



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots at Pittsburgh Steelers – December 16, 2018**

### TEAM NOTES

- Brady becomes fourth player to reach 70,000 passing yards
- 63-yard touchdown pass from Brady to Hogan is the longest play of 2018
- Brady tied with Brees for most 50-yard TD passes since 2001
- James White sets team mark for most receptions and yards by a RB in a season
- Harmon has five interceptions in five regular season games against Pittsburgh

### PATRIOTS SCORE ON LONGEST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE IN 2018

WR Chris Hogan scored on a 63-yard touchdown pass from QB Tom Brady in the first quarter for the longest play from scrimmage in 2018. The previous best was three 55-yard passes: a 55-yard touchdown pass from Brady to WR Cordarrelle Patterson vs. Miami on Sept. 30, a 55-yard touchdown pass to WR Josh Gordon vs. Green Bay on Nov. 4 and a 55-yard completion to Gordon at Chicago on Oct. 21.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

#### BRADY BECOMES FOURTH PLAYER TO REACH 70,000 REGULAR SEASON PASSING YARDS

Brady became the fourth quarterback in NFL history to reach 70,000 regular season passing yards. He entered the game with 69,859 yards and needed 141 yards to reach the milestone. He passed for 279 yards and now has 70,138 passing yards. He reached 70,000 on an 8-yard pass to RB Rex Burkhead in the third quarter.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team(s)</u>	<u>Passing Yards</u>
1. Drew Brees.....	SD/NO .....	73,908
2. Peyton Manning .....	IND/DEN .....	71,940
3. Brett Favre .....	GB/NYJ/MIN .....	71,838
<b>4. Tom Brady.....</b>	<b>New England .....</b>	<b>70,138</b>
5. Dan Marino .....	Miami .....	61,361

### **BRADY TIES PEYTON MANNING FOR SECOND WITH 265 CAREER STARTS**

Brady started in his 265th regular season game, tied with Peyton Manning for the second-most starts by an NFL quarterback.

### **MOST STARTS BY AN NFL QUARTERBACK**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Team(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Starts</u></b>
Brett Favre .....	GB/NYJ/MIN .....	298
<b>Tom Brady .....</b>	<b>New England .....</b>	<b>265</b>
Peyton Manning .....	IND/DEN .....	265
Drew Brees.....	SD/NO .....	261

### **BRADY TIES NFL MARK FOR MOST TD PASSES ON THE ROAD**

QB Tom Brady's 63-yard touchdown pass to WR Chris Hogan was his 262<sup>nd</sup> touchdown on the road to tie Peyton Manning for the most touchdowns on the road by an NFL quarterback.

### **BRADY HAS THIRD 50-YARD TOUCHDOWN PASS OF 2018;**

### **TIED WITH DREW BRES FOR THE MOST WITH 43 SINCE 2001**

Tom Brady threw his third 50-yard touchdown pass of the 2018 season with a 63-yard touchdown pass to WR Chris Hogan in the first quarter. Brady threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to WR Josh Gordon vs. Green Bay on Nov. 4 and a 55-yard touchdown pass to WR Cordarrelle Patterson vs. Miami on Sept. 30. Brady also had a 55-yard completion to Gordon at Chicago on Oct. 21.

### **Most Passing Touchdowns of 50+ Yards - Since 2001**

<b>1. Tom Brady, NE</b>	<b>43</b>
1. Drew Brees, SD-NO	43
3. Eli Manning, NYG	39
4. Aaron Rodgers, GB	36
5. Peyton Manning, IND-DEN	35
Tony Romo, DAL	35

### **WHITE SETS FRANCHISE MARK FOR RECEPTIONS BY A RUNNING BACK IN A SEASON**

RB James White caught five passes to push his 2018 total to 81 receptions, the most by a New England running back in a single season.

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

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Receptions</u></b>
<b>James White</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>81</b>
Tony Collins	1986	77
Leroy Thompson	1994	65
<b>James White</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>60</b>
Kevin Faulk	2008	58

### **WHITE SETS TEAM RECORD FOR MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A SEASON BY A RUNNING BACK**

RB James White had 25 receiving yards to push his 2018 total to 699, the most by a Patriots running back in a single season.

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

<b>Player</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Receiving Yards</b>
<b>James White</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>699</b>
Tony Collins	1986	684
James White	2016	551

### **CHRIS HOGAN SCORES ON A 63-YARD TOUCHDOWN PASS**

WR Chris Hogan scored on a 63-yard touchdown pass from QB Tom Brady in the first quarter for the longest play of the season. Brady had a 55-yard touchdown pass to WR Cordarrelle Patterson vs. Miami on Sept. 30, a 55-yard touchdown to WR Josh Gordon vs. Green Bay on Nov. 4 and a 55-yard completion to WR Josh Gordon at Chicago on Oct. 21. Hogan now has two touchdowns of 60 or more yards. He had a career long 79-yard touchdown pass from Brady vs. Baltimore on Dec. 12, 2016.

### **HARMON HAS FIVE PICKS IN FIVE GAMES AGAINST PITTSBURGH**

DB Duron Harmon intercepted a Pittsburgh pass in the second quarter and one in the fourth quarter and now has five picks in five regular season games against Pittsburgh.

### **Most INT vs. Any Opponent - Since 2013**

**Duron Harmon vs. Steelers: 5**

**Duron Harmon vs. Dolphins: 5**

Reggie Nelson vs. Steelers: 5

13 tied at 4

### **HARMON HAS FIRST NFL TWO-INTERCEPTION GAME**

Harmon intercepted a second quarter pass and a fourth quarter pass for his first career two-interception game. He is the first Patriots player with two picks in a game since Malcolm Butler had two vs. NY Jets on Dec. 24, 2016,

### **LINEUP NOTES**

### **TE DWAYNE ALLEN RETURNS TO ACTION**

TE Dwayne Allen returned to action after missing the last three games due to injury.