



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at New Orleans Saints– September 17, 2017

TEAM NOTES

BOUNCING BACK

Since the beginning of 2003, the Patriots are 43-6 (.878) in regular season games following a loss. They have dropped back-to-back regular season games in 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2015 (twice). As a starter in his career, Tom Brady is 43-10 in games following a loss.

PATRIOTS HAVE THE BEST INTER-CONFERENCE RECORD SINCE 2002.

The New England Patriots own a 49-12 (.803) record vs. NFC teams since realignment in 2002, the best inter-conference record in the NFL during that time.

NFL'S BEST INTER-CONFERENCE RECORD SINCE 2002

Team	W	L	TPct.	
New England	49	12	0	.803
Pittsburgh	40	19	1	.675
Indianapolis	39	22	0	.639
Denver	37	23	0	.617
Cincinnati	35	22	3	.608

ROAD WARRIORS

Since the start of the 1994 season when Robert Kraft purchased the team, the Patriots have the best regular season road record in the NFL.

TEAM RECORD PCT.

New England	115-70	622
Pittsburgh	102-83	.551
Indianapolis	98-87	.530
Green Bay	96-88	.522
Denver	94-90	.511

PATRIOTS SCORE ON FIRST THREE OFFENSIVE DRIVES

The Patriots scored on their first three offensive drives. The last time the Patriots scored in their first three offensive drives was in Week 17 of the 2016 season at Miami on Jan. 1, 2017.

THE PATRIOTS SCORE 30 FIRST HALF POINTS

The Patriots scored 30 first half points for a 30-19 lead. It is the 11th time in team history that the Patriots scored at least 30 first half points and the first time since scoring 38 first half points in a 51-23 win vs. Chicago on Oct. 26, 2014.

PATRIOTS EXTEND STREAK TO 9 STRAIGHT ROAD WINS

Last season, the Patriots finished the season with a perfect 8-0 road record. The Patriots 9-0 current road streak is second to the 12 straight road games the team won from Dec. 24, 2006, through Oct. 5, 2008. The Patriots 12-game road win streak is second in NFL history to the 18 road game win streak by the San Francisco 49ers (1988-90).

PATRIOTS CHALK UP 500 YARDS; SIXTH HIGHEST IN TEAM HISTORY

The Patriots finished with 555 offensive yards against New Orleans. It is the seventh time that the offense has reached 500 yards in total offense under Bill Belichick.

Most Offensive Yards in Team History

622 at Miami (09-12-11)

619 vs. Tennessee (10-18-09)

610 vs. Pittsburgh (11-03-13)

597 vs. NY Jets (09-09-79)

580 at Buffalo (09-30-12)

555 at New Orleans (09-17-17)

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

INCHING CLOSER TO PASSING LANDRY

Bill Belichick won his 264th overall game as a head coach and now needs seven more wins to move past Tom Landry (270) into third place all-time, behind George Halas (324) and Don Shula (347).

BRADY INCHING CLOSER TO BECOMING REGULAR SEASON WINNER

While Brady is the all-time overall NFL leader with 209 career wins as a starting quarterback, Brady is one of three NFL quarterbacks with at least 180 regular season career wins, earning his 184th win against New Orleans. He is two regular season wins from tying Brett Favre and Peyton Manning and three wins away from becoming the all-time leader.

(Regular season only)

RK	NAME	W	L	T	PCT.
1t.	Brett Favre	186	112	0	.624
1t.	Peyton Manning	186	79	0	.702
3.	Tom Brady	184	53	0	.776
4.	John Elway	148	82	0	.643

BRADY NEARING THE TOP FOR WINS OVERALL

Tom Brady has the most wins by an NFL quarterback with 209 overall career wins. His 209 wins are the fifth most among all players.

Most Wins by an NFL Player (including postseason games)

Player	Wins
Adam Vinatieri	221
George Blanda	218
Jerry Rice	211
Gary Anderson	210
Tom Brady	209
Peyton Manning	201
Brett Favre	201
Morten Andersen	194

BRADY HAS THROWN TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO 66 DIFFERENT PLAYERS; SECOND PLACE FOR TD TARGETS BY A QB

Tom Brady connected with RB Rex Burkhead on a 34-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter. Brady has thrown a touchdown pass to 66 different players in the regular season, behind Vinny Testaverde who had 70.

Most Touchdown Targets by an NFL Quarterback

QUARTERBACK	TD TARGETS
Vinny Testaverde	70
Tom Brady	66
Steve DeBerg	62
Brett Favre	61

BRADY THROWS THREE FIRST QUARTER TOUCHDOWNS FOR FIRST TIME

Tom Brady had three first quarter touchdowns for the first time in his career. He has thrown two touchdowns in the first quarter in nine games.

BRADY LEADS THE PATRIOTS TO 20 POINTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER

QB Tom Brady led the Patriots to 20 points in the first quarter, the most first quarter points with Brady as the starter and the most for the Patriots since scoring 21 points in the first quarter at Oakland on Dec. 14, 2008. Brady's previous best was 17 first quarter points on three different occasions, most recently on Dec. 17, 2006 vs. the New York Jets.

BRADY HAS CAREER HIGH FOR FIRST QUARTER PASSING YARDS

Brady threw a career-best 177 first quarter yards. His previous best was 151 first quarter yards vs. San Diego on Sept. 16, 2007.

**BRADY HAS TENTH 400-YARD GAME;
THIRD-HIGHEST OF HIS CAREER**

Brady finished with his 10th career 400-yard games after throwing for 447 yards. He had two 400-yard games in 2016 – He had 406 yards at Cleveland on Oct. 9 and 406 yards vs. Baltimore on Dec. 12.

Most 400-Yard Games

Drew Brees	15
Peyton Manning	14
Dan Marino	13
Tom Brady	10
Ben Roethlisberger	9

MOST PASSING YARDS IN A GAME

517 at Miami (09/12/11)

466 at Buffalo (09/20/15)

447 at New Orleans (09/17/17)

443 vs. San Francisco (12/16/12)

432 vs. San Diego (09/18/11).

TOM BRADY GOES OVER 300 IN THE FIRST HALF

Brady threw for 302 yards in the first half. It is the second time in his career that he has thrown for 300 yards in the first half and fifth time that he has thrown for 300 yards in a half overall.

Yards	Game	Half
302	at New Orleans (09-17-17)	1st half
367	vs. San Francisco (12-16-12)	2 nd half
345	vs. Tennessee (10-18-08)	1 st half
323	vs. Cleveland (12-08-13)	2 nd half
306	at Miami (09-12-11)	2 nd half

BRADY IS THIRD IN 300 YARD GAMES

Brady had his 77th career 300-yard game, behind Drew Brees (107) and Peyton Manning (93). In 2016, Brady had five 300 yard games.

BRADY SETS NFL MARK WITH 52 GAMES WITH THREE TDS AND NO PICKS

Brady had his 52nd NFL game with at least three touchdown passes and no interceptions, the most such games in NFL history. He was tied at 51 with Peyton Manning.

GRONK TIES KELLEN WINSLOW WITH 24 100-YARD GAMES

TE Rob Gronkowski finished with six receptions for 116 yards for his 24th regular season 100-yard game. He is now tied with Kellen Winslow with 24 100-yard games, behind only Tony Gonzalez with 31 100-yard games among NFL tight end.

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY A TIGHT END IN NFL HISTORY

Player 100-Yard Games

Tony Gonzalez	31
Rob Gronkowski	24
Kellen Winslow	24
Jackie Smith	22
Antonio Gates	21
Jason Witten	21
Shannon Sharpe	19

MOST 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

Stanley Morgan	38
Wes Welker	28
Rob Gronkowski	24
Randy Moss	18

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY A PATRIOTS TIGHT END

Player 100-Yard Games

Rob Gronkowski	24
Ben Coates	9

GRONKOWSKI SCORES FIRST TD OF 2017 ON A 53-YARD RECEPTION

TE Rob Gronkowski scored his first touchdown of the season on a 53-yard pass from QB Tom Brady in the first quarter. It is the 68th time that Brady and Gronkowski have connected on a touchdown pass. It is the second-most touchdown connections between a quarterback and a tight end in NFL history and the two moved out of a sixth-place tie with Peyton Manning and Reggie Wayne.

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	84
Tom Brady	Rob Gronkowski	New England	68
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 - 6TH PLACE ALL-TIME

Quarterback Receiver Touchdown Connections

Peyton Manning Marvin Harrison 112

Steve Young Jerry Rice 85

Philip Rivers Antonio Gates 84

Dan Marino Mark Clayton 79

Drew Brees Marques Colston 72

Tom Brady Rob Gronkowski 68

Peyton Manning Reggie Wayne 67

Jim Kelly Andre Reed 65

Johnny Unitas Raymond Berry 63

Aaron Rogers Jordy Nelson 60

Brett Favre Antonio Freeman 57

GRONKOWSKI NOW HAS FOUR 50-YARD TOUCHDOWN PASSES; SEVEN RECEPTIONS OF OVER 50 YARDS OVERALL

The 53-yard touchdown pass from Brady is Gronkowski's fourth 50-yard touchdown pass. He caught a career-log 76-yard touchdown at the New York Giants on Nov. 15, 2015, a 53-yard touchdown at Buffalo on Oct. 30, 2016, a 52-yard touchdown vs. Kansas City on Nov. 21, 2011.

RB JAMES WHITE HAS SECOND MOST RECEIVING YARDS

RB James White finished with 85 receiving yards, the second most of his career. He had 115 yards vs. Philadelphia on Dec. 6, 2015.

BURKHEAD CAUGHT HIS SECOND CAREER TOUCHDOWN PASS

RB Rex Burkhead was on the receiving end of a 34-yard touchdown pass from QB Tom Brady in the first quarter. It is his second NFL touchdown receptions. He caught a five-yard touchdown while with Cincinnati on Dec. 13, 2015 vs. Pittsburgh.

BURKHEAD SETS CAREER-HIGH IN RECEIVING YARDS

RB Rex Burkhead set career highs in receptions with 41 receiving yards. His previous best was 36 receiving yards at New Orleans on Nov. 16, 2014.

PHILLIP DORESETT HAS FIRST PATRIOTS CATCH

WR Phillip Dorsett had his first reception as a member of the Patriots on a 23-yard reception in the first quarter to give the Patriots a first down at the 16-yard line.

ROOKIE DEATRICH WISE, JR. WITH A SACK

Rookie DL Deatrich Wise, Jr. had a third quarter sack and now has had a sack in his first two NFL games.

ROOKIE TE JACOB HOLLISTER REGISERS FIRST NFL RECEPTION

Rookie TE Jacob Hollister had his first career reception on a five-yard reception from Tom Brady in the third quarter.

RB MIKE GILISLEE SCORES AGAIN

RB Mike Gilislee scored on a two-yard run in the second quarter. He scored three rushing touchdowns in the season-opener and is now the first Patriots player to score four touchdowns in his first two games with the team.

LINEUP NOTES

TWO ROOKIES IN THE STARTING LINEUP

Two rookie free agents were in the starting lineup with DL Adam Butler and TE Jacob Hollister.

ROOKIE LB HAVEYY LANGI AND TE JACOB HOLLISTER MAKE NFL DEBUT; HOLLISTER WAS IN THE STARTING LINEUP

After being inactive in the season-opener, rookie LB Harvey Langi and TE Jacob Hollister played in their first NFL game. Hollister was in the starting lineup in a three-tight end set.