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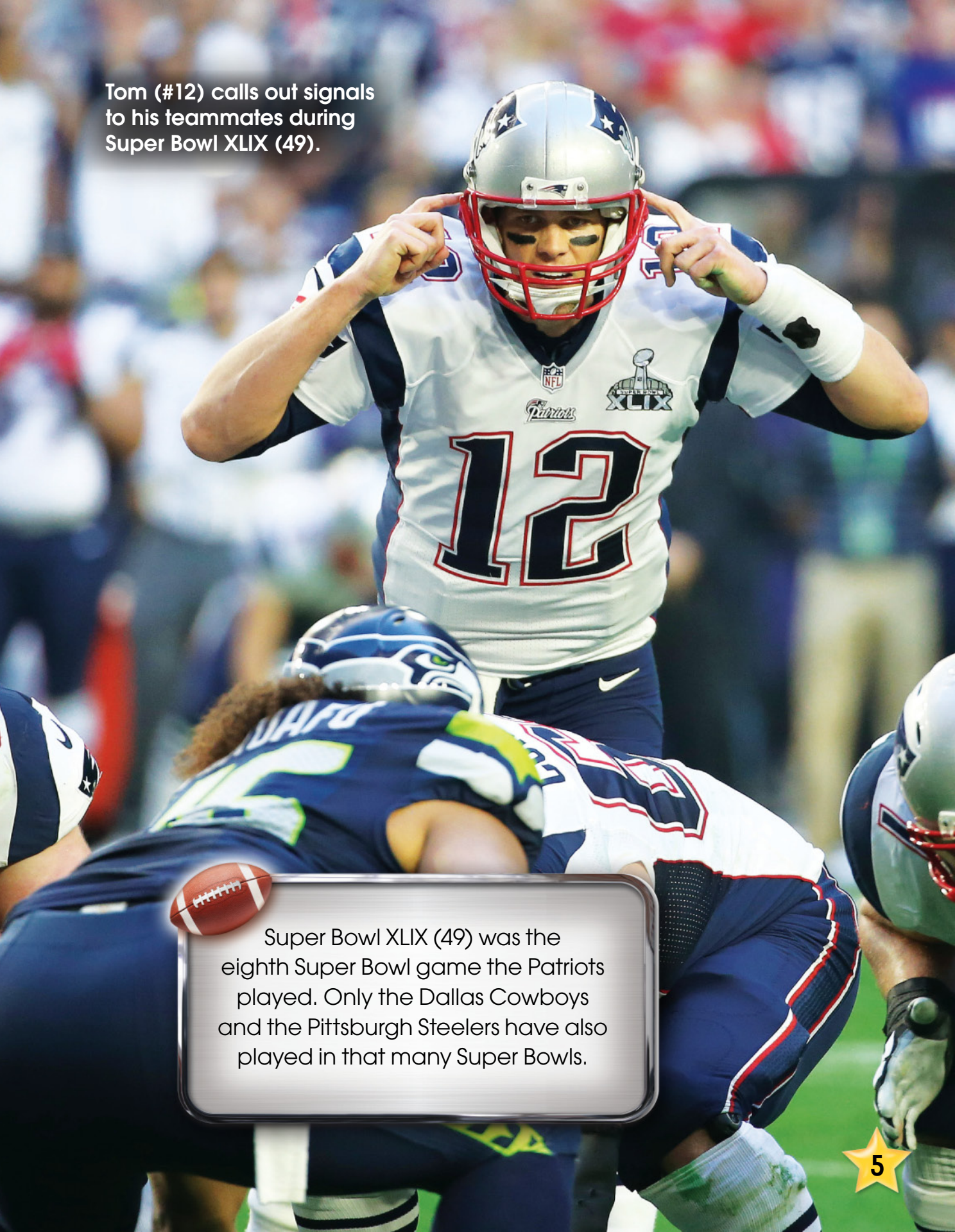
What It Takes

Quarterback Tom Brady looked up at the clock. Just over 12 minutes were left in Super Bowl XLIX (49). Tom's team, the New England Patriots, trailed the Seattle Seahawks 24–14. The Seahawks had the best **defense** in the **NFL**. A Patriots **comeback** seemed almost impossible.


Tom had faced tough moments like this before. In fact, he had led the Patriots to many Super Bowls. However, did Tom still have what it takes to win another Super Bowl championship?

Tom Brady looks for an open teammate during Super Bowl XLIX (49), on February 1, 2015.





Tom (#12) calls out signals to his teammates during Super Bowl XLIX (49).



Super Bowl XLIX (49) was the eighth Super Bowl game the Patriots played. Only the Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers have also played in that many Super Bowls.

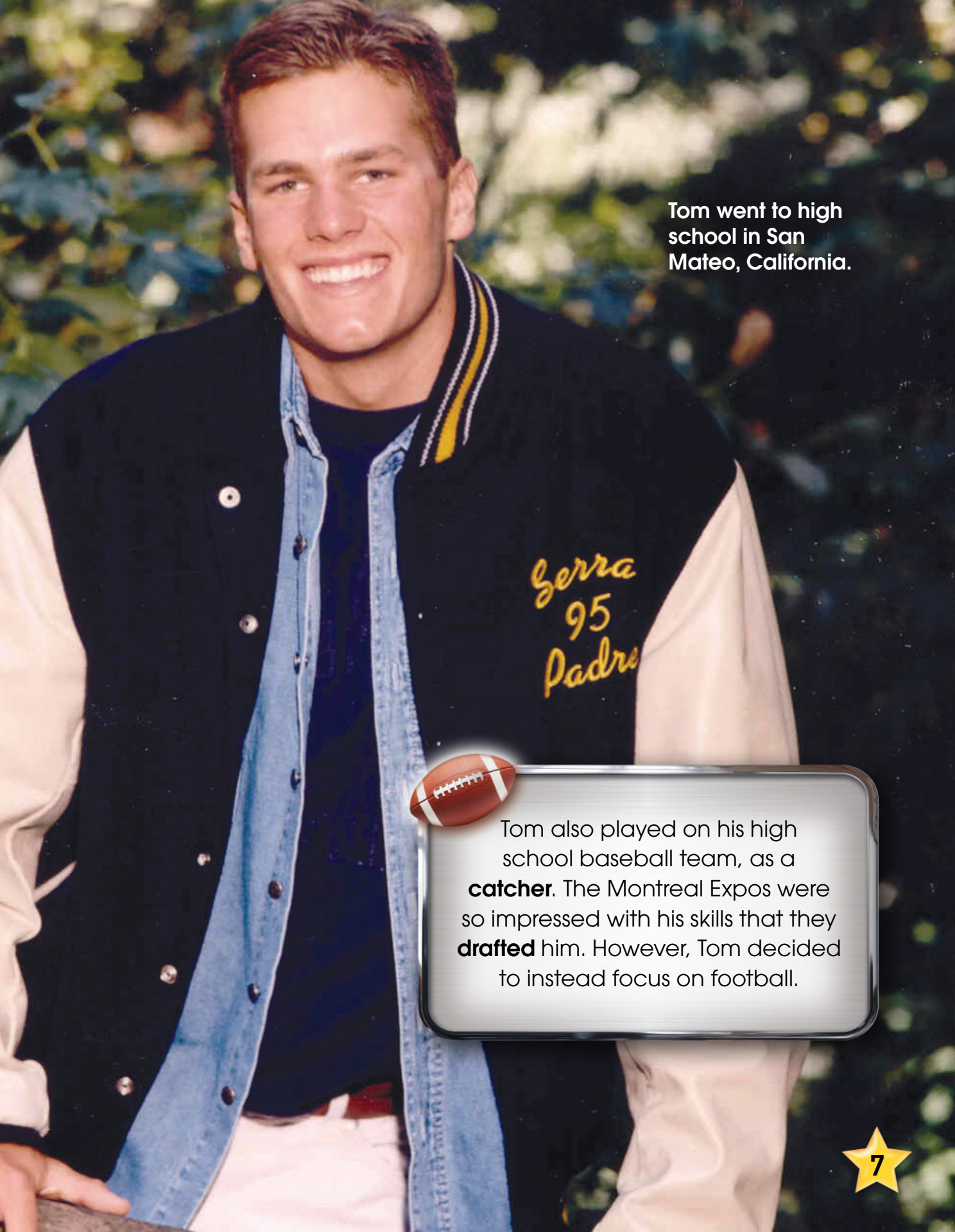
Getting Started

Tom has always loved football. As a child, his dream was to be a pro quarterback like his hero, Joe Montana. However, Tom's parents wouldn't let him play much. They thought the game was too rough.

Fortunately, Tom's parents eventually changed their minds, and he quickly proved to be an incredible talent on the field. Tom's strong arm helped him become one of the top high school quarterbacks in the country. In three seasons, he threw 31 touchdown passes for his team.



Quarterback Joe Montana, Tom's hero, led the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl wins.

A full-page photograph of Tom Gerra, a young man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a black and white varsity jacket with yellow and white stripes on the collar, over a blue denim shirt and a dark blue t-shirt. The jacket has "Gerra 95 Padre" embroidered in yellow on the left chest. He is standing outdoors with green foliage in the background.

Tom went to high school in San Mateo, California.



Tom also played on his high school baseball team, as a **catcher**. The Montreal Expos were so impressed with his skills that they **drafted** him. However, Tom decided to instead focus on football.

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The New England Patriots needed a comeback—and fast. The team was down 24–14 against the Seattle Seahawks, with only 12 minutes left in Super Bowl XLIX (49). Tom Brady, the Patriots’ star quarterback, had faced tough moments like this before. In fact, he’d led his team to several other Super Bowls. Yet, did Tom still have what it takes to win another Super Bowl championship?

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