

AFC CHAMPION • NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

SUPER BOWL XLIX

NFC CHAMPION • SEATTLE SEAHAWKS



Regular-season • Postseason stats

OFFENSE

Total yards (avg.):	365.5
Passing	257.6
Rushing	107.9

Postseason: 409.5

314.0	95.5
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First downs: (361)

Rushing	96
Passing	228
Penalty	37

Postseason: (57)

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DEFENSE

Yards allowed (avg.):	344.1
Passing	239.8
Rushing	104.3

Postseason: 318.5

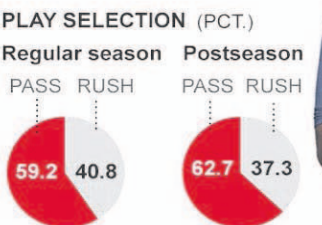
209.0	109.5
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SCORING (PPG)

29.2	Points for
19.6	Points allowed

Postseason

40.0	Points for
19.0	Points allowed



COACHES' CORNER

Bill Belichick

Career record (Reg. season)
W 211 L 109
Super Bowl W3 L2

Surpassed Tom Landry's mark for postseason victories (21). Regardless of the findings of the NFL's probe into under-inflated footballs in the AFC championship contest, he is known as an innovator. Finds new ways to exploit the opposition.



Julian Edelman was seventh-round draft pick gradually grew into top offensive threat as playing time increased after WR Wes Welker signed with Denver. Former college QB threw 51-yard TD pass to Danny Amendola in 35-31 divisional playoff win over Baltimore.

Constructing a contender

Team makeup

Current 53-man roster

Draft	24
Trades	3
Free agents	27

RED ZONE

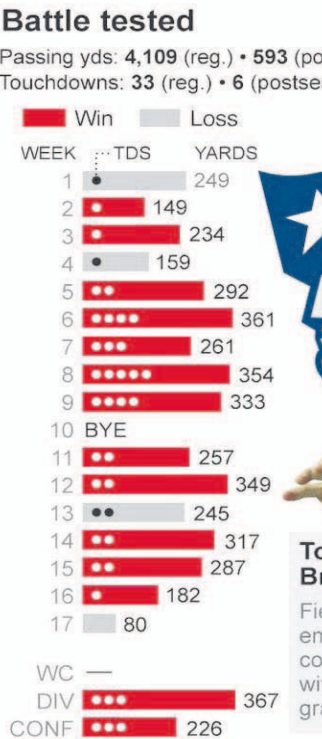
Production inside the 20-yard line, includes postseason:

OFFENSE

Touchdowns	62.3%
Field goals	29.9%
No score	7.8%

DEFENSE

Touchdowns	51.9%
Field goals	38.5%
No score	9.6%



Familiar territory for No.1s

Super Bowl XLIX matches each conference's top seed for the second consecutive year as the defending champion Seahawks represent the NFC in going up against the AFC champion Patriots. This will be New England's eighth Super Bowl appearance (3-4) while Seattle is in its third title game (1-1).

Seattle seeks to become the first repeat winner since the Patriots managed it a decade ago. A victory would stamp these Seahawks as an all-time great team, particularly having beaten Peyton Manning and Brady in successive Super Bowls. The Seahawks also come off a mediocre performance in the NFC title game, which should spur them on.

New England, of course, doesn't want to add a stigma of Super Bowl loser by dropping three in a row after winning in its first three trips with Brady and Belichick. Brady can equal Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana with four Super Bowl rings, while Belichick can tie Chuck Noll with four.

University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz. • Sun. • 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

Key component

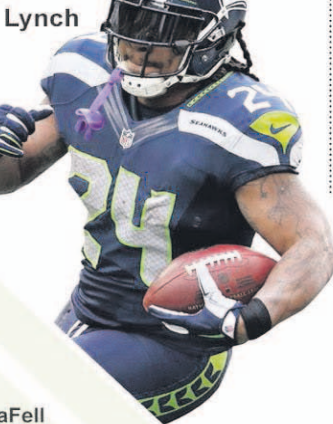
LeGarrette Blount, among others, takes turns carrying the ball. Arrived from Pittsburgh in Week 12. After a stellar performance in the AFC Championship game, Blount, a powerful runner with surprising agility and elusiveness, appears to be the feature back.

Regular season (RUSHING)				
CAR	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
60	281	4.7	34	3
Postseason				
33	149	4.5	22	3

Unleashing the 'Beast'

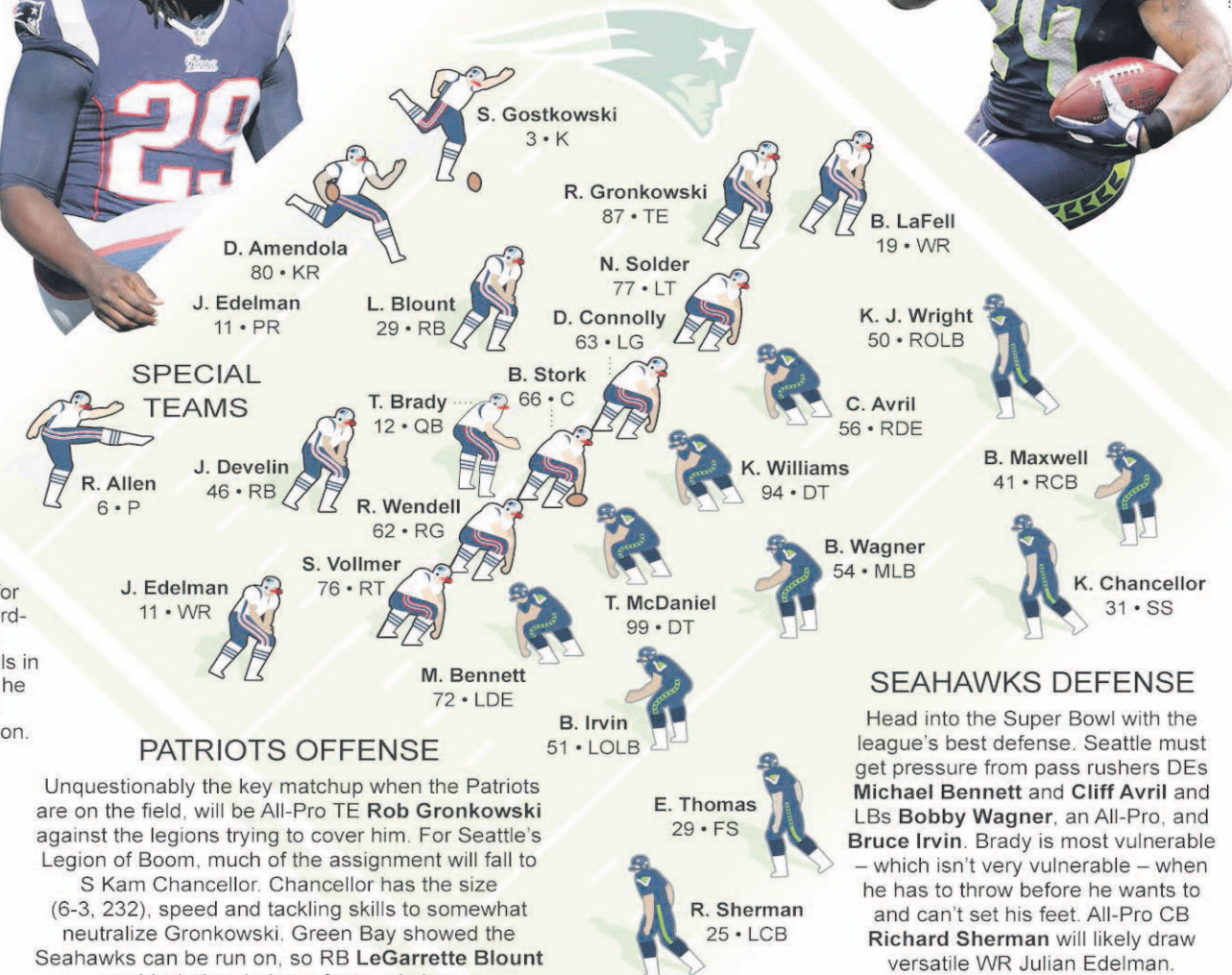
Marshawn "Beast Mode" Lynch will try to impose his will on a solid but not overwhelming defense. If Lynch is slowed, that leaves the onus for running on QB Russell Wilson. Also a threat as a receiver out of backfield.

Regular season (RUSHING)				
CAR	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
280	1,306	4.7	79	13
Postseason				
39	216	5.5	25	1



Blount

Lynch

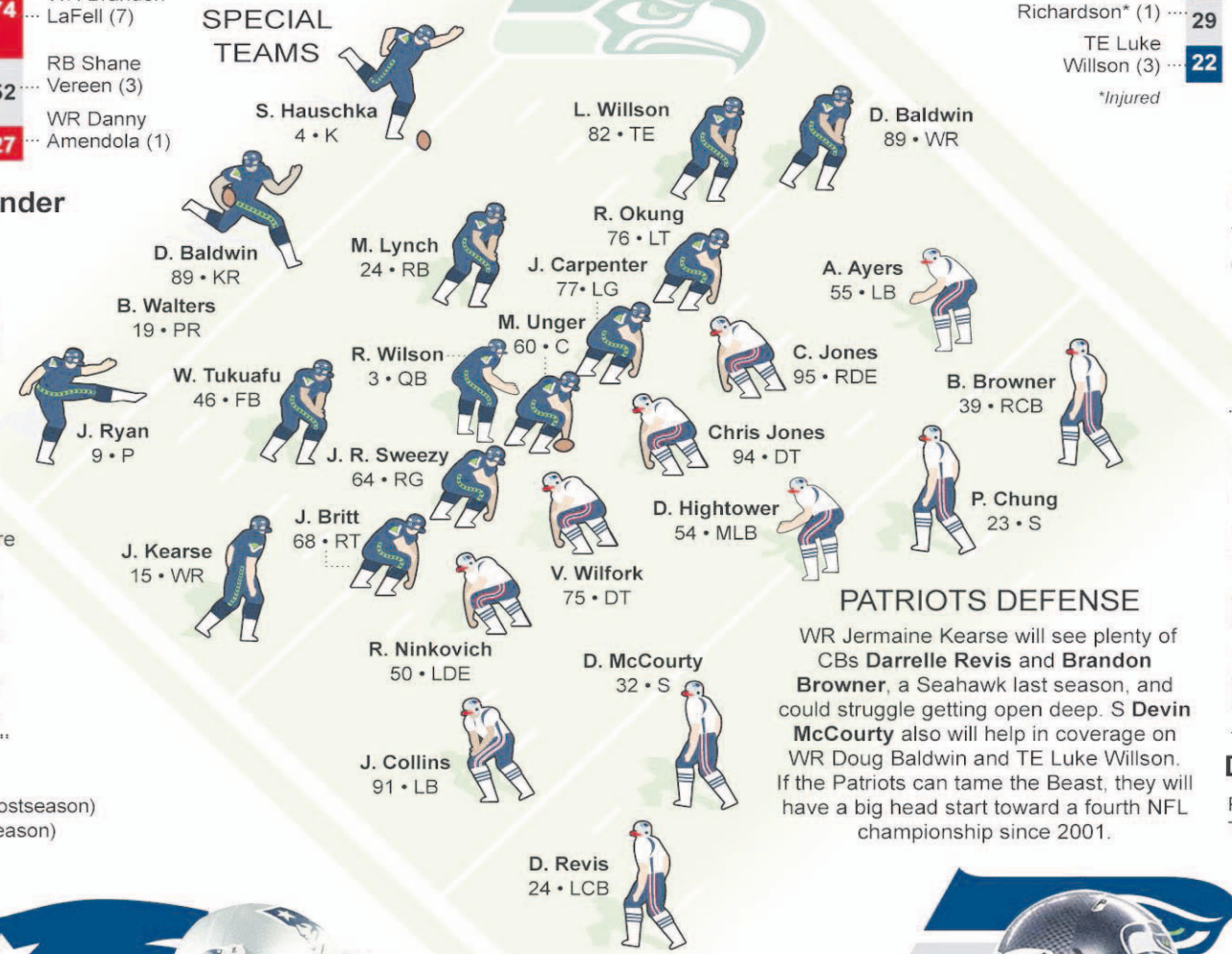


LEADING RECEIVERS

Total catches	Regular season (TDs)
92	WR Julian Edelman (4)
82	TE Rob Gronkowski (12)
74	WR Brandon LaFell (7)
52	RB Shane Vereen (3)
27	WR Danny Amendola (1)

SEAHAWKS OFFENSE

RB **Marshawn Lynch** will try to punish a solid but not overwhelming defense led by DT Vince Wilfork, DE Rob Ninkovich, LBs Jamie Collins and Dont'a Hightower. If Lynch is slowed, that leaves the onus for running on QB **Russell Wilson**. While highly capable – he rushed for 849 yards and six TDs in 2014 – Wilson would prefer balance on offense. When he throws, he must avoid the interceptions that plagued him vs. Green Bay for the NFC title.



Touchdown passes by distance

YARDS	REGULAR SEASON	POST SEASON
1-19	25	5
20-29	2	1
30-39	0	1
40+	6	1

BRADY

1-19	13	1
20-29	4	1
30-39	2	1
40+	1	1

WILSON

Russell Wilson

Poised in the pocket, very dangerous outside of it.



Regular-season • Postseason stats

OFFENSE

Total yards (avg.):	375.8
Passing	203.1
Rushing	172.6

Postseason: 372.5

225.5	147.0
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First downs: (328)

Rushing	144
Passing	160
Penalty	24

Postseason: (36)

15	1	20
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DEFENSE

Yards allowed (avg.):	267.1
Passing	185.6
Rushing	81.5

Postseason: 334.0

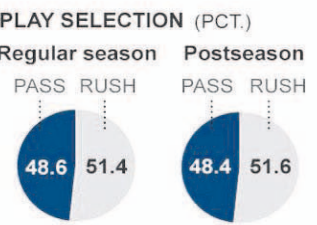
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SCORING (PPG)

24.6	Points for
15.9	Points allowed

Postseason

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15.9	Points allowed

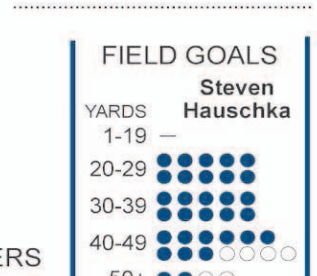


COACHES' CORNER

Pete Carroll

Career record (Reg. season)
W 83 L 61
Super Bowl W1 L0

No team brings more energy to the field than the Seahawks, and it stems from Carroll. He got his team over a Super Bowl hangover early in the schedule, to not only snap out of it, but reach peak form down the stretch.



LEADING RECEIVERS

Total catches	Regular season (TDs)
66	WR Doug Baldwin (3)
38	WR Jermaine Kearse (1)
37	RB Marshawn Lynch (4)
29	WR Paul Richardson* (1)
22	TE Luke Willson (3)

*Injured

Russell Wilson's most trusted option took over after Paul Richardson was injured in divisional round win over Carolina. **Baldwin** has been a spot kick return option after trade of Percy Harvin. Fumbled kickoff against Green Bay in NFC title game.

Blueprint for success

Team makeup

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Draft	20
Trades	2
Free agents	31

RED ZONE

Production inside the 20-yard line, includes postseason:

OFFENSE

Touchdowns	51.5%
Field goals	34.8%
No score	13.6%

DEFENSE

Touchdowns	56.8%
Field goals	36.4%
No score	6.8%

Dangerous on the run

