

When it's least expected...

BY MARK MUNSON

How many of you watched the game of the year, otherwise known as the "Super Bowl"? It was quite a game, wasn't it? A nail-biter if ever there was one! Honestly, folks, I thought the Seahawks were going to walk away with it. Every time Tom Brady took the Patriots into the end zone, Russell Wilson marched the Seahawks to do the same. It was kind of a trade-off taking place. First of all, I was amazed that Wilson had so much time in the backfield! In fact, he had so much time that he could have sat down and had a picnic! But there was a reason for that. The Patriots had all his receivers and runners covered, so there wasn't anything else to do but to run around, that is, until Jeremy Lane picked off a Brady pass in the New England's end zone! Folks,

if there is ever a time not to lose a pass, it's in the end zone. And each time Seattle had the ball after a Patriot's touchdown, they took it into the end zone. It kind of looked like the Patriots lost all coordination after each of their TD's. And they walked into the half-time behind in the score. Like I said, it looked like a Seahawk win. But here they were, on the Patriot's three yard line, in the last few minutes of the game. Why in the world they didn't run the pigskin in, I'll never know. I heard on the news that that is the one question their coach is going to have to live with. But they didn't run. They elected to pass. And right there, inside the end zone, there came a Patriot's runner, by the name of Malcolm Butler, who was, as they say, "in the right place at the right time." What an interception

and what a time to pick one off! From then on, it was New England's ball game.

But did you happen to catch the little "fracas" that took place after that interception? Suddenly the game changed from a football game to a wrestling and boxing match all wrapped up in one. We can understand, can't we? It certainly wasn't agreeable or the sportsman like thing to do, but after all, this was the Super Bowl and emotions were running high. But it was still inexcusable. I'm sure the Seattle player feels pretty bad about it, being sent off the field and all, but such a steal in the end zone at such a time as that brings on some powerful emotions.

Here it is folks, this was an unexpected end to both teams. In all actuality and in all assurance, this was Seattle's game, no doubt about



it. They had it wrapped up. Time and the game was pretty well on their side. Even though a lot can be done in the last few minutes, Seattle had the ball game. But suddenly, as if out of no where, the Patriots intercepted the ball and stole the Super Bowl. I know the Patriots are a great and talented ball club and both teams are su-

per bowl teams, but here's the point. Jesus said in Matthew 24:36, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, but My Father only." Just as the Seahawks weren't ready for that ending, in the end of time, when Jesus comes again, there are going to be a whole lot of people the world over who won't be

ready to meet Him. And there will be a lot of sadness on that day. But a warning is given in the last verse of that passage. Jesus said, "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Folks, are you ready? I am. I hope you will be too, on that unexpected day.

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