



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots at New York Jets – October 21, 2019**

### TEAM NOTES

- Patriots off to 7-0 record for third time in team history
- Patriots earn fourth straight series sweep of Jets; 20th series sweep overall
- Patriots extend mark to 12 straight wins dating back to 2018
- Patriots win fourth road win of 2019; Surpass road win total of three games in 2018
- Patriots have largest point differential after seven games in Super Bowl era

### PATRIOTS OFF TO A 7-0 START FOR 3rd TIME IN TEAM HISTORY

The Patriots are off to a 7-0 start for the third time in team history (2007 & 2015).

### PATRIOTS EARN 20TH SERIES SWEEP OVER THE NEW YORK JETS; EARN FOURTH STRAIGHT SERIES SWEEP

The Patriots earned their 20th series sweep over the Jets, 13th since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994, 11th under Bill Belichick and their fourth straight overall. New England's last loss to the Jets was an overtime defeat in New York on Dec. 27, 2015. It is a team-record fourth straight series sweep for the Patriots. The team had a three-year series sweep from 2003-05. It is also the seventh straight win over the Jets, tying for the longest streak in the annual history. The Patriots also won seven straight from 2003 through 2006.

### PATRIOTS HAVE WON 12 STRAIGHT GAMES DATING BACK TO 2018

The Patriots have now won 12 straight games dating back to the 2018 season, including the postseason.

### PATRIOTS HAVE LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL THROUGH FIRST SEVEN GAMES

The Patriots have the largest point differential through the first seven games in the Super Bowl era with a +175 point differential.

### LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL THROUGH SEVEN GAMES - SUPER BOWL ERA (SINCE 1966)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Own</u>	<u>Opp</u>	<u>Diff</u>
<b>2019</b>	<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>+175</b>
1966	Dallas Cowboys	266	106	+160
2007	New England Patriots	279	120	+159
2006	Chicago Bears	221	69	+152
1999	St. Louis Rams	238	87	+151
1991	Washington Redskins	231	82	+149

## **LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL IN A SEASON SUPER BOWL ERA (SINCE 1966)**

<b>Season</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Own</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Diff</b>
2007	New England Patriots	589	274	+315
1999	St. Louis Rams	526	242	+284
1991	Washington Redskins	485	224	+261

## **PATRIOTS HAVE ALLOWED JUST 48 POINTS IN 2019**

The Patriots have allowed 48 points in 2019 through seven games. Since the NFL moved to a 16-game schedule, only seven teams have allowed under 200 points in a season. Through seven games, the team is on pace to allow just 110 points for the season, which would be the fewest in NFL history. The 1977 Patriots allowed 217 points in a 14-game season. The Patriots fewest points allowed in a 16-game season was 237 in 2006. The NFL record for fewest points in a 16-game season was the 2000 Baltimore Ravens, who allowed 165 total points. Of the Patriots 48 points allowed this season, 21 points were scored on turnovers returned for touchdowns (one interception and two fumbles returned for touchdowns).

## **Fewest Points Allowed in a 16-game Season**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Points Through Seven Games</b>
Baltimore	2000	165	75
Chicago	1986	187	90
Tennessee	2000	191	97
Pittsburgh	1978	195	77
Tampa Bay	2002	196	76
Denver	1978	198	86
Chicago	1985	198	105

## **PATRIOTS ON PACE TO FINISH WITH MOST INTERCEPTIONS IN TEAM HISTORY**

The Patriots had four interceptions in the win against the Jets and now have 18 on the season, on pace to finish the year with 41 interceptions. The most interceptions in the modern era was the 1986 San Francisco 49ers with 39. The Patriots 18 interceptions through the first seven games is the most since the 1996 Green Bay Packers had 20 interceptions through the first seven games. The Patriots finished the 2018 season with 18 interceptions total. The most interceptions in the Belichick era was 29 by the 2003 Patriots.

## **Most Interceptions in a Season - Patriots**

<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>Year</b>
31	1964
29	1963
29	2003

### **Most Interceptions in a Season**

**(since 1970)**

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Interceptions</u></b>	<b><u>Most Interceptions Through Seven Games</u></b>
San Francisco	1986	39	19
Seattle	1984	38	14
Pittsburgh	1973	37	19
Dallas	1981	37	17

### **PATRIOTS HAVE THIRD GAME WITH FOUR INTERCEPTIONS**

The Patriots finished the game with four interceptions. It is the third time in 2019 that the Patriots have had four interceptions in a game. They had four picks at Miami on Sept. 15 and four interceptions at Buffalo on Sept. 29. It is the second time in team history that the team has had three games with four interceptions. The Patriots also had three games with four interceptions in 1962.

### **PATRIOTS EARN 28TH SHUTOUT, 11TH UNDER BELICHICK**

The Patriots earned their 28th shutout in franchise history, 11th under Bill Belichick and second shutout of 2019. The Patriots beat Miami 43-0 in Week 2. It marks the second time that Belichick has led the Patriots to two shutouts in the same season. He also coached the team to two shutouts in 2003 season. It is the third shutout of the New York Jets (20-0 in 1971 and 24-0 in 1974).

### **PATRIOTS LIMIT JETS TO 73 NET YARDS PASSING;**

### **THIRD TIME IN 2019 THAT AN OPPONENT HAS BEEN HELD UNDER 100 NET YARDS PASSING**

The Patriots limited the Jets to 73 yards passing. It is the third time in 2019 that the Patriots have limited their opponent to under 100 yards passing. The Patriots limited the Jets to 69 net yards passing in Week 3 and the Redskins to 78 yards in Week 5. Jets QB Sam Darnold had just 11 completions for 86 gross yards for a QB rating of 3.6.

### **PATRIOTS WIN FOURTH ROAD GAME OF 2019; SURPASS ROAD WIN TOTAL OF 2018**

The 2019 Patriots are 4-0 on the road in 2019, exceeding their 2018 road win total. In 2018, the Patriots finished 3-5 on the road. Overall since 1994, the Patriots have the best road record in the NFL at 128-76.

### **PATRIOTS IMPROVE TO 4-0 IN AFC EAST PLAY IN 2019**

The Patriots are 4-0 in AFC East play and own the NFL's best divisional record since 2001 at 90-24.

### **DEFENSE HOLDS ON THIRD DOWN**

The Patriots continued to be strong on third down, holding the Jets to just 2-of-11 on third down. Overall, the Patriots have held teams to just 12-for-84 (14.3 pct) on third down in 2019. The fewest third downs allowed in a 16-game season is 49 by 1991 Saints.

### **PATRIOTS CONVERT FIRST FOURTH DOWN OF THE 2019 SEASON**

The Patriots converted their first fourth-down attempt of the 2019 season when QB Tom Brady completed a 7-yard pass to TE Ben Watson on a fourth-and-6 from the Jets 35-yard line.

### **PATRIOTS RECORD FIRST SAFETY SINCE 2017**

The Patriots recorded a safety in the third quarter when the Jets fumbled the snap out of the end zone. It is the first safety since the Patriots DL Eric Lee tackled Bryce Petty in the end zone vs. N.J. Jets on Dec. 31, 2017.

### **PATRIOTS SCORE 30 POINTS FOR SIX TIME**

The Patriots have scored at least 30 points in six of their seven games so far in 2019.

### **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

#### **BELICHICK NOW ONE WIN AWAY FROM BECOMING THIRD COACH WITH 300 CAREER WINS**

Bill Belichick won his 299th career game and needs one more win to become the third NFL coach to reach 300 career victories.

<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Team (s)</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
Don Shula	BAL/MIA	347	173	6
George Halas	Chicago	324	151	31
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE/NE</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>0</b>

#### **BRADY ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL TD LIST**

Brady has 49 touchdown passes on Monday Night Football, fourth-most in Monday Night Football history, behind Dan Marino (74), Brett Favre (69) and Drew Brees (52).

#### **MOST TD PASSES ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**

<b>Player</b>	<b>TD Passes on MNF</b>	<b>Games</b>
Dan Marino	74	38
Brett Favre	69	38
Drew Brees	52	24
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>24</b>
Steve Young	42	25
Peyton Manning	38	18
Eli Manning	37	21

#### **BRADY WINS 17TH GAME ON MONDAY NIGHT TO MOVE OUT OF A TIE WITH STEVE YOUNG**

Brady won his 17th career game on Monday Night Football, moving out of a tie with Steve Young (17) into sole possession of third place for the most wins by a starting quarterback on Monday Night Football behind Dan Marino (20) and Brett Favre (19).

### **BRADY WINS AGAINST THE JETS**

Tom Brady now has 29 regular-season wins against the New York Jets as a starter.

### **MOST WINS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK AGAINST AN OPPONENT**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Wins</u></b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>31 wins against Buffalo</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>29 wins against N.Y. Jets</b>
Brett Favre	26 wins against Detroit
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>23 wins against Miami</b>
Brett Favre	23 wins against Chicago
Ben Roethlisberger	23 wins against Cincinnati

### **BRADY HAD 30 COMPLETIONS – THIRD ALL-TIME WITH 38 SUCH GAMES.**

Tom Brady completed 31 passes against the Jets. He now has 30 completions in back-to-back games after completing 31 the previous game against the Giants. He has now had back-to-back games with at least 30 completions five times (2019, 2014, 2013, 2007 and 2002). He has completed at least 30 passes in a game 38 times in his career, third all-time. In 2017, he had five games with at least 30 completions.

#### **Most games with 30 or more completions**

Drew Brees	60
Peyton Manning	39
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>38</b>
Matt Ryan	31
Brett Favre	25

### **DORSETT SET A CAREER HIGH WITH HIS FOURTH TD RECEPTION**

WR Phillip Dorsett scored on a 26-yard pass from Tom Brady in the first quarter and now has a career-high of four touchdowns in 2019. He had three touchdown receptions in 2018.

### **DEVIN MCCOURTY RECORDS FIFTH INTERCEPTION OF 2019**

DB Devin McCourty intercepted Jets QB Sam Darnold deep in Jets territory in the first quarter for his fifth interception of 2019. He has now recorded five or more interceptions in a season three times. He totaled seven interceptions as a rookie in 2010 and five in 2012. He leads the NFL with his five interceptions and has more interceptions in 2019 than 14 other NFL teams.

### **TERRENCE BROOKS GETS FIRST PICK OF THE SEASON**

DB Terrence Brooks had his first interception of the season when he picked off QB Sam Darnold in the end zone.

### **PATRIOTS WIN WHEN SONY MICHEL SCORES**

The Patriots are 12-0 when Sony Michel scores a touchdown (regular season and playoffs), after he scored three touchdowns in the win against the Jets. The Patriots are 4-0 in 2019 with a Michel touchdown.

### **MICHEL SETS CAREER HIGH WITH THREE TOUCHDOWNS**

Michel scored on a 3-yard run in the first quarter, a 1-yard run in the second quarter and a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter for his first career regular season three-touchdown game. He had two rushing touchdowns on Oct. 14, 2018, vs. Kansas City. Michel scored three rushing touchdowns in the AFC Divisional Playoff game vs. the L.A. Chargers on Jan. 13, 2019, and two rushing touchdowns at Kansas City in the AFC Championship Game on Jan. 20, 2019.

### **ROOKIE DAMIEN HARRIS HAS FIRST CARRIES OF HIS CAREER**

Rookie RB Damien Harris had his first rushing attempts of his career, finishing with four carries for 12 yards in the fourth quarter.

### **LINEUP NOTES**

#### **TE BEN WATSON PLAYS FIRST GAME FOR THE PATRIOTS SINCE 2009**

TE Ben Watson played in his first game for the Patriots in 2019 and his first since the 2009 season. Watson played his first six seasons in New England, after joining the team as a first-round draft pick out of Georgia in 2004. It was his first start as a member of the Patriots since Dec. 13, 2009, vs. Carolina. He caught a 10-yard pass from Tom Brady in the first quarter, his first for the Patriots since a 3-yard pass from Brady in the fourth quarter of an AFC Wild Card vs. Baltimore on Jan. 10, 2010. He finished the game with three receptions for 18 yards.

#### **TE ERIC TOMLINSON MAKES PATRIOTS DEBUT**

TE Eric Tomlinson made his debut in a Patriots uniform after being signed earlier in the week. He started in a two-tight end alignment and caught a 1-yard pass from Tom Brady in the fourth quarter.

#### **WR PHILLIP DORSETT RETURNED TO ACTION**

WR Phillip Dorsett returned to action after missing a game due to injury.

#### **DB DURON HARMON MAKES SECOND START OF THE SEASON IN PLACE OF PATRICK CHUNG**

DB Duron Harmon started in place of Patrick Chung, who was out with an injury. He also started for Chung due to injury at Washington on Oct. 6.

#### **DEATRICH WISE MAKES FIRST START OF THE 2019 SEASON**

DL Deatrich Wise Jr. made his first start of the 2019 season. He started in three games as a rookie in 2017 and five games in 2018.

#### **LB ELANDON ROBERTS PLAYS FULLBACK**

LB Elandon Roberts played on offense at fullback for a few plays on the goal line in the second and fourth quarters.