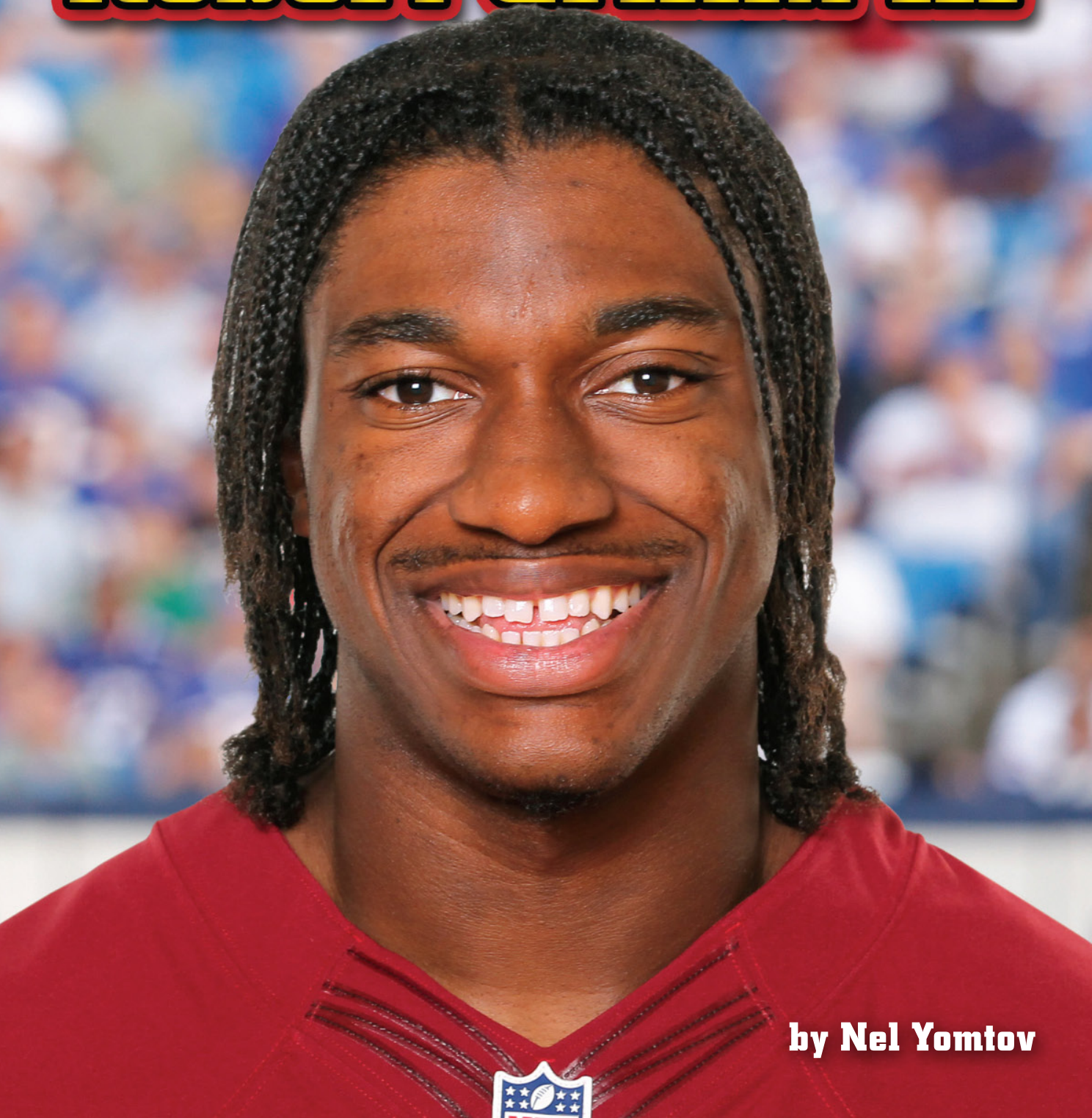




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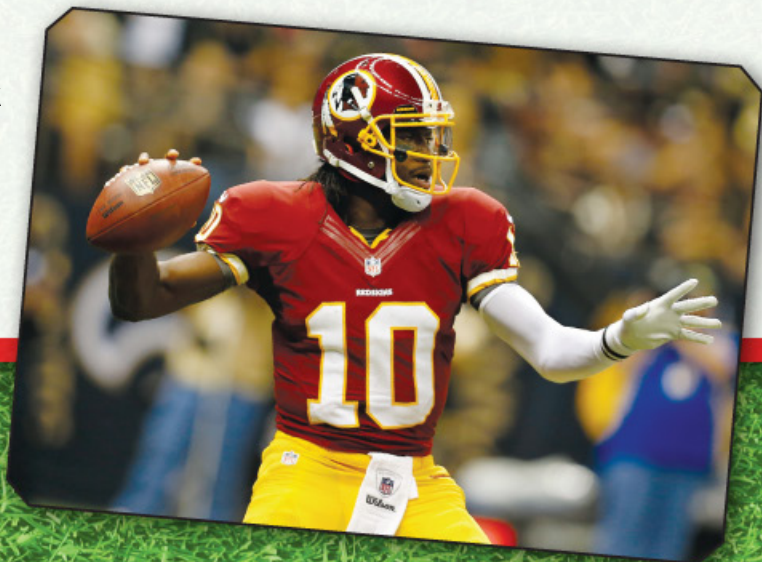
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A Shining Start

On September 9, 2012, the Washington Redskins lined up against the New Orleans Saints. It was the first **NFL** game for the Redskins' new **quarterback**, Robert Griffin III. In the first quarter, the Redskins were down 7–3. Robert took the **snap**. The Saints defense charged, but Robert stayed calm. He fired the ball to Redskins **receiver** Pierre Garçon. Pierre caught it and ran into the **end zone**. Robert had thrown his first **touchdown** pass in the NFL!

Robert drops back to throw a pass in the game against the Saints.



From his very first game in the NFL, it was clear that Robert was going to be a star.

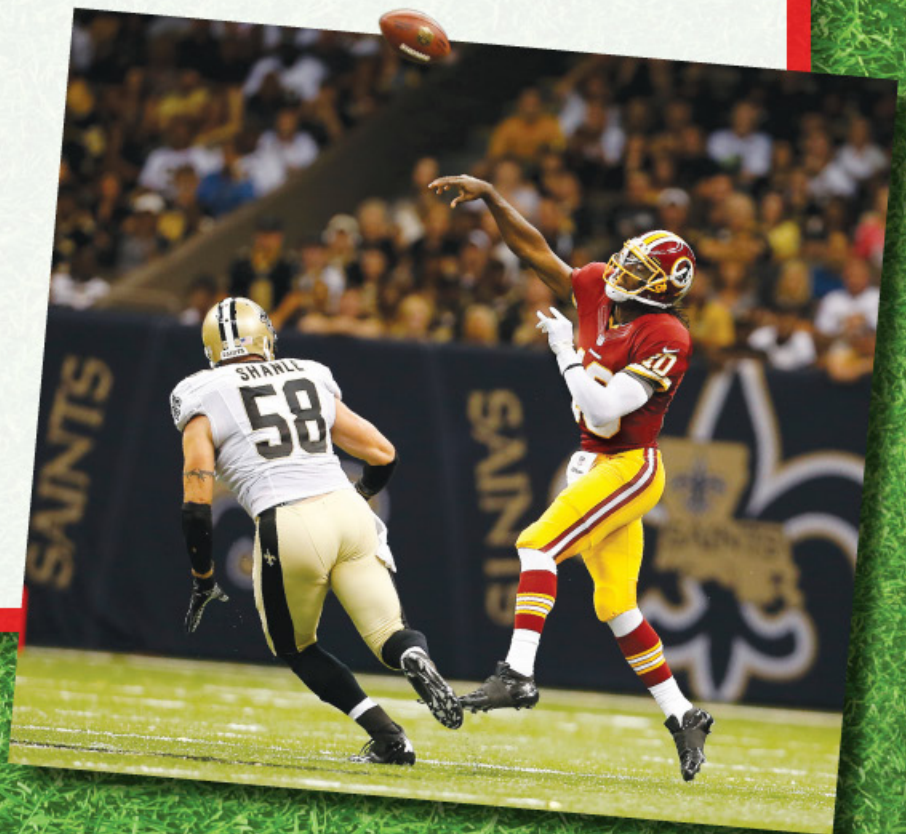


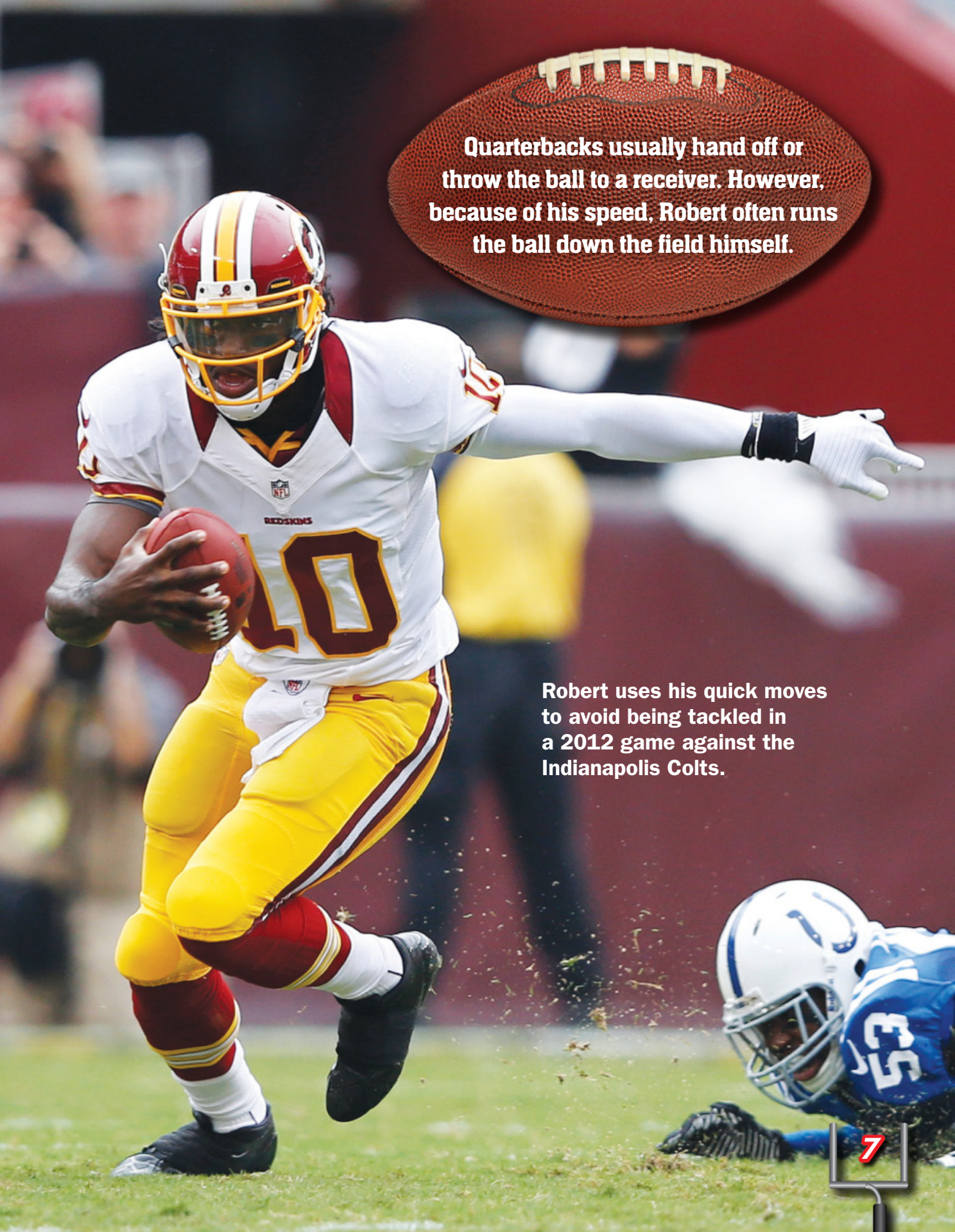
Robert's first touchdown pass was 88 yards (80 m) long! It gave the Redskins a 10-7 lead over the Saints.

Early-Season Troubles

In the second quarter, Robert made another touchdown pass. The Redskins ended up beating the Saints 40–32. Redskins fans now had big hopes for a winning 2012–2013 season. However, the Redskins struggled early on. They won only three of their first nine games. Could Robert help the team make a **comeback**?

Robert (right) threw two touchdowns and passed for 320 yards (293 m) against the Saints.



A full-page photograph of a Washington Redskins player, Robert Griffin III, running with the football. He is wearing a white jersey with the number 10 and yellow pants. He is being tackled by an Indianapolis Colts player in a blue uniform. The background is a blurred stadium scene.

Quarterbacks usually hand off or throw the ball to a receiver. However, because of his speed, Robert often runs the ball down the field himself.

Robert uses his quick moves to avoid being tackled in a 2012 game against the Indianapolis Colts.

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Robert Griffin III got off to a rough start during his rookie season with the Washington Redskins. At the beginning of the 2012–2013 season, the team had a disappointing 3–6 record. However, after Robert was chosen as team captain, he helped lead the Redskins to a spot in the playoffs!

Look inside to learn about Robert's inspiring journey from his childhood in Texas, through his college years at Baylor University, all the way to NFL stardom.

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