



# GAME NOTES

Patriots at Seattle Seahawks – October 14, 2012

## **WELKER EXTENDS STREAK TO 100 CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE RECEPTION**

Wes Welker extended his streak to 100 straight regular season games with at least one reception, including his time with the Miami Dolphins. He has a streak of 83 straight regular-season games with at least one reception as a member of the Patriots to extend his franchise record. Welker has caught at least one pass in each of his 90 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 is now one of 38 NFL players to have a streak of at least 100 games with one reception.

## **LONGEST CURRENT STREAKS / CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RECEPTION**

185 Tony Gonzalez  
123 Larry Fitzgerald  
101 Reggie Wayne  
99 Wes Welker  
99 Anquan Boldin  
\*91 Andre Johnson

**\*NOT INCLUDING TONIGHT'S GAMES**

## **WELKER'S 46-YARD TOUCHDOWN IS THE SECOND LONGEST TOUCHDOWN CATCH OF HIS CAREER**

Welker's 46-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the first quarter is the second longest touchdown reception of his career to the 99-yard touchdown reception he had at Miami on Sept. 12, 2011.

## **WELKER HAS 16th CAREER 10-PLUS CATCH GAME**

With 10 receptions against Seattle, Wes Welker had his 16th career game with 10 or more catches, the most among active NFL players. Welker's 16 career 10-plus catch games are tied with Marvin Harrison (16) for second all-time, behind Jerry Rice (17).

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

16 Wes Welker	13 Brandon Marshall
15 Andre Johnson	12 Anquan Boldin
15 Reggie Wayne	

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

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

## **WELKER TIES JERRY RICE FOR THE MOST 10-CATCH, 100-YARD GAMES IN NFL HISTORY**

Wes Welker (15) tied Jerry Rice (15) with his 15<sup>th</sup> NFL game with 10 receptions and 100-yards receiving for the most in NFL history. Welker entered the Seattle game tied with Andre Johnson (14) and Marvin Harrison (14) for second place. Welker finished with 10 receptions for 138 yards.

**WELKER HAS FOURTH STRAIGHT 100-YARD GAME TO TIE TEAM RECORD**

Welker had his fourth straight 100-yard game to tie the team mark after finishing with 138 against Seattle. Randy Moss opened his Patriots career with four straight 100-yard games in 2007. The NFL record for most consecutive games with 100 yards or more receiving is 7 by Charley Hennigan (Houston) in 1961 and Michael Irvin (Dallas) in 1995.

**WELKER HAS FOUR 100-YARD GAMES IN 2012**

Welker now has four 100-yard games in 2012. Welker had a personal best with eight 100-yard games in 2011. Moss (2007) and Stanley Morgan (1986) have the New England record with nine 100-yard games in a single season.

**WELKER RECEPTION PACE**

If Wes Welker reaches 100 receptions in 2012, he will become the first player in NFL history with five 100-catch seasons. Through six games this season, Welker has 48 catches, putting him on pace to total 128 receptions in 2012. Welker’s four seasons with 100 or more receptions ties Marvin Harrison and Jerry Rice for the NFL record.

**MOST 100-RECEPTIONS SEASON IN NFL HISTORY**

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

**PATRIOTS TOP RANKED OFFENSE CONNECTS AGAINST SEATTLE’S TOP RANKED DEFENSE**

Seattle entered the game with the NFL’s top ranked defense and was surrendering a league-low 258.6 yards per game and ranked second in points allowed (14.0) and fifth with 192.0 yards passing. The Patriots gained 475 yards in total offense, scored 23 points and gained 388 yards passing.

**AARON HERANDEZ MAKES HIS RETURN**

TE Aaron Hernandez returned to action after missing three games with an ankle injury that occurred in the 2012 home opener vs. Arizona on Sept. 16. He finished the game with 6 receptions for 30 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter.

**JERMAINE CUNNINGHAM MAKES FIRST START OF THE YEAR**

Jermaine Cunningham made his first start of the season when he lined up at end and Rob Ninkovich moved to linebacker due to the injury to rookie LB Dont’a Hightower.

**CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS CONTINUES FOR BRADY;**

Tom Brady has now thrown at least one touchdown pass in 38 straight regular season games following a 46-yard touchdown pass to WR Wes Welker in the first quarter. It is the third longest streak, behind Drew Brees at 48 (current)) and Johnny Unitas (47) (1956-60). Brady’s current streak started when he threw a touchdown pass in all 16 games in 2010 and 2011 and now the first five games of 2012. The old team record was 19 games, also set by Brady.

**BRADY HAS HIS 49<sup>TH</sup> 300-YARD GAME TO TIE WARREN MOON 7<sup>TH</sup> MOST 300 YARD GAMES**

Tom Brady had his 49<sup>th</sup> career 300-yard game after finishing with 395 yards at Seattle to tie hall of famer Warren Moon for the seventh most 300-yard games in NFL history. The 395 yards are the fifth best in Brady's career.

**MOST 300-YARD PASSING GAMES IN NFL HISTORY'**

Peyton Manning	66
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62
Drew Brees	61
Kurt Warner	52
Dan Fouts	51
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>49</b>
Warren Moon	49
Joe Montana	39

**BRADY HAS FOURTH 300-YARD GAME OF THE SEASON.**

Brady had his fourth 300-yard game of the 2012 season with the 395 at Seattle. In 2011, Brady had a personal best 11 300 yard games. The NFL record for most 300-yard games in a season is 13 by Drew Brees (2011).

**MOST 300-YARD PASSING GAMES IN A SEASON**

13	Drew Brees, New Orleans, 2011
<b>11</b>	<b>Tom Brady, Patriots, 2011</b>
10	Rich Gannon, Oakland, 2002
10	Drew Brees, New Orleans, 2008
9	Dan Marino, Miami, 1984
9	Warren Moon, Houston, 1990
9	Kurt Warner, St. Louis, 1999
9	Kurt Warner, St. Louis, 2001
9	Peyton Manning, Indianapolis, 2009
9	Matt Schaub, Houston, 2009

**BRADY THROWS FOR SEASON HIGH OF 36 COMPLETIONS**

Brady threw for 30 or more completions for the 18<sup>th</sup> time in his career. His 36 completions are tied for the second most of his career. He had 36 at Chicago (11/10/02) and at San Diego (9/22/02) and 39 vs. Buffalo (9/14/09) and vs. Kansas City (9/22/02). His 58 pass attempts are a career high. His previous best was 55 at Chicago (11/10/02) and vs. Denver (9/24/06).

**FIRST ROUND PICK CHANDLER JONES HAS FIRST TWO-SACK GAME**

First round pick Chandler Jones had his first NFL two-sack game to increase his team-lead to five sacks on the year. He forced a fumble that was recovered by LB Rob Ninkovich on a 3-yard sack in the second quarter and had a 5-yard sack in the third quarter.

**JONES NOW HAS THREE FORCED FUMBLES FOR THE SEASON**

Jones now has three forced fumbles in 2012. The Patriots record for most forced fumbles in a season is five by Mike Vrabel in 2007.