



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots vs. Dallas Cowboys – November 24, 2019**

### TEAM NOTES

- Patriots win 10 games for 17<sup>th</sup> straight season
- Patriots win 18<sup>th</sup> straight regular season game at home; 21 straight including postseason
- 2019 Patriots tie team record (1986) with third blocked punt of the season.
- Tom Brady remains undefeated against Dallas
- Matthew Slater records first career blocked punt

### PATRIOTS WIN 10 GAMES FOR THE 17TH STRAIGHT SEASON; MOVE PAST SAN FRANCISCO FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE 10-WIN SEASONS

New England has reached at least 10 regular season wins for 17 consecutive seasons, moving past San Francisco (16) for the most consecutive seasons with 10 or more wins.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Consecutive Seasons with 10+ Wins</u>
New England	2003-2019	17
San Francisco	1983-1998	16
Indianapolis	2002-2010	9
Dallas	1975-1981	7

### PATRIOTS WIN 18<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT REGULAR SEASON HOME GAME; 21 STRAIGHT HOME WINS INCLUDING THE POSTSEASON

The Patriots won their 18<sup>th</sup> straight regular season home game, tying for the second longest home winning streak in team history. The Patriots have won 21 straight home games including the postseason to match the longest streak in team history. The 21-straight home wins including the postseason are tied for the third longest streak in NFL history. The Patriots are the only team with two 20-game home winning streaks, including the postseason.

### LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAK/PATRIOTS HISTORY (REGULAR SEASON ONLY)

<u>Streak</u>	<u>First Win</u>	<u>Last Win</u>
20 .....	Dec. 21, 2008.....	Oct. 16, 2011
<b>18 .....</b>	<b>Oct. 22, 2017 .....</b>	<b>Present</b>
18 .....	Dec. 29, 2002.....	Sept. 8, 2005
16 .....	Dec. 30, 2012.....	Dec. 28, 2014
12 .....	Nov. 26, 2006.....	Sept. 7, 2008
10 .....	Sept. 18, 1976 .....	Oct. 30, 1977

**LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAK/NFL HISTORY  
(REGULAR SEASON ONLY)**

<b>Streak</b>	<b>Team</b>
27	Miami (1971-74)
25	Green Bay (1995-98)
24	Denver (1996-98)
<b>20</b>	<b>New England (2008-11)</b>
20	Green Bay (1928-32)

**LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAK/PATRIOTS HISTORY  
(REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)**

<b>Streak</b>	<b>First Win</b>	<b>Last Win</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Oct. 22, 2017</b>	<b>Present</b>
21	Dec. 29, 2002	Sept. 8, 2005

**LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAK/NFL HISTORY  
(REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)**

<b>Streak</b>	<b>Team</b>
31	Miami (1971-74)
29	Green Bay (1995-98)
<b>21</b>	<b>New England (2017-present)</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>New England (2002-05)</b>
20	Green Bay (1929-32)

**2019 PATRIOTS HAVE FIFTH LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL THROUGH FIRST 11 GAMES**

The 2019 Patriots have a +183 point differential through the first 11 games of the season, which ranks fifth-best (through the first 11 games of the season) during the Super Bowl era (since 1966).

**FIFTH-LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL THROUGH 11 GAMES  
SUPER BOWL ERA (SINCE 1966)**

<b>Season</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Own</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Diff</b>
2007	New England Patriots	442	185	+257
1991	Washington Redskins	361	139	+222
1999	St. Louis Rams	366	147	+219
2009	New Orleans Saints	407	221	+186
<b>2019</b>	<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>+183</b>
1998	Denver Broncos	370	190	+180

**LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL 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 117 POINTS IN 2019**

The Patriots have allowed 117 points in 2019 through 11 games. Since the NFL moved to a 16-game schedule, only seven teams have allowed under 200 points in a season. The Patriots' 117 points allowed through the first 11 games are fewer than any of those seven teams through the first 11 games. The team is currently on pace to allow 170 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 117 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**

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>	<b><u>Points Through First 11 Games</u></b>
Baltimore	2000	165	128
Chicago	1986	187	130
Tennessee	2000	191	159
Pittsburgh	1978	195	149
Tampa Bay	2002	196	126
Denver	1978	198	148
Chicago	1985	198	127

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

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>PPG</u></b>
Baltimore	2000	10.3
Chicago	1986	11.7
Tennessee	2000	11.9

### **PATRIOTS DEFENSE HOLD DALLAS' TOP-RANKED OFFENSE IN CHECK**

Dallas entered the game with the NFL's top-ranked offense, averaging 444.6 yards per game and were held to 321 yards. Dallas QB Dak Prescott entered the game averaging 322.1 yards per game and was held to 212 yards passing. Dallas entered the game 4<sup>th</sup> in the NFL with 28.6 points per game and were held to just three field goals for 9 total points.

### **DEFENSE HOLD DALLAS TOP RANKED THIRD DOWN OFFENSE IN CHECK**

The Patriots continued to be strong on third down, holding Dallas to just 2-of-13. Overall, the Patriots have held teams to just 25-for-132 (18.9 pct) on third down in 2019. The fewest third downs allowed in a 16-game season is 49 by the 1991 Saints. Dallas entered the game with the NFL's highest third down conversation rate at 52.1 percent (63-of-121).

### **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 rush/pass TD allowed in a season since 1970 is 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**

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Touchdowns Allowed</u></b>
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

### **PATRIOTS RECORD 20<sup>TH</sup> INTERCEPTION OF THE SEASON**

CB Stephon Gilmore second quarter interception was the Patriots 20<sup>th</sup> pick of the season. It is the 8<sup>th</sup> time under Bill Belichick that the Patriots have recorded at least 20 interceptions in a season. The 2019 Patriots are on pace to finish with 29 interceptions. The most interceptions in the Belichick era was 29 by the 2003 Patriots.

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

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

### **PATRIOTS RECORD THIRD BLOCKED PUNT OF THE SEASON;**

### **TIES TEAM RECORD FOR MOST BLOCKED PUNTS IN A SEASON**

Matthew Slater blocked a first quarter punt that was recovered by DB Nate Ebner at the Dallas 12-yard line to help set up the Patriots first touchdown. It is the third blocked punt by the Patriots in 2019, tying the team record. The Patriots also blocked three punts in 1986. The Patriots returned their first two blocked punts this season for touchdowns. Rookie DL Chase Winovich returned a first quarter blocked punt by RB Brandon Bolden 6 yards for a touchdown vs. NY Giants on Oct. 10. In the win at Buffalo on Sept. 29 Slater returned a blocked punt by J.C. Jackson 11 yards for a touchdown.

### **PATRIOTS HAVE HELD OPPONENTS SCORELESS IN 26 QUARTERS**

The Patriots have held teams scoreless in 26-of-44 quarters. The most scoreless quarters by a defense since 1970 is 40 by the Baltimore Ravens in 2000.

### **PATRIOTS FINISH A PERFECT 4-0 AGAINST THE NFC IN 2019**

The Patriots improved to a 4-0 record in NFC play, all against the NFC East. They won 33-7 at Washington, 35-14 vs. N.Y. Giants, 17-10 at Philadelphia and

### **PATRIOTS WIN SIXTH STRAIGHT GAME AGAINST DALLAS**

The Patriots won their sixth straight game against Dallas. The Patriots lost the first seven times the two teams played and have now won the last six meetings.

### **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

#### **BELICHICK LEADS THE PATRIOTS TO DOUBLE DIGIT WINS FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT SEASON;**

Bill Belichick has coached the Patriots to 17 straight seasons with 10 or more wins, adding to his NFL record streak. In 2011, Belichick became the first coach in NFL history with nine straight seasons with at least 10 victories. George Seifert has the second most consecutive 10-win seasons with eight from 1989-1996 for San Francisco.

#### **BRADY REMAINS UNDEFEATED AGAINST DALLAS;**

#### **ONE OF FIVE TEAMS HE IS UNDEFEATED AGAINST**

Tom Brady remains undefeated against the Dallas Cowboys with a 5-0 record. Brady is undefeated against five teams – Atlanta (5-0), Chicago (5-0), Dallas (5-0), Minnesota (5-0) and Tampa Bay (4-0).

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>
Dallas Cowboys	5-0
Atlanta Falcons	5-0
Chicago Bears	5-0
Minnesota Vikings	5-0
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4-0

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

Brady has thrown a touchdown pass to 75 different players in the regular season, extending his record for most touchdown targets by an NFL quarterback after a 10-yard touchdown pass to WR N'Keal Harry in the first quarter.

#### **Most Touchdown Targets by an NFL Quarterback**

<b><u>QUARTERBACK</u></b>	<b><u>TD TARGETS</u></b>
Tom Brady	75
Vinny Testaverde	70
Steve DeBerg	62
Brett Favre	61

**EDELMAN ON PACE FOR CAREER YEAR;  
HAS SEVENTH STRAIGHT GAME WITH AT LEAST FIVE RECEPTIONS**

Through the first 11 games of the 2019 season, WR Julian Edelman has 76 receptions for 809 yards and is on pace for 110 receptions for 1,176 yards, which would be a career best. He posted career highs with 105 receptions in 2013 and 1,106 yards receiving in 2016. He has surpassed his 2018 totals of 74 receptions and needs 41 yards to move past his 2018 total of 850 yards receiving. Edelman caught 8 passes for 93 yards against the Cowboys.

**CB STEPHONE GILMORE SHUTSDOWN AMARI COOPER**

CB Stephon Gilmore played a major role in holding Dallas WR Amari Cooper to zero receptions on two targets.

**MATTHEW SLATER RECORDS FIRST CAREER BLOCKED PUNT**

Matthew Slater blocked a Dallas punt in the first quarter that was recovered by DB Nate Ebner at the Dallas 12-yard line. It is his first career blocked punt

**N'KEAL HARRY SCORES FIRST TOUCHDOWN**

2019 first-round draft pick WR N'Keal Harry scored his first NFL touchdown on a 10-yard reception from Tom Brady in the first quarter.

**BRADY THROWS 15<sup>TH</sup> TD OF THIS SEASON TO HARRY, WHO WEARS JERSEY #15**

Brady threw his 15<sup>th</sup> touchdown of the season to N'Keal Harry, who wears jersey #15. He threw his 14<sup>th</sup> touchdown pass of the season at Baltimore to WR Mohamed Sanu, who wears jersey #14.

**LB JAMIE COLLINS LED THE TEAM WITH 10 TOTAL TACKLES**

LB Jamie Collins led the team with 10 total tackles, the 17<sup>th</sup> time in his career and the second time in 2019 that he has recorded double-digit tackles. He had 13 total tackles in the win against Cleveland on Oct. 27.

**ROOKIE JAKOBI MEYERS HAS CAREER-BEST 74 YARDS**

Rookie WR Jakobi Meyers finished with a career-best 74 yards receiving on 4 receptions, including a 32-yard reception in the second quarter.

**LINEUP NOTES**

**ISAIAH WYNN RETURNS TO ACTION**

OL Isaiah Wynn, who was activated to the 53-man roster earlier in the week, returned to action after being placed on injured reserve after Week 2 due to injury and was back in the starting lineup at left tackle.

**PATRICK CHUNG RETURNS TO ACTION**

S Patrick Chung returned to the starting lineup after missing a game due to injury. He finished with 7 total tackles.

### **2019 FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICK WR N'KEAL HARRY GETS FIRST NFL START**

2019 first-round draft pick WR N'Keal Harry made his first NFL start.

### **J.C. JACKSON MAKES FIRST START OF THE SEASON**

J.C. Jackson started at cornerback in place of Jason McCourty, who was out due to injury. It was Jackson's first start of the season.

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### **WR JULIAN EDELMAN LINED UP TO RETURN PUNTS**

WR Julian Edelman lined up to return punts for the first time this season.

### **REX BURKHEAD LINED UP TO RETURN A PUNT FOR FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER**

RB Rex Burkhead lined up to return a punt for the first time in his career in the third quarter. The play resulted in a fair catch.