



## GAME NOTES

### **New England Patriots vs. New York Giants - August 29, 2013**

\*The Patriots finished above .500 in the preseason for the sixth time (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2009) under Bill Belichick and for the first time since finishing 3-1 in 2009 after finishing the 2013 preseason with a 3-1 record.

\*Rookie free agent WR Quentin Sims led the team with 72 receiving yards on three receptions and had a pair of touchdowns. Heading into the game, Sims had caught one pass in the preseason for 14 yards.

\*Rookie free agent RB George Winn scored the Patriots first points of the night when he culminated a 12-play, 86-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Winn led the team with 54 rushing yards on 14 carries.

\*2013 fourth-round draft pick WR Josh Boyce hauled in a 40-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Mallett in the second quarter and had an 18-yard run on an end around in the first quarter.

\*Leon Washington had a 43-yard punt return in the second quarter. On the next play, Mallett completed his 40-yard touchdown pass to Boyce to give the Patriots a 14-7 lead.

\*2013 seventh-round draft pick DL Michael Buchanan forced a fumble on a sack in the second quarter that was recovered by fellow seventh-round pick LB Steve Beauharnais with under three minutes to play in the second half to prevent a Giant scoring threat.

\*QB Ryan Mallett started the game and played the first half, finishing 10-of-16 for 117 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

\*QB Tim Tebow played the entire second half and finished 6-of-11 for 91 yards and two touchdowns. He connected with Quentin Sims on a 52-yard scoring

pass in the fourth quarter and a 9-yard touchdown pass to Sims with six seconds to play. Tebow added 30 rushing yards on six carries.

\*Both Patriots quarterbacks completed long touchdown passes of 40 yards or more. Mallett had a 40-yard touchdown pass to WR Josh Boyce in the second quarter and Tebow connected on a 52-yard touchdown pass to WR Quentin Sims in the fourth quarter. The Patriots' previous long pass in the 2013 preseason was a 37-yard pass from Tom Brady to WR Kenbrell Thompkins at Detroit.

\*The Patriots defense totaled five sacks of Giants quarterbacks, totaling 34 yards. Seventh-round draft choice Michael Buchanan led the charge with 2.5 sacks, while Marcus Benard and Scott Vallone added a sack apiece.

\*CB Marquice Cole, LB Steve Beauharnais and LB Jamie Collins each tied for the team lead with seven tackles.

\*Offensive lineman Marcus Cannon made his preseason debut when he started at right tackle. He missed the first three preseason games.

\*Dan Connolly made his first start of the preseason when he started at right guard. Connolly made his preseason debut at Detroit but did not start.

\*Will Svitek started at left tackle after starting the first three preseason games at right guard.

\*The Patriots snapped a three-game preseason losing streak against the Giants, winning a preseason contest against New York for the first time since 2009. The Patriots and Giants have met in the preseason finale in each of the last nine years (2005-13), and the Patriots are now 3-6 in those games, with all three wins coming at Gillette Stadium.