



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at New York Giants - August 29, 2012

*Sebastian Vollmer made his 2012 preseason debut and was in the starting lineup at right tackle. Vollmer dressed for the Tampa Bay game but did not start.

*QB Ryan Mallett made his second start of the preseason. He started in the Monday Night Football game against Philadelphia on Aug. 20 at Gillette Stadium. Mallett played through the first half before being relieved by Brian Hoyer. Mallett finished the game 8-of-15 for 40 yards.

*Hoyer finished 9-of-15 for 96 yards.

The Patriots and Giants closed out the preseason for the eighth straight year. The Patriots lost to the Giants 6-3 and are now 2-6 in those games.

*Of the seven 2012 draft picks, four were in the starting lineup against the Giants. Second-round pick Tavon Wilson started at safety, sixth-round pick Nate Ebner started at safety, seventh-round pick Alfonzo Dennard started at cornerback and seventh-round pick Jeremy Ebert started at wide receiver.

*First round draft picks DL Chandler Jones and LB Dont'a Hightower did not start against the Giants after starting the first three preseason games.

*DL Jermaine Cunningham had two sacks in the game. He registered a 14-yard sack of QB Eli Manning in the first quarter and a 7-yard sack of David Carr in the second quarter. Cunningham also had three hits on the quarterback and finished the preseason with six hits on the quarterback.

*Rookie free agent RB Brandon Bolden started at running back and finished with 15 carries for 59 yards for a 3.9-yard average.

*Both teams punted the ball nine times.

*First-year LB Mike Rivera led the team with 12 total tackles, including 11 solo tackles.