



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots vs. Jacksonville Jaguars— September 27, 2015**

### **TEAM NOTES**

#### **PATRIOTS OFF TO 3-0 FOR NINTH TIME IN TEAM HISTORY**

The New England Patriots improved to 3-0 with their 51-17 win over Jacksonville. The Patriots are 3-0 for the ninth time in team history, and for the fifth time since Bill Belichick became head coach in 2000. The Patriots also started 3-0 in 1964, 1974, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2007 and 2013.

#### **PATRIOTS TIE TEAM RECORD WITH 35 FIRST DOWNS**

The Patriots had 35 first downs against Jacksonville, tying the team record for most first downs in a game. New England also had 35 first downs in a 31-21 win over Denver on October 7, 2012.

#### **PATRIOTS SET FRANCHISE MARK FOR MOST POINTS IN FIRST THREE GAMES**

The Patriots have scored 119 points through three games in 2015, setting a team record for the most points in the first three games of a season. The previous record was 115 points through the first three games of the 2002 season.

#### **PATRIOTS IMPROVE UPON BEST HOME RECORD SINCE 2002**

The Patriots improved to 103-19 all-time at Gillette Stadium. Their .844 home winning percentage since Gillette Stadium opened in 2002 is the best in the NFL.

#### **PATRIOTS EXTEND WIN STREAK WHEN LEADING AT THE HALF**

The Patriots led the Jaguars 20-3 at halftime and won the game 51-17. It marked the Patriots' 76th straight victory when holding a halftime lead at home, dating back to 2000. New England is now 68-0 when leading at halftime in games at Gillette Stadium.

#### **PATRIOTS IMPROVE TO 20 STRAIGHT HOME WINS AGAINST NON-DIVISION AFC FOES**

The Patriots have now won 20 straight home games against non-division AFC opponents. Their last loss at Gillette Stadium to a non-division AFC team was a 33-10 loss vs. Pittsburgh on Nov. 30, 2008.

#### **PATRIOTS REMAIN UNDEFEATED AGAINST THE JAGUARS AT HOME**

The Patriots improved to 4-0 all-time at home against Jacksonville. The Jaguars are one of four teams the Patriots own an undefeated regular season home record. The Patriots are 4-0 against Baltimore, 4-0 against Chicago and 2-0 against Houston.

### **PATRIOTS SCORE 40 FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK**

The Patriots scored at least 40 points for the second straight week after finishing with 51 points against Jacksonville. The 2014 Patriots tied a team mark with the 2012 team with five games with 40 or more points. Before today, the last time the Patriots broke the 50-point mark was on October 26, 2014, in a 51-23 win over Chicago. New England's 34-point margin of victory against Jacksonville was the Patriots' largest margin of victory since the Patriots also had a 34-point win on December 22, 2013, in a 41-7 win at Baltimore.

### **PATRIOTS SET NFL RECORD FOR MOST FIRST DOWNS THROUGH THREE GAMES**

The Patriots have a total of 88 first downs through three games in 2015, the highest total through three games for any team in NFL history. The previous record was 86 first downs by Buffalo through the first three games of the 1991 season. The Patriots' previous team record for most first downs through three games was 85 in 2011 (a total that now ranks third in NFL annals).

### **PATRIOTS SOLID ON THIRD DOWN**

The Patriots converted 11-of-14 third-down opportunities against Jacksonville (78.6%). New England's 78.6% third-down conversion percentage ranks as the second-best in team history, trailing only the franchise record 81.8% (9-of-11) third down conversion rate in a 42-20 win at Indianapolis on November 16, 2014. The Patriots' 11 third-down conversions against the Jaguars also ranks second in team history, trailing only the 12 conversions in a 36-7 win at Chicago on December 12, 2010.

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

### **BRADY REACHES 400 TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

Tom Brady became the fourth NFL player to reach 400 career touchdowns on a 1-yard touchdown pass to WR Danny Amendola in the second quarter. Brady finished the game with 401 career touchdown passes.

### **MOST CAREER TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

(regular season only) **Bold indicates active players**

<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Peyton Manning</b>	<b>533*</b>
2.	Brett Favre	508
3.	Dan Marino	420
<b>4.</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>401</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>398</b>
6.	Fran Tarkenton	342
7.	John Elway	300
8.	Warren Moon	291
9.	Johnny Unitas	290
10.	Vinny Testaverde	275

\*-Not Including game on 9/27/15

## **BRADY RANKS THIRD IN COMBINED REGULAR SEASON AND PLAYOFF TOUCHDOWNS**

Tom Brady's first touchdown pass of the day was the 453rd scoring pass of his career including regular season and playoff games and finished with 454 career combined touchdown passes. With his first touchdown of the day, Brady moved past Dan Marino (452) and into third in NFL history for most combined regular season and playoff touchdowns. Additionally, Brady now ranks second in NFL history for most combined regular season and playoff touchdowns with a single team, passing Marino (452 with Miami) and trailing only Brett Favre (481 with Green Bay). Brady's career total of 454 regular season touchdowns ranks fourth in NFL history and his total of 53 playoff touchdowns are the most in NFL history.

### **ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN PASS LEADERS (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Total TD</b>	<b>Reg. Season</b>	<b>Playoffs</b>
Peyton Manning*	1998-Present	IND/DEN	571	533	38
Brett Favre	1991-2010	ATL/GB/NYJ/MIN	552	508	44
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>53</b>
Dan Marino	1983-1999	MIA	452	420	32
Drew Brees	2001-Present	SD/NO	422	398	24
Fran Tarkenton	1961-1978	MIN/NYG	353	342	11
John Elway	1983-1998	DEN	327	300	27
Joe Montana	1979-1994	SF/KC	318	273	45

\*-Not Including game on 9/27/15

### **MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES WITH ONE TEAM (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Total TD</b>	<b>Reg. Season</b>	<b>Playoffs</b>
Brett Favre	1992-2007	GB	481	442	39
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>53</b>
Dan Marino	1983-1999	MIA	452	420	32
Peyton Manning	1998-2010	IND	428	399	29

## **BRADY TIES ARMSTRONG FOR MOST GAMES PLAYED IN TEAM HISTORY**

Brady played in 212<sup>th</sup> game against Jacksonville and is now tied with Bruce Armstrong for the most games played in team history. Brady has started in 210 of the 212 games he has played and needs two more starts to match Armstrong's 212 starts for the most in team history.

## **BRADY OFF TO A GREAT START**

Tom Brady has completed 96 of 133 passes for 1,112 yards and nine touchdowns with zero interceptions through the first three games. Brady's 96 completions through three games are the most by any player in NFL history in the first three games of a season. Brady is the third player in NFL history to begin a season with nine or more touchdown passes with no interceptions through his team's first three games, joining Peyton Manning (twice) and Don Meredith.

### **MOST COMPLETIONS THROUGH A TEAM'S FIRST THREE GAMES**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Completions</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>93</b>
Drew Brees	New Orleans	2011	89
Peyton Manning	Denver	2013	89

### **MOST TD PASSES WITHOUT AN INT THROUGH A TEAM'S FIRST THREE GAMES**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Most TD passes without an INT.</u></b>
Peyton Manning	Denver	2013	12
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>9</b>
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	2010	9
Don Meredith	Dallas	1966	9
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	2004	8
Randall Cunningham	Philadelphia	1992	8
Roman Gabriel	LA Rams	1969	8

### **BRADY REMAINS UNDEFEATED AGAINST THE JAGUARS**

Jacksonville is one of eight NFL teams that Tom Brady has an undefeated regular season record against as a starting quarterback. Brady is now 5-0 in his career in games started against Jacksonville in the regular season. He is also 2-0 in the playoffs against the Jaguars.

### **BRADY'S BEST WIN PERCENTAGE AS A STARTER AGAINST SPECIFIC TEAMS**

#### **TEAM RECORD**

**Jacksonville Jaguars 5-0**

Atlanta Falcons	4-0
Chicago Bears	4-0
Dallas Cowboys	3-0
Detroit Lions	4-0
Minnesota Vikings	4-0
Philadelphia Eagles	3-0
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3-0

### **BRADY HANGS 50 FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> TIME**

Brady led the Patriots to a 51-17 victory over Jacksonville, the eighth time that the Patriots have scored at least 50 points in a game started by Brady, the most by a quarterback in NFL history. Pro Football Hall of Famer Len Dawson has the second most with six.

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>OPPONENT</u></b>	<b><u>SCORE</u></b>
10/28/07	vs. Washington	52-7
11/18/07	at Buffalo	56-10
10/18/09	vs. Tennessee	59-0
9/30/12	at Buffalo	52-28
11/18/12	vs. Indianapolis	59-24
11/03/13	vs. Pittsburgh	55-31
10/26/14	vs. Chicago	51-23
9/27/15	vs. Jacksonville	51-17

### **GOSTKOWSKI SETS NFL RECORD FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE PATS**

Stephen Gostkowski set the NFL record for most consecutive extra points by going 6-for-6 to extend his streak to 425 consecutive extra points.

### **Most Consecutive (Kicking) Points After Touchdown**

#### **425 Stephen Gostkowski, New England, 2006-present**

422 Matt Stover, Baltimore, 1996-2008; Indianapolis, 2009

371 Jason Elam, Denver, 1993-2002

371 Jeff Wilkins, St. Louis, 1999-2007

360 Jay Feely, Atlanta, 2002-04; N.Y. Giants, 2005-06; Miami, 2007; N.Y. Jets, 2008-09; Arizona, 2010-2013, Chicago, 2014

### **EDELMAN HAS AT LEAST SEVEN RECEPTIONS IN SEVEN STRAIGHT GAMES**

WR Julian Edelman increased his streak to seven straight games with at least seven receptions, dating back to the last four games he played in in 2014, and the first three games of 2015. He had 11 receptions in the win vs. Pittsburgh in the season-opener, 11 receptions vs. Buffalo and 8 receptions vs. Jacksonville.

### **EDELMAN MOVES INTO THE TOP TEN FOR PATRIOTS RECEPTIONS**

Julian Edelman finished with eight receptions and now has 296 receptions with the Patriots, to move past Gino Cappelletti into 10<sup>th</sup> place on the Patriots all-time reception list. Ron Gronkowski is in 9<sup>th</sup> place with 324 receptions.

### **GRONKOWSKI HAS 16<sup>TH</sup> 100-YARD DAY; THIRD TIME IN BACK-TO-BACK GAMES.**

Rob Gronkowski had his third back-to-back week with 100 yards receiving after finishing with 4 receptions for 101 yards. He had seven receptions for 113 yards at Buffalo (9/20/15). It is 17<sup>th</sup> 100-yard receiving day, extending his Patriots record for most 100-yard receiving days by a Patriots tight end.

### **BRADY GOES OVER 300 FOR 66<sup>TH</sup> TIME IN HIS CAREER**

Tom Brady registered his 66<sup>th</sup> 300-yard game and his 13<sup>th</sup> time with back-to-back 300-yard games. He had 466 yards at Buffalo on Sept. 20 and 358 yards passing against Jacksonville.

### **LeGARRETTE BLOUNT TIES TEAM MARK FOR SECOND MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS; SETS PERSONAL-BEST FOR REGULAR SEASON**

LeGarrette Blount had three rushing touchdowns against Jacksonville, and his total of three rushing touchdowns ties the second-highest total in team history, trailing only Jonas Gray's four rushing scores at Indianapolis on Nov. 16, 2014. The Patriots have also seen three-touchdown performances in the running game from Sam Cunningham (10/20/74), Tony Collins (9/18/83), Mosi Tatupu (12/11/83), Curtis Martin (11/3/96), and Corey Dillon (12/3/06). The game against Jacksonville was the first time Blount has had three or more rushing touchdowns with the Patriots in the regular season, but he has achieved the feat twice in the playoffs, scoring four times on the ground in the 2013 divisional playoffs against Indianapolis and tallying three rushing scores in the 2014 AFC Championship Game against the Colts.

### **ADDITIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Jabaal Sheard** sacked Jaguars QB Blake Bortles for a 6-yard loss on third down in the first quarter, setting up a Jacksonville punt on the next play. The sack was Sheard's second of the season.
- **Jamie Collins** sacked Bortles in the second quarter and forced a fumble on the play. Jacksonville recovered the ball. The sack gave Collins a team-leading total of 3.5 sacks in 2015, and was the second time in as many weeks that Collins forced a fumble on a sack. Last week in Buffalo, Collins had 2.5 sacks and a forced fumble.
- **Dominique Easley** smothered Jacksonville RB Bernard Pierce for a 3-yard loss on a pass play on the final play of the first half.

## **LINEUP NOTES**

### **COLEMAN MAKES NFL DEBUT**

Rookie DB Justin Coleman made his NFL debut on special teams and on defense.

### **KESHAWN MARTIN MAKES HIS PATRIOTS DEBUT**

WR Keshawn Martin saw his first action in a Patriots uniform late in the second quarter on offense. His first reception was a 13-yarder from Tom Brady. Martin also scored his first touchdown with the Patriots on a 13-yard catch in the third quarter.

### **SECOND ROUND PICK JORDAN RICHARDS SEES FIRST ACTION ON DEFENSE**

2015 second-round draft pick DB Jordan Richards saw his first action on defense after being utilized only on special teams in the first two games.