



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. New York Jets – September 12, 2013

BRADY EXTENDS HIS STREAK TO 50 GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN; JOINS DREW BREES AS THE ONLY PLAYERS WITH STREAK OF AT LEAST 50 TDS

Tom Brady extended his streak to 50 straight games with at least one touchdown in the first quarter with his 39-yard touchdown pass to WR Aaron Dobson. It is the second longest touchdown streak in NFL history, behind Drew Brees (54) and the longest active streak. Brady and Brees are the only NFL players with streak of 50 or more consecutive games with at least one touchdown.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES, TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Player	Games
Drew Brees (2009-2012)	54
Tom Brady (2010-current)	50
Johnny Unitas (1956-60)	47
Brett Favre (2002-04)	36
Dan Marino (1985-87)	30

PATRIOTS DEFENSE COMES UP BIG

The Patriots defense held the Jets to 10 points and forced four turnovers, including three fourth-quarter interceptions. Holding a slim 13-10 lead, the Patriots defense ended three of the Jets' final four drives with interceptions, including two by Aqib Talib and one by Alfonzo Dennard. New England added four sacks, including two from Chandler Jones.

TALIB FORCES THREE TURNOVERS

Cornerback Aqib Talib forced three Jets turnovers, including a pair of fourth-quarter interceptions to help seal the 13-10 win. In the first quarter, Talib forced a fumble quarter when he stripped Stephen Hill of the ball to give the Patriots a first down at the 11-yard line to set up a field goal. In the fourth quarter, with the Jets at the Patriots' 27-yard line looking to tie the game or take the lead, Talib grabbed a Geno Smith pass that was tipped by Kyle Arrington to halt a Jets scoring threat. Then, with 48 seconds left in the game, Talib intercepted another Smith pass at the Jets' 46-yard line to give the Patriots possession and allow New England to run out the clock and seal the 13-10 win.

2013 SECOND ROUND PICK AARON DOBSON SCORES ON FIRST NFL PLAY

2013 second round draft pick WR Aaron Dobson scored on a 39-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the first quarter on the first play of his NFL career. Dobson was inactive for the season opener at Buffalo.

JULIAN EDELMAN SETS CAREER HIGH WITH 13 RECEPTIONS

Julian Edelman had 13 receptions for 78 yards, setting a new career high for most catches in a game. Edelman's previous career high was 10 receptions for 103 yards on Jan. 3, 2010 in the 2009 regular season finale at Houston. The Patriots have now had a player with at least 10 catches in each of their games this season.

BRADY COMPLETES TWO 30-YARD PASSES TO ROOKIE WIDE RECEIVERS

Tom Brady had two passes to rookie wide receivers for more than 30 yards. Brady had a 39-yard touchdown to rookie WR Aaron Dobson in the first quarter and then hit a 38-yarder to WR Kenbrell Thompkins in the second quarter to set up a field goal.

PATRIOTS FORCE A TURNOVER FOR THE 29th STRAIGHT GAME

The Patriots have now forced a turnover in 29 straight games dating back to 2011, and including all 16 regular season games of 2012 and now the first two games of 2013 after CB Aqib Talib forced a fumble that was recovered by DB Devin McCourty in the first quarter. The NFL record for most consecutive games with a turnover since the merger in 1970 is 71 by Philadelphia from 1985-1990. The last time the Patriots did not register at least one turnover was on Oct. 9, 2011 vs. the New York Jets.

DENNARD HAS FOURTH CAREER INTERCEPTION

Second-year cornerback Alfonzo Dennard intercepted New York's Geno Smith at the Patriots' 31-yard line in the fourth quarter with New England holding a 13-10 lead. The interception was Dennard's first of the 2013 season and the fourth of his career. As a rookie in 2012, Dennard had three interceptions, including one returned 87 yards for a touchdown against Indianapolis on November 18, 2012.

PATRIOTS OFF TO A 2-0 START

The Patriots are off to a 2-0 start for the 12th time in team history and the seventh time under head coach Bill Belichick. Belichick has led the Patriots to a 2-0 start in 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011 and now 2013. The Patriots also started 2-0 in 1964, 1974, 1986, 1997 and 1999.

BELICHICK CLOSING IN ON FIFTH ON ALL-TIME COACHING WINS LIST

Bill Belichick won his 207th career game, bringing him within two wins of Chuck Noll for fifth place on the NFL's all-time wins list.

MOST WINS NFL COACHES

Head Coach	Team(s)	Games to Reach 200	Record
1. Don Shula	BAL, MIA	286	347-173-6
2. George Halas	Chicago	287	324-151-31
3. Tom Landry	Dallas	325	270-178-6
4. Curly Lambeau	GB, Cards, WAS	300	229-134-22
5. Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh	347	209-156-1
6. Bill Belichick	CLE, NE	307	207-109-0
7. M. Schottenheimer	CLE, KC, WAS, SD	339	205-139-1
8. Dan Reeves	DEN, NYG, ATL	373	201-174-2
9. Chuck Knox	LAR, BUF, SEA		193-158-1
10. Bill Parcells	NYG, NE, NYJ, DAL		183-138-1

CHANDLER JONES HAS SECOND TWO-SACK GAME OF HIS CAREER

DE Chandler Jones tied his career high with his second two sack game of his career. He had his first two-sack game at Seattle on Oct. 14, 2012. Jones sacked Jets QB Geno Smith twice in the second quarter. First, he dropped Smith for an 11-yard loss on third-and-5 in the second quarter, forcing a Jets punt on the next play. On the Jets' next drive in the second quarter, Jones sacked Smith again, this time for a 5-yard loss.

PATRIOTS IMPROVE TO 11-1 IN HOME OPENERS AT GILLETTE STADIUM

With tonight's win, the Patriots are now 11-1 all-time in home openers at Gillette Stadium. New England is now 30-24 overall in home openers.

BRADY MOVES PAST DREW BLEDSOE INTO SEVENTH PLACE ON THE NFL COMPLETION LIST

Brady (3,846 completions) moved past Drew Bledsoe (3,839) into seventh place on the NFL's all-time completion list. Brady entered the game needing 13 completions and reached the milestone in the third quarter on a 10-yard pass to WR Julian Edelman Warren Moon is in sixth place with 3,988 career pass career completions.

EDELMAN HAS THE HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE IN NFL HISTORY

Edelman returned six punts for 72 yards against New York and now has returned 81 punts for 1,047 yards during his Patriots' career and has the highest punt return average in NFL history with a 12.9-yard average.

HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE IN THE NFL (Minimum 75 Returns)

Player	Punt Ret. Avg.	Year
Julian Edelman	12.9 (81-1,047)	(2009-present)
George McAfee (Chicago)	12.8 (112-1,431)	(1940-41, 1945-150)
Jack Christiansen (Detroit)	12.7 (85-1,084)	(1951-58)
Claude Gibson (SD, OAK)	12.5 (110-1,381)	(1961-65)
Bill Dudley (PITT, DEN, WAS)	12.2 (124-1,515)	(1942-53)
Devin Hester (Chicago)	12.1 (246-2,985)	(2006-present)
Rick Upchurch (DEN)	12.1 (248-3,008)	(1975-83)

HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE, PATRIOTS CAREER (Minimum 20 Returns)

Player	Punt Ret. Avg.	Year
Julian Edelman	12.9	2009-13 (81-1,047)
Mack Herron	12.0	1973-75 (74-888)
Carl Garrett	11.3	1969-72 (43-487)
Wes Welker	10.4	2007-12 (114-1,185)

PATRIOTS EXTEND STREAK TO 12 STRAIGHT OVER AFC EAST

The Patriots extended their streak to 12 straight wins over AFC East opponents. After losing at Buffalo, 34-31 in 2011, the Patriots won their remaining four AFC East games that year and then finished a perfect 6-0 against AFC opponents in 2012. The Patriots first two wins of the 2013 season were against AFC East opponents. The Patriots previous longest winning streak against AFC opponents was 9 games, starting on Sept. 21, 2003 with a 23-16 win vs. NY Jets and ending on Dec. 20, 2004 with a 29-28 loss at Miami.

PATRIOTS ARE NFL'S BEST AT HOME

Since their state-of-the-art facility opened at the beginning of the 2002 season, the Patriots own the NFL's best record at home overall. The Patriots own an overall record of 74-15 (.831) at Gillette Stadium in regular season games and an 84-18 (.824) record including playoffs.

BEST HOME RECORDS SINCE 2002 (including playoffs)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	84	18	0	.824
Indianapolis	73	25	0	.765
Baltimore	69	23	0	.750
Pittsburgh	69	27	1	.716
Green Bay	65	30	0	.684
Seattle	64	30	0	.681
San Diego	60	34	0	.638
Philadelphia	57	39	0	.594

PATRIOTS ARE SHARP AT GILLETTE

The Patriots own an overall record of 74-15 (.831) at Gillette Stadium in regular season games.

The teams with the highest winning percentage at a stadium since 1970 **(minimum 25 games):**

Team	Stadium	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
New England	Gillette Stadium	74-15	.831
Miami	Orange Bowl	101-22-1	.819
Pittsburgh	Heinz Field	70-25-1	.734
Minnesota	Metropolitan Stadium	64-23-1	.733
LA Rams	Memorial Coliseum	53-20-2	.726

RB LEON WASHINGTON AND TE MATTHEW MULLIGAN MAKE PATRIOTS DEBUTS; 2013 2nd-ROUND PICK WR AARON DOBSON AND 3rd-ROUND PICK DB DURON HARMON MAKE NFL DEBUTS

Leon Washington and Matthew Mulligan made their Patriots debuts tonight, while 2013 draft picks WR Aaron Dobson and DB Duron Harmon made their NFL debuts. Washington, Dobson and Huron were inactive in the season opener. Mulligan was re-signed by the team earlier this week.

QUICK HITS

- Michael Buchanan had his first career sack, a 6-yarder of Jets QB Geno Smith on third-and-15 in the second quarter to force a Jets punt on the next play.
- Tommy Kelly sacked Jets QB Geno Smith for a 3-yard loss in the third quarter.
- Dont'a Hightower pushed New York's Tommy Bohanon out of bounds for a 3-yard loss on a third-quarter pass play, setting up a third-and-11 that the Jets did not convert. At the time, the Patriots were clinging to a 13-10 lead and the Jets had the ball looking to tie the score or take the lead.
- Devin McCourty reached in and broke up a Geno Smith pass intended for Ryan Spadola on first-and-10 early in the fourth quarter. At the time, the Patriots held a 13-10 lead and the Jets had the ball looking to tie the score or take the lead.
- Kyle Arrington tipped a Geno Smith pass in the fourth quarter intended for Clyde Gates that was intercepted by Aqib Talib. The turnover came with the Jets driving inside the Patriots' 30-yard line and New England holding a 13-10 fourth-quarter lead.
- Rob Ninkovich tackled Jets QB Geno Smith for a 1-yard loss on a first-quarter rushing play.
- Kyle Arrington broke up a deep Geno Smith pass intended for WR Clyde Gates in the second quarter.