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# BLUE REIGN



## GAME AT A GLANCE

The big plays



**Setting the tone:** The Colts had spent extra time in practice on shoring up their kick coverage. It didn't help, as the Bears' Devin Hester, above at right, returned the opening kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown. It was the first time the opening kickoff had been returned for a TD in the Super Bowl.

**Reg-gie! Reg-gie!:** With Tank Johnson's arm wrapped around his waist, Peyton Manning stepped up and hit Reggie Wayne for a 53-yard TD pass play. The Colts botched the extra-point attempt.

**Turn(over)ing the tide:** After the missed extra point, the Colts' Tjuan Hagler recovered a fumble on the kickoff. But Indianapolis fumbled on the next play, Chicago recovered, and the Bears' Thomas Jones rushed 52 yards to set up a touchdown by the Bears. At left, Chicago's Gabe Reid tries to reach a fumble.

**Go-ahead score:** Indianapolis took advantage of good field position for a seven-play, 58-yard drive capped by Dominic Rhodes' 1-yard TD run.

**Turn(over)ing the tide, Part II:** With less than two minutes left in the first half and the Colts driving, Bryan Fletcher fumbled after making a catch. The Bears recovered but gave the ball right back when quarterback Rex Grossman fumbled the snap. Above, the Colts' Raheem Brock, left, and Gary Brackett celebrate the recovery.

**Precious time:** The Colts opened the second half with a 13-play drive that consumed 7 minutes, 34 seconds and resulted in an Adam Vinatieri field goal.

**Back-breaker:** The Colts' Kelvin Hayden came up with his first career interception and ran it back 56 yards for a score in the final quarter. Vinatieri's extra-point kick made it 29-17.



### By the numbers

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Number of yards rushing by Bears starter Cedric Benson before a knee injury took him out of the game.

4

Turnovers the Bears and Colts combined for in the opening quarter, the most ever in the first quarter of a Super Bowl.

7

Career Super Bowl field goals by the Colts' Adam Vinatieri, a record. Vinatieri had kicked 12 straight field goals in the postseason before missing in the second quarter.

190

Combined yards by Indianapolis running backs Joseph Addai and Dominic Rhodes. Addai also had 10 pass receptions.

38:04/21:41

Indianapolis' advantage over the Bears in time of possession.

- Colts stuff Bears with defense, time-eating drives
- Turnovers key factor in first slippery Super Bowl



Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney recovers a fumble by Bears running back Cedric Benson during the first quarter of Super Bowl XLI in Miami on Sunday. **Top left:** Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, the game's MVP, reacts to Dominic Rhodes' go-ahead touchdown in the second quarter. **Top right:** Fans at Dolphin Stadium brave the rain.



The Colts' Bob Sanders, left, runs back an interception as Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy celebrates during the fourth quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl victory against the Bears.

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### MIAMI

Wet and wild were the perfect winning conditions for Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl.

A team built for indoors found its footing on a rain-soaked track and outplayed the Chicago Bears to win the NFL title 29-17 Sunday night.

The Colts were far less sloppy, particularly their star quarterback, who proved he can indeed win the big game — the biggest game.

That's what it was for Tony Dungy, too. He became the first black coach to win the championship, beating good friend and protégé Lovie Smith in a game that featured the first two black coaches in the Super Bowl.

"It's hard to put into words," said Manning, the game's MVP after hitting 25 of 38 passes for 247 yards with one touchdown. "I'm proud to be part of this team. We stuck together, won this game for our leader, Tony Dungy."

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## GAME SUMMARY

Indianapolis	6	10	6	7	—	29	Punt returns	3-42	1-3
Chicago	14	0	3	0	—	17	Kickoff returns	4-89	6-138
<b>First quarter</b>							Interception return	2-94	1-6
Chi—Hester	92	kickoff return	(Gould kick), 14:46.	Comp-Att-Int	25-38-1	20-28-2	Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	1-11
Ind—Wayne	53	pass from P.Manning	(run failed), 6:50.	Punts	4-40.5	5-45.2	Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-3
Chi—Muhammad	4	pass from Grossman	(Gould kick), 4:34.	Penalties-Yards	6-40	4-35	Time of Possession	38:04	21:56
<b>Second quarter</b>							<b>Individual stats</b>		
Ind—FG Vinatieri	29	11:17.	Ind—Rhodes	1	run (Vinatieri kick), 6:09.		<b>Rushing — Indianapolis:</b> Rhodes 21-113, Addai 19-77, Da.Clark 1-1, P.Manning 1-0. <b>Chicago:</b> Jones 15-112, Grossman 2-0, Benson 2-(minus 1).		
<b>Third quarter</b>							<b>Passing — Indianapolis:</b> P.Manning 25-38-1-247. <b>Chicago:</b> Grossman 20-28-2-165.		
Ind—FG Vinatieri	20	3:16.	Chi—FG Gould	44	1:14.		<b>Receiving — Indianapolis:</b> Addai 10-66, Harrison 5-59, Da.Clark 4-36, Wayne 2-61, Fletcher 2-9, Rhodes 1-8, Utecht 1-8. <b>Chicago:</b> De.Clark 6-64, Berrian 4-38, Jones 4-18, Muhammad 3-35, McKie 2-8, R.Davis 1-2.		
<b>Fourth quarter</b>							<b>Missed field goals — Indianapolis,</b> Vinatieri 36 (wide left).		
Ind—Hayden	56	interception return	(Vinatieri kick), 11:44.	<b>Team stats</b>					
		Ind	Chi						
First downs	24	11							
Total net yards	430	265							
Rushes-yards	42-191	19-111							
Passing	239	154							

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