

SUPER BOWL TROPHY -- AND RING -- BY THE NUMBERS

"Winning isn't everything -- but wanting to win is," said former coach **VINCE LOMBARDI**. And all teams WANT to win the Super Bowl. The Super Bowl trophy is considered to be the NFL's most prestigious award. The particulars of the Vince Lombardi Trophy:



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| Weight | 7 pounds |
| Height | 22 inches |
| Man-hours To Complete | 72 |
| Made of | Sterling silver * |
| Year Designed | 1966 |
| First Sketched On | A napkin |
| Sketched By | Oscar Riedener ** |
| Crafted by | Hand |
| Made In | Parsippany, NJ |
| Made By | Tiffany |
| Value | \$12,500 |
| Sought Yearly By | 1,700 players *** |

*Including nuts and bolts. ** Former Tiffany VP of design. ***At least.



THE SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP RING

Super Bowl XXXVIII champion **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** owner **ROBERT KRAFT** has compared the team’s second Super Bowl victory to having a second child. “Each one is special in its own way,” said Kraft.

The current symbol of NFL excellence is billed as the biggest Super Bowl ring ever created, weighing in at 3.8 ounces, which is approximately 33 percent larger than the Patriots’ 2001 version.

Like the 2001 model, it is cast in 14-carat white gold, making the Patriots’ two Super Bowl rings the only ones to make that claim.

The ring, manufactured by Jostens, features 104 diamonds, or a little more than five carats, which is the largest total in Super Bowl history.

The crest is shaped in the form of Gillette Stadium, the teams’ home, with the words “World” and "Champions” adorning the top and bottom. Tapered baguettes and princess-cut diamonds represent Patriots fans in the stands.

Two sculpted Lombardi Trophies made of diamonds create the ring's centerpiece with a Patriots logo made of red garnet and blue sapphire surrounded by 32 full-cut diamonds, which represent the 32 NFL teams, lying across.

As was the case in 2001, the ring is loaded with symbolism of the championship season.

The top of the ring's bezel includes 15 full-cut diamonds, representing the Patriots’ season-ending winning streak. The bottom has 12 full-cut diamonds, which represents the team's 12-0 home record in 2003. One side of the ring features the player's name and number, the Gillette Stadium lighthouse, and the Lombardi Trophy.

The other side features the words "15 straight," the Super Bowl XXXVIII logo, and the final score of the game along with the logos of the Patriots and their opponent, the Carolina Panthers.

The rings range in size from 17 1/2 for defensive tackle **TED WASHINGTON** down to 9.

Thanks to the kindness of a stranger this spring, Patriots linebacker **TULLY BANTA-CAIN** did not have to suffer too long when he lost his ring.

Banta-Cain removed his ring when he was washing his hands in a mall restroom. When he returned, it was missing. Luckily, an honest Patriots fan, **LOU SCHORR**, found the ring on the edge of a sink. He said he was a “nervous wreck” when he realized the ring belonged to a Super Bowl champion. For his honesty, Schorr received autographed pictures of Banta-Cain and has been invited to the Patriots’ home opener against Indianapolis on September 9.

“This was serious stuff,” said Schorr. “There were so many diamonds, it was like getting a bolt of lightning in your eyes when you looked at it.”