



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Atlanta Falcons – September 29, 2013

PATRIOTS OFF TO 4-0 START FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2007

The New England Patriots improved to 4-0 in 2013 with a 30-23 win over Atlanta. The Patriots are 4-0 for the seventh time in team history and for the first time since 2007. New England is now 4-0 for the third time under Head Coach Bill Belichick. The Patriots also started 4-0 in 1964, 1974, 1997, 1999, 2004 and 2007.

BELICHICK EARNS 209TH CAREER WIN TO TIE HALL OF FAMER CHUCK NOLL

Bill Belichick won his 209th career game to tie Chuck Noll for 5th place all-time on the NFL wins list. In October of 1991, Bill Belichick got his fourth career win when his Cleveland Browns team beat Chuck Noll's Pittsburgh Steelers. Twenty-two years later and 205 wins later, the two are tied with 209 career wins.

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. Bill Belichick	CLE, NE	307	209-109-0
5. Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh	347	209-156-1
7. M. Schottenheimer	CLE, KC, WAS, SD	339	205-139-1

LEGARRETTE BLOUNT SCORES ON A 47-YARD TOUCHDOWN

LeGarrette Blount scored on a 47-yard run in the fourth quarter. It is the longest touchdown run by the Patriots since LaMont Jordan had a 49-yard touchdown run at Oakland on Dec. 14, 2008. It is the longest run by a Patriots running back since Sammy Morris had a 55-yard run vs. Jacksonville on Dec. 27, 2009.

ROOKIE WR KENBRELL THOMPSON TOPS 100 YARD RECEIVING

Rookie WR Kenbrell Thompson finished with 6 receptions for 127 yards. He is just the second Patriots rookie free agent receiver to go over 100 yards receiving in a game during his rookie season. Wes Moore had 8 receptions for 112 yards on Sept. 10, 1995 vs. Miami.

WR JULIAN EDELMAN REGISTERS SECOND NFL 100-YARD GAME

WR Julian Edelman went over 100 yards receiving for the second time in his career after finishing with 7 receptions for 118 yards. He had his first 100 yard receiving game at Houston on Jan. 3, 2010 when he finished with 103 yards.

TWO RECEIVERS OVER 100 YARDS

The Patriots had two players finish with 100 yards receiving for the first time since Rob Gronkowski (104) and Wes Welker (129) had 100 yard days at Buffalo on Sept. 30, 2012.

PATRIOTS FORCE A TURNOVER FOR THE 31st STRAIGHT GAME

The Patriots have now forced a turnover in 31 straight games dating back to 2011 after Aqib Talib registered a fourth quarter interception. It is the longest active streak in the NFL. Cincinnati has the second longest streak with 18. 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.

BRADY EXTENDS HIS STREAK TO 52 GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN

Tom Brady extended his streak to 52 straight games with at least one touchdown in the second quarter with his 1-yard touchdown pass to TE Matthew Mulligan. 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 streaks of 50 or more consecutive games with at least one touchdown.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES, TOUCHDOWN PASSES

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>
Drew Brees (2009-2012)	54
Tom Brady (2010-current)	52
Johnny Unitas (1956-60)	47
Brett Favre (2002-04)	36
Dan Marino (1985-87)	30

TOM BRADY BECOMES ONE OF FIVE NFL QBS WITH AT LEAST 340 TDS

Tom Brady became just the fifth NFL quarterback with at least 340 touchdowns when he completed a 1-yard touchdown pass to TE Matthew Mulligan in the second quarter. He now has 341 career touchdowns. Brady (341) now needs one more touchdown pass to tie Fran Tarkenton (342) for fourth place all-time.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS CAREER

(regular season only) Bold indicates active players

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Touchdowns</u>
1.	Brett Favre	508
2.	Peyton Manning	452
3.	Dan Marino	420
4.	Fran Tarkenton	342
5.	Tom Brady	341
6.	Drew Brees	330
7.	John Elway	300
8.	Warren Moon	291
9.	Johnny Unitas	290
10.	Vinny Testaverde	275

BRADY BECOMES FIFTH NFL STARTING QUARTERBACK WITH AT LEAST 140 WINS

Tom Brady earned his 140th career win and is now one of five NFL quarterbacks with 140 career wins. Brady is the only quarterback in NFL history with at least 100 more wins than losses

MOST CAREER WINS AS A STARTER

(Regular season only) Bold indicates active players

<u>Rk</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1.	Brett Favre	186	112	0	.624
2.	Peyton Manning	158	70	0	.693
3.	John Elway	148	82	1	.643
4.	Dan Marino	147	93	0	.613
5.	Tom Brady	140	39	0	.782
6.	Fran Tarkenton	124	109	6	.531
7.	Johnny Unitas	119	64	4	.647
8.	Joe Montana	117	47	0	.713
9.	Terry Bradshaw	107	51	0	.677
10.	Warren Moon	102	101	0	.510

11. Drew Brees 101 70 0 .591

BRADY PLAYS WELL AGAINST THE NFC

Brady is 37-9 against the NFC as a starter in the regular season, including 19-5 on the road.

MATTHEW MULLIGAN SCORES ON HIS FIRST PATRIOTS RECEPTION

TE Matthew Mulligan scored his second career NFL touchdown on a 1-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady on his first reception as a member of the Patriots. He scored his first NFL reception on a 1-yard pass from QB Sam Bradford vs. Washington on Sept. 16, 2012 while with St. Louis.

ROOKIE JOE VELLANO REGISTERS FIRST NFL SACK

Rookie DL Joe Vellano recorded his first NFL sack when he dropped Atlanta QB Matt Ryan for a 13-yard loss in the third quarter.

EDLEMAN ON GOOD PACE

Julian Edelman entered the game tied with WR Julio Jones with 27 receptions. Edelman finished with 7 receptions, while Jones had six receptions. Edelman now has 34 receptions and is on pace to finish the season with 136 receptions. Edelman's career high for receptions is 37 catches, achieved as a rookie in 2009. He would become the third Patriots player to finish with 100 receptions, joining Wes Welker and Troy Brown. An NFL player has reached 100 receptions in a season 76 times.

NFL'S BEST ROAD WARRIORS

Since the start of the 2000 season, the Patriots have the best regular-season road record at 71-35 (.670). New England has now won 14 of their past 16 road games against NFC opponents. Atlanta entered the game winning 12 of their last 13 home games and was 21-4 at home since 2010.

BRADY RECORDS 54TH CAREER 300-YARD GAME

Brady had his 54th NFL game with 300 or more yards passing after finishing with 316 passing yards. He ranks third among active NFL quarterbacks, behind NFL-leader Peyton Manning (76) and Drew Brees (70). The Patriots are 44-10 when Brady throws for 300 or more yards.

NFL QUARTERBACK 300-YARD GAMES (*ACTIVE)

Player 300-Yard Games

Peyton Manning	76
Drew Brees	70
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62
Tom Brady*	54
Kurt Warner	52
Dan Fouts	51
Warren Moon	49
Tony Romo	40