



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at New York Jets – November 25, 2018

TEAM NOTES

- Patriots guaranteed to finish with at least a .500 record for 18th straight season
- Patriots avoid being swept in AFC East play for 18th straight year
- Brady sets mark for most passing yards all-time (regular season and postseason)
- Patriots rush for 200 yards and a 6.0-yard average
- Patriots bounce back from a loss
- Michel goes over 100 yards for third time in 2018.

PATRIOTS REGISTER 18TH STRAIGHT SEASON WITH AT LEAST A .500 RECORD

The victory over the Jets improved the Patriots record to 8-3 and will finish with at least a .500 record for the 18th straight season. The Patriots are the only NFL team to finish with a record of .500 or better in each of the last 18 years (2001-18). Each of the other 31 NFL teams has had at least one losing season since 2001. The Patriots have the second-longest streak at .500 or better, behind the Dallas Cowboys (1965-85) streak of 21 straight years,

MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH A .500 OR BETTER RECORD

<u>Team</u>	<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Consecutive Seasons</u>
Dallas.....	1965-85	21
New England	2001-present	18
Cleveland.....	1957-73	17

PATRIOTS IMPROVE UPON DIVISION PLAY;

AVOID BEING SWEEPED BY A DIVISION OPPONENT FOR 18TH STRAIGHT SEASON

The Patriots now have victories against all of their division opponents in 2018 and will avoid a series sweep by a division opponent for the 18th straight season to extend their NFL record. It is the longest such streak since the 1970 merger.

BRADY AND MCCOWN – SECOND-HIGHEST COMBINED AGE BY STARTING QBS

Tom Brady and Josh McCown started at quarterback. It is the second-highest combined age by starting quarterbacks in NFL history (80 years, 258 days), behind only a Vinny Testaverde-Brett Favre matchup in 2007 (82 years, 44 days)

DIVISION DOMINANCE

The New England Patriots own an 84-23 (.785) 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

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	84	23	0	.785
Pittsburgh	78	32	1	.707
Indianapolis	74	33	0	.692
Green Bay	72	33	2	.682

PATRIOTS ARE THE BEST IN THE SECOND HALF SINCE 1994

Since Robert Kraft purchased the franchise in 1994, the New England Patriots own the NFL's best record in the second half of the season. The Patriots are the only team with a winning percentage over .700 over that span.

MOST WINS IN THE SECOND HALF SINCE 1994 (REGULAR SEASON ONLY)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	143	52	0	.733
Green Bay	127	66	1	.657
Pittsburgh	127	66	1	.657
Indianapolis	117	77	0	.603

FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME WITHOUT A TURNOVER

The Patriots have not had a giveaway in four consecutive games. New England went four consecutive games without a giveaway in 2017 (Weeks 7-10). The Patriots also played four consecutive games without a giveaway in 2014 (Weeks 4-7). The team record for most consecutive games without a turnover is seven straight games in 2010.

PATRIOTS RUSH FOR 215 YARDS

The Patriots went over 200 yards rushing after finishing with 215 yards for a 6.0-yard average. It was the highest output since gaining 246 yards at Indianapolis on Nov. 16, 2014. It is the 13th time that the Patriots have rushed for 200 or more yards under Bill Belichick.

BOUNCING BACK

Since the beginning of 2003, the Patriots are 47-7 (.870) in regular-season games following a loss. They have dropped back-to-back regular-season games in 2006, 09, 11-12, 15 (twice) and 2018. As a starter in his career, Tom Brady is 47-11 in games following a loss.

RUSH TO VICTORY

Since 2001, New England is 50-1 in the regular season when a Patriot eclipses 100 yards rushing, including three victories in 2018 with 100-yard outings by Sony Michel, including a 133-yard effort by Michel against the Jets.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BELICHICK TIES LANDRY WITH HIS 101ST DIVISION WIN

Bill Belichick won his 101st division game as a head coach to tie Tom Landry for second all-time, behind the 132 division wins by Don Shula.

HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST WINS AGAINST DIVISION OPPONENTS SINCE 1970

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

BRADY HAS MOST PASSING YARDS ALL-TIME (REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)

Tom Brady moved past Peyton Manning and now has the most total passing yards in NFL history, including the postseason. He entered the game needing 147 yards to move past Manning and reached the milestone on a 16-yard pass to WR Josh Gordon in the second quarter.

NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS FOR PASSING YARDS (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

Tom Brady	79,416
Peyton Manning.....	79,279
Drew Brees.....	77,789
Brett Favre	77,693

BRADY APPROACHING MOST TDS ALL-TIME

Brady is second in NFL history in all-time touchdown passes (regular season and playoffs) and ranks first for most touchdowns with one team. He threw two touchdowns against the Jets and is one behind Peyton Manning.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Touchdowns Overall (including postseason)</u>
Peyton Manning	579
Tom Brady	578
Brett Favre	552
Drew Brees	546

BRADY REACHES 3,000 PASSING YARDS FOR THE 16TH TIME

Tom Brady (3,031) reached 3,000 yards passing in a season for the 16th time to tie Peyton Manning and Drew Brees for second place, behind the 18 by Brett Favre.

MOST 3,000-YARD SEASONS

Brett Favre18

Tom Brady 16

Peyton Manning.....16

Drew Brees.....16

BRADY FIRST WITH 26 WINS AGAINST TWO TEAMS

Tom Brady has 26 regular-season wins against the New York Jets as a starter, joining Brett Favre as the only quarterbacks with at least 26 wins against two divisional opponents. Overall, Brady is now 26-6 against the jets.

MOST WINS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK AGAINST AN OPPONENT

<u>Player</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Tom Brady	29 wins against Buffalo
Tom Brady	26 wins against N.Y. Jets
Brett Favre	26 wins against Detroit
Brett Favre	23 wins against Chicago

RB JAMES WHITE HAS CAREER-LONG 27-YARD RUN

RB James White had a career-best 27-yard run in the third quarter. His previous best was a 22-yard touchdown run vs. Miami on Sept. 30, 2018. In addition, White added a 24-yard run in the fourth quarter.

WHITE SETS CAREER-HIGH IN RUSHING YARDS

White finished with a career-best 73 yards rushing. His previous best was 44 yards rushing on Sept. 30, 2018 vs. Miami.

K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI CONNECTS ON 48TH AND 49TH FIELD GOAL AGAINST THE JETS

K Stephen Gostkowski connected on his 48th field goal overall against the New York Jets with his 34-yard field goal in the second quarter (including the postseason). It is the most field goals against the Jets. Adam Vinatieri is second with 47 field goals against the Jets. Gostkowski added a 32-yard field goal for his 49th field goal against the Jets in the third quarter.

GRONKOWSKI SCORES 9TH CAREER TD AGAINST THE NEW YORK JETS; HAS THE MOST TD RECEPTIONS BY A TE AGAINST THE JETS

TE Rob Gronkowski scored his 9th career touchdown pass against the New York Jets on 34-yard touchdown pass from QB Tom Brady. It is the most touchdown receptions by a tight end against the Jets. Anthony Fasano has the second most with seven touchdown receptions against the Jets.

BRADY AND GRONK CONNECTIONS

Rob Gronkowski and Tom Brady connected on a 34-yard touchdown in the first quarter for their 77th touchdown connection, the second-most touchdown connections between a quarterback and a tight end.

THE MOST TD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN A QB AND A TE IN NFL HISTORY

<u>Quarterback</u>	<u>Tight End</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>TD Connections</u>
Philip Rivers	Antonio Gates	San Diego	89
Tom Brady	Rob Gronkowski	New England	77
Drew Brees	Jimmy Graham	New Orleans	51
Drew Bledsoe	Ben Coates	New England	45
Peyton Manning	Dallas Clark	Indianapolis	44
Sonny Jurgensen	Jerry Smith	Washington	43
Dan Fouts	Kellen Winslow	San Diego	41
John Elway	Shannon Sharpe	Denver	41
Ben Roethlisberger	Heath Miller	Pittsburgh	41

BRADY TO GRONK - 5TH PLACE ALL-TIME

<u>Quarterback</u>	<u>Receiver</u>	<u>Touchdown Connections</u>
Peyton Manning	Marvin Harrison	112
Philip Rivers	Antonio Gates	89
Steve Young	Jerry Rice	85
Dan Marino	Mark Clayton	79
Tom Brady	Rob Gronkowski	77
Drew Brees	Marques Colston	72
Ben Roethlisberger	Antonio Brown	70
Peyton Manning	Reggie Wayne	67
Jim Kelly	Andre Reed	65
Aaron Rogers	Jordy Nelson	65
Johnny Unitas	Raymond Berry	63
Brett Favre	Antonio Freeman	57

MICHEL REACHES 100 YARDS...AGAIN

RB Sony Michel went over 100 yards rushing for the third time this season after finishing with a career best 133 yards rushing. It is the most rushing yards by a Patriots rookie since Brandon Bolden had 137 at Buffalo on Sept. 30, 2012. Robert Edwards was the last Patriots rookie to have multiple 100-yard games in his rookie year, when he tallied four in 1998. Curtis Martin holds the franchise record with nine 100-yard rushing games in his rookie season (1995).

PATRIOTS ROOKIE RBS WITH MULTIPLE

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player	Year	100-Yard Games - Weeks
Curtis Martin	1995	9 Games - Weeks 1, 8, 10-11, 13-17
John Stephens	1988	5 Games - Weeks 8-10, 14, 16
Robert Edwards	1998	4 Games - Weeks 6-7, 15-16
Sony Michel	2018	3 Games - Weeks 4, 6 and 12

MICHEL HAS TWO 30-YARD RUNS

Michel had a 31-yard run in the third quarter and a 33-yard run in the fourth quarter. The last Patriots player with two runs of 30 or more yards in a game was LeGarrette Blount, who had two in Week 17 of 2013 vs. Buffalo and then two in the ensuing Divisional Playoff vs. Indianapolis. The last rookie to have two 30 yard runs in a game was Robert Edwards , who had three 30 yard runs at St. Louis on Dec. 13, 1998.

LINEUP NOTES

G SHAG MASON RETURNS TO ACTION

G Shaq Mason returned to the starting lineup at right guard after missing two games due to injury.

TE ROB GRONKOWSKI RETURNS TO ACTION

TE Rob Gronkowski returned to action after missing two games due to injury.

LB RAMON HUMBER PLAYS IN FIRST GAME IN A PATRIOTS UNIFORM

LB Ramon Humber played in his first game in a Patriots uniform.

DB OBI MELIFONWU PLAYS IN FIRST GAME IN A PATRIOT UNIFORM

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