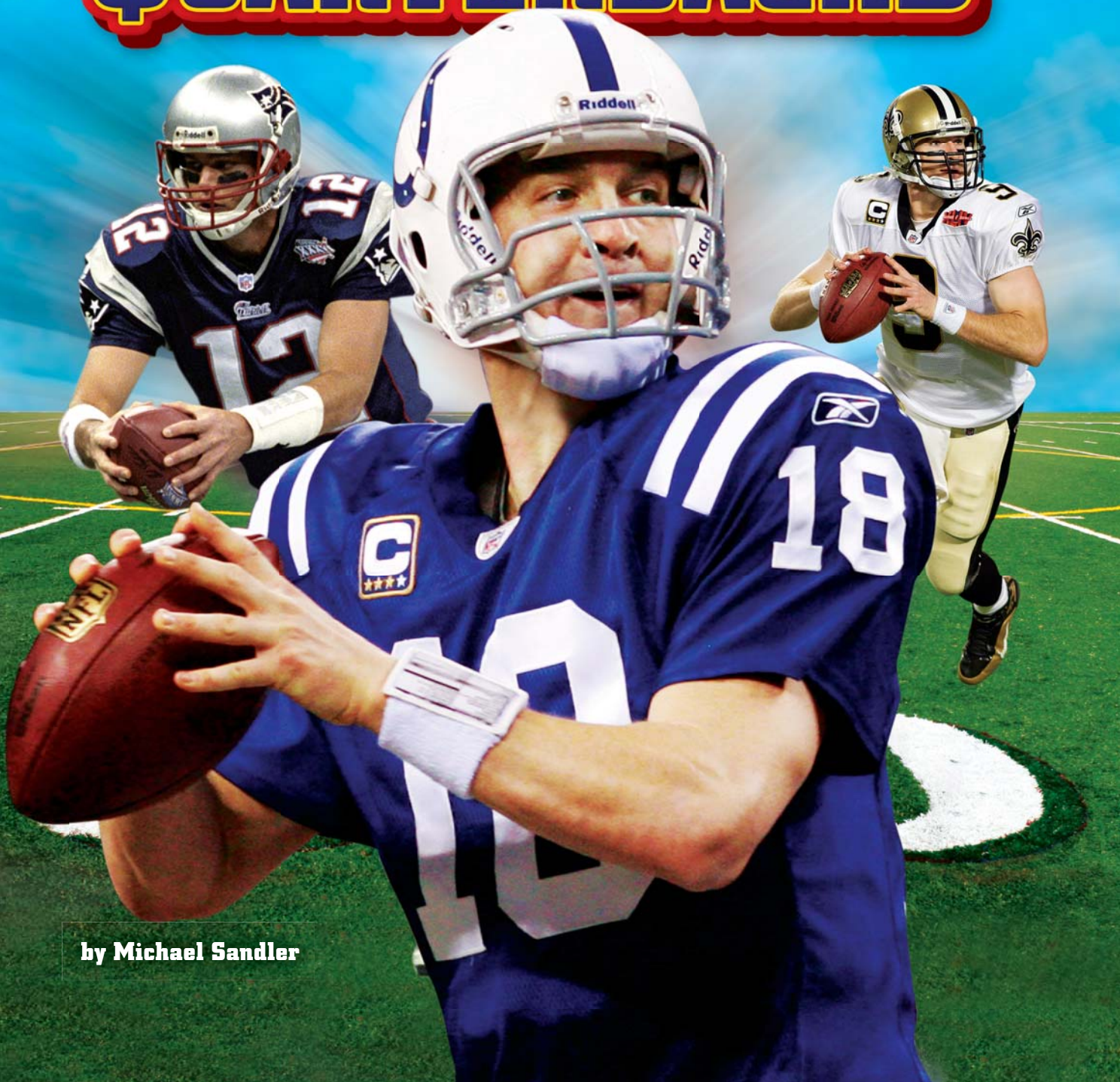




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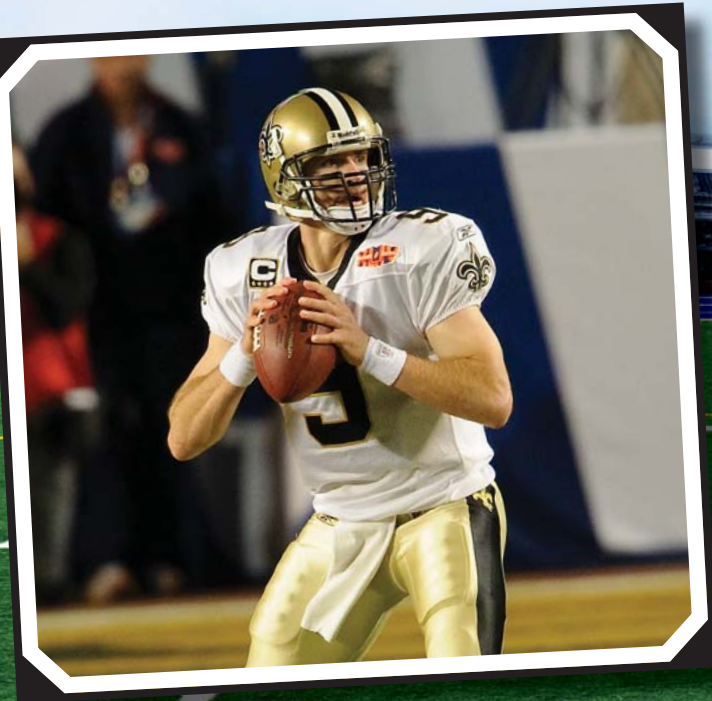
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MOST SPECTACULAR QUARTERBACKS

Professional quarterbacks are smart, brave, and athletic. They have to be. Their job—guiding an NFL team to victory—is one of the toughest and most complicated in all of sports.

Quarterbacks are the leaders of the **offensive team**. They are responsible for calling plays and making sure they're carried out. They have powerful arms that can accurately throw a ball. They can **scramble** and break free when a **sack** seems certain. The split-second decisions quarterbacks make while **defenders** are **rushing** in often mean the difference between a win and a loss.

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees looks to throw the ball during Super Bowl XLIV (44) in 2010.



The best quarterbacks need to be almost superhuman when the clock is ticking down and a touchdown is needed. Only the best can convince their teammates that there's still a chance to win and then go ahead and prove it.

In this book you'll meet the best of the best—Brett Favre, Drew Brees, Donovan McNabb, Tony Romo, Philip Rivers, Tom Brady, Aaron Rodgers, and Peyton Manning. It won't take long to see why they're considered the most spectacular quarterbacks in the NFL.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning calls a play.



Donovan McNabb (#5), now quarterback for the Washington Redskins, scrambles to break free during a game for the Philadelphia Eagles.



BRETT FAVRE #4

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Born: 10/10/1969 in Gulfport, Mississippi
Height: 6' 2" (1.88 m)

Weight: 222 pounds (101 kg)
College: Southern Mississippi
Pro Bowls: 11

Nobody wins like Brett Favre. From 1991 through 2009, he racked up an NFL record of 181 victories—50 more than any other **active** quarterback! Most of these wins came in the 16 seasons that he spent with the Green Bay Packers.

Brett retired from the NFL in 2008, but then quickly changed his mind. He loved football too much to quit. He returned to the game first with the New York Jets in 2008 and then with the Minnesota Vikings in 2009.

Incredibly, Brett's right arm still showed the same zip that it had when he'd entered the league nearly 20 years earlier. Behind its power, the Vikings made it into the 2009–2010 playoffs and a meeting with the Dallas Cowboys. How did the game with Dallas turn out? A win for Brett and Minnesota, naturally!

HIGHLIGHTS

1995–1996

Earned his first NFL Most Valuable Player Award (MVP)

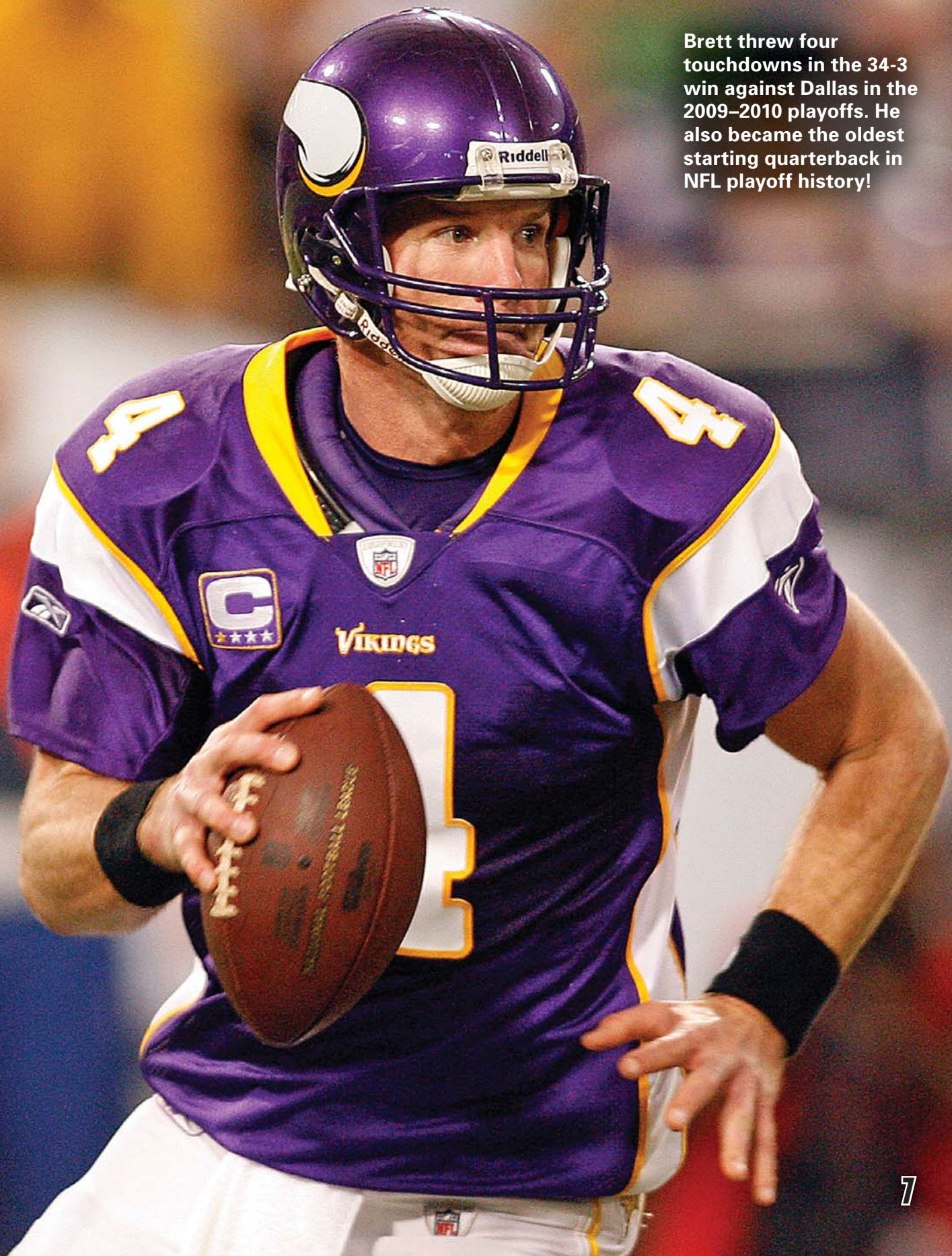
1996–1997

Led Green Bay to a 35-21 win over New England in Super Bowl XXXI (31); earned his second NFL MVP Award

2009–2010

Led the Vikings to a playoff win and a trip to the **NFC Championship Game**; threw for more than 4,000 yards (3,658 m) for the sixth time in his career

Brett threw four touchdowns in the 34-3 win against Dallas in the 2009-2010 playoffs. He also became the oldest starting quarterback in NFL playoff history!



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