

Chiefs try for first Super Bowl repeat win in 16 years

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Do it again?  
Not in the NFL, at least not lately.  
Sunday, Feb. 7, the Kansas City Chiefs will be the latest franchise to attempt winning successive Super Bowls when they take on the Buccaneers. In Tampa, of all places. Against Tom Brady, of all people.  
It’s an achievement simply to get this far once again.  
“The thing I can see as a positive is the record, that we’ve persevered through some tough games,” Chiefs coach Andy Reid said, “and so the mental toughness to do that individually each week was important, knowing that you’re going to get people’s best shot, and there’s the respect factor.  
“They didn’t question each other, they didn’t question the coaches, they stayed focused and delivered. However, that falls in, I’m not sure how to categorize that, but I just think that might have been the biggest challenge. You’ve seen that with teams, when things aren’t going right, they just kind of fall apart there. Our guys have not done that, they all stuck together and trusted.”  
Only twice since the



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Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid, right, watches quarterback Patrick Mahomes warm up before a game earlier this year.

Patriots pulled off the most recent repeat in the 2003 and 2004 seasons has a champion gotten back to the big game. Seattle failed in the 2014 season — against New England, no less; remember Malcolm Butler’s goal-line interception? — and the Patriots in the 2017 season, the Super Bowl featuring the Philly Special.  
Super Bowl repeats once were relatively common. The first two went to the Lombardi Packers. Don Shula’s Dolphins soon replicated the feat, even throwing in a perfect season for 1972. And Pittsburgh’s Steel Curtain not only went back to back in the 1974 and ‘75 seasons, they did so again in 1978 and ‘79.  
We’re not done. The Bill Walsh/Joe Montana

49ers were the 1988 and ‘89 champions; Dallas and its Hall of Fame Triplets of Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin pulled off the double in 1992 and ‘93; then John Elway finished off his illustrious Broncos career with two straight NFL titles in 1997 and ‘98.  
But since Tom Brady took New England to the top 2003 and ‘04, nothing. “It’s hard, you know?” Brady has said — and he is heading to his record 10th Super Bowl.  
Brady led New England to its first NFL title in the 2001 season, a second-year backup until Drew Bledsoe suffered a chest injury in the second game of the schedule. After missing the playoffs entirely in 2002, the Patriots were primed for another championship challenge the next year. They put together a league-best 14-2 record sparked by the defense (238 points allowed, an NFL low) at a time when Brady was not yet an offensive force. That defense featured

one Pro Football Hall of Famer, cornerback Ty Law; a 2021 finalist for the hall, lineman Richard Seymour, and such other notables as Tedy Bruschi, Rodney Harrison, Willie McGinest and Mike Vrabel.  
But Brady was the man in a weird Super Bowl in Houston, when no points were scored in the opening or third quarter. But 61 points were packed into the other two periods, and Brady went 32 for 48 for 354 yards with three touchdowns and one interception.

10 sign on to play football for EOU

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LA GRANDE — Ten freshmen signed national letters of intent to come to La Grande and play football at Eastern Oregon University.  
EOU Mountaineers football and its head coach Tim Camp announced in a press release the 2021 recruiting class Thursday, Feb. 4. The 10 incoming student players will join the Mounties in the fall.  
“Our No. 1 priority in this unique year was recruiting our locker room, and taking care of the guys we already have on this roster,” Camp said in the press release. “The 2021 signing class is full of size, talent and academically motivated young men. The average GPA of our 2021 signing class is right around 3.50.”  
Five of the recruits are from Oregon, three from Washington and one each from Idaho and Nevada. The following are the 2021 Mountaineers football signing class.  
• Hayden Bass, Eugene — Bass, 6 feet, 5 inches tall, 285 pounds, was a multiple-year letterwinner at Sheldon High School, which won conference championships in 2018 and 2019.  
• Trey Darden, Dufur — Darden, 6 feet, 5 inches tall, 235 pounds, was a multiple-year letterwinner at Dufur High School. In his junior season in 2019, Darden garnered second team all-state honors at defensive line.  
• Ramsey Hering, Banks — Hering, 6 feet, 2 inches tall, 265 pounds, played his high school football at Banks High School. He was a three-year varsity letterwinner and competed and lettered in wrestling for three seasons.  
• Tyler Exline, Banks — Exline, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, 225 pounds, joins high school teammate Hering in coming to EOU from Banks High School, where he was a three-year varsity letterwinner. He also competed and lettered in basketball for two seasons.

• Tristan Lee, Klamath Falls — Lee, 6 feet, 3 inches tall, 195 pounds, was a three-year varsity letterwinner at Mazama High School. He was named the Skyline Conference Offensive Player of the Year one season and earned honorable mention all-state honors at quarterback and defensive back.  
• Caden Beazley, Manson, Washington — Beazley, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 185 pounds, was a three-year letterwinner at Manson High School, where he played running back and linebacker. In his junior season, Beazley rushed for 1,350 yards and had a total yardage of 1,685.  
• Eti Ena Jr., Cheney, Washington — Ena Jr., 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 225 pounds, was a three-year varsity letterwinner at Cheney High School and earned honorable mention all-conference one season. He also competed and lettered in track and field for three seasons.  
• Max Prazer, Orondo, Washington — Prazer, 6 feet tall, 215 pounds, played his high school football at Eastmont High School, where he was a three-year letterwinner and a team captain in his final two seasons. Prazer was named first team all-league as a junior and the league’s best defensive lineman.  
• Tanner Nett, Boise, Idaho — Nett, 6 feet, 5 inches tall, 300 pounds, played for Borah High School and will play football and compete in track and field at EOU. In football at Borah, he was a two-time all-state selection, earning first team honors as a junior and second team accolades as a senior.  
• Anthony Peterson, Winnemucca, Nevada — Peterson, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, 190 pounds, heads to Eastern Oregon from Nevada where he played at Albert M. Lowry High School. He competed in football, wrestling and track and field. Peterson was a two-time all-league selection at running back in 2019 and 2020.

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