



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Philadelphia Eagles – August 19, 2021

THE PATRIOTS EARN SHUTOUT WIN OVER THE EAGLES

The Patriots earned a 35-0 shutout victory against the Philadelphia Eagles. It was their first shutout win in the preseason since a 41-0 win vs. Washington on August 26, 2006. New England has 29 shutouts in regular season play, including 12 under Bill Belichick.

THE PATRIOTS OFFENSE RUSHES FOR 207 YARDS

The Patriots offense had 31 first downs and gained 486 total yards, including 207 yards rushing. Last season the Patriots had two 200-yard games with 217 yards in Week 1 vs. Miami and 250 yards in Week 3 vs. Las Vegas. The Patriots have rushed for at least 200 yards rushing 16 times under Bill Belichick.

PATRIOTS USE SAME QUARTERBACK ROTATION AS THEY DID IN PRESEASON OPENER

QB Cam Newton started the game and played the first three drives before being relieved by 2021 first-round draft pick QB Mac Jones. Newton finished 8-of-9 for 103 yards with one touchdown. Jones played through until 27 seconds left in the third quarter and finished 13-of-19 for 146 yards. QB Brian Hoyer played the rest of the game and was 2-of-3 for 30 yards.

J.J. TAYLOR LED TEAM IN RUSHING

RB J.J. Taylor led the team with 93 yards rushing on 12 carries for a 7.8-yard average.

NELSON AGHOLOR MAKES HIS PATRIOTS DEBUT

WR Nelson Agholor made his debut in a Patriots uniform after missing the preseason opener.

DEVIN ASIASI MAKES THE START AT TIGHT END

TE Devin Asiasi made the start at tight end. He started the final three games of his 2020 rookie season at tight end.

DEVIN MCCOURTY AND MATTHEW SLATER MADE HIS 2021 DEBUT

DB Devin McCourty and WR Matthew Slater played in their first preseason game of the season. Both dressed but did not play in the preseason opener against Washington. McCourty was in the starting lineup against the Eagles.

DAVID ANDREWS MAKES PRESEASON DEBUT

C David Andrews returned to action and was in the starting lineup at center after missing the preseason opener against Washington.

SECOND ROUND DRAFT PICK DL CHRISTIAN BARMORE STARTS IN NFL DEBUT

2021 second round draft pick DL Christian Barmore made his NFL debut after missing the preseason opener and was in the starting lineup.

CHASE WINOVICH MADE HIS PRESEASON DEBUT; HAS TWO SACK NIGHT

DL Chase Winovich returned to practice during the week and saw his first action of the 2021 preseason, in a reserve role. He had a 7-yard sack of Philadelphia QB Joe Flacco in the second quarter. He added a 9-yard sack of QB Nick Mullens in the third quarter. Winovich has his first NFL two-sack game in the 2020 regular season finale against the New York Jets on Jan. 3, 2021.

LB MATT JUDON FORCES A FUMBLE THAT LEADS TO PATRIOTS FIRST POINTS

LB Matt Judon forced a fumble after a hit to Philadelphia QB Joe Flacco following a bad snap that was recovered by DB Jalen Mills at the 9-yard line on the third play of the game. Two plays later RB Damien Harris scored on a 5-yard touchdown run for a 7-0 New England lead.

JAKOBI MEYERS SCORES A TOUCHDOWN ON A 28-YARD PASS FROM CAM NEWTON

WR Jakobi Meyers capped an 8-play, 66-yard drive with a 28-yard touchdown reception from QB Cam Newton late in the second quarter. Meyers has not registered a regular season receiving touchdown in his two seasons with the Patriots. He did score two receiving touchdowns in his first preseason game as a rookie at Detroit on August 8, 2019. He also has thrown two touchdown passes and scored on a two-point play on a pass reception.

TED KARRAS MADE HIS RETURN TO THE PATRIOTS

OL Ted Karras, who played his first four seasons with New England after joining the team as a sixth-round draft pick in 2016, played in his first game back since re-joining the team after a year with the Miami Dolphins.

2021 FOURTH ROUND PICK RB RHAMONDRE STEVENSON SCORES TWO TOUCHDOWNS AGAIN

2021 fourth-round draft pick RB Rhamondre Stevenson scored two rushing touchdowns for the second straight game after scoring on a 1-yard run in the second quarter and a 1-yard run in the third quarter. He scored two touchdowns in the preseason opener against Washington with a 1-yard run and a 91-yard run in the fourth quarter.

LB HARVEY LANGI RECORDS A PICK AND A SACK

Late in the first half DB Justin Bethel tipped a ball that was intercepted by LB Harvey Langi at the New England 45-yard line with 45 seconds remaining in the first half. In the third quarter he sacked Eagles QB Nick Mullens for a 7-yard loss.

S ADRIAN COLBERT PRESERVES THE SHUTOUT WITH A PICK

S Adrian Colbert intercepted QB Nick Mullens at the New England 14-yard line with just under three minutes to play, and New England was able to run out the clock to get the win