



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. New York Jets– October 25, 2015

TEAM NOTES

PATRIOTS OFF TO 6-0 START

The New England Patriots improved to 6-0 the third time in team history and for the first time since 2007. The Patriots also started 6-0 in 2004 and 2007.

PATRIOTS DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE

NFL'S TOP DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
New England	69	19	0	.784
Indianapolis	66	23	0	.742
Green Bay	62	24	1	.718
Pittsburgh	61	28	0	.685

AFC EAST DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Div. Titles</u>	<u>Years</u>
New England	69	19	0	.784	12	2001, 03-07, 09-14
N.Y. Jets	41	47	0	.466	1	2002
Miami	36	52	0	.409	1	2008
Buffalo	31	57	0	.352	0	-

5 straight games of 30+ points – most since 2011

PATRIOTS HIGH SCORING – PART 1

The Patriots have scored 213 points so far in 2015, putting them on pace to finish the season with 568 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 598 points scored by the Patriots in 2007.

Most Points in a Season in NFL History

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

PATRIOTS HIGH SCORING – PART 2

The Patriots have 24 touchdowns so far in 2015, putting them on pace to finish the season with 64, which would be the fourth most in Patriots history.

THE PATRIOTS ON PACE TO CHALLENGE TEAM RECORD FOR SACKS

The Patriots defense has recorded 21 sacks through six games, putting them on pace to finish the season with 56 sacks. The Patriots record for most sacks in a season is 58 in 1977. The NFL record for sacks in a season is 72 by the 1984 Chicago Bears. New England tallied two sacks today against the Jets, after the Jets entered the game having surrendered two total sacks in their five previous games in 2015.

PATS SCORE FIRST THIRD QUARTER POINTS AGAINST JETS IN 2015

Stephen Gostkowski's 24-yard field goal in the third quarter was the first points scored against the Jets in the third quarter in 2015.

PATRIOTS SCORE 30+ POINTS FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT GAME

The Patriots scored 30 points against the Jets, marking their fifth consecutive game with 30 or more points. The streak is New England's longest streak of games with 30 or more points since 2011, when they had six straight games with 30 or more points from 11/13/11 to 12/18/11. The Patriots' team record for consecutive games with 30 or more points is 13 games, set from 2010-2011.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BILL BELICHICK DOES WELL AGAINST DIVISION OPPONENTS

head coaches with the highest winning percentage against division opponents (since 1970 - minimum 60 games)

Head Coach	Teams	W-L-T	Win Pct.
George Allen	LA Rams, Washington	42-18-2	.700
Bud Grant	Minnesota	69-31-1	.688
Bill Belichick	Cleveland/Patriots	86-42-0	.672
Marty Schottenheimer	CLE/KC/SD/WAS	95-51-0	.651

The head coaches with the most wins against division opponents since 1970:

Head Coach	Teams	Wins vs. Division 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	86

BRADY SETS TEAM MARK FOR MOST STARTS BY A PATRIOTS PLAYER

Tom Brady started in his 213th game, the most starts by a Patriots player, passing tackle Bruce Armstrong's previous record of 212 starts in a New England uniform.

BRADY ON HIGH PACE FOR PASSING YARDS

Tom Brady passed for 355 yards against the Jets and has 2,054 passing yards through six games this season. Brady is on pace to finish the season with 5,477 passing yards, which would tie Peyton Manning's NFL-record 5,477 passing yards in 2013.

Most Passing Yards in a Season

Player	Yards
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

BRADY BECAME FIFTH NFL PLAYER TO REACH 55,000 PASSING YARDS

Brady became the fifth NFL player to reach 55,000 passing yards, passing the mark during the game and finishing the game with 55,312 career passing yards. He entered the Jets game needing 43 yards to reach the milestone and reached the mark in the second quarter.

Most Passing Yards in NFL History

Player	Yards
Brett Favre	71,838
Peyton Manning	71,215
Dan Marino	61,361
Drew Brees	57,904
Tom Brady	55,312

BRADY ON PACE FOR 43 TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Tom Brady has 16 touchdown passes through the first six games of the season, putting him on pace to finish with 43 scoring passes in 2015. If Brady reaches at least 40 touchdown passes in 2015, he will join Peyton Manning (55 in 2013 and 49 in 2004), Dan Marino (48 in 1984 and 44 in 1986) and Drew Brees (46 in 2011 and 43 in 2012) as the only players in NFL history to have multiple seasons of 40+ touchdown passes. Brady threw for 50 touchdown passes in 2007.

Quarterbacks with 40 or more touchdown passes in a season

Player	Touchdown Passes
Peyton Manning (2013)	55
Tom Brady (2007)	50
Peyton Manning (2004)	49
Dan Marino (1984)	48
Drew Brees (2011)	46
Aaron Rodgers (2011)	45
Dan Marino (1986)	44
Drew Brees (2012)	43
Matthew Stafford (2011)	41
Kurt Warner (1999)	41
Andrew Luck (2014)	40

BRADY HAS 68th CAREER 300-YARD GAME AND FOURTH OF 2015

Tom Brady finished the game with 355 passing yards and had his 68th career 300-yard game and the fourth 300-yard game of the 2015 NFL season. Only Peyton Manning (92) and Drew Brees (90) have more 300-yard games than Brady. The Patriots are 57-11 in Brady's 68 career 300-yard games.

BRADY HAS SIXTH STRAIGHT GAME WITH AT LEAST 2 TDS

Tom Brady has opened the 2015 season with six straight games with at least two touchdown passes. In 2007, Brady started the season by throwing two or more touchdowns in the first ten games of the season. He had a nine-game streak in 2010 and 2011 and a 10-game streak in 2014 with two or more touchdowns.

BRADY WINS EIGHTH STRAIGHT HOME GAME AGAINST THE JETS

The Patriots have now won eight consecutive home games against the Jets in which Tom Brady has started at quarterback. The last time the Jets defeated a Brady-led Patriots team in Foxboro was on Nov. 12, 2006. That 2006 game was the final game played on natural grass at Gillette Stadium. Brady's record as a starter on the Gillette Stadium turf against the Jets is 8-0 and he is 59-4 as a starter overall on turf at Gillette Stadium.

GRONKOWSKI IS THIRD FASTEST TO 60 CAREER TD RECEPTIONS

Rob Gronkowski became the third fastest player in NFL history to total at least 60 receiving touchdowns, reaching the milestone in his 71st career regular season game. Gronkowski is the fastest tight end to reach the milestone. Gronkowski has 61 total career touchdowns (including one rushing score). In the game at Indianapolis, Gronkowski had his 60th overall score and became one of five NFL tight ends with at least 60.

The players to reach 60 career touchdown catches in the fewest games:

Player	Team	Fewest Games to Reach 60 Receiving TDs
Lance Alworth	San Diego	64
Jerry Rice	San Francisco	69
Rob Gronkowski	Patriots	71
Tommy McDonald	Philadelphia	75
Bob Hayes	Dallas	78
Randy Moss	Minnesota	78

GRONKOWSKI ON PACE TO BREAK HIS OWN RECORD

Rob Gronkowski had 108 receiving yards on 11 catches, finishing the game with a team-high 533 receiving yards through six games in 2015. Gronkowski is on pace to finish the 2015 season with 1,421 receiving yards, which would be the most in NFL history for a tight end and would break his own NFL record of 1,327 receiving yards in 2011. He had 401 yards after six games in 2011.

Most Receiving Yards by a Tight End

Player	Yards	Year
Rob Gronkowski	1,327	2011
Jimmy Graham (NO)	1,310	2011
Kellen Winslow (SD)	1,290	1980
Tony Gonzalez (KC)	1,258	2004
Todd Christensen (Raiders)	1,247	1983)

GRONKOWSKI SETS CAREER HIGH IN RECEPTIONS

Rob Gronkowski set a new career high for most receptions in a game (11). His previous regular-season career high was nine receptions, achieved three times, most recently vs. Denver on Nov. 2, 2014. Gronkowski's playoff career high is 10 receptions, in a postseason win vs. Denver on Jan. 14, 2012.

GRONKOWSKI HAD HIS 18TH 100-YARD DAY

Gronkowski finished with 108 receiving yards for his 18th career 100-yard day. His 18 100-yard days are seventh all-time among NFL tight ends. He has three 100-yard games in 2015.

EDELMAN ON HIGH PACE

Julian Edelman has a team-high 45 receptions through the first six games of 2015 and is on pace to finish the season with 120 catches. The Patriots record for most receptions in a season is 123 by Wes Welker in 2009.

GOSTKOWSKI SET PERSONAL BEST

Stephen Gostkowski has now connected on 24 consecutive field goals dating back to last season, setting a new personal record for consecutive field goals and standing one kick shy of Adam Vinatieri's team record of 25. Gostkowski is a perfect 15-for-15 on field goals in 2015 after connecting from 38, 46 and 24 yards against the Jets. His 24 consecutive field goals are his third streak of 20 or more consecutive field goals. The NFL record for most consecutive field goals is 42 by Mike Vanderjagt (2002-04). Gostkowski's current streak of 435 consecutive extra points is an NFL record, and he has not missed an extra point since Dec. 31, 2006 at Tennessee.

Most Consecutive Field Goals/Patriots

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

24 Stephen Gostkowski (12/07/14- present)

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

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

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

QUICK HITS

- Patrick Chung and Jamie Collins teamed up to stop Jets running back Chris Ivory for a 4-yard loss on the game's first play from scrimmage.
- Rob Ninkovich swatted down two Ryan Fitzpatrick passes at the line of scrimmage in the first quarter and added another bat at the line of scrimmage in the third quarter.
- Chandler Jones strip-sacked Ryan Fitzpatrick in the first quarter and Dont'a Hightower recovered the loose ball to give the Patriots possession at the Jets' 19-yard line and set up the first score of the game, a 38-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski that gave the Patriots a 3-0 lead.
- Patrick Chung swatted away a Ryan Fitzpatrick pass in the end zone that was intended for TE Jeff Cumberland on third-and-goal in the first quarter, forcing the Jets to settle for a field goal to tie the score at 3.
- Patrick Chung batted away a Fitzpatrick pass intended for Cumberland on second down in the fourth quarter with the Patriots leading 23-20, setting up a third-and-7 that New York did not convert.

LINEUP NOTES

WR BRANDON LAFELL MAKES 2015 DEBUT

WR Brandon LaFell was activated to the 53-man roster the day before the game and saw his first action of the 2015 season. LaFell was in the starting lineup.

SEBASTIAN VOLLMER MAKES FIRST START AT LEFT TACKLE SINCE 2009

Sebastian Vollmer moved from right tackle to left tackle, making his first start on the left side since his rookie year in 2009 when he started five games at left tackle.

2015 FOURTH-ROUND PICK DL TREY FLOWERS MAKES NFL DEBUT

2015 fourth-round draft pick DL Trey Flowers was active for the first time and made his NFL debut late in the first quarter on defense.

RYAN WENDELL MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE 2015 SEASON

Ryan Wendell played in his first game of 2015 after missing the first five games.

LB DONT'A HIGHTOWER RETURNS TO ACTION

LB Dont'a Hightower returned to action after missing the previous game due to injury. He finished with 10 tackles and one fumble recovery.

JAMES WHITE MAKES FIRST NFL START

Second-year RB James White made his first NFL start.

CAMERON FLEMING MAKES FIRST START AT TACKLE

Cameron Fleming made the start at right tackle. As a rookie in 2014, he started two games with one as a tackle-eligible tight end and one at right guard.