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# Hail to the Chiefs

Down 10, Kansas City continues run of playoff comebacks, pulls away for 1st title in 50 years



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Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes rushes into the end zone for a first quarter touchdown Sunday against the 49ers during the Super Bowl at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens.

## Mahomes rises from goat to hero in Chiefs' magical Super Bowl win



Dave Hyde

MIAMI GARDENS — Patrick Mahomes, the story of Kansas City's season, stood with hands on his hips and stared blankly downfield, the posture of disbelief after back-to-back interceptions. This was the story of their season in the fourth quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl.

Until it suddenly wasn't.

This was the story of the Super Bowl, as San Francisco's defense first frustrated and now danced before the Kansas City quarterback at Hard Rock Stadium. Mahomes as goat. Mahomes as shrinking in the moment.

Until Mahomes magically rewrote the story.

You want to see greatness defined? You want to see a big talent match the biggest stage?

All Mahomes' struggles through three-plus quarters — the two interceptions, the 20-10 deficit, the season down to seven minutes — merely laid the groundwork for the magic carpet ride he took Kansas City on in a 31-20 win.

"They had an amazing defense — one of the best de-

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Chiefs running back Damien Williams celebrates with teammates after scoring a touchdown late in the fourth quarter against the 49ers.

### One big number

**2** Super Bowl wins for the Chiefs, which ties the franchise with the Dolphins (1972, '73), Ravens (2000, '12) and Colts ('70, '06) at two. The Steelers and Patriots lead all-time with six Super Bowl titles.

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## MVP Mahomes sparks 21-0 run in 4th, leads KC's latest masterpiece

BY SAFID DEEN

MIAMI GARDENS — Patrick Mahomes seemed rattled. The weight of the moment on the biggest stage of his young football career seemed to be wearing on one of the NFL's brightest talents. An offseason of criticism awaiting him in the balance. An opportunity to cement his status as the NFL's best player slipping his grasp.

That was until one flick of Mahomes' wrist awakened the football world to restore order.

Mahomes threw two touchdown passes to overcome two early interceptions, former Miami Dolphins running back Damien Williams scored two touchdowns, and the Kansas City Chiefs beat the San Francisco 49ers 31-20 in Super Bowl 54 in front of 62,417 people at Hard Rock Stadium on Sunday night.

The Chiefs saw the 49ers take a 20-10 lead in the third quarter before Mahomes sparked Kansas City's memorable comeback with three straight scoring drives to win the Super Bowl MVP.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid cemented his Hall of Fame

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