



ONE ON ONE

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Super Bowl wrap-up: quarterback legacies

Now that the New Orleans Saints are Super Bowl champions after a dramatic game that saw another pick-six, so-so commercials and an amazing halftime performance from The Who, we have months to wait before football begins again. But, a bigger and more relevant argument is what does this do to the legacies of both Peyton Manning and Drew Brees?

RUSSELL VARNER:

This definitely is a hit to Manning's legacy. His big knock before his first Super Bowl was he couldn't really perform in the big games, and he was pretty much shut out in the second half of the Super Bowl this year. But I think he will bounce right back and be back at the top in no time. This won't be the last time we see him in a Super Bowl.

I think this does more to Brees' legacy. Here's a guy who left San Diego coming off of a major shoulder surgery, and no one wanted him. New Orleans signed him, and he has helped revive a city and given them something to be happy about. I think more attention needs to be given to Brees now.

CHRISTIAN BINDER:

I think Peyton Manning is one of the best quarterbacks ever. What's stopping him from being the best quarterback of all time is his lack of multiple Super Bowl victories.

The best quarterbacks win multiple times, which Manning hasn't done. I don't think this hurts his legacy, but you're right in the fact it perpetuates the notion that he can't win the big games.

As for Brees, he is now considered elite in my eyes. He has only improved during the last seven seasons, and now he has a ring. He's so much more than stats, though. He revitalized football in San Diego and New Orleans. What more can you ask for from a quarterback

RUSSELL:

There is literally nothing else Brees can do. Plus, did you see him with his kid? I mean, how cute was that?

He probably won the hearts of half of the United States right there. I think you can make the argument that Drew Brees may be better than Peyton Manning or Tom Brady right now. I'm not saying he is, but it would make a good argument.

Like I said, this is just a temporary setback for Peyton Manning. He definitely is one of the best of all time, and I do think it is a matter of time before he wins another Super Bowl.

This game will be remembered for Drew Brees' rise more so than Peyton Manning's failure.

CHRISTIAN:

I'm with you 100 percent on this one. Drew Brees just provides a great story as a quarterback both on and off the field. He's definitely in the top-five, if not the top-three, quarterbacks in the league right now. If Brees wins another one, he's a Hall of Fame lock.

As for Manning, he'll do what he always does, which is bounce back. He's handled adversity well for his entire career, and I would not be even a little surprised if the Colts win 13 or 14 games next year. He is a winner, so he'll definitely get his shot at another title.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

FEB. 3 - FEB. 8

Men's basketball

Feb. 3
Elon 56
Wofford 72

Feb. 6
Elon 66
Furman 55

Feb. 8
Western Carolina 76
Elon 81

Women's basketball

Feb. 6
Appalachian State 73
Elon 54

Feb. 8
Elon 77
Davidson 63

Men's Tennis

Feb. 6
Elon 3
UNC Wilmington 4

Women's Tennis

Feb. 6
Winston-Salem State 0
Elon 7

Feb. 6
Elon 0
North Carolina 7

SPORTS THIS WEEK

FEB. 10 - FEB. 16

Thursday

Men's Basketball @
College of Charleston -
7 p.m.

Friday

Indoor Track (Liberty
Invite) - All day

Saturday

Indoor Track (Liberty
Invite) - All Day

Men's Tennis vs. North
Florida - 12 p.m.

Softball vs. Virginia -
1:15 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs.
Western Carolina - 2
p.m.

Softball vs. UNC
Wilmington - 3:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs.
The Citadel - 6 p.m.

Sunday

Men's Tennis @ South
Carolina - 1 p.m.

Softball vs. UNC
Wilmington - 1:15 p.m.

Softball vs. Virginia -
3:30 p.m.

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