



## GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts– October 18, 2015

### TEAM NOTES

#### **PATRIOTS OFF TO 5-0 FOR NINTH TIME IN TEAM HISTORY**

The New England Patriots improved to 5-0 the fourth time in team history and for the first time since 2007. New England is now 5-0 for the third time in the Bill Belichick-Tom Brady era. The Patriots also started 5-0 in 1974, 2004 and 2007.

#### **PATRIOTS ROAD RECORD**

Since the start of the 2000 season, the Patriots have the best regular-season road record.

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>PCT.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>81-42</b>	<b>.659</b>
Philadelphia	75-47-1	.614
Indianapolis	75-48	.610
Pittsburgh	71-52	.577

#### **THE PATRIOTS ARE WICKED GOOD IN OCTOBER**

The Patriots are an NFL-best 47-16 in the month of October since the 2000 season. The Patriots are 27-4 (.871) at home during that time in October and 20-12 on the road.

#### **MOST WINS IN OCTOBER SINCE 2000**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.746</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers	44	17	0	.721
New York Giants	41	19	0	.683
Indianapolis Colts	39	19	0	.672
Green Bay Packers	38	21	0	.644
New Orleans Saints	39	24	0	.619

### **PATRIOTS HIGH SCORING – PART 1**

The Patriots have scored 183 points so far in 2015, putting them on pace to finish the season with 586 total points, which would be the second most in New England history and the third-most in NFL history to the 606 total points by Denver in 2013 and the 589 by the Patriots in 2007.

#### **Most Points in a Season in NFL History**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Points</b>
Denver (2013)	606
Patriots (2007)	589
Green Bay (2011)	560
Patriots (2012)	557

### **PATRIOTS HIGH SCORING – PART 2**

The Patriots have 21 touchdowns so far in 2015, putting them on pace to finish the season with 67, which will be tied for the fifth most in NFL history and tied for the second most ever in Patriots history.

#### **Most Touchdowns in a Season in NFL History**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Touchdowns</b>
Denver (2013)	76
Patriots (2007)	75
Green Bay (2011)	70
Miami (1984)	70
Patriots (2012)	67
St. Louis (2000)	67

### **PATRIOTS SET POINT TOTAL FOR THE FIRST FIVE GAMES**

The Patriots scored 183 points in the first five games, the most ever for the team in its first five games. The previous record was 182 points in the first five games of the 2007 season.

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

### **BRADY TIES TEAM MARK FOR MOST STARTS**

Tom Brady started in his 212<sup>th</sup> game to tie Bruce Armstrong for most starts as a member of the Patriots.

### **LB JAMIE COLLINS BLOCKS A FOURTH QT EXTRA POINT**

LB Jamie Collins blocked a fourth quarter extra point. It was the Patriots first blocked extra point since Vince Wilfork blocked a PAT at Oakland on Dec. 14, 2008. It is Collins' second blocked kick. He blocked a field goal attempt vs. Miami on Dec. 14, 2014.

### **DE CHANDLER JONES HAS 2 ½ SACKS**

Chandler Jones had his second game in 2015 with multiple sacks after finishing with 2 ½ against the Colts. He had a career high of 3 at Buffalo. He now has seven games with two or more sacks.

### **BRADY ON HIGH PACE FOR PASSING YARDS**

Tom Brady passed for 312 yards against Indianapolis and now has 1,699 yards in 2015 and is on pace to finish the season with 5,437 passing yards, which would be third in NFL history.

#### **Most Passing Yards in a Season**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Yards</b>
Peyton Manning (2013)	5,477
Drew Brees (2011)	5,476
Tom Brady (2011)	5,235
Drew Brees (2012)	5,177
Drew Brees (2013)	5,162
Dan Marino (1984)	5,084
Matthew Stafford (2011)	5,038

### **GRONKOWSKI BECOMES FIFTH NFL TE WITH 60 CAREER TOUCHDOWNS**

Rob Gronkowski became the fifth NFL tight end with 60 career touchdowns (59 receiving and 1 rushing) when he scored on a 25-yard reception in the third quarter. He reached the feat in just 70 games, the fastest among all of the tight ends that have 60 career touchdowns.

### **NFL TIGHT ENDS WITH AT LEAST 60 TOUCHDOWNS**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Touchdowns</b>	<b>Games to 60 touchdowns</b>
Tony Gonzalez	111	154
Antonio Gates	100	110
Shannon Sharpe	62	199
Jerry Smith	60	151
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>

### **GRONKOWSKI BECOMES SECOND PATS PLAYER WITH 60 TDS**

Rob Gronkowski became the second Patriots player to reach 60 overall touchdowns. He has 60 career touchdowns overall (59 receiving, 1 rushing), which ranks second in team history to the 68 total touchdowns by Stanley Morgan. He stands alone with the most TDs by a Patriots tight end.

### **MOST CAREER TOUCHDOWNS BY A PATRIOTS PLAYER**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Touchdowns</b>
1. Stanley Morgan	68 (67 rec, 1 ret)
<b>2. Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>60 (59, rec, 1 rush)</b>
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**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Touchdowns</u></b>
1. Stanley Morgan	67
<b>2. Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>59</b>
2. Ben Coates	50
2. Randy Moss	50

## **GRONK MOVES UP ON THE PATRIOTS RECEPTION LIST**

Gronkowski moved out a tie with Dion Branch (328) and past Terry Glenn (329) is now seventh all-time on the Patriots' all-time receptions list with 331 receptions. Irving Fyarr is sixth with 363 receptions.

## **BRADY TO GRONK MOVES INTO SOLE POSSESSION OF 9<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**

Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski have connected on 58 touchdown passes, which is ranked ninth overall for most touchdown connections.

<b><u>Quarterback</u></b>	<b><u>Receiver</u></b>	<b><u>Touchdown Connections</u></b>
Peyton Manning	Marvin Harrison	112
Steve Young	Jerry Rice	85
Dan Marino	Mark Clayton	79
Philip Rivers	Antonio Gates	74
Drew Brees	Marques Colston	68
Peyton Manning	Reggie Wayne	67
Jim Kelly	Andre Reed	65
Johnny Unitas	Raymond Berry	63
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>58</b>
Brett Favre	Antonio Freeman	57

## **BRADY END STREAK AT 196 WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION**

Tom Brady threw his first interception of the season in the second quarter, ending a streak of 196 pass attempts without an interception dating back to last season. It is his third longest streak of his career.

## **Tom Brady Consecutive Pass Attempts without an Interception**

358 – (10/17/10-9/12/11) – NFL Record  
201 – (10/14/12-12/02/12)  
196-(12/28/14-10/18/15)  
190 – (9/16/12-10/14/12)  
183 – (9/20/09-10/25/09)

## **LEGARRETTE BLOUNT SCORES ON A 38-YARD TOUCHDOWN RUN**

RB LeGarrette Blount scored on a 38-yard run in the second quarter, the longest run by the Patriots in 2015. The previous long was a 34-yard run by Blount at Dallas (10/11). It is his seventh touchdown run of 30 or more yards. Blount finished the game with a season-high of 93 rushing yards on 16 attempts for a 5.8-yard average.

## **BLOUNT HAS FIRST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION OF HIS CAREER**

LeGarrette Blount caught an 11-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter, marking the first touchdown reception of his career.

### **EDELMAN ON HIGH PACE**

Julian Edelman has 40 receptions through the first five games and is on pace to finish the season with 128 receptions. The Patriots record for most receptions in a season is 123 by Wes Welker in 2009.

### **GOSTKOWSKI TIES HIS LONGEST FIELD GOAL STREAK**

Stephen Gostkowski connected on field goals of 40 and 35 yards and has now connected on 21 straight field goals dating back to last season. His 21 consecutive field goals ties his personal best and is his third streak of 20 or more consecutive field goals.

#### **Most Consecutive Field Goals/Patriots**

25 Adam Vinatieri (11/24/96-11/09/97)

23 Adam Vinatieri (10/17/04-12/26/04)

**21 Stephen Gostkowski (12/07/14- present)**

21 Stephen Gostkowski (9/22/13-11/24/13)

20 Stephen Gostkowski (12/15/13-10/05/14)

### **KESHAWN MARTIN HAULS IN CAREER LONG**

WR Keshawn Martin hauled in a 39-yard reception in the second quarter, a single-game career long. His previous best was a 32-yard reception.

### **DANNY AMENDOLA GOES OVER 100 YARDS**

WR Danny Amendola had his sixth 100-yard day and his fourth with the Patriots after finishing with 7 receptions for 105 yards. He had three 100-yard days in 2013 during his first season with the Patriots.

### **TOM BRADY HAS 67<sup>TH</sup> 300-YARD GAME; THIRD OF 2015**

Tom Brady had his 67<sup>th</sup> 300-yard game and his third of the 2015 season after passing for 312 yards against the Colts. His 67 300-yard games rank third in NFL history, behind the 92 by Peyton Manning and 90 by Drew Bree's.

## **LINEUP NOTES**

### **JONATHAN FREENY MAKES FIRST CAREER START**

LB Jonathan Freeny made his first NFL start when he lined up at linebacker in place of Dont'a Hightower, who was out due to an injury.

### **JONATHAN BOSTIC MAKES PATRIOTS DEBUT**

LB Jonathan Bostic made his debut in a Patriots uniform.

### **RASHAAN MELVIN MAKES PATRIOTS DEBUT**

DB Rashaan Melvin made his Patriots debut.

### **CAMERON FLEMING SEES FIRST ACTION OF THE SEASON**

Cameron Fleming was signed from the practice squad the day before the game and saw his first action of the season at right tackle.