



Super Bowl Prediction

Eagles
27

Patriots
17

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Regular Season		
Eagles	vs	Patriots
7	Tot. Offense	1
3	Rush Offense	10
13	Pass Offense	2
4	Tot. Defense	29
1	Rush Defense	20
17	Pass Defense	30
0	Home/Away	1
50.53%	Result	51.73%

Post Season		
Eagles	vs	Patriots
3	Tot. Offense	2
4	Rush Offense	8
4	Pass Offense	2
11	Tot. Defense	7
4	Rush Defense	8
11	Pass Defense	6
0	Home/Away	1
59.58%	Result	34.60%

After looking at the Eagles regular season and post season stats compared to the Patriots regular season and post season stats, the Prometheus Stat Program concluded that the Eagles had the higher chance at winning the game. The result from the regular season offensive and defensive stats showed almost an even 50/50 chance for either team to win, but the Patriots did have a slight advantage over the Eagles. In the regular season both teams finished 13-3, however the Eagles' Quarterback- Carson Wentz- got injured for the rest of the season with three games left. If he were to have remained healthy for the entirety of the season the Eagles most likely would have gone 14-2 and finished with the best record in the NFL. Wentz was undoubtedly the front runner for MVP and would have won award if he wouldn't have gotten injured. The advantage that the Eagles had over most other teams in this situation was the fact that their back up was their starter for a couple seasons, so he had experience as a starting QB in the NFL.

When I ran the program with each teams' post season statistics the gap in the win percentage was significantly larger. With the new data, the Eagles had a 59% chance to win the game while the Patriots only had a 34% chance to win. I think that because the program only takes raw data into consideration that this spread was much larger than it should have been. Most people would not bet against Tom Brady in the Super Bowl given that he has more Super Bowl wins than any other player in history, and has played in more Super Bowls than any one in history.

Eagles vs AFC


















20	vs	27
26	vs	24
51	vs	23
19	vs	10
29	Average	21


























Patriots vs NFC		
36	vs	30
30	vs	33
19	vs	14
23	vs	7
27	Average	21































Another stat I accounted for when making my prediction was how well these two teams performed against teams in the opposing conference. Both the Patriots and the Eagles had a 3-1 record against teams not in their conference. I believe this is a good measure to see how well coaches game plan and strategize as they are usually less familiar with these opponents. During the regular season each team

plays two games against teams from their division (one home, one away) which totals six games, four games against teams from their conference, and then four games against teams from the other conference. Without question, teams play out of conference opponents much less frequently, so it can be difficult to have a strategic advantage over an opponent without playing them as often. While both teams had the same out of conference records, the Eagles scored more points per game on average than the Patriots did and gave up the same amount. Because of this I ended up giving the Eagles the upper hand in the Super Bowl.

Expert Analysts' Picks

NAME	WINNER	SCORE
Todd Archer, Cowboys reporter		26-20
Sarah Barshop, Texans reporter		23-20
Dane Beavers, ESPN.com NFL editor		30-27
Stephania Bell, Injury analyst		31-20
Chris Berman, NFL host		24-21
Matthew Berry, Senior fantasy sports analyst		21-17
Matt Bowen, ESPN Insider		27-20
Tedy Bruschi, NFL Live analyst		24-21
Heather Burns, ESPN.com NFL editor		24-21
Rich Cimini, Jets reporter		24-20
Ryan Clark, NFL Live analyst		24-20
Mike Clay, ESPN Insider		26-22
Jac Collinsworth, Sunday NFL Countdown reporter		24-20
Greg Cosell, NFL Matchup analyst		27-24
Courtney Cronin, Vikings reporter		24-19
Jeff Darlington, NFL reporter		24-22
Rob Demovsky, Packers reporter		31-23

Jeff Dickerson, Bears reporter		24-19
Michael DiRocco, ESPN.com Jaguars reporter		24-21
Mike Drago, ESPN The Mag NFL editor		35-24
Ben Fawkes, ESPN Chalk		24-21
Dave Fleming, ESPN The Magazine		28-24
Mike Golic, ESPN Radio		31-10
Mike Golic Jr., ESPN Radio		27-21
Alden Gonzalez, Rams reporter		31-24
Dan Graziano, ESPN.com writer		24-20
Mike Greenberg, SportsCenter anchor		27-13
Paul Gutierrez, Raiders reporter		27-23
Matt Hasselbeck, NFL analyst		28-3
Tim Hasselbeck, NFL analyst		27-17
Brady Henderson, Seahawks reporter		27-21
Jamison Hensley, Ravens reporter		34-7
Keyshawn Johnson, NFL analyst		31-24
KC Joyner, ESPN Insider		31-24
Lisa Kerney, SportsCenter anchor		28-24
Mina Kimes, ESPN writer		28-24
Suzy Kolber, Monday Night Countdown host		23-17
Jenna Laine, Bucs reporter		29-27
Steve Levy, SportsCenter anchor		27-20
Vaughn McClure, Falcons reporter		24-21
Tim McManus, Eagles reporter		24-21
Alisha Miller, ESPN.com NFL editor		28-21
Roman Modrowski, ESPN.com NFL editor		31-14
Chris Mortensen, NFL Insider		34-24
Randy Moss, NFL analyst		32-28
David Newton, Panthers reporter		24-21
Wendi Nix, NFL Live host		28-24

Katie Nolan, Host		27-24
Ian O'Connor, ESPN writer		27-20
John Pluym, ESPN.com NFL editor		24-20
Sam Ponder, Sunday NFL Countdown host		31-28
Jordan Raanan, Giants reporter		24-22
Jason Reid, The Undeclared		27-24
Mike Reiss, Patriots reporter		30-17
Katie Richcreek, ESPN.com NFL editor		31-24
Louis Riddick, NFL analyst		24-21
John Roberts, ESPN.com NFL editor		27-24
Mike Rodak, Bills reporter		34-31
Michael Rothstein, Lions reporter		28-24
Diana Russini, NFL reporter		24-20
Rex Ryan, Sunday NFL Countdown analyst		24-21
Mike Sando, ESPN Insider		27-20
Jeff Saturday, NFL analyst		20-17
Aaron Schatz, Football Outsiders		27-23
Adam Schechter, NFL Insider		27-24
Kevin Seifert, ESPN.com writer		27-20
Stephen A. Smith, First Take commentator		31-27
Sarah Spain, espnW		24-20
Chris Sprow, ESPN.com NFL editor		27-24
Adam Teicher, Chiefs reporter		27-17
Katherine Terrell, Bengals reporter		24-21
Mike Triplett, Saints reporter		30-23
Jim Trotter, NFL Insider		27-24
Nick Wagoner, 49ers reporter		27-17
Josh Weinfuss, Cardinals reporter		27-24
Mike Wells, Colts reporter		27-17
Seth Wickersham, ESPN The Magazine		38-9

Eric Williams, Chargers reporter		28-17
Trey Wingo, ESPN Radio		24-21
Cameron Wolfe, Titans reporter		26-23
Charles Woodson, Sunday NFL Countdown		30-23
Darren Woodson, NFL Live analyst		31-28
Damien Woody, NFL Live analyst		30-24
Field Yates, ESPN Insider		26-21
Steve Young, Monday Night Countdown analyst		31-30
Predictions for: Patriots-Eagles	61	24

Above was a list of 85 ‘experts’ and their predictions for the Super Bowl. Of the 85 picks, 61 were for the Patriots while the Eagles were picked 24 times. This should not come as too much of a surprise considering what Tom Brady and Bill Belichick have been able to achieve together in past Super Bowls, and when adding the fact the Nick Foles only played a hand full of games during the season as he was the Eagles back up until Wentz got hurt.