



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots vs. Minnesota Vikings – December 2, 2018**

### TEAM NOTES

- Kraft earns 22<sup>nd</sup> winning season in his 25<sup>th</sup> year as owner
- Patriots now have 33<sup>rd</sup> winning season, second only to Pittsburgh (35)
- Patriots earn 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive winning season
- Brady ties for all-time leader in touchdown passes (regular season and postseason)
- Brady reaches 1,000-yards rushing
- Patriots run streak to 11 straight wins at home

### ROBERT KRAFT HAS 22 WINING SEASONS IN 25 YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

With the Patriots 9<sup>th</sup> victory this season the team solidified a winning record in 2018. It is the 22<sup>nd</sup> time in Robert Kraft's 25 seasons of ownership that the Patriots have finished the season with at least nine victories or above .500 for the season.

### PATRIOTS EARN 33<sup>rd</sup> WINNING SEASON SINCE 1970; SECOND-MOST SINCE THE MERGER

The Patriots have 33 seasons in which the team has finished above .500 since the 1970 merger, second only to the Pittsburgh Steelers (35).

### MOST WINNING SEASONS (ABOVE .500) SINCE THE 1970 MERGER

Pittsburgh	35
<b>New England</b>	<b>33</b>
Dallas	32
Miami	30
Denver	29
Minnesota	29
San Francisco	26

### ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT – PATRIOTS EARN 18<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON

The win over the Vikings improved the Patriots record to 9-3. The Patriots have won more than half of their games for 18 consecutive seasons; the first team to win more than half of their games in 18 straight seasons since free agency began in 1993 and the most consecutive winning seasons since the 1970 merger. Additionally, the Patriots are the only team in the NFL to have recorded nine or more wins in each of the last 18 seasons.

### **MOST CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS (SINCE 1970 MERGER)**

<b>New England (2001-18)</b>	<b>18</b>
San Francisco (1983-98)	16
Dallas (1970-85)	16
Oakland (1970-80)	11

### **MOST CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS ALL-TIME**

Dallas (1966-85)	20
<b>New England (2001-18)</b>	<b>18</b>
San Francisco (1983-98)	16
Oakland (1965-80)	16
Chicago (1930-44)	15
Green Bay (1934-47)	14
Cleveland (1957-69)	13

### **MOST SEASONS OF 9+ WINS SINCE 2001**

<b>New England</b>	<b>18</b>
Indianapolis	12
Green Bay	12
Pittsburgh	12
Philadelphia	11
Seattle	11
Baltimore	10

### **PATRIOTS ARE THE BEST FROM DECEMBER THROUGH THE END OF THE SEASON SINCE 1994**

Since Robert Kraft purchased the franchise in 1994, the New England Patriots own the NFL's best record from December through the end of the regular season. The Patriots improved to 32-4 in the month of December at Gillette Stadium.

### **MOST WINS FROM DECEMBER ON SINCE 1994 (REGULAR SEASON ONLY)**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.764</b>
Green Bay	80	31	0	.721
Pittsburgh	75	35	0	.682

### **PATRIOTS DID NOT ALLOW A SACK FOR SECOND STRAIGHT GAME; FOURTH TIME IN 2018**

The Patriots did not allow a sack for the second straight game and for the fourth time in 2018, tied with New Orleans for second-most in the NFL this season. Indianapolis has not allowed a sack in five games in 2018.

## PATRIOTS WIN 11<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT AT HOME GAME

The Patriots won their 11<sup>th</sup> straight regular season game at Gillette Stadium. The Patriots are 6-0 at Gillette Stadium so far in 2018.

## 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
18	Dec. 29, 2002	Sept. 8, 2005
16	Dec. 30, 2012	Dec. 28, 2014
12	Nov. 26, 2006	Sept. 7, 2008
<b>11</b>	<b>Oct. 22, 2017</b>	<b>Current Streak</b>
10	Sept. 18, 1976	Oct. 30, 1977

## INDIVIDUAL NOTES

### BELICHICK LEADS PATRIOTS TO 18<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON

Bill Belichick has now led the Patriots to 18 straight winning seasons. Belichick has the second-most consecutive winning season all time, trailing only Tom Landry with 20.

### Most Consecutive Seasons with a Winning Record

<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>
Tom Landry	Dallas	20 - 1965-1985
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>18 - (2001-2018)</b>
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	14 - 1934-1947
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	12 - 1921-1932
George Halas	Chicago	10 - 1933-1942
John Madden	Oakland	10 - 1969-1978

### BELICHICK IS GOOD IN DECEMBER

Bill Belichick is 65-13 (.833) in December with New England, the best record in December among head coaches with one team in NFL history (min. 25 games). George Seifert is second (27-6, .818).

### BRADY TIES MARK FOR MOST OVERALL TOUCHDOWNS

Brady tied the record for most overall touchdowns (including the postseason) with his 24-yard touchdown pass to WR Josh Gordon in the third quarter. He now has 579 total touchdowns, which is tied with Peyton Manning. He is now tied with Brett Favre for third all-time with 508 career regular season touchdowns.

### Player Touchdowns Overall (including postseason)

<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>579</b>
Peyton Manning	579
Brett Favre	553
Drew Brees	546

**Player Touchdowns Overall (regular season)**

Peyton Manning	539
Drew Brees	518
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>508</b>
Brett Favre	508
Dan Marino	420

**BRADY REMAINS UNDEFEATED AGAINST MINNESOTA**

Minnesota is one of five NFL teams that Tom Brady has an undefeated regular-season record against. Brady improved to a 5-0 record against the Vikings.

**Team Record**

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

**BRADY HAS MOST INTER-CONFERENCE WINS SINCE 1970**

Tom Brady has the wins win in inter-conference games since 1970 with 52 career wins.

**MOST WINS IN INTERCONFERENCE GAMES SINCE 1970**

<b>Tom Brady</b> .....	<b>52</b>
Peyton Manning .....	46
Brett Favre .....	43
Ben Roethlisberger.....	38
Dan Marino .....	37

**BRADY IS GOOD IN DECEMBER**

Brady is 59-11 (.843) in December, the second-best winning percentage in December among quarterbacks in the Super Bowl era with at least 20 starts. Roger Staubach is first (17-3, .850). Brady's 59 December wins are the most in NFL history, followed by the 52 by Brett Favre and the 49 by Peyton Manning. Brady is 31-4 all-time in December at Gillette stadium.

**BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS**

Tom Brady threw for over 300 yards for the fourth time this season after finishing with 311 yards. He is third all-time with 86 career 300-yard games. The Patriots are 72-14 when he goes over 300 yards.

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

Drew Brees	114
Peyton Manning	93
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>86</b>
Dan Marino	63

### **BRADY REACHES 1,000 YARDS IN THE MOST AMOUNT OF GAMES**

Tom Brady reached 1,000 yards rushing on a 5-yard run in the first quarter in his 265th game, the most games in NFL history that it has taken a player to reach the milestone. Before Brady, YA Tittle held the record. Tittle reached 1,000 yards rushing in his 161<sup>st</sup> NFL game. Tittle then fell below 1,000 yards in the same game and finished his NFL career with 999 yards rushing. He joins Steve Grogan (2,176) as the only Patriots quarterbacks with over 1,000 rushing yards. Brady has lost 234 yards on 227 times when he has taken a knee.

### **Most Rushing Yards By Patriots Quarterbacks**

Steve Grogan 2,176

**Tom Brady 1,000**

Babe Parilli 949

### **WHITE ON RECORD-SETTING PACE**

RB James White has 74 receptions in 2018 and is on pace to finish the season with 99 receptions. Eight NFL running backs have finished a season with 90 or more receptions.

### **MOST RECEPTIONS IN A SINGLE SEASON BY AN NFL RUNNING BACK**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Receptions</u></b>
Matt Forte	Chicago	102 in 2014
Larry Centers	Arizona	101 in 1995
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego	100 in 2003
Larry Centers	Arizona	99 in 1996
Roger Craig	San Francisco	92 in 1985
Charlie Garner	Oakland	91 in 2002
Steven Jackson	St. Louis	90 in 2006
Brian Westbrook	Philadelphia	90 in 2007

### **WHITE NEARING TEAM MARK FOR MOST RECEPTIONS IN A SEASON BY A RUNNING BACK.**

White set a single-season career high with his 74 receptions so far in 2018. His previous best was the 60 receptions he had in 2016. He needs four receptions to set the team record for most receptions by a running back in a season.

### **Most Receptions in a Season by Patriots RB**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Receptions</u></b>
Tony Collins	1986	77
<b>James White</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>74</b>
Leroy Thompson	1994	65
<b>James White</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>60</b>
Kevin Faulk	2008	58

### **WHITE HAS SECOND-MOST RECEIVING YARDS**

White had 92 yards receiving against Minnesota, second to the 115 receiving yards he had vs. Philadelphia on Dec. 6, 2015. He has a career-best, 659 yards receiving so far in 2018 and needs 26 receiving yards to set the team record . The Patriots record for most receiving yards by a running back is 684 by Tony Collins in 1986.

### **Most Receiving Yards by a Patriots Running Back in a Season**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Receiving Yards</b>
Tony Collins	1986	684
<b>James White</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>659</b>
James White	2016	551

### **FB JAMES DEVELIN SCORES TWO TOUCHDOWNS;**

### **HAD STREAK OF THREE RUSHING ATTEMPTS THAT RESULTED IN THREE TOUCHDOWNS**

FB James Develin scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter and a 2-yard run in the fourth quarter for his first two-touchdown game. He had a streak of three straight rushing attempts that resulted in three touchdowns with a 1-yard touchdowns run at Tennessee on Nov. 11. He added two more rushes against Minnesota, one that converted a third-and-one situation in the fourth quarter.

### **HARMON IS CLUCTH IN THE FOURTH QUARTER**

DB Duron Harmon has 11 interceptions in the fourth quarter, including the postseason, since 2013 after his fourth quarter interception in the end zone against Minnesota. It was his sixth interception in the end zone overall.

### **Most Fourth Quarter Interceptions since 2013**

**(including the postseason)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Interceptions</b>
<b>Duron Harmon</b>	<b>11</b>
Richard Sherman	11
Harrison Smith	10

### **LINEUP NOTES**

#### **RB REX BURKHEAD RETURNS TO ACTION**

RB Rex Burkhead returned to action after being activated to the 53-man roster after a stint on injured reserve. It was his first game back since playing at Detroit on Sept. 23. He finished with 7 rushes for 20 yards and caught 2 passes for 21 yards.

#### **DB NATE EBNER RETURNS TO ACTION**

DB Nate Ebner returned to action after missing one game due to injury.

#### **ROOKIE DB J.C. JACKSON MAKES FIRST NFL START**

Rookie DB J.C. Jackson made his first NFL start when the Patriots opened in the nickel defense.