

A Giant Upset!

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On Sunday February 3, 2008, the greatest football upset ever took place. The New England Patriots played the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLII.

The Patriots were favored heavily, but Eli Manning had been making the run of a lifetime in the playoffs. Randy Moss made as many touchdown catches as Eli Manning made touchdown throws. Eli had 23 touchdown passes. Despite what the stats sheet said, the Giants never gave up. In Super Bowl XLII the first half ended with the Patriots leading 7-3. The Giants defense miraculously hit Tom Brady almost every play, putting pressure on him like he had never seen in the regular season. Late in the fourth quarter, the Giants were down 14-10. They needed a touchdown to win. The Giants were driving down and eating up lots of clock like Pacman eats up lots of dots. During this drive, the greatest play in Super Bowl history took place. Eli Manning took the snap, and the Patriots rush attacked him. Right when he was going to be tackled, he escaped and scrambled. He heaved the ball downfield to David Tyree, who caught the ball with one hand and trapped it on his head all while being hit in mid-air. He held on to the ball. A few plays later, Plaxico Burress ran a route towards the sideline and caught the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. After that, the Giants defense shut Tom Brady down with time winding down, and the Giants became world champions.

Eli Manning won the Super Bowl MVP award and became the second Manning brother to win the MVP and Super Bowl. I thought a defensive player like Michael Strahan should have won it, but I guess a Super Bowl win was enough to make all of the Giants players happy along with their fans.