



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at New York Giants – August 29, 2021

PATRIOTS AND GIANTS MEET IN THE PRESEASON-FINALE FOR THE 16TH STRAIGHT PRESEASON

The Patriots and the Giants met in the preseason-finale for the 16 straight time and for the 30th time overall in the preseason. The Giants are the Patriots most frequent preseason opponent.

PATRIOTS FINISH WITH A PERFECT PRESEASON RECORD

The Patriots closed out the 2021 preseason with a 3-0 record after the 22-20 win against the New York Giants. It is the fourth time that the team has had a perfect preseason record and the second time under Bill Belichick (1978, 1981 and 2003).

PATRIOTS CAN RUN THE BALL

The Patriots running game produced again. The team averaged 6.0 yards per attempt after gaining 125 yards on 21 carries. The Patriots had 179 yards rushing on 25 attempts for a 7.2-yard average in the preseason opener vs. Washington and then 207 yards rushing on 44 attempts for a 4.7-yard average at Philadelphia. In 2021 the Patriots finished fourth in the NFL with 2,346 yards rushing and a 4.67-yard average.

PATRIOTS USE SAME QUARTERBACK ROTATION AS THEY DID IN FIRST TWO PRESEASON GAMES

QB Cam Newton started the game and played the first two drives before being relieved by 2021 first-round draft pick QB Mac Jones. Jones played through the third quarter and finished 10-of-14 for 156 yards with one touchdown. QB Brian Hoyer played the rest of the game and was 9-of-10 for 73 yards.

JONES THROWS FIRST NFL TOUCHDOWN PASS

QB Mac Jones threw his first NFL touchdown pass with a 17-yard touchdown pass to WR Isaiah Zuber in the third quarter to put New England in front, 12-7.

NICK FOLK MAKES PRESEASON DEBUT

K Nick Folk made his preseason debut after missing the first two games due to injury. He connected on a 41-yard field goal on the Patriots first drive.

D'ANGELO ROSS COMES UP WITH A PICK IN THE END ZONE

On a third-and-goal situation at the end of the second quarter, DB D'Angelo Ross intercepted Giants QB Daniel Jones in the end zone.

ROOKIE K QUINN NORDIN KICKS LONG

Rookie K Quinn Nordin drilled a 48-yard field goal in the second quarter to put New England up, 6-0. He also had a 37-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. Nordin also handled kickoffs in the second half. Nordin had a successful 50-yard field goal in the preseason opener vs. Washington.

2021 FOURTH ROUND PICK RB RHAMONDRE STEVENSON SCORES AGAIN

2021 fourth-round draft pick RB Rhamondre Stevenson scored on a 9-yard run in the third quarter for his fifth rushing touchdown of the 2021 preseason. He scored two rushing touchdowns vs. Washington and had two at Philadelphia.

J.J. TAYLOR RUNS STRING FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK

After leading the team with 93 yards rushing on 12 carries for a 7.8-yard average the week prior at Philadelphia, RB J.J. Taylor followed that performance with 76 yards on nine rushing attempts for an 8.4-yard average. Taylor had a 21-yard run in the second quarter and a 19-yard run in the fourth quarter.

NEWLY ACQUIRED CB SHAUN WADE MADE HIS PATRIOTS DEBUT

Newly acquired CB Shaun Wade made his debut in a New England uniform after being traded to the Patriots from Baltimore earlier in the week.