

## Past, future square off in Super Bowl LIII

■ Brady, Belichick and Patriots seek sixth ring, while McVay, Goff and Rams go for first

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It began in 2002, back when the Rams were in St. Louis and the Patriots were a plucky underdog standing in the way of a potential dynasty.

So much has changed.

This hasn't: Bill Belichick and Tom Brady.

The duo, every bit as formidable now as when they won that first title, face the Rams, now back in Los Angeles, in a Super Bowl rematch of sorts that pits the NFL's past against its future.

At 33, Sean McVay is the youngest Super Bowl coach. At 66, Bill Belichick has an NFL-record 30 playoff wins.

At 24, Jared Goff is the youngest quarterback to win the NFC championship. At 41, Brady will be the oldest quarterback to start a Super Bowl.

The Rams (15-3) are back in the Super Bowl for the first time since that meeting against the



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Rams quarterback Jared Goff passes against the Dallas Cowboys during their NFL divisional playoff game.

Patriots — and for the first time as the “Los Angeles Rams” since 1980, when they fell to the Steelers. The Patriots (13-5) are back for the third straight time — they lost

to Philly last year — the fourth in five seasons and the ninth since Belichick got the New England dynasty on track in the 2002 win over St. Louis.



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Patriots quarterback Tom Brady celebrates a touchdown during the first half of their NFL divisional playoff game against the Chargers.

The Rams duo of McVay and Goff has spent the past two seasons heralding the coming of a new age of football — one in which McVay's reimagined offense has dealt a

blow to the old, increasingly dated adage that teams ultimately must win championships with defense. The Rams have cracked 30 points

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## Tiger wrestling thumps Pioneers

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The La Grande Tigers wrestling team opened with three victories and closed on a seven-match winning streak to bury Greater Oregon League rival McLoughlin in a home dual Thursday, 66-9.

Spencer Gerst (220 pounds) and Colton Chase (285) opened the bout with a win by fall and a 5-3 decision, respectively, and a win by forfeit by Bella Gulzow (106) gave La Grande a 15-0 lead. Ezra McIntosh (120) and Braden Carson (126) earned pins to make it 27-3.

Mac-Hi snuck in one more victory before the Tigers ended the contest in emphatic fashion. A win by injury default by Casey McCall (138), a 5-2 decision by Brody MacMillian (145) and a pin by Keith Oswald (152)



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La Grande's Braden Carson, left, shown in this file photo, had one of the Tigers' 12 wins in their 66-9 dual victory over McLoughlin Thursday.

kicked off the onslaught. Hayden Shafer (160) and Parker Robinson (170) won by forfeit before Grayson

Livingston (182) and Christopher Woodworth (195) both won by fall to wrap up the victory.

Next up for the Tigers is the Class 4A Special District 4 tournament Feb. 8 and 9 in Madras.



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Belle Blair, shown in this file photo, had 10 points in Powder Valley's 42-36 win over La Grande Thursday.

## Badgers sneak by La Grande

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Logan Nedrow and Belle Blair both scored 10 points, and the Powder Valley Badgers girls basketball team knocked off the La Grande Tigers at home Thursday night, 42-36.

Megan Bingham added nine points for Powder Valley, which finished the regular season a perfect 8-0 at home.

The Badgers built an early five-point lead and went into the half up 21-17, then extended the margin

to seven after three quarters at 29-22.

Camryn Collman scored 16 points — nine in the fourth quarter in an attempt to spark a rally — to lead La Grande. Ella Dunlap added nine points. The loss dropped the Tigers to 1-6 in games when they've allowed 40 points or more.

Powder Valley (19-3 overall) travels to Pine Eagle Tuesday, while La Grande (11-6) hosts McLoughlin Saturday.

## Dates set for EOU football summer camps

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The Eastern Oregon football program set dates for its 2019 summer football camps, the school announced this week. The camps are for incoming ninth-through 12th-graders.

EOU's Big Man Camp takes place June 2. The 8-man Team Camp is set for June 16-19, and the 11-man Team

Camp will be July 15-18.

The Big Man and 11-man camps will be at EOU, while the 8-man camp will take place in Elgin.

Eastern will also host a youth football skills camp during the summer, through the date is still to be determined.

Cost for the Big Man Camp is \$75.

The 8-man camp is \$125, and the 11-man camp costs \$170 for day campers, and \$225 for overnights. There are also discounts if an athlete signs up with a team.

For more information and for registration forms, visit <https://eou.sports.com/news/2019/1/28/eou-football-announces-2019-camp-dates.aspx>



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