



Pederson vs. Belichick

Look no further than the head coaches of the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots for main catalysts in their teams' respective success.

Both coaches led their teams through up-and-down seasons that featured injuries, controversies and close wins.

While Doug Pederson and Bill Belichick have traveled different roads throughout their careers, both coaches have extensive backgrounds in the National Football League.

Let's take a closer look at how each coach has reached this point in his career and how the experience of each coach could make the difference in Super Bowl LII.

HE'S BACK: BILL BELICHICK

Belichick has built a reputation

for consistency and excellence, compiling only one losing season with the Patriots — his first campaign as head coach in 2000.

After entering the professional coaching ranks with the Baltimore Colts in 1975, Belichick moved on to the Giants for a 12-year stint that included two Super Bowl victories with him as defensive coordinator.

Belichick then served as head coach of the Cleveland Browns from 1991 to 1995, finishing with a 36-44 record and making the playoffs only once.

He joined the New England Patriots in 1996 under Bill Parcells before eventually taking

over as head coach in 2000.

A COACHING UP-AND COMER: DAN QUINN

Pederson's football bloodlines are rich, as he served as the offensive coordinator of the Kansas City Chiefs from 2013 to 2015 and spent most of his playing career as a backup behind Brett Favre for the Green Bay Packers.

He was part of the Super Bowl XXXI team that beat New England in the Super Bowl. He also was a backup to Dan Marino as a member of the Miami Dolphins, and a starting quarterback for the Eagles and Cleveland Browns.

Pederson's offensive play-calling has been a big factor in the Eagles making the Super Bowl. He has simplified the offense on the fly for new quarterback Nick Foles while still allowing him to make some deep throws.

The Eagles use a run-pass-option series of plays that allows Foles to make a split-second decision to hand the ball off or throw it downfield. Foles has embraced the approach, and the results have been clear. With the Patriots ranked near the bottom of the league in terms of defense, it might be Pederson's creative play-calling that makes the difference in Super Bowl LII.