



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Philadelphia Eagles – November 17, 2019

TEAM NOTES

- Robert Kraft earns 23rd winning season in 26 years of ownership
- Patriots earn 34th winning season since 1970, second-most since merger
- Patriots secure 19th straight winning season
- Edelman completed second career TD pass; first regular-season TD pass
- Edelman is 4-for-4 for 90 yards for a perfect passer rating of 158.3 in regular season

ROBERT KRAFT HAS 23 WINING SEASONS IN 26 YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

With the Patriots ninth victory this season the team solidified a winning record in 2019. It is the 23rd time in Robert Kraft's 26 seasons of ownership that the Patriots have finished the season with at least nine victories or above .500 for the season.

PATRIOTS EARN 34TH WINNING SEASON SINCE 1970; SECOND-MOST SINCE THE MERGER

The Patriots now have 34 seasons in which the team has finished above .500 since the 1970 merger, second only to the Pittsburgh Steelers (36). New England also leads the NFL with 19 consecutive winning seasons since 2001.

MOST WINNING SEASONS SINCE THE 1970 MERGER

<u>Team</u>	<u>Seasons</u>
Pittsburgh	36
New England	34
Dallas	33
Miami.....	30
Minnesota.....	30
Denver	29

MOST SEASONS OF 9+ WINS SINCE 2001

<u>Team</u>	<u>Seasons</u>
New England	19
Pittsburgh	14
Indianapolis.....	13
Seattle.....	13
Green Bay.....	12
Philadelphia	12

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS (ACTIVE)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Seasons</u>
New England	19
Seattle	7
Kansas City	6
Pittsburgh	5

PATRIOTS HAVE 19TH CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASON

The Patriots won more than half of their games for the 19th straight year in 2019. They are the first team to win more than half of their games in 19 straight seasons since free agency began in 1993. The Patriots are also the first team to win more than half of their games in 19 straight seasons since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, more than the 49ers (16 straight from 1983-98) and the Cowboys (16 straight from 1970-85).

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS (SINCE 1970 NFL MERGER)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Winning Seasons</u>
New England	2001-19	19
San Francisco	1983-98	16
Dallas	1970-85	16
Oakland	1970-80	11

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS ALL-TIME

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Winning Seasons</u>
Dallas	1966-85	20
New England	2001-19	19
San Francisco	1983-98	16
Oakland	1965-80	16
Chicago	1930-44	15
Green Bay	1934-47	14
Cleveland	1957-69	13

Among the other three major professional league sports, a franchise has authored 19 or more consecutive winning seasons on only seven occasions: New York Yankees (39, 1926-64), Montreal Canadiens (32, 1951-52 to 1982-83), Boston Bruins (29, 1967-68 to 1995-96), New York Yankees (27, 1993-2019), Detroit Red Wings (24, 1991-92 to 2015-16), San Antonio Spurs (22, 1997-98 to 2018-19) and Utah Jazz (19, 1985-86 to 2003-04).

2019 PATRIOTS HAVE SIXTH LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL THROUGH FIRST 10 GAMES

The 2019 Patriots have a +179 point differential through the first 10 games of the season, the sixth largest point differential through the first ten games during the Super Bowl era (since 1966).

SECOND LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL THROUGH 10 GAMES SUPER BOWL ERA (SINCE 1966)

Season	Team	Own	Opp	Diff
2007	New England Patriots	411	157	+254
1969	Minnesota Vikings	319	103	+216
1984	Miami Dolphins	336	141	+195
1991	Washington Redskins	320	125	+195
1999	St. Louis Rams	323	135	+188
2019	New England Patriots	287	108	+179
1996	Green Bay Packers	369	204	+165
2006	Chicago Bears	282	120	+162

LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL SUPER BOWL ERA (Since 1966)

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

PATRIOTS HAVE ALLOWED JUST 108 POINTS IN 2019

The Patriots have allowed 108 points in 2019 through 10 games. Since the NFL moved to a 16-game schedule, only seven teams have allowed under 200 points in a season. Through 10 games, the team is on pace to allow 173 points for the season. 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 108 points allowed this season, 28 points were scored on opponent turnovers returned for touchdowns (one interception and three fumbles returned for touchdowns). The fewest points by a Bill Belichick coached defense was the 1994 Cleveland Browns, who allowed just 204 points.

Fewest Points Allowed in a 16-game Season

Team	Year	Points	Points Through 10 Games
Baltimore	2000	165	105
Chicago	1986	187	120
Tennessee	2000	191	149
Pittsburgh	1978	195	139
Tampa Bay	2002	196	119
Denver	1978	198	141
Chicago	1985	198	127

Fewest Points Allowed Per Game in a 16-game Season (since 1978)

Team	Year	PPG
Baltimore	2000	10.3
Chicago	1986	11.7
Tennessee	2000	11.9

THE PATRIOTS DEFENSE HAS ALLOWED JUST NINE TOUCHDOWNS SO FAR IN 2019

The Patriots defense has allowed nine touchdowns so far in 2019. The fewest touchdowns allowed by a defense since 1970 (rushing or passing TDs). The fewest rush/pass TD allowed in a season since 1970 is the 10 in 1970 by the Minnesota Vikings. Since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule, the fewest touchdowns allowed by a defense are the 16 by the 1986 Chicago Bears and the 16 by the 2000 Baltimore Ravens

Fewest Defensive Touchdowns Allowed in a Season

Team	Year	Touchdowns Allowed
Minnesota Vikings	1970	10
Minnesota Vikings	1971	12
Minnesota Vikings	1969	12
Minnesota Vikings	1973	13
Pittsburgh Steelers	1976	14
Atlanta Falcons	1977	14
Miami Dolphins	1982	14
Buffalo Bills	1982	14

DEFENSE ON PACE TO FINISH WITH 59 SACKS; SIXTH GAME IN 2019 WITH AT LEAST FIVE SACKS.

The Patriots defense finished with five sacks, the sixth time in 2019 that the team has had at least five sacks in a game. The Patriots now have 37 sacks in 2019 and are on pace to finish with 59 sacks for the season. 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. The Patriots 37 sacks through 10 games are the most since 1979 when they had 43 sacks through the first 10 games.

Most Sacks in a Season in NFL History

Team	Year	Sacks	Sacks through 10 Games
Chicago	1984	72	47
Minnesota	1989	71	50
Chicago	1987	70	48
NY Giants	1985	68	43

PATRIOTS SACKS IN 2019

Opponent	Game	Sacks
Pittsburgh Steelers	1	1
Miami Dolphins	2	7
New York Jets	3	5

Buffalo Bills	4	5
Washington Redskins	5	6
New York Giants	6	1
New York Jets	7	1
Cleveland Browns	8	5
Baltimore Ravens	9	1
Philadelphia Eagles	10	5

DEFENSE HOLDS ON THIRD DOWN

The Patriots continued to be strong on third down, holding the Eagles to just 3-of-13. Overall, the Patriots have held teams to just 23-for-119 (19.3 pct) on third down in 2019. The fewest third downs allowed in a 16-game season is 49 by 1991 Saints.

BOUNCE BACK PATRIOTS

Since 2003, the Patriots are 45-8 (.849) in regular-season games following a loss. They have dropped back-to-back regular-season games in 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015 (twice) and 2018 (twice). As a starter in his career, Tom Brady is 47-12 in games following a loss.

PATRIOTS IMPROVE UNDER BELICHICK AFTER A BYE WEEK

The Patriots improved to a 15-5 record after the bye week under Bill Belichick.

PATRIOTS HAVE HELD OPPONENTS SCORELESS IN 24 QUARTERS

The Patriots have held teams scoreless in 24-of-40 quarters. The most scoreless quarters by a defense since 1970 is 40 by the Baltimore Ravens in 2000.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BELICHICK LEADS PATRIOTS TO 19TH WINNING SEASON

Bill Belichick has led the Patriots to 19 straight seasons with a winning record (2001-19), second all-time behind Tom Landry, whose Dallas Cowboys accomplished the feat 20 straight years from 1966-85.

MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH A WINNING RECORD

<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>
Tom Landry	Dallas	20 – 1966-85
Bill Belichick	New England	19 – 2001-19
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	14 – 1934-47
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	12 – 1921-32
George Halas	Chicago	10 – 1933-42
John Madden	Oakland	10 – 1969-78

**JULIAN EDELMAN COMPLETES FIRST REGULAR-SEASON TOUCHDOWN PASS;
HAS COMPLETED ALL FOUR OF HIS REGULAR-SEASON PASS ATTEMPTS**

WR Julian Edelman completed a 15-yard touchdown pass to WR Phillip Dorsett in the third quarter. It is his second completion of the season. He completed a 32-yard pass to RB James White in the first quarter of the season opener vs. Pittsburgh. Overall, Edelman is now 4-for-4 for 90 yards with one touchdown in the regular season for a perfect passer rating of 158.3. It is Edelman's second touchdown pass overall. He had a 51-yard touchdown pass to WR Danny Amendola in a Divisional Playoff win vs. Baltimore on Jan. 10, 2015.

EDELMAN ON PACE FOR CAREER YEAR

Through the first 10 games of the 2019 season, WR Julian Edelman has 68 receptions for 716 yards and is on pace for 108 receptions for 1,146 yards. He posted career highs with 105 receptions in 2013 and 1,106 yards receiving in 2016.

SANU SR. LINED UP TO RETURN PUNTS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT GAME

WR Mohamed Sanu Sr. was utilized as a punt returner due to Gunner Olszewski being inactive for the second game. He was utilized as a punt returner in the Baltimore game for the second time in his career but did not have any returns. Against Philadelphia, he had his first positive yards. Prior to this game, Sanu has returned one punt for 2 yards on Sept. 29, 2019, vs. Tennessee while with Atlanta. He finished with three punt returns for 23 yards.

ELANDON ROBERTS GETS FIRST SACK OF THE SEASON

LB Elandon Roberts registered an 11-yard sack in the second quarter for his first sack of the season.

DANNY SHELTON FORCED A FUMBLE ON A 10-YARD SACK TO HELP SET UP A FIELD GOAL

Danny Shelton forced a fumble on a 10-yard sack in that was recovered by DL Lawrence Guy at the Philadelphia 22-yard line late in the second quarter to help set up a field goal.

LB KYLE VAN NOY TIES CAREER HIGH WITH 5½ SACKS

LB Kyle Van Noy sacked Philadelphia QB Carson Wentz for a 7-yard loss at the end of the second quarter to improve to 5½ sacks for the season. That matches his career-high of 5½ sacks he had in the 2017 season.

NICK FOLES CONNECTS ON ALL THREE FIELD GOALS

K Nick Foles connected on all three field goal attempts with field goals of 35, 22 and 39 yards.

LINEUP NOTES

2019 FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICK N'KEAL HARRY MADE HIS NFL DEBUT

2019 first-round draft pick WR N'Keal Harry made his NFL debut after being activated to the 53-man roster the day before the game. He entered the game for the first time on the second play of the Patriots first offensive series. He caught his first pass on an 11-yard reception from Tom Brady in the second quarter. He finished with three receptions for 18 yards.

TE MATT LACOSSE RETURNS TO ACTION

TE Matt LaCrosse both returned to the field after missing three games due to injury.

JONATHAN JONES MAKES FIRST START AT SAFETY IN BASE DEFENSE

Jonathan Jones started at safety in place of the injured Patrick Chung. It was Jones' eighth start of the season but first start ever in the base defense.