



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. Chicago Bears – October 26, 2014

TEAM NOTES

PATRIOTS BECOME FIRST TEAM SINCE 1970 AFL-NFL MERGER TO SCORE THREE TOUCHDOWNS IN LESS THAN ONE MINUTE ON TWO OCCASIONS

The Patriots scored three touchdowns in a 57-second span during the final two minutes of the first half against Chicago to turn a 17-7 lead into a 38-7 lead. It was the fastest three-touchdown flurry in the NFL since the Patriots had three touchdowns in 52 seconds against the New York Jets on November 22, 2012. The Patriots are one of three teams to score three touchdowns in under a minute since the 1970 merger, and are the only team to have achieved the feat twice.

NFL TEAMS TO SCORE THREE TDS IN LESS THAN 1 MINUTE

2014 New England Patriots vs. Chicago Bears (10-26-14)

2012 New England Patriots at New York Jets (11-22-12)

2002 Seattle Seahawks vs. Minnesota Vikings (9-29-02)

1998 Atlanta Falcons vs. Carolina Panthers (10-4-98)

How The Patriots Scored Three Touchdowns in 57 Seconds—

- Rob Gronkowski got the scoring started by hauling in a 2-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady with 1:57 left in the first half to make the score 24-7 and cap off a 10-play, 80-yard drive.
- After the Patriots defense forced a quick three-and-out, a 43-yard Julian Edelman punt return gave New England possession at the Chicago 9-yard line, and Brady found Brandon LaFell for a 9-yard touchdown on the next play to give the Patriots a 31-7 lead with 1:07 left in the first half.
- On the Bears' first play following the LaFell touchdown, Zach Moore forced a Jay Cutler fumble that was recovered by Rob Ninkovich and returned for a 15-yard touchdown and a 38-7 Patriots lead with 55 seconds left in the first half.

PATRIOTS EXTEND STREAK TO 13 STRAIGHT OVER THE NFC NORTH; LONGEST WINNING STREAK OF ANY TEAM AGAINST A DIVISION

The Patriots extended their streak to 13 straight wins against NFC North teams with the win over Chicago. Since realignment in 2002, their only loss against the current NFC North was on Oct. 13, 2002, when they dropped a 28-10 decision at home against the Green Bay Packers in their very first game against the reconfigured division. The Patriots streak is the longest current streak any NFL team has against another division. Kansas City had the second longest streak at 10 straight wins against the NFC West until losing at San Francisco earlier this year.

PATRIOTS IMPROVE ON BEST INTRA CONFERENCE RECORD SINCE 2002

The Patriots are now 41-9 vs. NFC clubs since 2002, the best inter-conference record in the NFL during that time.

Best Inter-Conference Records Since 2002

<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>
New England	41-9
Pittsburgh	34-15-1
Indianapolis	32-17
Baltimore	32-19
Tennessee	30-20
Atlanta	29-20-1

HALFTIME HELP

The Patriots have been very successful in the final two minutes of the first half in 2014. In seven of the first eight games this season, New England has scored in the final two minutes of the games, including three field goals as time has expired. The Patriots scored three touchdowns in the final two minutes against the Bears today.

2014 PATRIOTS SCORING PLAYS IN THE FINAL TWO MINUTES OF THE FIRST HALF

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time Remaining</u>	<u>Scoring Play</u>
09/07	at Miami	:06	S. Gostkowski 45-yd FG
09/14	at Minnesota	:09	Cha. Jones 58-yd return of blocked FG
09/21	Oakland	:00	S. Gostkowski 21-yd FG
10/05	Cincinnati	1:12	S. Gostkowski 48-yd FG
10/05	Cincinnati	:09	S. Gostkowski 19-yd FG
10/12	at Buffalo	1:43	S. Gostkowski 42-yd FG
10/12	at Buffalo	:00	S. Gostkowski 53-yd FG
10/16	N.Y. Jets	:00	S. Gostkowski 39-yd FG
10/26	Chicago	1:52	R.Gronkowski 2-yard touchdown pass
10/26	Chicago	1:07	B.LaFell 4-yard touchdown pass
10/26	Chicago	0:55	R.Ninkovich 15 yd fumble return

PATRIOTS ARE WICKED GOOD IN OCTOBER

The Patriots are an NFL-best 41-9 in the month of October since the 2003 season. New England's last home loss in October was on Oct. 2, 2005 in a 41-17 loss vs. San Diego. The Patriots are 25-1 in October home games since 2003.

THE PATRIOTS GOOD WITH NO INTERCEPTIONS

The Patriots have thrown just two interceptions in the first eight games of the 2014 season. Since 2002, the Patriots are an NFL-best 94-11 (.895) when not throwing an interception.

PATRIOTS PLAY 100th REGULAR-SEASON GAME AT GILLETTE

Today's game was the Patriots' 100th regular-season game at Gillette Stadium. New England is now 85-15 at the facility since it opened in 2002, which is the best home record in the NFL over that span. Baltimore has the second best home record over that span (76-24).

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

Team	Stadium	W-L-T	Win Pct.
New England	Gillette Stadium	85-15-0	.850
Miami	Orange Bowl	101-22-1	.819

PATRIOTS WIN 13th STRAIGHT HOME GAME

The Patriots won their 13th consecutive home game. The Patriots have not lost a regular-season home game since December 16, 2012, when San Francisco left Foxborough with a 41-34 win. The NFL record for most consecutive home victories is 27, achieved by Miami from 1971-74.

MOST CONSECUTIVE HOME VICTORIES (Current Streaks)

New England 13

New Orleans	10
Philadelphia	8

LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAK/PATRIOTS HISTORY (REG. SEASON)

Streak	First Win	Last Win
20	Dec. 12, 2008	Oct. 16, 2011
18	Dec. 29, 2002	Sept. 8, 2005
13	Dec. 30, 2012	present
12	Nov. 26, 2006	Sept. 7, 2008
10	Sept. 18, 1976	Oct. 30, 1977

PATRIOTS EXTEND STREAK TO 45 STRAIGHT HOME GAMES WITH AT LEAST 1 TD PASS

The Patriots extended their streak 45 straight home games with at least one touchdown pass, the longest streak in post-merger NFL history, with a 6-yard touchdown pass from Qb Tom Brady to TE Rob Gronkowski in the first quarter. New Orleans has the second longest streak with 40, including today's games. 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

Team	Gm	Start	End	Record
New England Patriots	45	12/21/08	Current	42-3
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 71 STRAIGHT HOME GAMES WHEN LEADING AT THE HALF

The Patriots have now won 71 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. Today, the Patriots were leading 38-7 at halftime and won the game 51-23.

PATRIOTS' 17-PLAY, 7:05 DRIVE THAT LED TO A 23-YARD FIELD GOAL IS NEW ENGLAND'S LONGEST OF THE SEASON

The Patriots' 17-play, 7:05 drive at the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second quarter is the longest drive of 2013. The Patriots had a 15-play drive vs. Oakland on Sept. 21 and a 6:49 drive on Sept. 14 at Minnesota. The last time the Patriots had a drive longer than 17 plays was when they had a team-record 20-play, 12:12 drive vs. Jacksonville on Dec. 27, 2009. That drive ended when the team turned the ball over on downs at the five-yard line with 29 seconds to play in a 35-7 win.

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.

PATRIOTS IMPROVE TO FOUR STRAIGHT GAMES WITH NO TURNOVERS

The Patriots did not turn the ball over against Chicago, marking their fourth consecutive game without a turnover. In 2010, the Patriots set an NFL record with seven straight games without committing a turnover.

PATRIOTS START 6-2 OR BETTER FOR 13th TIME IN TEAM HISTORY

The Patriots are off to a 6-2 record. It is the 13th time in team history that they have started the season with at least six wins in their first eight games of the season.

PATRIOTS SCORE 38 POINTS IN THE FIRST HALF

The Patriots scored 38 points in the first half, as they took a 38-7 halftime lead. The 38 first-half points rank third in team history, trailing only the team-record 45 points in the first half of a 59-0 victory over Tennessee on Oct. 18, 2009, and the 42 first-half points in a 49-28 win at Miami on Oct. 21, 2007.

PATRIOTS TOP 50 POINTS FOR 13th TIME IN FRANCHISE HISTORY; EIGHTH TIME SINCE 2007

The Patriots scored 51 points against the Bears, marking the 13th time in franchise history that they have broken the 50-point barrier. New England has topped 50 points eight times since 2007. Prior to today, the last time the Patriots broke the 50-point mark was on Nov. 3, 2013, in a 55-31 win over Pittsburgh. The Patriots' franchise record for most points in a game is 59, achieved twice – on Nov. 18, 2012 against Indianapolis (59-24) and on Oct. 16, 2009 vs. Tennessee (59-0).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BRADY HAS SECOND HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE IN TEAM HISTORY

Tom Brady completed 30-of-35 passes (85.7%) for 354 yards and five touchdowns. Brady's 85.7 percent completion rate is the second highest single-game completion percentage in Patriots history (minimum 20 attempts), trailing only Brady's 88.5 percent completion rate against Jacksonville on Dec. 27, 2009 (23-for-26). Brady's performance marks the highest completion percentage in franchise history for a passer who attempted at least 30 passes in a game. He is the only quarterback in NFL history to have a game with a completion percentage of 85 percent or better, 350 or more passing yards, five or more touchdown passes and no interceptions. He also achieved the feat on Oct. 16, 2009 vs. Tennessee when he completed 85.3 percent of his passes (29of-34) for 380 yards and six touchdowns and no interceptions.

BRADY THROWS FIVE TD PASSES (HIS MOST IN 5 YEARS)

Tom Brady had a season-high five touchdown passes, marking his highest single-game touchdown pass total since October 19, 2009 against Tennessee, when Brady had six scoring passes. Brady has now thrown for five or more touchdown passes in a game six times in his career. He has thrown a career-high six touchdown passes on two occasions.

BRADY THROWS FOUR FIRST HALF TOUCHDOWNS

Tom Brady threw four first half touchdowns. He now has 21 games with four or more touchdowns and is tied with Dan Marino for fourth all-time for most games with four or more touchdowns. Brady's 17 games with four or more touchdowns and no interceptions are tied with Drew Brees and Peyton Manning for the most in NFL history.

Most Games with 4+ Touchdown Passes

Player	4+ Touchdown Passes
1.Peyton Manning	33
2.Drew Brees	25
3.Brett Favre	23
4.Tom Brady	21
4.Dan Marino	21
6.Johnny Unitas	17

Most Games with 4+ TDs and No Interceptions

Player	4+ TDs and No Interceptions
1.Tom Brady	17
1.Drew Brees	17
1.Peyton Manning	17
4.Brett Favre	12
4.Dan Marino	21
6.Johnny Unitas	17

BRADY HAS BIG FIRST HALF

Tom Brady completed 18-of-21 passes for 203 yards and four touchdowns in the first half. The four touchdown first half performance marked the fifth time in Brady's career that he has thrown four or more touchdowns before halftime. The last time Brady had at least four touchdown passes at halftime was on October 18, 2009 against Tennessee, when Brady had five first-half touchdowns in a 59-0 Patriots win. Brady also had five first-half touchdown passes on Oct. 21, 2007 at Miami and had four first-half touchdown tosses on Dec. 27, 2003 against Buffalo and on Nov. 18, 2007 at Buffalo.

BRADY IMPROVES TO 4-0 AGAINST THE BEARS

Tom Brady improved to a 4-0 record against the Chicago. Brady is undefeated against eight NFL teams: Chicago (4-0), Minnesota (4-0), Atlanta (4-0), Jacksonville (4-0), Dallas (3-0), Detroit (3-0), Philadelphia (3-0) and Tampa Bay (3-0).

BRADY MAKES 100th START AT HOME

Tom Brady made his 100th home start against Chicago and now has a record of 87-13 in those starts. His overall home starting record of 99-16 (.861) is the best in NFL history since the merger among quarterbacks with at least 50 starts. Terry Bradshaw is second (75-14 (.843)).

BEST HOME REGULAR SEASON STARTING RECORDS (MINIMUM 40 STARTS)

Player	Record
Tom Brady	87-13 (.870)
Terry Bradshaw	67-12 (.848)
Roger Staubach	49-10 (.831)
Joe Flacco	42-10 (.808)
John Elway	92-23 (.805)

BEST HOME REGULAR SEASON STARTING RECORD IN FIRST 100 STARTS

Player	Record
Tom Brady	87-13 (.870) in his first 100 stats at home
Brett Favre	82-18 (.820) in his first 100 starts at home
John Elway	77-23 (.770) in his first 100 starts at home
Peyton Manning	74-26 (.740) in his first 100 starts at home

BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR THE 61ST TIME IN HIS CAREER

Brady had his 61ST career 300-yard game and the second of the season after finishing with 354 passing yards. He ranks third among active NFL quarterbacks, behind NFL-leader Peyton Manning (87) and Drew Brees (82).

NFL QUARTERBACK 300-YARD GAMES (*ACTIVE)

Player	300-Yard Games
Peyton Manning*	87
Drew Brees*	82
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62
Tom Brady*	61
Kurt Warner	52
Dan Fouts	51
Warren Moon	49
Tony Romo*	45

BRADY GOOD AGAINST THE NFC

Tom Brady improved to 40-10 overall against the NFC in the regular season as a starter, including 20-5 in home games and 19-4 at Gillette Stadium.

BRADY TO GRONKOWSKI IS A SPECIAL CONNECTION

Rob Gronkowski and Tom Brady connected on their 46th touchdown pass with a 6-yard reception in the first quarter to move out of a tie with Drew Bledsoe and Ben Coates (45) for the most touchdown connections in Patriots history. They added a 2-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter and a 46-yard score in the third quarter.

THE MOST TD CONNECTIONS IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

<u>Quarterback</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>TD Connections</u>
Tom Brady	Rob Gronkowski	48
Drew Bledsoe	Ben Coates	45
Tom Brady	Randy Moss	39
Steve Grogan	Stanley Morgan	39

GRONKOWSKI AND BRADY CONNECT FOR 46TH TOUCHDOWN; SECOND FOR MOST TD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN A QB AND A TE IN NFL

Rob Gronkowski and Tom Brady connected on their 46th touchdown pass with a 6-yard score in the first quarter. They connected again in the second quarter on a 2-yard score for the 47th connection between the two and again in the third quarter on a 46-yard score for their 48th touchdown connection. They now have the second most touchdown passes between a quarterback and a tight end in NFL history.

THE MOST TD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN A QB AND A TE IN NFL HISTORY

<u>Quarterback</u>	<u>Tight End</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>TD Connections</u>
Philip Rivers	Antonio Gates	San Diego	69
Tom Brady	Rob Gronkowski	New England	48
Drew Bledsoe	Ben Coates	New England	45
Peyton Manning	Dallas Clark	Indianapolis	44
Drew Brees	Jimmy Graham	New Orleans	44
Sonny Jurgensen	Jerry Smith	Washington	43
Dan Fouts	Kellen Winslow	San Diego	41
John Elway	Shaoun Sharpe	Denver	41

BRADY, PATRIOTS HAVE STRONG OCTOBER

Tom Brady finished the month of October with 4-game totals of 14 touchdowns, no interceptions, 1268 passing yards (317 yards per game), and a completion percentage of 69.4 (100 completions in 144 attempts). The Patriots had a 4-0 record in their four October games.

BRADY ON HIGH PACE

Tom Brady has 2,059 yards, 18 touchdown passes and just two interceptions through the first half of the 2014 season and is on pace to finish with 4,118 yards, 36 touchdown passes and just four interceptions this season.

GRONKOWSKI TIED FOR SECOND MOST TDS IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

Rob Gronkowski had three touchdown receptions today against the Bears, raising his total number of touchdowns with the Patriots to 50 touchdowns (49 receiving, 1 rushing). Gronkowski joins Stanley Morgan (68), Ben Coates (50) and Randy Moss (50) as the only players in Patriots history to score 50 or more touchdowns. Gronkowski's 50 touchdowns are tied with Coates and Moss for the second highest career total in Patriots history.

Most Career Touchdowns by a Patriots Player

Player	Touchdowns
1. Stanley Morgan	68
2. Rob Gronkowski	50
2. Ben Coates	50
2. Randy Moss	50
4. Sam Cunningham	49
6. Jim Nance	46
7. Tony Collins	44

Most Touchdown Receptions by a Patriots Player

Player	Touchdown
1. Stanley Morgan	67
2. Ben Coates	50
Randy Moss	50
4. Rob Gronkowski	49

GRONKOWSKI EXTENDS HIS STREAK TO 58 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH A RECEPTION

Rob Gronkowski caught a 6-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter and has caught at least one pass in all 58 regular season games that he has played.

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

- *95 Owen Daniels (Houston/Baltimore)
- *94 Jason Witten (Dallas)
- *87 Heath Miller (Pittsburgh) (need to update)

58 Rob Gronkowski

*not including today's games

GRONKOWSKI EXTENDS RECORD WITH 14TH 100-YARD GAME

TE Rob Gronkowski had his second 100-yard game of the 2014 season and the 14th of his career after finishing with nine receptions for 149 yards. Gronkowski also broke the 100-yard mark when he had six catches for 100 yards in the win vs. Cincinnati on Oct. 5. Gronkowski's 14 100-yard games extended his team record for most 100-yard receiving games by a tight end. Ben Coates has the second-most with nine 100-yard games

GRONKOWSKI'S NINE RECEPTIONS TIE CAREER HIGH

Gronkowski finished the game with nine catches for 149 yards. His nine receptions tied his career-high (vs. Pittsburgh, 11/3/13).

GRONKOWSKI SCORES THREE TOUCHDOWNS TO TIE CAREER HIGH

TE Rob Gronkowski scored three touchdowns with a 6-yard score in the first quarter, a 2-yard score in the second quarter and a 46-yard score in the third quarter. It is the 13th time in his career that he has scored two or more touchdowns in a game. He tied a career-high with his three touchdowns. He also had three touchdowns at Pittsburgh on Nov. 14, 2010. It is his first two-plus touchdown game since he caught two touchdowns vs. Indianapolis on Nov. 18, 2012. Gronkowski has the most games with two or more touchdowns in a game since 2010. Calvin Johnson from Detroit has 12 games with two or more touchdowns.

GRONKOWSKI AND LAFELL EACH BREAK THE 100-YARD RECEIVING MARK

Rob Gronkowski and Brandon LaFell each broke the 100-yard receiving mark in the win vs. Chicago. It was the first time this season that the Patriots have had two 100-yard receivers and the 34th time in team history that the feat has occurred. The last time the Patriots had two 100-yard receivers in a game was on December 15, 2013 at Miami, when Julian Edelman (139) and Danny Amendola (131) each broke the 100-yard mark.

LAFELL SETS CAREER HIGHS IN RECEPTIONS AND YARDS

Brandon LaFell had 11 receptions for 124 yards, setting career highs in each category. LaFell's 11 topped his previous career high of seven receptions last season for Carolina when they played New England on Nov. 18, 2013. His 124 yards topped his previous career high of 119 yards, set at Kansas City on Sept. 29, 2014.

WR BRANDON LAFELL GOES OVER 100 YARDS FOR SECOND TIME IN 2014

Brandon LaFell had his fourth NFL 100-yard game and the second of the 2014 season after finishing with 11 receptions for 124 yards. It was LaFell's second 100-yard receiving game of 2014, having had six receptions for 119 yards at Kansas City on Sept. 29.

ROB NINKOVICH SCORES SECOND NFL TOUCHDOWN

Rob Ninkovich scored his second NFL touchdown when he recovered a fumble on a sack and forced fumble by Zach Moore and scored on a 15-yard fumble return in the second quarter. Ninkovich returned a 12-yard interception return at N.Y. Jets on Nov. 13, 2011. Ninkovich has an NFL-best 12 fumble recoveries since 2010.

GOSTKOWSKI ON A GOOD PACE IN 2014

Stephen Gostkowski has 22 field goals so far in 2014, putting him on pace to finish with 42 field goals, which would be the second highest single-season total in NFL history.

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE IN A SEASON/NFL

<u>Player</u>	<u>Field Goals</u>	<u>Year</u>
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

GOSTKOWSKI HAS 32 STRAIGHT FOURTH QUARTER FIELD GOALS

Stephen Gostkowski has made 32 consecutive fourth-quarter field goals, including two against Chicago

EDELMAN HAS 43-YARD PUNT RETURN

Julian Edelman had a 43-yard punt return in the second quarter to set up the Patriots' second touchdown of their three-touchdown spurt late in the second quarter. It was Edelman's 12th career punt return of 30 yards or more

PATRIOTS MOST PUNT RETURNS OF 30 OR MORE YARDS

Most 30-yard punt returns in Patriots history

Player	30-yard returns
Troy Brown	14
Irving Fryar	13
Mike Haynes	13
Julian Edelman	12

WRIGHT SEES THE END ZONE FOR THE THIRD TIME IN FOUR WEEKS

TE Tim Wright had a 1-yard touchdown reception from Tom Brady in the second quarter, marking Wright's third scoring catch of the season and his third in the last four weeks.

QUICK HITS

- **Brandon Browner** broke up a Jay Cutler pass intended for Bears TE Martellus Bennett on third-and-six in the first quarter, forcing a Chicago punt on the next play.
- **Tom Brady** hit **Rob Gronkowski** for a 21-yard gain to the Bears' 1-yard line on third-and-18 in the second quarter, setting up a 1-yard touchdown pass to TE **Tim Wright** two plays later that gave the Patriots a 17-0 lead.
- **Matthew Slater** had a key play in the Patriots' second-quarter touchdown flurry when he tripped up Bears KR Chris Williams at the 9-yard line on a second-quarter kickoff return just after the Patriots took a 24-7 lead, and **Don Jones** finished off the tackle to start the Bears' drive at the 11-yard line. After a Chicago three-and-out and a 43-yard **Julian Edelman** punt return, the Patriots scored again on a 9-yard **Brandon LaFell** touchdown reception to make the score 31-7.
- **Dominique Easley** and **Vince Wilfork** teamed up to sack Jay Cutler for a 4-yard loss in the third quarter.

LINEUP NOTES

AKEEM AYERS MAKES PATRIOTS DEBUT

Newly acquired LB Akeem Ayers made his Patriots debut. He had a 9-yard sack in the second quarter.

BRYAN STORK RETURNS TO ACTION

OL Bryan Stork returned to action after missing last week's game with a start at center.

OL DAN CONNOLLY RETURNS TO ACTION

OL Dan Connolly returned to action after missing last week's game with a start at left guard.

DANNY AMENDOLA RETURNS PUNTS

Danny Amendola was utilized as a punt returner for the first time in 2014. He returned one punt in 2013 for a 13 yard gain at Carolina on Nov. 18, 2013.