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ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



Vindication.

Colts' owner: 'One more mission in Miami. We're not done yet'

STAFF REPORTS ■ PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Indianapolis Colts are going to the big one. The demons are exorcised; the ghosts of playoffs' past are gone. Super Bowl XLI, here they come.

In a stunning and at times agonizing comeback, Indianapolis stopped nemesis New England 38-34 and earned a trip to the NFL's biggest game for first time since the franchise moved to the city 23 years ago.

"One more mission in Miami. We're not done yet," owner Jim Irsay shouted to the RCA Dome crowd after the win.

For Colts fans, the topsy-turvy game required a strong heart in what was the biggest comeback ever in a conference championship game.

The Colts trailed 21-6 at halftime. The teams were tied three times in the second half. And with a minute left, Colts' rookie Joseph Addai scored a touchdown that had the capacity RCA Dome crowd jumping for joy.

The Colts' losing history against the Patriots didn't matter. They were not to be denied this time.

Downtown Indianapolis erupted when the victory was finally assured.

One man ran from police officer to police officer, shaking all their hands.

Strangers hugged strangers; they even hugged officers trying to direct traffic.

"We don't suck anymore," one man yelled.

"We're winners too!"

Vendors started selling AFC Champion T-shirts immediately after the game.

One man just kept yelling: "There ain't nothing like it."

They honked.

They yelled until their voices wouldn't let them yell anymore.

As soon as the game ended, the streets filled with fans waving their towels.

With hoarse voices, they screamed congratulations at each other, or the words Indianapolis had waited for since 1984: "We're going to the Super Bowl!"

Fans took pictures, capturing the moment forever.

On one corner, a man threw out dollar bills with an advertisement for buying Super Bowl tickets.

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SUPER BOWL

When: Kickoff, 6 p.m. Feb. 4
Site: Dolphin Stadium, Miami
Watch it: WISH-Channel 8



AFC champion Indianapolis Colts vs. NFC champion Chicago Bears

Sea of blue floods downtown Indy long before kickoff

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INDIANAPOLIS

Other Nature provided the white. Everyone else brought the blue. A blanket of fresh snow didn't keep Indianapolis Colts fans from flocking downtown to cheer on the Colts in Sunday's AFC Championship Game.

Even fans without tickets made the trip just to be close to the action.

"This is the first time we've ever hosted a championship game. I just had to be here," Kevin Johnston said. "This city has waited for something like this. Everywhere you look you see Colts jerseys. It's pretty unreal."

Signs supporting the Colts were plastered around downtown Indianapolis. Impromptu Colts chants erupted at almost every turn.

Some fans arrived hours earlier than they normally do because they thought parking would be a hassle. With extra

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Above: Colts coach Tony Dungy celebrates in the final moments of Indianapolis' 38-34 win Sunday against the Patriots in the AFC Championship Game. Top: Colts quarterback Peyton Manning celebrates the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

To get best seats, fans lined up hours ahead

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Soutsiders didn't take any chances. Their names might have been painted on chairs. Or they were such regulars at area restaurants that bartenders marked their seats as reserved.

Still, Colts fans — and even a few fans of that other team — arrived up to six hours before kickoff to get that perfect spot to watch the Colts try to get to the Super Bowl.

They settled in for the long haul, with some expecting to spend 10 hours in restaurants or bars. They had some practice. Several said they arrived hours early to watch Peyton Manning take on his little brother, Eli Manning, and the New York Giants during the NFL's opening weekend.

This was their version of tailgating.

Plenty of seats were open at Peppers 2 in Greenwood at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

But just any spot would not have done for Nancy Ann Glenn, known to her friends as Nag.

She arrived at the bar five hours before kickoff to lay claim to her special seat, the one that literally has her name painted on it.

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