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Philadelphia Eagles' Corey Clement celebrates his touchdown catch during the second half of the Super Bowl against the New England Patriots Sunday in Minneapolis. (AP photo)

Eagles Win Epic Super Bowl

Backup quarterback leads team to title

(AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles won an epic shootout over the Patriots Sunday in Minneapolis, Minn. to win the franchise's first Super Bowl.

Nick Foles was able to outscore Tom Brady, and the backup quarterback led a pressure-packed 75-yard drive to the winning touchdown to Zach Ertz with just over two minutes left.

Then a defense that had been shredded throughout the second half made two final stands to win 41-33.

It was the first Super Bowl title for Philadelphia (16-3), which went from 7-9 last season to the franchise's first NFL title since 1960.

The underdog Eagles, even injured starting quarterback Carson Wentz, came bolting off the sideline in ecstasy while Brady sat on the ground, disconsolate.

"If there's a word (it's) called everything," Eagles owner Jeffrey

Lurie said. "That's what it means to Eagles fans everywhere. And for Eagles fans everywhere, this is for them."

Super Bowl MVP Foles orchestrated the victory with the kind of drive NFL MVP Brady, a five-time champion, is known for. The drive covered 14 plays, including a fourth-down conversion.

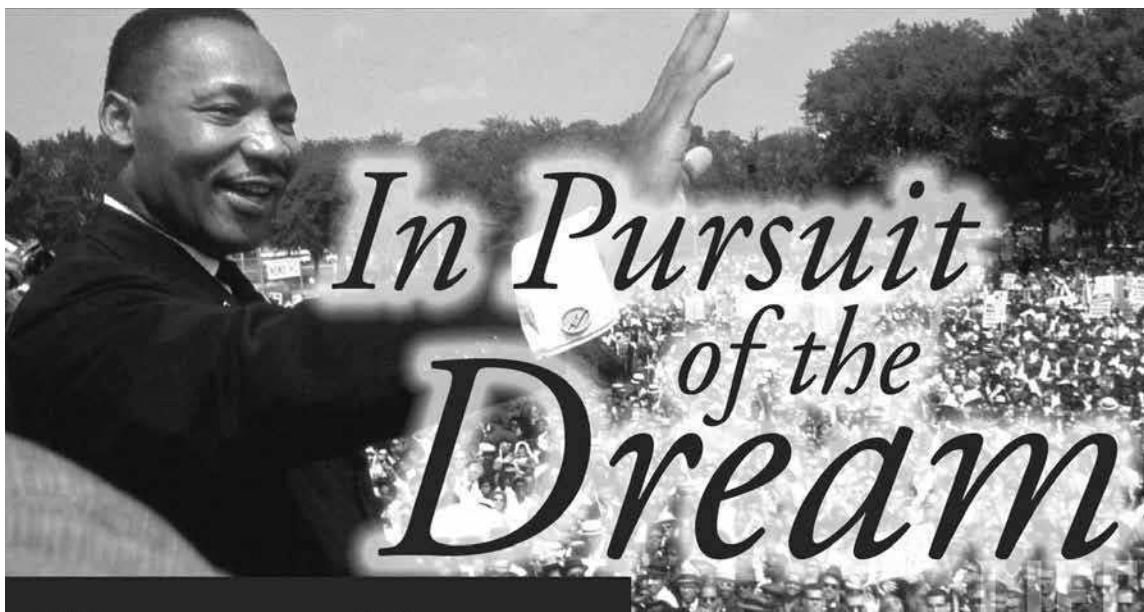
"I felt calm. I mean, we have such a great group of guys, such a great coaching staff," Foles said. "We felt confident coming in, and we just went out there and played football."

The Eagles had to survive a video replay because Ertz had the ball pop into the air as he crossed the goal line.

"If they would have overturned that, I don't know what would have happened to the city of Philadelphia," Ertz said. "But I'm so glad they didn't overturn it."

The touchdown stood — and so did thousands of green-clad Eagles fans who weren't going to mind the frigid conditions outside US Bank Stadium once they headed out to celebrate. But not before a rousing rendition of "Fly Eagles Fly" reverberated throughout the stands once

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