



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. Miami Dolphins – September 30, 2018

TEAM NOTES

- Robert Kraft earns 300th victory in just 25 seasons
- Patriots have top divisional record since 2011
- Belichick become third NFL coach with 280 career wins
- Brady has best winning percentage in division play in NFL history
- Brady is now 14-0 at Gillette Stadium vs. Miami when he starts and finishes

KRAFT FASTEST TO 300 OVERALL WINS

Robert Kraft won his 300th game overall as owner of the New England Patriots against Miami. Mr. Kraft reached the milestone in his 25th NFL season and in his 432nd game, the fastest an owner has reached the milestone. Al Davis of Oakland accomplished the feat in 495 games (31 seasons) while Pat Bowlen of Denver reached 300 career wins in 501 games (30 seasons)

DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE

The New England Patriots own an 82-23 (.781) record in regular season AFC East games since the beginning of the 2001 season, compiling the best intra-division record of any team in the NFL.

NFL'S TOP DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
New England	82	23	0	.781
Pittsburgh	75	31	1	.706
Green Bay	72	32	2	.689
Indianapolis	72	32	0	.692

AFC EAST DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Div. Titles</u>	<u>Years</u>
New England	82	23	0	.781	15	2001, 03-07, 09-17
N.Y. Jets	47	58	0	.448	1	2002
Miami	44	62	0	.415	1	2008
Buffalo	38	66	0	.365	0	---

PATRIOTS IMPROVE TO 8-0 FOLLOWING CONSECUTIVE LOSSES

The team improved to 8-0 following consecutive losses in the same year since the beginning of the 2002 season, which is the last time the Patriots lost more than two games in a row (four games in 2002). This includes one postseason win after losing the final two games of the 2015 regular season. In those contests, the Patriots have outscored their opponents 224-104, or by a margin of 17.2 points per game.

PATRIOTS HAD A 55-YARD TD RECEPTION AND A 22-YARD RUSHING TD

The Patriots scored on a 55-yard touchdown pass from QB Tom Brady to WR Cordarrelle Patterson and a 22-yard touchdown run by RB James White. It is the first time the Patriots have had a 20+ yard rush TD & 50+ yard rec TD in the same again (regular or post) since 2006 Week 17 at Tennessee (12/31/06) - (21-yd rush by Corey Dillon & 62-yd rec by Reche Caldwell).

PATRIOTS HAD 40-PLUS YARDS RUSHING ON OPENING DRIVE FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2016

The Patriots had 46 yards rushing on their opening drive of the game, the most since they had 68 yards rushing on the opening drive on Dec. 4, 2016 vs. the Los Angeles Rams.

PATRIOTS RUSH FOR 175 TOTAL YARDS

The Patriots rushed for 175 yards against Miami. Last season, the Patriots rushed over 170 yards three times – 196 vs. Miami on Nov. 26, 191 yards at Buffalo on Dec. 3 and 193 yards vs. Buffalo on Dec. 24.

PATRIOTS HAD THREE-TD DRIVES OF 5-PLUS MINUTES IN A GAME FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2007

The Patriots had three touchdown drives of five-plus minutes in a game for the first time since Nov. 28, 2007 at Buffalo when they had three such drives.

PATRIOTS HOLD MIAMI TO JUST 11 FIRST DOWNS AND 172 TOTAL YARDS

The Patriots defense limited the Miami Dolphins to just 11 first downs and 172 total yards, the lowest totals since holding the Los Angeles Rams to just 7 first downs and 162 total yards on Dec. 4, 2016 at Gillette Stadium.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BELICHICK BECOMES THIRD NFL COACH WITH 280 CAREER WINS

Bill Belichick earned his 280th career win with the victory over Miami. He is the third NFL coach to earn at least 300 career win.

<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Record</u>
Don Shula	BALT/MIA	347-173-6
George Halas	Chicago	324-151-31
Bill Belichick	CLE/NE	280-131-0
Tom Landry	Dallas	270-178-6
Curly Lambeau	GB/CHI/WAS	229-134-22

BELICHICK IS GOOD IN DIVISION PLAY

The win over Miami was the 99th division win for Bill Belichick, third all-time among NFL coaches.

HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST WINS AGAINST DIVISION OPPONENTS SINCE 1970

Head Coach	Team(s)	Wins vs. Div. Opponents
Don Shula	MIA	132
Tom Landry	DAL	101
Bill Belichick	CLE/NE	99
Dan Reeves	DEN/NYG/ATL	95
Marty Schottenheimer	CLE/KC/SD/WAS	95

BRADY BEST EVER IN DIVISION PLAY

Tom Brady now has a 77-19 record in division play as a starter for a winning percentage of (.802) for first among all NFL quarterbacks with 25-plus starts against division opponents.

QUARTERBACKS WITH THE HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE IN DIVISION PLAY

(25-plus starts)

Player	Division Record	Winning Percentage
Tom Brady	77-19	.802
David Woodley	19-5-1	.780
Andrew Luck	20-6	.769

BRADY IMPROVES TO 14-0 AGAINST MIAMI AT GILLETTE STADIUM WHEN HE STARTS AND FINISHES

Tom Brady improved to a 14-0 record against Miami at Gillette Stadium when he starts and finishes a game. The Patriots only loss with Tom Brady as the starter at Gillette Stadium was the final game of the 2005 season when Brady played just the first quarter.

BRADY HAS THROWN TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO 70 DIFFERENT PLAYERS; TIED FOR FIRST PLACE FOR TD TARGETS BY A QB

Tom Brady connected with WR Cordarrelle Patterson on a 55-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. Brady has thrown a touchdown pass to 70 different players in the regular season, to tie Vinny Testaverde for the most touchdown targets by a quarterback.

Most Touchdown Targets by an NFL Quarterback

QUARTERBACK	TD TARGETS
Tom Brady	70
Vinny Testaverde	70
Steve DeBerg	62
Brett Favre	61

BRADY TIES BRES FOR MOST 50-YARD TD PASSES SINCE 2001

Tom Brady's 55-yard touchdown pass to WR Cordarrelle Patterson is his 41st touchdown pass of 50 or more yards since 2001, tying Drew Brees for the most in the NFL during that time frame.

Most Passing Touchdowns of 50+ Yards - Since 2001

1. Tom Brady, NE	41 (including today's strike to Patterson)
1. Drew Brees, SD-NO	41
3. Eli Manning, NYG	39
4. Aaron Rodgers, GB	36
5. Peyton Manning, IND-DEN	35
Tony Romo, DAL	35

PATTERSON HAS FIRST TD RECEPTION AS A MEMBER OF THE PATRIOTS:

SECOND-LONGEST TD RECEPTION OF HIS CAREER

WR Cordarrelle Patterson scored on a 55-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. It is the second-longest touchdown reception of his career and the third-longest reception of his career. He had a 79-yard touchdown reception at Baltimore on Dec. 8, 2013 as a rookie with Minnesota. He had a 59-yard reception on Dec. 3, 2017 when he played with Oakland last year. In 2018, the Patriots had for 50-yard pass plays, including a 64-yard touchdown pass from Brady to WR Brandin Cooks at Oakland (11/19/17) and a 53-yard touchdown pass from Brady to TE Rob Gronkowski at New Orleans (9/17/17).

PATTERSON IS 22ND PLAYER TO CATCH A 50-YARD TD FROM BRADY;

BREAKING A TIE WITH JACK KEMP FOR MOST ALL-TIME

Patterson is the 22nd different player to catch a 50-yard touchdown reception from Brady, breaking a tie with Jack Kemp for the most all-time.

CYRUS JONES HAS CAREER-LONG RETURN

DB Cyrus Jones returned a second quarter punt a career-long 24 yards. His previous best was a 23-yard return vs. Houston on Sept. 22, 2016.

GRONKOWSKI MOVES PAST COATES TO BECOME PATS ALL-TIME TIGHT END REC. LEADER

Gronkowski moved past Ben Coates to become the all-time receptions leader for a Patriots tight end. He entered the Miami game needing four receptions to move past Coates and accomplished the feat on a 9-yard pass in the third quarter for his fourth reception of the game. Gronkowski now has 491 career receptions, fourth in team history.

Patriots All-Time Receptions Leaders

<u>Player</u>	<u>Receptions</u>
Wes Welker	672
Troy Brown	557
Stanley Morgan	534
Rob Gronkowski	491
Ben Coates	490

GRONKOWSKI MOVES INTO 8TH PLACE TIE ON THE ALL-TIME LIST FOR TIGHT ENDS

Rob Gronkowski finished with 44 receiving yards to move into a tie for 8th place all-time among NFL tight ends with Pete Retzlaff for 7,412 yards.

Most Receiving Yards by NFL Tight Ends All-time

<u>Player</u>	<u>Receiving Yards</u>
Tony Gonzalez	15,127
Jason Witten	12,448
Antonio Gates	11,569
Shannon Sharpe	10,060
Ozzie Newsome	7,980
Jackie Smith	7,918
Greg Olsen	7,589
Rob Gronkowski	7,412
Pete Retzlaff	7,412
Vernon Davis	7,158

RB JAMES WHITE CATCHES TD PASSES; LEADS ALL RUNNING BACK SINCE 2015; TIES KEVIN FAULK FOR THE SECOND-MOST RECEIVING TDS BY A PATS RUNNING BACK

RB James White scored on a 14-yard touchdown pass from QB Tom Brady in the third quarter. It marked his 15th receiving touchdown since 2015, the most by a running back in the NFL during that time. It is the third-most by a Patriots running back, behind Larry Garron (26) and Kevin Faulk (15).

Running Back with the Most Receiving TD since 2015

James White (Patriots)	15
Theo Riddick (Detroit)	10
Chris Thompson (Washington)	9
David Johnson (Arizona)	9
Melvin Gordon (LA Chargers)	8

Most Receiving Touchdowns by a Patriots Running Back

Larry Garron	26
James White	15
Kevin Faulk	15
Tony Collins	12

JAMES WHITE SCORES ON A CAREER-LONG 22-YARD RUN; LONGEST RUN IN THE REGULAR SEASON

RB James White scored in the second quarter on a career-long 22-yard run. His previous long was a 16-yard run vs. Miami On Sept. 18, 16. He had a 26-yard touchdown run in Super Bowl LII vs. Philadelphia on Feb. 4, 2018.

WHITE HAS SECOND REGULAR SEASON 2-TD GAME

RB James White scored two times against Miami. He scored on a 22-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and a 14-yard reception in the third quarter. It is the second time in his career that he has scored two touchdowns in a regular season game. He scored on a 20-yard pass and a 6-yard reception vs. Buffalo on Nov. 23, 2015. He has two postseason games with at least two touchdowns.

WHITE PRODUCES IN THE PASSING GAME

RB James White finished with a team-leading 8 receptions for 68 yards. It was his fifth game in the regular season with 8 or more receptions.

Most Games with 8+ Receptions - Since 2015 (Regular Season only)

Player	Games with 8 or more receptions
Le'Veon Bell	8
James White	5
Devonta Freeman	5
Theo Riddick	5
Shane Veree	5

ROOKIE SONY MICHEL GOES OVER 100 YARDS;

FIRST PATS ROOKIE TO GO OVER 100 YARDS SINCE BRANDON BOLDEN EXACTLY SIX YEARS AGO

First-round draft pick RB Sony Michel had his first NFL 100-yard rushing game after finishing with 112 yards on 25 carries for a 4.5-yard average. He is the first Patriots rookie to reach 100 yards rushing in a game since RB Brandon Bolden gained 137 yards at Buffalo on Sept. 30, 2012, exactly six years ago.

MICHEL SCORES FIRST TD AS A MEMBER OF THE PATRIOTS

Michel scored his first NFL touchdown on a 10-yard run in the fourth quarter.

ROOKIE FREE AGENT DB J.C. JACKSON HAS FIRST CAREER PICK

Rookie free agent DB J.C. Jackson intercepted a QB Ryan Tannehill pass in the third quarter for his first NFL interception. It is the second straight week that a Patriots rookie intercepted a pass. LB Ja'Whaun Bentley had a pick at Detroit. The last time that happened was in 2013 when Logan Ryan recorded interceptions in back to back games his rookie year.

LINEUP NOTES

NEW FACES – FOUR PATRIOTS MAKE THEIR DEBUT

RB Kenjon Barner, WR Josh Gordon, OL Brian Schwenke and DE John Simon made their debuts in a Patriots uniform.

JOSH GORDON MAKES A START IN HIS DEBUT

Gordon made his Patriots debut and was in the starting lineup. His first reception was a 13-yard reception in the first quarter to give the Patriots a first down at the Miami 3-yard line. He finished with 2 receptions for 32 yards.

S PATRICK CHUNG AND DL TREY FLOWERS RETURN TO ACTION

S Patrick Chung and DL Trey Flowers both returned to action and were in the starting lineup after missing the game at Detroit due to injury.

NEWLY ACQUIRED DE JOHM SIMON RECORDS FIRST SACK

Newly acquired DE John Simon sacked Miami QB Ryan Tannehill for a 10-yard in the fourth quarter for his first sack as a member of the Patriots.