

# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS PRESS RELEASE



SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS  
XXXVI, XXXVIII & XXXIX



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## PATRIOTS KICKOFF PRESEASON AGAINST THE SAINTS

### MEDIA SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 6

9 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Practice  
11:00-11:30 a.m. Player Media Availability  
11:45 a.m. Nick Caserio Press Conf.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

1:00 p.m. Coach Belichick Press Conf.  
1:30-4:00 p.m. Joint Practice with the Saints  
4:00-4:30 p.m. Player Media Availability  
4:00 p.m. Tom Brady Media Availability

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00 a.m. Joint Practice with the Saints  
12:30-1:00 p.m. Player Media Availability

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

7:30 p.m. Patriots vs. Saints

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Player's Day Off No Practice  
4:00 p.m. Coach Belichick Conf. Call.

### 2012 PATRIOTS SCHEDULE

#### PRESEASON

Thurs., Aug. 9	New Orleans	7:30	WBZ
<b>Mon., Aug 20</b>	<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>ESPN</b>
Fri., Aug. 24	at Tampa Bay	7:30	WBZ
Wed., Aug. 29	at N.Y. Giants	7:30	WBZ

#### REGULAR SEASON

Sun., Sept. 9	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Sept. 16	Arizona	1:00 p.m.	FOX
<b>Sun., Sept. 23 at</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>8:20 p.m.</b>	<b>NBC</b>
Sun., Sept. 30	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 7	Denver	4:25 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 14	at Seattle	4:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 21	N.Y. Jets	4:25 p.m.	CBS
Sun, Oct. 28	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.	CBS#
Sun., Nov. 4	BYE WEEK		
Sun., Nov. 11	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Nov. 18	Indianapolis	1:00 p.m.	CBS*
<b>Thurs., Nov. 22 at</b>	<b>N.Y. Jets</b>	<b>8:20 p.m.</b>	<b>NBC</b>
Sun., Dec. 2	at Miami	1:00 p.m.	CBS*
<b>Mon., Dec. 10</b>	<b>Houston</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>ESPN</b>
Sun., Dec. 16	San Francisco	8:20 p.m.	NBC*
Sun., Dec. 23	at Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.	CBS*
Sun., Dec. 30	Miami	1:00 p.m.	CBS*

#Game played in London

\*Game Time and Network subject to possible flexible scheduling adjustment.  
Bold indicates nationally televised game

### PATRIOTS MEDIA WEBSITE

The Patriots' media website, located at <http://media.patriots.com>, will be updated for registered users throughout training camp with all the latest media information, schedules, rosters and press releases. In addition to up-to-date media information, the site's archives allow access to all of the Patriots media material dating back to the 2002 season.

### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (0-0) vs. \*NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (0-0)

Thursday, August 9, 2012 ★ Gillette Stadium (68,756) ★ 7:30 p.m. EDT

\*prior to the Saints preseason opener vs. Arizona in the Hall of Fame Game

The Patriots open the preseason at home against the New Orleans Saints this Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. The Saints will travel to Foxborough after their preseason opener in the Hall of Fame game against Arizona in Canton, Ohio on Sunday. The Patriots will conduct joint practice sessions with New Orleans on Tuesday and Wednesday. It will mark the second time in the last three years that the Patriots have conducted joint practices with the Saints during training camp. Prior to the 2010 preseason opener, the defending Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints and the Patriots practiced against each other for two days before the Patriots claimed a 27-24 win in the preseason contest at Gillette Stadium.

### BROADCAST INFORMATION

**TELEVISION:** This week's game will be broadcast by the Patriots Preseason Television Network and can be seen in every New England state as well as Hawaii. The network's flagship station is **WBZ-TV Channel 4** in Boston. Veteran CBS broadcaster **Don Criqui** provides play-by-play and is joined by three-time NFL Pro Bowler and CBS analyst **Randy Cross**.

### PATRIOTS PRESEASON TELEVISION NETWORK

#### Massachusetts

Boston, Mass. WBZ-TV Ch. 4  
Springfield, Mass. WWLP-TV Ch. 22

#### Rhode Island

Providence, R.I. WNAC-TV Ch. 64

#### New Hampshire

Manchester, N.H. WMUR-TV Ch. 9

#### Maine

Portland, Maine WMTW-TV Ch. 8  
Bangor, Maine WVII-TV Ch. 7

#### Connecticut

Hartford, Conn. WCTX-TV Ch. 59

#### Vermont

Burlington, Vt. WVNY-TV Ch.22

#### Hawaii

Honolulu, Hawaii KFVE-TV Ch.5

**RADIO:** 98.5 FM, The Sports Hub, is the flagship station for the **Patriots Radio Network**. A complete listing of the network's 40 stations can be found in this press release. Play-by-play broadcaster **Gil Santos** is in his 36th season as the voice of the Patriots and will call the action.

### TROY BROWN INDUCTED INTO PATRIOTS HALL OF FAME

Troy Brown was voted by the fans as the 18<sup>th</sup> player and 19<sup>th</sup> member to enter the Patriots Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be held outside The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, the day before the Patriots 2012 regular season home opener.

Brown spent his entire 15-season NFL career with the Patriots (1993-2007) after being drafted by the team in the eighth round (198th overall) of the 1993 NFL Draft. The 5-foot-10-inch, 196-pound receiver, punt returner and defensive back retired as the Patriots' all-time leading receiver with 557 career receptions and as the team's all-time leading punt returner with 252 career returns. He finished ranked second in team history with 6,366 career receiving yards and was tied for the franchise record with three punt returns for touchdowns.



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# ROBERT KRAFT NEWS & NOTES

Since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994, the Patriots have experienced one of the most dramatic turnarounds in the history of sports. Now in his 18th season of ownership, Kraft has transformed one of the league's least successful clubs into what many observers view as a model NFL franchise. In the five seasons immediately preceding his purchase (1989-93), the Patriots were a moribund team, winning just 19 of 80 games (.238 pct.) and recording the worst record in the NFL over that span. When he bought the franchise on Jan. 21, 1994, Kraft announced his intention to bring a championship to New England, a tall order considering the team's previous success rate. But under Kraft's leadership, the Patriots have won more division titles (11), conference crowns (6) and Super Bowl championships (3) than any other NFL team. The Patriots have made six Super Bowl appearances since Kraft purchased the team, a period during which no other NFL franchise has earned more than four berths. In Kraft's other 18 seasons, the Patriots qualified for the playoffs 13 times, more than doubling the franchise's accomplishments during its first 34 seasons.



	<b>Pre-Kraft 1960-93</b>	<b>1989-93</b>	<b>Kraft Era 1994-11</b>
Overall Record	225-276-9	19-61	212-105
Winning Pct.	.450	.238	.669
Super Bowl Titles	0	0	3
Conference Titles	1	0	6
Division Titles	3	0	11
Playoff Seasons	6	0	13
Playoff Record	4-6	--	19-10
Home Playoff Games	1	0	15
Home Playoff Record	0-1	--	13-2

## A CHAMPIONSHIP TRADITION

### MULTIPLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 2001

Team	League	Titles
Los Angeles Lakers.....	NBA.....	4
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>NFL.....</b>	<b>3</b>
San Antonio Spurs.....	NBA.....	3

### HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE IN MAJOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS SINCE 1994

Team	League	PCT
San Antonio Spurs.....	NBA.....	.680
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>NFL.....</b>	<b>.670</b>
Detroit Red Wings.....	NHL.....	.668
Los Angeles Lakers.....	NBA.....	.654
Green Bay Packers.....	NFL.....	.642
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	NFL.....	.641

## 193-GAME SELLOUT STREAK

In the early 1990s, the Patriots seemed destined for relocation until Robert Kraft's purchase of the team rejuvenated local interest. In 1991, the season ticket base was just 17,635, barely enough to support the club. Now, the season tickets are capped and more than 50,000 fans are on a season ticket waiting list. The Patriots have sold out 193 consecutive home games, including playoff and preseason games (dating back to the 1994 season opener).

## SINCE ROBERT KRAFT PURCHASED THE TEAM IN 1994...

### TOTAL VICTORIES SINCE 1994 (Regular Season)

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>193</b>
Green Bay Packers.....	185
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	184
Indianapolis Colts.....	172

### TOTAL VICTORIES SINCE 1994 (Incl. Postseason)

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>212</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	201
Green Bay Packers.....	200
Indianapolis Colts.....	183
Denver Broncos.....	174
Philadelphia Eagles.....	173

### WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 1994 (Incl. Postseason)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.669</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	201	113	1	.640
Green Bay Packers.....	200	114	0	.637
Indianapolis Colts.....	183	128	0	.588
Denver Broncos.....	174	129	0	.574
Philadelphia Eagles.....	173	135	2	.561
New York Giants.....	162	141	1	.533

### SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>3</b>
Green Bay.....	2
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	2
Denver Broncos.....	2
N.Y. Giants.....	2
7 Teams.....	1

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>6</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	4
Green Bay Packers.....	3
New York Giants.....	3
Denver Broncos.....	2
St. Louis Rams.....	2
Indianapolis Colts.....	2
14 Teams.....	1

### DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>11</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	10
Green Bay Packers.....	8
Indianapolis Colts.....	8

### PLAYOFF VICTORIES SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>19</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	17
Green Bay Packers.....	15
Philadelphia Eagles.....	11
Indianapolis Colts.....	11

### PLAYOFF GAMES PLAYED SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>29</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	27
Green Bay Packers.....	26
Indianapolis Colts.....	23
Philadelphia Eagles.....	22
Baltimore Ravens.....	17

### PLAYOFF SEASONS SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>13</b>
Indianapolis Colts.....	13
Green Bay Packers.....	13
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	12
Philadelphia Eagles.....	11
Dallas Cowboys.....	9

### PLAYOFF WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 1994

Team	W	L	Pct.
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.655</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	17	10	.630
New York Giants.....	10	6	.625
Arizona Cardinals.....	5	3	.625
Denver Broncos.....	9	6	.600
New Orleans Saints.....	6	4	.600
Carolina Panthers.....	6	4	.600
New Baltimore Ravens.....	10	7	.588

## KEY TO LOCKOUT'S END

Robert Kraft played a key role in helping reach a deal with the NFL players that ended the 2011 labor impasse. At the press conference to announce the agreement, then Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday commented on Kraft's role in the negotiations, "Without him, this deal does not get done. He is a man who helped us save football and we're so [grateful] for that. We're [grateful] for his family and for the opportunity he presented to get this deal done."



# PATRIOTS HOME DOMINANCE



Since the Patriots moved to Gillette Stadium in 2002, they have celebrated more regular season and postseason wins than any other team in the NFL. The Patriots have the highest point differential at home in that time and are among the top three offensive and defensive leaders at home. The Patriots home dominance is especially strong against NFC teams.

## REGULAR SEASON HOME RECORD SINCE 2002

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1	<b>New England</b>	67	13	0	0.838
2	Baltimore	61	19	0	0.763
3	Indianapolis	59	21	0	0.738
4	Pittsburgh	58	21	1	0.731
5	San Diego	55	25	0	0.688

## HOME PLAYOFF RECORD SINCE 2002 (MIN. 5 GAMES)

Rank	Team	W	L	Pct
1	Seattle	5	1	0.833
2	<b>New England</b>	9	2	0.818
3t	Philadelphia	5	2	0.714
3t	Pittsburgh	5	2	0.714
5	Indianapolis	6	3	0.667

## HOME RECORD SINCE 2002 (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1	<b>New England</b>	76	15	0	0.835
2	Baltimore	62	21	0	0.747
3	Pittsburgh	64	23	1	0.733
4	Indianapolis	65	24	0	0.730
5	San Diego	57	28	0	0.671

## HOME RECORD AFTER HALLOWEEN SINCE 2002

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1	<b>New England</b>	35	8	0	0.814
2	Green Bay	34	10	0	0.773
3	Baltimore	36	11	0	0.766
4	Indianapolis	37	13	0	0.740
5	San Diego	32	14	0	0.696

## HOME RECORD VS. NFC SINCE 2002

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1	<b>New England</b>	18	2	0	0.900
2	Pittsburgh	17	2	1	0.875
3	Baltimore	18	3	0	0.857
4	Jacksonville	15	6	0	0.714
5	Indianapolis	14	6	0	0.700

## HOME RECORD VS DIVISIONAL OPPONENTS SINCE 2002

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1t	<b>New England</b>	25	5	0	0.833
1t	Indianapolis	25	5	0	0.833
3	Green Bay	23	7	0	0.767
4t	Seattle	22	8	0	0.733
4t	Pittsburgh	22	8	0	0.733
6	San Diego	21	9	0	0.724
7	Minnesota	20	10	0	0.667

## POINT DIFFERENTIAL AT HOME SINCE 2002

Rank	Team	Point Differential
1	<b>New England</b>	826
2	Baltimore	696
3	San Diego	624
4	Pittsburgh	604
5	Indianapolis	579

## POINTS ALLOWED PER GAME AT HOME SINCE 2002

Rank	Team	Points Allowed
1	Baltimore	15.6
2	<b>New England</b>	16.6
3	Pittsburgh	16.8
4	New York Jets	18.0
5	Jacksonville	18.6

## POINTS SCORED PER GAME AT HOME SINCE 2002

Rank	Team	Points Scored
1	San Diego	27.8
2	<b>New England</b>	27.0
3	Green Bay	26.9
4	Indianapolis	26.1
5	New Orleans	25.8



# PATRIOTS VS. SAINTS

## SERIES HISTORY

The Patriots will square off with the New Orleans Saints in a preseason game for 10<sup>th</sup> time and the first time since the 2010 preseason-opener when the Patriots were on the winning end of a 27-24 decision on Aug. 12 at Gillette Stadium.

This week's game will be the fifth time that the Patriots will open the preseason against the Saints, having done so in 1968, 1985, 1994 and 2010. The 1994 game marked Robert Kraft's first game as owner of the team. The Patriots won that game 24-6.



New England is 5-4 against the Saints in the preseason, including 3-2 in home games.



The teams last met in the regular season in 2009 on Monday Night Football with New Orleans capturing a 38-17 victory at the Superdome on Nov. 30. That win snapped a three-game winning streak by the Patriots over the Saints and also ended a streak of 17 straight wins against NFC opponents.

The Patriots lead the all-time regular-season series with an 8-4 record against New Orleans, including a 4-3 record in home games.

### Preseason – New England 5, New Orleans 4

Date	Result	Score	H/A	Stadium
08/10/68	L	0-19	A	Tulane Stadium
08/29/70	L	0-26	*	Mississippi Veterans
08/25/73	W	31-6	A	Tulane Stadium
08/18/74	W	7-3	H	Schaefer Stadium
08/10/85	L	20-32	H	Sullivan Stadium
08/16/86	W	38-34	A	Louisiana Superdome
08/05/94	W	24-6	H	Foxboro Stadium
08/18/05	L	27-37	H	Gillette Stadium
08/12/10	W	27-24	H	Gillette Stadium

\*-at Jackson, Miss.

### Regular Season – New England 8, New Orleans 4

Date	Result	Score	H/A	Stadium
12/10/72	W	17-10	A	Tulane Stadium
12/05/76	W	27-6	H	Schaefer Stadium
12/21/80	W	38-27	A	Louisiana Superdome
12/04/83	W	7-0	H	Sullivan Stadium
11/30/86	W	21-20	A	Louisiana Superdome
11/12/89	L	24-28	H	Sullivan Stadium
11/08/92	L	14-31	H	Foxboro Stadium
12/03/95	L	17-31	H	Foxboro Stadium
10/04/98	W	30-27	A	Louisiana Superdome
11/25/01	W	34-17	H	Foxboro Stadium
11/20/05	W	24-17	H	Gillette Stadium
11/30/09	L	17-38	A	Louisiana Superdome

## PRESEASON HISTORY

The Patriots are 41-33 (.554) in the preseason since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994. Prior to 1994, the Patriots were 60-96-1 (.385) in the preseason. New England enters this week's game with an all-time preseason mark of 97-125-1 (.437).

## BILL BELICHICK IN THE PRESEASON

Bill Belichick has compiled an overall record of 38-36 (.514) in the preseason, including a 27-22 (.541) mark as Patriots head coach. Belichick's teams have been .500 or above in 15 of his 17 previous preseasons as a head coach in the NFL.

## PATRIOTS IN NEW ORLEANS

The Patriots have played in three Super Bowls in New Orleans at the Louisiana Superdome, the home of the Saints. The 1985 Patriots qualified for the first Super Bowl in team history, but lost to the Chicago Bears, 46-10. In 1996, the Patriots reached their second Super Bowl in the Crescent City and fell to the Green Bay Packers, 35-21, in Super Bowl XXXI. New England returned to the Big Easy for Super Bowl XXXVI and defeated the St. Louis Rams, 20-17, to claim the first NFL title in team history.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

2011 Regular Season	New England	New Orleans
Record	13-3	13-3
Divisional Standings	1st	1st
Total Yards Gained	6,848	7,474
Total Offense (Rank)	428.0 (2)	467.1 (1)
Rush Offense	110.3 (20)	132.9 (6)
Pass Offense	317.8 (2)	334.2 (1)
Points Per Game	32.1 (3)	34.2 (2)
Total Yards Allowed	6,577	5,895
Total Defense	411.1 (31)	368.4 (24)
Rush Defense	117.1 (17)	108.6 (12)
Pass Defense	293.9 (31)	259.8 (30)
Points Allowed/Game	21.4 (15)	21.2 (13)
Possession Avg.	28:47	31:46
Sacks Allowed/Yards Lost	32/173	24/158
Sacks Made/Yards	40/274	33/256
Total Touchdowns Scored	61	66
Penalties Against/Yards	87/815	99/851
Punts/Avg.	57/46.5	47/47.3
Field Goals Made/Att.	28/33	28/34
Takeaway/Giveaway Ratio	+17 (3)	-3 (19t)

## THE LAST REGULAR SEASON MEETING SAINTS 38, PATRIOTS 17

November 30, 2009 ★ Louisiana Superdome

	1	2	3	4	Final
New England Patriots	7	3	7	0	17
New Orleans Saints	3	21	7	7	38

New Orleans QB Drew Brees threw for 371 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Saints to a 38-17 win over the Patriots on Monday Night Football. After falling behind 24-10 at halftime - following a 21-point second quarter by New Orleans - the Patriots opened the third quarter with an 8-play, 81-yard drive that culminated with a 2-yard scoring run by RB Laurence Maroney to get within a touchdown at 24-17. That drive was highlighted by a 47-yard completion from QB Tom Brady to WR Randy Moss. The Saints needed just three plays to extend their lead. Brees connected on a pass to WR Marques Colston on a pass play that resulted in a 68-yard gain. That play set up a 2-yard touchdown pass from Brees to TE Darnell Dinkins for a 31-17 lead. Brees added a 20-yard touchdown pass to Colston in the fourth quarter to take a 38-17 victory.

## LAST PRESEASON MEETING: PATRIOTS 27, NEW ORLEANS 24

August 12, 2010 ★ Gillette Stadium

	1	2	3	4	Final
New Orleans Saints	0	7	14	3	— 24
New England Patriots	10	7	7	3	— 27

The New England Patriots opened the 2010 preseason with a 27-24 victory over the defending Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints at Gillette Stadium. First-year WR Darnell Jenkins caught a short pass from rookie QB Zac Robinson and turned the play into a 52-yard gain to the New Orleans 12-yard line with under two minutes to play to set up a game-winning 28-yard field goal by K Stephen Gostkowski. The victory was clinched when LB Eric Alexander intercepted Saints QB Chase Daniel with 48 seconds to play.

QB Tom Brady started the game and played the entire first quarter, finishing the game 5-of-8 for 67 yards. The Patriots scored a field goal and a touchdown on Brady's two offensive drives, including a 14-play, 93-yard drive that was culminated by a 6-yard touchdown run by RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis. During that drive, Brady completed three passes of 20 yards or more with a 23-yard pass to Randy Moss, a 20-yard pass to Brandon Tate and a 21-yard pass play to Julian Edelman.

WR Julian Edelman led the team with six receptions for 90 yards, including five receptions for 78 yards in the first half with



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## LAST PRESEASON MEETING: PATRIOTS 27, NEW ORLEANS 24 (continued)

a 21-yard pass from Brady in the first quarter and a 25-yarder in the second from backup QB Brian Hoyer.

Hoyer entered the game in the second quarter and engineered a 10-play, 79-yard touchdown drive that ended with a 5-yard run by Laurence Maroney to build a 17-7 halftime lead. First-round pick CB Devin McCourty returned two kickoffs for over 50 yards, including a 52-yard return to open the second half. That run helped position the Patriots for a one-yard touchdown run by Maroney for a 24-7 lead. New Orleans closed the gap to 24-21 heading into the fourth quarter after a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by WR Larry Beavers and a 51-yard pass play that set up a two-yard touchdown run. The Saints tied the game at 24-24 with 2:44 to play on a 23-yard field goal.

## CONNECTIONS

### New England Ties

- Saints Offensive Coordinator **Pete Carmichael Jr.** grew up in Framingham, Mass., and attended Medway High School. Carmichael graduated from Boston College in 1994 and was a four year member of the varsity baseball team. Immediately following his graduation from Boston College, Carmichael began his coaching career as the assistant offensive line coach at the University of New Hampshire.
- Saints Tight End Coach **Terry Malone** attended The College of Holy Cross and played tight end for the Crusaders for four years (1979-1982). Malone graduated from Holy Cross in 1983, but returned in 1985 to coach the tight ends. After multiple coaching stints, Malone returned to New England in 1996, where he spent one season as the offensive line coach for Boston College.
- Saints **C/G Matt Tennant** played for Boston College (2005-2009) and was selected by the Saints in the 5<sup>th</sup> round of the 2010 NFL Draft.

### New Orleans Ties

- Patriots Head Strength and Conditioning Coach **Harold Nash** was born in New Orleans, La. and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in humanities from Southwestern Louisiana (now Louisiana-Lafayette). Nash walked on the football team at Southwestern Louisiana and played defensive back for four seasons.
- Second year **RB Stevan Ridley** played at Louisiana State University from 2007-2010. Ridley, who chose to forgo his senior year at LSU, had his best season as a Junior, rushing for 1,147 yards and 15 touchdowns.
- Rookie **RB Brandon Bolden** was born in Baton Rouge, La. and was a standout running back at Scotlandville Magnet High School.

### Former Patriots

- Saints **TE David Thomas** was drafted by the Patriots in the third round of the 2006 draft. Thomas played for the Patriots from 2006-2008 and was traded to the Saints just prior to the start of the 2009 season in exchange for a 2011 seventh round draft pick.

### Former Teammates

- Patriots **FB Tony Fiametta** and Saints **K John Kasay** were teammates for two seasons as members of the Carolina Panthers (2009-10).
- Patriots **LB Bobby Carpenter** played with Saints **DT Remi Ayodele** (Cowboys 2007) and Saints **DE Turk McBride** (Lions 2010). Carpenter also spent part of the 2010 season playing with Patriots **CB Will Allen** and Saints **S Jonathan Amaya** in Miami.
- Patriots **LB Tracy White** was teammates with Saints **RB Korey Hall** from 2007-08 when the two played for the Green Bay Packers.

## CONNECTIONS (continued)

- Patriots **G Brian Waters** and Saints **DE Turk McBride** teamed up with the Chiefs from 2007-08.
- Patriots **TE Visanthe Shiancoe** and Saints **DT Remi Ayodele** both played for the Minnesota Vikings in 2011.
- Patriots **S Steve Gregory** and Saints **RB Darren Sproles** were members of the San Diego Chargers from 2006-10.
- A number of Patriots and Saints crossed paths in Seattle: Patriots **LB Niko Koutouvides** played one season with fellow Saints **LB Will Herring** (2007); and prior to his trade back to New England, **WR Deion Branch** was teammates with Herring from 2007-10 and Hawthorne from 2008-10 in Seattle.
- During his stint in St. Louis, Patriots **TE Daniel Fells** played with Saints **LB Chris Chamberlain** (2008-10) and **CB Marquis Johnson** (2010). Patriots **WR Brandon Lloyd** joined the Rams midway through the 2011 season and played with both Chamberlain and Johnson.
- **Koutouvides** spent two seasons (2009-10) in Tampa Bay with Saints **CB Ebert Mack**.
- Patriots **WR Donte Stallworth** and **LB Tracy White** each spent one season in Philadelphia playing with Saints **DT Brodrick Bunkley**. Stallworth played for the Eagles in 2006, while White played in 2009.

### Former Saints

- Patriots **LB Rob Ninkovich** was originally drafted by New Orleans in the fifth round of the 2006 draft. Ninkovich appeared in three games for New Orleans in 2006 before suffering a season-ending injury in Week 3 against Atlanta. Ninkovich was waived by the Saints in 2007, but came back to the team for a brief stint in 2008 after being signed off of the Miami Dolphin's practice squad.
- Patriots **WR Donte Stallworth** was originally drafted by New Orleans in the first round (13<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2002 NFL Draft. Stallworth played for the Saints from 2002-2005, until he was traded to the Philadelphia Eagles just weeks before the start of the 2006 regular season.

## 2012 PATRIOTS OPPONENTS

In 2012 the Patriots will play each of the other AFC East rivals twice and will play one game against each of the AFC South and NFC West teams. As the first-place team in the AFC East, the Patriots will play the first-place teams of the AFC West (Denver) and the AFC North (Baltimore).

Team	HOME			AWAY		
	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L Pct.
San Francisco 49ers	13	3	.813	Baltimore Ravens	12	4 .750
Houston Texans	10	6	.625	Tennessee Titans	9	7 .563
Denver Broncos	8	8	.500	New York Jets	8	8 .500
New York Jets	8	8	.500	Seattle Seahawks	7	9 .438
Arizona Cardinals	8	8	.500	Miami Dolphins	6	10 .375
Miami Dolphins	6	10	.375	Buffalo Bills	6	10 .375
Buffalo Bills	6	10	.375	Jacksonville Jaguars	5	11 .313
Indianapolis Colts	2	14	.125	St. Louis Rams	2	14 .125





# QUOTES AND NOTES

## NEWLY ACQUIRED PATRIOTS

The Patriots acquired veteran free agnets CB Will Allen, LB Bobby Carpenter, DE Jonathan Fanene, WR Jabar Gaffney, S Steve Gregory, FB Spencer Larsen, WR Brandon Lloyd, LB Trevor Scott, TE Visanthe Shiancoe and WR Donte' Stallworth this past offseason. Below are some of their thoughts on joining the Patriots:

**From Will Allen:** "Obviously, they're one of the best offenses in the league and they've been that way for quite some time. I'm excited to be on this side. I've faced Tom (Brady) quite a few times. To be a teammate of his, I'm grateful for that."

**From Bobby Carpenter:** "It's been interesting. My only experience here was watching the media resources that you provided and watching Bill [Belichick] in press conferences and seeing him on TV. I knew a couple of guys, but other than that I didn't know. It's been exciting, we have a great team atmosphere and I was very pleased with how great the locker room was. We've got a tremendous group of players here and not only that, but they're great people. So it's been easy to get acclimated."

**From Jonathan Fanene:** "I see guys focused more, and not just the workout, but in everything we do here. It's more of a team effort. Guys welcome me inside the locker room. It's just hard-working, do-the-job type of atmosphere."

**From Jabar Gaffney:** "It's everybody, starting at the top with Mr. Kraft. He's probably one of the best owners in the league. His relationship with the players is like none I've seen in the world. From there down to the coaching staff with Coach Belichick and then the players, the locker room and everything."

**From Steve Gregory:** "It's a winning organization. Obviously everyone's goal in the NFL is to win a Super Bowl and I know that this gives me a great opportunity to do that."

**From Spencer Larsen:** "I've played [New England] twice in my career and it was definitely circled on our schedule early. These are the guys that you need to beat and I'm just really excited to be a part of that. It's been since my junior year in high school since I've had a winning season and I'm just really excited to be a part of a team that contends."

**From Brandon Lloyd:** "The coaching, the way that the message is delivered and the way that the coaches coach and the players all fall in line. It's been a good experience so far."

**From Trevor Scott:** You just know what to expect when you come here. They want to compete for the Super Bowl every year. To come in here, I'm going to have big shoes to fill."

**From Visanthe Shiancoe:** "It's just a well-organized team. I can see I have to work hard here and it's time to work."

**From Donte Stallworth:** "Coming back to the Patriots has been great. Just being around for workouts and being back in the locker room, it's definitely been surreal. That was the right word. It took me a while to get used to being back here, but it's a good feeling and I'm excited to be back and to be part of this organization once again."

## ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Patriots have won more than half of their games for the 11th straight year with a 13-3 record in 2011. They are the first team to win more than half of their games in 11 straight seasons since free agency began in 1993.

The Patriots are the fourth team to win more than half of their games in 11 straight seasons since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, joining the 49ers (16 straight from 1983-1998), the Cowboys (16 straight from 1970-85) and the Raiders (11 straight from 1970-80).

The Patriots have now won nine or more games in 15 of the 18 seasons Robert Kraft has owned the team.

## PATRIOTS HAVE THE MOST 9+ 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 11 seasons.

### MOST SEASONS OF 9+ WINS SINCE 2001

New England.....	11
Pittsburgh.....	9
Indianapolis.....	9
Philadelphia.....	8

## PATRIOTS WIN 10+ FOR THE NINTH STRAIGHT YEAR

New England has reached at least 10 regular-season wins for nine consecutive season, joining San Francisco (16) and Indianapolis (9) as the only teams to accomplish the feat.

Team	Years	Consecutive Seasons with 10+ Wins
San Francisco	1983-1998	16
<b>New England</b>	<b>2003-present</b>	<b>9</b>
Indianapolis	2002-2010	9

## PATRIOTS EARN NUMBER ONE SEED IN AFC PLAYOFF FIELD FOR SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON

The Patriots were the number one seed in the AFC playoff field for the second straight season IN 2011. The Patriots have now earned the number one seed four times (2011, 2010, 2007 and 2003) in the past nine seasons. New England is the first team since Philadelphia (2002, 2003 and 2004) to have the top seed in its conference in at least two straight years and is the first AFC team to have the first seed in two straight years since Buffalo in 1990 and 1991.

## PRO BOWLERS DRAFTED SINCE 1996

The Patriots have the highest number of Pro Bowlers drafted since 1996.

Rank	Team	Players
1.	<b>New England</b>	<b>17</b>
2.	Green Bay	16
3.	Baltimore	15
	Pittsburgh	15





# PATRIOTS 2011 TEAM NOTES

## 2012 WHAT TO LOOK FOR

### **BILL BELICHICK**

- Bill Belichick (192) needs one more win to tie Chuck Knox (193) for 8<sup>th</sup> place all-time and 10 more wins to move past Dan Reeves (201) into seventh place all-time.
- Belichick (17) needs one more postseason victory to move out of a second place tie with Joe Gibbs into sole possession of third place all-time in postseason wins. Tom Landry (20) is in first place followed by Don Shula (18).

### **TOM BRADY**

- Tom Brady (39,979) needs 21 yards passing to become the 14<sup>th</sup> player in NFL history with 40,000 career passing yards.
- Brady (124) needs one more career win to move into sole possession of fifth place for most career wins as a starting quarterback. He enters 2012 tied with Fran Tarkenton for fifth place. Peyton Manning is in fourth place with 141 career wins.
- Brady enters the 2012 season in a fifth place tie with John Elway for most career touchdowns passes with 300. Fran Tarkenton is in fourth place with 342 career touchdown passes.
- Brady enters the 2012 season in 8<sup>th</sup> place all-time with 45 career 300-yard passing games. Warren Moon is in seventh place with 49 300-yard games.
- If Brady reaches 30 or more touchdowns passes in 2012 he will become just the fifth player in NFL history with at least 30 or more touchdown passes in four seasons.
- Brady needs one more postseason victory to set the NFL record for most career postseason wins by a starting quarterback. He enters 2012 tied with Joe Montana with 16 career postseason wins.
- Brady needs one more AFC Offensive Player of the Week honor to tie Peyton Manning (21) for the most player of the week honors in NFL history.
- If Brady reaches 4,000 passing yards in 2011, he will be just the fifth player in NFL history to reach 4,000 yards in five or more seasons: Peyton Manning (11), Dan Marino (6), Drew Brees (6) and Brett Favre (6).
- Brady enters the 2012 season with at least one touchdown pass in 32 straight games. Brady's 32 straight games with at least one touchdown pass are fourth all-time, behind Johnny Unitas (47), Drew Brees (43) and Brett Favre (36).
- Brady had at least one touchdown pass in all 16 games in each of the last two seasons. Brady and Brees are the first two quarterbacks to throw for at least one touchdown pass in all 16 games for two straight seasons.

### **ROB GRONKOWSKI**

- Rob Gronkowski (10 touchdowns in 2010 and 18 in 2011) can become the first tight end in NFL history with three straight 10-plus touchdown seasons. Gronkowski and Antonio Gates (13 in 2004 and 10 in 2005) are the only tight ends to have back-to-back 10-plus touchdown seasons.
- If he has another 10-touchdown season in 2012, he will join Randy Moss (2007, 2008 and 2009) and Corey Dillon (2004, 2005, 2006) as the only Patriots with three straight 10-plus touchdown seasons and three 10-plus seasons overall.

### **WES WELKER**

- Wes Welker enters the 2012 season with 554 receptions and needs four receptions to pass Troy Brown (557) and become the Patriots all-time reception leader.
- Welker (6,105) needs 262 receiving yards to move past Troy Brown (6,366) into second place on the New England all-time receiving yards list. Stanley Morgan is in first place with 10,352 yards.
- If Welker reaches 100 receptions in 2012, he will become the first player in NFL history with five 100-catch seasons.
- Welker enters 2012 tied with Cris Carter and Reggie Wayne for fourth place all-time with 14 10-plus reception games. Jerry Rice is in first place with 17 10-reception games, followed by Marvin Harrison (16) and Andre Johnson (15).

## NFL'S BEST AT HOME

Since their state-of-the-art facility opened at the beginning of the 2002 season, the Patriots own the NFL's best record at home overall. The Patriots own an overall record of 67-13 (.838) at Gillette Stadium in regular season games and a 76-15 (.835) record including playoffs.

### **BEST HOME RECORDS SINCE 2002**

(including playoffs)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.835</b>
Baltimore	62	21	0	.747
Pittsburgh	64	23	1	.733
Indianapolis	65	24	0	.730
San Diego	57	28	0	.671
Green Bay	57	29	0	.663
Seattle	56	30	0	.651
Philadelphia	55	33	0	.625

### **PATRIOTS ARE SHARP AT GILLETTE**

The Patriots concluded a 20-game home winning streak with a 24-20 loss to the New York Giants on Nov. 6, 2011. It was the longest home win streak in team history. The Patriots own an overall record of 67-13 (.838) at Gillette Stadium in regular season games.

### **The teams with the highest winning percentage at a stadium since 1970 (minimum 25 games):**

Team	Stadium	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
<b>New England</b>	<b>Gillette Stadium</b>	<b>67-13</b>	<b>.838</b>
Miami	Orange Bowl	101-22-1	.819
Pittsburgh	Heinz Field	65-22-1	.744
Minnesota	Metropolitan Stadium	64-23-1	.733
LA Rams	Memorial Coliseum	53-20-2	.726

### **LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAK / PATRIOTS HISTORY (REG. SEASON)**

Streak	First Win	Last Win
<b>20</b>	<b>Dec. 12, 2008</b>	<b>Oct. 16, 2011</b>
18	Dec. 29, 2002	Sept. 8, 2005
12	Nov. 26, 2006	Sept. 7, 2008
10	Sept. 18, 1976	Oct. 30, 1977

### **TWO PATRIOTS REACH 1,000 YARDS in 2011**

Wes Welker (1,569) and Rob Gronkowski (1,327) both finished with over 1,000 yards receiving in 2011. It is the fifth time in team history that New England had two players with over 1,000 receiving yards. Welker and Randy Moss had three straight seasons with 1,000 yards (2007-09). Welker and Moss became the sixth group of NFL teammates to have three straight 1,000 yard seasons. The Patriots also had two receivers reach 1,000 yards in 1979.

### **TOM BRADY AND WES WELKER BECOME THE 12<sup>TH</sup> TO SCORE ON A 99-YARD PASS PLAY**

Tom Brady connected with Wes Welker on a 99-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter of the 2011 season-opener at Miami (9/12/11). The 99-yard play tied the NFL record for the longest offensive play, which has been accomplished 14 times. There have been 13 pass plays and one running play for 99 yards. Listed below are the 14 99-yard plays.

### **(13) 99-YARD PASS PLAYS**

Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Wash. vs. Pitt. – Oct. 15, 1939  
 George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Wash. vs. Cleve. – Sept. 15, 1963  
 Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Det. vs. Balt. – Oct. 16, 1966  
 Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Allen, Wash. vs. Chic. – Sept. 15, 1968  
 Jim Plunkett to Cliff Branch, LA Raiders vs. Wash. – Oct. 2, 1983  
 Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Phil. vs. Atl. – Nov. 10, 1985  
 Stan Humphries to Tony Martin, SD. vs. Sea.. -Sept. 18, 1994  
 Brett Favre to Robert Brooks, GB vs. Chic. – Sept. 11, 1995  
 Trent Green to Marc Boerigter, KC vs. SD. – Dec. 22, 2002  
 Jeff Garcia to Andre Davis, Cleve. vs. Cin. – Oct. 17, 2004  
 Gus Ferrotte to Bernard Berrian, Minn. vs. Chi. – Nov. 30, 2008

### **Tom Brady to Wes Welker, NE at Mia. – Sept. 12, 2011**

Eli Manning to Victor Cruz, NY Giants at NY Jets – Dec. 24, 2011

### **(1) 99-YARD RUN PLAY**

Tony Dorsett, Dal. vs. Minn.- Jan. 3, 1983



# PATRIOTS 2011 TEAM NOTES

## PATRIOTS SET FRANCHISE RECORD WITH 622 TOTAL YARDS IN 2011 OPENER

The Patriots 622 total yards at Miami (9/12/11) in the 2011 season opener is a franchise record. The previous high was 619 yards vs. Tennessee on Oct. 18, 2009. The Patriots now have two games in their history with 600 or more total yards.

## NFL'S BEST ROAD WARRIORS

Since the start of the 2000 season, the Patriots have the best regular-season road record at 63-33 (.656).

TEAM	RECORD	PCT.
New England	63-33	.656
Philadelphia	62-33-1	.651
Indianapolis	59-37	.615
Pittsburgh	59-37	.615

## PATRIOTS FORCE TURNS

The Patriots lead the NFL with a +123 turnover margin since the 1994 season, including a league-leading and franchise record +28 in 2010 and an AFC leading +17 in 2011 that was third to San Francisco's +28 and Green Bay's +24. The Patriots +17 is 10 higher than the second place AFC team (Houston at +7)

## NFL TURNOVER MARGIN SINCE 1994

Rank	Team	Turnover Margin
1.	New England	+123
2.	Kansas City	+102
3.	Green Bay	+70

## PATRIOTS SCORE TOUCHDOWNS

The Patriots scored 61 total touchdowns in 2011. That number is third in team history to the 75 scored in 2007 and the 65 scored in 2010.

## MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON / PATRIOTS

75 in 2007
65 in 2010
<b>61 in 2011</b>
52 in 1961 and 1980

## PATRIOTS REACHED 400 POINTS FOR THE FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR

The Patriots finished the season with 513 points for their fifth straight season of 400 or more points and their second straight season with over 500 points. The 513 points are third in team history. The Patriots are the third team to ever have at least five straight 400-point seasons. Indianapolis had five straight (2003-07) and San Diego has a current streak of eight straight 400 point seasons (2004-11).

## MOST POINTS SCORED IN A SEASON BY THE PATRIOTS

589 in 2007
518 in 2010
<b>513 in 2011</b>
441 in 1980

## PATRIOTS ON POINT

The Patriots averaged 32.1 points per game in 2011. That average ranks third all-time in team history.

## HIGHEST AVG. POINTS PER GAME BY THE PATRIOTS

36.8 in 2007
32.4 in 2010
<b>32.1 in 2011</b>
29.5 in 1961

## PATRIOTS SET FRANCHISE RECORD FOR MOST TOTAL NET YARDS IN 2011

The Patriots finished the 2011 season with 6,848 total net yards, setting a new franchise record for most total net yards in a season. That total is fourth all-time in NFL history.

## MOST TOTAL NET YARDS/SEASON PATRIOTS

<b>6,848 in 2011</b>
6,580 in 2007
6,357 in 2009

## MOST TOTAL NET YARDS/ NFL

7,474	New Orleans in 2011
7,075	St. Louis in 2000
6,936	Miami in 1984
<b>6,848</b>	<b>Patriots in 2011</b>

## WHAT'S THE POINT?

During the past 12 seasons, the Patriots defense has always ranked higher in fewest points allowed than in yards allowed except for 2007 when both ranked fourth. The Patriots finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the NFL on defense by allowing an average of 21.4 points per game in 2011.

	Avg. Points Allowed	Avg. Yds Allowed
2011	21.4 (15)	411.1 (31)
2010	19.6 (8)	365.5 (25)
2009	17.8 (5)	320.2 (11)
2008	19.3 (8)	309.0 (10)
2007	17.1 (4)	288.3 (4)
2006	14.8 (2)	294.4 (6)
2005	21.1 (17)	330.2 (26)
2004	16.3 (2t)	310.6 (9)
2003	14.9 (1)	291.6 (7)
2002	21.6 (17)	336.1 (23)
2001	17.0 (6)	334.5 (24)
2000	21.1 (17)	334.6 (20)

## TOP OFFENSE

The Patriots offense finished second in the NFL in total yards. The Patriots offense has finished in the top 10 five straight seasons. Since the 1970 merger, the Patriots offense has finished in the top 10 a total of 16 times, including seven times under Bill Belichick.

Year	Rank
<b>2011</b>	<b>2 (428.0)</b>
2010	8 (363.8)
2009	3 (397.3)
2008	5 (365.4)
2007	1 (411.3)

## WELKER AND GRONKOWSKI ARE THE TOP TWO IN THE AFC

Wes Welker (1,569) and Rob Gronkowski (1,327) finished first and second respectively in the AFC in receiving yards. They are the first teammates to finish 1-2 in a conference in receiving yards since Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce in 2000 (St. Louis).

## TEAMMATES TO FINISH FIRST AND SECOND IN A CONFERENCE

2011	New England	Wes Welker/Rob Gronkowski
2000	St. Louis	Torry Holt/Isaac Bruce
1982	San Diego	Wes Chandler/Kellen Winslow
1980	San Diego	John Jefferson/Kellen Winslow

## DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE I

The New England Patriots own a 53-15 (.779) record in regular season AFC East games since the beginning of the 2001 season, compiling the best intra-division record of any team in the NFL.

## NFL'S TOP DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.779</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers	50	20	0	.714
Green Bay Packers	48	20	0	.706
Indianapolis Colts	47	21	0	.691

## AFC EAST DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Div. Titles	Years
<b>New England</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.779</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2001, 03-07, 09-11</b>
New York Jets	34	34	0	.500	1	2002
Miami	29	39	0	.426	1	2008
Buffalo	21	47	0	.309	0	---

**NOTES:** The Indianapolis Colts were members of the AFC East in 2001 and compiled a 3-5 divisional record that season. In 2002, the Patriots and Jets both finished with a 9-7 overall record and a 4-2 divisional record, but the Jets claimed the division title by virtue of having a better record against common opponents. In 2008, the Patriots and Dolphins both finished with an 11-5 overall record and a 4-2 divisional record, but Miami qualified for the playoffs due to a better conference record (8-4 to 7-5).

## DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE II

The Patriots have the highest winning percentage in division games from November until the end of the season since 2002.

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.794</b>
Indianapolis	25	9	0	.735
San Diego	25	9	0	.735
Green Bay	27	10	0	.730
Pittsburgh	27	11	0	.710





# PATRIOTS 2011 TEAM NOTES

## HOME RECORD IN DECEMBER SINCE 2002

With a 20-1 record, the New England Patriots have the best home record in December since Gillette Stadium opened in 2002. The Patriots have won 19 straight at home in December. This year the Patriots will play three of their final four regular season games at home.

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.952</b>
Green Bay	18	4	0	.818
Indianapolis	19	6	0	.760
Denver	13	5	0	.722
Philadelphia	14	6	0	.700

## NFL'S TOP DECEMBER RECORD SINCE 2001

The Patriots have an NFL-best 41-5 record in the month of December since the 2001 season, including a 4-0 record in 2011.

Rk	Team	Record
<b>1</b>	<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>41-5</b>
2	Philadelphia Eagles	35-12
3	Pittsburgh Steelers	34-14
4	Indianapolis Colts	31-17
5	San Diego Chargers	31-18

The Patriots have finished undefeated in December seven times since 2001: (4-0 -2011): (2001 - 4-0), (2003 - 4-0), (2005 - 4-0), (2007 - 5-0), (2008 - 4-0) and (2010 -4-0).

## BEST RECORDS IN THE FINAL FOUR GAMES OF THE SEASON SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.917</b>
San Diego	22	2	0	.917
Philadelphia	19	5	0	.792
Baltimore	18	6	0	.750

## STRONG IN THE SECOND HALF

Since 2001, the Patriots have done a remarkable job of finishing the season strong, compiling an NFL-best 69-16 (.812) record in games on or after Thanksgiving.

## PATRIOTS BEFORE AND AFTER THANKSGIVING SINCE 2001

Season	Pre-Thanksgiving	Post-Thanksgiving	Overall
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*
<b>Totals</b>	<b>81-32 (.717)</b>	<b>69-16 (.812)</b>	<b>150-48</b>

\*Includes playoffs ^Includes games played on Thanksgiving

## BEST RECORDS IN GAMES PLAYED ON OR AFTER THANKSGIVING SINCE 2001

(Includes regular-season and playoff games)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.812</b>
Pittsburgh	58	24	0	.707
Philadelphia	52	29	0	.642
San Diego	45	26	0	.634
Green Bay	49	29	0	.628



## PATRIOTS TIE THE NFL RECORD FOR MOST 30-POINT GAMES IN A SINGLE SEASON

The Patriots scored 30 points 12 times in 2011 to tie the NFL record for most 30-point games in a single season. The 2007 Patriots and the 1999 St. Louis Rams also had a dozen 30 point games. The NFL record for most consecutive 30-point games in a single season is eight by the 2007 and 2010 Patriots and the 2000 St. Louis Rams.

## TWO PLAYERS WITH 10 OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON

RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis (11) and TE Rob Gronkowski (18) reached 10 or more touchdowns in 2011. It is the second straight season and fourth time in team history that the Patriots have had two players finish with 10 or more touchdowns in a season. Last season, Gronkowski (10) and Green-Ellis (13) had 10 touchdown seasons. In 1976, Steve Grogan had 12 touchdowns (12 rushing) and Andy Johnson had 10 touchdowns (6 rushing, 4 receiving). In 1974, Mack Herron had 12 touchdowns (7 rushing, 5 receiving) and Sam Cunningham had 11 (9 rushing, 2 receiving).

## PATRIOTS HAD 18 100-YARD RECEIVERS IN 2011 TO SET FRANCHISE RECORD

The Patriots had two receivers pass the 100-yard receiving mark against Buffalo, giving New England 18 individual 100-yard receiving performances in 2011. That number set a new franchise record, topping the 16 100-yard performances in 2007.

## TWO PLAYERS WITH 100 YARDS FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN 2011

Both Rob Gronkowski (108) and Aaron Hernandez (138) went over 100 yards receiving vs. Buffalo, marking the fifth time that the Patriots had a game with two players over 100 yards receiving in 2011.

- Wes Welker (160) and Aaron Hernandez (103) at Miami (9/12)
- Welker (217) and Rob Gronkowski (109) at Buffalo (9/25)
- Welker (136) and Gronkowski (101) vs. NY Giants (11/6)
- Welker (115) and Deion Branch (125) at Philadelphia (11/27)
- Gronkowski (108) and Hernandez (138) vs. Buffalo (1/1).

## 2011 HONORS AND AWARDS

### QB Tom Brady

- AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Wk. 1 at Miami)
- AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Wk. 2 vs. San Diego)
- AFC Offensive Player of the Month (November)
- AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Wk. 16 vs. Miami)
- AFC Offensive Player of the Month (December/January)
- AFC Pro Bowl starter

### DE Andre Carter

- AFC Defensive Player of the Week (Wk. 10 at NY Jets)
- AFC Pro Bowl starter

### WR Julian Edelman

- AFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Wk. 11 vs. KC)

### TE Rob Gronkowski

- AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Wk. 14 at Washington)
- AFC Pro Bowl starter
- *Associated Press* All-Pro: First Team
- *Pro Football Weekly* All-NFL Team

### G Logan Mankins

- AFC Pro Bowl starter
- *Associated Press* All-Pro: Second Team

### DB Sterling Moore

- Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week (Wk17 vs. Buffalo)

### WR Matthew Slater

- AFC Pro Bowl (special teams)

### T Nate Solder

- *Pro Football Weekly* All-Rookie Team

### G Brian Waters

- AFC Pro Bowl starter

### WR Wes Welker

- AFC Pro Bowl starter
- *Associated Press* All-Pro: First Team
- *Pro Football Weekly* All-NFL Team

### NT Vince Wilfork

- AFC Pro Bowl starter
- *Associated Press* All-Pro: Second Team



# PATRIOTS SUSTAINING SUCCESS

## PATRIOTS ARE MOST FREQUENT SUPER BOWL TEAM OVER LAST 30 YEARS

The Patriots won their seventh conference championship since the 1985 season, and have won more conference titles than any other team over the last 30 years (since 1982). Additionally, the Patriots' six conference titles over the last 25 years are two more than the next closest teams, and New England's six conference championships in the last 20 years are also more than any other team. New England also has more conference titles over the last 15 years (5) and over the last 10 years (4) than any other team. The Patriots' two conference titles in the last five years are tied with Pittsburgh and the New York Giants for the most over that span.

### Most Conference Championships in Last 5 Years (2007-2011)

<b>New England</b> .....	<b>2</b>
Pittsburgh.....	2
N.Y. Giants.....	2
New Orleans.....	1
Indianapolis.....	1
Green Bay.....	1
Arizona.....	1

### Most Conference Championships in Last 10 Years (2002-2011)

<b>New England</b> .....	<b>4</b>
Pittsburgh.....	3
Indianapolis.....	2
N.Y. Giants.....	2
9 Other Teams.....	1

\*-Pending Results of 2011 NFC Championship Game

### Most Conference Championships in Last 15 Years (1997-2011)

<b>New England</b> .....	<b>5</b>
Pittsburgh.....	3
N.Y. Giants.....	3
Denver.....	2
Green Bay.....	2
Indianapolis.....	2
St. Louis Rams.....	2

### Most Conference Championships in Last 20 Years (1992-2011)

<b>New England</b> .....	<b>6</b>
Pittsburgh.....	4
Dallas.....	3
Green Bay.....	3
N.Y. Giants.....	3
Buffalo.....	2
Denver.....	2
Indianapolis.....	2
St. Louis.....	2

### Most Conference Championships in Last 25 Years (1987-2011)

<b>New England</b> .....	<b>6</b>
Buffalo.....	4
Denver.....	4
Pittsburgh.....	4
N.Y. Giants.....	4
Dallas.....	3
Green Bay.....	3
San Francisco.....	3

### Most Conference Championships in Last 30 Years (1982-2011)

<b>New England</b> .....	<b>7</b>
Denver.....	5
N.Y. Giants.....	5
Buffalo.....	4
Pittsburgh.....	4
San Francisco.....	4
Washington.....	4
Dallas.....	3
Green Bay.....	3

## WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

Since their record-setting 2007 season, the Patriots have maintained their spot atop the NFL in terms of regular season winning percentage and are second in regular season points scored. Since the beginning of the 2008 season, the Patriots have the NFL's highest winning percentage and have scored the second most points in the NFL. Since 2009, the Patriots are tied for the best winning percentage and have scored the most points. New England tops both categories since the beginning of the 2010 season.

### HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 2008

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>1249</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers	45	19	0	.703	1415	1006
New Orleans Saints	45	19	0	.703	1904	1380
Baltimore Ravens	44	20	0	.688	1511	1041
Atlanta Falcons	43	21	0	.672	1570	1288
Green Bay Packers	42	22	0	.656	1828	1276
New York Giants	39	25	0	.609	1617	1468
Philadelphia Eagles	38	26	1	.602	1680	1331

### HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 2009

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.771</b>	<b>1458</b>	<b>940</b>
New Orleans Saints	37	11	0	.771	1441	987
Green Bay Packers	36	12	0	.750	1409	896
Pittsburgh Steelers	33	15	0	.688	1068	783
Baltimore Ravens	33	15	0	.688	1126	797
Atlanta Falcons	32	16	0	.667	1179	963
San Diego Chargers	30	18	0	.625	1301	1019
Philadelphia Eagles	29	19	0	.604	126	1042
New York Jets	28	20	0	.583	1092	903

### HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 2010

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.844</b>	<b>1031</b>	<b>655</b>
Green Bay Packers	25	7	0	.781	948	599
Pittsburgh Steelers	24	8	0	.750	700	459
Baltimore Ravens	24	8	0	.750	735	536
New Orleans Saints	24	8	0	.750	931	646
Atlanta Falcons	23	9	0	.719	816	638
New York Jets	19	13	0	.594	744	667
Chicago Bears	19	13	0	.594	687	627
New York Giants	19	13	0	.594	788	747
San Francisco 49ers	19	13	0	.594	685	575

### MOST POINTS SCORED SINCE 2008

Team	Points
New Orleans Saints.....	1904
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>1868</b>
Green Bay Packers.....	1828
San Diego Chargers.....	1740
Philadelphia Eagles.....	1680
New York Giants.....	1617
Atlanta Falcons.....	1570
Houston Texans.....	1525
Baltimore Ravens.....	1511

### MOST POINTS SCORED SINCE 2009

Team	Points
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>1458</b>
New Orleans Saints.....	1441
Green Bay Packers.....	1409
San Diego Chargers.....	1301
Philadelphia Eagles.....	1264
New York Giants.....	1190
Atlanta Falcons.....	1179
Houston Texans.....	1159
Baltimore Ravens.....	1126

### MOST POINTS SCORED SINCE 2010

Team	Points
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>1031</b>
Green Bay Packers.....	948
New Orleans Saints.....	931
San Diego Chargers.....	847
Detroit Lions.....	836
Philadelphia Eagles.....	835
Atlanta Falcons.....	816
New York Giants.....	788
Houston Texans.....	771



# 2011 SEASON PERFORMANCES: WHERE DID THEY RANK?

## TEAM

Total Net Yards	6,848	Team History	1st
Total Net Yards	6,848	NFL History	4th
Victories	13	Team History	5th
Points Scored	513	Team History	3rd
Gm. w/ 30+ Points	12	NFL History	T-1st
Touchdowns Scored	61	Team History	3rd
First Downs	399	Team History	1st
First Downs	399	NFL History	2nd
Passing First Downs	262	Team History	1st
Passing First Downs	262	NFL History	2nd
Net Passing Yards	5,084	Team History	1st
Net Passing Yards	5,084	NFL History	4th
Fewest Fumbles	13	Team History	2nd
100-Yard Receivers	18	Team History	1st
Interceptions	23	AFC in 2011	1st
Interceptions	23	NFL in 2011	T-2nd
Turnover Differential	+17	Team History	T-2nd
Turnover Differential	+17	AFC in 2011	1st



## TOM BRADY

Passing Yards	5,235	NFL History	2nd
Passing Yards	5,235	Team History	1st
Passing Yds/Game	332.8	NFL History	2nd
Passing Yds/Game	332.8	Team History	1st
Completions	401	Team History	1st
Touchdown Passes	39	Team History	2nd
Touchdown Passes	39	NFL History	T-8th
300-Yd Passing Gm	11	Team History	1st
300-Yd Passing Gm	11	NFL History	2nd
Games with 2+ TD	14	Team History	T-1st
Games with 1+ TD	16	NFL History	T-1st
Games with 1+ TD	16	Team History	T-1st

## WES WELKER

Receptions	122	Team History	2nd
Receptions	122	NFL History	T-4th
Receptions	122	NFL in 2011	1st
Receiving Yards	1,569	Team History	1st
Receiving Yards	1,569	NFL in 2011	2nd
Longest Reception	99t	NFL History	T-1st



## ROB GRONKOWSKI

Total Touchdowns	18	Team History	2nd
Total TDs by a TE	18	NFL History	1st
TD Rec. by a TE	17	NFL History	1st
TD Receptions	17	Team History	2nd
TD Receptions	17	NFL History	T-5th
TD Receptions	17	NFL in 2011	1st
Rec. Yards by a TE	1,327	NFL History	1st
Receiving Yards	1,327	Team History	6th
Receptions by a TE	90	Team History	2nd
Games with 2+ TD	7	NFL History	T-2nd
Gm w/2+ TD by a TE	7	NFL History	1st
Pts. by a Non-Kicker	108	NFL in 2011	2nd
Pts. by a Non-Kicker	108	AFC in 2011	1st

## ROB GRONKOWSKI & AARON HERNANDEZ

Rec. by TE Tandem	169	NFL History	1st
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## STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI

Points Scored	143	AFC in 2011	1st
Points Scored	143	Team History	4th

## KYLE ARRINGTON

Interceptions	7	NFL in 2011	T-1st
Interceptions	7	Team History	T-6th

## ZOLTAN MESKO

Punting Average	46.5	Team History	1st
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# INSIDE THE NUMBERS

## BY THE NUMBERS

**2**

The number of interceptions by Vince Wilfork in 2011. Anthony Pleasant (2001) is the only other Patriots defensive lineman to record two interceptions in the same season.

**2**

The number of punts returned by Julian Edelman for touchdowns during his career, the fourth Patriots player with two or more punt returns for a touchdown.

**3**

The number of NFL players with four 100-reception seasons after Wes Welker (122) reached 100 receptions in 2011 to join Jerry Rice and Marvin Harrison.

**4**

The number of times LB Jerod Mayo has reached 100 tackles to start his career. He is the first player in New England history to register 100 tackles in his first four NFL seasons.

**7**

The number of interceptions by Kyle Arrington to put him in a three-way tie for the NFL lead in 2011.

**8**

The number of times in NFL history a player reached 1,000 yards in the ninth game of the season after Wes Welker reached the milestone in 2011.

**9**

The number of AFC East titles by the Patriots since the 2000 season.

**17**

The number of touchdown catches by TE Rob Gronkowski, the most in NFL history by a tight end in a single season.

**18**

The number of total touchdowns by TE Rob Gronkowski in 2011 (17 rec. and 1 rush), the highest number of combined touchdowns by a tight end in NFL history.

**41.5**

Zoltan Mesko finished the 2011 season with a franchise record 41.5-yard net average, the sixth-best net average in NFL history.

**122**

The number of receptions in 2011 by Wes Welker. With 122 in 2011 and 123 in 2009, Welker joins Cris Carter as the only two NFL players with at least 120-plus receptions twice in their careers.

**1,327**

The number of receiving yards by Gronkowski in 2011 to set an NFL record, surpassing Kellen Winslow in 1980 (1,290).

## TOM BRADY BY THE NUMBERS

**1**

Tom Brady became the first player to follow a 500-yard performance with a 400-yard performance after Brady had back-to-back games with 517 yards and 423 yards to start 2011.

**2**

Brady joined Drew Brees (2011) as the only players to reach 3,000 yards in the first nine games of the season. Brady (3,032) had the most yards ever through the first nine games of the year.

**4**

The number of times in his career that Brady has thrown a game-winning touchdown pass in the final minute of the game to turn a deficit into a Patriots win.

**4**

The number of seasons that Brady has reached 4,000 passing yards. His four 4,000-yard seasons are tied with Warren Moon and Philip Rivers for the fifth most in NFL history.

**6**

Brady became the sixth NFL quarterback in NFL history to have 30 or more touchdowns passes in at least three seasons after reaching 30 vs. Indianapolis (12/4).

## TOM BRADY BY THE NUMBERS

**11**

Tom Brady was the 11<sup>th</sup> quarterback in NFL history to throw for 500 or more yards after he passed for 517 in the 2011 opener at Miami.

**2**

The number of times Tom Brady has earned AFC Offensive Player of the Week honors. He earned the award in each of the first two weeks of the 2011 season and in Week 16.

**45**

The number of regular season 300-yard passing games by Tom Brady, a team record.

**96**

The number of times that Brady has thrown two or more touchdowns in a game. The Patriots are 81-15 when he throws for two or more touchdowns.

**124**

The number of wins that Brady has as a starting quarterback to tie Fran Tarkenton for fifth place. Brady reached the 100-win milestone in the fewest number of starts (131) among all quarterbacks in the modern era.

**1,327**

The number of passing yards Brady had in the first three games (517, 423 and 387) of 2011. Brady's 1,327 yards set the NFL mark for the most passing yards ever in a three-game stretch.

**5,235**

The number of passing yards by Brady in 2011, the second most in a season in NFL history.

## THE KRAFT ERA

**3**

The number of Super Bowl championships the Patriots have won since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994. That mark is the highest total in the NFL over that span. Only Denver (2; 1997 and 1998), Pittsburgh (2; 2005 and 2008) and the NY Giants (2; 2007 and 2011) have won multiple Super Bowl titles since 1994.

**6**

The number of conference championships the Patriots have won since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994. That mark is the highest total in the NFL over that span. Pittsburgh is second with four conference titles since 1994.

**11**

The number of division championships won by the Patriots since Kraft purchased the team in 1994.

**13**

The number of playoff seasons earned by the Patriots in the 18 seasons since Robert Kraft purchased the team.

**19**

The number of playoff games the Patriots have won since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994. That mark is the highest total in the NFL over that span. Pittsburgh ranks second with 17 playoff wins over that span.

**29**

The number of playoff games the Patriots have appeared in since 1994, the most in the NFL. Pittsburgh has the second most with 27.

## THE BELICHICK ERA

**4**

Bill Belichick is one of just four coaches to win three championships since the Super Bowl era began. Belichick joins three members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in the exclusive club (Chuck Noll 4, Joe Gibbs 3 and Bill Walsh 3). Belichick is the only coach to win three Super Bowls in the post-1993 salary cap era and the only one to ever win three in four years.

**192**

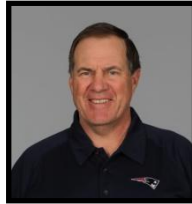
Bill Belichick has 192 career victories as a head coach, including playoff games. Belichick moved past Bill Parcells into sole possession of ninth place in all-time coaching victories. Chuck Knox is in 8<sup>th</sup> place with 193 wins.



# BILL BELICHICK NEWS & NOTES

## THE HEAD COACH

**Overall Record:** 192-104 (.649)  
**Regular Season:** 175-97 (.643)  
**Postseason:** 17-7 (.708)  
**With Patriots overall:** 155-59 (.724)  
**Super Bowl Titles:** 5 (86, 90, 01, 03, 04)  
**Conf. Titles:** 8 (86, 90, 96, 01, 03, 04, 07, 11)  
**Division Titles:** 16 (75, 78, 86, 89, 90, 96, 98, 01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09, 10, 11)



Bill Belichick is the only head coach in NFL history to win three Super Bowl titles in a four-year span. He has won more regular season games (121) and more games overall (135) during a 10-year stretch (2001-2010) than any other coach in NFL History. In the 2007 season, Belichick led the Patriots to the fourth undefeated and untied regular season and the first since the NFL established a 16-game schedule in 1978.

## BELICHICK LEADS TEAM TO 11<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WINNING RECORD

Bill Belichick has led the Patriots to a winning record for 11 consecutive seasons (2001-2011). 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 (1970-1985).

## BELICHICK BECOMES FIRST COACH WITH NINE STRAIGHT SEASONS OF 10 WINS

Bill Belichick is the first coach in NFL history with nine straight seasons with at least 10 victories after guiding the Patriots to nine 10-plus seasons from 2003 through 2011.

## BELICHICK FIRST IN NFL HISTORY WITH 13-PLUS IN FIVE DIFFERENT SEASONS

Bill Belichick is the first head coach in NFL history with 13 or more wins in five different seasons.

- 2003-14-2
- 2004-14-2
- 2007-16-0
- 2010-14-2
- 2011-13-3

## BELICHICK PASSES PARCELLS FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

Bill Belichick moved past Bill Parcells into sole possession of 9<sup>th</sup> place in all-time coaching victories and now has 192 wins.

### MOST WINS NFL COACHES

Head Coach	Team(s)	Years of service	Record
1. Don Shula	BAL, MIA	33	347-173-6
2. George Halas	Chicago	40	324-151-31
3. Tom Landry	Dallas	29	270-178-6
4. Curly Lambeau	GB,Cards, WAS	33	229-134-22
5. Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh	23	209-156-1
6. M. Schottenheimer	CLE,KC,WAS,SD	21	205-139-1
7. Dan Reeves	DEN,NYG,ATL	23	201-174-2
8. Chuck Knox	LAR,BUF,SEA	22	193-158-1
<b>9. Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE, NE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>192-104-0</b>
10. Bill Parcells	NYG,NE,NYJ,DAL	19	183-138-1
11. Mike Holmgren	GB, SEA	17	174-122-0
12. Joe Gibbs	Washington	16	171-101-0
13. Paul Brown	CLE, CIN	21	170-108-6

## ELITE COMPANY

Bill Belichick is one of nine NFL head coaches to win three or more championships since the league began postseason play in 1933, but the only one to win three in four years. Belichick joined an exclusive club in which each of the eight other members has been enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

### HEAD COACHES WITH THREE OR MORE NFL TITLES

(Listed alphabetically)

Head Coach	Championship Team(s)
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>Patriots (SB XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX)</b>
Paul Brown	Cleveland Browns (1950, 54, 55)
Weeb Ewbank	Baltimore Colts, New York Jets (1958, 59 SB III)
Joe Gibbs	Washington Redskins (SB XVII, XXII, XXVI)
George Halas	Chicago Bears (1921, 33, 40, 41, 46, 63)
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay Packers (1929, 30, 31, 36, 39, 44)
Vince Lombardi	Green Bay Packers (1961, 62, 65, SB I, II)
Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh Steelers (Super Bowl IX, X, XIII, XIV)
Bill Walsh	San Francisco 49ers (Super Bowl XVI, XIX, XXII)

## BELICHICK'S PATRIOTS RENAISSANCE

Any successful project requires a sound plan and once Head Coach Bill Belichick implemented his design on the Patriots, his approach has given him the best record of any NFL head coach who has coached over 40 games since 2001 (including the postseason).

### NFL COACHES' RECORDS SINCE 2001

Coach	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.758</b>
Tony Dungy	TB/IND	101	41	0	.711
Mike Tomlin	PIT	60	28	0	.682

## AMONG THE GREATS

Bill Belichick has recorded 192 career wins, which ranks 9<sup>th</sup> all-time in NFL history. Belichick owns a career winning percentage of .649, which is third all-time, behind George Halas (.682) and Don Shula (.667).

### TOP WINNING PERCENTAGE AMONG HEAD COACHES WITH AT LEAST 160 WINS (INCL. POSTSEASON)

Head Coach	Team(s)	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
George Halas	CHI	1920-29,33-41,46-55,58-67	324	151	31	.682
Don Shula	BAL/MIA	1963-95	347	173	6	.667
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE/NE</b>	<b>1991-95,00-11</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.649</b>
Curly Lambeau	GB/CHI/WAS	1921-53	229	134	22	.630

NOTE: Winning percentage calculated using current NFL rules, counting a tie as a half-win, half-loss.

## SUPER SUCCESS

Bill Belichick is one of just four head coaches to win three Super Bowl championships. Belichick is the only coach to win three Super Bowls in the post-1993 salary cap era.

### MOST SUPER BOWL VICTORIES

Head Coach	Team	Titles	Seasons
Chuck Noll	PIT	4	1974, 1975, 1978, 1979
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2001, 2003, 2004</b>
Joe Gibbs	WAS	3	1982, 1987, 1991
Bill Walsh	SF	3	1981, 1984, 1988

NOTE: Sorted by most recent championship. Super Bowls have determined NFL champion since 1966.

## PLAYOFF SUCCESS

### MOST PLAYOFF WINS BY AN NFL HEAD COACH

Coach	Team(s)	Wins
Tom Landry	.....Dallas Cowboys	20
Don Shula	.....Baltimore Colts, Miami Dolphins	19
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>.....Cleveland Browns, New England Patriots</b>	<b>17</b>
Joe Gibbs	.....Washington Redskins	17
Chuck Noll	.....Pittsburgh Steelers	16

## POSTSEASON PROWESS

### BEST POSTSEASON RECORDS IN NFL HISTORY (minimum of 10 games)

Head Coach	Team(s)	W	L	Pct.
Vince Lombardi	GB/WAS	9	1	.900
Tom Flores	Oakland	8	3	.727
Bill Walsh	San Francisco	10	4	.714
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE/NE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.708</b>
Joe Gibbs	Washington	17	7	.708

## BELICHICK IS GOOD IN DECEMBER

Bill Belichick is 43-7 (.860) 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).

## BELICHICK NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR 3 TIMES

The Associated Press named Bill Belichick the NFL's Coach of the Year for 2010. It was the third time that Belichick earned the honor. He was also named coach of the year following the 2003 and 2007 seasons. Belichick joins Don Shula (4-time winner) and Chuck Knox as the only three-time winners. Belichick is the most successful head coach in Patriots history.

## BELICHICK FIRST WITH 14 WINS IN FOUR SEASONS

Bill Belichick guided the Patriots to an NFL-best 14-2 record in 2010. Belichick is the first head coach ever to win at least 14 regular-season games in four separate seasons. Only four other coaches — San Francisco's George Seifert (3), Washington's Joe Gibbs (2), Chicago's Mike Ditka (2) and Miami's Don Shula (2) — have more than one 14-win season.



# TOM BRADY NEWS & NOTES

## RECORDING SUCCESS

Tom Brady has quarterbacked the Patriots to victories in 124 of his 159 career regular-season starts, compiling a .780 winning percentage and giving him the best record of any quarterback in the Super Bowl era (since 1966).

### TOP WINNING PERCENTAGES IN SUPER BOWL ERA

(Since 1966, Minimum 50 Starts, Regular Season Only)



Player	Team(s)	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>2000-11</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.780</b>
Roger Staubach	DAL	1969-79	85	29	0	.746
Joe Montana	SF/KC	1979-94	117	47	0	.713

### ACTIVE QUARTERBACKS WINNING PERCENTAGE

Minimum 32 Starts (two full seasons), Regular Season Only

Quarterback	Team(s)	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.780</b>
Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	80	33	0	.708
Matt Ryan	ATL	43	19	0	.694
Joe Flacco	BAL	44	20	0	.688
Peyton Manning	IND	141	67	0	.678
Aaron Rodgers	GB	41	21	0	.661

### MOST CAREER WINS AS A STARTER

(Regular season only) Bold Indicates active players

Rk	Name	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	Brett Favre	186	112	0	.624
2.	John Elway	148	82	1	.643
3.	Dan Marino	147	93	0	.613
<b>4.</b>	<b>Peyton Manning</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.678</b>
<b>5t.</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.780</b>
5t.	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

## BRADY REACHES 5,000 YARDS IN 2011

Brady set a franchise record with 5,235 passing yards and joined Drew Brees (5,476 in 2011 and 5,069 in 2008), Dan Marino (5,084 in 1984) and Matthew Stafford (5,038 in 2011) as the only players in NFL history to reach 5,000 passing yards in a single season. Brady surpassed his previous career high of 4,806 passing yards in 2007.

### Most Passing Yards in a season

5,476	Drew Brees, New Orleans in 2011
<b>5,235</b>	<b>Tom Brady, Patriots in 2011</b>
5,084	Dan Marino, Miami in 1984
5,069	Drew Brees, New Orleans in 2008
5,038	Matthew Stafford, Detroit in 2011

### NFL RECORD FOR MOST PASSING YARDS PER GAME/SEASON

Player	Team	Year	Yards/Game
Drew Brees	New Orleans	2011	342.3
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>332.8</b>

## BRADY BECOMES SECOND PLAYER WITH TWO OR MORE SEASONS OF 39-PLUS TDS

Brady finished the 2011 season with 39 touchdown passes, marking the second highest total of his career, trailing the NFL-record of 50 he had in 2007. Brady joins Dan Marino as the only players in NFL history with at least two different seasons with 39 or more touchdown passes.

### The Players with the Most Touchdown Passes in a single season in NFL history

Player	Team	Season	TDs
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>50</b>
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	2004	49
Dan Marino	Miami	1984	48
Drew Brees	New Orleans	2011	46
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	2011	45
Dan Marino	Miami	1986	44
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	2011	41
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	1999	41
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>39</b>
Daunte Culpepper	Minnesota	2004	39
Brett Favre	Green Bay	1996	39

## BRADY TIED NFL MARK WITH 13 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS

Brady threw for one touchdown against the Jets (10/9/11), snapping his streak of 13 straight games with two or more touchdown passes. Brady's streak of 13 straight games with two or more touchdowns is tied with Peyton Manning's 2004 total and Aaron Rodgers' 2011 total for the longest such streak in NFL history.

## BRADY HAS 16 CAREER 4-TD GAMES AFTER GETTING TWO IN 2011

Brady's four touchdowns at Buffalo (9/25/11) marked his 12<sup>th</sup> game with four touchdown passes. He has thrown four or more touchdowns in a game 16 times with 12 four-touchdown games, two five-touchdown games and two six-touchdown games.

### Most Games with 4+ Touchdown Passes

PLAYER	4+ TD Games
1. Brett Favre	23
2. Peyton Manning	22
3. Dan Marino	21
4. Johnny Unitas	17
<b>5. Tom Brady</b>	<b>16</b>
5. Drew Brees	16

## CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS CONTINUES FOR BRADY

Brady has now thrown at least one touchdown pass in 32 straight regular season games to extend a team mark. Brady's 32 straight games are fourth all-time, behind Johnny Unitas (47), Drew Brees (43) and Brett Favre (36).

## BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR THE 45th TIME IN HIS CAREER

Brady had his 45<sup>th</sup> NFL game with 300 or more yards passing vs. Buffalo (1/1/12) and ranks third among active NFL quarterbacks, behind NFL-leader Peyton Manning (63) and Drew Brees (57). The Patriots are 39-6 when Brady throws for 300 or more yards.

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

Player	300-Yard Games
Peyton Manning*	63
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62
Drew Brees*	57
Kurt Warner	52
Dan Fouts	51
Warren Moon	49
<b>Tom Brady*</b>	<b>45</b>
Joe Montana	39

Brady had a career-best 11 300-yard games in the 2011 season which is the second most 300 yard games in a single season. The NFL record for most 300-yard games in a season is 13 by Drew Brees in 2011.

## TOM BRADY'S RECORD AS A STARTER

Overall:	Reg. Season	Playoffs	Total
	<b>124-35</b>	<b>16-6</b>	<b>140-41</b>
Home:.....	69-11	10-2	79-13
Road:.....	55-24	6-4*	61-28*

### By Yardage Total

Less than 200:.....	29-13	3-1	32-14
200-299:.....	56-16	10-4	66-20
300 or more:.....	39-6	3-1	42-7

### Other Records

On Artificial Turf:.....	65-7	6-4	71-11
Temp. Below 40:.....	28-3	10-2	38-5
Thanksgiving or later:.....	49-9	16-6	65-15
Leading at Halftime:.....	95-9	11-3	106-12
Leading after 3 Qtrs:.....	102-6	10-3	112-9
Overtime:.....	7-1	1-0	8-1
Passer rating >100.0:.....	71-4	7-0	78-4

\*-Includes five Super Bowls at neutral sites



# TOM BRADY NEWS & NOTES

## BRADY CONCLUDES 31-GAME HOME WINNING STREAK

Tom Brady set an NFL record for most consecutive home wins as a starting quarterback with his 26<sup>th</sup> straight win in a regular-season home start following the 45-3 win against the Jets (12/06/10) and extended his streak to 31 before it ended with a 24-20 loss against the New York Giants (11/6/11).

### MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR-SEASON HOME GAMES WON AS A STARTING QUARTERBACK:

Player	Team	Years	Streak
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>2006-11</b>	<b>31</b>
Brett Favre	GB	1995-98	25
John Elway	DEN	1996-98	22
Bob Griese	MIA	1971-74	20
Randall Cunningham	PHI	1990-94	20

## MOST CAREER TOUCHDOWNS

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS CAREER

(regular season only) Bold indicates active players

Rank	Name	Touchdowns
1.	Brett Favre	508
2.	Dan Marino	420
3.	<b>Peyton Manning</b>	<b>399</b>
4.	Fran Tarkenton	342
5t.	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>300</b>
5t.	John Elway	300
7.	Warren Moon	291
8.	Johnny Unitas	290
9.	Drew Brees	281
10.	Vinny Testaverde	275

## BRADY AT 30 TOUCHDOWNS...AGAIN

Brady finished the year with 39 touchdowns. He became the sixth quarterback in NFL history to have 30 or more touchdown passes in at least three seasons.

### MOST SEASONS WITH 30-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Brett Favre	9
Peyton Manning	6
Dan Marino	4
Drew Brees	4
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>3</b>
Kurt Warner	3

Brady is the second NFL player to have at least 35 touchdowns in three different seasons.

### QBs with the most 35+ passing touchdowns in NFL history

Player	35+TD Pass Seasons
Tom Brady	3 (50 in 2007, 36 in 2010 and 39 in 2011)
Brett Favre	3

## BRADY REACHES 30 TDS FOR THIRD TIME

Tom Brady (39) reached 30 touchdown passes in 2011. Brady now has three 30-touchdown seasons after throwing for an NFL-leading 36 in 2010 and an NFL-record 50 in 2007. He is one of just 13 NFL players since the 1970 merger to have at least two 30 touchdown seasons. The only other Patriots quarterback to have a 30-touchdown season was Vito Parilli in 1964 when he led the AFL with 31.

## BRADY SETS FRANCHISE RECORD WITH 517 PASSING YARDS

Brady set a franchise record with 517 passing yards in the 2011 season-opener at Miami (9/12). The previous high was 426 yards by Drew Bledsoe vs. Minnesota on Nov. 13, 1994. Brady's previous best was 410 passing yards vs. Kansas City on Sept. 22, 2002. Brady is one of 12 NFL quarterbacks to throw for 500 yards or more. His 517 yards are the sixth highest in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM	500 YARD GAME
Norm Van Brocklin	LA Rams	554 yards in 1951
Warren Moon	Houston Oilers	527 yards in 1990
Boomer Esiason	Arizona	522 yards in 1996
Dan Marino	Miami	521 yards in 1988
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	520 yards in 2011
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>517 yards in 2011</b>

## BRADY'S COMEBACKS

Brady has engineered 34 career game-winning performances to lead his team to a victory from a fourth-quarter deficit or tie.

### Time Remaining Passing Statistics^

Date	Opp.	Score	in Reg.	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD	Int	Final
01/22/12	BAL*	16-20	15:00	6	3	20	0	1	23-20
12/24/11	MIA	17-17	15:00	11	8	120	0	0	27-24
10/16/11	DAL	13-16	5:13	9	11	87	1	0	20-16
12/19/10	GB	21-27	13:49	6	5	82	1	0	31-27
10/17/10	BAL	10-20	14:53	24	16	156	1	1	(ot) 23-20
09/14/09	BUF	13-24	5:32	13	11	112	2	0	25-24
12/29/07	at NYG	23-28	15:00	12	8	130	1	0	38-35
12/03/07	at BAL	17-24	14:25	17	7	113	1	0	27-24
11/25/07	PHI	24-28	15:00	16	11	109	0	0	31-28
11/04/07	at IND	10-20	9:42	10	8	144	2	0	24-20
01/14/07	at SD*	13-21	8:35	14	9	122	1	1	24-21
12/03/06	DET	13-21	13:07	15	14	101	0	0	28-21
11/26/06	CHI	10-10	14:46	7	6	98	1	0	17-13
11/13/05	at MIA	15-16	2:53	2	2	76	1	0	23-16
10/30/05	BUF	7-16	10:07	4	4	69	0	0	21-16
10/09/05	at ATL	28-28	3:52	2	2	17	0	0	31-28
09/25/05	at PIT	10-13	14:19	12	12	167	0	0	23-20
02/06/05	PHI**	14-14	15:00	4	2	33	0	0	24-21
10/03/04	at BUF	17-17	15:00	4	2	8	1	0	31-17
02/01/04	CAR**	29-29	1:08	5	4	47	0	0	32-29
01/10/04	TEN*	14-14	15:00	11	6	27	0	0	17-14
11/30/03	at IND	31-31	10:21	6	3	31	1	0	38-34
11/23/03	at HST	13-20	3:11	14	10	133	1	0	(ot) 23-20
11/03/03	at DEN	23-26	2:51	4	5	58	1	0	30-26
10/19/03	at MIA	13-13	15:00	10	7	147	1	0	(ot) 19-13
10/05/03	TEN	24-27	4:40	1	1	15	0	0	38-30
12/29/02	MIA	13-24	4:59	13	8	69	1	0	(ot) 27-24
11/10/02	at CHI	19-30	5:16	14	9	116	2	0	33-30
09/22/02	KC	38-38	0:00	5	4	46	0	0	(ot) 41-38
02/03/02	STL**	17-17	1:21	8	5	53	0	0	20-17
01/19/02	OAK*	3-13	15:00	27	20	138	0	0	(ot) 16-13
12/16/01	at BUF	6-9	5:57	13	9	116	0	0	(ot) 12-9
12/02/01	at NYJ	14-16	15:00	7	6	56	0	0	17-16
10/14/01	SD	16-26	8:48	18	13	130	1	0	(ot) 29-26

^ - Statistics are from the time noted until the end of the game \* Divisional Playoffs \*\* Super Bowl

## BRADY IN THE POSTSEASON

### NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS / PLAYOFF VICTORIES AS STARTING QUARTERBACK

Player	Team(s)	Playoff Wins
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>16</b>
Joe Montana	San Fran./K.C.	16
Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	14
John Elway	Denver	14
Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	12
Troy Aikman	Dallas	11
Roger Staubach	Dallas	11

### QBs WITH 3 OR MORE SUPER BOWL VICTORIES

Quarterback	Team	Wins
Terry Bradshaw	PIT	4
Joe Montana	SF	4
Troy Aikman	DAL	3
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>3</b>

### PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE SUPER BOWL MVP AWARDS

Player	Team	MVPs
Joe Montana	SF	3
Terry Bradshaw	PIT	2
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>2</b>
Bart Starr	GB	2
Eli Manning	NYG	2

## TOP QB HOME STARTING RECORDS SINCE 1970 MERGER (includes postseason)

Player	Team(s)	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.859</b>
Terry Bradshaw	PIT	75	14	0	.843
John Elway	DEN	104	25	0	.806

## BRADY HAD THREE STRAIGHT GAMES WITH 30 COMPLETIONS IN 2011

Brady tied an NFL record with three straight games with 30 completions after completing 32 at Miami (9/12), 31 vs. San Diego (9/18) and 30 at Buffalo (9/25). He shares the record with Drew Brees (2011), Steve Young (1995), Rich Gannon (2002), Kurt Warner (2008) and Peyton Manning (2010). The most 30 completion games Brady has had in a season is five in 2007.



# TOM BRADY NEWS & NOTES

## WINNINGEST COACH/QB TANDEM

Bill Belichick and Tom Brady have the best winning percentage among a head coach/starting quarterback tandem since the 1970 merger. The tandem's 124 wins are the most wins by any coach-QB tandem since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

## WINNINGEST COACH/QB TANDEM SINCE 1970

(Regular Season Only – by winning percentage)

Quarterback/Head Coach	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>Tom Brady/Bill Belichick</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.780</b>
Ken Stabler/John Madden	OAK	60	19	1	.756
Jim McMahon/Mike Ditka	CHI	46	15	0	.754
Peyton Manning/Tony Dungy	IND	73	24	0	.753

## WINNINGEST COACH/QB TANDEM SINCE 1970

(Regular Season Only – by victories)

Quarterback/Head Coach	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>Tom Brady/Bill Belichick</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.780</b>
Dan Marino/Don Shula	MIA	116	68	0	.630
Terry Bradshaw/Chuck Noll	PIT	107	51	0	.601

## TOM BRADY EARNS 20TH AFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD

Tom Brady was named the AFC Offensive Player of the Week after leading the Patriots on five straight second half scoring drives to help rally the Patriots from a 17-0 deficit to a 27-24 win vs. Miami (12/24/11). He also earned the award after throwing for 517 yards and four touchdowns, including a 99-yard touchdown pass to Wes Welker in Week 1 at Miami (9/12/11) and in Week 2 after a 423-yard effort with three touchdowns vs. San Diego (9/28/11). Brady has the second-most Player of the Week awards earned by a player since the accolade was instituted in 1984. He is the first player to earn AFC Offensive Player of the Week honors in back-to-back weeks to open a season. He joins Panthers kicker John Kasey (Special Teams, 1996) as the only players to garner consecutive Player of the Week laurels in Week 1 and Week 2 of the same year.

### THE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Player	Career	Team	POW Awards
Peyton Manning	1998-present	Colts	21
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2000-present</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>20</b>
Dan Marino	1983-1999	Dolphins	18
Brett Favre	1991-present	Packers, Jets, Vikings	16
John Elway	1983-1998	Broncos	15

## BRADY SETS NFL RECORD FOR MOST PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION

Tom Brady extended his streak to 358 consecutive regular season pass attempts without an interception in the season-opener before throwing his first interception since Oct. 17, 2010 in the 2011 opener at Miami game (9/12). Brady eclipsed Bernie Kosar's record of 308 pass attempts on Dec. 26, 2010 at Buffalo.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION

<b>358</b>	<b>Tom Brady (Patriots)</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
308	Bernie Kosar (Cleveland)	1990-91
294	Bart Starr (Green Bay)	1964-65
279	Jeff George (IND/ATL)	1993-94
277	Rich Gannon (Oakland)	2001
271	Jason Campbell (Washington)	2007-08

## BRADY HAD 11 STRAIGHT STARTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION

Brady finished the 2010 season with 11 straight starts without an interception. That is the most consecutive starts without an interception in the NFL since the 1970 merger. The previous best was nine straight starts by Jason Campbell (2007-08) and Bernie Kosar (1991).

## BRADY IS PATRIOTS ALL-TIME LEADING PASSER

Tom Brady passed Drew Bledsoe at New Orleans (11/30/09) to become the Patriots all-time passing yardage leader and currently has 39,979 career passing yards.

### PATRIOTS ALL-TIME LEADING PASSERS

Player	YEARS	ATT	COMP	YARDS
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2000-11</b>	<b>5,321</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>39,979</b>
Drew Bledsoe	1993-01	4,518	2,544	29,657
Steve Grogan	1975-90	3,593	1,879	26,886

## BRADY SETS NFL RECORD WITH AT LEAST TWO TOUCHDOWNS AND NO INTERCEPTIONS

Tom Brady set an NFL record by throwing at least two touchdowns without an interception in each of the final nine games of the 2010 season. Brady passed Don Meredith's previous record of six straight games with two or more touchdowns and no interceptions (1965-66).

## BRADY REACHED 3,000 YARDS IN 2011 IN JUST NINE GAMES

Brady entered the Jets game on Nov. 13, 2011 with 2,703 yards and added 329 to set the NFL record for most yards through a team's first nine games with 3,032 yards. Brady joins Drew Brees (2011) as the only players to reach 3,000 yards passing in the first nine games of a season. It is Brady's ninth career 3,000-yard season.

### Most passing yards through a team's first nine games of a season

Player	Team	Year	Passing Yards
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>3,032</b>
Drew Brees	Saints	2011	3,004
Phillip Rivers	Chargers	2010	2,944
Rich Gannon	Raiders	2002	2,898
Dan Fouts	Chargers	1982	2,883
Peyton Manning	Colts	2009	2,872

## BRADY REACHES 4,000 YARDS IN 2011

Brady reached 4,000 yards passing for the fourth time in his career on an 11-yard touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski in the first quarter at Washington (12/11). His four 4,000-yard seasons are tied with Warren Moon and Philip Rivers for the fifth most in NFL history. Brady had 4,110 yards in 2005, 4,806 in 2007, 4,398 in 2009 and 5,235 in 2011.

### All-time 4,000-yard passing seasons

- 11 Peyton Manning
- 6 Dan Marino
- 6 Drew Brees
- 6 Brett Favre
- 4 Tom Brady**
- 4 Warren Moon
- 4 Philip Rivers

## BRADY HAD 423 YARDS AS A FOLLOW-UP TO HIS 517 YARD PERFORMANCE IN MIAMI IN 2011

In the 2011 season opener in Miami (9/12), Brady threw for 517 yards, becoming one of 11 passers in NFL history to break the 500-yard mark. In Week 2 against San Diego (9/18), Brady became the first of those 11 500-yard passers to follow up his 500-yard performance by throwing for 400 or more yards. Before Brady's performance against the Chargers, only Drew Brees (2006) had followed-up a 500-yard game with 300 or more passing yards.

## BRADY SETS A CAREER-HIGH FOR A SEASON WITH THREE RUSHING TDS

Brady scored on two 1-yard touchdown runs in the win vs. Miami on Dec. 24, 2011 for a single-season career high of three rushing touchdowns for the 2011 season. His previous best was two rushing touchdowns in the 2007 season. It is the second time in his career that he has had two rushing touchdowns in a game. He scored two rushing touchdowns in the 2007 win vs. Washington on Oct. 28, 2007.

## BRADY HAS 8<sup>TH</sup> GAME WITH 300 YDS AND 4 TDS

Tom Brady had his 8<sup>th</sup> game with 300 yards or more (326) and 4 TDs (and no interceptions) in a win against the Jets (12/6/10) last season. No other quarterback since the 1970 merger has accomplished that feat.





# PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

## BRADY HAD 14 GAMES IN 2011 WITH 2 OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS

Brady threw three touchdowns against Buffalo in the 2011 season finale (1/1/12), marking Brady's 14th game in 2011 with two or more touchdowns, tying his franchise record for most games with two or more touchdowns in a season. Brady had 14 such games in 2007. The NFL record for most games with two or more touchdown passes in a season is 15 by Dan Marino in 1984.

## BRADY THREW AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS IN ALL 16 GAMES IN 2011 FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON

Brady had at least one touchdown pass in all 16 games of the 2011 season. Since the NFL went to a 16-game season in 1978, only seven quarterbacks have thrown for at least one touchdown in each game. Tom Brady and Drew Brees are the first to do so in two straight seasons (2010, 2011).

### QBS WITH A LEAST ONE TD PASS IN ALL 16 GAMES IN A SEASON

Tom Brady (New England)	2010, 2011
Drew Brees (New Orleans)	2010, 2011
Daunte Culpepper (Minnesota)	2004
Brett Favre (Green Bay)	2003
Kurt Warner (St. Louis)	1999
Dan Marino (Miami)	1984, 1986
Dave Kreig (Seattle)	1984

\*16-game schedule was instituted in 1978

## BRADY IS ONE OF SEVEN TO THROW FOR CONSECUTIVE 400 YARD GAMES

Brady is one of just seven NFL quarterbacks to have back-to-back games with 400 or more passing yards.

### NFL RECORD FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE 400 OR MORE YARDS PASSING

#### 2 Tom Brady, 2011

- 2 Cam Newton, Carolina, 2011
- 2 Matt Cassel, New England, 2008
- 2 Billy Volek, Tennessee, 2004
- 2 Phil Simms, N.Y. Giants, 1985
- 2 Dan Marino, Miami, 1984
- 2 Dan Fouts, San Diego, 1982

## CLASS OF 2000

Tom Brady was the seventh quarterback selected in the 2000 NFL Draft. The Patriots selected him in the sixth round with the 199<sup>th</sup> overall pick.

### Quarterbacks taken in the 2000 NFL Draft

Rd	Pick	Player	Taken By
1	18	Chad Pennington	NY Jets
3	65	Giovanni Carmazzi	San Francisco
3	75	Chris Redman	Baltimore
5	163	Tee Martin	Pittsburgh
6	168	Marc Bulger	New Orleans
6	183	Spergon Wynn	Cleveland
6	199	Tom Brady	New England

## DEION BRANCH RETURNED TO THE PATRIOTS

Deion Branch was acquired by the Patriots in a trade with Seattle on Oct. 12, 2010. Originally a second-round pick of the Patriots in 2002, Branch was traded to Seattle in 2006 for a first round pick (Brandon Meriweather). Branch returned to a team that he helped win two Super Bowls. Branch was awarded the Pete Rozelle Trophy as the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XXXIX. His 11 receptions in the game tied the Super Bowl record, also achieved by Jerry Rice, Dan Ross and Wes Welker. On the day of Super Bowl XXXIX, Deion called a dozen of his former football coaches to thank them for the support that they gave him throughout his high school, junior college and college careers. Hours after talking to his coaches, he tied the Super Bowl record with 11 receptions and was named MVP of the game. Branch has turned in his biggest performances on the greatest stage in sports, leading all receivers in Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX. He recorded a combined 24 receptions in three games and owns two of the top seven receiving performances in Super Bowl history. His career reception total in the Super Bowl ranks third all-time, trailing only Jerry Rice (33) and Andre Reed (27).

## DEION BRANCH GOES OVER 100 YARDS

Deion Branch registered his 11<sup>th</sup> career 100-yard game and the eighth as a member of the Patriots after finishing with 125 yards on six receptions at Philadelphia (11/27). It was his second 100-yard game of 2011. He had eight receptions for 129 yards vs. San Diego (9/18).

## DAN CONNOLLY HAS THE LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN EVER BY AN OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Dan Connolly was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Week after he returned a kickoff 71 yards to the 4-yard line in the second quarter of the Patriots win vs. Green Bay on Dec. 19, 2010. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it is the longest kickoff return by an offensive lineman in NFL history. The run by Connolly topped the 48-yard touchdown return by Atlanta's Mal Snider in 1969. The previous longest kickoff return for a Patriots offensive lineman was a 27-yard return by G Stephen Neal on Nov. 30, 2008 vs. Pittsburgh. Connolly's previous best was a 16-yard return vs. Miami on Nov. 8, 2009. Connolly's return set up a 2-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady to Aaron Hernandez that cut the Packers' lead to 17-14. Joked T Matt Light, "Dan Connolly has the best average for a kickoff returner in the NFL. I couldn't believe it when I was watching it. But you put the ball in the hands of an offensive lineman, and, well, naturally [what Connolly did] is not a real shocker."

## JULIAN EDELMAN SETS FRANCHISE RECORD WITH A 94-YARD PUNT RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN

WR Julian Edelman set a franchise record with a 94-yard punt return for a touchdown in the second quarter vs. Miami (01/02/11). The Patriots' previous longest punt return was an 89-yard touchdown return by Mike Haynes vs. Buffalo on Nov. 7, 1976. Edelman returned his second career punt for a touchdown vs. Kansas City on Nov. 21, 2011 with a 72-yard return. He is the fourth Patriots player with two or more punt returns for a touchdown. He was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance against Kansas City.

### Most Punt Return Touchdowns/Patriots Career

- 3 Troy Brown
- 3 Irving Fryar
- 2 Julian Edelman
- 2 Mike Haynes

## EDELMAN SETS PATRIOTS RECORD FOR BEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE IN A SEASON

Edelman set a franchise record for the best punt return average in a single season with a 15.3-yard punt return average in 2010. The previous best was a 14.8 punt return average by Mack Herron in 1974. Edelman led the AFC and finished second in the NFL with a 15.3 punt return average. Chicago's Devin Hester led the NFL with a 17.1-yard average.

### Patriots Best Punt Return Average/Season

Player	Punt Rt Avg.	Year
Julian Edelman	15.3	2010
Mack Herron	14.8	1974
Troy Brown	14.2	2001

## EDELMAN HAS HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE IN TEAM HISTORY

Edelman has returned 55 punts for 680 yards during his Patriots' career and leads the franchise with a 12.4-yard average.

### HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE, PATRIOTS CAREER (20 Returns)

Player	Punt Rt Avg.	Year
Julian Edelman	12.4	2009-11(55-680)
Mack Herron	12.0	1973-75 (74-888)
Carl Garrett	11.3	1969-72 (43-487)
Wes Welker	10.6	2007-11 (89-942)



# PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

## EDELMAN GOES FROM STANDOUT QB TO WR

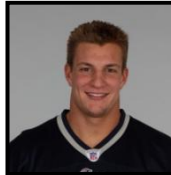
Edelman began his college football career with a year at the College of San Mateo (Calif.) before transferring to Kent State where as a senior he completed 56% of his passes (153 of 275 passes for 1,820 yards) with 13 touchdowns. He was also the leading rusher, gaining 1,551 yards on 215 attempts (an average of 7.5 yards per carry) and scoring 13 touchdowns. His offensive numbers broke Kent State's single-season record for total offense set by Joshua Cribbs in 2003.

## EDELMAN GOES ON DEFENSE

Late in the fourth quarter of the Patriots' 37-16 win at the Jets (11/13), Edelman was pressed into service on defense and registered his first NFL tackle when he laid a hard hit on RB LaDainian Tomlinson. He continued to see action on defense throughout the season and finished the year with 14 total tackles.

## GRONKOWSKI SETS NFL RECORD FOR RECEIVING YARDS BY A TIGHT END

Rob Gronkowski finished the 2011 season with 1,327 receiving yards, surpassing San Diego's Kellen Winslow's 1980 record of 1,290 receiving yards for most receiving yards in a season by a tight end. New Orleans' Jimmy Graham also broke Winslow's old record, but finished with 1,310 receiving yards, 17 shy of Gronkowski's new record.



### Most Receiving Yards by Tight End in the NFL

Player	Yards	Year
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>2011</b>
Jimmy Graham (NO)	1,310	2011
Kellen Winslow (SD)	1,290	1980
Tony Gonzalez (KC)	1,258	2004
Todd Christensen (Raiders)	1,247	1983
Jackie Smith (STL)	1,205	1967
Tony Gonzalez (KC)	1,203	2000
Pete Retzlaff (PHI)	1,190	1965
Ben Coates (NE)	1,174	1994

### Most Receiving Yards by a Patriots Tight End

Player	Yards	Year
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>2011</b>
Ben Coates	1,174	1994
Ben Coates	915	1995
Aaron Hernandez	910	2011
Marv Cook	808	1991
Don Hasselbeck	808	1981

### Most Receptions by a Patriots Tight End

Player	Rec.	Year
Ben Coates	96	1994
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2011</b>
Ben Coates	84	1995
Marv Cook	82	1991
Aaron Hernandez	79	2011

## GRONKOWSKI SETS NFL MARK FOR TOUCHDOWNS BY A TIGHT END IN A SEASON

Gronkowski extended his NFL record for overall touchdowns in a single season by a tight end with two touchdown receptions vs. Buffalo (1/1/12) to 18 overall touchdowns (17 receiving and 1 rushing). Gronkowski passed the old mark of 13 receiving touchdowns by Vernon Davis (SF in 2009) and Antonio Gates (SD in 2004). In addition to his 17 touchdown receptions, Gronkowski scored on a lateral in the third quarter vs. Indianapolis (12/4) on his first career rushing play.

### MOST TOTAL TDs BY A TIGHT END IN A SINGLE NFL SEASON

18	Rob Gronkowski	NE	2011	(17 pass, 1 rush)
13	Vernon Davis	SF	2009	(13 pass)
13	Antonio Gates	SD	2004	(13 pass)

### MOST TD RECEPTIONS BY A TIGHT END IN A SINGLE NFL SEASON

17	Rob Gronkowski	NE	2011
13	Vernon Davis	SF	2009
13	Antonio Gates	SD	2004

## GRONKOWSKI SECOND PATRIOTS TIGHT END TO REACH 1,000 YARDS

Gronkowski became the second tight end in New England Patriots history to go over 1,000 receiving yards after gaining 160 at Washington (12/11). He moved past TE Ben Coates (1,174 yards in 1994) to set the franchise record for most receiving yards by a Patriots tight end with 1,327 yards. He is the seventh tight end in NFL history to reach 1,200 yards.

## GRONKOWSKI BECOMES FIRST PATRIOTS TIGHT END TO RECORD A RUSHING TOUCHDOWN

Gronkowski scored a 2-yard touchdown on a lateral from Tom Brady in the third quarter vs. Indianapolis (12/4), becoming the first tight end in Patriots history to score a rushing touchdown. Gronkowski is the first NFL tight end to score a rushing touchdown since Tennessee's Bo Scaife had a 31-yard scoring run against Baltimore on Nov. 12, 2006. He is the first tight end since the 1970 merger to have two receiving touchdowns and a rushing touchdown in the same game.

## LEADS AFC IN SCORING; FIRST TIME THAT A TIGHT END HAS LED A CONFERENCE IN SCORING

Gronkowski led the AFC in scoring among nonkickers with 108 points in 2011 and finished second in the NFL to Philadelphia's LeSean McCoy, who has 120 points. It is the first time in NFL history that a tight end has led his conference in scoring and the first time a tight end has led the NFL in touchdown receptions (17).

## BACK-TO-BACK 10 TOUCHDOWN SEASONS

Gronkowski set a Patriots record with 10 touchdowns in 2010 and broke that record with his 11<sup>th</sup> touchdown reception at Philadelphia on Nov. 27. With back-to-back 10 touchdown seasons (10 in 2010 and 17 in 2011), Gronkowski is the second Patriots player to have back-to-back seasons with 10 or more touchdown reception seasons. Randy Moss had three straight from 2007-09.

### CONSECUTIVE 10-PLUS TOUCHDOWN SEASONS / PATRIOTS HISTORY

3 Randy Moss – 2007, 2008, 2009  
3 Corey Dillon – 2004, 2005, 2006

### 2 Rob Gronkowski - 2010, 2011

2 BenJarvus Green-Ellis – 2010, 2011  
2 Curtis Martin – 1995, 1996

### MOST 10-PLUS TOUCHDOWN SEASONS / PATRIOTS HISTORY

3 Randy Moss – 2007, 2008, 2009  
3 Corey Dillon – 2004, 2005, 2006

### 2 Rob Gronkowski – 2001, 2011

2 BenJarvus Green-Ellis – 2010, 2011  
2 Curtis Martin – 1995, 1996

2 Stanley Morgan – 1979, 1986

## GRONKOWSKI IS SECOND TIGHT END IN NFL HISTORY WITH BACK-TO-BACK 10-PLUS TD SEASONS

Gronkowski is the second tight end ever to have back to back 10-plus touchdown seasons, joining Antonio Gates (2004-05).

### CONSECUTIVE 10-PLUS TD SEASON BY A TE /NFL HISTORY

#### Rob Gronkowski 10 in 2010 and 18 in 2011

Antonio Gates 13 in 2004 and 10 in 2005

## GRONKOWSKI IS SECOND IN NFL HISTORY TO RUSH FOR A TD, CATCH A TD, RECORD A TACKLE AND RETURN A KICKOFF IN THE SAME SEASON

In 2011, Gronkowski became the second tight end in NFL history to rush for a touchdown, catch a touchdown, record a tackle and return a kickoff in the same season. Bo Scaife was the first to accomplish the feat in 2006 with Tennessee.



# PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

## GRONKOWSKI REACHED 20 TDS IN FEWEST GAMES AMONG TEs IN NFL HISTORY

With his two touchdowns vs. Kansas City (11/21), Gronkowski reached the 20 touchdown mark in just 26 career games, the fewest games among tight ends in NFL history.

### THE TIGHT ENDS TO REACH 20 TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS IN THE FEWEST GAMES

Player	Team	Games to 20 TD catches
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>26</b>
Mike Ditka	Chicago	31
Kellen Winslow	San Diego	35
Antonio Gates	San Diego	37

## GRONKOWSKI THIRD ON PATRIOTS LIST FOR TOUCHDOWNS BY A TIGHT END

### Most Receiving Touchdowns by a Patriots Tight End

Player	TD	Years
Ben Coates	50	1991-99
Russ Francis	28	1975-80, 87-88
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2010-Present</b>
Ben Watson	20	2004-09

## MOST TD CATCHES BY A PATS TIGHT END

### MOST TOUCHDOWN CATCHES IN A SEASON BY A PATRIOTS TIGHT END

Player	Year	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1327</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>52t</b>	<b>17</b>
Rob Gronkowski	2010	42	546	13	28	10
Ben Coates	1996	62	682	11	84t	9

## GRONKOWSKI'S 18 OVERALL TDS ARE SECOND MOST BY A PATRIOT IN A SEASON

Gronkowski finished the 2011 season with 18 overall touchdowns (17 receiving, 1 rushing). His 18 overall touchdowns passed Curtis Martin (17 overall in 1996) for the second highest single season total in Patriots history. Randy Moss had a franchise record 23 total touchdowns in 2007.

### PATRIOTS RECORD BOOK / MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

Player	Season	TDs
Randy Moss	2007	23
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>18</b>
Curtis Martin	1996	17

## GRONKOWSKI: NFL TIGHT END RECORD OF SEVEN GAMES OF TWO OR MORE TDS IN 2011

Gronkowski had his ninth game overall with two or more touchdowns and his seventh game in 2011 with two or more touchdowns in the season-finale vs. Buffalo (1/1/12). The seven games with two or more touchdowns extends his NFL record for a tight end. Antonio Gates (San Diego in 2004) and Jerry Smith (Washington in 1967) each had four two-touchdown games. The NFL record for most two-plus touchdown reception games in a season is eight by Randy Moss with the Patriots in 2007. Gronkowski's is tied with Cris Carter (1995) and Jerry Rice (1987) for the second most games with two or more touchdowns in a single season

### MOST GAMES WITH 2+ TD RECEPTIONS/SEASON

8	Randy Moss (Patriots)	2007
<b>7</b>	<b>Rob Gronkowski (Patriots)</b>	<b>2011</b>
7	Cris Carter (Minnesota)	1995
7	Jerry Rice (San Francisco)	1987

## GRONKOWSKI LEADS ALL TIGHT ENDS WITH 27 TOUCHDOWN CATCHES SINCE 2010

Gronkowski's 27 touchdown receptions since the start of the 2010 season are the most among all NFL tight ends and second among all NFL players.

### Most Touchdowns by a Tight End Since 2010

Player	Touchdowns
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>27</b>
Antonio Gates	17
Jimmy Graham	16
Jason Witten	14

### Most Touchdown Receptions Since 2010

Player	Touchdowns
Calvin Johnson	28
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>27</b>
Greg Jennings	21

## GRONKOWSKI SETS TEAM MARK WITH A TD REC. IN SIX STRAIGHT GAMES

Gronkowski set a franchise record with a touchdown reception in six straight games at Washington on (12/11/11). The Patriots record for most consecutive games with at least one touchdown is seven by Curtis Martin.

## GRONKOWSKI GOES OVER 100

Gronkowski registered his sixth career 100-yard game and his fifth of the 2011 season after finishing with 108-yards in the season-finale vs. Buffalo (1/1/12). Gronkowski had a career-high 160 yards on six receptions at Washington (12/11). His previous best was a 113 yards at the NY Jets on Nov. 13, 2011. The record for a New England tight end is 161 yards by Ben Coates on Sept. 4, 1994 at Miami.

## 13<sup>TH</sup> TIME AN NFL TIGHT END HAS 90 RECEPTIONS

Gronkowski finished the season with 90 receptions, posting the 13th season with 90 or more receptions by a tight end. New Orleans' Jimmy Graham (99) also eclipsed the 90- reception plateau.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

Rob Gronkowski grew up playing football against his brothers in the backyard. Now three of the five brothers are playing in the NFL. Dan Gronkowski, finished the 2011 season with Cleveland after spending part of the season with the Patriots. He also spent time with Detroit (2009) and Denver (2010). Chris is currently playing for Denver. The Gronkowskis are among 23 different sets of brothers currently in the NFL, yet they are the only family that can claim to have three siblings in the league. According to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the Gronkowski brothers join nine other families to have at least three brothers playing at the same time. The Gronkowski brothers join nine other families to have at least three brothers playing at the same time.

Family	Brothers	Yr. in NFL at Same Time
Gronkowski	Rob, Dan, Chris	2010- 2011
Baldinger	Brian, Gary, Rich	1986-88, 90-92
Browner	Joey, Keith, Ross	1984-87
Olsen	Merlin, Phil, Orrin	1976
Saul	Rich, Bill, Ron	1970
Richardson	Gloster, Tom, Willie	1969
Rooney	Bill, Cobb, Joe	1924-27
Kinderdine	Hobby, Shine, Walt	1924
Nesser	Al, Frank, Fred, John, Phil, Ted	1921

## GRONKOWSKI'S 27 TDS ARE SECOND MOST IN FIRST TWO NFL SEASONS

### Most Touchdown Catches First Two NFL seasons

No.	Player
28	Randy Moss (Minnesota – 17 and 11)
<b>27</b>	<b>Rob Gronkowski (10 and 17)</b>
25	Bob Hayes (Dallas – 12 and 13)



# PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

## GRONKOWSKI IS ONE OF FIVE NFL TIGHT ENDS WITH 90-PLUS RECEPTIONS, 1000-PLUS YARDS AND 10-PLUS TOUCHDOWNS IN A SINGLE SEASON

In 2011, Rob Gronkowski joined Dallas Clark, Jimmy Graham, Tony Gonzalez and Todd Christensen, as the only tight ends in NFL history with 90-plus receptions, 1,000-plus yards and 10-plus touchdown receptions in a single season.

### TIGHT ENDS WITH 90-PLUS RECEPTIONS, 1000-PLUS YARDS AND 10-PLUS TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

Player	Rec.	Yards	TDs	Year
<b>Rob Gronkowski (NE)</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2011</b>
Jimmy Graham (NO)	99	1,310	11	2011
Dallas Clark (IND)	100	1,106	10	2009
Tony Gonzalez (KC)	96	1,058	10	2008
Todd Christensen (LAR)	92	1,247	12	1983

### TIGHT END TANDEM

Ron Gronkowski (90) and Aaron Hernandez (79) combined for 169 receptions in 2011, the most by a pair of tight ends in the same season in NFL history. Jason Witten (94) and Martellus Bennett (33) combined for 127 in 2010 with Dallas for the second most. Gronkowski and Hernandez combined yardage total of 2,237 in 2011 is the most by any tight end pair in NFL history.

#### Most Receptions by Tight Ends, NFL History

Year	Patriots	Total
2011	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>169</b>
1984	San Diego	163
2005	Tennessee	149

#### Most Receiving Yards by Tight Ends, NFL History

Year	Patriots	Total
2011	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>2,237</b>
1984	San Diego	1,927
1983	San Diego	1,886

### TIGHT ENDS COMBINE FOR 24 TDS IN 2011

Gronkowski (17) and Hernandez (7) combined for 24 touchdown receptions. In 2010, Gronkowski had 10 touchdown catches, while Hernandez had six. It is the first time in NFL history a tight end tandem has had five or more touchdowns in consecutive seasons.

### AARON HERNANDEZ LEARNS FROM HIS BROTHER

The relationship between Aaron Hernandez and his older brother D.J. has taken on many roles over the years: sibling, teammate, role model and surrogate father. They played high school football together – D.J. the star senior quarterback and Aaron, the athletic, but not quite ready, freshman. When their father passed away when Aaron was 17, he relied on his brother even more. "I just followed my brother's footsteps," he told the Providence Journal. "I just tried to follow his work ethic because he did everything the right way. He was always successful." D.J., now the quarterbacks coach at Brown, has tried to instill hard work and perseverance in his younger brother. It's paying off, as Aaron started last season as the youngest active player on an NFL roster and continues to thrive in the Patriots offense.

### HERNANDEZ SETS CAREER-HIGH WITH SEVEN TOUCHDOWNS IN 2011

Hernandez set a single-season career high with his seventh touchdown of the season on a 39-yard pass from Tom Brady in the second quarter vs. Buffalo (1/1/12) in the season-finale. As a rookie in 2010, he had six touchdown receptions.

### HERNANDEZ PUTS UP BIG NUMBERS IN 2011

Hernandez finished the 2011 season with 79 receptions for 910 yards and seven touchdowns. The 910 yards are the fourth best in Patriots history for a tight end and the 79 receptions fifth best in a single season.

#### Most Receiving Yards by a Patriots Tight End

Player	Yards	Year
Rob Gronkowski	1,327	2011
Ben Coates	1,174	1994
Ben Coates	915	1995
<b>Aaron Hernandez</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>2011</b>
Marv Cook	808	1991

## HERNANDEZ PUTS UP BIG NUMBERS IN 2011(continued)

#### Most Receptions by a Patriots Tight End

Player	Rec.	Year
Ben Coates	96	1994
Rob Gronkowski	90	2011
Ben Coates	84	1995
Marv Cook	82	1991
<b>Aaron Hernandez</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2011</b>

### 2011 FIRST ROUND PICK NATE SOLDER

It only took a day for Nate Solder to decide to change from his lifelong position of tight end to tackle after playing his freshman year at Colorado as a tight end. "My coaches came to me and said, 'You'd be an all right tight end, but you'd be an even better tackle,'" he told the Boston Globe. "I've always wanted to be great, so that's why I moved to tackle." He added over 30 pounds after his redshirt freshman season and was named the team's starting left tackle. He played in 2,540 of 2,542 offensive plays over the next three seasons at Colorado and became an immediate contributor on the Patriots offensive line at right tackle. He even had the chance to return to his tight end roots, occasionally filling in as the third tight end in short-yardage situations throughout the 2011 season.

### MATTHEW SLATER: LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

Matthew Slater, drafted in 2008, is one of six sons of Hall of Fame members to be drafted in NFL history.

#### HALL OF FAME FATHERS WITH SONS DRAFTED IN THE NFL

- Jackie Slater (class of 2001) – son, Matthew Slater (NE)
- Howie Long (class of 2000) – son, Chris Long (STL)
- Bobby Bell (class of 1983) – son, Bobby Bell (NYJ)
- Tony Dorsett (class of 1994) – son, Anthony Dorsett (HOU)
- Bob Griese (class of 1990) – son, Brian Griese (DEN)
- Kellen Winslow (class of 1995) – son, Kellen Winslow (CLE)

### DONALD THOMAS: FROM NO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TO THE NFL

Donald Thomas found football while playing basketball. A former high school baseball and basketball player who had never played football at any level, Thomas arrived at the University of Connecticut looking for an identity. He often played pickup basketball at the student gymnasium and one day found himself playing with several members of the UConn football team who convinced him to try out for the team. After meeting with coaches, Thomas walked on to the team as a defensive lineman for the scout team in 2003. He red-shirted a year before contributing on special teams. In 2007, he got his chance to play offensive guard, earning All-Big East honors before being selected in the sixth round of the 2008 draft by the Miami Dolphins. As Thomas told the Brockton Enterprise, "Things just took off. It's crazy. This is only my fifth year (of) really playing guard, while some guys have been playing O-line for 15, almost 20 years."

### GREETINGS FROM KAARST, GERMANY: SEBASTIAN VOLLMER MAKES HIS MARK

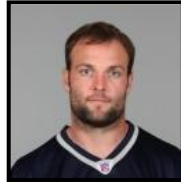
A native of Kaarst, Germany, Vollmer did not begin playing football until the age of 14 when he started playing for the Dusseldorf club team. Vollmer helped lead his German prep school team to two national football championships. His early football success landed him an appearance in the 2004 Global Junior Championships in San Diego, which led him to a scholarship at Houston. He spoke almost no English when he signed with Houston, but he became fluent in the language as he developed from a 250-pound tight end into a 315-pound lineman who started his final 25 games at tackle for the Cougars. Vollmer's collegiate career created interest from the NFL where the Patriots drafted him in the second round of the 2009 draft. Nicknamed "Seabass" during his playing days at Houston, a nickname that has carried over to the NFL.



# WR WES WELKER NEWS & NOTES

## WELKER LEADS NFL IN RECEPTIONS SINCE 2007

Wes Welker leads the NFL with 554 receptions since the start of 2007. He is the first player to reach 300 receptions in his first 40 games with a new team. Welker led the NFL in 2011 with 122 receptions and led the AFC and finished second in the NFL with 1,569 receiving yards. He had 22 more receptions than the next wide receiver (Roddy White with 100).



### 2007-PRESENT NFL REC. LEADERS

Player	Team	Rec.	Yds	TD
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>6,105</b>	<b>31</b>
Brandon Marshall	DEN/MIA	474	5,938	32
Reggie Wayne	IND	472	6,234	36
Roddy White	ATL	471	6,422	42

## WELKER REACHED 1,000 YARDS FOR A PATRIOTS RECORD FOURTH TIME

Welker reached 1,000 yards for the fourth time as a member of the Patriots in a win at the New York Jets on Nov. 13, 2011. He finished the 2011 season with a franchise record 1,569 yards. The four 1,000-yard seasons are the most by a Patriots receiver.

### MOST 1,000-YARD RECEIVING SEASONS IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

- 4 Wes Welker (2007-09, 11)
- 3 Randy Moss (2007-10)
- 3 Stanley Morgan 1977-89)

## WELKER SETS FRANCHISE RECORD IN 2011

Wes Welker had a career-high of 1,569 receiving yards in 2011 for a new franchise record. He surpassed Randy Moss, who had 1,493 yards in 2007.

### PATRIOTS SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARD LEADERS

Player	Season	Yds	Rec.	TD
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>1569</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>9</b>
Randy Moss	2007	1493	98	23
Stanley Morgan	1986	1491	84	10
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>4</b>
Rob Gronkowski	2011	1,327	90	17

## WELKER BECOMES 2<sup>ND</sup> PLAYER IN NFL HISTORY WITH TWO 120-CATCH SEASONS

Welker led the NFL with 122 receptions in 2011, a total that is tied for the fourth-highest single-season total in NFL history. The 120-plus catch season was the second time in Welker's career he has passed the 120-reception mark (123 in 2009 and 122 in 2011), joining Cris Carter (122 in 1995 and 122 in 1994) as the only players to have 120-plus receptions twice in a career.

### MOST RECEPTIONS IN A SEASON

Player	Team	Year	Receptions
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis	2002	143
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>123</b>
Herman Moore	Detroit	1995	123
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>122</b>
Cris Carter	Minnesota	1995	122
Cris Carter	Minnesota	1994	122
Jerry Rice	San Francisco	1995	122

### Most receptions in a season by a Patriots Player

Player	Year	Receptions
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>111</b>
Troy Brown	2001	101

## WELKER SETS PERSONAL BEST WITH HIS NINTH TD OF 2011

Welker caught a 24-yard touchdown in the third quarter at Washington (12/11/11) for his personal-best ninth touchdown of the season. His previous best was eight touchdowns in 2007.

## WELKER FINISHED WITH JUST UNDER 8 RECEPTIONS PER GAME IN 2011

Welker averaged 7.6 receptions per game in 2011, totaling 122 receptions in 16 games. The NFL record for highest average per game in a season is 8.9 by Marvin Harrison in 2002. Harrison in 2002 and Welker in 2009 with 8.8 are the only NFL players to average 8.0 or more receptions per game.

### NFL Highest Average Per Game/Season

Player	Season	Average
Marvin Harrison (Indianapolis)	2002	8.9
<b>Wes Welker (Patriots)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Herman Moore (Detroit)	1995	7.7
Lionel Taylor (Denver)	1960	7.7
<b>Wes Welker (Patriots)</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>7.6</b>
Cris Carter (Minnesota)	1994	7.6
Cris Carter (Minnesota)	1995	7.6
Jerry Rice (San Francisco)	1995	7.6

## EIGHTH TIME IN NFL HISTORY A PLAYER REACHES 1,000 YARDS IN THE NINTH GAME

Welker reached 1,000 yards in the ninth game of the 2011 season. It is an accomplishment that has happened just eight times in NFL history since the merger and for the first time since Torry Holt accomplished the feat with St. Louis in 2003. Isaac Bruce accomplished the feat two times. All eight times the accomplishment was reached in the ninth game of the season.

### PLAYERS WHO REACHED 1,000 RECEIVING YARDS BY TEAMS

#### NINTH GAME OF THE SEASON

Player	Team	Year
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>2011</b>
Torry Holt	St. Louis	2003
Isaac Bruce	St. Louis	2000
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis	2000
Isaac Bruce	St. Louis	1995
Michael Irvin	Dallas	1995
Jerry Rice	San Francisco	1990
Wes Chandler	San Diego	1982

## WELKER BECOMES THIRD PATRIOT TO RECORD 500 RECEPTIONS

Welker (554) entered the Jets (11/13/11) game with 498 receptions as a member of the Patriots. He caught two passes in the second quarter to become the third Patriots player to reach 500 receptions as a member of the Patriots, joining Troy Brown (557) and Stanley Morgan (534). Welker needs 4 receptions to pass Troy Brown and become the Patriots' all-time reception leader.

## WELKER BECOMES FASTEST PLAYER IN NFL HISTORY TO REACH 500 RECEPTIONS WITH ONE TEAM

Welker reached 500 receptions as a member of the Patriots in his 70<sup>th</sup> game with the team and became the fastest player to record 500 receptions with one team, surpassing Anquan Boldin (80 games with Arizona). He is the fourth player in NFL history with at least 500 catches in a five-year span. Only Marvin Harrison (five times), Cris Carter (twice) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice (once) have accomplished the feat.

### THE PLAYERS TO REACH 500 RECEPTIONS WITH ONE TEAM IN THE FEWEST GAMES

Player	Team	Games
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>70</b>
Anquan Boldin	Arizona	80

## WELKER LED TEAM IN RECEPTIONS FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR

Wes Welker became the first Patriots player to lead the team in receiving in four straight years after finishing 2010 with 86 receptions. He led the team for a fifth straight season with 122 receptions in 2011. He has now led the team in receiving yards four straight seasons.



# WR WES WELKER/DEFENSIVE NOTES

## WELKER HAD THREE STRAIGHT 100 CATCH AND 1,000 YARD SEASONS

Welker registered his third straight season with at least 100 receptions (123) and 1,000 receiving yards (1,348) in 2009. Only four other NFL players have had three consecutive seasons of at least 100 receptions and 1,000 yards receiving: Marvin Harrison (4, 1999-02), Brandon Marshall (3, 2007-09), Herman Moore (3, 1995-97) and Jerry Rice (3, 1994-96).

## WELKER JOINS RICE AND HARRISON WITH FOUR 100-RECEPTION SEASON

Welker added seven receptions at Washington (12/11) to reach 100 receptions for the season and become the third player in NFL history with four 100-catch seasons. Welker joins Marvin Harrison and Jerry Rice as the only players with four 100-reception seasons.

### MOST 100-RECEPTIONS SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

Player	100-reception seasons
Wes Welker	4
Marvin Harrison	4
Jerry Rice	4
Brandon Marshall	3
Herman Moore	3
Andre Johnson	3
Reggie Wayne	3

## WELKER: 7.2 CATCHES PER GAME SINCE 2007

Wes Welker is averaging 7.2 receptions per game since joining New England in 2007. His 7.2 average is the highest in the NFL during that time.

### MOST RECEPTIONS PER GAME SINCE 2007

(Minimum-20 games)

Player	Team	Average
Wes Welker	New England Patriots	7.2
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	6.5
Brandon Marshall	Denver/Miami	6.2

## WELKER TIES NFL RECORD FOR 10-PLUS CATCH GAMES IN A SEASON WITH SEVEN IN 2009

Welker had seven 10-plus reception games in 2009 season to tie the NFL record for most 10-plus reception games in a single season. Andre Johnson of Houston had seven 10-plus reception games in 2008.

### PATRIOTS MOST GAMES WITH 10-PLUS CATCHES

#### No. of 10-plus reception games for the Patriots

Wes Welker	14
Ben Coates	5
Troy Brown	5

## WELKER TIES NFL RECORD WITH THREE GAMES OF 8 RECEPTIONS, 150 YARDS AND A TD

Welker is already tied with six other players as the only players in NFL history to have at least eight receptions, 150 receiving yards and at least one touchdown three times in a single season with three such games in 2011.

### PLAYERS TIED FOR NFL RECORD OF THREE GAMES WITH 8+ REC, 150+ YDS, AND 1+ TD IN A SINGLE SEASON

Player	2011
Wes Welker	2011
Randy Moss	2003
Tim Brown	1995
Isaac Bruce	1995
Jerry Rice	1993
Sterling Sharpe	1989
Roy Green	1984

## WELKER SETS FRANCHISE RECORDS

Welker had a career-high 217 receiving yards to set a franchise record at Buffalo (9/25/11). The previous record was set by Terry Glenn when he had 214 at Cleveland on Oct. 3, 1999. It is the second 200-yard performance in franchise history. Welker's previous best was 192 yards vs. the New York Jets (11/22/09). Welker's 16 receptions at Buffalo are also a personal best and are tied with Troy Brown for the franchise mark. Brown had 16 vs. Kansas City on Sept. 22, 2001. Welker's previous best were the 15 he had vs. the New York Jets (11/22/09)

## WELKER TIED FOR THIRD AMONG ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH 14 10-PLUS RECEPTION GAMES

Welker now has 14 10-plus reception games in his career.

### Most Games with 10+ receptions/Active Players

15 Andre Johnson	12 Anquan Boldin
14 Wes Welker	12 Brandon Marshall
14 Reggie Wayne	

### MOST GAMES WITH 10+ RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

17 Jerry Rice	13 Tim Brown
16 Marvin Harrison	12 Anquan Boldin
15 Andre Johnson	12 Brandon Marshall
14 Wes Welker	
14 Cris Carter	
14 Reggie Wayne	

## WELKER IS STREAKING

Welker has a streak of 95 straight regular-season games with at least one reception. He has caught at least one pass in each of his 84 games with the Patriots, including seven postseason games. The last time that Welker did not catch a pass in a game was December 24, 2005 when he was with Miami. He has caught at least one pass in 77 consecutive regular-season games with the Patriots to extend a franchise record. TE Ben Coates originally set the record with 63

## KYLE ARRINGTON TIED FOR NFL LEAD WITH SEVEN INTERCEPTIONS IN 2011

Kyle Arrington, who had just two interceptions during his entire college career at Hofstra, tied for the NFL lead with a career-high seven interceptions in 2011. The last Patriots player to lead the league in interceptions was Asante Samuel with 10 in 2006. Arrington had two games in 2011 with two picks: at Buffalo on Sept. 25 and vs. Kansas City on Nov. 21.

### 2011 NFL INTERCEPTION LEADERS

Player	Team	Int	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Kyle Arrington	NE	7	92	13.1	28	0
Eric Weddle	SD	7	89	12.7	26	0
Charles Woodson	GB	7	63	9.0	30t	1

## PATRICK CHUNG'S JOURNEY TO THE NFL

Long before S Patrick Chung picked up flag football as a teen, his mother, Jamaican recording artist Sophia George, had preached about being a tough man in a song. Her hit single, "Girlie Girlie" – a traditional reggae song about poking fun at a boy who was not man enough – topped the charts in 1985. Chung is aware that among his talents he was born with, such as speed and agility, singing is not one of them. Chung possesses a great sense of pride in his unique heritage – his mother is Jamaican and his father is half Jamaican and half Chinese, was born in Jamaica and moved to California at age 12 where he started to play football as a freshman in high school. Chung went on to star at Oregon, where he holds the distinction of starting more games than any other defensive player in school history with 51 starts. He originally entered the draft as a junior, but ultimately decided to return for his senior season. Pinned to the back of his locker is a reminder of the support he has gotten – a Jamaican flag that represents his family's heritage.

## JAMES IHEDIGBO WILL ALWAYS HAVE HOPE

Amherst, Mass. native James Ihedigbo is the son of Apollos and Rose Ihedigbo, who came to Massachusetts from Nigeria, earned doctorate degrees from UMass and strived to improve the lives of many Africans back home. When James was in high school, his father returned to Africa to start the Nigerian-American Technical and Agricultural College. He worked to build the school for two years before dying in 2002 from kidney failure. In 2008, Ihedigbo, his mother and his four siblings kept his legacy alive by founding HOPE Africa, an organization that helps fund educational and medical efforts in Africa and supports the college his father started. As he told the Boston Herald, Ihedigbo hopes to "help students be what they dream they can be." He went a long way toward that goal in March 2011 when he traveled to Africa with three other NFL players, Amobi Okoye, Frank Okam and Connor Baldwin, and his mother, who serves a



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## JAMES IHEDIGBO WILL ALWAYS HAVE HOPE (continued)

HOPE Africa's executive director. They brought 3,500 books, ran health clinics, taught kids American football and most of all, spread hope.

## KYLE LOVE 'MINI-V' FOLLOWS WILFORK

Kyle Love has been looking up to Vince Wilfork since his days at Mississippi State, when his teammates dubbed him "Mini-V" for his resemblance to the Patriots defensive tackle. The nickname led Love to closely monitor Wilfork as he finished his playing days with the Bulldogs. Little did he know that he would get the chance to watch Wilfork from an even closer perspective – lined up next to him on the Patriots defensive line. "I stay close to that guy always. Watch me out here, I'm right beside him, no matter what," Love told the *Boston Globe*. Now that they're on the same team, Wilfork has become an even bigger influence, like a big brother, according to Love.

## STILL RECEIVING THE LOVE

Kyle Love continues to receive motivation from his father, retired Army colonel Anthony Love. Every game day, his father sends him a text message with words of encouragement to get him excited. His dad has been motivating him since middle school and the message has always remained the same: "Give the coaches a reason to keep you."

## STERLING MOORE RECORDS FIRST CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Rookie Sterling Moore intercepted his first pass of his career at the Buffalo 25-yard line in the third quarter in the season-finale (1/1/12). The Patriots converted the turnover into a touchdown to give the Patriots their first lead of the game. He intercepted his second pass in the fourth quarter and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown.

## MAYO OVER 100 TACKLES FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR

LB Jerod Mayo finished the 2011 season with 103 tackles, registering 100 tackles for the fourth straight year. He is the first player in New England history to register 100 tackles in his first four NFL seasons. He is the fifth Patriots player to register at least four consecutive 100 tackle seasons.



## 100 Tackles in at least four consecutive seasons/Patriots

- 6 Fred Marion (1985-1990)
- 5 Lawyer Milloy (1997-2001)
- 5 Vincent Brown (1991-1995)
- 4 Jerod Mayo (2008-2011)**
- 4 Steve Nelson (1979-82)

## MAYO LED NFL WITH 193 TOTAL TACKLES IN 2010

Mayo finished first in the NFL with a career-high 193 total tackles in 2010 with two 19-tackle games: vs. BLT (10/17) and vs. GB (12/19). His 193 tackles are the highest since LB Steve Nelson had 207 tackles in 1984 and are the third highest in team history. Mayo had 10 games in 2010 with 10-plus tackles.

### Patriots Single Season Tackle Leaders All-Time

Year	Player	Tackles
1983	LB Clayton Weishuhn	229
1984	LB Steve Nelson	207
<b>2010</b>	<b>LB Jerod Mayo</b>	<b>193</b>
1980	LB Steve Nelson	186

## MAYO REGISTERS FIRST TWO CAREER INTERCEPTIONS IN 2011

Mayo registered his first two career interceptions in consecutive games – vs. Indianapolis (12/4) and at Washington (12/11). He clinched the win at Washington when he intercepted a Redskins pass at the New England 9-yard line to seal the 34-27 win.

## MAYO IS A YOUNG LEADER

Jerod Mayo learned knowledge and discipline are the keys to success while spending afternoons with his three brothers under the supervision of their grandfather, Walter Johnson, a retired Air Force veteran of 30 years. While Mayo's mother worked two jobs, Johnson taught the boys discipline, responsibility and the value of life. Those lessons helped Mayo develop a work ethic and demeanor that has earned him the nickname of "Old Soul" from his teammates. His leadership skills and talent helped him become only the second Patriot to be named AFC Rookie of the Year, earning that title in 2008 to join Michael Haynes (1976).

## DOUBLE TROUBLE: CB DEVIN MCCOURTY

After being selected by the Patriots in the first round of the 2010 NFL Draft, CB Devin McCourty became part of a select group in league history. McCourty's identical twin brother, Jason, is a cornerback with Tennessee, selected in the sixth round of the 2009 NFL Draft. The two are the 12<sup>th</sup> set of twins to play in the NFL. Devin redshirted for the 2005 season and therefore was a year behind his brother in eligibility. McCourty is the second twin to suit up for the Patriots, after CB Kato Serwanga was a member of the team from 1998-2000. His twin brother Wasswa played for San Francisco and Minnesota from 1999-2001. According to McCourty's mother, the two can only be told apart by tiny scars on their faces left by chickenpox.

## ROB NINKOVICH: WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

Rob Ninkovich's journey to the Patriots was not easy. He entered the league as a fifth-round pick of New Orleans in 2006 and was waived four times by New Orleans and Miami before landing in New England on Aug. 2, 2009. He spent the 2009 offseason trying to make the New Orleans team as a long snapper. Before coming to the Patriots he had appeared in just eight games over three years. He doubled that total in his first year in New England, appearing in 15 games in 2009 and his role on the team has grown since. He finished with 58 total tackles, four sacks, broke up three passes and had 11 special teams stops in 2010. He also had two interceptions, both against his former team, the Miami Dolphins. He tied for the AFC lead in fumble recoveries with three, with the most notable coming at San Diego on Oct. 24, 2010, when he returned a fumble 63 yards, marking the second longest fumble return in team history. He had his second 2-interception game at the New York Jets on Nov. 13, 2011 and returned his second pick 12 yards for a touchdown. Despite his success, Ninkovich told the Brockton Enterprise, "I don't want to get comfortable. You can't get comfortable because the first time you get comfortable, you're out of a job. I'm always uneasy. That keeps you going."

## NINKOVICH SCORED AS A TE IN COLLEGE

Ninkovich played some at tight end in college at Purdue and caught two touchdown passes with a 2-yard touchdown pass from Dallas QB Kyle Orton and a 1-yard touchdown pass from current Indianapolis QB Curtis Painter.

## VINCE WILFORK REGISTERS FIRST CAREER INTERCEPTIONS IN 2011

Vince Wilfork recorded his first career interception when he picked off QB Philip Rivers in the second quarter vs. San Diego (9/18). He had his second interception at Oakland (10/2) to join Anthony Pleasant (2001) as the only other Patriots defensive lineman to ever record two interceptions in the same season. Wilfork is one of four Patriots defensive lineman to ever record two interceptions overall, joining Pleasant, Richard Seymour and Henry Thomas.

## WILFORK SCORES FIRST NFL TOUCHDOWN IN 2011

Wilfork recovered a fumble in the end zone at Washington (12/11) for his first touchdown. DE Andre Carter sacked QB Rex Grossman in the end zone and forced a fumble and Wilfork recovered the ball for the Patriots first points in their 34-27 victory.



# DEFENSIVE NOTES/SPECIAL TEAMS

## WILFORK WEARS HIS HEART ON HIS NECK

Wilfork wears No. 75 over his shoulder pads. Underneath hangs a gold chain locket for those who were number one in his heart: his parents. In 2002, parents David and Barbara Wilfork both passed away within five months of each other, leaving the then University of Miami star without his greatest support system. Wilfork, who lost his father to diabetes, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for diabetes-related causes. His annual draft day fundraiser, a bowling event he has held for eight years, is one of the longest running fundraising events held by a pro athlete in New England. For his charity work, Wilfork was awarded the 2010 New England Patriots Ron Burton Community Service Award. While he will always cherish his National Championship and Super Bowl rings, his constant reminder lies closest to his heart, a picture of his late parents at their high school prom. "I carry them with me wherever I go," Wilfork said of his parents' keepsake. "My parents pushed me to be the best I could be. The things I do and my wife does, we do out of the kindness of our heart, and we do it for the community. I never look for anything in return. My teammates are my second family. My kids, my wife, the New England Patriots – that's all I have."

## GOSTKOWSKI SIXTH BEST EVER IN FG PCT.

Stephen Gostkowski's 84.4 field goal percentage is the sixth-best among NFL kickers all-time.

Player	Years	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Nate Kaeding	2004-11	173	200	86.5
Mike Vanderjagt	1998-06	230	266	86.5
Rob Bironas	2005-11	189	219	86.3
Shayne Graham	2001-11	214	249	85.9
Robbie Gould	2005-11	187	218	85.8
<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>2006-11</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>84.4</b>
Matt Bryant	2002-11	200	238	84.0

## EVEN STEPHEN

Since joining the Patriots as a fourth-round draft choice in 2006, Stephen Gostkowski has connected on 84.4 percent of his regular-season field goal attempts (141-for-167), achieving the best field goal percentage in Patriots history.

## PATRIOTS ALL-TIME LEADERS / FIELD GOAL PCT.

(Minimum 50 Attempts)

Player	Years	FGM	FGA	Pct.
<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>2006-11</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>.844</b>
Adam Vinatieri	1996-05	263	321	.819
Matt Bahr	1993-95	55	72	.764
Tony Franklin	1984-87	93	125	.744
Jason Staurovsky	1988-91	50	69	.724
John Smith	1974-83	128	191	.670

## GOSTKOWSKI TIED FOR THIRD IN POINTS

Gostkowski added 9 points vs. Miami (12/24) to push his career total to 701 points and take sole possession of third place on the Patriots scoring list. Gostkowski led the AFC and finished third in the NFL with 143 points. The 143 points are second to the 148 he had in 2008 and the fourth highest in team history.

## Most Points/ Patriots History

Player	Points
Adam Vinatieri (1996-05)	1,158
Gino Cappelletti (1960-70)	1,130
<b>Stephen Gostkowski (2006-11)</b>	<b>712</b>
John Smith (1974-83)	692

## ZOLTAN MESKO: COMING TO AMERICA

P Zoltan Mesko was born in Timosoara, Romania on the Romania-Hungary border. On Many occasions in 1989, during the communist revolutions, his family was forced to take cover to avoid gun shots from the armies. Even after the fall of the Berlin Wall, his family lived in poverty. His family left Romania when his father won a United States Permanent Resident Card (green card) in the Diversity Immigrant Visa Lottery in 1997 when Mesko was 11.

## MESKO DISCOVERS FOOTBALL

An avid soccer player from his days in Romania, Mesko had a strong leg. It was only when he came to America that he discovered his leg could take him places. In eighth grade, Mesko was playing kickball in the gym when he kicked the ball so high that he broke a light fixture. He was given a choice: pay for the light fixture or play football. The choice was an easy one—Mesko decided to play football. His leg would land him numerous Division I scholarships and admission offers from Ivy League schools. From those, Mesko chose to play football at Michigan.

## MESKO SETS FRANCHISE RECORD WITH A 46.5 AVERAGE

Mesko led the AFC and finished third in the NFL in 2011 with a 41.5 net average. His 46.5 average overall in 2011 is the best in team history, topping the 45.8 average by Tom Tupa in 1997.

Zoltan Mesko finished the 2011 season with a 41.5 net average, the sixth-best net average in NFL history. It marked just the 24<sup>th</sup> time in NFL history that a player finished a season with a net average over 40 yard.

## BEST NET AVERAGE IN NFL HISTORY/SEASON

Player	Year	Net Average
Andy Lee (San Francisco)	2011	44.0
Shane Lechler (Oakland)	2009	43.9
Thomas Morstead (New Orleans)	2011	43.1
Donnie Jones (St. Louis)	2009	41.7
Matt McBriar (Dallas)	2010	41.7
<b>Zoltan Mesko (Patriots)</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>41.5</b>

