SUPER BOWL XIV SHOWDOWN RAMS (8-1) VS CHARGERS (8-2)

Team photos: AFC Los Angeles Chargers LaDanian Tomlinson #21 meets up with NFC Los Angeles Rams Wendall Tyler #26 in LIEFL Super Bowl XIV Sunday May 26, 2019 at the Rose Bowl in sunny Pasadena, California.

Pasadena, California. When the Sun rises on Sunday morning in Pasadena California it's destiny will shine down and collide with two Premier teams from Los Angeles who will battle for the Lombardi Trophy in Long Island Electric football league's Super Bowl XIV.

Last year's winner was the Buffalo Bills beating the Detroit Lions 49-35, in what was the one of the most dramatic and spectacular games of all time. OJ Simpson won game MVP with his 205 yards and more than 620 all-purpose yards performance in the game, shattering Miami Dolphin Mercury Morris' touchdown and yards record. Simpson silenced the defending three-time NFC finalist and Super Bowl XII Champion Detroit Lions.

It is hard to imagine that this year's octane is a little bit higher with the teams evenly matched and hungry for the title. This game between the Rams and Chargers has a similar build-up with high-level performers who historically have been an integral part of the game, but they have never made it this far in the playoffs. It will be the first time the two teams from California play in a Super Bowl.

When the two teams met for the team photo day at the Rose Bowl at the middle of the field there was no trash talk from the two teams, but there was a lot of respect for each other in light of the Rams number one defense in the NFL and the Chargers offense ranked amongst the top in the AFC. These two teams will Clash on both sides of the field because the Rams proved that they are not just a defensive team after thrashing the o'mighty Carolina Panthers last week, but they can score as well after winning the NFC Championship Game 41-31.

The Los Angeles Rams have been very impressive. Running back Wendell Tyler who did not have a 100-yard rushing game during the regular season. He tabulated 1,285 yards and 8 TD's in the regular season, ranking him 14th in the NFC in rushing, and 22nd overall in the NFL. For the Los Angeles Rams they brought with them several notable All-Pro's in Jackie Slater, Chris Long, Deacon Jones, Rosey Grier, Nolan Cromwell, and Wendell Tyler. Nearly half their lineup is filled with All-Pros and judging by the way Rams played against the Panthers in the NFC Championship Game this is a team to be reckoned with. But, Tyler came to play in the post season. He exploded for a whopping 238 yards against the Giants with that massive front line with runs of 36, 42, 50, and 61 yards in the divisional championship game, and he had a respectable 81 yards rushing in the NFC Championship game against the #2 defense in the NFL, the Panthers.

The rebuilding process in the LIEFL has been tremendous. It has become evident in this league that it is quite a treasure to get to this point in the season considering every year teams are rebuilt in order to compete with the best of the best in the league and the draft has proven to be pivotal making and Breaking Point at the end of the season. Proof of that is the unthinkable. Last year's Super Bowl Champion Buffalo Bills didn't even qualify for the playoffs this season, as outstanding as they are. OJ Simpson broke his 7-Game rushing record of last year of 610, by setting a new record with 653 yards rushing. Kansas City's Priest Holmes fell short of the first player to achieve a 2,000-yard season with his remarkable 1,942 all-purpose yards with 16 TD's in a seven-game season, earning him NFL Offensive Player Of The Year. Gerald Riggs of the Atlanta Falcons was NFC Player Of The Year with 1,578 all-purpose yards and 11 TD's. On defense it was the Chargers Earl Faison and Chris Long from the Rams who earned Defensive Players of the year. These two paved the way to this Super Bowl for Tomlinson and the Chargers and Tyler for the Rams.

Perhaps the biggest surprise for the Rams is Return Man Isaac Bruce, who walked away with the NFC championship game MVP trophy. Bruce had two 100-yard kick returns for touchdowns, totaling 494 all-purpose yards with additional runbacks of 97,88, and 79 yards. The new set-up man allowed for Wendell Tyler and the Rams to cripple and corner the unresponsive Panthers defense! DeShaun Foster for the Panthers did rush for 212 yards against the Rams #1 defense, but it didn't move the Rams to panic, rather they amped up the offensive firepower.

For the Rams, they began their season with a very close victory over the Indianapolis Colts from the AFC winning the game 14-13, and then they beat Redskins 20-14 in overtime. Their only loss came against the Dallas Cowboys on August 12th, losing to the Cowboys 10-7 at Dallas which is one of the toughest places to win a game. After the loss to Dallas, the Rams won five straight games which landed them in the spot they are in now.

The last time the Rams made it to a championship game was 43 years ago in 1976 when they lost to the Oakland Raiders 23-14 in the first ever LIEFL championship tournament. And in 1983-84 season the Rams went 8-6. That season they beat San Francisco in the divisional game 30-27, and then they lost to Washington in the NFC Championship Game 41-35. That's the closest they've been to playing at this level, so this makes it their best season ever! These opportunities to get to the Super Bowl are so rare that like every respectable league in the hobby that is competitive, each team has to make the most of every inch they get.

When the Rams beat the New York Giants and the Panthers, it opened eyes paved the way for this explosive team to take on one of the best AFC teams in a long time to play in the Super Bowl ... the Los Angeles Chargers.

The Chargers road to the Super Bowl has been like conquering Mount Everest too. They had the 8th best defense in the AFC, and #13 in the NFL overall. On offense, they were tied with Indianapolis who had 119 points, ranking them #2 in the AFC and NFL behind NFL's best offense, the Kansas City Chiefs (136). The Chargers have never lacked a high-powered offense. They went from the bottom of the barrel in their division--straight to the top as they emerged as one of the premier teams in the NFL this year with the draft. These Chargers were the favorite to win it all last year in 2017 only to end the season in disappointment going 3-4. But this year the Chargers started out on fire winning their first four games against Denver, Miami, Kansas City, and the deceiving Philadelphia Eagles 28-21 with a walk-off Lance Alsworth 100-yard kick return for a TD to win the game. The Chargers never looked back! As they advanced their season, it was clear that this one would be different with that strong offensive line led by All-Pro Earl Faison, Russ Washington, and Ernie Ladd. The Chargers quickly emerged as the team to beat in the playoffs as they dominated the competition.

The Chargers have been involved in quite a few historic games over the years in the days of the dynamic-duo Tim Spencer and Chuck Muncie, the only 1,000-yard performers on the same team in the same season in the LIEFL. LaDainian Tomlinson has evolved as a Superstar running back and one of the fastest men in the game.

Make no mistake about it, Tomlinson is a Phenom on special teams as well with 186 yards on special teams against Denver, 155 against Kansas City and then another 157 against Kansas City the second time around in addition to 164-yard special teams against the Oakland Raiders. Tomlinson ran for 143 yards in week 5 against the Chiefs, and he had three touchdowns in that game.

This is the fifth time that the Chargers have been to the playoffs, but it's the farthest they've ever gotten in post season. The Chargers have been eliminated four times in the first round of the

playoffs with their closest chance of making the big show coming in 1992 against the Cincinnati Bengals when they lost 20 to 17 in the AFC wild-card game.

The Chargers road to the Super Bowl has been dominant this year crushing Baltimore 35 to 19 in the wild-card game, Indianapolis 44-38 in overtime in the divisional championship game. In the AFC wild-card game Tomlinson ran for 185 yards with three touchdowns against the Ravens and then 253 yards against the Colts with five touchdowns rushing in that game. He also had 294 special-teams' yards and a 100-yard kick return for a touchdown. Then Tomlinson dashed for 400 yards against the Colts in the AFC Divisional Championship Game he had another 100-yard kick-return for a touchdown. He didn't stop there! Tomlinson added another 108 yards rushing, and impressive 400 all-purpose yards against the Tennessee Titans, including another100-yard kick return and a touchdown, totaling an amazing OJ-like 1,107 total yards in the playoffs with a total 16 TD's!

The question is going into the game is ... can the Rams defense stop the sizzling Tomlinson? And the other way around … can the Chargers defense stop the offensive and defensive Firepower of the Los Angeles Rams.

The intensity and build up to this year's Super Bowl is beyond exciting. Like every EFL league around the country we respect everyone who keeps this hobby alive, and in our fantasy minds of electric football those who have never abandoned the game know that those little figures play their own game, just like in Toy Story when Woody comes to life!