

Super Bowl Sleepers

If you want to uncover a Super Bowl sleeper in Houston, look no further than the wide receiving units of each team. The big game looks to be a shootout and could come down to who has the ball first.

This means that a big play by an open wide receiver could make the difference in who is crowned champion of the NFL. Mohamed Sanu (Falcons) and Chris Hogan (Patriots) could very well be these receivers to break the game open.

After crucial performances throughout the season and during their respective conference title wins, Sanu and Hogan proved themselves worthy of the big stage.

SANU

Sanu spent his first four seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals, who drafted him in the third round of the 2012 draft. After he played into a reputation as being a solid No. 2 wide receiver behind superstar A.J. Green, he joined the Falcons under a similar role behind Julio Jones.

Thanks in part to the attention Jones demands from opposing defenses, Sanu caught 59 passes for 653 yards and four touchdowns this season. He also has come up big in the postseason, helping Atlanta cruise to its two home victories.

The biggest play of Sanu's season may have come in the NFC championship game against the Green Bay Packers. On the Falcons' first drive of the game, quarter-



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back Matt Ryan flipped a 2-yard pass to Sanu, who caught the ball with his right hand and fell to the ground for a touchdown.

HOGAN

On New England's side of the ball, Hogan set a franchise

playoff record in the AFC championship game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The former lacrosse player from Penn State who played just one season of football at Monmouth University caught nine of his 12 targets for 180 yards — an all-time postsea-



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son high for the franchise. He also came down with two touchdowns to punch the Patriots' Super Bowl ticket.

Hogan caught passes of 16, 26, 22, 34, 24, and 39 yards — including a touchdown catch in which the Steelers left him uncovered in the back of the

end zone. His other score came on a flea-flicker, showing the wide receiver's ability to get behind defenses for big plays.

No matter who comes out on top Super Bowl Sunday, Sanu and Hogan will likely play big roles.