

SUPER BOWL or SNOOZE BOWL?

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The New England Patriots won their sixth Super Bowl a week ago on Sunday, Feb. 3, against the Los Angeles Rams by a score of 13-3. Many people, including the media, however, believe it was actually the Snooze Bowl because it was so boring. I agree with that thought because both the Patriots and the Rams offensive units had tremendous difficulty moving the ball.

The reason it was boring was because at halftime the score was only 3-0 Patriots, an unusually low-scoring first half for any Super Bowl game. This Super Bowl was more of a defensive battle with the defensive units of both teams struggling to prevent the opposing offense from scoring.

The two teams reached the Super Bowl by winning their respective conference championship games, both on Jan. 20. The Rams won the NFC Championship game in thrilling fashion against the New Orleans Saints with a final score of 26-23 in overtime. The Patriots won the AFC Championship against the Kansas City Chiefs, on the Chiefs' home field. It was the first time that both conference championship games went to overtime. The Patriots stunned the home crowd with a game winning touchdown in overtime by running back Rex Burkhead. The final score was Patriots 37-31.

It was the ninth time the Patriots' were led to the Super Bowl by quarterback Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick. The Rams have only won one Super Bowl and that was in 1999, but this year wasn't the only time the Patriots and Rams have faced off in the Super Bowl. In 2001 the Rams lost to the Patriots when then-rookie Tom Brady led his team to a comeback win of 20-17 on a game winning field goal.

The Patriots had possession of the football first in last week's Super Bowl game, but the Patriots' first drive of the game came to an end when

Brady threw a interception. The Rams didn't score either on their first possession and after one quarter the score was 0-0.

The second quarter saw the Patriots get on the board with a field goal by kicker Stephen Gostkowski, which put them up 3-0. The Rams offense struggled all first half as the Patriots defense pressured the Rams quarterback, 24-year old Jared Goff. The score at halftime was Patriots 3-Rams 0,

In the 3rd quarter the Rams managed a field goal to tie the game.

The Patriots offense was led by wide receiver Julian Edelman with 10 receptions for 141 yards. He was named the game MVP.

The 4th quarter saw the Patriots finally pull away with a touchdown to make the score 10-3. The Rams offense couldn't do anything all game and it showed. The Patriots got the last scoring field goal to make the final score 13-3.

GO Patriots!!!!