



Super Bowl LVII was truly a game for the ages.

IT WAS A MATCH-UP between two very good teams with young quarterbacks who rose and shined on the biggest stage. However, as is the nature of competition, someone had to win. In this case, Patrick Mahomes led the Kansas City Chiefs past Jalen Hurts and the Philadelphia Eagles to win his second Super Bowl by a score of 38-35 with a last-second field goal to seal the game.

Patrick Mahomes's stats were rather pedestrian compared to his near superhuman talent. He threw for 182 yards and 3 touchdowns, but those numbers do not tell the entire story. He went 21/27 on his passes and led four drives in the second half, three of which ended in touchdowns and the fourth and final drive ending the game. All four drives happened after Mahomes hurt his ankle in the second quarter. To put it simply, he was deadly efficient and executed the plays from his hall-of-fame-bound head coach brilliantly.

However, it would be criminal not to give credit to the support staff Mahomes had around him. His offensive line was tasked with a herculean effort of holding off the ferocious defensive line that the Eagles possessed. When the time came, they answered the bell. Their quarterback was barely touched all game

and rarely pressured, allowing him to be as efficient as he was. They also paved the way for 158 rushing yards between Isaiah Pacheco, Jerick McKinnon, Skyy Moore, and Mahomes.

Their defense also played a stellar game besides giving up 35 points. They bowed their backs when needed, forcing the Eagles to kick two field goals instead of getting into the end zone. Linebacker Nick Bolton capitalized on a Hurts fumble and ran the ball back for a defensive touchdown, something he nearly accomplished twice if the refs hadn't ruled the second fumble an incomplete catch.

Hurts, who has always caught some criticism for not possessing some of the natural throwing talent as other quarterbacks, showed why he belongs among the crop of young and talented quarterbacks. Not only did Hurts throw for over 300 yards and 1 touchdown, but he was also his team's leading rusher with 70 yards and 3 touchdowns.

For all who watched the game, many would say that Hurts outplayed Mahomes, with some even going so far as to say that Hurts deserved MVP despite the loss. However, despite the fantastic play of the Eagles quarterback, the simple fact is that the Chiefs

offense looked unstoppable in the second half and the Eagles offense was stopped when they were forced to settle for three points instead of seven in the third quarter.

For the next month, many will argue that the defensive pass interference call at the end of the fourth quarter, which ultimately set the Chiefs up for their game-winning field goal, is a terrible call and the players should have been allowed to play. James Bradberry, the star cornerback who was penalized on the play, admitted after the game that the refs gave the right call despite his hopes that they had missed his grab. He owned up to his mistake, giving no one the right to complain about whether the call was right or wrong.

Despite the hall-of-fame-worthy start to his career, which includes two MVPs, three super bowl appearances, two super bowl wins, and two super bowl MVPs, it's still too early to tell whether Patrick Mahomes will ultimately take the title of GOAT (greatest of all time) from Tom Brady. However, if there was ever someone to bet on, it would be #15 in red and white.