62% completion rate, four TD passes, and no interceptions) to silence many of his critics. He will be aided by emerging running back Brandon Jacobs in the backfield. Jacobs' was a capable replacement for Tiki Barber this season with over 1,000 yards and a healthy five yards per carry average for the league's fourth best rushing offense.

Plaxico Burress battled his way through a nagging ankle injury this year to lead the club with 70 receptions. He dominated Green Bay corner back Al Harris in the NFC Championship Game by hauling in 11 catches. Head coach Tom Coughlin is finally off the hot seat in New York after breaking through this year to win his first postseason games after two failed trips to the playoffs. He will trade wits with a coach who has rarely lost when the stakes are the highest. New England's Bill Belichick is 14-2 in the playoffs with the Patriots. He can add another Lombardi Trophy to his resume for a club that is even more explosive than his previous three championship teams. A record setting offense will be on display in Super Bowl XLII. Tom Brady and Randy Moss combined to set marks for TD passes and receptions as part of an offense that scored an NFL record 589 points in 2007. If the Giants pay too much attention to Moss, Brady can find several other capable receivers including Wes Welker (112 receptions). Lawrence Maroney (4.5 yards per carry) is a quality back who can keep defenses honest. The club's veteran offensive line has forged the ideal chemistry to enable the skilled players to shine.

Sportsmemo's Super Bowl Picks

Handicapper	Side	Total
Tim Trushel	Giants +12	Under 53.5
Teddy Cover	Giants +12	Over 53.5
Fairway Jay	Patriots -12	Under 53.5
Erin Rynning	Giants +12	Under 53.5
Brent Crow	Giants +12	Over 53.5
Rob Veno	Giants +12	Over 53.5
Ed Cash	Giants +12	Over 53.5
Sonny Palermo	Patriots -12	Over 53.5
David Jones	Giants +12	Over 53.5
Marty Otto	Giants +12	Under 53.5
Jared Klein	Giants +12	Over 53.5
Donnie Black	Giants +12	Under 53.5

While the offense has garnered most of the headlines this season, New England's defense (fourth in the NFL in total defense) can't be underestimated. The group came up huge in the red zone during the AFC Championship Game to limit San Diego to field goals instead of touchdowns. This veteran unit has no real weakness. The defensive line is solid while the secondary is led by corner back Asante Samuel (six interceptions). However, the linebackers are the driving force of the defense. Tedy Bruschi, Mike Vrabel, Adalius Thomas, and Junior Seau each bring unique talents to New England's defense. It has been a complete team effort that has landed the Patriots at the doorstep of perfection. The club's standing as a double-digit choice is understandable considering the team's unbeaten mark. The meeting between these squads in week 17 during the regular season could provide some answers as to what to expect in a rematch between the two teams. The Patriots rallied from a 12-point third quarter deficit to finish off a perfect regular season in a 38-35 victory. New England outgained the Giants 390-316 and held the ball for over 36 minutes in the game. New York did shutdown the Pats' running game (44 yards on 26 carries) but the vulnerable secondary did allow Brady to complete 32-of-42 passes for well over 300 yards. Considering they had the ball for under 24 minutes, Manning and the Giants offense also had a solid outing. Manning connected on 22-of-32 tosses in the contest although a fourth quarter interception hurt New York's bid for a win.

As mentioned earlier, the momentum factor could point to the Giants in this matchup. New York has five straight ATS covers heading into the Super Bowl while New England has failed to cover in any of their last five outings. There are some contrasting trends involving the total for these two clubs. In their 11 games played away from the Meadowlands this year, the Giants are 8-3 to the under. In contrast, the Patriots are 6-2 to the over in their eight games played away from Gillette Stadium. Still, it all comes back to the focal point of this Super Bowl XLII matchup. Will the Patriots conclude a perfect season in the Arizona desert on pro football's biggest stage? Our overall opinion says yes, but you have to like what the Giants bring to the table, making the 12 points very attractive. We expect the Patriots to do what they do best and that is to move the ball at will, while New York should be able to put enough points on the board against a good but certainly not great New England defense.



SUPER BOWL XLII



New England Patriots Statistics

Team Stats - Regular Season	Patriots	Opponents
Total First Downs	393	278
1st downs (Rush-pass-penalty)	124-243-26	91-172-15
3rd down conversions	92/191	63/187
4th down conversions	15/21	11/20
Total offensive yards	6,580	4,613
Offense (Plays-Average Yards)	1,058-6.2	933-4.9
Total Rushing Yards	1,849	1,572
Rushing (Plays-Average Yards)	451-4.1	360-4.4
Total Passing Yards	4,731	3,041
Passing (Comp-Att-Int-Avg)	403-586-9-8.3	314-526-19-6.4
Sacks	47	21
Field Goals	21/24	12/14
Touchdowns	75	34
TDs (Rush-Pass>Returns-Defense)	17-50-2-6	7-23-1-3
Time of Possession	32:30	27:24
Turnover Ratio	+16	

New England Trends

Under is 13-5-1 in Patriots last 19 playoff games.
 Under is 4-1-1 in Patriots last 6 games overall.
 Patriots are 40-19-3 ATS in their last 62 games on grass.
 Since 1992, Patriots are 25-0 SU as a favorite of 10 points or more.

New York Giants Statistics

Team Stats - Regular Season	Giants	Opponents
Total First Downs	321	288
1st downs (Rush-pass-penalty)	119-167-35	83-185-20
3rd down conversions	91/219	73/211
4th down conversions	6/17	10/16
Total offensive yards	5,302	4,880
Offense (Plays-Average Yards)	1041 - 5.1	984-5.0
Total Rushing Yards	2148	1,563
Rushing (Plays-Average Yards)	469-4.6	408-3.8
Total Passing Yards	3,154	3,317
Passing (Comp-Att-Int-Avg)	302-544-20-6.2	306-523-15-7.0
Sacks	53	28
Field Goals	23/27	21/29
Touchdowns	44	41
TDs (Rush-Pass>Returns-Defense)	15-23-1-5	12-24-1-4
Time of Possession	31:21	28:38
Turnover Ratio	-9	

New York Trends

Giants are 5-0 ATS vs. a team with a winning record.
 Under is 4-1 in Giants last 5 playoff games.
 Giants are 11-3 ATS the last three years revenging a loss.
 Giants are 8-2 ATS as an underdog this season.

New England		Line	OU	Score	SU	ATS	OU	RY	YPR	PY	YPPC	RYA	YPPA	PYA	YPPA
01/20	vs SAN DIEGO	-14	47.5	21-12	W	L	Un	149	4.8	198	9.0	104	4.7	207	10.9
01/12	vs JACKSONVILLE	-13.5	51	31-20	W	L	P	145	5.0	258	9.9	80	3.6	270	12.3
12/29	at NY GIANTS	-13	46.5	38-35	W	L	Ov	44	1.7	346	10.8	79	4.2	237	10.8
12/23	vs MIAMI	-22.5	46	28-7	W	L	Un	196	7.8	204	11.3	108	4.9	133	7.4
12/16	vs NY JETS	-20	42	20-10	W	L	Un	131	3.7	134	9.6	90	5.3	146	5.8
12/09	vs PITTSBURGH	-11	49.5	34-13	W	W	Un	22	2.4	399	12.5	181	5.7	168	8.8
12/03	at BALTIMORE	-19.5	46.5	27-24	W	L	Ov	90	3.8	236	13.1	166	4.5	210	14.0
11/25	vs PHILADELPHIA	-23.5	51	31-28	W	L	Ov	48	3.0	362	10.6	55	2.9	336	12.4
11/18	at BUFFALO	-15.5	46.5	56-10	W	W	Ov	127	4.4	383	11.6	78	4.1	151	10.1
11/04	at INDIANAPOLIS	-4.5	56	24-20	W	L	Un	105	3.8	237	11.3	119	3.8	213	13.3
10/28	vs WASHINGTON	-15	46.5	52-7	W	W	Ov	152	4.3	334	10.8	47	2.9	177	8.4
10/21	at MIAMI	-15.5	50	49-28	W	W	Ov	84	3.8	359	16.3	179	6.0	203	8.5
10/14	at DALLAS	-4.5	52	48-27	W	W	Ov	75	2.6	373	12.0	97	6.5	186	10.3
10/07	vs CLEVELAND	-15.5	48	34-17	W	W	Ov	147	4.6	265	12.0	92	4.4	261	11.9
10/01	at CINCINNATI	-8	54	34-13	W	W	Un	173	5.1	231	9.2	57	3.8	226	10.8
09/23	vs BUFFALO	-16.5	41	38-7	W	W	Ov	177	4.7	308	13.4	110	4.1	83	7.5
09/16	vs SAN DIEGO	-3.5	46	38-14	W	W	Ov	144	4.5	263	10.5	52	2.6	149	7.8
09/09	at NY JETS	-6	41.5	38-14	W	W	Ov	134	3.6	297	13.5	60	3.2	167	8.0

New York		Line	OU	Score	SU	ATS	OU	RY	YPR	PY	YPPC	RYA	YPPA	PYA	YPPA
01/20	at GREEN BAY	+7.5	41	23-20	W	W	Ov	134	3.4	246	11.7	28	2.0	236	12.4
01/13	at DALLAS	+7	47.5	21-17	W	W	Un	90	3.9	140	11.7	154	4.7	182	10.1
01/06	at TAMPA BAY	+3	39.5	24-14	W	W	Un	100	3.3	177	8.8	69	3.1	202	8.8
12/29	vs NEW ENGLAND	+13	46.5	35-38	L	W	Ov	79	4.2	237	10.8	44	1.7	346	10.8
12/23	at BUFFALO	-2	31.5	38-21	W	W	Ov	291	6.2	94	13.4	117	4.2	127	14.1
12/16	vs WASHINGTON	-6	36.5	10-22	L	L	Un	139	5.0	168	9.3	153	4.4	156	19.5
12/09	at PHILADELPHIA	+3	42	16-13	W	W	Un	111	4.1	207	12.2	141	5.0	165	8.3
12/02	at CHICAGO	PK	39.5	21-16	W	W	Un	175	4.7	181	11.3	68	3.0	244	9.8
11/25	vs MINNESOTA	-7	40	17-41	L	L	Ov	75	3.9	234	11.1	127	3.3	124	12.4
11/18	at DETROIT	-2.5	48	16-10	W	W	Un	72	2.7	269	9.6	25	2.3	351	12.5
11/11	vs DALLAS	+2	47.5	20-31	L	L	Ov	106	3.9	194	8.4	82	3.4	241	12.1
10/28	N MIAMI	-10	48	13-10	W	L	Un	189	5.1	49	6.1	116	4.1	138	8.1
10/21	vs SAN FRANCISCO	-9.5	39	33-15	W	W	Ov	140	4.5	139	7.7	103	5.7	164	7.1
10/15	at ATLANTA	-5	43.5	31-10	W	W	Un	188	5.4	303	11.2	103	6.9	181	10.1
10/07	vs NY JETS	-3.5	40.5	35-24	W	W	Ov	188	4.8	186	14.3	55	2.2	222	10.6
09/30	vs PHILADELPHIA	+2	47.5	16-3	W	W	Un	83	3.1	129	9.2	114	5.0	76	5.1
09/23	at WASHINGTON	+3.5	42	24-17	W	W	Un	96	3.2	219	10.4	82	3.0	178	11.1
09/16	vs GREEN BAY	-3	39.5	13-35	L	L	Ov	94	5.9	231	11.6	83	2.9	285	9.8
09/09	at DALLAS	+6	44	35-45	L	L	Ov	124	5.6	314	10.8	142	4.7	336	22.4

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BEST BETS



MARTY OTTO (2/2)
New Mexico at UNLV
Recommendation: UNLV



Despite some heavy off-season losses including the departure of their floor general, the UNLV Rebels find themselves perched atop the Mountain West at time of press. This Saturday we get a chance to play them against New Mexico, a team that has struggled on the road to find its stroke from the field and consistently bring an "A" effort. The Lobos in fact have dropped two straight conference road games after managing to somehow squeak by in their two road tilts prior to that in OT. It's a reflection of their struggles last year when they went 1-7 SU in MWC games away from the Pit. New Mexico is a good team, don't get me wrong, and there are plenty of reasons to believe this will be a close game in the second half, but, there are plenty of reasons to expect UNLV to come out victorious. In a tight game we can count on the Rebels to execute and take care of the ball, two big keys to winning close games. UNLV leads the conference in scoring margin, turnover margin and assist to turnover ratio. The top four scorers (and most frequent FT shooters) all shoot better than 74% from the line which also leads the conference. And last but not least, UNLV defends the long ball better than anyone in the MWC, which should limit a big part of New Mexico's game plan. We'll take the Rebels at home giving less than two full possessions to notch another quality home win.



DONNIE BLACK (2/2)
Dayton at Rhode Island
Recommendation: Rhode Island



The Dayton Flyers made a ton of noise earlier in the year by knocking off both Louisville and Pitt in their non-conference slate, racking up a 14-1 record along the way. But a key injury to star freshman Chris Wright has coincided with three straight losses by double digits and a return to earth. Wright led the team in rebounding, blocked shots and was second in scoring at the time, a key player despite his inexperience. Charles Little, another big body and solid performer inside, has also been lost with a broken foot leaving the already reeling Flyers shorthanded. That won't help this week against Rhode Island who comes in to this contest with a little in-season revenge on their minds, two dominating big men, and the number one ranking in the A-10 in offensive rebounding. UD snapped a nine game win streak for the Rams in the first meeting between these two, nailing over 50% of their three point shots and hanging a half-a-hundred in the first half alone. But look for Will Daniels and Kahiem Seawright to establish their presence and ownership of the paint which will eventually open things up for Jimmy Baron and Parfait Bitee on the outside. While UD will likely snap their own losing streak earlier in the week with a home game against Saint Louis I have seen enough from the them in the past two weeks to expect them to struggle against the top teams in conference. Play Rhode Island.



ROB VENO (2/2)
Kansas State at Missouri
Recommendation: Missouri



Excellent situational spot for Mizzou which catches K-State less than 48 hours after playing a high intensity game against arch rival Kansas. Don't figure the Wildcats to reach the same focus and emotional levels they'll be at when they host the Jayhawks so Missouri should be able to use their talent, home floor and KSU let down spot to their advantage. For Missouri, three consecutive hard fought conference losses were finally offset by a 66-62 win at Colorado where Mizzou showed a ton of heart by roaring back in the second half (down 10 at halftime) en-route to the victory. At #79 in the RPI as the corner turns toward February, Missouri needs to string some Big XII wins together and one here over RPI #39 Kansas State would be very helpful. Fundamentals here indicate the Tigers matchup very well in this spot overall as their depth and frantic pace should be difficult for K-State to equal especially off of the Kansas game. Missouri's frontcourt stars DeMarre Carroll and Leo Lyons are shooting a remarkable 55.2% and 62.7% from the floor respectively heading into Thursday's Nebraska game and they have the ability to offset KSU freshman phenom Michael Beasley. Mizzou's other key component is senior PG Stefhon Hannah who has been terrific with the ball thus far recording a 2.84-1 assist to turnover ratio (105-37). The ingredients are all there for Missouri (home floor, situation, fundamentals) to come away with an impressive victory by somewhere in the 9-14 point range.



BRENT CROW (2/2)
Marquette at Cincinnati
Recommendation: Cincinnati



This looks like another great opportunity to get the underrated Bearcats as a home dog in Big East play. All they have done thus far is go 4-0 ATS and 3-1 SU as a conference home dog and 6-0 ATS overall as a home dog. Even if they are favored by a point or two here, we look for the Bearcats to get the win over the poor traveling Eagles. Marquette had a huge road win in preconference play at rival Wisconsin, but has fallen flat in three Big East road tilts -- UConn, Louisville and West Virginia by a total of 51 points. Going back to last year, Marquette has now lost seven straight Big East road games. In addition, their best player, Dominic James is at less than 100% and has not played well recently. Cincinnati will enter this game desperate for a win if they lose as expected on the road at West Virginia on Wednesday, so we will get a maximum effort from Mick Cronin's troops. Cronin has done a terrific job with this club after a rough start to the season and a win here would push them back to .500 in the conference at 5-5. Point guard Deonta Vaughn is the most underrated player in the Big East and has consistently taken over games for the Bearcats at home. Vaughn should have another big game today and lead Cincinnati to another home win.

BEST BETS



ERIN RYNNING (2/1)
Los Angeles at Toronto
Recommendation: Toronto



Seemingly, two teams going in opposite directions as the Lakers visit the Raptors on Friday night. This is always a tricky trip, as the Lakers will play in Detroit on Thursday night, while crossing the border in the back-to-back situation to face the Raptors. The identity of this Lakers team has changed since the loss of big man Andrew Bynum, which has correlated into some struggling play. Bynum obviously opened up the offense and the outside for the Lakers. His injury has simply made it more difficult for this team to score. In addition, playing a back-to-back, especially an expected battle against the Pistons, gives us more reason to expect a flat performance. Moreover, the Lakers are at the tail end of a deadly schedule, which has included Phoenix, San Antonio, Cleveland and Dallas. Meanwhile, the Raptors are turning the corner and 'getting it' if you will. All-Star Chris Bosh has openly boasted about making defending their home court a priority. In this match-up, the Raptors ball movement will be deadly against a Lakers team playing with a half a tank of gas. Bosh should also provide a match-up problem for the Lakers in the paint. He has developed his game with almost no weaknesses with a quick first step, post moves and outside shot. Simply put, the Lakers will have trouble matching the energy of the Raptors in this game making them a great play for Friday night.



JARED KLEIN (2/2)
Phoenix at Nashville
Recommendation: Nashville



The Nashville Predators host the Phoenix Coyotes this weekend at the Sommet Center. Coming off the All-Star break, the Predators currently sit one point back from the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Nashville is a team that I have projected to make the playoffs and with a home record of 14-8-2, they have the opportunity to put more distance between themselves and Phoenix, who currently sits only one point behind Nashville in the standings. The Predators went into the break red hot, getting points in eight out of their last nine games while winning three out of their last four. The Predators' power play was also clicking on all cylinders scoring seven goals in their last six games. Nashville has also played much better since the return of defenseman Shea Weber. Weber has played in five games since coming back and has two goals, a plus-four rating and 14 shots on goal during that stretch. "It was tough for him because he was out of the lineup with those health issues," Predators forward Martin Erat was quoted as saying. "But he's getting better. It's very important that we get contributions from everyone in the lineup. That's what we've been doing all season long." The Predators will be in the middle of a four-game home stand and you can bet they are fully aware of how important getting points -- especially at home -- will be for their playoff hopes in the tightly packed Western Conference. Take the Predators this weekend.



TEDDY COVERS (2/2)
Houston at Milwaukee
Recommendation: Houston



The Bucks don't beat teams that come to play, nor do they beat teams with winning records. Milwaukee is 5-14 SU against Western Conference opposition, but three of those wins came in early November, beating only lowly Minnesota and the LA Clippers since Thanksgiving. They are 0-12 SU since mid-December against teams with winning records, losing those games by a combined margin of 214 points. Anytime a team has lost their last dozen games against winning foes by an average of 18 points per contest, it's easy to make a case to bet against them every time they face a quality foe. And the Rockets most assuredly are a quality foe, as a team streaking in a positive direction since the calendar flipped to 2008. After Rick Adelman guided the Rockets to a 7-4 mark with Tracy McGrady sidelined with a knee injury, McGrady has played more of a supporting role since his return to the lineup, with Houston winning every game since his return. The veteran Rockets are one of the NBA's better road teams, one of only eight teams in the league with a winning SU record on the highway. And despite their veteran core, Houston has been getting stellar play from all three rookies on the roster, with Luis Scola, Carl Landry and Aaron Brooks all playing valuable minutes, giving the team a tremendous infusion of youthful energy. The chemistry challenged Bucks have no such energy, even at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

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SUPER BOWL PROP BETS

Brent Crow **L. Maroney total rush attempts (CRIS)**

Over 18.5 ✓	-150
Under 18.5	+120

The Patriots have been working Maroney into the game plan more and more lately, as he had 104 yards or more in four of their last five games. The only time he failed to have 100 yards, was in week 17 at the Giants, but he did carry 19 times for 46 yards in that game. I expect Maroney to be a big part of the plan this week, as Belichick always seems to come up with exotic plans. A big Patriot lead would also add to Maroney's attempts as they run out the clock.

Donnie Black **Will there be a scoreless quarter (LV Hilton)**

No ✓	-350
Yes	+290

These two teams met in late December and played a wildly exciting game that featured 73 total points, including at least 10 in each quarter. Including the playoffs the Giants have played 19 games, the Patriots have played 18. That means the two have played a combined 148 quarters along the way. Of those 148 quarters of play only seven (four from New York and three from New England) have gone scoreless. That is less than five percent! Lay the chalk and play the "No" on scoreless quarters.

Teddy Covers **A. Bradshaw longest rush (LV Hilton)**

Over 11.5	-110
Under 11.5 ✓	-110

At first glance, this number looks rather short. Bradshaw, after all, is the 'lightning' to Brandon Jacobs 'thunder' in the Giants backfield. And we all remember the big plays that Bradshaw has made for the Giants during their impressive late season run, including his highlight reel 88 yard touchdown run at Buffalo in Week 16. But Bradshaw's emerging reputation has exceeded his actual production levels. His 88-yarder against the Bills was his only run longer than eleven yards all season!

Erin Rynning **E. Manning pass attempts (Greek)**

Over 34.5 ✓	-130
Under 34.5	+100

In my opinion and in the market's the New York Giants are obviously the heavy underdogs. With this thinking, that means it's important to look at games in which they were down and forced to try and make up ground quick. In these games, Manning averaged over 40 pass attempts dating back the last couple of years. In this contest, the Giant's most likely will have no choice other than to throw the football if they want to win this game, leaving us with good value on the over.

Marty Otto **Most penalty yards (LV Hilton)**

Giants ✓	-110
Patriots	-110

The Patriots finished the regular season with 78 infractions and were penalized 690 yards. The Giants were penalized 77 times for 652 yards. But in the playoffs no team has had more accepted penalties than the Giants (14 for 116 yards). The Pats, although they played one less game, were flagged just eight times for 93 yards. Poise certainly weighs into this discussion and with New England having played in three Super Bowls, they will be the team that responds well to the pressure and keeps their poise while avoiding penalties.

David Jones **Total Team Rushing Yards (Carib Sports)**

Giants +10.5 ✓	-115
Patriots -10.5	-115

New York ranked fourth in the NFL in rushing offense during the regular season with an average of 134 ypg. In contrast, the Pats offense relies more on its air game to attack opposing defenses. New England ran for an average of 114 ypg to rank 13th in the league. These stat rankings played out in the week 17 matchup between the two clubs as the Giants outgained the Pats by 35 yards on the ground despite having seven fewer rushing attempts. Look for NY to be more aggressive and try to establish the run.

Ed Cash **Giants longest touchdown (CRIS)**

Over 42.5	-115
Under 42.5 ✓	-115

Without a long fluke score, this means the Giants' offense will have to come up with a big play for me to lose this prop. The Giants don't really have a speed receiver to get behind the New England secondary, and the running game hasn't broken many big plays this season either. The biggest threat would be a jump ball type of pass play to Plaxico Burress, but I am counting on Bill Belichick to have a plan in place to stop that. I just don't see New York being able to spring for such a big play.

Fairway Jay **R. Moss catches/T. Wood final round birdies (LV Hilton)**

Moss catches ✓	-110
Woods birdies	+110

Woods won the 2006 Dubai Desert Classic with a final round 69 (3-under par), and has averaged 4.3 birdies per round the past six years. Randy Moss averaged over six catches per game this season. While the better defenses of Jacksonville and San Diego both denied him the ball with double and triple teams, the Giants' secondary is more vulnerable. Moss had six catches for 100 yards against the Giants in the season finale in tougher weather conditions. Expect at least that in the Super Bowl.

Tim Trushel **P. Burress first catch yardage (LV Hilton)**

Over 9.5 ✓	-110
Under 9.5	-110

In his last four games Plaxico Burress has caught 20 passes and racked up 278 yards. Of his catches in that time frame, only five have gone for less than 10 yards. The other 15 show yardage between the shortest (10) and longest (52) and reflect his seasonal average of nearly 15 ypc. Now yards after catch is also figured into those numbers. But if you take those yards you see Plax with an average catch of 10.3, still higher than the number we'll play against.

Rob Veno **B. Watson receiving yards (BoDog)**

Over 22.5 ✓	-120
Under 22.5	-110

The yardage price tag on this proposition is set in a spot that neither reflects Ben Watson's 32.4 receiving yards per game average or the New York Giants propensity to allow tight ends plenty of open space in the seams of their defense. Tight ends have gone over this number in seven of the last eight games against the Giants. In the earlier meeting between these teams, Watson caught four passes for 35 yards and figure him to get at least that on Super Bowl Sunday.

Jared Klein **Total game sacks/Jaromir Jagr shots on goal (LV Hilton)**

Sacks	-130
Jagr shots ✓	+110

The Giants and the Patriots' offensive lines have been very good this season. Tom Brady's average sacks per game breaks down to 1.26, while Eli Manning's is 1.65. In their recent matchup, both the Giants and the Patriots gave up one sack for a total of two over the course of the entire game. Jaromir Jagr has averaged 3.6 shots per game over the month of January and the last time he faced the Canadiens he fired seven shots on net. The Jagr side of this prop has value at +110.

Sonny Palermo **E. Manning passing yards (Olympic)**

Over 232.5 ✓	+115
Under 232.5	-145

Start with the premise that NY is gonna lose. In six losses in '07 Manning threw 312, 211, 236, 273, 184 and 251. The two losses he didn't get 232'? One he had a shoulder injury, one he was victimized by eight drops. Week 17 against NE, Manning had 251 yards and that was when NY was ahead for much of the game! With the championship/undefeated season theirs for the taking, Beli will go for the kill. NY will be behind this time and Eli will be passing. Take the Over.



SUPER BOWL HISTORY

SB	Year	Winner	Loser	Total	Location
XLI	2007	Indianapolis Colts (-7) 29	Chicago Bears 17	48, UNDER	Miami, FL
XL	2006	Pittsburgh Steelers (-4) 21	Seattle Seahawks 10	47, UNDER	Detroit, MI
XXXIX	2005	New England Patriots (-7) 24	Philadelphia Eagles 21	46.5, UNDER	Jacksonville, FL
XXXVIII	2004	New England Patriots (-7) 32	Carolina Panthers 29	37.5, OVER	Houston, TX
XXXVII	2003	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (+4) 48	Oakland Raiders 21	44, OVER	San Diego, CA
XXXVI	2002	New England Patriots (+14) 20	St. Louis Rams 17	53, UNDER	New Orleans, LA
XXXV	2001	Baltimore Ravens (-3) 34	New York Giants 7	33, OVER	Tampa, FL
XXXIV	2000	St. Louis Rams (-7) 23	Tennessee Titans 16	47.5, UNDER	Atlanta, GA
XXXIII	1999	Denver Broncos (-7.5) 34	Atlanta Falcons 19	52.5, OVER	Miami, FL
XXXII	1998	Denver Broncos (+11) 31	Green Bay Packers 24	49, OVER	San Diego, CA
XXXI	1997	Green Bay Packers (-14) 35	New England Patriots 21	49, OVER	New Orleans, LA
XXX	1996	Dallas Cowboys (-13.5) 27	Pittsburgh Steelers 17	51, UNDER	Tempe, AZ
XXIX	1995	San Francisco 49ers (-18) 49	San Diego Chargers 26	53.5, OVER	Miami, FL
XXVIII	1994	Dallas Cowboys (-10.5) 30	Buffalo Bills 13	50.5, UNDER	Atlanta, GA
XXVII	1993	Dallas Cowboys (-6.5) 52	Buffalo Bills 17	44.5, OVER	Pasadena, CA
XXVI	1992	Washington Redskins (-7) 37	Buffalo Bills 24	49, OVER	Minneapolis, MN
XXV	1991	New York Giants (+7) 20	Buffalo Bills 19	40.5, UNDER	Tampa, FL
XXIV	1990	San Francisco 49ers (-12) 55	Denver Broncos 10	48, OVER	New Orleans, LA
XXIII	1989	San Francisco 49ers (-7) 20	Cincinnati Bengals 16	48, UNDER	Miami, FL
XXII	1988	Washington Redskins (+3) 42	Denver Broncos 10	47, OVER	San Diego, CA
XXI	1987	New York Giants (-9.5) 39	Denver Broncos 20	40, OVER	Pasadena, CA
XX	1986	Chicago Bears (-10) 46	New England Patriots 10	37.5, OVER	New Orleans, LA
XIX	1985	San Francisco 49ers (-3.5) 38	Miami Dolphins 16	53.5, OVER	Stanford, CA
XVIII	1984	LA Raiders (+3) 38	Washington Redskins 9	48, UNDER	Tampa, FL
XVII	1983	Washington Redskins (+3) 27	Miami Dolphins 17	36.5, OVER	Pasadena, CA
XVI	1982	San Francisco 49ers (PK) 26	Cincinnati Bengals 21	48, UNDER	Pontiac, MI
XV	1981	Oakland Raiders (+3) 27	Philadelphia Eagles 10	37.5, UNDER	New Orleans, LA
XIV	1980	Pittsburgh Steelers (-10.5) 31	Los Angeles Rams 19	36, OVER	Pasadena, CA
XIII	1979	Pittsburgh Steelers (-3.5) 35	Dallas Cowboys 31	37, OVER	Miami, FL
XII	1978	Dallas Cowboys (-6) 27	Denver Broncos 10	39, UNDER	New Orleans, LA
XI	1977	Oakland Raiders (-4) 32	Minnesota Vikings 14	38, OVER	Pasadena, CA
X	1976	Pittsburgh Steelers (-7) 21	Dallas Cowboys 17	36, OVER	Miami, FL
IX	1975	Pittsburgh Steelers (-3) 16	Minnesota Vikings 6	33, UNDER	New Orleans, LA
VIII	1974	Miami Dolphins (-6.5) 24	Minnesota Vikings 7	33, UNDER	Houston, TX
VII	1973	Miami Dolphins (+1.5) 14	Washington Redskins 7	33, UNDER	Los Angeles, CA
VI	1972	Dallas Cowboys (-6) 24	Miami Dolphins 3	34, UNDER	New Orleans, LA
V	1971	Baltimore Colts (+2.5) 16	Dallas Cowboys 13	36, UNDER	Miami, FL
IV	1970	Kansas City Chiefs (+12) 23	Minnesota Vikings 7	39, UNDER	New Orleans, LA
III	1969	New York Jets (+18) 16	Baltimore Colts 7	40, UNDER	Miami, FL
II	1968	Green Bay Packers (-13.5) 33	Oakland Raiders 14	43, OVER	Miami, FL
I	1967	Green Bay Packers (-14) 35	Kansas City Chiefs 10	NL	Los Angeles, CA

- The O/U is 20-20 (Super Bowl I had no total). Seven of the first eight Super Bowls with a set total went under.
- The highest total ever set in a Super Bowl was 53.5, with both games going over (SB XIV, San Francisco 38, Miami 16; SB XXIV, San Francisco 49, San Diego 26).
- The lowest total ever set in a Super Bowl was 33, set four times. The first three times (SB VII, VIII, IX) all went under and the most recent game, SB XXXV, went over (Baltimore 34, NY Giants 7).
- The highest spread ever set in a Super Bowl was SB XXIV when San Francisco was an 18.5-point favorite against San Diego. The 49ers covered in a 49-26 win.
- The lowest spread ever set in a Super Bowl was SB XVI at a pick 'em. San Francisco defeated Cincinnati, 26-21.
- In Super Bowl VII, the Miami Dolphins scored the fewest points (14) by a winning team.
- The favorite is 4-2 ATS with a total set at 50 or higher.
- In Super Bowl games with a line set at over a touchdown, the favorite is 10-5 ATS.
- The AFC has gone 6-3 SU and 4-3-2 ATS in the last nine Super Bowls.
- The last two double-digit underdogs won outright.
- Only eight times has the favorite won the Super Bowl, but failed to cover the number (three pushes).
- Seven of the last 11 Super Bowls were decided by less than a touchdown. The previous 10 had only two that were determined by that mark.
- The team with more total rushing attempts has won more than 70 percent of Super Bowls.
- Seven of the last eight Super Bowls have seen more points scored in the second half vs. the first half. The second half totals in the last eight SBs have averaged 28.9 points vs. 18.1 in the first half.
- Seven of the last 11 Super Bowl losers have scored first in their respective Super Bowls.
- The winning team of the Super Bowl has held the time of possession advantage in eight of the last 11 Super Bowls.
- Only once in the last 13 years has a running back (Terrell Davis XXXII) won the game's Most Valuable Player award