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## **SUPER BOWL XLVIII OFFICIALS NAMED**

Referee **TERRY MC AULAY**, who was the referee for two previous Super Bowls, will lead the seven-man crew of game officials selected to work Super Bowl XLVIII Sunday, February 2 at MetLife Stadium, the NFL announced today.

The other members of the Super Bowl XLVIII officiating crew are **CARL PAGANELLI** (umpire), **JIM MELLO** (head linesman), **TOM SYMONETTE** (line judge), **SCOTT STEENSON** (field judge), **DAVE WYANT** (side judge) and **STEVE FREEMAN** (back judge). The Super Bowl XLVIII officiating crew collectively has 110 years of NFL officiating experience and 76 combined playoff game assignments.

McAulay, in his 16th season as an NFL game official, entered the league in 1998 as a side judge and was promoted to referee in 2001. He has officiated 12 playoff games, including six conference championship games and Super Bowls XXXIX and XLIII.

Under the NFL officiating program's evaluation system, officials must be rated in the top tier at their position to be eligible for the Super Bowl. They must have at least five years of NFL experience and previous playoff assignments.

**EARNIE FRANTZ** is the replay official. The replay assistant is **BRIAN MATOREN**.

This will be Paganelli's fourth Super Bowl. He worked Super Bowl XXXIX with McAulay, XLI and XLVI. It will be Steenson's second Super Bowl (XXXI).

Freeman is a former NFL player. He played 12 seasons for the Bills and his final season in 1987 with the Vikings.

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<b>POSITION</b>	<b>UNIFORM NO.</b>	<b>OFFICIAL</b>	<b>NFL SEASONS</b>	<b>CAREER PLAYOFF GAMES</b>
Referee	77	Terry McAulay	16	12
Umpire	124	Carl Paganelli	15	13
Head Linesman	48	Jim Mello	10	6
Line Judge	100	Tom Symonette	10	5
Field Judge	88	Scott Steenson	23	19
Side Judge	16	Dave Wyant	23	13
Back Judge	133	Steve Freeman	13	8

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