



## GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Green Bay Packers – November 30, 2014

### TEAM NOTES

#### HALFTIME HELP

The Patriots have been very successful in the final two minutes of the first half in 2014. In 10 of the first 12 games this season, New England has scored in the final two minutes of the first half, including four field goals as time has expired. The Patriots have scored 66 points in the final two minutes of the first half in 2014, the most in the NFL.

#### 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	:55	R.Ninkovich 15 yd fumble return
11/02	Denver	:08	S.Vereen 5-yard touchdown pass
11/23	Detroit	:00	S.Gostkowski 35-yd FG
11/30	at Green Bay	1:09	B.LaFell 2-yard touchdown

#### PATRIOTS OFFENSE ON PACE TO FINISH WITH 500 POINTS

The Patriots offense has 378 points so far in 2014 and is on pace to finish with 504 points. The Patriots are the only team in NFL history to score 500 or more points in four seasons (2007-589, 2010-518, 2011-513 and 2012-557).

#### MOST 500-POINT SEASONS

<b>New England</b>	<b>4</b>
St. Louis	3
Denver	2
New Orleans	2

## **PATRIOTS END WINNING STREAK AGAINST THE NFC NORTH**

The Patriots snapped their streak at 14 against NFC North teams. Since realignment in 2002, the Patriots only losses against the current NFC North were to Green Bay - on Oct. 13, 2002 when the Patriots dropped a 28-10 decision at home against the Green Bay Packers in their very first game against the reconfigured division and today's loss.

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

### **GRONKOWSKI EXTENDS HIS STREAK TO 62 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH A RECEPTION**

Rob Gronkowski caught a 5-yard pass in the first quarter and has caught at least one pass in all 62 regular season games that he has played.

### **BRADY REACHES 3,000-YARDS PASSING FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> TIME**

Tom Brady reached 3,000 passing yards for the 12<sup>th</sup> time in his career. He entered the Green Bay game with 2,998 yards and needed two yards to reach the milestone and reached 3,000 on a 12-yard pass to WR Brandon LaFell on the Patriots first offensive

### **NFL Record for Most 3,000-Yard Seasons**

18	Brett Favre
16	Peyton Manning
13	Dan Marino
12	John Elway
12	Drew Brees
<b>12</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>

### **TOM BRADY NEARING 30 TOUCHDOWNS FOR FIFTH TIME IN HIS CAREER**

Tom Brady threw two touchdowns against Green bay and now has 28 touchdown passes on the year. If Brady reaches 30 or more touchdowns passes in 2014, he will become just the fourth player in NFL history with at least 30 or more touchdown passes in five seasons.

### **Most Seasons with 30-Plus Touchdown Passes**

Brett Favre	9
Peyton Manning	9
Drew Brees	6
Tom Brady	4
Dan Marino	4
Aaron Rodgers	4

### **BRANDON BOLDEN SCORES FIRST TOUCHDOWN OF THE SEASON**

RB Brandon Bolden scored New England's first points of the day when he scored on a 6-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. It is his 6<sup>th</sup> career touchdown run.

### **EDELMAN ON A HIGH PACE**

Julian Edelman finished with seven receptions for 48 yards to increase his 2014 totals to 77 receptions for 743 yards and is on pace for 103 receptions and

### **Patriots Players with 100 Reception s in a Season**

Wes Welker	123 in 2009
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Wes Welker	118 in 2012
Wes Welker	112 in 2007
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Julian Edelman	105 in 2013
Troy Brown	101 in 2001

### **HIGHTOWER SETS CAREER-HIGH IN SACKS**

LB Dont'a Hightower registered a 9-yard sack of Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers in the second quarter and now has 4.5 sacks in 2014, a career-high. His previous best was 4.0 sacks as a rookie in 2012.

### **LAFELL SETS CAREER HIGH SEASON MARKS**

Brandon LaFell set career high season marks in receptions, yards and touchdowns. He entered the game needing two receptions, four yards and one touchdown to set career highs. He now has 53 receptions for 712 yards and seven touchdowns. LaFell's previous high in receptions was 49 in 2013, his previous best in yards was 677 in 2012 and his previous best in touchdowns was five in 2013.

### **LAFELL HAS THIRD CAREER 2-TD GAME AND SECOND OF 2014**

Brandon LaFell scored two touchdowns with a 2-yard score in the second quarter and a 15-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. It is his third career game with two touchdowns and the second of the 2014 season. He had two touchdowns in the win at Buffalo on Oct. 12, 2014 and two touchdowns with Carolina vs. the New York Giants on Sept. 22, 2013.

### **GRONKOWSKI NEEDS 90 YARDS FOR SECOND 1,000 YARD SEASON**

Rob Gronkowski finished with 98 yards against Green Bay to increase his season totals to 910 yards. He needs 90 yards to reach 1,000 yards for the season and become the first New England tight end with two 1,000 yard seasons. He had an NFL record of 1,327 yards in 2011. He is on pace for 1,213 yards in 2014.

## **LINEUP NOTES**

### **DE ROB NINKOVICH HANDLED LONG SNAP DUTIES**

Rob Ninkovich handled long snap duties in place of Danny Aiken. It was the first time he has been utilized as a long snapper in a regular season game for the Patriots.

### **LB DARIUS FLEMING MAKES HIS NFL DEBUT**

LB Darius Fleming made his NFL debut after being signed to the 53-man roster from the practice squad the day before the game. Fleming was on injured reserve with the San Francisco 49ers in 2012 and 2013 and was inactive in the Patriots season-opener at Miami on Sept. 7 when he was originally on the New England 53-man roster.

**RB BRANDON BOLDEN MAKES FIRST START OF 2014**

RB Brandon Bolden made his first start of the season and the third start of his career.