



Superbowl Review

Eagles 40-22 Chiefs

Winner: Eagles

In a hugely dominant performance by the Eagles from start to finish.

It started with the first drive, although it ended in a punt the evidence was clear the Eagles came to play. (I will get onto the refs calls at the end.)

The defence was immaculate all game. There seemed To be constant pressure on Patrick Mahomes and this was evident on the 4th defensive play, a third and long had Mahomes scrambling and nearly led to a sack, although Mahomes was able to throw the ball it finished with an incompletion.

The second offensive drive ended in the first score of the game. There was another penalty on this drive which was after a 3rd and 5. Soon after Jalen Hurts threw a perfect pass to Jahan Dotson to set up the tush push for a touchdown.

A three and out led to the next Eagles drive. After 10 plays going from the Eagles 20 to the Chiefs 30, the Eagles went for a touchdown on a 3rd and 10. It was picked off by Byran Cook.

The Chiefs started with the ball on their own 2, they managed to get 7 yards and were 3 and out again. The Eagles next drive ended with a field goal. 10-0 Eagles.

The next Chiefs drive was the turning point of the game and made the Eagles the team that were going to go on and win. In 3 plays Josh Sweat (the NFL CHAT UK superbowl MVP) landed 1.5 sacks, before Cooper DeJean got his first career interception which he took to the house for a 17-0 Eagles lead. At this point in the game Mahomes and the Chiefs could get

nothing going. The Eagles defence was lights out. The scoreline was reflecting complete dominance.

The next two drives were punts, the Eagles defence landing a tackle for loss and a sack, before a 7 play punt landing at the Chiefs 14 yard line. The next play yet again huge pressure by Sweat led to the Chiefs left tackle Joe Thuney being forced into Mahomes, as Mahomes was hit it disrupted his throw straight into the arms of Zach Baun. Interception number 2. Then just 2 plays later the ball was in the end zone with Jalen Hurts passing to AJ Brown. 24-0 Eagles another 3 and out led to the end of the half.

It was a truly impressive first half of football by the Eagles and a near flawless performance.

The second half started the way the first went. A sack from Sweat and another from joint Baun and CJ Gardener-Johnson led to another punt, before the Eagles first drive of the second half ended with a field goal.

The second Chiefs drive of the second half was once again unconvincing, more pressure led to errors with a fumble on the snap, before Oren Burks caused a forced fumble the snap later, however a penalty forced the Chiefs further back. The drive finished in yet another punt.

The next Eagles drive had their name almost certain as the winner. On the 1st and 10 from the Chiefs 46 Hurts loaded up to find DeVonta Smith for a touchdown. It was a beauty of a throw and my favourite play of the game. The timing, the play call and the execution were phenomenal.

The Chiefs got on the board with their next drive. It was started by a 50 yard pass from Mahomes to Xavier Worthy, before being wrapped up with a 24 yard touchdown pass from Mahomes to Worthy. The scoreline 34-6.

A field goal from the Eagles on the next drive pulled the Eagles further away. The next offensive play for the Chiefs once again showed how good this Eagles team was. It was a strip sack and fumble recovery from Milton Williams. This led to another field goal and the Eagles putting up the 40 point mark. This led to all starters being benched. The celebrations also started with over 8 minutes left on the clock. The Chiefs managed two scores, one touchdown from DeAndre Hopkins and another from Worthy once again.

It was far too little, far too late for the Chiefs. Even with the 3 touchdowns the Eagles were out of sight and it was a complete blow out.

There were a few stat lines worth mentioning:

Jalen Hurts : 221 passing yards, 2 passing touchdowns, one interception. He led The team in rushing yards with 74 and a touchdown. He was crowned the MVP.

DeVonta Smith: 69 receiving yards and a touchdown.

AJ Brown: 43 yards and a touchdown.

The Eagles defence registered 6 sacks, 6 more tackles for loss, 11 quarterback hits, 6 pass breakups, and 1 touchdown.

2.5 sacks, 3 other quarterback hits and 2 of the tackles for loss came from Josh Sweat led, who as mentioned early was the NFL CHAT UK MVP.

Milton Williams had 2 sacks, 2 tackles for loss and forced fumble, he also had a quarterback hit.

For the Chiefs the huge statline was Xavier Worthy 157 yard and 2 touchdown game.

The Refs

Now for the main talking point over playoffs and now the superbowl. I would state first off I don't believe they are fixing games. I personally believe it would be far too difficult to achieve. Also the teams in question are also penalised heavily.

I would however also state it is clear that the refs are completely inconsistent with their calls. This does show, there are very favourable calls to certain players. The level of inconsistency throughout the refs and players/teams is what has caused the controversy in the season. There are big plays and big calls that have gone the way of teams because of their stature.

The NFL does need to address the refs as it is clear there is complete inconsistency in play calls, there are players that get favourable calls and it needs to be reviewed. There are also players that are also 'flopping' to get penalties, this also needs to be addressed as these players are not playing in the spirit of the game. Although I do believe some penalties are required for certain plays there are many flags not given to honest players and also too many given to others who are clearly playing for it.

Brief review of the season

The Eagles overall were very worthy winners. They were absolutely terrific this season. The squad is phenomenal, not just the starters but also in depth.

The Chiefs were also terrific this season despite what many would say was a down year for Mahomes he still led Them to yet another superbowl.

There will be a few teams that will look at the season with disappointment, all being close but at the start of the season would have expected to go further - Bills, Ravens, Texans, Lions, and Packers are the main ones that spring to mind.

There is clearly a new contender or two for next year and surpassed expectations in the Commanderswith Daniels, they were electric this season with not many if any predicting this huge upside. The other would be the Broncos who look to have really turned a corner with Nix.

There are a few that had good positive seasons and were a little over expectations, Chargers, Rams, Vikings, Bucs and Seahawks are the most likely to be in this category.

There are a couple that I expect big changes, 49ers, Browns, Jets, Raiders, Cowboys.

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