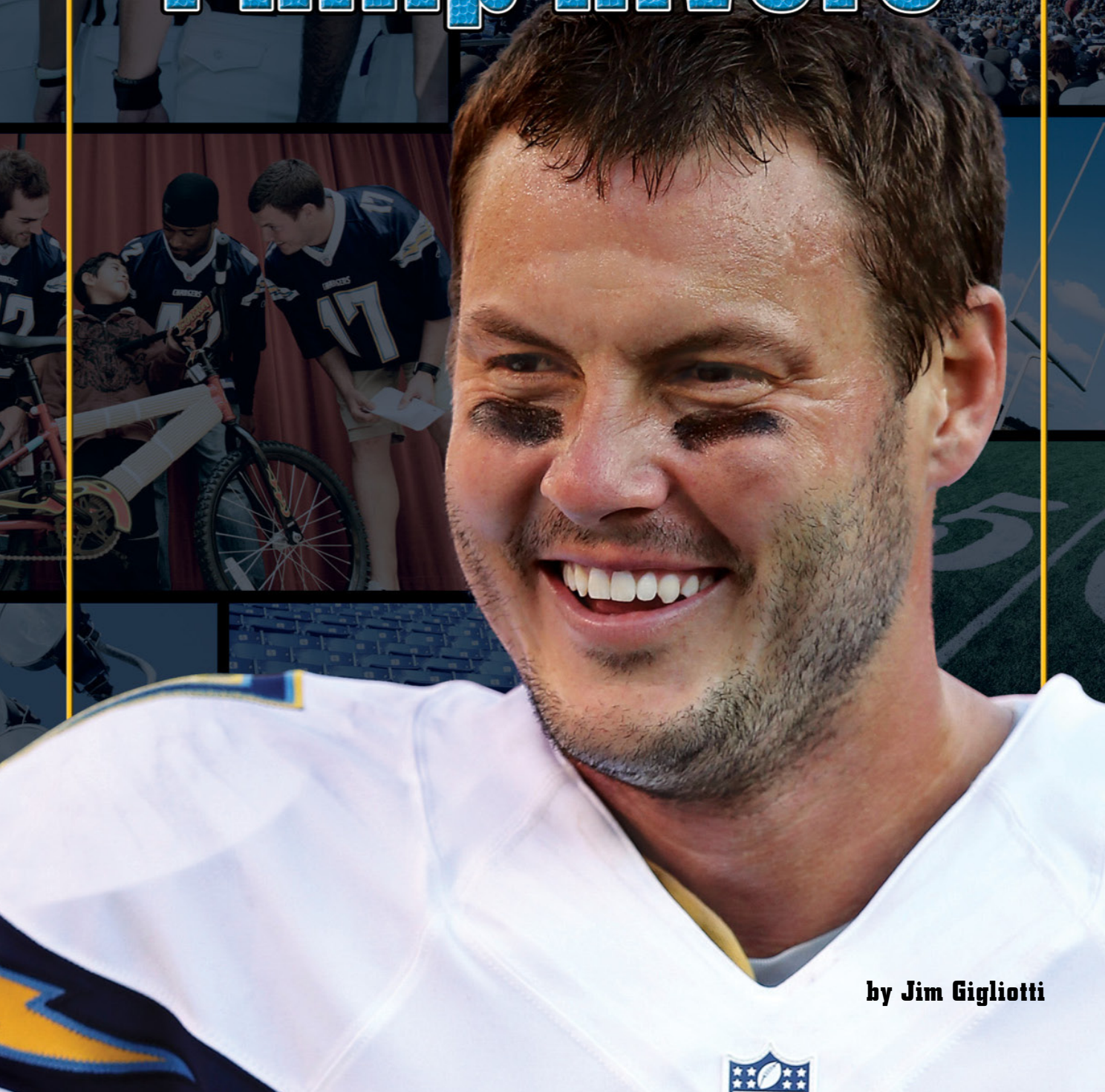




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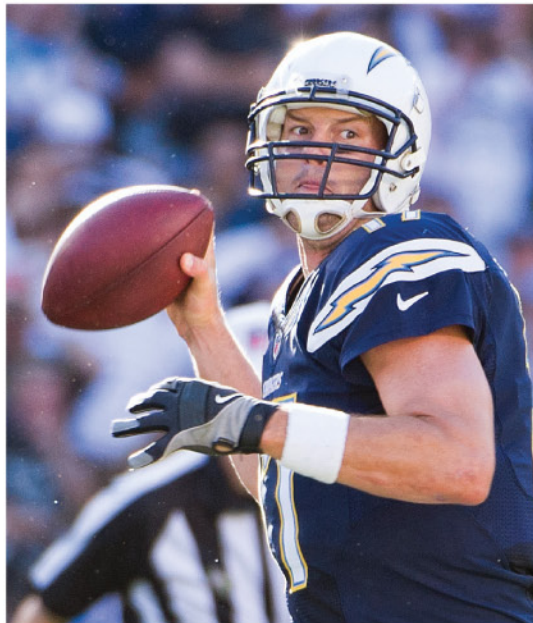


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Last-Minute Victory


It was November 30, 2014, and the San Diego Chargers were facing the Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens led 33–27. Just 41 seconds remained in the game. The Chargers had **possession** of the ball at the one-yard (0.9 m) line. For Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers, it was now or never.

Philip called a play in the **huddle**. Because he had studied Baltimore's **defense**, he knew the play would work. He took the **snap**, dropped back two quick steps, and tossed the ball to **wide receiver** Eddie Royal. Eddie darted into the **end zone**.

Touchdown, San Diego! Moments later, Nick Novak kicked the extra point. The Chargers won the game 34–33!

Chargers receivers Keenan Allen (#13) and Eddie Royal celebrate the touchdown!



A full-page photograph of Philip Rivers, quarterback of the Los Angeles Chargers, in his white home uniform with blue and yellow lightning bolt accents. He is wearing a white helmet with a black face mask and has his mouth open as if shouting or calling a play. His right arm is raised with the index finger pointing up. In the foreground, the backs of two other players are visible: one on the left in a white jersey with blue pants, and one on the right wearing jersey number 87 with the name 'RINEHART' on the back. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators.

Philip (#17) calls out a play to his team before a snap.

Philip passed for 383 yards (350 m) during the game against Baltimore. He holds the Chargers' single-game passing record of 503 yards (460 m), set against Green Bay in 2015.

Never Give Up

Philip is at his best when the Chargers need him the most. The 2014 win against the Ravens marked the nineteenth time in Philip's career that he led the Chargers to a comeback victory. He's especially good at turning things around for his team during the final seconds of a game. For example, in a 2013 game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Philip's last pass was a 26-yard (24 m) strike to wide receiver Seyi Ajirotutu. There were only 24 seconds left in the game. Seyi caught the pass and San Diego won 41–38! Philip's ability to perform under pressure and his never-give-up attitude have made him a fan favorite.

Seyi Ajirotutu (#18) caught Philip's pass for the game-winning touchdown.



During the 2006 season, Philip guided the Chargers to back-to-back wins in two games in which his team trailed by at least 17 points. He was the first **NFL** quarterback ever to do this.

Philip's blockers protect him as he hurls the ball.

