



## GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at New York Jets– November 27, 2016

### TEAM NOTES

#### **ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT – PATRIOTS EARN 16<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON**

The win over the Jets improved the Patriots to a 9-2 record. The Patriots have won more than half of their games for 16 consecutive seasons; the first team to win more than half of their games in 16 straight seasons since free agency began in 1993. Additionally, the Patriots are the only team in the NFL to have recorded nine or more wins in each of the last 16 seasons. The Patriots are tied with the San Francisco 49ers (1983-98) and the Dallas Cowboys (1970-85) with the most consecutive winning seasons since the 1970 merger.

#### **MOST CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS (SINCE 1970 MERGER)**

##### **New England (2001-16) 16**

San Francisco (1983-98)	16
Dallas (1970-85)	16
Oakland (1970-80)	11

#### **MOST CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS ALL-TIME**

Dallas (1966-85)	20
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##### **New England (2001-16) 16**

San Francisco (1983-98)	16
Oakland (1965-80)	16
Chicago (1930-44)	15
Green Bay (1934-47)	14
Cleveland (1957-69)	13

#### **MOST SEASONS OF 9+ WINS SINCE 2001**

##### **New England 16**

Indianapolis	12
Green Bay	11
Pittsburgh	11
Philadelphia	10
Baltimore	10
Seattle	10

## **THE PATRIOTS HAVE 31 WINNING SEASONS SINCE THE MERGER**

The Patriots have 31 winning seasons since the 1970 merger.

### **MOST WINNING SEASONS SINCE THE 1970 MERGER**

1. Pittsburgh	33
<b>2t. New England</b>	<b>31</b>
2t. Dallas	31
4. Miami	29
5t. Denver	28
5t. Minnesota	28
7. San Francisco	26

### **KRAFT HAS 20<sup>TH</sup> WINNING SEASON**

Robert Kraft earned his 20<sup>th</sup> winning season in 23 years of owning the team.

### **16<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT SEASONS WITHOUT BEING SWEEPED IN AFC EAST PLAY**

With the win over the Jets, after wins against each of the other AFC East teams in 2016 earlier in the year, the Patriots improved to 16 straight seasons without being swept by a division opponent to extend the longest such streak since the 1970 merger. The Dallas Cowboys (13, 1971-1983) and the Los Angeles Rams (11, 1970-1980) are next on the list.

### **THE PATRIOTS HAVE THE BEST RECORD AFTER THANKSGIVING SINCE 2001**

The Patriots have the best record after Thanksgiving since 2001 with a 90-27 record (.769).

#### **BEST RECORDS ON OR AFTER THANKSGIVING SINCE 2001**

**(Includes regular-season and playoff games)**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.769</b>
Pittsburgh	73	35	0	.676
Indianapolis	68	42	0	.618
Green Bay	66	41	0	.617
Seattle	64	43	0	.598

### **DIVISION DOMINANCE**

The New England Patriots own a 74-22 (.771) 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**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.771</b>
Indianapolis	69	27	0	.719
Green Bay	66	28	1	.700
Pittsburgh	66	31	0	.680

### **AFC EAST DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Div. Titles</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.771</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2001, 03-07, 09-15</b>
N.Y. Jets	44	51	0	.463	1	2002
Miami	39	56	0	.411	1	2008
Buffalo	35	61	0	.365	0	---

The Patriots have the highest winning percentage vs. division opponents from November until the end of the season since 2002.

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.766</b>
Indianapolis s	38	12	0	.760
Green Bay	37	16	1	.698
Pittsburgh	39	18	0	.684
Seattle	32	16	0	.667

### **PATRIOTS PROVE TO BE GOOD ON THE ROAD; IMPROVE TO 6-0 ON THE ROAD IN 2016**

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 only season the Patriots went undefeated on the road was in 2008 with an 8-0 record.

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>PCT.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>112-70</b>	<b>.615</b>
Pittsburgh	99-83	.544
Indianapolis	96-85	.530
Denver	93-88	.514
Green Bay	93-88	.514

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

### **BELICHICK LEADS PATRIOTS TO 16<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON**

Bill Belichick has led the Patriots to 16 straight winning seasons (2001-2016), second all-time, behind 20 by Tom Landry (1966-85).

### **MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH A WINNING RECORD**

<b>HEAD COACH</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>YEARS</b>
Tom Landry	Dallas	20 – 1966-1985
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>16 – 2001-2016</b>
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	14 – 1934-1947
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	12 – 1921-1932
George Halas	Chicago	10 – 1933-1942
John Madden	Oakland	10 – 1969-1978

### **BRADY TIES MANNING FOR MOST WINS BY A QUARTERBACK**

Tom Brady won his 200th game overall to tie Payton Manning for the most wins overall by an NFL quarterback. Brady reached the 200-win mark in 261 career starts, 31 fewer than the 292 by Manning.

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

<b><u>Quarterback</u></b>	<b><u>Teams</u></b>	<b><u>Wins</u></b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>200 (178 reg. season/22 postseason)</b>
Peyton Manning	IND/DEN	200 (186 reg. season/14 postseason)
Brett Favre	ATL/GB/NYJ/MIN	199 (186 reg. season/13 postseason)
John Elway	DEN	162 (148 reg. season/14 postseason)

### **BRADY BECOMES FIFTH PLAYER TO REACH 60,000 PASSING YARDS**

Tom Brady became the fifth NFL player to reach 60,000 passing yard on an 18-yard completion to WR Julian Edelman in the second quarter. He entered the Jets game needing 57 yards to reach the milestone. Brady finished the game with 286 yards to push his career totals to 60,229 passing yards.

#### **Player**                      **Passing yards**

1. Peyton Manning	71,940
2. Brett Favre	71,838
3. Drew Brees	64,490
4. Dan Marino	61,361
<b>5. Tom Brady</b>	<b>60,229</b>
6. John Elway	51,475
7. Warren Moon	49,325
8 .Eli Manning	47,089
9. Fran Tarkenton	47,003
10. Vinny Testaverde	46,233

### **TOM BRADY BEATS THE JETS**

Tom Brady has 22 wins against the New York Jets as a starter and joins Brett Favre as the only quarterbacks with at least 22 wins against two opponents.

### **MOST WINS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK AGAINST AN OPPONENT**

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

### **BLOUNT NEARING 1,000 YARDS**

Blount has rushed for 869 yards this season and needs 131 yards for his second career 1,000-yard season. It would be the 15<sup>th</sup> time in team history and first since 2012 that the Patriots would have a 1,000-yard rusher in a season. Blount had a career-best 1,007 yards as a rookie with Tampa Bay in 2010.

### **PATRIOTS WITH 1,000 YARDS RUSHING IN A SEASON**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Year</b>
Stevan Ridley	1,263	2012
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	1,008	2010
Corey Dillon	1,635	2004
Antowain Smith	1,157	2001
Robert Edwards	1,115	1998
Curtis Martin	1,160	1997
Curtis Martin	1,152	1996
Curtis Martin	1,487	1995
Leonard Russell	1,088	1993
John Stephens	1,168	1988
Craig James	1,227	1985
Tony Collins	1,049	1983
Sam Cunningham	1,015	1977
Jim Nance	1,216	1967
Jim Nance	1,458	1966

### **MOST YARDS RUSHING IN A SEASON IN PATRIOTS HISTORY**

1,635 Corey Dillon, 2004  
1,487 Curtis Martin, 1995  
1,458 Jim Nance, 1966  
1,263 Stevan Ridley, 2012  
1,227 Craig James, 1985  
1,216 Jim Nance, 1967  
1,168 John Stephens, 1988

### **BRADY ENGINEERS 50<sup>TH</sup> GAME-WINNING PERFORMANCE**

Brady engineers his 50<sup>th</sup> career game-winning performance to lead his team to a victory from a fourth-quarter deficit after leading the Patriots back from a 17-13 deficit.

### **BUTLER HAS FIRST NFL FORCED FUMBLE AND RECOVERY RECOVERY**

CB Malcolm Butler forced and recovered a WR Robby Anderson fumble in the second quarter. It is his first NFL forced fumble and fumble recovery.

### **DL ALAN BRANCH HAS FIRST BLOCKED FIELD GOAL OF HIS CAREER**

DL Alan Branch blocked a 54-yard field goal attempt by Jets K Nick Folk in the second quarter for his first blocked kick of his career. It is the first blocked field goal for the Patriots since Vince Wilfork blocked a 52-yard attempt by Folk at the New York Jets on Dec. 21, 2014.

### **ROOKIE MALCOLM MITCHELL SCORES TWO TOUCHDOWNS**

Rookie WR Malcolm Mitchell had his first two-touchdown day. He scored on a 4-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter and an 8-yard game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter.

### **HOGAN SETS CAREER IN RECEIVING YARDS**

WR Chris Hogan finished with 70 receiving yards to push his 2016 total to 461 yards, setting a new single-season high. His previous best was 450 yards receiving in 2015 with Buffalo.

## **LINEUP NOTES**

### **TE ROB GRONKOWSKI RETURNED TO ACTION**

TE Rob Gronkowski returned to action after missing the game at San Francisco due to injury and was in the starting lineup.

### **WR CHRIS HOGAN RETURNED TO ACTION**

WR Chris Hogan returned to action after missing the game at San Francisco due to injury and was in the starting lineup.

### **LB KYLE VAN NOY MAKES FIRST START AS A PATRIOT**

LB Kyle Van Noy made his first start as a member of the Patriots. Van Noy made seven starts in 2016 while with Detroit.

### **DL JABAAL SHEARD RETURNED TO PLAY**

DL Jabaal Sheard returned to action after being inactive at San Francisco.