

# **Brady and Belichick**

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Overcoming adversity in life is no simple task. In life nothing will always go as planned, whether it's within your job, sports, or school. The New England Patriots, led by head coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady, may be one of the best teams able to overcome adversity in NFL history. The Patriots follow a very simple motto, which is "next man up." This means when someone is unable to play, the next player at that position is expected to step up and be prepared. This is very rare throughout the NFL. Often it is common to see a key player get injured and the team will struggle without them. With the recent loss of Julian Edelman for a key part of the regular season, Danny Amendola has stepped up and filled the role as Tom Brady's go to receiver. This depth in their roster has allowed the Patriots to maintain a consistent winning record throughout the seasons. Under the helm of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady, the Patriots have made six Super Bowl appearances and won four of them. The most recent Super Bowl win came in 2014 against the Seattle Seahawks. The New England offense was the underdog to the number one ranked defense of Seattle. With some of the top ranked players, such as Richard Sherman and Cam Chancellor, it was hard to imagine that receivers like Julian Edelman and Brandon LaFell would have much of an impact. However, you can never count the Patriots out, and once again they were able to have key players step up and get the job done. The game ended with a unexpected interception from Malcolm Butler and many questions for the head coach of the Seahawks, Pete Carroll.

This season, the Patriots lost a key player in Darrelle Revis, who made his return to the New York Jets. Many New England fans were concerned about how our defense would play without his help. His replacement, Malcolm Butler, would now be responsible for covering the best receivers week in and week out. Just as expected, Malcolm followed the motto and is now making his name as a top cornerback in the league. The reason the Patriots are capable of this is still not completely understood. This year Tom Brady has continued to shock the world with his magnificent play, no matter what receivers surround him. For us New England fans, we continue to love and support the Patriots through all the issues they face, because we know with Belichick and Brady still out there, we will always have a chance.