



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. New York Jets – October 16, 2014

TEAM NOTES

PATRIOTS HAVE NOW WON 16 STRAIGHT AT HOME AGAINST THE AFC EAST

The Patriots won their 16th consecutive home game against AFC East opposition. The last time the Patriots lost a home game against an AFC East opponent was on Nov. 13, 2008, when the New York Jets left Gillette Stadium with a 34-31 overtime win. The Patriots are now 32-5 against the AFC East at Gillette Stadium.

The most consecutive home wins against division opponents since 1970:

Team	Years	Streak
Green Bay	1994-98	18
Buffalo	1988-92	17
Patriots	2009-present	16
Dallas	1991-95	16
Miami	19971-75	16

PATRIOTS ARE WICKED GOOD IN OCTOBER

The Patriots are an NFL-best 40-9 in the month of October since the 2003 season. The Patriots are now 24-1 in October home games since 2003. Their last home loss in October was on Oct. 2, 2005 (a 41-17 loss vs. San Diego).

MOST WINS IN OCTOBER SINCE 2003

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	40	9	0	.816
New York Giants	34	12	0	.739
Indianapolis Colts	29	13	0	.690
Green Bay Packers	29	15	0	.659
Pittsburgh Steelers	28	15	0	.651

MOST HOME WINS IN OCTOBER SINCE 2003

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	24	1	0	.960
Indianapolis	14	3	0	.823
Pittsburgh	16	5	0	.762

THE PATRIOTS GOOD WITH NO INTERCEPTIONS

The Patriots have thrown just two interceptions in the first seven games. New England has not had an interception in October, as Tom Brady has nine touchdowns and no interceptions in the month of October. Since 2002, the Patriots are an NFL-best 93-11 when throwing no interceptions.

Team	Games without INT	W-L-T	Win Pct.
New England	104	93-11-0	.894
Jacksonville	93	56-37-0	.602
Philadelphia	89	64-25-0	.719
Indianapolis	88	74-14-0	.841
Kansas City	88	53-35-0	.602

DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE

The Patriots improved to a 65-18 (.783) record in regular season AFC East games since the beginning of the 2001 season with the win over New York. That is the best intra-division record in the NFL over that span (Indianapolis, 60-23).

HOME SWEET HOME FOR THE PATRIOTS; IMPROVE TO 33 STRAIGHT HOME WINS AGAINST THE AFC CONFERENCE

The Patriots improved to 84-15 (.848) at Gillette Stadium in regular season games. With today's victory over the New York Jets, New England has now won 33 straight games at home against AFC conference opponents. The Patriots' 33 straight home wins against a conference is the longest in NFL history (following the 1970 merger). The Miami Dolphins are second in NFL history with 21 straight home conference wins (1971-1974). The Patriots last loss at home against an AFC opponent was a 33-10 loss vs. Pittsburgh on Nov. 30, 2008.

TEAMS WITH HIGHEST WIN PCT. AT STADIUM SINCE 1970 (MIN. 25 GAMES)

Team	Stadium	W-L-T	Win Pct.
New England	Gillette Stadium	84-15-0	.848
Miami	Orange Bowl	101-22-1	.819

PATRIOTS WIN 12th STRAIGHT HOME GAME

The Patriots won their 12th consecutive home game, extending the longest current home winning streak in the NFL. The Patriots have not lost a regular-season home game since December 16, 2012, when San Francisco left Foxborough with a 41-34 win.

MOST CONSECUTIVE HOME VICTORIES (Current Streaks)

New England	12
New Orleans	10
Philadelphia	8
San Diego	6

PATRIOTS EXTEND STREAK TO 44 STRAIGHT HOME GAMES WITH AT LEAST 1 TD PASS

The Patriots extended their streak 44 straight home games with at least one touchdown pass, the longest streak in post-merger NFL history. New Orleans has the second longest streak with 40. The last time the Patriots did not have a touchdown pass in a home game was in a 33-10 loss vs. Pittsburgh on Dec. 30, 2008.

MOST CONSECUTIVE HOME GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS SINCE 1970

<u>Team</u>	<u>Gm</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Record</u>
New England Patriots	44	12/21/08	Current	41-3
New Orleans Saints	40	10/18/09	Current	31-9
Green Bay Packers	36	10/05/08	12/02/12	29-7
Miami Dolphins	32	09/11/83	12/22/86	26-6
Green Bay Packers	29	11/03/96	09/03/00	24-5

PATS HAVE WON 70 STRAIGHT HOME GAMES WHEN LEADING AT THE HALF

The Patriots have now won 70 straight home games when leading at halftime, adding to their NFL record. The last time the Patriots lost at home after leading at halftime was on Dec. 24, 2000 (vs. Miami) when they Patriots lost 27-24 after leading 21-17 at halftime. Tonight, the Patriots were leading 17-12 at halftime and won the game 27-25.

DEFENSE PRESERVES LEAD

The Patriots defense forced three consecutive New York punts to preserve a 20-19 New England lead in the third and fourth quarters. Casey Walker, Chandler Jones, and Darrelle Revis each came up with big third-down plays to end New York drives and keep the Jets from taking the lead. After the third straight Jets punt, the Patriots put together a touchdown drive that ended in a 19-yard touchdown catch by Danny Amendola that gave the Patriots a 27-19 lead.

PATRIOTS DEFENSE DOES WELL

The Patriots defense is the only one in the NFL that has not allowed a pass play of over 40 yards. The longest pass the Patriots have allowed was when Cincinnati QB Jason Campbell completed a 38-yard pass to WR Jeremy Hill on Oct. 5, 2014.

RARE FINAL SCORE

Tonight's game was only the fifth game in NFL history to end with a final score of 27-25, and it was the first time a Patriots game ended with that score. The last time an NFL game ended in a 27-25 score was on November 20, 2005, when Seattle scored a 27-25 win at San Francisco.

PATRIOTS CONTINUE STRING OF STRONG STARTS TO SEASONS

The Patriots have won five of their first seven games to start the 2014 season. It is the 10th time in the last 12 years and eighth time in the last nine years that the Patriots have started the season with at least five wins in their first seven games.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TOM BRADY BECOMES THIRD PATRIOTS PLAYER TO PLAY IN 200 GAMES

Tom Brady played in his 200th NFL regular season game and joined Bruce Armstrong (212) and Julius Adams (206) as the only Patriots players to play in at least 200 games with the Patriots.

MOST GAMES PLAYED IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

Player Games Played

Bruce Armstrong 212

Julius Adams 206

Tom Brady 200

TOM BRADY WINS 41st STRAIGHT HOME GAME AGAINST AFC

Tom Brady won his 41st straight regular season home game as a starting quarterback against an AFC opponent. Brady is now 67-8 in his career as a starting quarterback against AFC teams. The last time that Brady lost a home regular season game to an AFC opponent was on Nov. 12, 2006 when the Patriots lost to the New York Jets, 17-14.

BRADY BECOMES ONE OF FIVE NFL QBs WITH AT LEAST 370 TOUCHDOWNS; TIES DREW BRES FOR FOURTH ALL-TIME

Tom Brady's 49-yard touchdown pass to RB Shane Vereen was his 370th career touchdown pass. He is now one of just five NFL players with at least 370 career touchdown passes. He added a 3-yard touchdown to Vereen in the second quarter and a 19-yard touchdown pass to WR Danny Amendola in the fourth quarter. With three touchdowns tonight, Brady finished the game with 372 career touchdowns and is tied with Drew Brees for fourth all-time on the NFL's touchdown list.

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN NFL HISTORY

Name Touchdowns

Brett Favre 508

Peyton Manning 506

Dan Marino 420

Tom Brady 372

Drew Brees 372

BRADY REMAINS UNDEFEATED ON THURSDAY; HAS 13 TD AND NO INT IN LAST FIVE THURSDAY GAMES

Tom Brady improved to a 7-0 record as a starter in Thursday games, including 3-0 on Thursday against the Jets. In his career on Thursdays, Brady has thrown 16 touchdowns and 2 interceptions. In his last five Thursday games, Brady has 13 touchdowns and no interceptions.

BRADY HAS WON 7 STRAIGHT HOME GAMES AGAINST THE JETS

Brady is now 19-5 all-time against the Jets as a starter, including 10-2 in home games following tonight's win. It was his seventh straight home win against the Jets in the regular season.

VEREEN SCORES ON A 49-YARD TOUCHDOWN PASS; LONGEST TD CATCH BY A RUNNING BACK IN GILLETTE STADIUM HISTORY

RB Shane Vereen scored on a 49-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady on the game's fourth play. It was the second longest touchdown reception of his career. His career best was an 83-yard touchdown pass from Brady at the New York Jets on Nov. 22, 2012. Vereen's 49-yard touchdown reception is the longest by a Patriots running back in Gillette Stadium history. The previous best was a 43-yard touchdown by RB Kevin Faulk from Tom Brady vs. Houston on Dec. 17, 2006.

VEREEN HAD FIRST REGULAR SEASON 2-TD GAME

Vereen caught a 49-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter and a 3-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter for his first NFL two-touchdown regular season game. He had two receiving touchdowns in the 2012 AFC Divisional Playoff game vs. Houston on Jan. 13, 2013.

DEFENSE HAS THIRD DOWN STOPS ON THREE CONSECUTIVE DRIVES

- **Casey Walker** sacked Smith for a 5-yard loss in the third quarter, setting up a third-and-long that the Jets did not convert, helping to force the first New York punt of the night and preserve the Patriots' 20-19 lead.
- **Chandler Jones** sacked Smith for a 15-yard loss on third-and-5 in the fourth quarter to force a New York punt. The sack raised Jones's season sack total to a team-high 4.5 sacks and ended a New York drive with the Patriots holding a 20-19 advantage.
- **Darrelle Revis** broke up a Smith pass intended for Eric Decker on third-and-5 to force New York to punt for the third consecutive drive and help preserve the Patriots' 20-19 lead.

JONES PRESERVES WIN WITH BLOCKED FIELD GOAL ON FINAL PLAY

Chris Jones blocked a 58-yard field goal attempt by the Jets on the final play of the game to preserve New England's 27-25 win. It was the first blocked field goal for the Patriots since Chandler Jones blocked a 39-yard try by Miami's Caleb Sturgess on October 28, 2013.

DANNY AMENDOLA RETURNS FIRST KICKOFF AS A PATRIOT

Danny Amendola returned a first quarter kick 27 yards for his first kickoff return as a member of the Patriots. He had four returns for 105 yards, including a 31-yard return.

DANNY AMENDOLA HAS FIRST TOUCHDOWN OF 2014

Danny Amendola scored on a 19-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter to record his first touchdown of 2014 and his third scoring catch with the Patriots.

CASEY WALKER RECORDS FIRST NFL SACK

Casey Walker dropped Jets QB Geno Smith for a 5-yard loss in the third quarter for his first NFL sack.

GOSTKOWSKI ON A GOOD PACE IN 2014

Stephen Gostkowski has 18 field goals so far in 2014, putting him on pace to finish with 41 field goals, which would be the third highest single-season total in NFL history.

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE IN A SEASON/NFL

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

GRONKOWSKI EXTENDS HIS STREAK TO 57 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH A RECEPTION

Rob Gronkowski caught an 3-yard pass in the first quarter and has caught at least one pass in all 57 regular season games that he has played.

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

94 Owen Daniels (Houston/Baltimore)

93 Jason Witten (Dallas)

87 Heath Miller (Pittsburgh)

57 Rob Gronkowski

LINEUP NOTES

BRANDON BROWNER SEES FIRST ACTION OF THE SEASON

Brandon Browner made his Patriots regular season debut with a start at cornerback.

FIRST-YEAR RB JOANS GRAY PLAYS IN FIRST NFL REGULAR SEASON GAME

First-year RB Jonas Gray was signed from the practice squad to the practice squad prior to the game and saw action in his first regular season game.

JORDAN DEVEY MAKES FOURTH NFL START; FIRST AT LEFT GUARD

Jordan Devey, who started the first three games of 2014 at right guard, made his first start at left guard against the Jets.