

What would a Super Bowl be without a little trivia contest? Of course, the New England Patriots and New York Giants meet for the second time in four seasons in the NFL's biggest game, this time SB XLVI in Indianapolis. So here are a few questions to make you think heading into the conclusion of the 2011 NFL season. Use these to spice up your Super Bowl party. Answers are at the bottom of this page.

1) Of course, this Super Bowl is being played in the dome in Indy. What was the first Super Bowl to be played indoors?

- a) SB VI – Dallas vs. Miami
- b) SB VIII – Miami vs. Minnesota
- c) SB XII – Dallas vs. Denver
- d) SB XV – Oakland vs. Philadelphia

2) Indianapolis is considered a cold-weather city. What was the first Super Bowl played in a cold-weather city – defined as north of the Mason-Dixon Line?

- a) SB IV – Kansas City vs. Minnesota
- b) SB IX – Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota
- c) SB XVI – San Francisco vs. Cincinnati
- d) SB XXVI – Washington vs. Buffalo

3) The New York Giants made it to the Super Bowl as a wild-card team. What was the first wild-card to play in the Super Bowl?

- a) Minnesota Vikings
- b) Dallas Cowboys
- c) Oakland Raiders
- d) New York Giants

4) What was first wild-card team to win Super Bowl?

- a) Dallas Cowboys
- b) New York Giants
- c) New England Patriots
- d) Oakland Raiders

5) What team won the first Super Bowl to be decided on the game's final play?

- a) St. Louis Rams
- b) New York Giants
- c) New England Patriots
- d) San Francisco 49ers

6) As noted above, the Giants and Patriots played in the Super Bowl four seasons ago. How many previous SB rematches have there been?

- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 6
- d) 7

7) New England's first Super Bowl was a 46-10 blowout loss to the 1985 Chicago Bears in SB XX, at the time the most lopsided loss in SB history. Who scored New England's lone touchdown?

- a) Irving Fryar
- b) Craig James
- c) Steve Grogan
- d) Stanley Morgan

8) How many previous Super Bowls featured two starting quarterbacks who had a SB MVP award on their resume already?

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 3

9) Only one current Patriot started as a rookie on New England's most recent Super Bowl championship team. Who was it?

- a) Tom Brady
- b) Logan Mankins
- c) Deion Branch
- d) Vince Wilfork

10) The Giants beat three teams in the playoffs with a better regular season record than they had to reach Super Bowl. That has happened just once before. Which team was it?

- a) 2007 Giants

- b) 2003 Panthers
- c) 1998 Falcons
- d) 2008 Cardinals

11) How much did the original Giants franchise cost to bring to New York?

- a) \$500
- b) \$2,500
- c) \$5,000
- d) \$10,000

12) A Patriots defensive player scored a touchdown for New England in SB XXXVIII and XXXIX. Who was it?

- a) Willie McGinest
- b) Mike Vrabel
- c) Richard Seymour
- d) Ty Law

13) Plenty of offense is expected in this game. But what is the record for the number of punts for one team in a Super Bowl?

- a) 8
- b) 9
- c) 10
- d) 11

14) Who scored New England's first touchdown in the 17-14 XLII loss to the Giants?

- a) Laurence Maroney
- b) Tom Brady
- c) Randy Moss
- d) Wes Welker

15) The first quarter of Super Bowl XLII between the Pats and G-Men also produced something that hadn't been seen before in the big game. Which of these was it?

- a) Each team scored on special teams
- b) Each team scored on defense
- c) Each team turned the ball over twice
- d) Each team only had one possession

Answers to Super Bowl trivia questions: 1: c (Cowboys beat Broncos in Louisiana Superdome); 2: c (49ers beat Bengals in Pontiac Silverdome); 3: b (Cowboys lost to Steelers in SB X); 4: d (Raiders beat Eagles in SB XV); 5: c (Pats beat Rams in XXXVI on Adam Vinatieri field goal); 6: b; 7: a (on an 8-yard TD pass from Grogan); 8) a; 9: d; 10: d; 11: a (Tim Mara purchased an NFL franchise for New York for \$500 in 1925); 12: b (he caught a TD pass in each game as an eligible receiver on offense); 13: d (by Giants in SB XXXV loss to Baltimore); 14: a (on a 1-yard TD run in the second quarter); 15 :d (Giants' opening drive was 16 plays and a record 9:59; Patriots followed that up with a 12-play drive that lasted 5:04 and didn't end until two plays into the second quarter.)