

# BCSP Profile

50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50



A DAY-BY-DAY, SUPER BOWL-BY-SUPER BOWL LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON SUPER BOWLS I THRU 49 AS WE COUNT DOWN THE 50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50

DAY 38 - Wednesday, January 27

## SUPER BOWL XXXVIII

New England 32, Carolina 29  
February 1, 2004 - Reliant Stadium, Houston

Four (4) Black College Players

### Carolina Panthers (1)

Dante Wesley DB Arkansas-Pine Bluff

### New England Patriots (3)

Chris Akins DB Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Anthony Pleasant DE Tennessee State

Tyrone Poole DB Fort Valley State



**ICONIC PHOTO:** New England placekicker Adam Vinatieri kicks thru 41-yard game-winning field goal in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

**Storyline:** New England and Carolina fought down to the final minute before Patriots' placekicker Adam Vinatieri won his second Super Bowl with a last-minute kick, this one from 41 yards out with :09 seconds left for the game winner. New England led 14-10 at the half, and after a scoreless third quarter, the teams combined for 37 fourth-quarter points to take the game down to the wire.

### New England

#### Tyrone Poole, DB (Fort Valley State)

Starting RCB, New England had two solo tackles, two assists and one pass break-up in win over Carolina.

- Teams with defensive end Bobby Hamilton to bring down running back Stephen Davis for loss of -2 yards in second quarter.

- Breaks up second-quarter pass intended for wideout Steve Smith.

- Teams with Richard Seymour to tackle Davis after 2-yard third-quarter gain.

- Tackles Smith after 23-yard fourth-quarter reception.

- Downs wide receiver Ricky Proehl after 15-yard fourth-quarter reception.

#### Chris Akins, DB (Arkansas-Pine Bluff)

- Tackles Rod Smart after 14-yard kickoff return in second quarter.

- Defends wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad on fourth-quarter incompletion.



### Carolina

#### Dante Wesley, S (Arkansas Pine-Bluff)

One assisted tackle in loss to New England.

- Teams with linebacker Dan Morgan to tackle wideout Deion Branch after 5-yard first-quarter pass reception.



MVP: Tom Brady, QB, New England - 32 of 48, 354 yards, 3 TDs, 1 int.

**KEY FACTS:** Carolina wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad had four receptions for 160 yards including an 85-yard fourth-quarter touchdown pass. Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme threw for 363 yards and three touchdowns, matching New England quarterback and MVP Tom Brady's three TD passes. New England wide receiver Deion Branch had 10 receptions for 143 yards and a first-quarter TD pass.



**SMITH WINS THE BATTLES, POOLE AND NEW ENGLAND WIN THE WAR:** (L.) Carolina wide receiver Steve Smith (#89) gathers in 23-yard second-quarter pass as New England defensive back **Tyrone Poole** (#38, **Fort Valley State**) defends and makes the tackle. (R.) Smith beats Poole for 39-yard second-quarter touchdown catch.



**SPECIAL TACKLE:** Safety Chris Akins (#34, **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**) of the New England Patriots attempts to tackle Rod Smart (#32) of the Carolina Panthers during a second-quarter kickoff return in Super Bowl XXXVIII at Reliant Stadium in Houston.