



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots at New York Jets – October 20, 2013**

### **RIDLEY QUALIFIES FOR THE ALL-TIME TEAM LEAD IN RUSHING AVERAGE**

Stevan Ridley has 455 rushing attempts for 2,024 yards for a 4.45 yard average and now qualifies for the all-time team lead in rushing average. He entered the game needing six more rushing attempts to meet the team qualification of 450 rushing attempts to qualify for the team lead in rushing average. Ridley finished with 11 carries for 50 yards against the Jets.

#### **Highest Average Rushing gain (Career)**

**(450 attempts)**

<u>Player</u>	<u>Average</u>
<b>Stevan Ridley</b>	<b>4.45, 2011-2013 (455-2,024)</b>
Corey Dillon	4.22, 2004-06 (753-3,180)
Craig James	4.22, 1984-88 (585-2,469)
Kevin Faulk	4.17, 1999-11 (864-3,607)
Laurence Maroney	4.17, 2006-09 (582-2,430)

### **GRONKOWSKI RETURNS TO ACTION**

Rob Gronkowski returned to action after missing the first six games of the season. He was in the starting lineup and his first reception was a 12-yarder from Tom Brady in the first quarter.

Gronkowski led the team with 8 receptions for 114 yards.

### **GRONKOWSKI SETS PATRIOTS TEAM MARK FOR A TE WITH 10<sup>TH</sup> 100-YARD GAME**

Gronkowski registered his 10<sup>th</sup> career 100-yard game after finishing with 8 receptions for 114 yards. He entered the game tied with Ben Coates with 9 100-yard games.

#### **Most 100-yard Games by a Patriots Tight End**

<u>Player</u>	<u>100-Yard Games</u>
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>10</b>
Ben Coates	9

### GRONK GOOD FOR A FIRST DOWN

Rob Gronkowski's first catch of the 2013 season went 12 yards for a first down and Gronkowski finished with eight catches in the game for six first downs. The first down conversion is something that Gronk has mastered since his arrival in the league in 2010, as he leads all tight ends in first down conversion percentage during that time:

#### Gronkowski's FIRST DOWN EFFICIENCY

##### Receiving

Year	REC	FIRST DOWNS	PCT.
2010	42	30	0.714
2011	90	69	0.767
2012	55	45	0.818
2013	8	6	0.750
<b>Totals</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>0.769</b>

#### Highest First Down Conversion Rate By NFL Tight Ends Since 2010:

Team	Player	PCT
<b>NE</b>	<b>1. Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>0.769</b>
NO	2. Jimmy Graham	0.725
SD	3. Antonio Gates	0.714
SD	4. Scott Chandler	0.686
HOU	5. Owen Daniels	0.680

### 2013 THIRD-ROUND PICK LOGAN RYAN RETURNS A PICK FOR A TOUCHDOWN

CB Logan Ryan returned his first NFL interception 79 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. It was the first interception returned for a touchdown by the Patriots since CB Aqib Talib (59 yards) and CB Alfonzo Dennard (87 yards) returned picks for touchdowns vs. Indianapolis (11-18-12). The last Patriots player to return their first career interception for a touchdown was Kyle Arrington in 2010 against the Green Bay Packers, when he took back a Matt Flynn pass 36 yards for a touchdown. The last rookie Patriots player to return their first career interception for a touchdown was James Sanders in 2005:

#### Patriots Players to Return Their First Career INT for a TD

Season	Player	POS	INT TD Yds	Career INT
<b>2013</b>	<b>Logan Ryan</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1</b>
2010	Gary Guyton	LB	59	3
2010	Kyle Arrington	CB	36	9
2005	James Sanders	S	39	8
2003	Asante Samuel	CB	55	50
1999	Andy Katzenmoyer	LB	59	1
1996	Willie McGinest	LB	46	5
1992	Chris Singleton	LB	82	2
1967	John Charles	DB	35	16
1963	Jim Hunt	DT	78	1
1961	Don Webb	DB	27	21

**CHANDLER JONES SETS CAREER HIGH WITH 6.5 SACKS;  
HAS SECOND TWO-SACK GAME AGAINST THE JETS IN 2013**

DE Chandler Jones had two sacks to increase his 2013 total to 6.5. As a rookie in 2012, Jones finished with 6.0 sacks. Jones now has two 2-sack games in 2013. He had two sacks in in the first Jets game on Sept. 12. Jones now has three 2-sack games. He had one as a rookie in 2012.

**CHANDLER JONES - FIRST PATRIOT TO START HIS CAREER WITH TWO 5-PLUS SACK SEASONS SINCE CHRIS SLADE**

DE Chandler Jones has 6.5 sacks in 2013 and had 6.0 sacks as a rookie in 2012. He is the first Patriots player with 5-plus sacks in each of his first two NFL seasons since Chris Slade in 1993 (9.0) and 1994 (9.5).

**STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI EXTENDS FIELD GOAL STREAK TO 12**

Stephen Gostkowski extended his streak to 13 straight field goals with his 39-yard field goal in the third quarter and a 44-yarder in the fourth quarter. The active streak spans five games, beginning with a 53-yard field goal at Gillette against the Buccaneers. It is the longest streak of Gostkowski's career.

**Stephen Gostkowski Most Consecutive Field Goals Made**

Streak Start-Finish	FGM	Long
<b>9/22/2013 vs. Tampa Bay – current</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>54</b>
9/14/2009 vs. BUF -- 10/11/2009 @ DEN	12	53
9/30/2012 @ BUF -- 11/11/2012 vs. BUF	11	48t
9/12/2011 @ MIA -- 10/20/2011 @ PIT	11	47
9/16/2007 vs. SD -- 11/25/2007 vs. PHI	11	45
11/5/2006 vs. IND -- 12/24/2006 @ JAX	11	52

**GOSTKOWSKI QUICKLY APPROACHING THE TEAM RECORD FOR CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS**

Gostkowski is quickly approaching the team record for consecutive field goals made in a single season as well. The record is held by Adam Vinatieri, who booted 23 consecutive field goals in the 2004 season:

**Most Consecutive Field Goals Made in a Single Season in Patriots History**

Rank	Player	Streak Start - Finish	FGM
1	Adam Vinatieri	10/17/2004 vs. SEA -- 12/26/2004 @ NYJ	23
2	Adam Vinatieri	8/31/1997 vs. SD -- 11/09/1997 @ BUF	17
3	Adam Vinatieri	10/8/2000 vs. IND -- 12/4/2000 vs. KC	16
4	Tony Franklin	10/16/1986 @ BUF -- 11/23/1986 vs. BUF	14
<b>5</b>	<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>9/22/2013 vs. TB -- current</b>	<b>13</b>
5	Adam Vinatieri	10/17/1999 vs. MIA - 12/19/1999 @ PHI	13
6	Stephen Gostkowski	9/14/2009 vs. BUF -- 10/11/2009 @ DEN	12
6	Shayne Graham	11/14/2010 @ PIT -- 1/02/2011 vs. MIA	12

**PATRIOTS END STREAK AT 12 STRAIGHT DIVISION WINS.**

The Patriots ended a streak of 12 straight wins over AFC East opponents.

**Most consecutive wins against division opponents since realignment in 2002**

**Wins/Team    Streak**

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**12 Patriots    (2010-13)**

12 Baltimore    (2010-12)

12 Green Bay    (2010-12)

12 Indianapolis (2004-06)

**PATRIOTS FORCE A TURNOVER FOR THE 34<sup>th</sup> STRAIGHT GAME**

The Patriots have now forced a turnover in 34 straight games dating back to 2011 after Logan Ryan's first quarter interception that was returned for a touchdown. 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.

**ROOKIE CHRIS JONES HAS FIRST CAREER 2-SACK GAME**

Rookie DL Chris Jones registered his first NFL two-sack game. It was his second game with multiple sacks. He was credited with 1.5 sacks at Cincinnati.