

What to consider before taking the Patriots or Falcons

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It seemed as if everyone in Nevada held a betting position on the Super Bowl last year, when gamblers wagered a record-high \$132.5 million on the game.

And that record is expected to fall when the New England Patriots take on the Atlanta Falcons as 3-point favorites in Super Bowl 51 on Feb. 5 in Houston. Here's why you should believe in, and doubt, both teams' chances to cash in the biggest betting event of the year.

It's simple – the Patriots are the best team in the NFL. In fairness, the best team doesn't always, or even often, win the Super Bowl. But the gap between New England and the rest of the league is particularly wide.

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