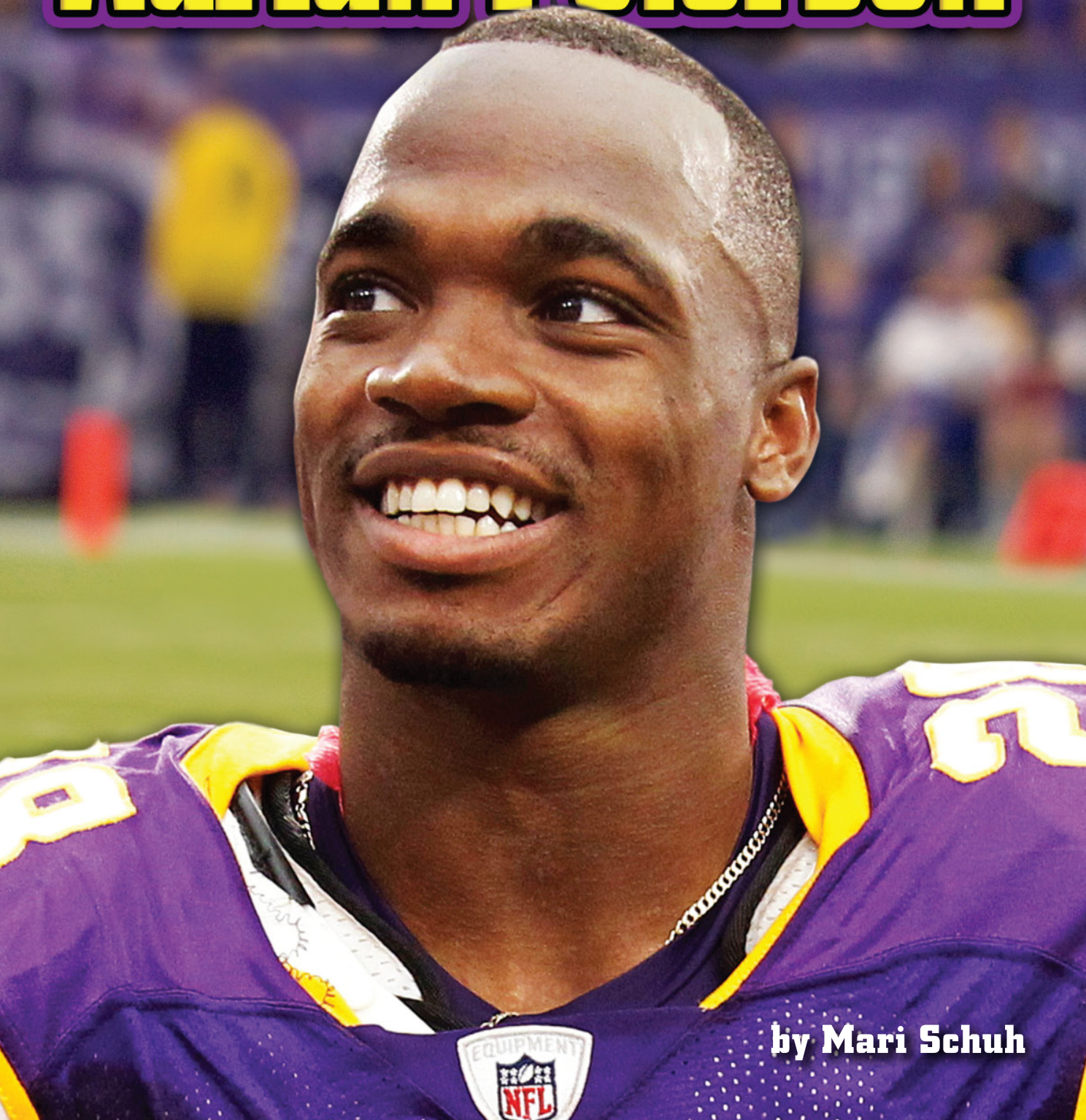




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Touchdown Time

It was November 4, 2007. The Minnesota Vikings lined up against the San Diego Chargers. The Vikings' quarterback handed the football to Adrian Peterson. Adrian gripped the ball tightly and **sprinted** down the field. The Chargers tried to **tackle** him, but Adrian was too fast and strong. Before the Chargers knew it, Adrian was in the **end zone**. He had scored a 46-yard (42 m) **touchdown**!



The Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis, where Adrian made his touchdown

The Vikings play in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Their stadium, which was built in 1982, is called the Metrodome.

A full-page action photograph of Adrian Peterson, a running back for the Minnesota Vikings, in his purple and gold uniform. He is wearing a purple Riddell helmet and is captured mid-stride, clutching a brown Wilson football with both hands. His jersey number, 28, is visible on his shoulder. The background is a blurred stadium crowd.

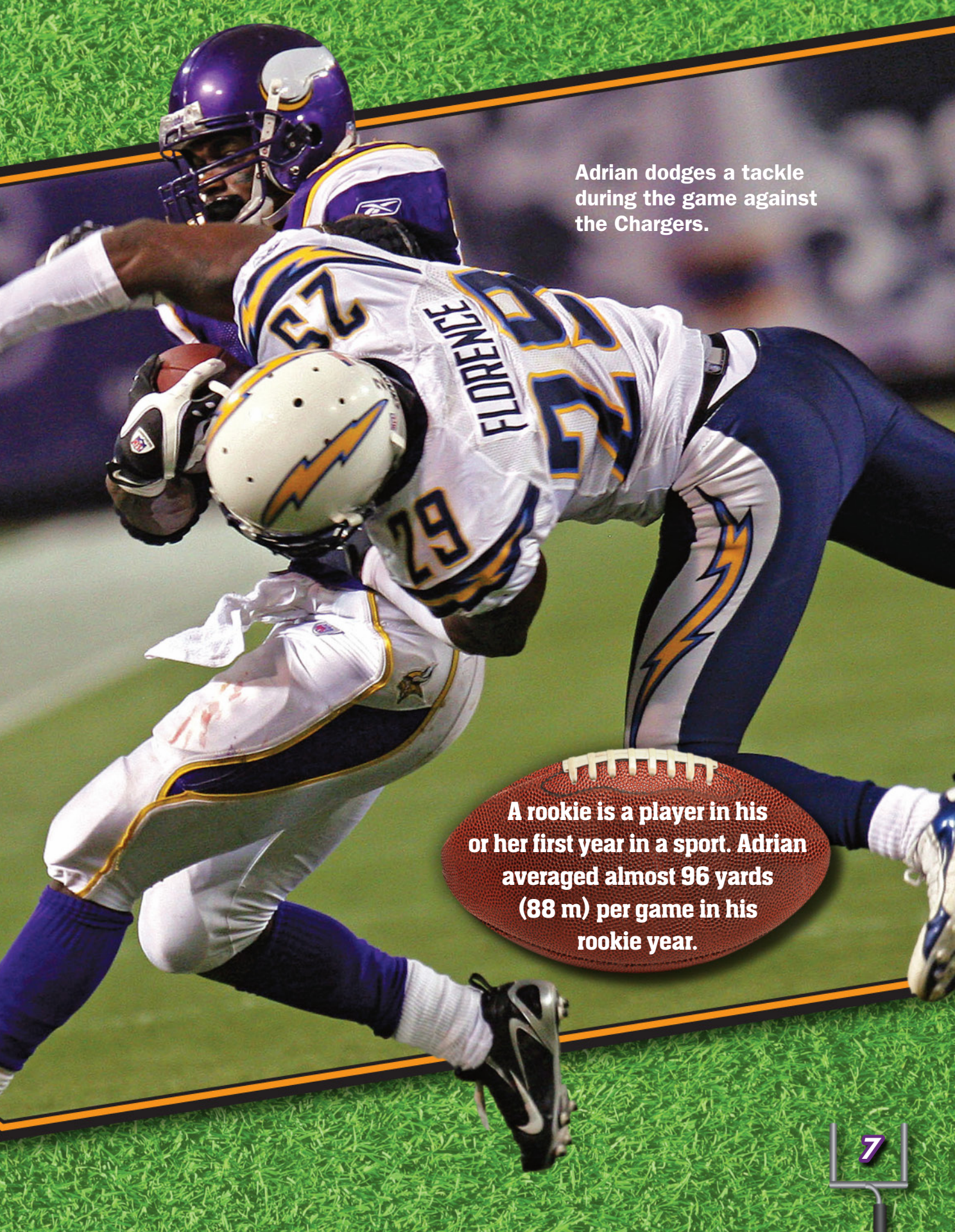
Adrian sprints past
Chargers players in the
November 2007 game.

Record-Breaking Running Back

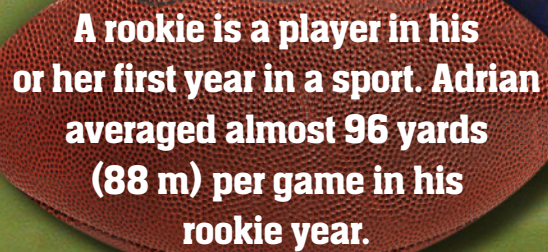
The Vikings went on to beat the Chargers 35–17. It was a record-breaking game for Adrian. He ran for 296 yards (271 m), setting an **NFL** record. No **running back** had ever run that many yards in one game before. Even more amazing, Adrian was a rookie. It was just his eighth game in the NFL.



Adrian meets
with young fans
in 2007.

A full-page action photograph of Adrian Florence, a running back for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, wearing a white jersey with blue and gold accents and the number 32. He is carrying the football and is being tackled from behind by a player in a purple jersey. Florence's name and number are visible on his jersey. The background is a blurred stadium scene.

Adrian dodges a tackle during the game against the Chargers.

A graphic of a brown football with white laces, positioned horizontally. Text is overlaid on the football.

A rookie is a player in his or her first year in a sport. Adrian averaged almost 96 yards (88 m) per game in his rookie year.

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Adrian Peterson

Running back Adrian Peterson knows what it's like to be a champion. From his earliest days on the field, he put in the extra effort to become a superstar player. As a rookie, Adrian rushed for 296 yards (271 m), setting a new NFL record! From that point on, he continued to dazzle fans with his incredible talent.

Look inside for a close-up look at the running back's inspiring journey from his childhood in Texas, through his college years at the University of Oklahoma, all the way to NFL stardom.

Tom Brady

Drew Brees

★ **Adrian Peterson**

Troy Polamalu

Aaron Rodgers

Tony Romo

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