



## **GAME NOTES**

**New England Patriots at Carolina Panthers – August 28, 2015**

### **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

#### **REGGIE WAYNE MAKES HIS PATRIOTS DEBUT**

WR Reggie Wayne, who was signed by the Patriots on Aug. 25, made his debut in a Patriots uniform.

#### **SCOTT CHANDLER MAKES HIS PATRIOTS DEBUT AND SCORES A TD**

TE Scott Chandler made his Patriots debut after missing the first two preseason games. He caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady with 56 seconds to play in the first half to culminate a 7-play, 80-yard drive that gave the Patriots a 7-6 halftime lead

#### **JEROD MAYO RETURNS TO ACTION**

LB Jerod Mayo made his return to action after missing the first two games of the season. Mayo was limited to six games in 2014 due to injury. Mayo started the game at linebacker.

#### **AARON DOBSON MAKES HIS 2015 PRESEASON DEBUT**

WR Aaron Dobson made is preseason debut after missing the first two preseason games. Dobson caught a 40-yard pass from Jimmy Garoppolo in the fourth quarter that helped get in position for a touchdown.

#### **BRANDON BOLDEN PLAYS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2015**

RB Brandon Bolden played for the first time in the 2015 preseason. He dressed but did not play in the first two preseason games.

#### **DION LEWIS USED AS A KICKOFF RETURNER**

RB Dion Lewis was utilized as a kickoff returner. He has returned 33 kicks for 702 yards during his NFL career. Lewis also caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo in the fourth quarter.

#### **2015 FOURTH-ROUND PICK DL TREY FLOWERS RETURNS TO ACTION**

2015 fourth-round pick DL Trey Flowers returned to action after missing the game at New Orleans.

### **TOM BRADY MADE THE START AND PLAYED THE ENTIRE FIRST HALF**

Tom Brady started the game and played the entire first half. He completed 7-of-13 passes for 84 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. He executed a perfect two-minute drill on a 7-play, 80-yard drive that ended with an 18-yard touchdown pass to TE Scott Chandler. Brady also had two rushing attempts for 18 yards.

### **JIMMY GAROPPOLO PLAYED THE ENTIRE SECOND HALF**

Garoppolo played the entire second half and finished 13-of-17 for 126 yards with one touchdown, a 9-yard pass to RB Dion Lewis.

### **GOSTKOWSKI DRILLS A GAME-WINNER FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK**

Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 53-yard field goal with 6:21 left play to give the Patriots a 17-16 lead. It was the second straight game that he kicked the game-winning field goal. He kicked a 35-yard game-winning field goal with 19 seconds to lift the Patriots to a 26-24 win at New Orleans. Gostkowski has kicked six game-winning field goals in his career, including one in the postseason.

### **STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI DRILLS 53-YARD FIELD GOAL**

Stephen Gostkowski drilled a 53-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to give the Patriots a 17-16 fourth quarter lead with 6:14 left to play. It was his second field goal of 50 or more yards in the 2015 preseason. He had a 56-yard field goal vs. Green Bay (8/13).

### **JAMES MORRIS LEADS THE TEAM IN TACKLES**

LB James Morris led the team in tackles with seven total tackles. It was the second straight week that he led the team in tackles. He led with five tackles at New Orleans.

## **STARTING BLOCKS**

### **THREE MEMBERS OF THE 2015 DRAFT CLASS GET STARTS**

Three members of the 2015 draft class were in the starting lineup for the third straight week with first-round draft pick DL Malcom Brown and fourth-round draft picks OL Tre' Jackson and OL Shag Mason. Jackson started at right guard, while Mason started at left guard

### **ROOKIE FREE AGENT OL DAVID ANDREWS MAKES THIRD START**

Rookie free agent OL David Andrews made his third straight start at center

### **FIRST-YEAR WR JONATHAN KRAUSE EARNS A START**

First-year WR Jonathan Krause was in the starting lineup at wide receiver.