



GAME NOTES

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

New England Patriots vs. Tennessee Titans – January 13, 2018

TEAM NOTES

- Patriots advance to seventh straight conference championship game.
- Patriots set NFL record by advancing in the postseason for the seventh straight season.
- Patriots win 15th Divisional Playoff Game.
- Fourth straight playoff game with 30 points.

PATRIOTS EXTEND RECORD TO SEVEN STRAIGHT AFC TITLE GAMES

The Patriots have advanced to the AFC Championship Game for the seventh straight season, extending 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	(7) 2011-2017	(3-3) W, L, L, W, L, W, TBD
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 ADVANCE TO 14TH AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OVERALL

The Patriots advance to their 14th AFC Championship Game, tied with Dallas for the third most in NFL history. The Patriots are 9-4 in AFC Championship Games, including a 6-1 record at home and a 5-1 record at Gillette Stadium.

PATRIOTS AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RESULTS (9-4)

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

MOST APPEARANCES IN CONF. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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

PATRIOTS SET NFL RECORD BY ADVANCING IN THE POSTSEASON FOR 7TH STRAIGHT SEASON

The Patriots have now advanced in the postseason for seven straight seasons (2011-2017) to move past the Dallas Cowboys (6 from 1991-1996) for the most consecutive seasons advancing in the postseason.

MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS, PARTICIPATING IN A POSTSEASON GAME

The Patriots have played at least one postseason game in nine straight seasons, to tie Dallas (1975-93) and Indianapolis (2002-10) for the most consecutive seasons participating in a postseason game.

Most Consecutive Seasons, Participating in a Postseason Game

9 New England Patriots (2009-17)

Dallas (1975-83)

Indianapolis (2002-10)

8 Green Bay Packers (2009-16)

Dallas (1966-73)

Pittsburgh (1972-79)

LA Rams (1973-1980)

San Francisco (1983-1990)

7 Houston (1987-93)

San Francisco (1992-98)

PATRIOTS HOST A DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME FOR 8TH STRAIGHT SEASON

The Patriots added to their NFL record by hosting a Divisional Playoff game for the eighth straight season (2010-2017). Miami is next with five straight home Divisional Playoff games (1981-1985).

PATRIOTS WIN DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME FOR 15TH TIME

With the win, the Patriots earned their 15th Divisional Playoff game victory, tying San Francisco (15) for second place behind Pittsburgh (16).

PATRIOTS MOVE UP ON ALL-TIME PLAYOFF WINS

The Patriots won their 33rd playoff game and need one more win to tie Dallas and Green Bay for the second-most postseason wins.

Most Playoff wins in NFL History

<u>Team</u>	<u>Playoff Wins</u>
Pittsburgh	36
Dallas	34
Green Bay	34
New England	33
San Francisco	30
Oakland	25
New York Giants	24

PATRIOTS SCORE 30 IN FOURTH STRAIGHT POSTSEASON GAME

The Patriots scored 30 points for the fourth straight postseason game after scoring 30 points in all three postseason games in 2016 and now the 35-14 win vs. Tennessee.

THE PASTRIOTS SCORE 21 POINTS IN A QUARTER FOR THE THIRD TIME IN THE POSTSEASON

The Patriots scored 21 points in the second quarter. It is the third time that they have scored 21 points in a quarter in the postseason. They scored 21 points in the third quarter of the 2014 AFC Championship Game vs. Indianapolis in Jan. 18, 2015 and 21 points in the second quarter in the 2011 AFC Divisional Playoff Game vs. Denver on Jan. 14, 2012.

PATRIOTS REGISTER 30 FIRST DOWNS

The Patriots registered 31 first downs, marking the third time in team history that the Patriots have recorded at least 30 first downs in a postseason game. The Patriots had 37 first downs vs. Atlanta in Super Bowl LI and 31 vs Denver on Jan. 14, 2012 in the AFC Divisional Playoff Game.

PATRIOTS SET POSTSEASON MARK WITH EIGHT SACKS

The Patriots defense set a team postseason record with eight sacks against Tennessee. The previous record was six sacks vs. Jacksonville on Jan. 7, 2006. The eight postseason sacks are tied for the second-most in a postseason game. Four teams share the record with nine sacks in a postseason game. Since 2001, the Patriots are 37-1 when they have five or more sacks in a game. Their only loss was at Pittsburgh in 2011.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BELICHICK ADVANCES IN THE POSTSEASON FOR SEVENTH STRAIGHT SEASON

Belichick added to his NFL record by leading the Patriots to advancement in the playoffs for the seventh straight season (2011-17), the most in NFL history. Belichick (2003-07), John Harbaugh (2008-12), Mike Holmgren (1993-97), John Madden (1973-77) and Andy Reid (2000-04) won a playoff game in five consecutive seasons.

BELICHICK WILL COACH IN HIS 12TH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Bill Belichick will coach in his 12th conference championship game as head coach, the most in NFL history.

<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Conf. Champ. Appearances</u>
Bill Belichick	12
Tom Landry	10
Don Shula	7
Chuck Noll	7

BELICHICK COACHED IN HIS 15th DIV. PLAYOFF GAME; MOST BY A HEAD COACH

Bill Belichick coached in his 15th Divisional Playoff Game, passing Don Shula for the most Divisional Playoff Games coached in NFL history.

Most Divisional Playoff Games by a Head Coach in NFL History

15 Bill Belichick

14 Don Shula

13 Tom Landry

BELICHICK HAS COACHED IN MOST POSTSEASON GAMES

Bill Belichick coached in his 37th postseason game to surpass Tom Landry and Don Shula for the most postseason games as a head coach. His 27 postseason wins are the most postseason wins among all NFL coaches. Tom Landry is second with 20 postseason victories.

MOST POSTSEASON GAMES AS A HEAD COACH

<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>GAMES</u>
Bill Belichick (Cleveland/New England)	37
Tom Landry (Dallas)	36
Don Shula (Baltimore/Miami)	36
Chuck Noll (Pittsburgh)	24
Mike Holmgren (Green Bay/Seattle)	24
Joe Gibbs (Washington)	24

**TOM BRADY PLAYS IN 14th DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME;
THE MOST DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAMES IN NFL HISTORY**

Tom Brady played in his 14th Divisional Playoff Game, passing Jerry Rice for the most Divisional Playoff Game appearances.

Most Divisional Playoff Games Played

14 Tom Brady

13 Jerry Rice, San Francisco, Oakland

BRADY REACHES RECORD 12 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Tom Brady has reached his 12th AFC Championship Game, the most in NFL history. Gene Upshaw and George Blanda are second with 10 appearances in a conference title game. In 16 full seasons as the Patriots' primary starting quarterback (omitting the 2008 season in which Brady started only one game due to injury), Brady has led the Patriots to 12 AFC Championship Games.

BRADY NEARING THE TOP FOR MOST WINS AMONG ALL NFL PLAYERS

Tom Brady has the most wins by an NFL quarterback with 222 overall career wins. His 222 wins are the second-most wins all-time by an NFL player, behind the 225 wins by Adam Vinatieri.

MOST WINS BY AN NFL PLAYER (INCLUDING POSTSEASON GAMES)

(GAMES PLAYED)

Player	Wins
Adam Vinatieri	225
Tom Brady	222
George Blanda	218
Jerry Rice	211
Gary Anderson	210
Peyton Manning	201
Brett Favre	201
Morten Andersen	194

BRADY EXTENDS NFL RECORD FOR MOST MULTI-TD GAMES IN POSTSEASON

Brady threw three touchdowns against Tennessee to extend his NFL record for the most multi-TD passes in the playoffs with 21. Brady has thrown at least two touchdown passes in four straight postseason games.

MOST MULTI-TD PASSING GAMES IN THE PLAYOFFS – NFL HISTORY

Tom Brady	21
Brett Favre	15
Joe Montana	14
Aaron Rodgers	12
Terry Bradshaw	10
Dan Marino	10
Peyton Manning	10

BRADY HAS 13TH CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAME IN THE PLAYOFFS;

Tom Brady threw for 337 yards to extend his NFL record to 13 career 300-yard games in the postseason.

MOST 300 YARD GAMES IN POSTSEASON HISTORY

Player	Team(s)	300-Yard Games
Tom Brady	New England	13
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis/Denver	9
Drew Brees	San Diego/New Orleans	7
Joe Montana	SF/Kansas City	6
Kurt Warner	STL/Arizona	6
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	6
Dan Fouts	San Diego	5

BRADY MOVES PAST MONTANA WITH 10TH 3-TD POSTSEASON GAME

Brady threw three touchdowns against Tennessee and now has 10 career playoff games with three or more passing touchdowns, passing Joe Montana (9) for the most in the Super Bowl era.

Most 3 TD Playoff Games – Since Merger

Tom Brady	10
Joe Montana	9
Aaron Rodger	7
Peyton Manning	6
Brett Favre	6

BRADY PASSES BRETT FAVRE FOR THE SECOND MOST TDS ALL-TIME

QB Tom Brady added three touchdown passes to move past Brett Favre (552) for the second-most touchdowns passes all-time with 554 (488 in the regular season and 66 in the postseason). Peyton Manning has the most all-time touchdown passes with 579 (539 in the regular season and 40 in the postseason). Brady's 66 postseason touchdowns are the most in NFL history. Joe Montana is second with 45 postseason touchdowns.

BRADY HAD OVER 30 COMPLETIONS IN A POSTSEASON GAME FOR 7TH TIME

Brady had 35 completions against Tennessee and has now completed at least 30 passes in a postseason game seven times.

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 (7) 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	26
Chuck Noll/Terry Bradshaw	14
Tom Landry/Roger Staubach	11

JAMES WHITE HAS SECOND STRAIGHT POSTSEASON GAME WITH AT LEAST TWO SCORES

RB James White scored on 5-yard touchdown pass and a 6-yard run in the second quarter. It is his second straight postseason game with at least two touchdowns. He scored three touchdowns (2 rushing and 1 receiving) in Super Bowl LI. He joins RB LeGarrette Blount and TE Rob Gronkowski as the only Patriots players with two multi-score games in the postseason.

DION LEWIS GOES OVER 100 SCRIMMAGE YARDS

RB Dion Lewis had 141 yards from scrimmage (62 yards rushing and 79 yards receiving). The Patriots are 7-0 when Lewis gains 100 yards or more from scrimmage.

LEWIS FINISHED CAREER-HIGH NINE RECEPTIONS

Lewis finished with nine receptions for 79 yards, the most receptions he has had in a game. His previous best was eight receptions at Dallas on Oct. 11, 2015.

GRONKOWSKI SCORES HIS 10TH POSTSEASON TOUCHDOWN

TE Rob Gronkowski scored on a 4-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the fourth quarter for his 10th postseason touchdown reception. Only two players in NFL history have more receiving touchdowns than Gronkowski, Jerry Rice with 22 and John Stallworth with 12.

MOST POSTSEASON TOUCHDOWNS BY A TIGHT END

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TDS</u>
Rob Gronkowski	10
Dave Casper	7
Vernon Davis	7
Keith Jackson	6
Jay Novacek	6

MOST POSTSEASON TOUCHDOWNS IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TDS</u>
Rob Gronkowski	10
LeGarrette Blount	8
David Givens	7
Tom Brady	6
James White	6
Deion Branch	5
Julian Edelman	5
Curtis Martin	5

MOST POSTSEASON RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS IN NFL HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>TDS</u>
Jerry Rice	22
John Stallworth	12
Rob Gronkowski	10
Fred Biletnikoff	10
Larry Fitzgerald	10
Antonio Freeman	10
Randy Moss	10
Hines Ward	10
Andre Reed	9
Steve Smith, Sr.	9
Lynn Swann	9
Reggie Wayne	9

GRONKOWSKI MOVES UP ON THE ALL-TIME LIST

Gronkowski finished with six receptions for 81 yards to move past Shannon Sharpe and Keith Jackson into second place all-time in postseason receiving yards for a tight end with 835 yards, behind only Dallas Clark (847).

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY A TIGHT END IN NFL POSTSEASON HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>Yards</u>
Dallas Clark	847
Rob Gronkowski	835
Keith Jackson	834
Shannon Sharpe	814
Brent Jones	740
Jay Novacek	645
Greg Olsen	631
Vernon Davis	600

MOST RECEPTIONS BY A TIGHT END IN NFL POSTSEASON HISTORY

<u>Player</u>	<u>Receptions</u>
Dallas Clark	64
Jay Novacek	62
Shannon Sharpe	62
Brent Jones	60
Rob Gronkowski	58
Keith Jackson	51

WR DANNY AMENDOLA SETS POSTSEASON CAREER HIGHS

WR Danny Amendola set postseason career-highs with 11 receptions for 112 yards. His previous best in the postseason was eight receptions for 78 yards in Super Bowl LI. It is the 11th time the Patriots have had a player finish with 10 receptions in a postseason game and the 26th 100-yard game in the postseason for the Patriots.

MOST RECEPTIONS IN A POSTSEASON GAME/PATRIOTS

14 James White vs. Atlanta, Feb. 5, 2017

11 Danny Amendola vs. Tennessee, Jan. 13, 2018

11 Shane Vereen vs. Seattle, Feb. 1, 2015

11 Wes Welker, vs. NY Giants, Feb. 3, 2008

11 Dion Branch vs. Philadelphia, Feb. 6, 2005

GOSTKOWSKI HAS NOW SCORED IN 23 STRAIGHT POSTSEASON GAMES

K Stephen Gostkowski has now kicked at least one point in 23 straight postseason games, third all-time in NFL postseason history.

Most Consecutive Games Scoring/Postseason

30 Adam Vinatieri

24 David Akers

23 Stephen Gostkowski

RB BRANDON BOLDEN SCORES FIRST POSTSEASON TOUCHDOWN; SCORES HIS FIRST TD OF THE 2017 SEASON

RB Brandon Bolden scored his first postseason touchdown and his first touchdown of the 2017 season on a 2-yard run in the third quarter. It is his first touchdown overall since he scored on a 63-yard touchdown reception at Denver on Nov. 29, 2015.

DL RICKY JEAN FRANCOIS RECORDS FIRST SACK AS A PATRIOT

DL Ricky Jean Francois dropped Titans QB Marcus Mariota for an 8-yard loss in the third quarter for his first sack as a member of the Patriots.

DL GENE GRISSOM HAS FIRST CAREER TWO-SACK GAME

DL Geneo Grissom registered his first career two-sack game.

DL DEATRICH WISE, JR. HAD FIRST CAREER TWO-SACK GAME

Rookie DL Deatrich Wise, Jr. had his first NFL two-sack game.

LINEUP NOTES

- **DL Adam Butler, WR Brandin Cooks, CB Stephon Gilmore, LB Nicholas Grigsby, TE Jacob Hollister, DL Eric Lee, OL LaAdrian Waddle and DL Deatrich Wise, Jr.** all made their postseason debut. Cooks, Gilmore, Lee and Waddle were in the starting lineup.
- **WR Chris Hogan** returned to action after missing the final three games due to injury and was in the starting lineup. His only reception was a 4-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

- **RB James White** returned to action after missing the last two regular season games due to injury.