



# ROB GRONSKI

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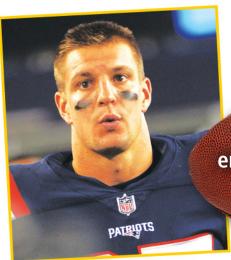
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### Touchdown!

It was 2016. The New England Patriots needed a big play. Rob "Gronk" Gronkowski sped toward the **end zone**. He saw the ball flying through the air and jumped. Gronk made an amazing catch. Then he dove in for a touchdown!



Gronk plays tight end. A tight end catches passes and blocks players.



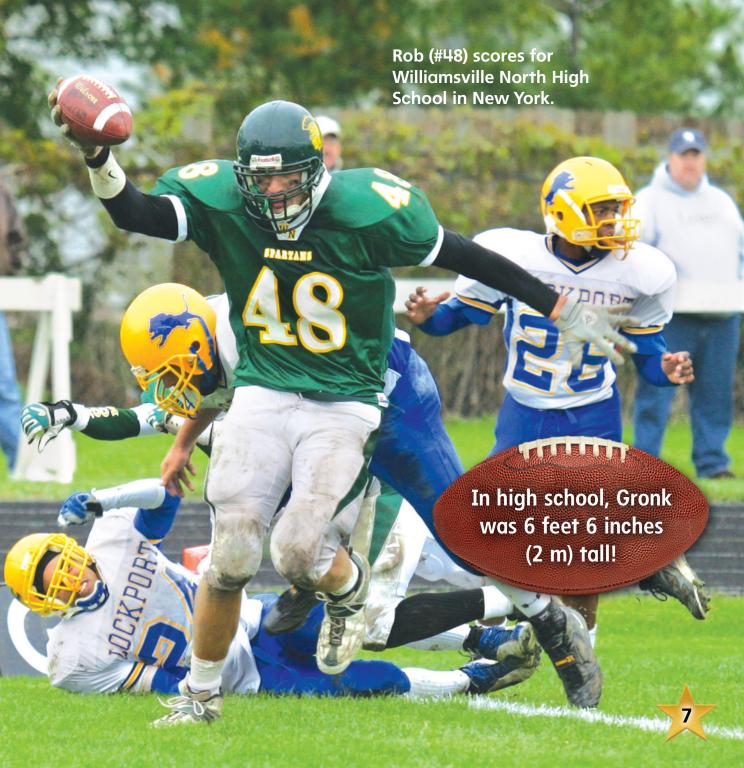


## **Busy Brothers**

Rob Gronkowski was born on May 14, 1989, in Amherst, New York. He and his four brothers loved sports. They played basketball, baseball, and football. "It was a blast!" said Gronk. By high school, Rob had become a star football player.



Rob with two of his brothers, Dan (left) and Chris (middle)



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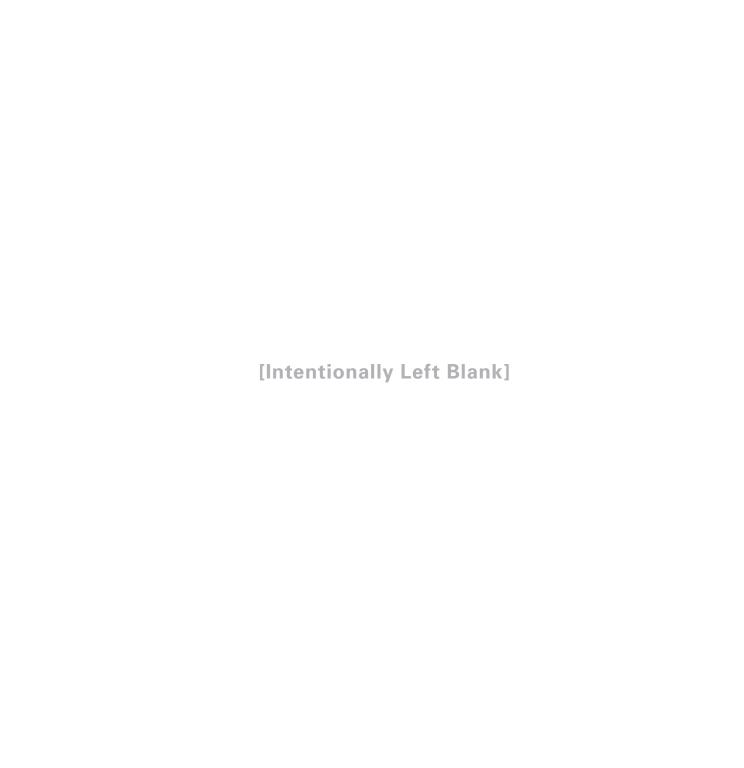
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Rob "Gronk" Gronkowski is a star on the football field. So how did this incredible tight end rise to the top? Look inside to learn all about Gronk's life, from his childhood all the way to NFL stardom!

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