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# FROM MAGIC TO MISERY

### STUFFED AND STIFLED

A surprise season ended with a thud as Seattle's elite defense flattened the Patriots. **C1.**

### COAST-TO-COAST FANS

The cheering was sparse for the Patriots faithful packed into local bars and those in California near the stadium. **B1.**

### GAME ANALYSIS

For the Patriots, it was nothing but an old-fashioned, Super Bowl beatdown. **C5.**



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Patriots quarterback Drake Maye spent much of the Super Bowl in the grip of the crushing Seattle Seahawks defense.

## Thanks to suffocating Seahawks defense, the Patriots stumble to a feeble finish

DAN SHAUGHNESSY

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — For the Patriots, this one had it all.  
All bad.  
Bad Bunny. Bad offense. Bad pass protection. Bad quarterbacking. Bad karma. Just a bad night all around for the heretofore indomitable upstart New England Patriots.  
Your Pats, who had won 16 out of 17 and not lost by more than 7 points all season, were shocked and awed

Sunday by the Seattle Seahawks, losing Super Bowl LX, 29-13, at Levi's Stadium. This wasn't Bears, 46-10, like in New Orleans in 1986, but there were times it felt just as feeble. The Patriots were demolished and became the first team to lose six Super Bowls.  
It was Starbucks over Dunks. By a lot.  
"We had a really good year, one that I'm proud of," said Patriots coach Mike Vrabel. "This game isn't a reflection of our year. They [Seattle] are a good football team. I hope we're able to learn from this. We understand how hard it is to get here."  
The offense in the first three quarters was historically

bad. New England punted on its first eight full possessions, then fumbled on the ninth and trailed, 19-0, four plays into the fourth quarter. The Patriots became the first team in 51 years to fail to score in the first three quarters of a Super Bowl.  
The dam had burst at the end of the third when poor Drake Maye (two interceptions, a lost fumble, six sacks) gave the Seahawks possession on the New England 37. Less than two minutes later, Sam Darnold badly burned Patriots linebacker Jack Gibbens for a 16-yard touchdown pass. The rest of the game was for bettors only, the low-

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**Schools have been leaving the Mass. High Technology Council** over its efforts to lower the state income tax, writes Jon Chesto. **D1.**

**Superstar Olympian Lindsey Vonn, skiing with one artificial**

**knee and one torn ACL, broke her leg in a stunning fall** in the women's downhill at the Winter Olympics, a race that was ultimately won by fellow American Breezy Johnson. **C2.**

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**President Trump if they give \$1 million** or more to a group planning flashy initiatives for the nation's 250th birthday. **A2.**

**Two Fall River officers were shot in a gunbattle** that left the armed suspect dead. **B3.**

  
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**A bitter end**  
**Monday:** Clear, crisp, cold. High 27-32, low 12-17.  
**Tuesday:** Warmer, snow late. High 30-35, low 24-29.  
Weather and comics, **D4-5.**  
Obituaries, **B6.**

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