



## GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills – October 12, 2014

### TEAM NOTES

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

The Patriots are an NFL-best 39-9 in the month of October since the 2003 season, the best in the NFL.

#### **MOST WINS IN OCTOBER SINCE 2003**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.813</b>
*New York Giants	34	11	0	.755
Indianapolis Colts	29	13	0	.690
*Pittsburgh Steelers	28	14	0	.667
*Green Bay Packers	28	15	0	.651

\*Not including today's games

#### **THE PATRIOTS GOOD WITH NO INTERCEPTIONS**

The Patriots have thrown just two interceptions in the first six games. Since 2002, the Patriots are an NFL-best 92-11 when not throwing any interceptions.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Games without INT</b>	<b>W-L-T</b>	<b>Win Pct.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>92-11-0</b>	<b>.893</b>
*Jacksonville	93	56-37-0	.602
*Philadelphia	89	64-25-0	.719
Indianapolis	88	74-14-0	.841
*Kansas City	88	53-35-0	.679

\*Not including this week's games

#### **DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE**

The Patriots improved to a 64-18 (780) record in regular season AFC East games since the beginning of the 2001 season with the win over Buffalo, Compiling the best intra-division record of any the NFL. Indianapolis is next with a 60-23 record.

# INDIVIDUAL NOTES

## BRADY IMPROVES TO A 23-2 RECORD AGAINST BUFFALO

Tom Brady improved 23-2 record against the Buffalo Bills, including a six-game winning streak. He has more wins against Buffalo than any other NFL team. The New York Jets are second with 18 wins. Brady's 23 wins against Buffalo are tied for the second most wins by a quarterback against an opponent.

## MOST WINS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK AGAINST AN OPPONENT

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

## BRADY THROWS 4 TD PASSES AND IMPROVES TO 19-1 IN THOSE GAMES

Tom Brady threw four touchdowns in the win and is now 19-1 when he throws four or more touchdowns in a game for his career. Brady has thrown four touchdowns in a game 16 times overall. The last time he threw four touchdowns in a game was vs. Pittsburgh on Sept. 25, 2013.

## TOM BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR THE 60<sup>TH</sup> TIME

Tom Brady became the fifth NFL player with at least 60 300-yard games after finishing with 361 against Buffalo. It was Brady's 8<sup>th</sup> 300-yard game against Buffalo. He has more 300-yard games against Buffalo than any other team. Second on the list is six against Miami. The Patriots are 49-11 when Brady throws for 300 or more yards.

## NFL QUARTERBACK 300-YARD GAMES (\*ACTIVE)

<u>Player</u>	<u>300-Yard Games</u>
<b>Peyton Manning*</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Drew Brees*</b>	<b>81</b>
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62
<b>Tom Brady*</b>	<b>60</b>
Kurt Warner	52
Dan Fouts	51
Warren Moon	49
<b>Tony Romo*</b>	<b>45</b>

## JAMIE COLLINS RECORDS FIRST CAREER REGULAR SEASON INT.

LB Jamie Collins intercepted a Kyle Orton pass in the second quarter, marking his first regular season NFL interception. He registered his first NFL interception in the AFC Divisional playoff game vs. Indianapolis on Jan. 11, 2014.

## TIM WRIGHT SCORES TD IN SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK

TE Tim Wright scored on a 1-yard touchdown from Tom Brady in the second quarter for his second straight game with a touchdown. Against the Bengals, Wright scored his first touchdown as a member of the Patriots 17-yard pass from Brady in the first quarter.

### **ZACH MOORE RECOVERS FIRST FUMBLE**

2014 sixth-round draft pick Zach Moore recovered a C.J. Spiller fumble on a hit by Devin McCourty at the Buffalo 42-yard line with 13 seconds to play in the first half. That helped set up a 53-yard field goal for a 13-7 Patriots halftime lead.

### **BRIAN TYMS SCORES HIS FIRST NFL TOUCHDOWN**

Brian Tyms scored his first NFL touchdown on a 43-yard reception from Tom Brady in the third quarter. Tyms entered this week with two receptions for 12 yards in seven games with Cleveland in 2013.

### **ROOKIE FREE AGENT DEONTAE SKINNER HAS FIRST NFL SACK**

Rookie free agent Deontae Skinner registered his first NFL sack when he dropped Kyle Orton for a 10-yard loss in the third quarter.

### **ROB NINKOVICH HAS FIRST THREE-SACK GAME**

Rob Ninkovich finished with a three-sack game for the first time in his career with three sacks on Kyle Orton. He has two first two-sack games: vs. Miami on Jan. 2, 2011 and at Carolina on Nov. 18, 2013. As a college tight end at Purdue, Ninkovich once caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from Orton.

### **GOSTKOWSKI ON A GOOD PACE IN 2014**

Stephen Gostkowski has 16 field goals so far in 2014, putting him on pace to finish with 43 field goals, which would be the second highest single-season total in NFL history.

### **MOST FIELD GOALS MADE IN A SEASON/NFL**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Field Goals</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>
David Akers (San Francisco)	44	2011
Neil Rackers (Arizona)	40	2005
Olindo Mare (Miami)	39	1999
Jeff Wilkins (St. Louis)	39	2003
<b>Stephen Gostkowski (Patriots)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2013</b>
Justin Tucker (Baltimore)	38	2013

### **GOSTKOWSKI DRILLS A 53-YARD FIELD GOAL IN THE SECOND QT**

Stephen Gostkowski drilled a 53-yard field goal in the second quarter. It is the second longest field goal of his career. He has now kicked six 53-yard field goals. His career long is a 54-yard field goal vs. New Orleans on Oct. 13, 2013. Gostkowski was 5-of-6 from 50 or more yards in 2013 and is 13-of-17 from 50 yards for his career.

### **GOSTKOWSKI ENDS 20 GAME FIELD GOAL STREAK**

Stephen Gostkowski missed his first field goal of the year when his 36-yard attempt sailed wide left. It ended a streak of 20 straight field goals dating back to last season at Miami on Dec. 15, 2013.

### **Most Consecutive Fields in Patriots History**

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

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

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

**17 Stephen Gostkowski (12/09/07-10/05/08)**

### **GRONKOWSKI EXTENDS HIS STREAK TO 56 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH A RECEPTION**

Rob Gronkowski caught a 7-yard pass from Tom Brady in the first quarter and has caught at least one pass in all 56 regular season games that he has played.

### **LONGEST CURRENT STREAKS OF CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RECEPTION BY TIGHT ENDS**

\*93 Owen Daniels (Houston/Baltimore)

\*92 Jason Witten (Dallas)

\*86 Heath Miller (Pittsburgh)

**56 Rob Gronkowski**

\*Not including today's games

### **EDELMAN MOVES UP ON THE PATRIOTS PUNT LIST**

Edelman's 7-yard punt return in the second quarter moved him past David Meggett (1,438) into third place on the Patriots all-time punt return list. Edelman entered the game needing 12 yards to move past Meggett. He now has 1,439 punt return yards.

### **Most Punt Return Yards in Patriots History**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Punt Return Yards</b>
1. Troy Brown	2,625
2. Irving Fryar	2,055
<b>3. Julian Edelman</b>	<b>1,439</b>
4. David Meggett	1,438
5. Wes Welker	1,185

### **JONES FORCES AND RECOVERS A FUMBLE ON A SACK TO HELP SET UP A FG**

Chandler Jones forced and recovered a fumble on a 2-yard sack of Kyle Orton to give the Patriots a first down at the Buffalo 26-yard line with 2:09 to play. The Patriots converted the turnover into a 42-yard field goal to take a 10-7 lead.

### **Most Sacks By a Patriots Player (first three seasons)**

Garin Veris – 28

Andre Tippett 27

Willie McGinest 25

Chris Slade 23

**Chandler Jones 21**

Brent Williams 20

### **BRANDON LAFELL SCORES TWO TOUCHDOWNS**

WR Brandon LaFell scored two touchdowns on a 18 yard pass and a 56-yard pass in the fourth quarter. It is his second two-touchdown game of his career. He had two touchdowns with Carolina vs. the New York Giants on Sept. 22, 2013.

### **PATRIOTS HAVE THREE PLAYERS WITH 90 RECEIVING YARDS**

The Patriots had three players finish with 90 or more receiving yards: Julian Edelman (91), Rob Gronkowski (94) and Brandon LaFell (97).

# LINEUP NOTES

## **RYAN WENDELL STARTS AT CENTER**

Ryan Wendell started at center with Bryan Storki inactive. It was his second start for the season and first at center. He started at right guard vs. Cincinnati. Wendell started at center in all 16 games in 2012 and 2013.

## **JOSH KLINE GETS FIRST START OF 2014 AT RIGHT GUARD**

Josh Kline made his first start of the 2014 season when he started at right guard with Ryan Wendell moving from right guard to center due to the injury to Bryan Stork. He started at left guard in one game in 2013, at Baltimore on Dec. 22.

## **BRIAN TYMS SEE FIRST ACTION OF THE SEASON**

Brian Tyms saw his first game action of the 2014 regular season.

## **CASEY WALKER MAKES FIRST NFL START**

Casey Walker made his first NFL start along the defensive line. He played in his first NFL game last week vs. Cincinnati.