

Super Bowl Prediction

EaglesPatriots2717

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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 tram 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

Ρ	atriots 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.

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	(Frank	24-20
Ryan Clark, NFL Live analyst	(Frank)	24-20
Mike Clay, ESPN Insider	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	26-22
Jac Collinsworth, Sunday NFL Countdown reporter	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	24-20
Greg Cosell, NFL Matchup analyst	(Frank)	27-24
Courtney Cronin, Vikings reporter	~	24-19
Jeff Darlington, NFL reporter	~	24-22
Rob Demovsky, Packers reporter		31-23

Expert Analysts' Picks

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	(F)	24-21
Dave Fleming, ESPN The Magazine	(28-24
Mike Golic, ESPN Radio	(File)	31-10
Mike Golic Jr., ESPN Radio	~	27-21
Alden Gonzalez, Rams reporter	~	31-24
Dan Graziano, ESPN.com writer	(Fait)	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	(The second	31-24
KC Joyner, ESPN Insider		31-24
Lisa Kerney, SportsCenter anchor	(Fait)	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	(Fait)	24-21
Alisha Miller, ESPN.com NFL editor		28-21
Roman Modrowski, ESPN.com NFL editor	~	31-14
Chris Mortensen, NFL Insider	(File)	34-24
Randy Moss, NFL analyst		32-28
David Newton, Panthers reporter		24-21
Wendi Nix, NFL Live host		28-24

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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.