



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots at Carolina Panthers – November 18, 2013**

**TOM BRADY MAKES HIS 185<sup>TH</sup> START, ALL UNDER BILL BELICHICK;  
MOST STARTS BY A QUARTERBACK UNDER ONE HEAD COACH IN NFL HISTORY**

Tom Brady made his 185<sup>th</sup> career start, all under Bill Belichick. It is the most starts by a quarterback under one head coach in NFL history. Brady surpassed Dan Marino, who had 184 career starts under head coach Don Shula

**TOM BRADY BECOMES SIXTH NFL PLAYER TO REACH 4,000 COMPLETIONS**

Tom Brady (4,288) became the sixth player in NFL history reach 4,000 completions. He entered the game needing eight completions to reach the milestone. Brady reached 4,000 yards in the first quarter on a 6-yard pass to WR Danny Amendola.

**MOST PASS COMPLETIONS IN NFL HISTORY**

Brett Favre	6,300
Peyton Manning	5,368
Dan Marino	4,967
Drew Brees	4,312
John Elway	4,123
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>4,288</b>
Warren Moon	3,988

**BRADY IS THE THIRD FASTEST TO REACH 4,000 COMPLETIONS**

Tom Brady has now completed 4,288 passes over his career in the regular season, becoming just the sixth player in NFL history to achieve the feat. Brady achieved the feat in 187 games, third fastest in NFL history behind Drew Brees (169 games) and Peyton Manning (183 games).

**Games Played to 4,000 Career Completions**

Drew Brees	169
Peyton Manning	183
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>187</b>
Dan Marino	193
Brett Favre	196
John Elway	227

### **BRADY TIES STEVE YOUNG FOR THIRD-MOST TD PASSES ON MONDAY NIGHT**

Brady threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to TE Rob Gronkowski. It is his 42<sup>nd</sup> touchdown pass on Monday Night Football, tying him for third all-time with Steve Young for most touchdown passes on Monday Night Football.

### **Quarterbacks with the most career touchdown passes on Monday Night Football**

Player	TD Passes on Monday Night Football	Games
Dan Marino	74	38
Brett Favre	69	38
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>
Steve Young	42	25
Peyton Manning	36	17
Joe Montana	36	20

### **PATRIOTS END TURNOVER STREAK AT 36**

The Patriots ended a streak of 36 straight games with at least one turnover, dating back to 2011. It was 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. Before tonight, the last time the Patriots did not register at least one turnover was on Oct. 9, 2011 vs. the New York Jets.

### **STEVAN RIDLEY SCORES A TOUCHDOWN IN HIS FIFTH STRAIGHT GAME**

RB Stevan Ridley scored a touchdown in his fifth straight game with a 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. In 2012, Ridley had a streak of six straight games with at least one rushing touchdown, which is tied for the second longest streak in team history. Ridley now has seven touchdown runs in 2013.

### **GRONKOWSKI AND TOM BRADY CONNECT ON THEIR 40<sup>TH</sup> TOUCHDOWN; GRONKOWSKI BECOMES BRADY'S TOP TOUCHDOWN TARGET**

Gronkowski caught his 40<sup>th</sup> touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the third quarter on a 9-yard pass, moving him past Randy Moss for the most touchdown receptions received from Tom Brady. His 40 career touchdowns with the Patriots are tied for the fifth most in team history

#### **Most Patriots Touchdown Receptions/Career**

67	Stanley Morgan
50	Ben Coates
	Randy Moss
42	Gino Cappelletti
<b>40</b>	<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>
X39	Jim Colclough
38	Irving Fryar

### **GRONKOWSKI BECOMES THE FASTEST TIGHT END TO REACH 40 TOUCHDOWNS**

Gronkowski caught his 40<sup>th</sup> career touchdown in his 47<sup>th</sup> NFL game to become the fastest tight end to reach 40 career touchdown receptions.

#### **FASTEST TO 40 TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING/ TIGHT END**

#### **Player Games to 40 touchdown receptions**

<b>Rob Gronkowski (Patriots)</b>	<b>47 Games</b>
Antonio Gates (SD)	71 Games
Jerry Smith (WAS)	76 Games
Kellen Winslow SR. (SD)	92 Games
Dallas Clark (IND)	96 Games
Tony Gonzalez (KC)	101 Games

### **ROB NINKOVICH REGISTERS SECOND CAREER TWO SACK GAME**

Rob Ninkovich was credited with two sacks. It was his second career two sack game. He also had two sacks on Jan. 2, 2011 vs. Miami.

### JONES HAS 15.5 SACKS IN HIS FIRST TWO NFL SEASONS

Chandler Jones had a 5-yard sack in the third quarter and now has 9.5 in 2013. He had 6.0 sacks as a rookie in 2012 and is tied with Willie McGinest for the third most sacks in the first two seasons of his career with 15.5. He needs a half a sack to become the 15<sup>th</sup> Patriots player to register 10 or more sacks in one season.

#### Most Sacks in the First Two Seasons/Patriots History

Player	Seasons	Sacks
Garin Veris	1985-86	21. (10.0,11.0)
Chris Slade	1993-94	18.5 (9.0, 9.5)
<b>Chandler Jones</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>15.5 (6.0, 9.5)</b>
Willie McGinest	1994-95	15.5 (4.5, 11)

### THIRD-ROUND PICK DURON HARMON MAKES FIRST NFL START

Third-round draft pick DB Duron Harmon started at safety in place of the injured Steve Gregory. He joins LB Jamie Collins (second round), WR Aaron Dobson (second round), CB Logan Ryan (third round) and WR Josh Boyce (fourth round) as the fifth member of the seven-man draft class to earn a starting assignment.

### STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI EXTENDS FIELD GOAL STREAK TO 19

Stephen Gostkowski extended his streak to 19 straight field goals with his 42-yard field goal in the second quarter and a 26-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. The streak is the longest single-season consecutive field goal streak of Gostkowski's career. The streak is the second longest such streak in a single season in team history. The longest single-season streak in team history belongs to Vinatieri, who booted 23 straight field goals in the 2004 season.

#### Stephen Gostkowski Most Consecutive Field Goals Made in Single Season

Streak Start-Finish	FGM	Long
<b>9/22/2013 vs. Tampa Bay -- current</b>	<b>19</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

#### 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
<b>2</b>	<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>9/22/2013 vs. TB -- current</b>	<b>19</b>
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
5	Adam Vinatieri	10/17/1999 vs. MIA - 12/19/1999 @ PHI	13
7	Stephen Gostkowski	9/14/2009 vs. BUF -- 10/11/2009 @ DEN	12
7	Shayne Graham	11/14/2010 @ PIT -- 1/02/2011 vs. MIA	12

### GOSTKOWSKI SCORES IN HIS 101<sup>ST</sup> STRAIGHT GAME TO TIE THE TEAM MARK

K Stephen Gostkowski has now scored at least one point in 101 games. He is tied with Adam Vinatieri and John Smith for the all-time lead with 101 consecutive games scoring.

#### Patriots Record for Most Consecutive Games Scored

<b>101</b>	<b>Stephen Gostkowski (12/17/06- present)</b>
101	Adam Vinatieri (11/24/96-12/29/02)
101	John Smith (09/28/75-10/02/80)

**STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI HAS TEN 40+ FIELD GOALS IN 2013;  
IS 24-OF-25 OVERALL (NEED TO UPDATE)**

Stephen Gostkowski has ten field goals of 40 or more yards in 2013. Gostkowski needs two more field goals of 40 or more yards this season to set the Patriots' single-season record for most 40-yard field goals in a single season. Adam Vinatieri had 11 field goals of 40 or more yards in 2004 and 1998 and Gostkowski had 11 such field goals in 2012. Gostkowski is 21-for-22 overall on field goals in 2013.

**RB SHANE VEREEN RETURNS TO ACTION AND SET CAREER HIGH WITH EIGHT  
RECEPTIONS**

RB Shane Vereen returned to action for the first time since the season opener at Buffalo and set a career-high with eight receptions. His previous best was the seven receptions he had in the 2013 opener at Buffalo.