



## GAME NOTES

### New England Patriots vs. Jacksonville Jaguars – January 2, 2022

#### TEAM NOTES

- Patriots clinch playoff berth for 22<sup>nd</sup> time under Robert Kraft, the most by any team since he entered the NFL in 1994.
- Patriots win 10 games for the 27<sup>th</sup> time in team history, tie Dallas for the most by a team since the 1970 merger.
- Patriots score 50 in second game in 2021. Third time in team history the team has two 50-point games in a season.
- Bill Belichick ties Don Shula for first with 19<sup>th</sup> postseason berth and 20<sup>th</sup> 10-win season.
- Patriots reach 20 rushing touchdowns in back-to-back seasons for the first time in team history.
- Damien Harris scores twice for his 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> rushing touchdown of the season.
- J.C. Jackson becomes first Patriots player with two seasons of at least 8 interceptions.

#### PATRIOTS CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH

New England has qualified for the playoffs 28 times in the team's 62-year history. The Patriots have earned 22 of those playoff berths in the 28 seasons since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994. Since 1994, the Patriots' 22 playoff berths are the most in the NFL.

#### PLAYOFF SEASONS SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots</b> .....	<b>22</b>
Green Bay Packers.....	21
Indianapolis Colts .....	18
Pittsburgh Steelers .....	17

#### KRAFT NOW GUARENTEED A CHANCE TO SET MARK FOR MOST POSTSEASON WINS

Under the direction of Robert Kraft, the Patriots have 33 playoff wins which are the third-most for an owner/ownership family in NFL history.

<u>OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>WINS</u>
The Rooney Family, Pittsburgh (1933-present) .....	89	36
Green Bay Packers (1919-present) .....	103	36
<b>Robert Kraft, New England (1994-present) ...</b> .....	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>
The Mara Family, N.Y. Giants (1925-present). .....	97	24
Eddie DeBartolo, Jr., San Francisco (1977-1999) .....	23	22
Al Davis, Oakland/Los Angeles (1972-2011) ... ..	40	21
Pat Bowlen, Denver (1984-2018).....	35	21

#### PATRIOTS WIN 10 GAMES FOR 27<sup>TH</sup> TIME IN TEAM HISTORY, THE MOST BY A TEAM SINCE 1970

The victory over Jacksonville improved New England to a 10-6 record, their 27<sup>th</sup> 10-win season since the 1970 merger, tied with Dallas for the most since the 1970 merger.

### **MOST WINNING 10-WIN SEASONS SINCE THE 1970 MERGER**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Seasons</b>
<b>New England</b> .....	<b>27</b>
Dallas.....	27
Pittsburgh.....	26
San Francisco.....	24
Miami .....	23

### **PATRIOTS REACH 20-PLUS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN BACK-TO-BACK SEASONS**

The Patriots scored four rushing touchdowns to reach 22 rushing touchdowns for the season. It is the 9<sup>th</sup> time in team history that the team has reached at least 20 rushing touchdowns in a season. It is the first time in team history that the Patriots had back-to-back years reaching 20 rushing touchdowns after rushing for 20 in 2020.

### **MOST RUSHING TDS IN A SEASON IN TEAM HISTORY**

<b>Season</b>	<b>Rush TDs</b>
1978.....	30
2012.....	25
1976.....	24
1981.....	23
<b>2021.....</b>	<b>22</b>
2008.....	21
1974.....	21
2020.....	20
2006.....	20

### **PATRIOTS SCORE ON OPENING POSSESSION FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> TIME IN 2021**

The Patriots capped an 11-play, 70-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown on their opening drive. It is the seventh time in 2021 the team has scored on its opening drive, the most since they scored on seven opening drives in 2017.

### **PATRIOTS SCORED TOUCHDOWNS ON ALL FOUR OF THEIR FIRST HALF DRIVES**

The Patriots scored touchdowns on all four of their first half drives. It is the third time that has happened under Bill Belichick. The Patriots scored on all four drives at the St. Louis Rams on Oct. 28, 2012 and all five of their first half drives at Buffalo on Nov. 18, 2007.

### **PATRIOTS SCORE ON ALL FIRST HALF DRIVES FOR THIRD TIME IN 2021**

It is the third time in 2021 that the Patriots scored on all of their first half drives. The team scored on all four first half drives vs. Cleveland on Nov. 14 and all five of their first half drives the win vs. the New York Jets on Oct. 24.

### **PATRIOTS SCORE ON EIGHT OF FIRST NINE OFFENSIVE DRIVES**

The Patriots scored on eight of their first nine offensive drives (the 10<sup>th</sup> possession was a victory formation kneel down). The Patriots also scored on all but one drive (9-of-10) vs. the New York Jets on Oct. 24 and vs. Cleveland on Nov. 14 (7-of-8).

### **PATRIOTS SCORE 50 POINTS FOR SECOND TIME IN 2021**

The Patriots scored 50 or more points for the second time in 2021 after a 50-10 victory. The Patriots had a 54-13 win vs. the New York Jets on Oct. 24. It is the third time in team history that the Patriots have had a season with two games scoring at least 50 points. They also scored 50 points in two games in 2007

and 2012. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> time scoring at least 50 points under Bill Belichick. It is the second 50-point game against Jacksonville. The Patriots beat the Jaguars, 51-17, on Sept. 27, 2015.

**PATRIOTS OFFENSE PRODUCES 32 FIRST DOWNS**

The Patriots offense produced 32 first downs, the 13<sup>th</sup> time in team history that they have had at least 32 first downs and the second time in 2021. The Patriots had 32 first downs vs. the New York Jets on Oct. 24.

**INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

**BILL BELICHICK TIES NFL RECORD WITH 19<sup>TH</sup> POSTSEASON BERTH AS A HEAD COACH**

Bill Belichick has led his teams to 19 postseason berths as a head coach, tied with Don Shula for the most postseason berths as an NFL head coach.

**NFL HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST POSTSEASON BERTHS**

<b><u>Head Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Postseason Appearances</u></b>
<b>Bill Belichick</b> .....	<b>19</b>
Don Shula .....	19
Tom Landry .....	18
Andy Reid .....	17

**BILL BELICHICK TIES DON SHULA FOR MOST 10-WIN SEASONS**

Bill Belichick now has 20 10-win seasons as a head coach, including 19 as head coach of New England. His 20 10-win seasons are tied with Don Shula for the most by an NFL head coach.

**Most 10-Win Seasons by a NFL Head Coach**

<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>10-Win Seasons</u></b>
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>20</b>
Don Shula	20
Tom Landry	16
Andy Reid	16

**JONES BECOMES 15<sup>TH</sup> ROOKIE QUARTERBACK TO REACH 3,000 PASSING YARDS AND 20 TDS**

QB Mac Jones entered the game with 18 touchdown passes and threw three against the Jaguars. He is the 15<sup>th</sup> rookie quarterback to reach 3,000 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes and now has 3,837 passing yards with 23 touchdowns

**JONES SETS TEAM RECORD FOR A ROOKIE QUARTERBACK WITH 20 TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

Jones has 23 touchdown passes to set a team record for most touchdown passes by a Patriots rookie quarterback in team history. Jim Plunkett had 19 touchdown passes during his rookie season in 1971.

**JONES TIES ROOKIE MARK FOR MOST GAMES COMPLETING 70 PERCENT OF HIS PASSES**

Jones completed at least 70 percent of his passes for the ninth time to join Dak Prescott (2016 with Dallas) for the most games by a rookie quarterback with a 70 percent completion percentage. Jones completed 22-of-33 passes for 73.3 pass completion percentage.

**JONES BECOMES 8<sup>TH</sup> ROOKIE QB TO WIN 10 GAMES**

Mac Jones is the 12<sup>th</sup> rookie quarterback to lead his team to a winning record and the 8<sup>th</sup> to lead his team to 10 or more wins during his rookie season.

### Most Wins by a Rookie Quarterback (since 1970)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Dak Prescott	2016	13
Ben Roethlisberger	2004	13
Andrew Luck	2012	11
Russell Wilson	2012	11
Matt Ryan	2008	11
Joe Flacco	2008	11
<b>Mac Jones</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>10</b>
Kyle Orton	2005	10
Robert Griffin 111	2012	9
Andy Dalton	2011	9
Chris Chandler	1988	9
Joe Ferguson	1973	9

### JONES HAS SEVENTH MULTIPLE-TD GAME OF 2021 AND SECOND THREE-TOUCHDOWN GAME

QB Mac Jones threw for three touchdowns, with two to WR Kristian Wilkerson and one to WR Jakobi Meyers. It is his seventh multiple-touchdown game of the season and his second three-touchdown game of the season. He also threw for three touchdowns vs. Cleveland on Nov. 14.

### JACKSON IS FIRST PATRIOTS PLAYER WITH TWO SEASONS WITH 8 OR MORE PICKS

J.C. Jackson intercepted Jacksonville QB Trevor Lawrence in the second quarter for his 8<sup>th</sup> pick of the season. He is the only Patriots player with at least two seasons with 8 or more interceptions.

### MOST INTS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Interceptions</u>
Ron Hall .....	1964 .....	11
Asante Samuel.....	2006 .....	10
<b>J.C. Jackson .....</b>	<b>2020 .....</b>	<b>9</b>
Ty Law.....	1998 .....	9
<b>J.C. Jackson .....</b>	<b>2021 .....</b>	<b>8</b>
Ronnie Lippett .....	1986 .....	8
Mike Haynes.....	1976 .....	8

### JACKSON TIES NFL FOR MOST PICKS IN FIRST FOUR NFL SEASONS

Jackson has 25 career interceptions, tied with Lester Hayes and Everson Walls for the most interceptions by a player in his first four seasons since 1970.

### JACKSON MOVES INTO SOLE POSSESSION OF 9<sup>TH</sup> PLACE ON THE PATRIOTS INTERCEPTION LIST

Jackson moved ahead of Ronnie Lippett and Nick Buoniconti and into sole possession of 9<sup>th</sup> place with his 25th career interception. Maurice Hurst is in 8<sup>th</sup> place with 27 interceptions.

### JACKSON HAS HIGHEST TWO-YEAR INTERCEPTION TOTAL IN TEAM HISTORY

Jackson increased his two-year interception total to 17 (9 in 2020 and 8 in 2021) to move past Asante Samuel who had 16 interceptions in 2006 (10) and 2007 (6) for the most interceptions in consecutive seasons for the Patriots.

### **FOLK JOINS THE 300 CLUB**

Folk entered the week in 10<sup>th</sup> place on the team's all-time scoring list with 298 points. Folk scored eight points with five extra points and a field goal to move past Randy Moss (302) and Ben Coates (302) into 8<sup>th</sup> place on the Patriots all-time scoring list.

### **FOLK EXTENDS STREAK**

Folk extended his streak to 54 straight field goals under 50 yards with a 43-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. It is the second-longest streak in NFL history behind 56 straight field goals from inside 50 yards by Ryan Succop from 2014-2017 while with Tennessee. Folk's last miss from inside the 50-yard line was a 45-yard field goal attempt in the 2020 season-opener vs. Miami on Sept. 13.

### **KENDRICK BOURNE HAS SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS**

Kendrick Bourne entered the week with 47 receptions and added five receptions to push his 2021 totals to 52, a single-season personal high mark. He had 49 receptions in 2020 with San Francisco.

### **MATTHEW SLATER IS SPECIAL**

Matthew Slater (10) reached double-digit special teams totals for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in his career.

### **SLATER PLAYS IN 205<sup>TH</sup> GAME WITH THE PATRIOTS**

Slater played in his 205<sup>th</sup> regular season game and has overtaken Stephen Gostkowski for sole possession for fourth place for most games played in New England history. He also played in his 102<sup>nd</sup> regular season game at Gillette Stadium to tie Gostkowski for second place, behind the 134 games by Tom Brady.

### **MOST REGULAR SEASON GAMES PLAYED**

285 Tom Brady

212 Bruce Armstrong

206 Julius Adams

**205 Matthew Slater**

204 Stephen Gostkowski

### **MOST REGULAR SEASON GILLETTE STADIUM GAMES PLAYED FOR THE PATRIOTS**

134 Tom Brady

**102 Matthew Slater**

102 Stephen Gostkowski

### **HARRIS' 14 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS THIS SEASON TIES CURTIS MARTIN FOR SECOND IN FRANCHISE HISTORY**

RB Damien Harris capped the Patriots first touchdown drive with a 2-yard touchdown for his 13<sup>th</sup> touchdown of the season and then culminated the Patriots second drive with a 7-yard touchdown run for his 14<sup>th</sup> rushing touchdown of the season. His 14 rushing touchdowns are tied with Curtis Martin (1995 and 1996) for the second-most rushing touchdowns in a single season in team history.

### **MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS/SEASON IN PATRIOTS HISTORY**

18	LeGarrette Blount , 2016	12	Cam Newton, 2020
<b>14</b>	<b>Damien Harris, 2021</b>	12	Stevan Ridley, 2012
14	Curtis Martin, 1996	12	Corey Dillon, 2005
14	Curtis Martin, 1995	12	Corey Dillon, 2004
13	BenJarvus Green-Ellis, 2010	12	Antowain Smith, 2001
13	Corey Dillon, 2006	12	Steve Grogan, 1976

### **HARRIS HAD 10<sup>TH</sup> GAME WITH A RUSHING TOUCHDOWN**

Harris has now scored a rushing touchdown in 10 games in 2021, which is tied for second-most in team history. In 2016, RB LeGarrette Blount had 13 games with a rushing touchdown.

### **HARRIS HAD THIRD GAME WITH MULTIPLE TOUCHDOWNS**

Harris had his second straight game and third game of the season with multiple touchdowns. He had three rushing touchdowns vs. Buffalo on Dec. 26 and two vs. the New York Jets on Oct. 24.

### **RHAMONDRE STEVENSON HAD SECOND 100-YARD GAME**

RB Rhamondre Stevenson had his second 100-yard rushing game after finishing with 107 yards on 19 carries for a 5.6-yard average. He had his first 100-yard game vs. Cleveland on Nov. 14 with 100 yards on 20 carries.

### **STEVENSON HAD SECOND TWO-TOUCHDOWN GAME**

Stevenson scored on a 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and a 6-yard run in the fourth quarter for his second two-touchdown game of the season. He also scored two touchdowns in the win vs. Cleveland on Nov. 14.

### **DB MYLES BRYANT REGISTERS SECOND CAREER PICK**

DB Myles Bryant celebrated his birthday today and picked off a Trevor Lawrence pass in the second quarter and returned it 33 yards to the Jacksonville 33-yard line. It was his second career interception. His first pick came at the LA Rams in the second quarter on Dec. 10, 2020.

### **WR KRISTIAN WILKERSON HAD FIRST NFL RECEPTION AND SCORES TWO TOUCHDOWNS**

WR Kristian Wilkerson made his first NFL start after being elevated to the active roster from the practice squad and caught his first NFL reception – a 7-yard pass from QB Mac Jones during the first drive of the game. He caught his first NFL touchdown pass in the second quarter on a 6-yard pass from Jones and then added a second touchdown on a 20-yard reception in the third quarter. Wilkerson finished with 4 receptions for 42 yards and 2 touchdowns.

### **CHRISTIAN BARMORE HAD FIRST SOLO SACK**

DL Christian Barmore registered his first solo sack when he dropped Jacksonville QB Trevor Lawrence for a 11-yard loss on the last play of the first half. He combined with LB Matthew Judon on sack of QB Justin Herbert at the LA Chargers on Oct. 31.

### **LINEUP NOTES**

- **RB Rhamondre Stevenson** returned to action after missing the Buffalo game.
- **LB Jamie Collins Sr.** made his first start of the season for New England.
- **WR Kristian Wilkerson** was elevated to the active roster from the practice squad and made his first NFL start.
- **Ted Karras** moved to center, **Yasir Durant** to right guard, **Mike Onwenu** to left guard and **Justin Herron** to left tackle late in the fourth quarter.