



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills– October 30, 2016

TEAM NOTES

PATRIOTS START SEASON WITH EIGHT STRAIGHT GAMES WITH NO INTS.

The Patriots have yet to throw an interception in 2016 through the first eight games, setting a team mark to start a season. The old mark was in 2015 when the Patriots did not throw a pick in the first four games. The Patriots also tied the overall team mark for most consecutive games without an interception with the 2010 team that did not throw an interception in the second half of the season. The NFL record to start a season without an interception is nine games set by Cleveland in 1960. The Patriots join the 2008 Washington Redskins (8) and 1960 Browns (9) as the only teams with no interceptions through first eight games to start a season.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES TO START A SEASON WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION

9 1960 Cleveland Browns

8 2016 New England Patriots

8 2008 Washington Redskins

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES OVERALL WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION

12 Washington Redskins (2007-2008)

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION IN A SINGLE SEASON

9 1960 Cleveland Browns

9 2015 Kansas City Chiefs

PATRIOTS CLOSE TO NFL RECORD FOR MOST PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION TO START A SEASON

The Patriots have not thrown an interception in 249 pass attempts to start the season, second in NFL history.

Most Pass Attempts to start a Season Without an Interception

<u>Team</u>	<u>Pass Attempts</u>
Washington Redskins (2008)	251
New England Patriots (2016)	249

PATRIOTS ARE BEST ROAD TEAM SINCE 1994

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. The Patriots are 4-0 in 2016 on the road.

TEAM	RECORD	PCT.
New England	110-70	.611

Pittsburgh 97-82 .542

Indianapolis 95-85 .519

*Green Bay 93-85 .522

*Not including today's Green Bay game at Atlanta

PATRIOTS KEEP CHANCE OF AVOIDING A SWEEP IN THE AFC EAST ALIVE

The Patriots have gone 15 straight seasons without being swept by a division opponent and after avoiding a series sweep with Buffalo with the victory, the Patriots have a chance to extend that mark. The 15 years without being swept is the longest such streak since the 1970 NFL merger. The Los Angeles Rams (11,1970-1980) and Dallas Cowboys (11, 1971-1981) have the second longest streak.

DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE

The New England Patriots own a 73-22 (.768) record in regular-season AFC East games since the beginning of the 2001 season, compiling the best intra-division record of any team in the NFL.

NFL'S TOP DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	73	22	0	.768
Indianapolis	68	27	0	.716
Green Bay	66	28	1	.700
Pittsburgh	65	30	0	.684

AFC EAST DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Div. Titles	Years
New England	73	22	0	.768	13	2001, 03-07, 09-15
N.Y. Jets	44	49	0	.473	1	2002
Miami	38	56	0	.404	1	2008
Buffalo	35	61	0	.365	0	---

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BELICHICK IS ONE OF FIVE COACHES WITH 90 DIVISION WINS

Bill Belichick won his 90th divisional game and is one of five NFL coaches all-time with at least 90 divisional wins.

HEAD COACHES WITH THE HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE AGAINST DIVISION OPPONENTS (SINCE 1970 - MINIMUM 60 GAMES)

Head Coach	Teams	W-L-T	Win Pct.
Mike McCarthy	Green Bay	45-17-1	.722
George Allen	LA Rams, Washington	42-18-2	.700
Bud Grant	Minnesota	69-31-1	.688
Tom Landry	Dallas	101-46-0	.687
Bill Belichick	Cleveland/Patriots	90-45-0	.667
Marty Schottenheimer	CLE/KC/SD/WAS	95-51-0	.651

HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST WINS AGAINST DIVISION OPPONENTS SINCE 1970

Head Coach	Teams	Wins vs. Div. Opponents
Don Shula	Miami	132
Tom Landry	Dallas	101
Dan Reeves	DEN/NYG/ATL	95
Marty Schottenheimer	CLE/KC/SD/WAS	95
Bill Belichick	CLE/Patriots	90

GRONK SETS PATRIOTS ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN MARK

TE Rob Gronkowski moved past Stanley Morgan for the most touchdowns overall and most touchdown receptions in team history with his 53-yard score in the second quarter for his 69th touchdown overall and his 68th touchdown reception.

MOST CAREER TOUCHDOWNS BY A PATRIOTS PLAYER

Player	Touchdowns
1. Rob Gronkowski	69 (68. rec. 1 rush)
2. Stanley Morgan	68 (67 rec, 1 ret)
3. Ben Coates	50
4. Randy Moss	50
5. Sam Cunningham	49
6. Jim Nance	46
7. Tony Collins	44

MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS BY A PATRIOTS PLAYER

Player	Touchdowns
1. Rob Gronkowski	68
2. Stanley Morgan	67
3. Ben Coates	50
3. Randy Moss	50

MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS BY A PATRIOTS TIGHT END

Player	TD	Years
Rob Gronkowski	68	2010-Present
Ben Coates	50	1991-99
Russ Francis	28	1975-80, 87-88
Ben Watson	20	2004-09

GRONK REACHES 400 RECEPTIONS

Rob Gronkowski became the sixth New England Patriots player to reach 400 receptions. He entered the Buffalo game with 397 receptions and caught five passes to increase his career total to 402 receptions. He is the 35th tight end to reach 400 receptions.

Patriots Players with 400 career receptions

Player	Receptions
Wes Welker	672
Troy Brown	557
Stanley Morgan	534
Ben Coates	490
Kevin Faulk	431
Rob Gronkowski	402

GRONKOWSKI BECOMES 14TH NFL TIGHT END TO REACH 6,000 YARDS

Gronkowski entered the Buffalo game with 5,930 career receiving yards added 109 yards to increase his career total to 6,039 receiving yards. He became the 14th NFL tight end with at least 6,000 receiving yards. He is the fourth Patriots player to reach 6,000 receiving yards.

Patriots Players with 6,000 Receiving Yards

Player	Yards
Stanley Morgan	10,352
Wes Welker	7,459
Troy Brown	6,366
Rob Gronkowski	6,039
Irving Fryar	5,726

GRONKOWSKI TO BRADY SHINES AGAIN

The 53-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady to Rob Gronkowski is the 67th touchdown connection between the two, the second most between a quarterback and a tight end in NFL history. The two are now tied with Peyton Manning and Reggie Wayne (67) for sixth all-time.

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	79
Tom Brady	Rob Gronkowski	New England	67
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

<u>Quarterback</u>	<u>Receiver</u>	<u>Touchdown Connections</u>
Peyton Manning	Marvin Harrison	112
Steve Young	Jerry Rice	85
Dan Marino	Mark Clayton	79
Philip Rivers	Antonio Gates	79
Drew Brees	Marques Colston	72
Tom Brady	Rob Gronkowski	67
Peyton Manning	Reggie Wayne	67
Jim Kelly	Andre Reed	65
Johnny Unitas	Raymond Berry	63
Brett Favre	Antonio Freeman	57

GRONKOWSKI'S 53-YARD TOUCHDOWN IS SECOND LONGEST OF CAREER; THIRD TOUCHDOWN OF 50 OR MORE YARDS

Gronkowski's 53-yard touchdown reception is the second longest reception of his career to the 76-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady on Nov. 15, 2015 at the New York Giants. It is his third career 50-yard touchdown pass. In addition to the 76-yarder at the Giants, he has a 52-yard touchdown reception vs. Kansas City on Nov. 21, 2011.

TOM BRAY HAS AT LEAST TWO 50-YARD PASSES IN A GAME FOR 10TH TIME

Tom Brady threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to WR Chris Hogan in the first quarter and a 53-yard touchdown pass to TE Rob Gronkowski in the second quarter. It is the 10th time in his career that he has thrown for at least two 50-yard passes in a single game. His career best came in 2009 with three 50-yard strikes at Miami on Dec. 6, 2009.

Brady's Games with at least two 50-yard passes

10/09/05 at Atlanta

55t (3Q) Bethel Johnson
51 (1Q) Deion Branch

1/14/06 at Denver *AFC Divisional Playoff Round

73 (4Q) Deion Branch
51 (2Q) Andre Davis

12/31/06 at Tennessee

62t (3Q) Reche Caldwell
52 (1Q) Corey Dillon

12/09/07 vs. Pittsburgh

63t (2Q) Randy Moss
56t (3Q) Jabar Gaffney-Flea Flicker w Randy Moss

11/15/09 at Indianapolis

63t (2Q) Randy Moss
55 (1Q) Randy Moss

12/06/09 at Miami

58t (1Q) Randy Moss
58 (2Q) Wes Welker
81t (3Q) Sam Aiken

11/22/12 at NY Jets

83t (2Q) Shane Vereen
56t (2Q) Julian Edelman

11/03/13 vs. Pittsburgh

57 (2Q) Danny Amendola
81t (4Q) Aaron Dobson

11/15/15 at New York Giants

76t (4Q) Rob Gronkowski
54 (4Q) Brandon LaFell

10/30/16 at Buffalo

53t (1Q) Chris Hogan
53t (2Q) Rob Gronkowski.

BRADY TIES RECORD FOR MOST WINS AGAINST AN OPPONENT

Tom Brady owns a 26-3 record against the Buffalo Bills. He has more wins against Buffalo than any other NFL team. The New York Jets are second with 21 wins on Brady's list. Brady's 26 wins against Buffalo are the second most wins by a quarterback against an opponent.

MOST WINS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK AGAINST AN OPPONENT

<u>Player</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Tom Brady	26 wins against Buffalo
Brett Favre	26 wins against Detroit
Brett Favre	23 wins against Chicago
Dan Marino	22 wins against Indianapolis

BRADY IS MR. OCTOBER

Tom Brady owns a 48-13 October record for the most wins in the month by any starting quarterback in NFL history. Peyton Manning (45-16), has the second-most wins in October by an NFL quarterback. Brady has now won 13 straight games in October.

BRADY INCHING CLOSER TO BECOMING THE ALL-TIME WINNINGEST QUARTERBACK

Brady won his 198th game overall, and needs three more wins to become the NFL's all-time leader.

MOST CAREER WINS BY AN NFL QUARTERBACK (REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)

<u>Quarterback</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Peyton Manning	IND/DEN	200 (186 reg. season/14 postseason)
Brett Favre	ATL/GB/NYJ/MIN	199 (186 reg. season/13 postseason)
Tom Brady	NE	198 (176 reg. season/22 postseason)
John Elway	DEN	162 (148 reg. season/14 postseason)

TOM BRADY THROWS FOR FOUR TOUCHDOWNS

Tom Brady threw four touchdowns in a game for the 20th time in his career. It is his first four-touchdown game since he threw four touchdowns vs. Miami on Oct. 29, 2015.

BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR THIRD TIME IN 2016

Tom Brady had his third 300-yard game of the 2016 season after passing for 315 yards. It is the 74th time in his career that he has thrown for at least 300 yards, behind only Drew Brees (100) and Peyton Manning (93).

**BRADY HAS THROWN TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO 62 DIFFERENT PLAYERS;
TIES STEVE DEBERG FOR SECOND PLACE FOR TD TARGETS BY A QB**

Tom Brady connected with WR Chris Hogan on a 53-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter. Brady has now thrown touchdown passes to 62 different players in the regular season, tying him with Steve DeBerg for second place all-time for most touchdown targets by an NFL quarterback.

Most Touchdown Targets by an NFL Quarterback

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TD TARGETS</u>
Vinny Testaverde	70
Tom Brady	62
Steve DeBerg	62
Brett Favre	61

**DANNY AMENDOLA HAS 73-YARD KICKOFF RETURN IN THIRD QUARTER;
SECOND-LONGEST RETURN OF HIS CAREER**

Danny Amendola had a 73-yard kickoff return in the third quarter for the second longest kickoff return of his career. He had an 81-yard kickoff return on Nov. 23, 2014, vs. Detroit.

BLOUNT SCORES NINTH RUSHING TOUCHDOWN OF 2016

RB LeGarrette Blount scored on a 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for his ninth rushing touchdown of the season. He has scored at least one touchdown in every game but the first matchup vs. Buffalo on Oct. 2, 2016. He is on pace to finish the season with 18 rushing touchdowns. The Patriots record for most rushing touchdowns in a season is 14 by Curtis Martin in 1996 and 1995.

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS/SEASON IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

14	Curtis Martin, 1996
14	Curtis Martin, 1995
13	BenJarvus Green-Ellis, 2010
13	Corey Dillon, 2006
12	Stevan Ridley, 2012
12	Corey Dillon, 2005
12	Corey Dillon, 2004
12	Antowain Smith, 2001
12	Steve Grogan, 1976
11	BenJarvis Green-Ellis, 2011
11	Horace Ivory, 1978
11	Jim Nance, 1966
10	Tony Collins, 1983

DL TREY FLOWERS RECORDS FIRST NFL SACKS

DL Trey Flowers registered his first NFL sacks after dropping QB Tyrod Taylor for a 7-yard loss in the second quarter and QB EJ Manuel for a 2-yard loss in the fourth quarter.

JULIAN EDELMAN IS IN A RUSH

WR Julian Edelman's first quarter rushing attempt was his 36th rushing attempt to push him in front of Irving Fryar for the most rushing attempts by a Patriots wide receiver.

Most Rushing Attempts by a Patriots Wide Receiver

<u>Player</u>	<u>Rushes</u>
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Julian Edelman	36
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Irving Fryar	35
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Troy Brown	29
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Darryl Stingley	28
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Stanley Morgan	21
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Most Rushing Yards by a Patriots Wide Receiver

<u>Player</u>	<u>Rushing Yards</u>
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Darryl Stingley	244
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Julian Edelman	239
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Irving Fryar	188
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Troy Brown	178
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GOSTKOWSKI IS GOOD FROM 50

Stephen Gostkowski drilled a 51-yard field goal in the second quarter. He has made 76.0 percent of his field goals (19-for-25) from 50 yards or more, converting the second-highest percentage of 50-plus yard field goal attempts in NFL history (minimum 15 attempts).

<u>Player</u>	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
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Matt Prater	31	40	77.5
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Stephen Gostkowski	19	25	76.0
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Robbie Gould	23	31	74.2
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Dan Bailey	23	31	74.2
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WR CHRIS HOGAN SORES ON A 53-YARD TD PASS FROM TOM BRADY; RECORDS LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION OS HIS CAREER

WR Chris Hogan scored on a 53-yard touchdown pass from QB Tom Brady in the first quarter. It is the longest touchdown pass of his career. His previous best was a 38-yard touchdown pass on Sept. 25, 2015, while he played for Buffalo in a game played at Miami. Hogan had a career long with a 63-yard reception on Oct. 9, 2016 at Cleveland.

LINEUP NOTES

DB ERIC ROWE MAKES SECOND STRAIGHT START

DB Eric Rowe made his second straight start at cornerback for the Patriots

ROOKIE LB ELANDON ROBERTS MAKES SECOND NFL START

Rookie LB Elandon Roberts made his second NFL start. He made his first NFL start in the victory vs. Cincinnati on Oct. 16