



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. Buffalo Bills– October 2, 2016

TEAM NOTES

PATRIOTS SHUTOUT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2006

The Patriots were shutout for the 21st time in team history and for the first time since a 21-0 loss at Miami on Dec. 10, 2006. It is the first time the Patriots were shutout at home since losing 6-0 to the New York Jets on Nov. 28, 1993.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

MARTELLUS BENNETT SETS CAREER LONG

TE Martellus Bennett caught a 58-yard pass from QB Jacoby Brissett in the second quarter. It is a career long for Bennett. His previous long was a 43-yard reception on Nov. 17, 2013, vs. Baltimore when he played for Chicago.

BENNETT GOES OVER 100 YARDS FOR FOURTH TIME IN HIS CAREER; SECOND TIME IN 2016

Bennett had his fourth career 100-yard game and his second of the 2016 season after finishing with five receptions for 109 yards. Bennett also had 109 yards receiving vs. Miami on Sept. 18, 2015.

GRONKOWSKI MOVES PAST BEN COATES FOR SOLE POSSESSION OF 20TH

Rob Gronkowski became the seventh Patriots player to reach 5,000 receiving yards with the team last season and entered the 2016 season tied with Ben Coates with 5,555 receiving yards and tied for 20th place all-time among NFL tight ends. He took over sole possession of 20th all-time with an 11-yard reception in the fourth quarter and now has 5,566 receiving yards. Owen Daniels is in 19th place with 5,661 receiving yards. Gronkowski (5,566) needs 161 receiving yards in 2016 to move past Irving Fryar (5,726) into fourth place on the Patriots all-time receiving yards list.

LINEUP NOTES

LB DANT'A HIGHTOWER RETURNS TO THE LINEUP

LB Dont'a Hightower returned to action after missing two games due to injury. He finished the game with eight total tackles and one quarterback hit.

QB JACOBY BRISSETT MAKES SECOND STRAIGHT START

2016 third-round draft pick QB Jacoby Brissett made his second straight start. He finished 17-of-27 for 205 yards.

WR DANNY AMENDOLA MAKES FIRST START OF 2016

WR Danny Amendola made his start of the season when the Patriots opened in a three-wide-out set.