



GAME NOTES

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

New England Patriots at Kansas City Chiefs – January 20, 2019

TEAM NOTES

- Patriots advance to NFL record 11th Super Bowl; 10th under Robert Kraft
- Patriots are third team to reach at least three straight Super Bowls (Miami and Buffalo)
- Patriots tie Pittsburgh for most postseason wins all-time

PATRIOTS EXTEND NFL-RECORD TO 11TH SUPER BOWL OVERALL;

TENTH OF THE KRAFT ERA

New England has advanced to its 11th Super Bowl in franchise history, a total that is the most in the NFL. The Patriots appearance in Super Bowl LIII will be its tenth Super Bowl appearance since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994, a total that is the most in the league over that span (Pittsburgh and Denver are second with four). Kraft is the first owner in NFL history to have his team in 11 Super Bowls.

ALL-TIME SUPER BOWL BERTHS

11	New England
8	Dallas
8	Pittsburgh
8	Denver
6	San Francisco

PATRIOTS IN THE SUPER BOWL (5-5)

Date	Game	Opponent	W/L	Score
01/26/86	XX	Chicago	L	10-46
01/26/97	XXXI	Green Bay	L	21-35
02/03/02	XXXVI	St. Louis	W	20-17
02/01/04	XXXVIII	Carolina	W	32-29
02/06/05	XXXIX	Philadelphia	W	24-21
02/03/08	XLII	New York Giants	L	14-17
02/05/12	XLVI	New York Giants	L	17-21-
02/01/15	XLIX	Seattle	W	28-24
02/05/17	LI	Atlanta	W	34-28 (OT)
02/04/18	LII	Philadelphia	L	33-41

PATRIOTS WILL NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO TIE FOR MOST SUPER BOWL WINS

The Patriots will have a chance to tie Pittsburgh for the NFL lead with six Super Bowl wins in franchise history.

<u>Teams</u>	<u>Super Bowl Wins</u>
Pittsburgh	6
New England	5
Dallas	5
San Francisco	5

KRAFT'S TEN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE MOST OF ANY NFL OWNER

The 2018 AFC Championship is the tenth conference championship for Robert Kraft as Patriots owner, more than any other owner in NFL history in the Super Bowl Era (since 1966).

MOST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY AN OWNER IN SUPER BOWL ERA

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Team(s)</u>	<u>Super Bowl Appearances</u>
Robert Kraft	New England	10
Pat Bowlen	Denver	7
Jack Kent Cooke	Washington	5
Al Davis	Oakland/L.A. Raiders	5
Eddie DeBartolo	San Francisco	5
Clint Murchison	Dallas	5
Packers Stockholders	Green Bay	5
Joe Robbie	Miami	5

PATRIOTS PLAYED IN THEIR EIGHTH STRAIGHT AFC TITLE GAME

The Patriots played in their eighth straight AFC Championship Game to extend their NFL record for most consecutive conference championship game appearances.

NFL TEAMS WITH AT LEAST FOUR CONSECUTIVE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME APPEARANCES (SINCE 1970 MERGER)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Results</u>
New England Patriots	(8) 2011-2018	(5-3) W, L, L, W, L, W, W, W
Oakland Raiders	(5) 1973-1977	(1-4) L, L, L, W, L
Philadelphia Eagles	(4) 2001-2004	(1-3) L, L, L, W
Buffalo Bills	(4) 1990-1993	(4-0) W, W, W, W
Dallas Cowboys	(4) 1970-1973	(2-2) W, W, L, L
Dallas Cowboys	(4) 1992-1995	(3-1) W, W, L, W

PATRIOTS AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RESULTS (11-4)

Date	Round	Opponent	W/L	Score
01/12/86	AFC Championship	at Miami	W	31-14
01/12/97	AFC Championship	Jacksonville	W	20-6
01/27/02	AFC Championship	at Pittsburgh	W	24-17
01/18/04	AFC Championship	Indianapolis	W	24-14
01/23/05	AFC Championship	at Pittsburgh	W	41-27
01/21/07	AFC Championship	at Indianapolis	L	34-38
01/20/08	AFC Championship	San Diego	W	21-12
01/22/12	AFC Championship	Baltimore	W	23-20
01/20/13	AFC Championship	Baltimore	L	13-28
01/19/14	AFC Championship	at Denver	L	16-26
01/18/15	AFC Championship	Indianapolis	W	45-7
01/24/16	AFC Championship	at Denver	L	18-20
01/22/17	AFC Championship	Pittsburgh	W	36-17
01/21/18	AFC Championship	Jacksonville	W	24-20
01/20/19	AFC Championship	at Kansas City	W	37-31

MOST APPEARANCES IN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Pittsburgh	16
New England	15
San Francisco	15
Dallas	14
Oakland	11
Denver	10
Los Angeles Rams	10
Minnesota Vikings	9

KRAFT EARNS 32nd POSTSEASON WIN

Robert Kraft earned his 32nd postseason victory. He is third among ownership groups with his 32 postseason wins. Kraft earned his 32 wins since 1994. Pittsburgh (36) and Green Bay (34) are the only teams ahead of Kraft. The Rooney Family founded the Steelers in 1933 while the Green Bay Packers were founded in 1919.

PLAYOFF VICTORIES ALL TIME

Rooney Family, Pittsburgh (1933-present)	36
Green Bay Packers (1919-present)	34
Robert Kraft, New England Patriots (1994-present)	32

PATRIOTS TIE PITTSBURGH FOR MOST ALL-TIME POSTSEASON WINS

The Patriots won their 36th playoff game to tie Pittsburgh for the most postseason wins in NFL history

Most Playoff wins in NFL History

Team	Playoff Wins
New England	36
Pittsburgh	36
Dallas	35
Green Bay	34
San Francisco	30
Oakland	25

PATRIOTS JOIN BUFFALO AND MIAMI IN EXCLUSIVE GROUP

The Patriots join Buffalo (4) and Miami (3) as the only NFL teams to reach three straight Super Bowls after advancing Super Bowl LIII, the Patriots third straight Super Bowl.

MOST CONSECUTIVE SUPER BOWLS

- 4 Buffalo (1990-93)
- 3 Miami (1971-73)
- 2 New England (2016-18)**
- 2 New England (2003-4)
- 2 Green Bay (1966-67, 1996-97)
- 2 Dallas (1970-71, 1977-78, 1992-93)
- 2 Minnesota (1973-74)
- 2 Pittsburgh (1974-75, 1978-79)
- 2 Washington (1982-83)
- 2 Denver (1986-87, 1997-98)
- 2 San Francisco (1988-89)
- 2 Seattle (2013-14)

PATRIOTS SET NFL MARK FOR MOST POSTSEASON WINS IN A DECADE

The Patriots have now won 15 playoff games in the decade from 2010 to the present. That total is the most postseason wins in a decade

MOST PLAYOFF VICTORIES IN A DECADE

Team	Decade	Playoff Wins	Championships
New England	2010-present	15	2014, 16
New England	2000s	14	2001, 03, 04
Dallas	1970s	14	1971, 77
Pittsburgh	1970s	14	1974-75, 1978-79
San Francisco	1980s	13	1981, 84, 1988-89
Dallas	1990s	12	1992-93, 95

SUPER BOWL REMATCH

The Patriots will face the Rams in Super Bowl LIII. Super Bowl LIII will be the seventh Super Bowl rematch in NFL history. The Patriots and Rams met in Super Bowl XXXVI. It will be the third time that the Patriots will be involved in a Super Bowl rematch after facing the NY Giants and Philadelphia Eagles in two Super Bowls. Dallas is the only other NFL teams with two different Super Bowl rematches.

SUPER BOWL REMATCHES

Miami vs. Washington – Super Bowl VII and Super Bowl XVII

Pittsburgh vs. Dallas – Super Bowl X, Super Bowl XIII, Super Bowl XXX

San Francisco vs. Cincinnati – Super Bowl XVI, Super Bowl XXIII

Dallas vs. Buffalo - Super Bowl XXVII, Super Bowl XXVIII

New England vs. NY Giants – Super Bowl XLII, Super Bowl XLVI

New England vs. Philadelphia - Super Bowl XXXIX, Super Bowl LII

New England vs. L.A. Rams – Super Bowl XXXVI, Super Bowl LIII

PATRIOTS DO NOT ALLOW A SACK

Kansas City led the NFL with 52 sacks in the regular season but did not record a sack against the Patriots.

PATRIOTS OFFENSE GENERATED 524 TOTAL YARDS;

FOURTH TIME THE TEAM GAINS 500 YARDS IN A POSTSEASON GAME

The Patriots offense gained 524 total yards in offense, the fourth time the team had at least 500 yards in total offense in a postseason game

500-YARD POSTSEASON GAMES

613 vs. Philadelphia, Feb 4, 2018

546 vs. Atlanta, Feb. 5, 2017

524 at Kansas City, Jan. 20, 2019

509 vs. Denver, Jan. 14, 2004

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BELICHICK WILL COACH IN HIS 12TH SUPER BOWL OVERALL

Super Bowl LIII will be the 12th Super Bowl that Bill Belichick will coach in overall, the most among any head coach or assistant coach in NFL history.

MOST SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES AS A HEAD COACH OR ASSISTANT

<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Super Bowls</u>
Bill Belichick	12 (nine as a head coach)
Dan Reeves	7 (four as a head coach)
Don Shula	6 (six as a head coach)
Tom Landry	5 (five as a head coach)
Chuck Knoll	5 (four as a head coach)
Marv Levy	5 (four as a head coach)

BELICHICK EARNS NINTH CONFERENCE TITLE;

MOST CONFERENCE TITLES IN SUPER BOWL ERA

The 2018 AFC Championship was Bill Belichick's ninth conference championship as a head coach, the most conference titles by a head coach in the Super Bowl era (since 1966).

Most Conference Championships by a Head Coach in Super Bowl Era

Head Coach	Team(s)	Conference Championships
Bill Belichick	New England	9
Don Shula	Balt./Miami	6
Tom Landry	Dallas	5

BELICHICK HAS CHANCE FOR SIXTH NFL TITLE

Bill Belichick is one of four NFL head coaches to win five or more championships since the league began postseason play in 1933, but the only one to win five Super Bowls. With a victory in Super Bowl LIII, Belichick will join George Halas and Curly Lambeau as the only coaches with six championships. Belichick joined an exclusive club in which each of the four other members has been enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

HEAD COACHES WITH FOUR OR MORE NFL TITLES

COACH	NFL TITLES	CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS)
George Halas	6	Chicago Bears (1921, 33, 40, 41, 46, 63)
Curly Lambeau	6	Green Bay Packers (1929, 30, 31, 36, 39, 44)
Bill Belichick	5	Patriots (SB XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX, XLIX, LI)
Vince Lombardi	5	Green Bay Packers (1961, 62, 65, SB I, II)

BRADY EARNS NINTH CONFERENCE TITLE;

MOST OF ANY QB IN SUPER BOWL ERA

The 2018 AFC Championship is Tom Brady's ninth conference title as a starting quarterback, the most in NFL history during the Super Bowl Era (since 1966).

Most Conference Championships as a Starting Quarterback in Super Bowl Era

Starting QB	Team (s)	Conference Championships
Tom Brady	New England	9
John Elway	Denver	5
Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	4
Jim Kelly	Buffalo	4
Joe Montana	San Francisco	4
Roger Staubach	Dallas	4
Peyton Manning	DEN/IND	4

BRADY HAS PLAYED IN THE MOST SUPER BOWLS IN NFL HISTORY

Super Bowl LIII will be the ninth Super Bowl of Tom Brady's career, extending his mark for the most by any NFL player. DL Mike Lodish is second with six Super Bowls. Lodish played in six (four with Buffalo and two with Denver). K Stephen Gostkowski is set to tie Lodish for the second-most Super Bowls.

BRADY HAS CHANCE TO SET MARK FOR MOST SUPER BOW WINS; TIED WITH DL CHARLES HALEY WITH FIVE SUPER BOWL WINS

Brady joined Hall of Fame DL Charles Haley as the only NFL players to play on five Super Bowl winning teams. Haley won two with San Francisco and three with Dallas. Bart Starr is the only other NFL quarterback with five NFL championships (three NFL Championships and two Super Bowls).

WINNINGEST COACH AND QB TANDEM IN THE POSTSEASON

Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are the winningest coach and quarterback tandem in the postseason. Belichick and Brady have the most Super Bowl appearances (9) and Super Bowl wins (5). Their five championships match the combination of Vince Lombardi and Bart Starr, who also won five championships (two Super Bowls and three NFL Championships).

<u>Quarterback/Head Coach</u>	<u>Postseason wins</u>
Bill Belichick/Tom Brady	29
Chuck Noll/Terry Bradshaw	14
Tom Landry/Roger Staubach	11

The Head Coach-QB Combinations with the Most Super Bowl Appearances in NFL History

<u>Quarterback</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Super Bowl Appearances</u>	<u>SB Wins</u>
Tom Brady	Bill Belichick	Patriots	9	5
Terry Bradshaw	Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh	4	4
Roger Staubach	Tom Landry	Dallas	4	2
Jim Kelly	Marv Levy	Buffalo	4	0

BRADY HAS 15TH CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAME IN THE PLAYOFFS;

Tom Brady has thrown for 16 career 300-yard games in the postseason.

MOST 300 YARD GAMES IN POSTSEASON HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team(s)</u>	<u>300-Yard Games</u>
Tom Brady	New England	16
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis/Denver	9
Drew Brees	San Diego/New Orleans	8
Joe Montana	SF/Kansas City	6
Kurt Warner	STL/Arizona	6
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	6

BRADY ENDS STREAK WITH 237 POSTSEASON PASSES WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION

Brady was picked off in the end zone to end his NFL record at 237 straight postseason passes without an interception.

Most Consecutive Postseason Passes without an Interception

237 Tom Brady 2017-2018

226 Drew Brees 2007-2012

197 Joe Flacco 2012-2015

BRADY TIES FOR MOST WINS ALL-TIME

Tom Brady has the most wins by an NFL quarterback with 236 overall career wins. His 236 wins are tied with Adam Vinatieri for most all-time.

MOST WINS BY AN NFL PLAYER (INCLUDING POSTSEASON GAMES)

(GAMES PLAYED)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Tom Brady	236
Adam Vinatieri	236
George Blanda	218
Jerry Rice	211
Gary Anderson	210
Peyton Manning	200

GOSTKOWSKI WILL PLAY IN HIS SIXTH SUPER BOWL

K Stephen Gostkowski will play in his sixth Super Bowl. He will tie Mike Lodish (four with Buffalo and two with Denver) for the second-most Super Bowls played, behind the nine by Tom Brady.

GOSTKOWSKI HAS NOW SCORED IN 27 STRAIGHT POSTSEASON GAMES

K Stephen Gostkowski has now kicked at least one point in 27 straight postseason games, second all-time in NFL postseason history.

Most Consecutive Games Scoring/Postseason

32 Adam Vinatieri

27 Stephen Gostkowski

24 David Akers

GOSTKOWSKI PLAYS IN 27TH POSTSEASON GAME

Only Stephen Gostkowski played in his 27th postseason game. Only Tom Brady (39), Adam Vinatieri (32), and Jerry Rice (29) have played in more postseason games.

MOST POSTSEASON GAMES IN NFL HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team(s)</u>	<u>Postseason Games</u>
Tom Brady	New England	39
Adam Vinatieri	NE/IND	32
Jerry Rice	SF/OAK/SEA	29
Stephen Gostkowski	New England	27
D.D. Lewis	Dallas	27
Peyton Manning	IND/DEN	27
Larry Cole	Dallas	26
Bill Romanowski	SF/PHIL/DEN/Oak	26

EDELMAN HAS THE SECOND-MOST POSTSEASON RECEPTIONS;

BECOMES SECOND NFL PLAYER WITH 100 POSTSEASON RECEPTIONS

Edelman had 7 receptions to push his postseason total to 105. He is second all-time with 105, behind the 151 postseason receptions by Jerry Rice.

Most Postseason Receptions

<u>Player</u>	<u>Receptions</u>
Jerry Rice	151
Julian Edelman	105
Reggie Wayne	93
Hines Ward	88
Wes Welker	88

EDELMAN HAS 12TH STRAIGHT POSTSEASON GAME WITH AT LEAST FIVE RECEPTIONS

Edelman had his 12th straight postseason game with at least five receptions after finishing with seven receptions.

EDELMAN MOVES INTO TOP FIVE ON POSTSEASON RECEIVING YARD LIST

Edelman added 96 yards receiving and moved into fifth all-time for most postseason receiving yards with 1,271 yards.

NFL Record for Most Postseason Receiving Yards

1. Jerry Rice	2,245
2. Michael Irvin	1,315
3. Cliff Branch	1,289
4. Julian Edelman	1,271
5. Reggie Wayne	1,254
6. Andre Reed	1,229
7. Hines Ward	1,181
8. Fred Biletnikoff	1,167
9. Paul Warfield	1,121
10. Drew Pearson	1,105
11. Rob Gronkowski	1,076
12. Art Monk	1,062
13. Anquan Bolden	1,057
14. John Stallworth	1,054
15. Steve Smith Jr.	1,001

GRONKOWSKI HAS MARK FOR MOST POSTSEASON RECEPTIONS BY A TIGHT END

Gronkowski added six receptions in the 2018 AFC Championship Game to add to his mark for the most postseason receptions by a tight end with 75.

MOST RECEPTIONS BY A TIGHT END IN NFL POSTSEASON HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>Receptions</u>
Rob Gronkowski	75
Dallas Clark	64
Jay Novacek	62
Shannon Sharpe	62
Brent Jones	60
Keith Jackson	51

**GRONKOWSKI ADDS TO PLAYOFF LORE;
BECOMES FIRST TIGHT END WITH 1,000 POSTSEASON YARDS**

TE Rob Gronkowski became the first tight end and second Patriots player to reach 1,000 postseason yards. He entered the game with 997 yards and caught a 13-yard pass in the first quarter to go over the mark. He is one of 15 NFL players with 1,000 postseason yards.

Gronkowski finished with six receptions for 79 yards to add to his record for postseason receiving yards by a tight end.

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY A TIGHT END IN NFL POSTSEASON HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>Yards</u>
Rob Gronkowski	1,076
Dallas Clark	847
Keith Jackson	834
Shannon Sharpe	814
Brent Jones	740
Jay Novacek	645
Greg Olsen	631
Vernon Davis	600

SECOND PATRIOTS PLAYER TO REACH 1,000 YARDS IN THE POSTSEASON

MOST POSTSEASON RECEIVING YARDS IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>Receiving yards</u>
Julian Edelman	1,271
Rob Gronkowski	1,076
Deion Branch	852
Danny Amendola	709
Troy Brown	694

ROOKIE RB SONY MICHEL GOES OVER 100 YARDS;

SECOND PATRIOTS PLAYER WITH BACK-TO-BACK 100-YARD POSTSEASON GAMES

Rookie RB Sony Michel went over 100 yards rushing and became the Patriots first rookie to have back to back 100-yard postseason game after finishing with 113 yards in the AFC Championship Game. Laurence Maroney was first Patriot running back to have consecutive 100-yard rushing games in the postseason. Michel had four 100-yard games during the regular season.

Patriots 100-Yard Games in the Postseason

166 LeGarrette Blount, vs. Indianapolis, Jan. 11, 2014

166 Curtis Martin, vs. Pittsburgh, Jan. 5, 1997

148 LeGarrette Blount, vs. Indianapolis, Jan. 18, 2015

144 Corey Dillon, vs. Indianapolis, Jan. 16, 2005

129 Sony Michel, vs. LA Chargers, Jan. 13, 2019

122 Laurence Maroney, vs. Jacksonville, Jan. 12, 2008

122 Laurence Maroney, vs. San Diego, Jan. 20, 2008

113 Sony Michel, at K.C. Chiefs, Jan 20., 2019

105 Craig James, at Miami, Jan. 12, 1989

104 Craig James, at LA Raiders, Jan. 5, 1986

100 Antowain Smith, vs. Indianapolis, Jan. 18, 2004

MICHEL SETS THE POSTSEASON MARK FOR MOST RUSHING TDS BY A ROOKIE

RB Sony Michel set the NFL postseason record for most rushing touchdowns by a rookie after scoring two rushing touchdowns in the AFC Championship Game. He had three rushing touchdowns in the Divisional playoff game against the L.A. Chargers.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Rushing TDS</u>
Sony Michel	Patriots	2018	5
Leonard Fournette	Jacksonville	2017	4
Jamal Lewis	Baltimore	2000	4
William Floyd	San Francisco	1994	4
Tony Dorsett	Dallas	1977	4
Norm Standlee	Chicago	1941	4

LINEUP NOTES

PATRIOTS HAVE FOUR PLAYERS THAT PLAYED IN THEIR EIGHTH STRAIGHT AFC TITLE GAME

The Patriots had four players that played in their eighth straight AFC Championship Game: QB Tom Brady, K Stephen Gostkowski, DB Devin McCourty and WR Matthew Slater.

NEW TO THE POSTSEASON

DB Obi Melifonwu made his postseason debut.