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Mora 1980-1981 Fritz Shurmur 1973-1978 Hank Bullough, Source:[251] Patriots fans rallying in celebration of the team's Super Bowl XXXVIII championship in front of Boston City Hall in 2003 (left). Patriots fans in attendance for the victory parade of Super Bowl LI on Boylston St., Boston in 2017 (right). Main article: New England Patriots Cheerleaders The team's cheerleading squad performing a routine in 2007 The Patriots' professional cheerleading squad is the New England Patriots Cheerleaders which represents the team in the NFL.[252] Notable alumni of the cheerleading squad include wrestler Carmella[253] and model Camille Kostek.[254] Long-time cheerleading director Tracy Sormanti, who was the cheer director since 1994 and had been involved with the organization since 1983, died after a three-year battle with multiple myeloma in 2020.[255] She was inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame in 2021 as a contributor.[256] The Patriots' official mascot since 1995 has been Pat Patriot, a revolutionary minuteman wearing a Patriots home jersey based on the original logo of the same name.[257] The Patriots also employ a corps known as the End Zone Militia, a group of American Revolutionary War reenactors founded in 1996 by Geoff Campbell, a reenactor for the 9th Massachusetts Regiment (26th Continental Regiment).[258] Consisting of about 30 men and women, they dress 20 for each home game and April themselves into two groups of 10 lining the back of either end zone. When the Patriots score – whether it be a touchdown, field goal, point-after-touchdown or safety – the militia behind the opposite end zone fire a volley of blanks from flintlock muskets. Per an interview with the Loren & Wally Show on WROR 105.7 FM in and around the time of Super Bowl XLIX, said shots use double the load of black powder than a regular historical reanctor does, specifically 200 grains, in order to be heard throughout the stadium. ESPN writer Josh Pahigian named this one of the top ten celebrations in the league in 2007.[259] The team draws much of its fanbase from the New England region of the United States, as well as from the Canadian province of Quebec[260][261][262] and much of Atlantic Canada.[263] For a more comprehensive list, see List of New England Patriots broadcasters. Map of New England Patriots radio affiliates The Patriots' flagship radio station is WBZ-FM (98.5 FM, otherwise known as "The Sports Hub"),[264] owned by Beasley Broadcast Group.[265] The larger radio network is called the New England Patriots Radio Network, whose 37 affiliate stations span seven states.[264] Gil Santos and Gino Cappelletti were the longtime announcing team until their retirement following the conclusion of the 2012 NFL season.[266] Santos was replaced by Bob Socci.[264] Former Patriots QB Scott Zolak joined the radio team in the 2011 season as a sideline analyst, and in 2013, he replaced Cappelletti as color commentator.[264] Any preseason games not on national television are shown on CBS's O&O WBZ-TV, who also airs the bulk of Patriots regular-season games by virtue of CBS having the rights to most AFC games; CBS also has a presence at the nearby Patriot Place with the "CBS Scene" bar and restaurant. During the regular season whenever the Patriots host an AFC team, the games are aired on Fox affiliate WBX-TV, and NBC Sunday Night Football games are carried by Boston NBC station WBTS-CD.[264] Preseason games were broadcast on A&E affiliate WCVB-TV from 1990 to 1997, and WBZ in 1999 (WCVB continues to simulcast ESPN's Monday Night Football games featuring the Patriots)[264] Don Criqui was play-by-play announcer for the 1995–2012 seasons, with Randy Cross as a color commentator and Mike Lynch as a sideline reporter.[264] Lynch was replaced by WBZ reporter Steve Burton in 2008. [264] See also: List of conspiracy theories for New England Patriots Main article: Snowplov Game During a December 12, 1982, home game against the Miami Dolphins under icy conditions, the game remained scoreless until the fourth quarter when Patriots head coach Ron Meyer motioned to snowplov operator Mark Henderson to specifically clear a spot on the field for New England kicker John Smith so he could kick what proved to be the game-winning 33-yard field goal to give the Patriots a 3–0 win.[267] At the time, an emergency ground rule was put into play where the officials could call time-out and allow the ground crew to use a snowplov to clear the yard markers, but not plov often enough to keep the field clear. Dolphins head coach Don Shula, believing it to be against the league rules, pointed out that the league's unfair act clause allowed the league to overturn it, and met with NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle several days later to formally protest the game result. Although Rozelle agreed with Shula that the use of the plov gave the Patriots an unfair advantage, he said that he had never reversed the result of a game and was not going to start doing so for any reason, including cheating.[268] Henderson, a convict on work release, jokingly remarked, "What are they gonna do, throw me in jail?!"[269][270] The following year, the NFL banned the use of snowplov on the field during a game.[271] The Patriots organization has commemorated the game with an exhibit at the Hall at Patriot Place within Gillette Stadium, where the plov itself hangs from the ceiling.[272] Main article: Spygate (NFL) During the 2007 season, the New England Patriots were disciplined by the league for videotaping New York Jets' defensive coaches' signals from an unauthorized location during a September 2007 game, [273][274] videotaping opposing coaches is not illegal in the NFL, de facto, but there are designated areas allowed by the league to do such taping. 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