

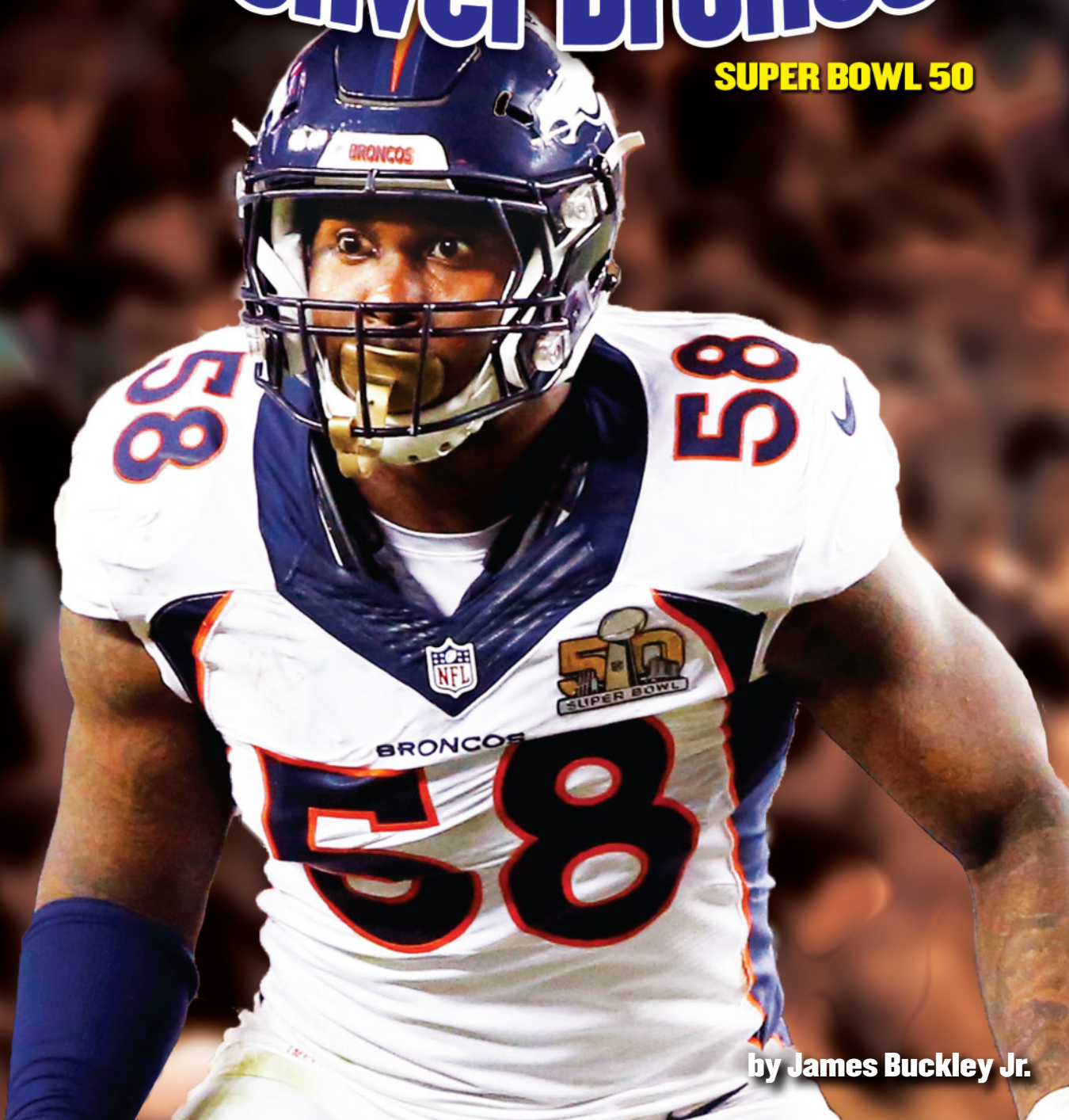


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# Tackling Superman

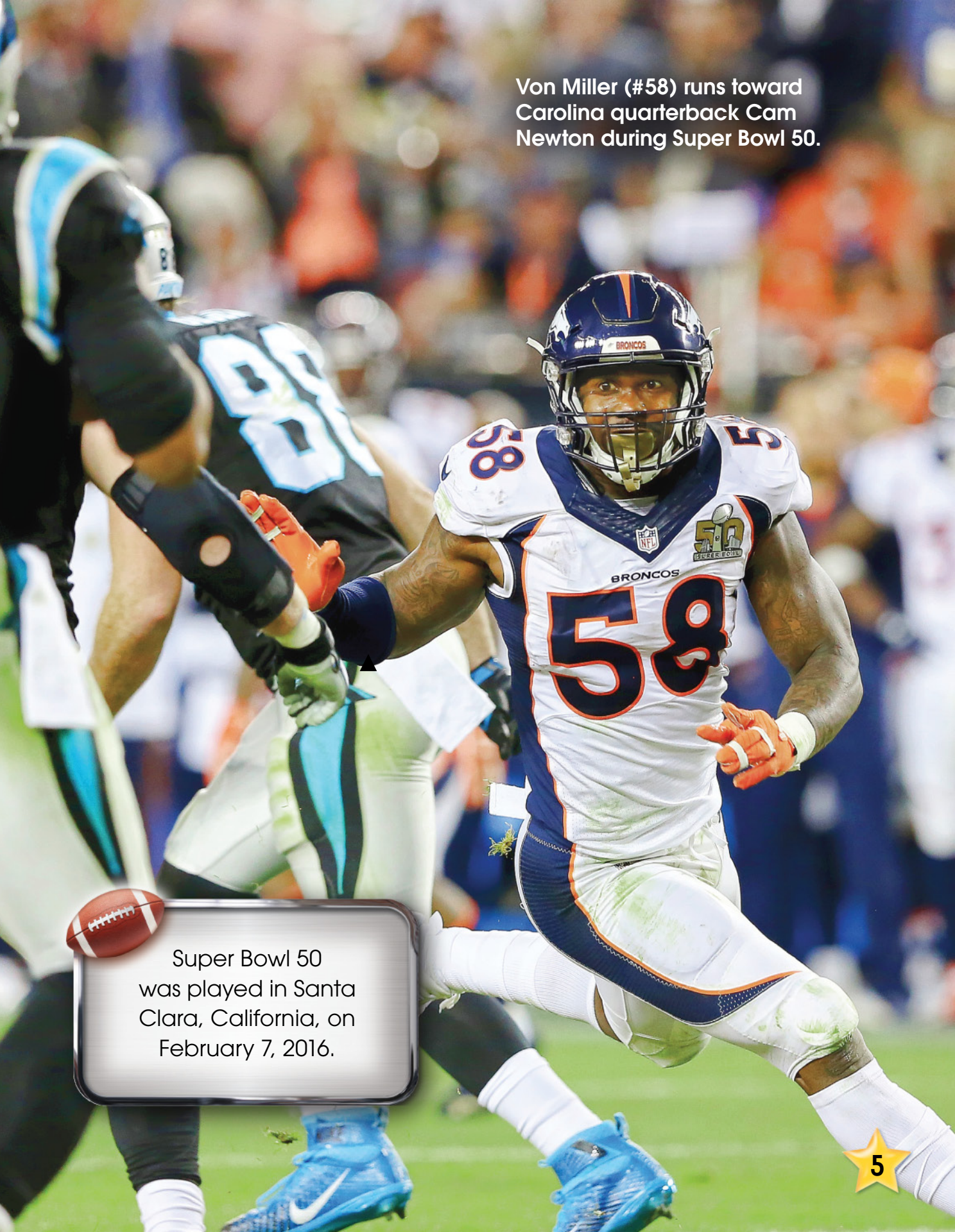
It was February 2016. **Linebacker** Von Miller and his Denver Broncos teammates were about to play the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 50. The Broncos had the best **defense** in the **NFL**, but the Panthers had the highest-scoring **offense**. Panthers **quarterback** Cam "Superman" Newton was strong, fast, and great at avoiding tacklers.

As the game began, Von focused on Newton. Would the young linebacker be able to tackle Superman?


Cam Newton throws a pass just before getting tackled during the Super Bowl.







Von Miller (#58) runs toward  
Carolina quarterback Cam  
Newton during Super Bowl 50.



Super Bowl 50  
was played in Santa  
Clara, California, on  
February 7, 2016.



# Young Von

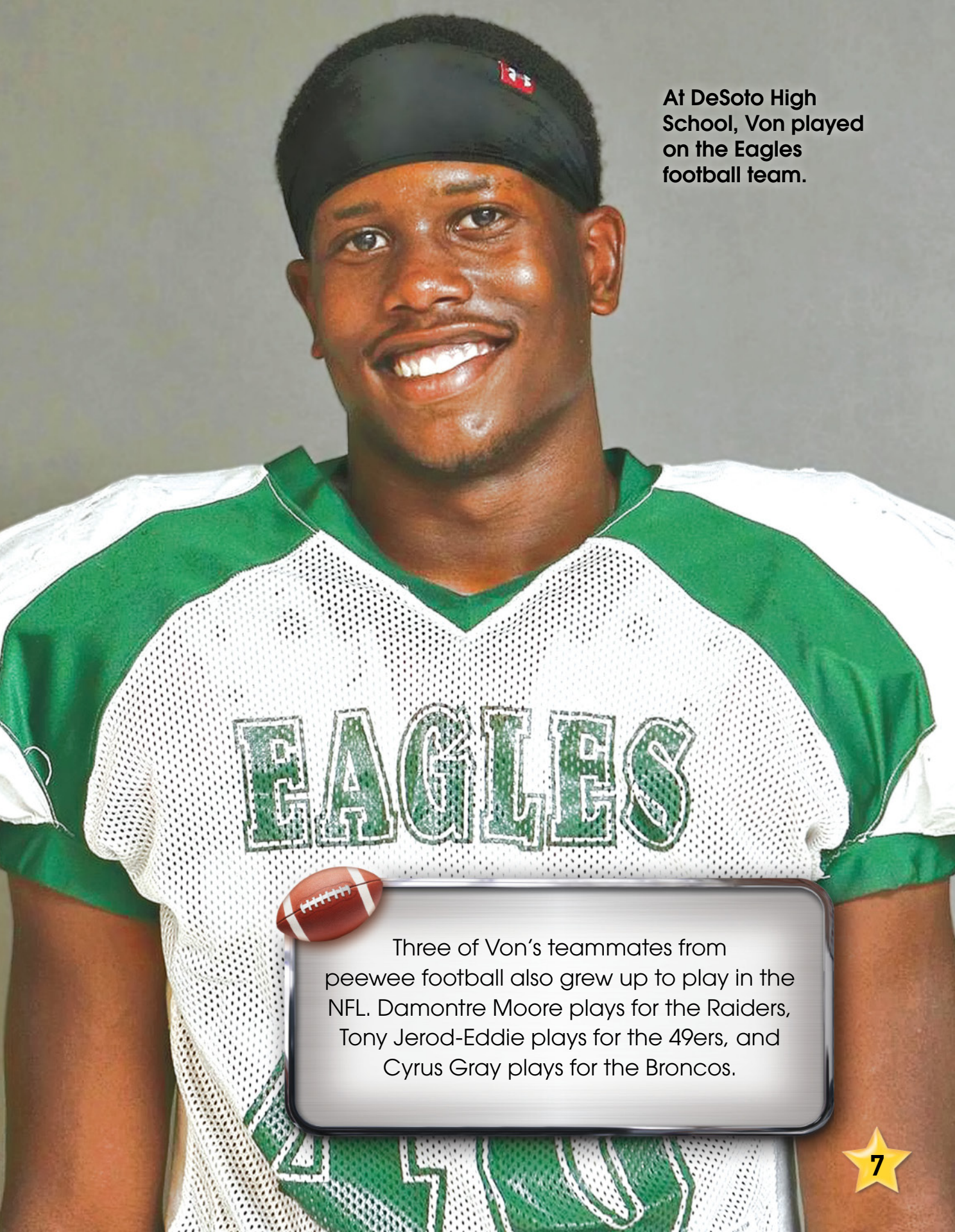
Vonnie B'Vsean Miller Jr. grew up in DeSoto, Texas. As a kid, Von was often teased because he wore thick glasses. In the fifth grade, he joined a peewee football team, and the teasing soon stopped. Why? Von showed his teammates that he could play very well even while wearing glasses.

When he got older, Von played defense on his high school's football team. He was so good at tackling that opponents often ran plays as far away from Von as possible! After high school, many colleges asked him to join their football teams. In 2007, Von chose to attend Texas A&M University.


Today, Von wears glasses off the field but uses contacts when he's playing football.







At DeSoto High School, Von played on the Eagles football team.



Three of Von's teammates from peewee football also grew up to play in the NFL. Damontre Moore plays for the Raiders, Tony Jerod-Eddie plays for the 49ers, and Cyrus Gray plays for the Broncos.