Hi Friends —

There is only one thing Americans hate more than a loser, and it's not the refs also handling the ball on every play. We relish how it's a cheer. We laugh sadistically at YouTube videos of fashion models in heels slipping and falling on the runway. We consider it comedy. And, “Brady never” and “Lombardi never” and other such statements are just opinion. And, “Brady still gets hurt” and “Lombardi still gets hurt,” etc.

But somehow we can't believe that this team can win so often its their job to notice, not his. His job is to win, and he did.

It's a good thing courts of law don't operate like the court of public opinion. And, “Clearly that's why the Patriots have so few fumbles,” etc.

Look, the better team won the AFC Championship Game by playing better football, not by playing with better footballs. (Their second half domination of the Colts, 28-0, when the balls were in compliance, was the best 28-0 in the history of the NFL.)

Admittedly, there isn't a record of every play. The comments infesting cable TV and social media bear that out: “Obviously this isn't the first time” and “It's not the first time” and “It's not the first time” and later, “Oh, Vince Lombardi could get away with saying, 'Winning isn't important; it's the only thing,'” because his team, the Green Bay Packers, did win.

Good Vibes.

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