



## GAME NOTES

**New England Patriots at Houston Texans – December 1, 2013**

### **ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS – PATRIOTS EARN 13<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WINNING RECORD**

The Patriots won more than half of their games for the 13th straight year after reaching nine wins with the 34-31 win at Houston. They are the first team to win more than half of their games in 13 straight seasons since free agency began in 1993. The Patriots are the third team to win more than half of their games in 13 straight seasons since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, joining the 49ers (16 straight from 1983-1998) and the Cowboys (16 straight from 1970-85).

### **MOST CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS (since 1970 merger)**

San Francisco (1983-98)..... 16

Dallas (1970-85)..... 16

**New England (2001-13)..13**

Oakland (1970-80)..... 11

### **PATRIOTS HAVE THE MOST 9 OR MORE WIN SEASONS SINCE 2001**

The Patriots are the only team in the NFL to have recorded nine or more wins in each of the last 13 seasons.

### **MOST SEASONS OF 9+ WINS SINCE 2001**

**New England ..... 13**

Indianapolis.....10

Baltimore .....9

Green Bay .....9

Pittsburgh .....9

Philadelphia.....8

### **PATRIOTS NEAR THE TOP WITH 28 WINNING SEASONS SINCE THE MERGER**

The Patriots now have 28 winning seasons since the 1970 merger.

### **MOST WINNING SEASONS SINCE THE 1970 MERGER**

Winning Seasons

1. Pittsburgh 31

2. Dallas 29

3. Miami 29

**4. New England 28**

5. Minnesota 27

6. Denver 26

7. San Francisco 25

### **BELICHICK EXTENDS STREAK TO 13<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WINNING RECORD**

Bill Belichick has now led the Patriots to 13 straight winning seasons (2001-13). The only other NFL coach to have at least 10 consecutive winning seasons with one team since the 1970 merger was Tom Landry, who led the Dallas Cowboys to 16 consecutive winning seasons (1970-85). Belichick's 13 straight winning seasons are third all-time, behind 20 by Landry (1966-85) and 14 by Curly Lambeau with Green Bay (1934-47).

### **MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH A WINNING RECORD**

<b>Coach</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Years</b>
Tom Landry	Dallas	20 – 1966-1985
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	14 – 1934-1947
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>13- - 2001-2013</b>
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	12 – 1921-1932
George Halas	Chicago	10 – 1933-1942
John Madden	Oakland	10 – 1969-1978

### **STRONG IN THE SECOND HALF (PART 1)**

Since 2001, the Patriots have done a remarkable job of finishing the season strong, compiling an NFL-best 76-18 (.809) record in games on or after Thanksgiving.

#### **PATRIOTS BEFORE AND AFTER THANKSGIVING SINCE 2001**

<b>Season</b>	<b>Pre-Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Post-Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Overall</b>
2001	5-5 (.500)	9-0 (1.000)	14-5*
2002	6-5 (.545)	3-2 (.600)^	9-7
2003	9-2 (.818)	8-0 (1.000)	17-2*
2004	9-1 (.900)	8-1 (.889)	17-2*
2005	6-4 (.600)	5-3 (.625)	11-7*
2006	7-3 (.700)	7-2 (.777)	14-5*
2007	10-0 (1.000)	8-1 (.889)	18-1*
2008	7-4 (.636)	4-1 (.800)	11-5
2009	7-3 (.700)	3-4 (.429)	10-7*
2010	8-2 (.800)	6-1 (.857)^	14-3*
2011	7-3 (.700)	8-1 (.889)	15-4*
2012	7-3 (.700)	6-2 (.750)^	13-5
2013	8-3 (.727)	1-0 (1.000)	?????
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96-38 (.716)</b>	<b>76-18 (.809)</b>	<b>163-53</b>

\*-Includes playoffs ^Includes games played on Thanksgiving

### **PATRIOTS STRONG IN SEASON'S SECOND HALF (PART 2)**

The Patriots improved to a record of 26-2 in the second half of the season since 2010. In both 2010 and 2011, the Patriots were 8-0 in the second half of the regular season and last year New England was 7-1. The Patriots are now 3-1 in the second half in 2013. Since Bill Belichick became Patriots head coach in 2000, New England is 86-22 in the second half of the season.

### **PATRIOTS OWN THE NFL'S TOP DECEMBER RECORD SINCE 2001**

The Patriots have an NFL-best 46-6 record in the month of December since the 2001 season. Have won 16 of our last seventeen, including last eight December games on the road.

### **BELICHICK IS GOOD IN DECEMBER**

Bill Belichick is 48-8 (.857) in December with New England, the best record in December among head coaches with one team in NFL history (min. 25 games). George Seifert is second (27-6, .818).

## THE PATRIOTS HAVE THE MOST REGULAR SEASON WINS AMONG THE ORIGINAL EIGHT AFL TEAMS

The Patriots now have the most regular season wins among the original eight AFL teams.

### OVERALL VICTORY TOTAL OF ORIGINAL AFL TEAMS

(REGULAR SEASON)

Team	W	L	T
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>9</b>
Oakland Raiders	434	371	11

The Patriots are now tied with Oakland for the most wins overall among the original eight AFL teams.

### OVERALL VICTORY TOTAL OF ORIGINAL AFL TEAMS

(REGULAR AND POSTSEASON)

Team	W	L	T
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>9</b>
Oakland Raiders	459	389	11
Denver Broncos	446	394	10

## GOSTKOWSKI NAILS GAME-WINNING 53-YARD FIELD GOAL

Stephen Gostkowski hit a game-winning 53-yard field goal with 3:12 remaining to cap the Patriots' 34-31 win. The game-winner was the fourth of Gostkowski's regular-season career (he also has one in the playoffs) and the second straight week that he connected on a game-winner.

### GOSTKOWSKI'S CAREER GAME-WINNING FIELD GOALS

TIME LEFT	DISTANCE	FINAL SCORE	OPP	DATE
3:12 4 <sup>th</sup>	53	34-31	HOU	12/01/2013
1:56, OT	31	34-31	DEN	11/24/2013
0:05, 4 <sup>th</sup>	35	23-21	BUF	09/08/2013
1:56, OT	35	23-20	BAL	10/17/2010
1:10, 4 <sup>th</sup>	31	24-21	SD	01/14/2007*

\*Postseason game

## TOM BRADY REACHES 3,000 PASSING YARDS FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> TIME

Tom Brady (3,267) reached 3,000 passing yards for the 11<sup>th</sup> time in his career to become one of just six players with at least 11 3,000-yard seasons. He entered the game with 2,896 yards and reached the milestone on the final drive of the first half.

### NFL RECORD FOR MOST 3,000-YARD SEASONS

18	Brett Favre
15	Peyton Manning
13	Dan Marino
12	John Elway
<b>11</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>
11	Drew Brees

## GOSTKOWSKI EXTENDS STREAK TO 103 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE POINT

K Stephen Gostkowski added an extra point in the second quarter and has now scored at least one point in 103 consecutive games to extend a franchise record.

### Patriots Record for Most Consecutive Games Scored

**103** **Stephen Gostkowski (12/17/06- present)**

101 Adam Vinatieri (11/24/96-12/29/02)

101 John Smith (09/28/75-10/02/80)

## DEVELIN SCORES FIRST NFL TOUCHDOWN ON SECOND NFL RUSHING ATTEMPT

FB James Develin scored his first NFL touchdown on a 1-yard run to culminate a 5-play, 78-yard drive to open the second half. It was his second NFL rushing attempt. He had his first NFL rushing attempt with a 3-yard gain in the second quarter.

### EDELMAN HAS FOURTH CAREER 100-YARD GAME

Julian Edelman had nine catches for 101 receiving yards, marking his fourth career 100-yard receiving game and his third such game this season. He had 118 yards receiving at Atlanta on Sept. 29, 2013 and 110 vs. Denver pm Nov. 24, 2013.

### TWO PLAYERS OVER 100 YARDS FOR THIRD TIME IN 2013

The Patriots had at least two players finish with 100 yards receiving for the third time in 2013 after Rob Gronkowski finished with 127 and Julian Edelman finished with 110. Julian Edelman (118) and Kenbrell Thompkins (127) had 100-yard days at Atlanta. Against Pittsburgh, the Patriots had three receivers finish with 100 yards with Rob Gronkowski (143), Aaron Dobson (13) and Danny Amendola (122).

### PATRIOTS ROOKIES NOW HAVE FIVE INTERCEPTIONS

Rookie DB Logan Ryan had his second straight game with an interception and his third of the season. Ryan (3) and fellow rookie DB Duran Harmon (2) give the Patriots rookies five interceptions on the year. The Patriots are now tied with Buffalo for the most interceptions by rookies this season. The Patriots are the only team to have more than one rookie with multiple interceptions.

### STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI END STREAK AT 21 CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS

Stephen Gostkowski ended his streak at 21 straight field goals after missing on a 55-yard attempt in the second 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. Vinatieri has the longest streak of consecutive field goals overall for the Patriots with 25.

#### 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>21</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
2	<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>9/22/2013 vs. TB – 12/01/2013 @ HOU</b>	<b>21</b>
3	Adam Vinatieri	8/31/1997 vs. SD -- 11/09/1997 @ BUF	17
4	Adam Vinatieri	10/8/2000 vs. IND -- 12/4/2000 vs. KC	16
5	Tony Franklin	10/16/1986 @ BUF -- 11/23/1986 vs. BUF	14

#### Most Consecutive Field Goals Made Overall

Player	Streak Start - Finish	FGM
Adam Vinatieri	11/24/1996 vs. IND -- 11/09/1997 @ BUF	25
Adam Vinatieri	10/10/2004 vs. MiA – 12/26/2004 @NYJ	23
<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>9/22/2013 vs. TB – 12/01/2013 @ HOU</b>	<b>21</b>

### **GOSTKOWSKI IS THIRD IN NFL HISTORY FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE EXTRA POINTS**

Stephen Gostkowski is third in the NFL for most consecutive extra points in NFL history.

#### **Most Consecutive (Kicking) Points After Touchdown**

422 Matt Stover, Baltimore, 1996-2008; Indianapolis, 2009

371 Jason Elam, Denver, 1993-2002

Jeff Wilkins, St. Louis, 1999-2007

#### **350 Stephen Gostkowski, New England, 2006-present**

**\*346 Jay Feely, Atlanta, 2002-04; N.Y. Giants, 2005-06; Miami, 2007; N.Y. Jets, 2008-09; Arizona, 2010-present**

\*Prior to today's game

### **PATRIOTS OFFENSE DOES WELL AGAINST HOUSTON'S TOP RANKED DEFENSE**

The Patriots offense generated 453 yards and 34 points against a Houston defense that ranked number one in the NFL heading into the game.

### **ROOKIE WR JOSH BOYCE HAS A 41-YARD KICKOFF RETURN**

Rookie WR Josh Boyce had a 41-yard kickoff return in the first quarter. It is the longest kickoff return for the Patriots in 2013. The previous long was a 30-yard return by LeGarrette Blount vs. Miami on Oct. 27.

### **BRADY RECORDS 57th CAREER 300-YARD GAME**

Brady threw for 371 yards for his 57th NFL game with 300 or more yards passing and his fourth of the 2013 season. His 300-yard game total ranks third among active NFL quarterbacks, behind NFL-leader Peyton Manning (81) and Drew Brees (75). The Patriots are 47-10 when Brady throws for 300 or more yards.

#### **NFL QUARTERBACK 300-YARD GAMES (\*ACTIVE)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>300-Yard Games</b>
<b>Peyton Manning*</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Drew Brees*</b>	<b>75</b>
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62
<b>Tom Brady*</b>	<b>57</b>
Kurt Warner	52
Dan Fouts	51
Warren Moon	49
Tony Romo	43

\*before today's games

### **GRONKOWSKI SCORES A TD IN HIS FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME**

TE Rob Gronkowski scored on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the first quarter. Gronkowski has now scored at least one touchdown in four straight games. Gronkowski holds the team record for most consecutive games with a receiving touchdown with six in 2011

### **GRONKOWSKI TIED WITH CAPPELLETTI WITH 42 TD RECEPTIONS, FOURTH-MOST IN TEAM HISTORY**

Gronkowski 23-yard touchdown in the first quarter was his 42<sup>nd</sup> career touchdown reception. He is now tied with Gino Cappelletti (42) for the fourth-most touchdown receptions in team history.

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

67 Stanley Morgan

50 Ben Coates

Randy Moss

#### **42 Rob Gronkowski**

42 Gino Cappelletti

39 Jim Colclough

38 Irving Fryar

**GRONKOWSKI HAS A 50-YARD GAIN IN THE THIRD QUARTER;  
IT IS HIS THIRD CAREER RECEPTION OF 50 OR MORE YARDS**

Gronkowski connected with Tom Brady for a 50-yard gain on the first possession in the second half. It is his third career 50-yard reception and is tied for the second longest reception of his career. He had a 50-yarder at Washington on Dec. 11, 2011 and had a career-long 52-yard touchdown reception vs. Kansas City on Nov. 21, 2011.

**GRONKOWSKI ADDS TO HIS TEAM RECORD WITH HIS 12<sup>TH</sup> 100-YARD GAME**

Gronkowski totaled 127 yards receiving on six receptions, registering his 12th career 100-yard game and his third of the season. Gronkowski had eight receptions for 114 yards at the New York Jets on Oct. 20, 2013 and nine receptions for 143 yards vs. Pittsburgh on Nov. 3, 2013. Gronkowski leads all Patriots tight ends with 12 100-yard games. Ben Coates is second with nine 100-yard games.

**STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI HAS 12 40+ FIELD GOALS IN 2013;**

Stephen Gostkowski connected on two 53-yard field goals and now has 12 field goals of 40 or more yards in 2013 to set a team mark for most field goals of 40 or more yards 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.

**T WILL SVITEK MAKES FIRST START FOR PATRIOTS**

Will Svitek made his first as a member of the Patriots when he started at right tackle in place of Marcus Cannon, who was out with an injury.

**CLOSING TIME**

The Patriots have been scoring fourth quarter points at torrid pace in 2013, putting up 113 points through the first 12 games, the second most through 12 games in team history. If the offense keeps their current pace of roughly nine points per fourth quarter they will have scored the third most fourth quarter points in a season with 149:

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Points, Patriots History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> 12 G</b>	<b>TOT Pts</b>
2007	131	152
<b>2013</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>113</b>
2012	109	161
2010	109	122
2011	104	142
2002	98	116
2006	83	110
2005	81	118
1996	78	102
2001	76	100