

Carmel Residents Celebrate As Their Neighbor Wins The Super Bowl

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CARMEL VALLEY, Calif. - Carmel residents had a lot to celebrate Sunday as they watched their neighbor, linebacker Scott Fujita, win the Super Bowl along with the rest of the New Orleans Saints.

"It's great to have one of our local Monterey Peninsula football players in the Super Bowl," said Patrick Phinny, owner of Carmel Valley's Baja Cantina. Phinny hosted an outdoor barbeque and Super Bowl party at Baja Cantina Sunday.

"It's definitely a universal pride that we have," shouted one woman in the crowd of fans.

Scott Fujita grew up in Southern California, went to college in Northern California, and now calls the Central Coast home. His family resides in Carmel during the off-season.

While Fujita may only be in Carmel part-time, his fans are supporting him full-time and watching him win the Super Bowl was a memory they won't soon forget.

"It's not just a great thing to be a professional football player, but it's a great thing also to actually be in the Super Bowl and I know it's probably a thrill for him and it's an honor for the whole Peninsula, it's great," said Phinny.



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