



## GAME NOTES

### New England Patriots at Cincinnati Bengals – October 6, 2013

#### **PATRIOTS FORCE A TURNOVER FOR THE 32<sup>nd</sup> STRAIGHT GAME**

The Patriots have now forced a turnover in 32 straight games dating back to 2011 after Brandon Spikes' first quarter interception. It is the longest active streak in the NFL. 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 ENDS TOUCHDOWN STREAK AT 52**

Tom Brady ended his streak at 52 straight games with at least one touchdown after the Patriots were held out of the end zone. Brady's streak is the second longest touchdown streak in NFL history, behind Drew Brees (54) and was 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**

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

#### **PATRIOTS SCORE FEWEST POINTS SINCE 2009**

The Patriots were held to just six points, their lowest output since three Stephen Gostkowski field goals in a 16-9 loss at the New York Jets on Sept. 20, 2009.

#### **EDLEMAN ON GOOD PACE**

Julian Edelman entered the game tied for first in the NFL with WR Andre Johnson with 34 receptions. He now has 36 receptions and is on pace to finish with 115 receptions. He would become the third Patriots player to finish with 100 receptions, joining Wes Welker and Troy Brown. Edelman was held under seven receptions for the first time in 2013. Edelman caught 7 passes at Buffalo (9/8), 13 vs. NY Jets (9/12), 7 vs. Tampa Bay (9/22) and 7 at Atlanta (9/29).

#### **ROOKIE DL JOE VELLANO MAKES FIRST CAREER NFL START**

Rookie DL Joe Vellano made his first NFL start. He finished with three total tackles.

### **BRANDON SPIKES RECORDS SECOND REGULAR SEASON INTERCEPTION**

LB Brandon Spikes intercepted a QB Andy Dalton pass deep in New England territory in the first quarter. It was his second regular season interception and first since he intercepted a pass vs. the New York Jets (12/6/10) as a rookie. Spikes intercepted a fourth quarter pass in the 2011 AFC Championship Game vs. Baltimore on Jan. 22, 2012.

### **ROOKIE DL CHRIS JONES RECORDS FIRST NFL SACK**

Rookie DL Chris Jones registered his first NFL sack when he dropped QB Andy Dalton for a 9-yard loss in the second quarter. He combined with LB Jerod Mayo on an 8-yard sack in the third quarter to finish with 1 ½ total sacks.

### **BRADY SUFFERS FIRST LOSS TO CINCINNATI**

Brady suffered his first loss to Cincinnati and is now 4-1 against the Bengals. He remains undefeated against eight NFL teams.

### **BRADY IS UNDEFEATED AGAINST EIGHT NFL TEAMS.**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>
Atlanta	4-0
Chicago	3-0
Dallas	3-0
Detroit	3-0
Jacksonville	4-0
Minnesota	3-0
Philadelphia	3-0
Tampa Bay	3-0

### **JEROD MAYO ON 100-TACKLE PACE**

LB Jerod Mayo finished with 11 tackles and now has a team-leading 45 total tackles. He is on pace to finish with 144 total tackles. Mayo has registered 100 or more tackles in five straight seasons and needs one more 100-tackle season to tie Fred Marion (6) for the all-time lead in team history.

#### **100 Tackles in at least five consecutive seasons/Patriots**

6 Fred Marion (1985-1990)

#### **5 Jerod Mayo (2008-2012)**

5 Lawyer Milloy (1997-2001)

5 Vincent Brown (1991-1995)

Mayo has led the Patriots in tackles for five straight seasons (2008-12), joining Vincent Brown and Steve Nelson as the only Patriots players to lead the team in tackles for five straight seasons.

#### **Most years Leading the Patriots in Tackles**

#### **5 Jerod Mayo (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)**

5 Vincent Brown (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995)

5 Steve Nelson (1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1985)