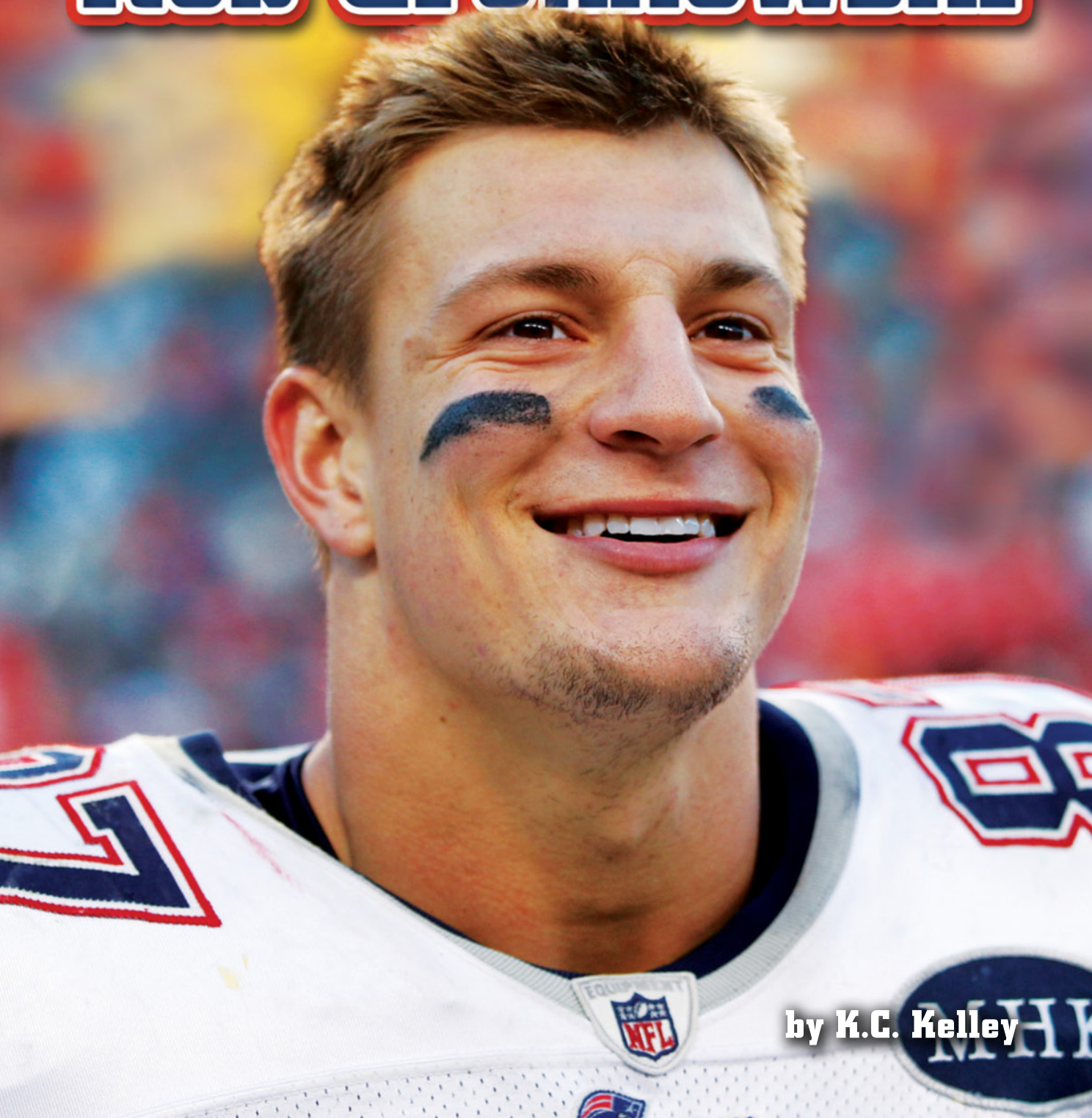




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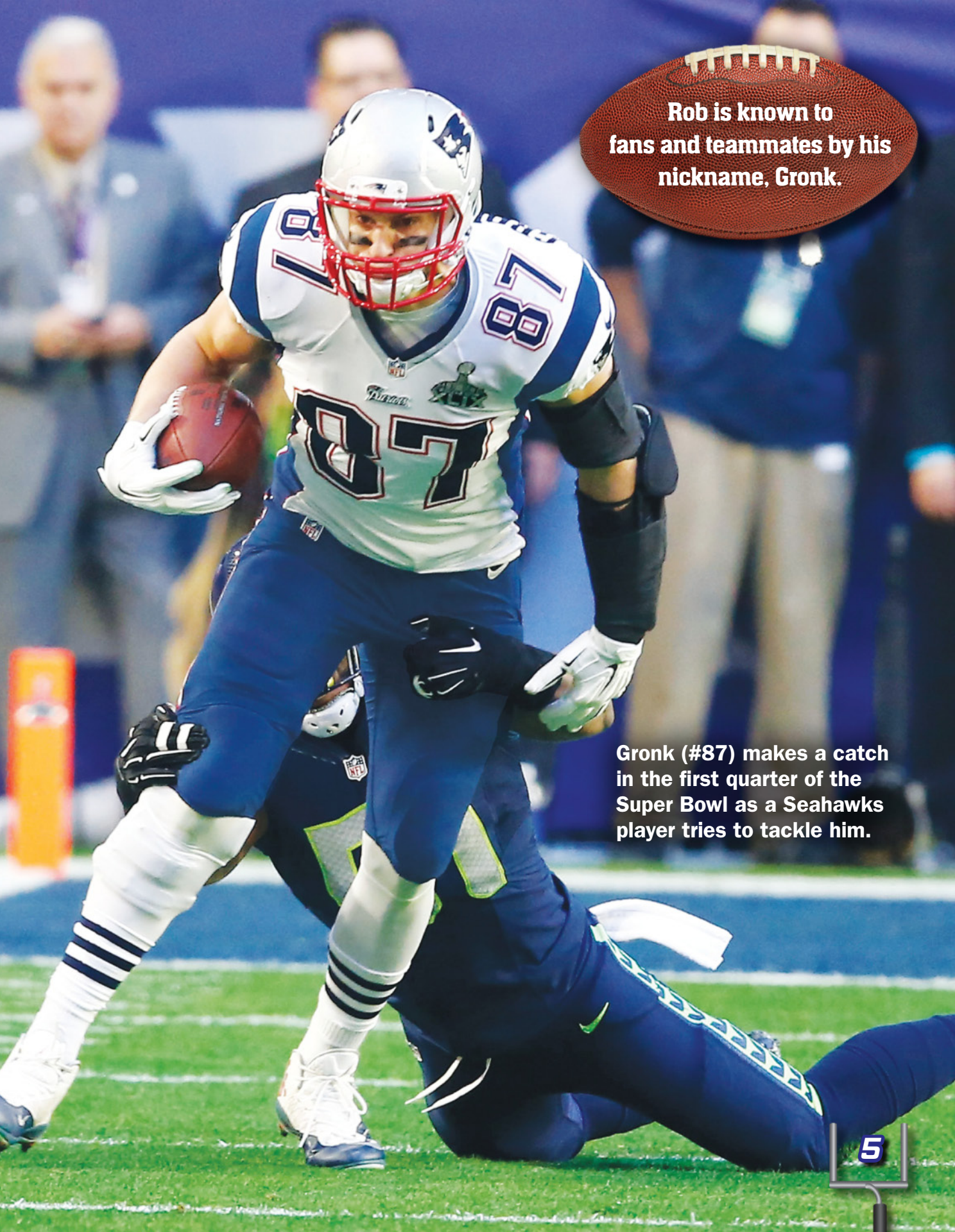


Time to Shine

On February 1, 2015, Rob Gronkowski had his eye on every football player's dream—an **NFL** championship. Rob and the New England Patriots were playing the Seattle Seahawks in **Super Bowl XLIX (49)**. With less than a minute left in the first half, the two teams were tied 7–7. As the Patriots' star **tight end**, it was Rob's time to shine.



The Patriots run onto the field before the start of Super Bowl XLIX (49).



Rob is known to fans and teammates by his nickname, Gronk.

Gronk (#87) makes a catch in the first quarter of the Super Bowl as a Seahawks player tries to tackle him.

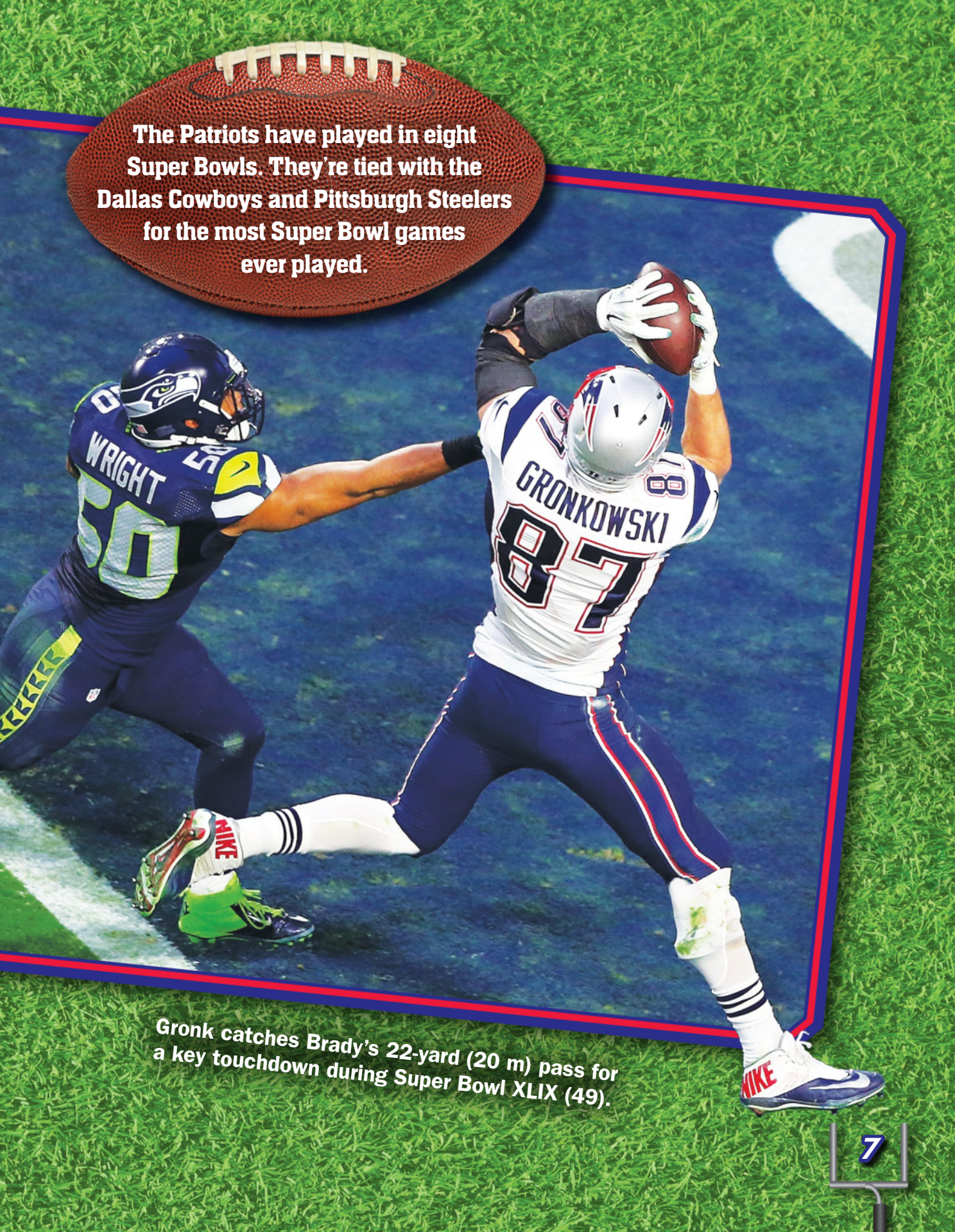
Champions!

Patriots **quarterback** Tom Brady went back to pass as Gronk sped down the field. Brady threw the ball high and far. Gronk caught it in the **end zone** for the **touchdown** and spiked the ball in celebration!

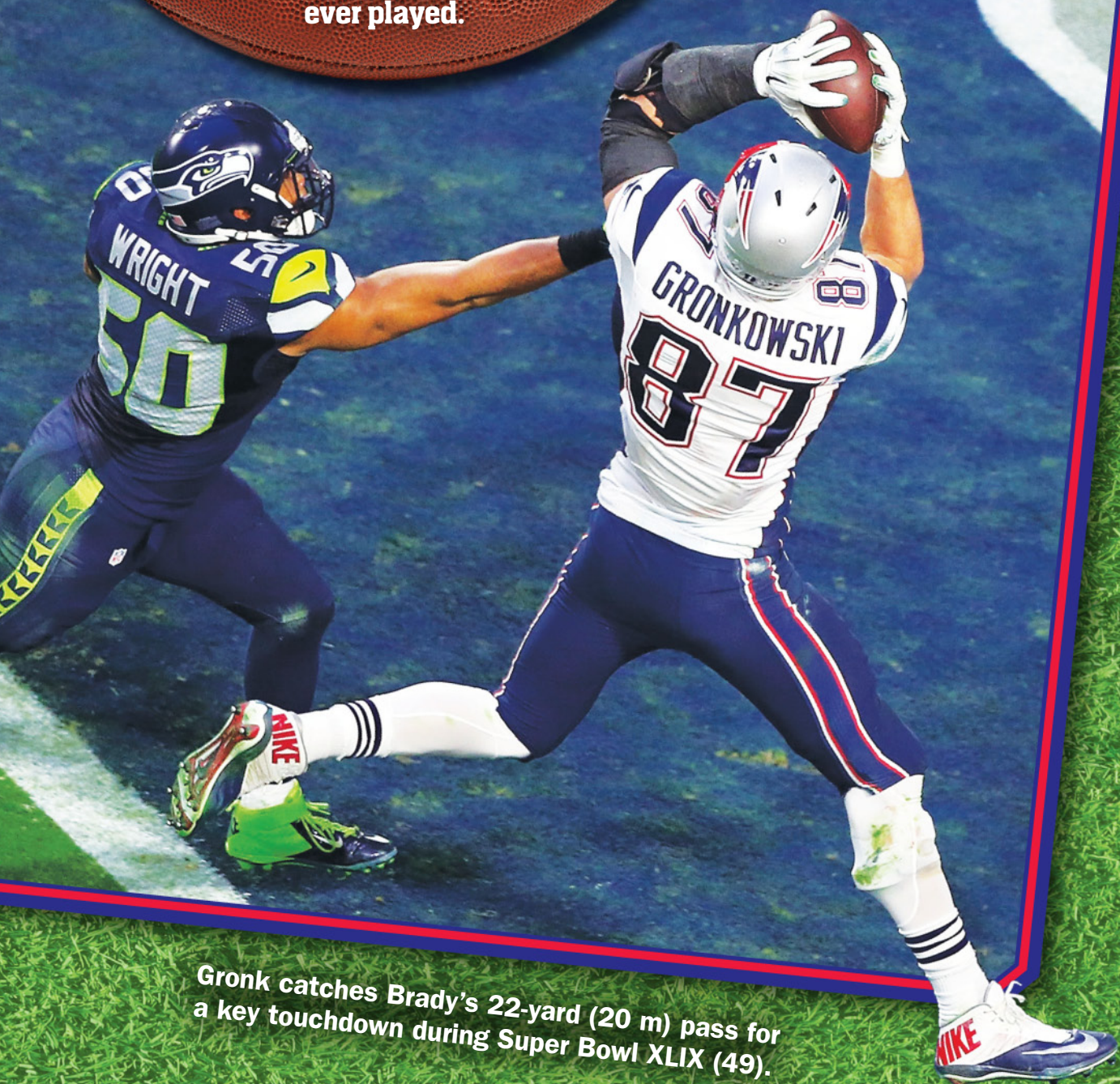
When the game was over, the Patriots had won 28–24. Gronk had the biggest smile in the stadium. Nothing felt better than winning a Super Bowl!



Gronk (#87) and Brady head to the bench after the touchdown.



The Patriots have played in eight Super Bowls. They're tied with the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers for the most Super Bowl games ever played.



Gronk catches Brady's 22-yard (20 m) pass for a key touchdown during Super Bowl XLIX (49).