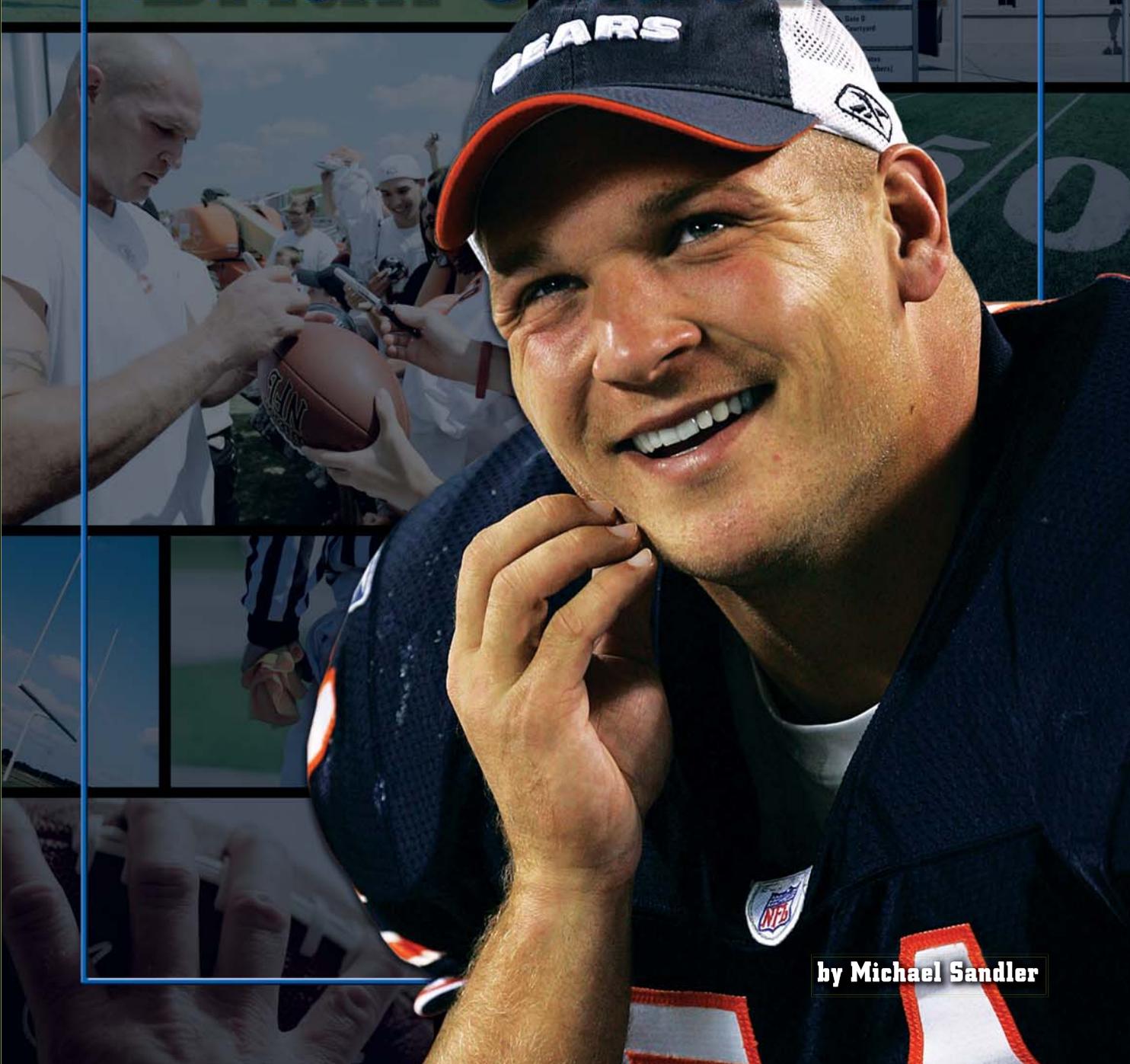


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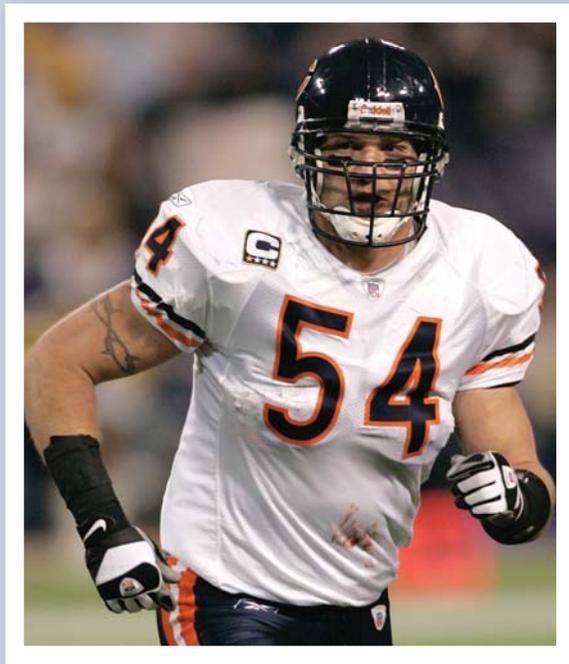


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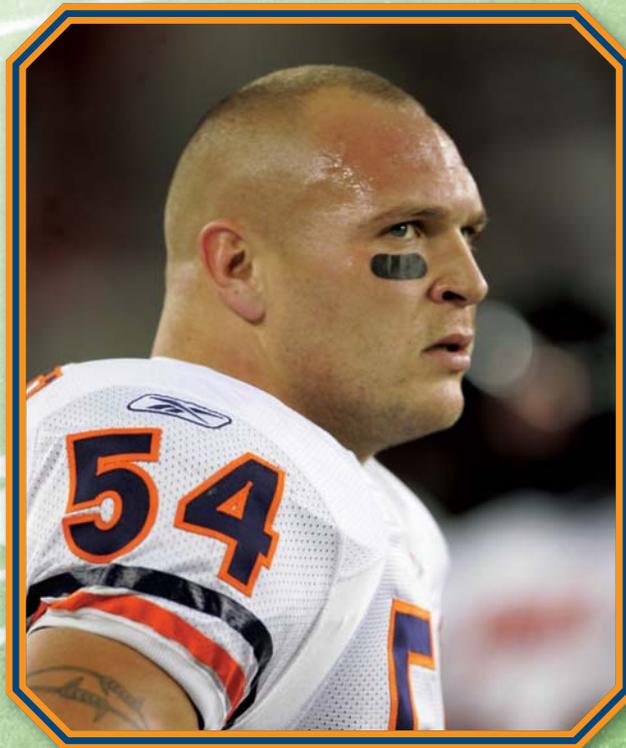
No Time to Lose

For the first five weeks of the 2006 season, the Chicago Bears couldn't lose. Their winning streak had fans dreaming of the Super Bowl.

However, Chicago's sixth game on October 16, 2006, was turning into a nightmare. They were losing, 23-3, to the Arizona Cardinals. With just a quarter left to play, Chicago's winning streak seemed close to an end.

Brian Urlacher, the Bears' big **linebacker**, wasn't happy about it. *This team is too good to lose like this*, he thought. Could one player make a difference and bring the team back? Brian was going to try.

Brian watches his team from the sidelines during the game on October 16, 2006.





In 2005, Brian had been voted NFL **Defensive** Player of the Year.

Brian (#54) unsuccessfully tries to tackle Arizona Cardinals receiver Anquan Boldin (#81).



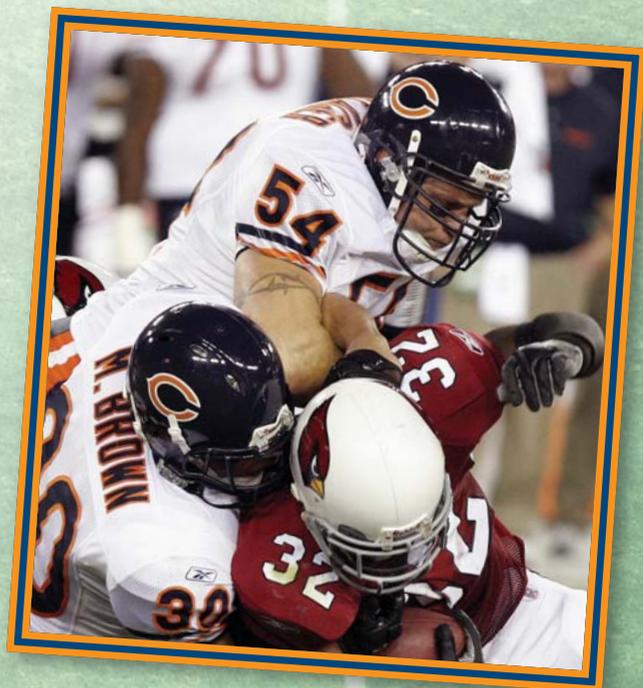
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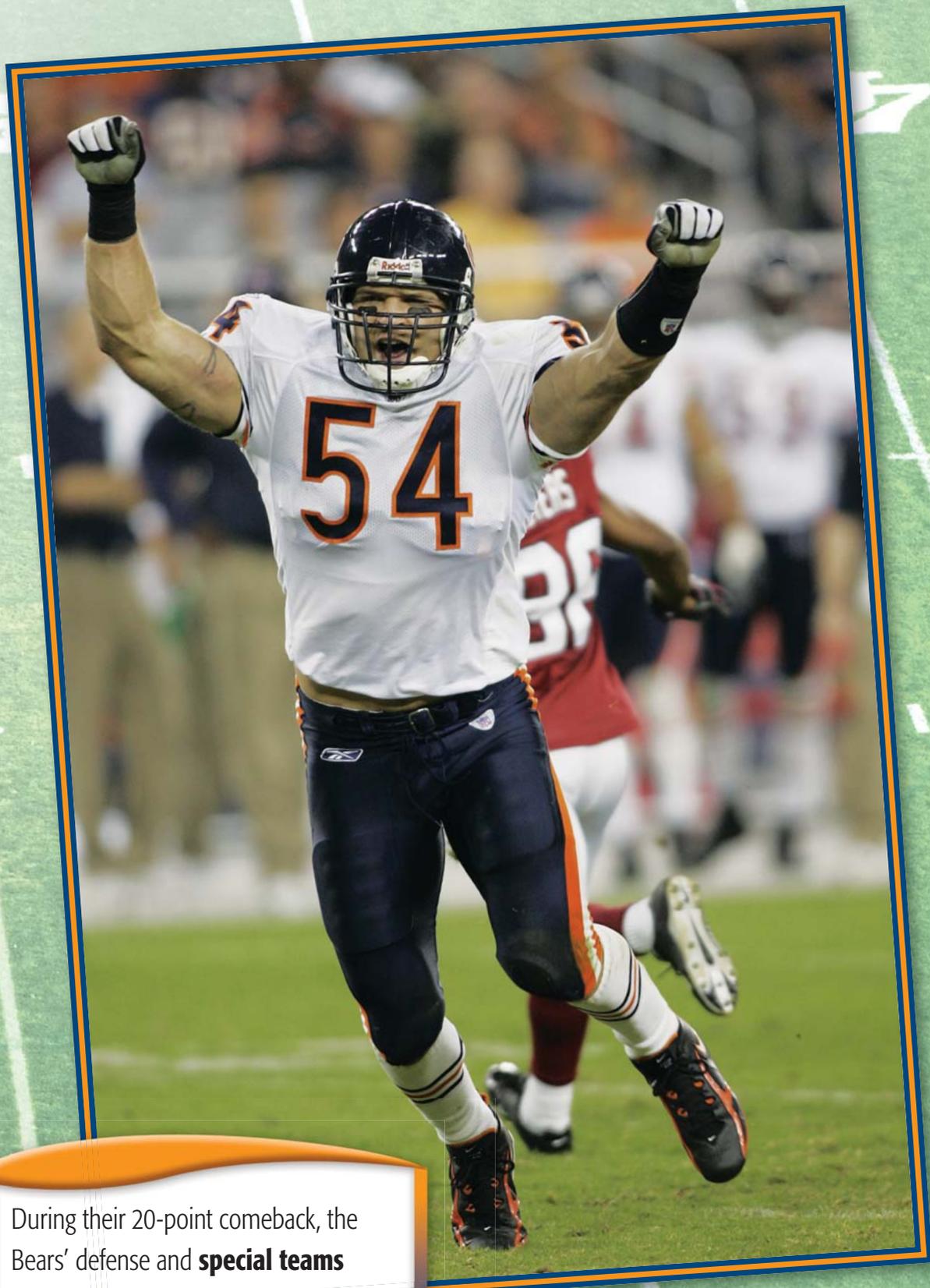
Brian took over the game. He **rushed** the Cardinals' quarterback. He made tackle after tackle. Soon his teammates followed his lead, turning a Cardinals **fumble** into a Chicago touchdown. The score was now 23-10.

Next, Brian ripped the ball loose from Arizona's Edgerrin James. Brian's teammate Charles Tillman scooped it up. He zoomed 40 yards (37 m) for another touchdown. Now it was 23-17.

Then, the Bears' defense forced Arizona to **punt**. Chicago's Devin Hester caught the ball and ran all the way into the **end zone**. Touchdown! Brian and the Bears had an amazing 24-23 win.

Brian (#54) and his teammate Mike Brown (#30) tackle Arizona's running back Edgerrin James (#32).





During their 20-point comeback, the Bears' defense and **special teams** scored all the touchdowns—an NFL first!



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As a hard-hitting linebacker for the Chicago Bears, All-Pro Brian Urlacher is out to strike fear in the hearts of the opposing players. His leadership has helped turn the Bears into a winning team. Off the field, Brian likes to make a difference, too. Every year, he donates time and money to the Special Olympics to help children with intellectual disabilities play sports. Follow Brian through the biggest moments of his career on and off the field to see how this champion makes a difference.

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