

Brady

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Some went along for the ride and barely made an impact on those six titles Brady won. Others delivered the key plays that decided those games, whether it was Malcolm Butler's game-sealing interception at the goal line against Seattle, or Adam Vinatieri's inning kicks against St. Louis and Carolina.

Here's a look at some of them:

Most appearances

No one has played in more Super Bowls with Brady than Stephen Gostkowski, who went with him six times during their tenures in New England. Rob Gronkowski can join a group right behind Gostkowski this year with his fifth appearance, matching the number for Matt Light, Devin McCourty, Patrick Chung and Matthew Slater.

There are 26 players who have played in three Super Bowl wins as Brady's teammates, with Gronkowski hoping to join that group this year. Gronkowski played in Super Bowl wins following the 2014 and '18 seasons but missed the epic comeback against Atlanta following the 2016 season with an injury.

Hall of famers

Three of Brady's Super Bowl teammates have already been inducted into the Hall of Fame with more likely to come down the road. Ty Law, who played on the first three title teams in New England, was inducted to the Canton, Ohio shrine in 2019 and is the only one of the three to get there based mostly on their careers with Brady.

Randy Moss and Junior Seau joined up with Brady late in

their careers and both made big impacts during the perfect 16-0 regular season in 2007, but came up short in their only trip to the Super Bowl.

Richard Seymour is a Hall of Fame finalist this year and others such as Gronkowski, Vinatieri and Darrelle Revis could follow in upcoming years.

Leading men

Brady has completed passes to 37 players in his nine previous Super Bowl trips, with a few standing out as his favorite targets. Julian Edelman and Deion Branch, who both won Super Bowl MVPs with Brady, are tied for the most catches with 24 apiece. Edelman's 337 yards are 16 more than Branch for the most of any of Brady's targets.

Gronkowski could pass them this year as he comes into the game with 23 catches for 297 yards. He already has the most TD catches from Brady with three, one ahead of David Givens, Danny Amendola and line-backer Mike Vrabel.

Gostkowski has the most points scored alongside Brady with 33, but two other players have more significant scores. James White scored 20 of his 26 career Super Bowl points in the comeback win over Atlanta four years ago, including the TD that helped force overtime and the OT winner.

Vinatieri is next with 20, including the field goals that won the title in Brady's first two trips.

Playing both sides

Tampa Bay edge rusher Jason Pierre-Paul can join a much more exclusive list as one of the players to beat Brady in a Super Bowl and win a title with him,

having been part of the Giants that beat New England after the 2011 season. Pierre-Paul had two passes defended and a quarterback hit in the 21-17 victory that season.

The only others to do that are Chris Long and LeGarrette Blount. Both were part of the 2016 champions with the Patriots and then were with Philadelphia the next season when the Eagles spoiled a repeat attempt. Blount also won a title with Brady in the 2014 season.

Missing rings

Only two players went to the Super Bowl with Brady more than once and never got a ring out of it. Guard Logan Mankins and receiver Wes Welker were both part of the New England teams that lost to the Giants following the 2007 and '11 seasons. Welker then went to the title game one more time with Denver in the 2013 season — and lost for a third time against Seattle.

Common names

A few first names have stood out more than others when it comes to Brady's Super Bowl teammates, led by the nine Brandons: Bolden, Browner, Deadrick, Gorin, King, LaFell, Meriweather, Mitchell and Spikes. That doesn't even count Brandin Cooks, who played with Brady following the 2017 season.

Next on the list is Chris with six: Akins, Hanson, Hogan, Jones, Long and White. There are also five players named James (Develin, Harrison, Ihe-digbo, Sanders and White) and five more named Kyle (Ar-rington, Brady, Eckel, Love and Van Noy).

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DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: When my boss hired me as an assistant four years ago, she specifically told me my job was to do whatever the person above me wants. I wasn't allowed to communicate with anyone on the job other than the lady above me. Even though it was tough to watch my supervisor make so many bad decisions and get away with it, I did what was required of me.

Now I have worked my way up and have an assistant of my own. However, my boss has given my assistant much more than she ever gave me when I was in that position. Sometimes I feel like she acts like I'm not valued. I want to point it out, but I don't want to be that kind of person. I love what I do, but I don't know how much longer I can handle being treated this way.

Should I tell her how I feel? She constantly leaves me out of important decisions and then tries to play mind games to make up for it. She is also giving my assistant important infor-

mation before telling me. I don't know what I should do.

— *Frustrated in Oregon*

Dear Frustrated: Many companies have annual reviews for employees in which subjects like the ones you have raised are discussed. If this isn't the case in your firm, ask for one.

During that conversation, tell your boss that sometimes you feel your efforts aren't valued and why. Remind her that you were instructed not to talk with anyone on the job other than the person immediately above you, and you feel undercut because your assistant is being given important information before it is shared with you. It may clear the air. However, if it doesn't, by all means start searching for another job, since you seem to be considering it anyway.

Dear Abby: I am worried about my kids and their social well-being. I understand we are in a pandemic. Our family has been responsible and socially distancing, but it seems like their friends have all been spending time together. Understandably,

my kids are jealous and angry at their father and me for putting restrictions on them. But I am worried about their lack of social interaction and how it may affect their future. One of them has a harder time making friends and doesn't have many things in common with their peers, which led to spending more time at home when there was no pandemic.

— *Worried Mom in New York*

Dear Worried: Until the threat of COVID has been resolved, it's up to you as parents to decide how you restrict your children in relation to the pandemic. Of course you want to protect them, even if your choices aren't popular. Kids can be careless. They can forget to pull their masks up and stay socially distanced, and the results can be tragic. But there are relatively safe outdoor activities parents can plan to keep their children from being completely isolated.

As to your child who is less socially adept, this is a subject to discuss with his/her teachers or a child psychologist. Perhaps you can help by researching online interest groups this child can join that will connect them with other children — under your supervision, of course.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Madalyn Aslan

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★★★ POSITIVE | ★★★ AVERAGE | ★★ SO-SO | ★ DIFFICULT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 2, 2021: Sophisticated, dynamic and original, you do the impossible and make it look easy. You work hard in private, and this year you produce a masterpiece with discipline and mastery. Your cultural beginnings are important. If single, you prefer to remain so this year, and will decide when you come out of your own world. If attached, your partner does a lot for you and you're happy. CANCER wants more intimacy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ A partner might need more encouragement and support from you. Patience is important, but be honest and let go if a situation just isn't working. An age difference can be a factor to consider regarding one you cherish. Tonight: Dinner date with one you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Wellness is important today. The impact of longtime health habits becomes apparent. Reach fitness goals with patience and attention to detail. Water therapies can be especially effective. Tonight: Organize your living space and clear out clutter, and you'll feel so much lighter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A magnetic attraction can develop. The planets show so many changes around you, though, that a relationship might not stabilize. Today promises some dalliances and liaisons. Enjoy, but with caution if you are attached. Tonight: Children give delight and joy.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)

★★★★ Today ushers in a sentimental, emotional cycle. Keepsakes and memorabilia remind you of earlier times. Memories are a gift to remind you how much you've grown. You feel more settled with home and family issues. Tonight: You realize what your heritage and family background means.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You can do a great deal of writing today. Cards and letters, as well as stories and poems, flow freely. Neighbors are friendly; accept invitations they extend. Return phone calls promptly. They can be very important. Tonight: Finish old emails and clear out your inbox.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Today promises you information about and an understanding of financial matters. You have a changing attitude about income and security. There is a new awareness about what money really does and doesn't mean. Tonight: Be ready to grow, expand and experiment to assure success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Today draws in vivid dreams and insights. Your emotions and desires are strong. Maintain balance. You attract attention and can win support for a favorite project of yours if you reach out to others. Tonight: Follow fresh ideas and take the initiative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ The roles others play in your life are chameleon-like. You are sensitive to sound and color and can excel at artistic expression or musical performance. Meditation offers you new philosophies and insights. Tonight: You're aware of how you have used time and resources.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Use care in establishing a new relationship. People offer advice and assistance. Human interest values such as friendship are worth more than business acumen. There are surprises revolving around love. Tonight: Thinking about being cautious for the first time in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ The role of guide and teacher is yours today. Much is expected of you. Others rely on your skills. You realize that a part of the past must end. You will want to be unencumbered. Relatives respond if you express your love. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ There are marvelous social prospects with foreign-born or well-traveled friends. Be friendly if on a journey now. There can be meetings with kind and valuable people. Enroll in an online seminar or class. Tonight: Writing and publishing are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Be tolerant if others are inattentive. There is a general air of being preoccupied, which interferes with deep concentration. Divide work hours into small segments to make the best of this trend. Tonight: Detective and occult themes in movies and books are engrossing.

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