



GAME NOTES

2012 Divisional Playoffs
Patriots vs. Houston Texans – January 13, 2013

PATRIOTS ADVANCE TO NINTH AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

With the 41-28 victory over Houston Texans, New England has advanced to its ninth AFC Championship Game where they will face the Baltimore Ravens. The Patriots have compiled a 7-1 all-time record in AFC Championship Games, including a 4-0 record at home and a 3-0 record at Gillette Stadium. The Patriots' only AFC Championship loss was in the 2006 playoffs at Indianapolis. It is the third time in team history that the Patriots have advanced to the AFC Championship game in back-to-back seasons, having also done so in 2003-2004 and 2006-2007.

PATRIOTS AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RESULTS (7-1)

Date	Round	Opponent	W/L	Score
01/12/86	AFC Championship	at Miami	W	31-14
01/12/97	AFC Championship	Jacksonville	W	20-6
01/27/02	AFC Championship	at Pittsburgh	W	24-17
01/18/04	AFC Championship	Indianapolis	W	24-14
01/23/05	AFC Championship	at Pittsburgh	W	41-27
01/21/07	AFC Championship	at Indianapolis	L	34-38
01/20/08	AFC Championship	San Diego	W	21-12
01/22/12	AFC Championship	Baltimore	W	23-20

MOST APPEARANCES IN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Pittsburgh	15
Dallas	14
San Francisco	14
Oakland	11
New England	9
St. Louis Rams	9

PATRIOTS WILL FACE RAVENS IN AFC CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE SEASON

The Patriots and Ravens will face off in the AFC Championship Game at Gillette Stadium for the second consecutive season. It is the fourth time since the NFL-AFL merger that two teams have met in the AFC Championship Game in consecutive seasons. Oakland and Pittsburgh are the only teams to meet in three consecutive AFC Championship Games.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME BACK-TO-BACK SINCE 1970 MERGER

Year **Teams**

2011-12 New England and Baltimore

1986-87 Denver and Cleveland

1978-79 Pittsburgh and Houston

1974-76 Oakland and Pittsburgh

PATRIOTS WIN 20th PLAYOFF GAME OF ROBERT KRAFT'S OWNERSHIP

The Patriots won their 20 playoff game since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994. New England's 20 playoff victories over that span are the most in the NFL (Pittsburgh, 17). New England also leads the league in total victories (225), Super Bowl titles (3), conference championships (7), and division championships (12) since Kraft purchased the team.

PLAYOFF VICTORIES SINCE 1994

New England Patriots.....	20
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	17
Green Bay Packers.....	16
Philadelphia Eagles.....	11
Indianapolis Colts.....	11

PATRIOTS IMPROVE TO 10-6 IN DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAMES

With the win over the Texans, the Patriots are now 10-6 all-time in Divisional Playoff games.

PATRIOTS DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF RESULTS (10-6)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>
01/13/12	AFC Divisional	Houston Texans	W	41-28
01/14/12	AFC Divisional	Denver Broncos	W	45-10
01/16/11	AFC Divisional	New York Jets	L	21-28
01/12/08	AFC Divisional	Jacksonville	W	31-20
01/14/07	AFC Divisional	at San Diego	W	24-21
01/14/06	AFC Divisional	at Denver	L	13-27
01/16/05	AFC Divisional	Indianapolis	W	20-3
01/10/04	AFC Divisional	Tennessee	W	17-14
01/19/02	AFC Divisional	Oakland	W	(ot)16-13
01/03/98	AFC Divisional	at Pittsburgh	L	6-7
01/05/97	AFC Divisional	Pittsburgh	W	28-3
01/04/87	AFC Divisional	at Denver	L	17-22
01/05/86	AFC Divisional	at LA Raiders	W	27-20
12/31/78	AFC Divisional	Houston	L	14-31
12/18/76	AFC Divisional	at Oakland	L	21-24
12/28/63	AFL Divisional	at Buffalo	W	26-8

PATRIOTS IMPROVE TO 14-3 AT HOME IN PLAYOFFS

The Patriots now have a 14-3 (.824) all time record in home playoff games. The Patriots' .824 winning percentage at home in the postseason is the best among teams with at least 10 home playoff games.

HIGHEST POSTSEASON HOME WINNING PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 GAMES)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Home Winning Percentage Postseason</u>
New England	14-3	.824
Green Bay	16-4	.800
Oakland	19-5	.792
Buffalo	10-3	.769
Denver	13-4	.765

PATRIOTS AT HOME IN THE PLAYOFFS (14-3)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>
01/13/12	AFC Divisional	Houston Texans	W	41-28
01/22/12	AFC Championship	Baltimore	W	23-20
01/14/12	AFC Divisional	Denver	W	45-10
01/16/11	AFC Divisional	New York Jets	L	21-28
01/10/10	AFC Wild Card	Baltimore	L	14-33
01/20/08	AFC Championship	San Diego	W	21-12
01/12/08	AFC Divisional	Jacksonville	W	31-20
01/07/07	AFC Wild Card	New York Jets	W	37-16
01/07/06	AFC Wild Card	Jacksonville	W	28-3
01/16/05	AFC Divisional	Indianapolis	W	20-3
01/18/04	AFC Championship	Indianapolis	W	24-14
01/10/04	AFC Divisional	Tennessee	W	17-14
01/19/02	AFC Divisional	Oakland	W	16-13 OT
12/28/97	AFC Wild Card	Miami	W	17-3
01/12/97	AFC Championship	Jacksonville	W	20-6
01/05/97	AFC Divisional	Pittsburgh	W	28-3
12/31/78	AFC Divisional	Houston	L	14-31

PATRIOTS IMPROVE IN ALL-TIME PLAYOFF GAME RESULTS

The Patriots have compiled a 24-16 record in their 40 playoff games and their .600 playoff winning percentage is tied for fourth best in NFL history among teams that have played at least 15 playoff games.

ALL-TIME BEST NFL PLAYOFF RECORDS

(Minimum 15 Postseason Games)

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore Ravens	12	7	.632
Green Bay Packers	30	18	.625
Pittsburgh Steelers	33	21	.611
New England/Boston Patriots	24	16	.600
San Francisco 49ers	27	18	.600
Oakland/L.A. Raiders	25	18	.581
Dallas Cowboys	33	25	.569

PATRIOTS PLAYOFF RECORD BY ROUND

First Round*	0-1
Wild Card Round	4-3
Divisional Round	10-6
AFC Championship	7-1
AFL Championship	0-1
Super Bowl	3-4
Total	24-16

*-1982 Strike Season

BRADY MOVES UP ON POSTSEASON LISTS

Tom Brady had three touchdowns against Houston, raising his career playoff total to 41 touchdown passes to become just the third NFL quarterback with 40 touchdown passes in the postseason. Brady is third all-time on the postseason touchdown list, behind Joe Montana (45) and Brett Favre (44). Brady ranks fourth on the NFL's all-time postseason passing yardage list with 5,629 career passing yards after moving past Dan Marino and John Elway in the 2011 postseason. He leads all quarterbacks with 524 postseason completions.

NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/POSTSEASON TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Player	Team(s)	Touchdowns
1. Joe Montana	San Fran./Kansas City	45
2. Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	44
3. Tom Brady	New England	41
4. Dan Marino	Miami	32
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	32
6. Kurt Warner	St. Louis/Arizona	31
7. Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	30

NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/POSTSEASON PASSING YARDS

Player	Team(s)	Passing Yards
1. Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	5,855
2. Joe Montana	San Fran./Kansas City	5,772
3. Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	5,679
4. Tom Brady	New England	5,629
5. John Elway	Denver	4,964
6. Dan Marino	Miami	4,510

NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/POSTSEASON COMPLETIONS

Player	Team(s)	Completions
1. Tom Brady	New England	524
2. Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	481
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	481
4. Joe Montana	San Fran./Kansas City	460

TOM BRADY WINS 17th CAREER POSTSEASON GAME

Tom Brady won his 17th career postseason game to improve to a 17-6 overall postseason record. His 17 career postseason victories are the most in NFL history. His .739 winning percentage in the postseason is the best postseason winning percentage by a starting quarterback (minimum of 15 starts). Brady and Joe Montana are the only NFL players with 15 or more wins. Brady is now 11-2 in home postseason games.

NFL ALL-TIME MOST PLAYOFF VICTORIES AS A STARTING QUARTERBACK

Player	Team(s)	Playoff Wins
Tom Brady	New England	17 (17-6)
Joe Montana	San Francisco/Kansas City	16 (16-7)
Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	14 (14-5)
John Elway	Denver	14 (14-7)
Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	13 (13-11)
Troy Aikman	Dallas	11 (11-4)
Roger Staubach	Dallas	11 (11-6)

HIGHEST POSTSEASON WINNING PERCENTAGE AMONG STARTING QUARTERBACKS (Min. 15 starts)

Player	Team(s)	Playoff Winning Percentage
Tom Brady	New England	17-6 (.739)
Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	14-5 (.736)
Troy Aikman	Dallas	11-4 (.733)
Joe Montana	San Francisco/Kansas City	16-7 (.696)

BRADY TIES JOE MONANTA FOR SECOND WITH HIS 23RD POSTSEASON START

Tom Brady made his 23rd start in the postseason and is now tied with Joe Montana (23) for the second most starts by a quarterback in postseason play, behind Brett Favre (24).

BRADY SETS PATRIOTS MARK WITH HIS 23RD POSTSEASON GAME

Tom Brady played in his 23rd postseason game with the Patriots and now leads all Patriots players with the most postseason games played. He entered this week tied with Tedy Bruschi with 22 postseason games played.

BELICHICK MOVES INTO THIRD ON POSTSEASON WINS LIST

With the victory over Houston, Bill Belichick collected his 18 playoff win and broke a tie with Joe Gibbs for third-most among head coaches in NFL history. Belichick is behind only Tom Landry (20) and Don Shula (19) in career postseason wins. With an 18-7 postseason record, Belichick has the third best postseason record by a head coach in NFL history. Belichick trails only Vince Lombardi (9-1, .900) and Tom Flores (8-3, .727).

MOST PLAYOFF WINS BY AN NFL HEAD COACH

Coach	Team(s)	Wins
Tom Landry	Dallas Cowboys	20
Don Shula	Baltimore Colts, Miami Dolphins	19
Bill Belichick	Cleveland Browns, New England Patriots	18
Joe Gibbs	Washington Redskins	17
Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh Steelers	16

BEST POSTSEASON RECORDS IN NFL HISTORY

Head Coach	Team(s)	W	L	Pct.
Vince Lombardi	GB/WAS	9	1	.900
Tom Flores	Oakland	8	3	.727
Bill Belichick	CLE/NE	18	7	.720
Bill Walsh	San Francisco	10	4	.714
Joe Gibbs	WAS	17	7	.708

WELKER IS POSTSEASON RECEIVING MACHINE

With eight receptions against Houston, Wes Welker passed Troy Brown (58) for most postseason receptions in Patriots history. Welker extended his streak of postseason games with at least six catches to eight and raised his career playoff total to 61 receptions in just eight career playoff games. Welker is averaging 7.6 receptions per game in the playoffs. Welker had a playoff career high of 11 receptions in Super Bowl XLII, tied with Deion Branch, Jerry Rice and Dan Ross for a Super Bowl record.

WELKER SETS POSTSEASON CAREER-HIGH

Wes Welker finished the game 131 yards. It is the 16th time a Patriots player has had 100 yards receiving in a postseason game. It is Welker's second 100-yard postseason game. He had 11 receptions for 103 yards in Super Bowl XLII vs. NY Giants (02-03-08). Welker had 120 yards receiving in the first half. It is the fourth 100-yard half by a Patriots player and the second most ever behind Deion Branch, who had 122 yards receiving on Jan. 14, 2006 at Denver in an AFC Divisional Playoff game. Welker has gained 100 yards receiving in a half nine times in the regular season. (6 in the first half and 3 in the second half). He accomplished the feat one time in 2012 when he had 7 receptions for 102 yards on Oct. 14, 2012 at Seattle in a game where he finished with 10 receptions for 138 yards.

VEREEN TIES TEAM POSTSEASON MARK WITH THREE TOUCHDOWNS

RB Shane Vereen scored three touchdowns against Houston, scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, an 8-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter and a 33-yard reception in the fourth quarter. His three touchdowns overall ties a team postseason mark. Curtis Martin had three rushing touchdowns vs. Pittsburgh on Jan. 5, 1997 and Rob Gronkowski had three receiving touchdowns vs. Denver on Jan. 14, 2012.

PATRIOTS SINGLE-GAME PLAYOFF RECORDS / MOST TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

Player	Date	Opponent	Total TD	Rush	Rec
Shane Vereen	01/13/13	Houston	3	1	2
Rob Gronkowski	01/14/12	Denver	3	0	3
Curtis Martin	01/05/97	Pittsburgh	3	3	0

WELKER SETS PATRIOTS RECORD FOR MOST POSTSEASON RECEPTIONS

Wes Welker finished with 8 receptions and became the Patriots all-time leader in postseason receptions, moving past Deion Branch (54) and Troy Brown (58)

Most Postseason Receptions/Career

61 Wes Welker (8 games)

58 Troy Brown (20 games)

54 Deion Branch

ZOLTAN MESKO HAS SECOND AND THIRD LONGEST PUNTS IN PATRIOTS POSTSEASON HISTORY

Zoltan Mesko had two 60+ yard punts in the game, with a 61-yard punt in the first quarter and a 64-yard punt in the fourth quarter, good for the second and third longest punts in Patriots postseason history. The longest punt in the playoffs for the Patriots was a 68 yarder by Tom Yewcic at San Diego (Jan. 5, 1964). Mesko's longest career punt is a 65 yarder (vs. Baltimore on Oct. 17, 2010 and vs. Miami Dec. 24, 2011).

BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR FIFTH TIME IN POSTSEASON

Brady had his 5th career 300-yard game in the postseason after finishing with 343 yards.

Most Postseason Passing Yards, Game

363 vs. Denver, Jan. 14, 2012

354 vs. Carolina, Feb. 1, 2004

343 vs. Houston, Jan. 13 2013

341 at Denver, Jan. 14, 2006

312 vs. Oakland, Jan. 19, 2002

BRADY THROWS FOR AT LEAST THREE TOUCHDOWNS IN A POSTSEASON GAME FOR THE FIFTH TIME

Brady threw three touchdown passes in a postseason game for the fifth time in his career.

MOST GAMES WITH THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN THE PLAYOFFS

Player	Team	3 + TD passes
Joe Montana	San Fran./Kansas City	9
Brett Favre	Green Bay/ Minnesota	6
*Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	6
*Tom Brady	New England	5
Dan Marino	Miami	5
Kurt Warner	St. Louis/Arizona	5
*Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	4
Drew Brees	New Orleans	4
*Active		