



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots at Washington Redskins – October 6, 2019**

### TEAM NOTES

- Patriots off to 5-0 record for fifth time in team history and fourth time under Belichick
- Patriots register at least five sacks for the fourth straight game
- Patriots still have not allowed a passing TD
- Tom Brady moves past Brett Favre for third on the all-time passing list

### **PATRIOTS OFF TO A 5-0 START FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> TIME IN TEAM HISTORY; 4<sup>TH</sup> TIME UNDER BELICHICK**

The Patriots are off to a 5-0 start for the fifth time in team history (1974, 2004, 2007, 2015 and 2019) and the fourth time under Bill Belichick.

### **PATRIOTS DEFENSE NETS FOURTH-STRAIGHT HIGH-SACK TOTAL; ON PACE TO FINISH WITH 77 SACKS**

The Patriots defense netted its fourth straight game with at least five sacks after finishing with six against Washington. The team had seven sacks at Miami, five sacks vs. N.Y. Jets and five sacks at Buffalo. It is the first time in team history that the team has had at least five sacks in four straight games. The Patriots now have 24 sacks in the first five games of the season and are on pace to finish with 77. That mark would set a new NFL record. The 1984 Chicago Bears have the record with 72 sacks in 1984. The franchise record for most sacks in a season was 66 in 1963 (14 games). The team record for most sacks in a 16-game season is 57 in 1979. The Patriots record for most sacks under Bill Belichick is 49 in 2015.

### **Most Sacks in a Season in NFL History**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Sacks</b>	<b>Sacks Through the First Five Games</b>
Chicago	1984	72	15
Minnesota	1989	71	21
Chicago	1987	70	36
NY Giants	1985	68	26

### **PATRIOTS SACKS IN 2019**

<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Sacks</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers	1	1
Miami Dolphins	2	7
New York Jets	3	5
Buffalo Bills	4	5
Washington Redskins	5	6

### **MOST SACKS IN 5 CONSECUTIVE GAMES (PATRIOTS HISTORY)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Sacks</b>
1963	3-7	32
1977	10-14	30
1977	8-12	26
<b>2019</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>24</b>
1985	8-12	24
1963, 1964, 1976, 1979, 1984	---	23

### **PATRIOTS HAVE ALLOWED JUST 34 POINTS IN 2019**

The Patriots have allowed 34 points in 2019. Since the NFL moved to a 16-game schedule, only seven teams have allowed under 200 points for the year. Through five games, the team is on pace to allow 109 points for the season. The 1977 Patriots allowed 217 points in a 14-game season. The Patriots fewest amount of points allowed in a 16-game season was 237 in 2006. The NFL record for fewest amount of points in a 16-game season was the 2000 Baltimore Ravens, who allowed 165 total points.

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

<b>Team</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Points Through First Five Games</b>
Baltimore	2000	165	55
Chicago	1986	187	60
Tennessee	2000	191	78
Pittsburgh	1978	195	56
Tampa Bay	2002	196	53
Denver	1978	198	56
Chicago	1985	198	88

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

The Patriots had one interception when DB Jason McCourty picked off a pass in the second quarter and now have 11 for the season and are on pace to finish with 35 interceptions. The most interceptions in the modern era was the 1986 San Francisco 49ers with 39.

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

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

### **Most Interceptions in a Season (since 1970)**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Interceptions</u>	<u>Most Interceptions Through first Five Games</u>
San Francisco	1986	39	14
Seattle	1984	38	11
Pittsburgh	1973	37	16
Dallas	1981	37	14

### **THE PATRIOTS HAVE NOT ALLOWED A PASSING TOUCHDOWN IN FIVE GAMES**

The Patriots defense has not allowed a passing touchdown through the first five games of the season. The last team that did not allow a passing touchdown in the first five games was the 1988 Cleveland Browns, who did not allow a passing touchdown in the first seven games.

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

The Patriots continued to be strong on third down, holing Washington to just 1-for-11 on third down. The Patriots held Buffalo to just 2-of-13, The Jets to zero first downs and Miami to just two. Overall, the Patriots have held teams to just 8-for-63 on third down so far in 2019. The fewest third downs allowed in a 16-game season is 49 by 1991 Saints.

### **PATRIOTS OFF TO 3-0 ROAD START**

The Patriots, who finished 3-5 on the road in 2018, are now off to a 3-0 road start in 2019.

## INDIVIDUAL NOTES

### BRADY MOVES PAST FAVRE FOR THIRD PLACE IN ALL-TIME PASSING YARDS

Tom Brady moved past Brett Favre (71,838) with an 11-yard pass to WR Julian Edelman in the third quarter. Brady entered the game needing 264 yards to move past Favre and finished with 348 yards for 71,923 total passing yards. He needs 18 yards to move past Peyton Manning into second place all-time.

### ALL-TIME PASSING YARDS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team(s)</u>	<u>Passing Yards</u>
1. Drew Brees.....	SD/NO .....	74,845
2. Peyton Manning.....	IND/DEN.....	71,940
<b>3. Tom Brady.....</b>	<b>New England.....</b>	<b>71,923</b>
4. Brett Favre .....	GB/NYJ/MIN.....	71,838

### BRADY EXTENDS MARK FOR MOST WINS IN INTER-CONFERENCE PLAY

Brady won his 53rd career game against an NFC opponent, the most wins in inter-conference play since 1970 among all NFL quarterbacks.

### MOST WINS IN INTER-CONFERENCE GAMES SINCE 1970

<b>Tom Brady .....</b>	<b>53</b>
Peyton Manning.....	46
Brett Favre .....	43
Ben Roethlisberger.....	38
Dan Marino .....	37

### EXTENDS MARK FOR MOST TD TARGETS BY A QB

Brady has thrown a touchdown pass to 73 different players in the regular season, extending his record for most touchdown targets by an NFL quarterback after a 10-yard touchdown pass to TE Ryan Izzo in the fourth quarter.

### Most Touchdown Targets by an NFL Quarterback

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TD TARGETS</u>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>73</b>
Vinny Testaverde	70
Steve DeBerg	62
Brett Favre	61

### **BRADY BECOMES THIRD NFL PLAYER WITH 90 300 YARD GAMES**

Tom Brady threw for over 300 yards after throwing for 348 yards against Washington and is now one of three NFL players with at least 90 300-yard games. It Brady's third 300-yard game of the 2019 season. The Patriots are 75-15 when he throws for at least 300 yards.

### **Most 300-yard Games in NFL History**

Drew Brees	116
Peyton Manning	93
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>90</b>
Philip Rivers	65
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62

### **EDELMAN GOES OVER 100**

WR Julian Edelman went over 100 yards receiving for the first time in 2019 after finishing with 110 yards receiving. It is his 12<sup>th</sup> career 100-yard game in the regular season.

### **EDELMAN MOVES PAST GRONKOWSKI FOR FOURTH ON PATS RECEPTION LIST**

WR Julian Edelman entered the game with 520 career receptions and caught eight passes to move past TE Rob Gronkowski (521) into fourth place on the Patriots all-time reception list with 528 receptions. Stanley Morgan is third with 534 receptions.

### **EDELMAN TAKE OVER SOLE POSSESSION OF 9TH PLACE WITH 32 CAREER TD RECEPTIONS**

WR Julian Edelman caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the first quarter and now has 32 career touchdown receptions. He claimed sole possession of ninth place in club annals. Edelman entered the game tied with Troy Brown. Wes Welker is in eighth place with 37 touchdown receptions.

### **EDELMAN NOW TIED WITH IRVING FRYAR FOR 5TH PLACE ON ALL-TIME YARDAGE LIST**

Edelman's 110 yards moved his career total to 5,726 yards, tied with Irving Fryar (5,726) for fifth place on the Patriots all-time receiving yards list. Troy Brown is fourth with 6,366 yards.

### **TE RYAN IZZO SCORES FIRST NFL TOUCHDOWN**

TE Ryan Izzo caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the fourth quarter for his first NFL touchdown.

### **CHASE WINOVICH NOW HAS AT LEAST A HALF-SACK IN FOUR STRAIGHT GAMES; TIES TEAM ROOKIE RECORD**

Rookie DL Chase Winovich has now had at least a half of a sack in four straight games, tying a team mark for a rookie. He sacked Redskins QB Colt McCoy for an 8-yard loss in the first quarter. The last Patriots rookie with at least half a sack in four straight games was Brent Williams in 1986. Garin Veris also had a stretch of four straight games with at least a half a sack as a rookie in 1985.

### **RB BRANDON BOLDEN SCORES A TD FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK**

RB Brandon Bolden scored on a 29-yard touchdown reception from Tom Brady in the third quarter. It is the second-longest touchdown pass of his career. He scored on a 63-yard touchdown pass at Denver on Nov. 29, 2015. It is the second straight game with a touchdown for Bolden. He scored on a 4-yard rush at Buffalo on Sept. 29.

### **FB JAKOB JOHNSON HAS FIRST CAREER RECEPTION**

FB Jakob Johnson caught a 5-yard reception from Tom Brady in the first quarter for his first career reception.

### **LINEUP NOTES**

#### **S JORDAN RICHARDS PLAYS IN FIRST GAME FOR THE PATRIOTS SINCE 2017**

S Jordan Richards played in his first game for the Patriot since the 2017 season. A second-round draft pick by New England in 2015, Richards was traded by the Patriots to Atlanta prior to the start of the 2018 season.

#### **K MIKE NUGENT PLAYS IN HIS FIRST GAME AS A MEMBER OF THE PATRIOTS**

K Mike Nugent played in his first game as a member of the Patriots after signing with the team earlier in the week.

#### **P JAKE BAILEY HANDLED KICKOFF DUTY**

Rookie P Jake Bailey handled kickoff duties for the first time in the regular season.

#### **LB DON'T'A HIGTOWER RETURNED TO THE LINEUP**

LB Dont'a Hightower returned to the starting lineup after missing the previous game due to injury.