

# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS PRESS RELEASE



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## PATRIOTS OPEN THE 2011 HOME SCHEDULE AGAINST SAN DIEGO

### MEDIA SCHEDULE

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:15-12:15 Media Check-In  
10:45-11:00 Bill Belichick Press Conference  
11:10-11:55 Open Locker Room  
Approx. 11:15 Tom Brady Availability  
Approx. 1:05 Local Media Access to Practice  
2:45 Philip Rivers Conference Call  
3:00 Norv Turner Conference Call

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:30-11:30 Media Check-In  
11:10-11:55 Open Locker Room  
Approx. 1:05 Local Media Access to Practice

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00-10:45 Media Check-In  
10:30 – 10:45 Bill Belichick Press Conference  
Approx. 11:30 Local Media Access to Practice  
Approx. 1:15 Open Locker Room

### 2011 PATRIOTS SCHEDULE

#### REGULAR SEASON (1-0)

Mon., Sept. 12 at Miami	38-24	W
Sun., Sept. 18 San Diego	4:15	CBS
Sun., Sept. 25 at Buffalo	1:00	CBS
Sun., Oct. 2 at Oakland	4:15	CBS
Sun., Oct. 9 N.Y. Jets	4:15	CBS
Sun., Oct. 16 Dallas	4:15	FOX
Sun., Oct. 23 BYE WEEK		
Sun., Oct. 30 at Pittsburgh	4:15	CBS
Sun., Nov. 6 N.Y. Giants	4:15	FOX
Sun., Nov. 13 at N.Y. Jets	8:20	NBC
Mon., Nov. 21 Kansas City	8:30	ESPN
Sun., Nov. 27 at Philadelphia	4:15	CBS*
Sun., Dec. 4 Indianapolis	8:20	NBC*
Sun., Dec. 11 at Washington	1:00	CBS*
Sun., Dec. 18 at Denver	4:15	CBS*
Sat., Dec. 24 Miami	1:00	CBS
Sun., Jan. 1 Buffalo	1:00	CBS*

\*Game Time and Network subject to possible flexible scheduling adjustment.

#### AFC EAST STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>24</b>
Buffalo Bills	1	0	0	1.000	41	7
New York Jets	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami Dolphins	0	1	0	.000	24	38

#### PATRIOTS MEDIA WEBSITE

The Patriots' media-only website, located at <http://media.patriots.com>, will also serve as the team's primary credentialing system again in 2011. Registered users can apply for credentials by clicking on the upper right corner of the page.

#### PATRIOTS 2011 MEDIA GUIDE

The Patriots 2011 Media Guide will be online and updated throughout the season. Media can access the media guide at [www.patriots.com](http://www.patriots.com) by clicking on the team tab.

### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (1-0) vs. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (1-0)

Sunday, September 18, 2011 ★ Gillette Stadium (68,756) ★ 4:15 p.m. ET

The New England Patriots will open the 2011 home schedule against the San Diego Chargers for the second time in the last four years. In 2007, the Patriots opened the home schedule with a 38-14 win against the Chargers on Sept. 16, 2007. The Patriots have won 14 of their past 16 home openers, including a perfect 9-0 record at Gillette Stadium since its opening in 2002. The nine consecutive wins by the Patriots in home openers is the longest streak in the NFL. The game marks the Patriots' 300<sup>th</sup> game, including postseason, under Robert Kraft. The Patriots are 198-101 since Kraft purchased the team in 1994.

Last season, the Patriots traveled to San Diego on Oct. 24 and forced four first half turnovers in an eventual 23-20 victory.

#### PATRIOTS DEDICATE 2011 SEASON TO MYRA KRAFT

The New England Patriots announced that they will dedicate the 2011 season to the loving memory of Myra Kraft, who passed away on July 20 after a courageous battle with cancer. Every Patriots player and coach will honor Myra's memory by wearing a patch with her initials on it in recognition of her lifelong contributions to the local and global community and her influence on the charitable mission of the entire Patriots organization. The patch will be worn on the left chest of every player throughout the season. On Sunday, 70,000 "MHK" lapel pins will be distributed to fans as they enter the stadium and all attending will be asked to observe a moment of silence in memory of Patriots matriarch Myra Kraft.



#### BROADCAST INFORMATION

**TELEVISION:** This week's game will be broadcast to a national audience by **CBS** and can be seen in Boston on **WBZ-TV Channel 4**. **Jim Nantz** will handle play-by-play duties with **Phil Simms** providing color. The game will be produced by **Lance Barrow** and directed by **Mike Arnold**.

**NATIONAL RADIO:** This week's game will be broadcast to a national audience by the **Sports Radio USA Network**. **Larry Kahn** and **Ross Tucker** will call the game. **Troy West** will serve as the sideline reporter.

**RADIO:** 98.5 FM, The Sports Hub, is the flagship station for the **Patriots Radio Network**. A complete listing of the network's 37 stations can be found in this press release. Play-by-play broadcaster **Gil Santos** is in his 35th season as the voice of the Patriots and will call the action along with Patriots Hall of Famer **Gino Cappelletti**. **Scott Zolak** will provide sideline analysis.

#### DREW BLEDSOE AND JON MORRIS VOTED INTO PATRIOTS HALL OF FAME

Drew Bledsoe and Jon Morris will be inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame in a public ceremony outside The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. The event is free to the public and Patriots fans are encouraged to attend. Since the new process for induction was instituted in 2007, Bledsoe earned the highest percentage of votes for any candidate and becomes the first player to be selected by the fans into the Patriots Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. Morris was selected by a 10-person senior selection committee. The selection was made on Friday, March 25 and affirmed with a phone call from Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft, who notified Morris of his induction later that afternoon.



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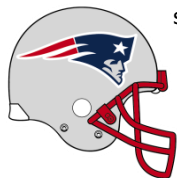
# PATRIOTS VS. CHARGERS

## SERIES HISTORY

The Patriots and Chargers will play for the 39th time overall, including three postseason meetings. The teams met in the 1963 AFL Championship game, the 2006 AFC Divisional Playoff game and the 2007 AFC Championship game. The Patriots lead the series with a 2-1 postseason mark, with the one loss coming in the 1963 AFL Championship game.



The Patriots lead the regular-season series with an 19-14-2 record and are 21-15-2 overall against the Chargers. This week's game will be the first time the teams have met at Gillette Stadium since the 2007 AFC Championship game.



The last two regular season games have been played in San Diego with the Chargers earning a 30-10 win on Oct. 12, 2008 and the Patriots claiming a 23-20 win last season in San Diego on Oct. 24 at Qualcomm Stadium.

The series dates back to 1960, the inaugural season for each team. Bill Belichick is 4-5 in his career against the Chargers in the regular season with a 3-3 record while the Patriots head coach.

### Regular Season – Patriots 19, Chargers 14, 2 Ties

Date	Result	Score	H/A	Stadium
10/08/60	W	35-0	A	L.A. Coliseum
10/28/60	L	16-45	H	BU Field
10/07/61	L	27-38	H	BU Field
12/17/61	W	41-0	A	Balboa Stadium
10/19/62	W	24-20	H	BU Field
12/09/62	W	20-14	A	Balboa Stadium
09/14/63	L	13-17	A	Balboa Stadium
11/10/63	L	6-7	H	Fenway Park
09/20/64	W	33-28	A	Balboa Stadium
10/09/64	L	17-26	H	Fenway Park
10/17/65	T	13-13	H	Fenway Park
10/31/65	W	22-6	A	Balboa Stadium
09/10/66	L	0-24	A	Balboa Stadium
10/23/66	W	35-17	H	Fenway Park
09/09/67	L	14-28	A	San Diego Stadium
10/08/67	T	31-31	A	San Diego Stadium
11/10/68	L	17-27	H	Fenway Park
10/19/69	L	10-13	H	B.C. Alumni Stadium
12/07/69	L	18-28	A	San Diego Stadium
11/15/70	L	14-16	H	Harvard Stadium
12/02/73	W	30-14	H	Schaefer Stadium
11/09/75	W	33-19	A	San Diego Stadium
10/16/77	W	24-20	A	San Diego Stadium
10/01/78	W	28-23	H	Schaefer Stadium
09/23/79	W	27-21	H	Schaefer Stadium
10/16/83	W	37-21	H	Sullivan Stadium
11/20/94	W	23-17	H	Foxboro Stadium
12/01/96	W	45-7	A	Jack Murphy Stadium
08/31/97	W	41-7	H	Foxboro Stadium
10/14/01	W	29-26 OT	H	Foxboro Stadium
09/29/02	L	14-21	A	Qualcomm Stadium
10/02/05	L	17-41	H	Gillette Stadium
09/16/07	W	38-14	H	Gillette Stadium
10/12/08	L	10-30	A	Qualcomm Stadium
10/24/10	W	23-20	A	Qualcomm Stadium

### Playoffs – Patriots 2, Chargers 1

Date	Result	Score	H/A	Stadium
01/05/64*	L	10-51	A	Balboa Stadium
01/14/07	W	24-21	A	Qualcomm Stadium
01/20/08	W	21-12	H	Gillette Stadium

\*-1963 American Football League Championship Game

## SERIES BREAKDOWN

(Includes Postseason)

Overall Record	21-15-2
<b>Home Record</b>	<b>11-8-1</b>
Boston	2-7-1
Foxborough	9-1-0
<b>Away Record</b>	<b>10-7-1</b>
Los Angeles	1-0-0
San Diego	8-7-1
Longest winning streak	10 games (12/02/73-10/14/01)
Longest losing streak	4 games (11/10/68- 11/15/70)
Bill Belichick vs. San Diego	4-5 (1-2 with Cleveland)
Norv Turner vs. New England	2-5 (1-3 with San Diego)

## TALE OF THE TAPE

2010 Regular Season	New England	San Diego
Record	14-2	9-7
Divisional Standings	1st	2nd
Total Yards Gained	5,820	6,329
Total Offense (Rank)	363.8 (8)	395.6 (1)
Rush Offense	123.3 (9)	113.1(15)
Pass Offense	240.4 (11)	282.4 (2)
Points Per Game	32.4 (1)	27.6 (2)
Total Yards Allowed	5,864	4,345
Total Defense (Rank)	366.5 (25)	271.6 (1)
Rush Defense	108.0 (11)	93.8 (7)
Pass Defense	258.5(30)	177.8 (4)
Points Allowed/Game	19.6 (8)	20.1 (10)
Possession Avg.	29:00	33:03
Sacks Allowed/Yards Lost	25/175	38/227
Sacks Made/Yards	36/212	47/290
Total Touchdowns Scored	65	51
Penalties Against/Yards	83/766	84/677
Punts/Avg.	58/43.2	56/43.4
Turnover Differential	+28	-6

## PASSING PERFORMANCES

Tom Brady has played against San Diego five times in the regular-season and twice in the postseason. While he is 2-0 in the postseason following an AFC divisional win in 2006 and a 2007 win in the AFC Championship Game, Brady has a 3-2 record against the Chargers in regular-season meetings.

Philip Rivers has started against the Patriots three times, including twice in the playoffs.

### Tom Brady vs. San Diego Chargers (3-2)

(Regular Season)

Date	A	C	Yd	%	TD	I	Rating	W/L	Score
10/14/01	54	33	364	61.1	2	0	93.4	W	29-26
09/29/02	53	36	353	66.6	2	2	83.3	L	14-21
10/02/05	32	19	224	59.4	1	1	78.1	L	17-41
09/16/07	31	25	279	80.6	3	1	123.0	W	38-14
10/24/10	32	19	159	59.4	1	0	82.7	W	23-20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>3-2</b>	

### Tom Brady vs. San Diego Chargers (2-0)

(Postseason)

Date	A	C	Yd	%	TD	I	Rating	W/L	Score
01/14/07	51	27	280	52.9	2	3	57.6	W	24-21
01/20/08	33	22	209	66.7	2	3	66.4	W	21-12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>2-0</b>	



# PATRIOTS VS. CHARGERS

## PASSING PERFORMANCES (continued)

### Philip Rivers vs. New England Patriots (1-2) (Regular Season)

Date	A	C	Yd	%	TD	I	Rating	W/L	Score
09/16/07	30	19	179	63.3	2	2	74.2	L	14-38
10/12/08	27	18	306	66.7	3	0	141.9	W	30-10
10/24/10	50	34	336	68.0	1	1	85.1	L	20-23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>96.4</b>		<b>1-2</b>

### Philip Rivers vs. New England Patriots (0-2) (Postseason)

Date	A	C	Yd	%	TD	I	Rating	W/L	Score
01/14/07	32	14	230	43.8	0	1	55.5	L	21-24
01/20/08	37	19	211	51.4	0	2	46.1	L	12-21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50.5</b>		<b>1-1</b>

## QUICK HITS

- The Patriots won 10 straight games against the Chargers from Dec. 2, 1973 through Oct. 14, 2001.
- The Patriots first championship game was played at San Diego against the Chargers on Jan. 1, 1964 in the AFL Championship game. San Diego beat the Patriots in that game, 51-10.
- Tom Brady's first 300-yard game was on Oct. 14, 2001 when he completed 33-of-54 passes for 364 yards in a 29-26 overtime win. Brady threw his first two NFL touchdowns in that game with a 21-yarder to WR Terry Glenn in the second quarter and a 3-yarder to TE Jermaine Wiggins in the fourth quarter.

## CONNECTIONS

### New England Ties

- Chargers Executive Vice President and General Manager **A.J. Smith** graduated from Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, R.I., was an assistant coach at Cranston West High School from 1971-76, was head coach of the Rhode Island Kings (EFL) in 1976, an assistant coach at the University of Rhode Island in 1978 and a part-time scout for the Patriots from 1978-80.
- Chargers Executive Officer **A.G. Spanos** attended Tufts University in Medford, Mass.
- San Diego **DE Jacques Cesaire** was born in Worcester, Mass., attended Gardner High School (Mass.) and played college football at Southern Connecticut State University.
- Chargers **ILB Stephen Cooper** is familiar with the New England area; he attended Wareham (Mass.) High School and played college football for the University of Maine Black Bears.
- Chargers **DT Antonio Garay** attended Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass.
- Chargers rookie **RB Jordan Todman** attended Dartmouth High School in Dartmouth, Mass., earning all-state honors twice.

### San Diego Ties

- Patriots **WR Matthew Slater**, **C Ryan Wendell**, **S Patrick Chung**, and rookie **RB Shane Vereen** are Southern California natives.

### Former NFL Teammates

- Patriots **WR Wes Welker** played for the Miami Dolphins with Chargers **TE Randy McMichael** between 2004 and 2006.

### Former Chargers

- Patriots **WR Wes Welker** was originally signed as a rookie free agent by the Chargers in the spring of 2004.

### Former Patriots

- Chargers Special Teams Coach **Steve Crosby** was special teams and tight ends coach for the New England Patriots in 1990.

### Former College Teammates

- Patriots **C Dan Koppen** and Chargers **DT Antonio Garay** were teammates at Boston College from 1999-2002.
- Patriots **T Matt Light** and Chargers **OLB Shaun Phillips** played together for Purdue from 1999-2000.

## CONNECTIONS (continued)

- Patriots **LB Rob Ninkovich** and Chargers **C Nick Hardwick** were teammates at Purdue in 2004.
- Patriots **TE Rob Gronkowski** and Chargers **CB Antoine Cason** were teammates at Arizona in 2007.
- Patriots **OL Ryan Wendell** and Chargers **RB Ryan Mathews** were teammates at Fresno State in 2007.
- Patriots **P Zoltan Mesko** and Chargers rookie **LB Jonas Mouton** were teammates at the University of Michigan from 2007-09. Patriots rookie **QB Ryan Mallett** and **Mouton** were teammates at Michigan in 2007 before Mallett transferred to the University of Arkansas.
- Patriots rookie **RB Stevan Ridley** and Chargers **FB Jacob Hester** were teammates at Louisiana State University in 2007.

## PATRIOTS AGAINST THE AFC WEST

The Patriots are 65-73-6 all-time against AFC West opponents. The Patriots are 12-10 against the AFC West under head coach Bill Belichick in the regular season. Last season, the Patriots faced just one AFC West team, beating the Chargers in San Diego, 23-20. The Patriots will play at Oakland on Oct. 2, vs. Kansas City on Nov. 21 and at Denver on Dec. 18.

## LAST MEETING:

### PATRIOTS 23, SAN DIEGO 20

October 24, 2010 ★ Qualcomm Stadium

	1	2	3	4	Final
<b>New England Patriots</b>	7	6	7	3	<b>20</b>
<b>San Diego Chargers</b>	3	0	0	17	<b>23</b>

The New England Patriots survived a 17-point fourth quarter by the San Diego Chargers and held on for a 23-20 win at Qualcomm Stadium to improve to 5-1.

After San Diego rallied from a 23-3 deficit in the fourth quarter to pull within three, San Diego kicker Kris Brown missed a 50-yard field goal attempt with 23 seconds left and the Patriots took a knee to help secure the win. Brown lined up for a 45-yard field goal that would have forced overtime but a false start penalty forced the 50-yard attempt that smacked off the right upright. Brown was filling in for the Chargers regular kicker, Nate Kaeding, who did not dress for the game due to an injury.

Leading by three with two minutes to play, the Patriots attempted a fourth-and-one conversion from the New England 49-yard line, but RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis was stopped short. The Patriots challenged the spot of the ball but lost the challenge and their final timeout. San Diego took over and moved to the 27-yard line to set up the field goal attempt.

QB Tom Brady threw for one touchdown, Green-Ellis ran for one touchdown and K Stephen Gostkowski kicked field goals of 40, 35 and 35 for the Patriots.

San Diego fought back from the 20-3 deficit with two touchdowns in the final seven minutes of the game. The Chargers hurt themselves with four turnovers in the first half, including three in the second quarter, leading to 10 New England points. Two of the turnovers were mental blunders. After going down untouched following a 25-yard gain in the second quarter, WR Richard Goodman left the ball on the ground and started to celebrate. S James Sanders scooped up the loose ball. The Patriots failed to convert on that turnover. San Diego drove to the New England 32-yard line on the ensuing drive, but Rivers threw a backwards pass that glanced off the hands of FB Jacob Hester. Hester did not realize it was a lateral. LB Rob Ninkovich picked up the ball and returned it 63 yards to the San Diego 8-yard line to set up a New England field goal.

In the first quarter LB Brandon Spikes forced a fumble that was recovered by LB Jerod Mayo at the 22-yard line to help the Patriots get in position for a 1-yard touchdown pass from Brady to TE Rob Gronkowski. Then in the second quarter, CB Devin McCourty intercepted his first NFL pass from Rivers inside New England territory.





# PATRIOTS 2011 TEAM NOTES

## NEWLY ACQUIRED PATRIOTS

Since the start of training camp the Patriots have acquired WR Chad Ochocinco, DE Albert Haynesworth, DE Shaun Ellis, DE Andre Carter and G Brian Waters. Below are some of their thoughts on joining the Patriots:

**From Ochocinco:** "It's everything; not just what you see on the field, it's how we work in meetings. Every little thing has to be right or you're getting ripped. Everybody gets ripped, even Tom [Brady], me, everybody....I love it. They expect perfection. You don't hear the coaches saying, 'Good play.' That's what you're supposed to do."

**From Haynesworth:** "The expectations here, the way things are run, this is how it's supposed to be."

**From Ellis:** "The first thing that comes to mind is winning, you know, championships. I don't have one and I want to get one before it's all said and done. This is the best opportunity for me to do it and I joined. I'm ready to get in line with the rest of the guys and play my role."

**From Carter:** "First and foremost, they do things the right way. It's about accountability. You take accountability for yourself, you take accountability as a team. It's about playing as one. It's about not having any egos. Leave your egos at the door. That's one thing this team does well. They all play together well."

**From Waters:** "Actually, I had numerous phone calls. It was just about finding the situation that was best for me. This was a great organization, so why not? Their record speaks for itself. This is a football team that's a contender year in and year out. I had the opportunity to be around the staff and a number of players [during five Pro Bowl appearances] and had the opportunity to spend some time with [owner] Mr. [Robert] Kraft during the offseason [labor negotiations]. It seemed like a perfect fit for me."

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2011

### TOM BRADY

- Brady is in tenth place with 265 career touchdowns. He needs 9 touchdown passes to surpass his childhood hero Joe Montana (273) into eighth place (see Brady section for entire list).
- Brady has 112 regular season wins as a starter and needs eight wins to become just the sixth quarterback with 120 or more regular season victories as a starter.
- Brady currently has an NFL record of 28 straight wins as a starter in the regular season at home. The last time the Patriots lost a regular season home game in which Brady started was on Nov. 12, 2006 against the New York Jets.
- Brady and Head Coach Bill Belichick need five more wins to become the all-time winningest coach/QB tandem in NFL history. Dan Marino and Don Shula have the most wins with 116 wins.
- Brady threw a touchdown pass in all 16 games in 2010 and four in the season-opener at Miami. He needs to throw at least one touchdown pass in the next three games to break his own team record of 19 straight games with at least one touchdown pass.

### WES WELKER

- Wes Welker has a streak of 62 straight regular season games with at least one reception as a member of the Patriots. He needs two more games with at least one reception to surpass the team mark of 63 set by TE Ben Coates.
- Welker needs 100 receptions in 2011 to become the third player in NFL history with four 100-catch seasons. Welker can join Marvin Harrison and Jerry Rice as the only players with four 100-reception seasons.

## PATRIOTS HAVE BEST NFL RECORD, PAST TEN YEARS

The Patriots record of 122-39, (.758) over the past 10 seasons is the best in the NFL. Over the past 10 years, only five NFL teams have posted a winning percentage of .600 or better.

### BEST RECORDS SINCE 2002

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.758</b>
Indianapolis	115	46	0	.714
Pittsburgh	106	54	1	.661
Philadelphia	103	57	1	.643
Green Bay	97	64	0	.602

### DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE

The New England Patriots own a 49-14 (.777) 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 over the last 10 seasons.

### NFL'S TOP DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.777</b>
Indianapolis Colts	45	18	0	.714
Pittsburgh Steelers	46	19	0	.708
Green Bay Packers	42	20	0	.677

### AFC EAST DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Div. Titles	Years
<b>New England</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.777</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2001, 03-07, 09-10</b>
New York Jets	31	31	0	.500	1	2002
Miami	26	36	0	.419	1	2008
Buffalo	20	42	0	.323	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).

## PATRIOTS HAVE THE SECOND-BEST OPENING MONTH RECORD IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

Getting off to a strong start is important. Over the last 10 years, 15 teams have a winning record through the season's first month. Those 15 clubs have combined for 71 playoff appearances in that span and have won eight of the 10 Super Bowl Championships.

### BEST OPENING-MONTH RECORD OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS (2001-2010)

Team	Record	Pct.
Indianapolis	26-7	.788
<b>New England</b>	<b>22-10</b>	<b>.688</b>
Denver	24-11	.686
Baltimore	20-12	.625
Philadelphia	21-13	.618
NY Giants	20-13	.606
Seattle	20-13	.606
Green Bay	21-14	.600
Dallas	19-14	.578
Pittsburgh	19-14	.578

### 2011 TEAM CAPTAINS

The New England Patriots announced their 2011 team captains. Quarterback Tom Brady and G Logan Mankins will serve as offensive captains. Nose tackle Vince Wilfork, LB Jerod Mayo and CB Devin McCourty will serve as defensive captains. Wide receiver Matthew Slater will serve as special teams captain. The Patriots' 2011 captains were elected by their teammates.

On offense, Brady will serve as an offensive captain for the ninth straight season, having first been elected in 2002. Mankins, who is in his seventh season with New England after joining the team as a first round draft choice in 2005, will serve as a captain for the first time.

On defense, Wilfork is a captain for the fourth straight season, while Mayo will serve as a captain for the third straight year.

Slater will serve as the Patriots' special teams captain for the first time. A special teams standout, Slater led the Patriots with a career-high 21 special teams tackles in 2010.



# PATRIOTS 2011 TEAM NOTES

## NFL'S BEST ROAD WARRIORS THIS DECADE

Since the start of the 2000 season, the Patriots have the third best regular-season road record at 58-31, behind only Indianapolis (59-30) and Philadelphia (58-30-1).

TEAM	RECORD	PCT.
Indianapolis	59-30	.663
Philadelphia	58-30-1	.657
<b>New England</b>	<b>58-31</b>	<b>.652</b>
Pittsburgh	53-36	.596

## PATRIOTS FINISH 6-2 ON THE ROAD IN 2010

The Patriots closed out the 2010 season with a 6-2 road record. In 2009, the Patriots were 2-6 on the road.

## PATRIOTS FORCE TURNS

The Patriots lead the NFL with a +106 turnover margin since the 1994 season, including a league-leading and franchise record +28 in 2010.

### NFL TURNOVER MARGIN SINCE 1994

Rank	Team	Turnover Margin
1.	<b>New England</b>	<b>+106</b>
2.	Kansas City	+102
3.	Pittsburgh	+64

## TOUGH AT HOME

The Patriots own an overall record of 67-14 (.827) at Gillette Stadium. 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.

### BEST HOME RECORDS SINCE 2002

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.827</b>
Indianapolis	63	18	0	.778
Baltimore	54	21	0	.720
Pittsburgh	57	22	1	.719
San Diego	53	25	0	.679
Seattle	52	26	0	.667
Philadelphia	52	28	0	.650
Minnesota	48	26	0	.649

## PATRIOTS WERE PERFECT AT HOME IN 2010

The Patriots finished with a perfect 8-0 regular-season record at Gillette Stadium for the second consecutive season in 2010. New England has now finished perfect at home five times in team history, all in the last seven years (2003, 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2010). The Patriots were the only team in the NFL to finish undefeated at home in 2010.

## NINE STRAIGHT GAMES WITH 30 POINTS TIES PATRIOTS' OWN TEAM RECORD

The Patriots tied a team mark with their ninth straight regular season game with 30 or more points dating back to Nov. 14 of last season with a 39-26 win at Pittsburgh. The Patriots also scored 30 or more points in nine straight games in 2006-07 with the last game of the 2006 regular season and the first eight games of the 2007 season. The Patriots nine straight games with 30 or more points are second in NFL history to the 14 straight games by the St. Louis Rams (1999-2000). The Patriots eight straight games with 30 or more points in 2010 tied an NFL record for most consecutive games with 30 or more points in a single season. The 2007 Patriots and the 2000 St. Louis Rams also achieved that mark. The Patriots are now 62-2 when scoring 30 or more points under head coach Bill Belichick.

## PATRIOTS EARN FOURTH 14-WIN SEASON

The Patriots finished 14-2 in 2010. The Patriots have finished with at least 14 wins in four separate seasons. In addition to the 2010 season, the Patriots finished 14-2 in 2003, 14-2 in 2004 and 16-0 in 2007. The Patriots join the San Francisco 49ers as the only teams in NFL history to have four 14-win seasons.

## NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS \* 2010 AFC EAST CHAMPIONS

The Patriots claimed the AFC East Division title for the second consecutive season and earned the number one seed in the AFC Playoff field. New England has won 13 division crowns and has qualified as a Wild Card team on four occasions (1998, 1994, 1985 and 1976). The Patriots also qualified for the playoffs in 1982 as part of a 16-team tournament following a players' strike. It is the third time that the Patriots have earned home-field advantage (2007 and 2003).

## EIGHT DIVISION TITLES IN 10 YEARS

The Patriots, San Francisco and Minnesota are the only teams to win eight division titles in a 10-year span since the 1970 merger. San Francisco has done it multiple times: Patriots (2001-2010), Vikings (1970-1979) and San Francisco (1981-90, 1983-92, 1984-93, 1986-95, 1987-96 and 1988-97)

## ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS – PATRIOTS HAVE 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 10 seasons.

### MOST SEASONS OF 9+ WINS SINCE 2001

<b>New England</b>	<b>10</b>
Indianapolis	9
Philadelphia	8
Pittsburgh	8

## PATRIOTS ON THE POINT IN 2010

The Patriots finished first in the NFL with 518 points in 2010, second in team history to the NFL record 589 points the Patriots scored in 2007. The 518 points ranks seventh in NFL history.

### MOST POINTS SCORED IN A SEASON BY THE PATRIOTS

589 in 2007

**518 in 2010**

441 in 1980

### MOST POINTS IN A SEASON / NFL HISTORY

Team	Year	Pts
<b>New England</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>589</b>
Minnesota	1998	556
Washington	1983	541
St. Louis	2000	540
St. Louis	1999	526
Indianapolis	2004	522
<b>New England</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>518</b>
Houston Oilers	1961	513
Miami	1984	513

## PATRIOTS ON THE POINT PART 2

The Patriots finished first in the NFL with an average of 32.4 points per game. That is the second-best average in team history.

### HIGHEST AVG. POINTS PER GAME BY THE PATRIOTS

36.8 in 2007

**32.4 in 2010**

29.5 in 1961

## PATRIOTS SCORE TOUCHDOWNS

The Patriots scored 65 touchdowns in 2010, a total that ranks as the eighth-best total in NFL history. New England set the league record with 75 touchdowns in 2007.

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON / PATRIOTS

75 in 2007

**65 in 2010**

52 in 1961 and 1980

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON / NFL HISTORY

Team	Year	TD
<b>New England</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>75</b>
Miami	1984	70
St. Louis	2000	67
Houston Oilers	1961	66
Indianapolis	2004	66
San Francisco	1994	66
St. Louis	1999	66
<b>New England</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>65</b>
Three Teams		64



# LAST GAME: PATRIOTS AT DOLPHINS

## PATRIOTS 38, MIAMI 24

September 12, 2011 ☆ Sun Life Stadium

	1	2	3	4	Final
New England Patriots	7	7	14	10	— 38
Miami Dolphins	7	0	10	7	— 24

Tom Brady threw for a team-record 517 yards and four touchdowns, including a 99-yard touchdown pass to WR Wes Welker, and the New England Patriots started with a victory for the eighth consecutive season with a 38-24 victory over the Miami Dolphins at Sun Life Stadium on Monday Night Football.

The Patriots totaled a franchise-best 622 total yards. Miami QB Chad Henne had a solid effort with 416 yards passing but was overshadowed by Brady. The 906 net yards passing by both teams was an NFL record.

Brady became the 11<sup>th</sup> quarterback in NFL history to throw for 500 or more yards and his yardage total of 517 is fifth in NFL history. He finished with 32 completions on 48 attempts for 517 yards with four touchdowns.

Holding a 31-17 lead with 5:44 to play after the Patriots defense held Miami on a fourth down play from the 1-yard line, Brady lined up from shotgun and threw from the end zone to Welker, who slipped behind the Miami coverage and caught the ball in stride on his way to become the 12<sup>th</sup> NFL player to score on a 99-yard play.

Brady also threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to TE Rob Gronkowski, a 2-yarder to Welker and a 1-yarder to TE Aaron Hernandez. Welker (160) and Hernandez (103) both had 100-yard games.

Both teams scored on their first offensive drives for a 7-7 first quarter. Brady engineered a 7-play, 65-yard drive that was culminated with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Gronkowski on the second play of the second quarter for a 14-7 New England lead, which they took into halftime.

The Patriots took the second half kickoff and Brady had his only blunder of the night when he was intercepted for the first time in 358 pass attempts. A 39-yard return gave Miami a first down at the 1-yard line where Miami scored on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Henne to WR Brian Hartline to tie the game at 14-14.

Brady and the Patriots shook off the error and scored on their next three possessions. Brady engineered a 10-play, 73-yard drive on the ensuing series that ended with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Welker for a 21-14 lead. Following a Miami field goal on the next possession, Brady finished an 8-play, 78-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Hernandez for a 28-17 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, a 20-yard field goal by K Stephen Gostkowski was followed by the 99-yard touchdown pass from Brady to Welker for a 38-17 lead.

The Dolphins added a touchdown late for a 38-24 final.

The Patriots first score was set up when Brady connected with WR Matthew Slater on a 46-yard pass to the Miami 24-yard line to help set up a 1-yard touchdown run by RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis.

## BRADY SETS FRANCHISE RECORD WITH 517 PASSING YARDS

Brady set a franchise record with 517 passing yards. 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 became the 11<sup>th</sup> NFL quarterback to throw for 500 yards or more. His 517 yards are the fifth highest in NFL history and he is the first to pass for 500 yards since Ben Roethlisberger passed for 503 yards on Dec. 20, 2009 vs. Green Bay.

## BRADY AND WELKER CONNECT FOR LONGEST PLAY IN TEAM HISTORY

Brady and Wes Welker connected on a 99-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. It is the longest play in Patriots history and ties an NFL record (12<sup>th</sup> time) for the longest play. The Patriots' previous best was a 91-yard touchdown pass from Brady to David Patten at Indianapolis on Oct. 21, 2001. Welker's previous longest reception was a 64-yard reception from Brady at Miami (11/23/08).

## PATRIOTS SET FRANCHISE RECORD WITH 622 TOTAL YARDS

The Patriots 622 total yards against Miami 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.

## PATRIOTS START GOOD

The Patriots have won eight straight games on opening day dating back to 2004. The eight straight opening day wins is the longest active streak in the NFL. Head coach Bill Belichick 11-6 all-time on opening day including 9-3 as Patriots head coach. Tom Brady is 9-1 on opening day.

## NINE STRAIGHT GAMES WITH 30 POINTS TIES PATRIOTS' OWN NFL RECORD

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## PATRIOT SCORE IN MIAMI

The Patriots scored 30 or more points in four of their last five games played at Miami and are averaging 39.4 points in those games.

## TWO 2011 DRAFT PICKS START

Two of the Patriots' 2011 draft picks were in the starting lineup with first round pick T Nate Solder and second-round pick CB Ras-I Dowling starting the game. Last season, four draft picks were in the starting lineup with first round pick CB Devin McCourty and second-round pick LB Brandon Spikes on defense and second-round pick TE Rob Gronkowski and fourth-round pick TE Aaron Hernandez on offense.

## BRADY BECOMES THE 18<sup>TH</sup> QB IN NFL HISTORY TO REACH 35,000

Brady (35,261) became the 18<sup>th</sup> quarterback in NFL history to reach 35,000 career passing yards after gaining 517 yards against the Dolphins. He entered the game needing 256 yards to reach the feat. Tom Brady is currently 18<sup>th</sup> on the NFL's All-Time Passing yards list with 35,261 passing yards. Jim Kelly is 17<sup>th</sup> with 35,467 passing yards.

## BRADY NEARING CHILDHOOD IDLE IN TD PASSES

Brady threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to TE Rob Gronkowski early in the second quarter to move into sole possession of 10<sup>th</sup> place on the NFL's all-time passing list with 262 career touchdowns. He added three more touchdowns for a career total of 265. He entered the game tied with Dave Kreig. Brady's childhood idol Joe Montana is in ninth place with 273 career touchdown passes.

## HERNANDEZ HAS CAREER DAY

TE Aaron Hernandez had a career day with seven receptions for 103 receiving yards for his second NFL 100-yard game. He had 101 yards at the New York Jets on Sept. 19, 2010.



# INSIDE THE NUMBERS

## 2010 BY THE NUMBERS

2

The number of blocked kicks recorded by S Patrick Chung in 2010 after he blocked a punt and a field goal in the Patriots win at Miami (10/4). He is the first NFL player to block a field goal and a punt in the same game since CB Ramon Walker of Houston blocked a field goal and a punt vs. New England on Nov. 23, 2003.

4

The number of interceptions that the Patriots returned for a touchdown in 2010 after LB Gary Guyton returned an interception 59 yards for a score vs. Cincinnati (9/12), S Patrick Chung returned an interception 51 yards for a score at Miami (10/4), S James Sanders returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown at Pittsburgh (11/14), and CB Kyle Arrington returned an interception 36 yards for score vs. Green Bay (12/19).

5.64

The average yards per carry by Danny Woodhead in 2010 after he finished with 97 rushes for 547 yards. His average set a Patriots team record, topping Don Clahoun's previous team record of 5.59 yards per carry in 1976.

7

The number of interceptions by CB Devin McCourty in 2010. It is the second most interceptions by a rookie in Patriots history to Mike Haynes (8) in 1976.

10

The number of touchdown receptions by rookie TE Rob Gronkowski in 2010, a record for most touchdown catches by a tight end in Patriots history. The only other rookie tight end in NFL history to have more touchdowns was Mike Ditka (12).

13

The number of rushing touchdowns in 2010 by BenJarvus Green-Ellis, establishing a career high. His previous best was the five he had as a rookie in 2008. He is the first Patriots player with 10-plus rushing touchdowns since Corey Dillon had 13 in 2006.

45

The number of receptions by Aaron Hernandez in 2010, the most receptions by a rookie tight end in franchise history.

65

The number of touchdowns by the 2010 Patriots, a total that ranks as the eighth-highest total in NFL history. New England set the NFL record with 75 touchdowns in 2007.

71

The number of yards Dan Connolly gained on a second quarter kickoff return vs. Green Bay (12/19). It is the longest kickoff return by an offensive lineman in NFL history.

193

The number of total tackles by LB Jerod Mayo in 2010. That number is the third-highest in team history and led the NFL in 2010.

1,008

The number of yards that BenJarvus Green-Ellis had rushing in 2010, becoming the first Patriots player to top the 1,000-yard rushing mark since Corey Dillon had a team-record 1,635 yards in 2004.

## TOM BRADY BY THE NUMBERS

6

The number of times that Brady has finished a season with 25 or more touchdowns. He is the sixth QB in NFL history to have 25 or more touchdown passes in at least six different seasons.

8

The number of times Tom Brady has passed for 3,000 or more yards in a season, a franchise record for most 3,000-yard seasons. He finished the season with 3,900 yards.

11

The number of times an NFL quarterback has thrown for 500 or more yards after Brady threw for 517 in the 2011 opener at Miami.

## TOM BRADY BY THE NUMBERS (continued)

17

The number of times Tom Brady has earned AFC Offensive Player of the Week honors. He earned the award in back-to-back weeks in 2010: at Detroit (11/25) and vs. NY Jets (12/6).

18

The number of NFL quarterbacks that have reached 35,000 yards after Brady (35,261) reached the milestone at Miami.

28

The number of consecutive regular-season starts that Tom Brady has won at Gillette Stadium, setting an NFL record for most consecutive home wins by a starting quarterback in the regular-season.

36

The number of touchdown passes thrown by Brady in 2010 to lead the NFL. He is one of just 13 players since the 1970 merger to have at least two 30 touchdown seasons. He set an NFL record with 50 in 2007.

35

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

83

The number of times that Brady has thrown two or more touchdowns in a game. The Patriots are 70-12 when he throws for two or more touchdowns.

112

The number of wins that Brady has as a starting quarterback. He reached the 100-win milestone in the fewest number of starts (131) among all quarterbacks in the modern era.

## 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) and Pittsburgh (2; 2005 and 2008) have won multiple Super Bowl titles since 1994.

5

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 three conference titles since 1994.

10

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

12

The number of playoff seasons earned by the Patriots in the 17 seasons since Robert Kraft purchased the team.

17

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 15 playoff wins over that span.

26

The number of playoff games the Patriots have appeared in since 1994. The mark is tied with Pittsburgh for the most playoff games during that time period.

## 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.

177

Bill Belichick has 177 career victories as a head coach, including playoff games. Belichick is in sole possession of 10<sup>th</sup> place in all-time coaching victories.





# HOME OPENER AND PATRIOTS HALL OF FAME NUMBERS

## HOME OPENER NUMBERS

**2**

Since the opening of Gillette Stadium in 2002, the Patriots have faced two different teams twice in home-openers: the San Diego Chargers (2007 and 2011) and the Buffalo Bills (2006 and 2009).

**3**

This week's game will be the third time that the Patriots have faced San Diego in a home-opener. The Patriots opened the home schedule vs. San Diego with a 41-7 win in 1997 and a 38-14 win in 2007.

**3**

The number of times a player has registered a 100-yard receiving performance on opening day at Gillette Stadium. Randy Moss accomplished the feat in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

**4**

The number of times that Tom Brady has thrown three touchdown passes in a home-opener (2002, 2004, 2007 and 2010).

**4**

The number of times that Tom Brady has thrown for at least 300 yards in a home-opener, with his highest output coming in the 2009 home opener vs. Buffalo with 378 yards.

**7**

Since the AFL/NFL merger in 1970, the Patriots have faced the now Indianapolis Colts a total of seven times in home openers ('76, '81, '83, '86, '98, '99, '04). That is the most times the Patriots have faced the same team in home-openers.

**9**

The number of wins by the Patriots on opening day at Gillette Stadium. The Patriots are a perfect 9-0 at home on opening day since the stadium was built. That is the longest streak in the NFL.

**9**

Head coach Bill Belichick is 9-2 in home openers as head coach of the Patriots.

**14**

The Patriots have won 14 of their last 16 home openers.

**17**

The most points scored by the Patriots in a quarter of any home opener at Gillette Stadium. The Patriots scored 17 points in the third quarter vs. Pittsburgh in the grand opening of Gillette Stadium on Sept. 9, 2002 in a 30-14 win.

**18**

This week's game will be the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive sold out Patriots home opener, all under the ownership of Robert Kraft.

**38**

The highest number of points scored by the Patriots in a home-opener at Gillette Stadium. The Patriots beat the Chargers 38-14 (9/16/07) and the Bengals 38-14 (9/12/10).

**41**

The highest number of points scored by the Patriots in a home-opener in franchise history. The Patriots beat Miami 41-10 (10/15/67) and beat San Diego 41-7 (8/31/97).

**105**

The highest rushing total by a Patriots player in a home opener was when Sam Cunningham gained 105 yards on 23 carries in a 1977 home opener vs. Kansas City.

**183**

The most rushing yards by the Patriots in a home-opener at Gillette Stadium were a 183-yard effort vs. Buffalo in 2006.

**148**

The highest receiving total by a Patriots player in a home opener was when Cedric Jones caught eight passes for 148 yards in a 1989 home opener vs. the New York Jets.

**378**

The highest passing total by a Patriots player in a home opener was when Tom Brady passed for 378 yards in a 2009 home-opener vs. Buffalo.

## JON MORRIS

**1**

Jon Morris is the first to be elected into the Patriots Hall of Fame by the Senior Selection Committee.

**1**

Following the AFL-NFL in 1970, Morris became the first Patriots' player to be selected to the NFL Pro Bowl in 1970.

**3**

Morris will become the third offensive lineman inducted in the Patriots, joining G John Hannah and T Bruce Armstrong.

**3**

Morris was a finalist for the Patriots Hall of Fame in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

**7**

Morris was a six-time AFL all-star and a one-time Pro Bowl player during his 11 seasons with the Patriots (1964-74). His seven league All-Star selections rank second in Patriots history behind Pro Football of Famer John Hannah (9).

**11**

Morris played 11 seasons for the Patriots (1964-74) after joining the team as a fourth round draft pick out of Holy Cross in 1964.

**9**

Morris worked as the color commentator on Patriots radio broadcasts for nine year from 1979 to 1987.

**56**

Morris wore jersey #56 for the Patriots, as did Pro Football Hall of Famer LB Andre Tippett.

## DREW BLEDSOE

**2**

Drew Bledsoe led the Patriots to back-to-back division titles in 1996 and 1997, the Patriots first back-to-back division titles in team history.

**3**

Drew Bledsoe will become the third quarterback inducted into the Patriots' Hall of Fame, joining QB Vito "Babe" Parilli and QB Steve Grogan.

**3**

Bledsoe went to three Pro Bowl with the Patriots, following the 1994, 1996 and 1997 seasons.

**4**

Bledsoe Led the Patriots to four playoff berths as the starting quarterback during his nine-year Patriots career (1994, 1996, 1997 and 1998).

**4**

Bledsoe in the only player in Patriots history to pass for over 400 yards multiple times (4).

**23**

At the age of 23, Bledsoe became the youngest player in NFL history to surpass the 10,000-yard passing plateau in 1994.

**23**

Bledsoe currently ranks eighth in career passing yards (44,611) and finished his career with more passing yards than 23 Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterbacks.

**45**

Bledsoe holds the NFL record for most completions in a game with 45 in a game against Minnesota in 1994.

**70**

Bledsoe hold the NFL record for attempts with 70 in a game against Minnesota in 1994.







# 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 (.311 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 10 division titles, five conference crowns and three Super Bowl championships. The Patriots have made five Super Bowl appearances since Kraft purchased the team, a period during which no other NFL franchise has earned more than three berths.



	<b>Pre-Kraft 1960-93</b>	<b>1989-93</b>	<b>Kraft Era 1994-10</b>
Overall Record	225-276-9	19-61	198-101
Winning Pct.	.450	.311	.662
Super Bowl Titles	0	0	3
Conference Titles	1	0	5
Division Titles	3	0	10
Playoff Seasons	6	0	12
Playoff Record	4-6	--	17-9
Home Playoff Games	1	0	13
Home Playoff Record	0-1	--	11-2

## A CHAMPIONSHIP TRADITION

The Patriots, the Los Angeles Lakers and the San Antonio Spurs are the only teams from the four major professional sports leagues to have won at least three titles since 2001.

## 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

## CHAMPIONSHIP GAME/SERIES APPEARANCES SINCE 1994

Team	League	Appearances
New York Yankees.....	MLB.....	7
Los Angeles Lakers.....	NBA.....	7
Detroit Red Wings.....	NHL.....	6
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>NFL.....</b>	<b>5</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	NFL.....	4
San Antonio Spurs.....	NBA.....	4
New Jersey Devils.....	NHL.....	4

## 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-ticket base stands at a capped total of approximately 62,000 and more than 50,000 fans are on a season ticket waiting list. The Patriots have sold out 183 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>181</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	172
Green Bay Packers.....	171
Indianapolis Colts.....	170

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

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>198</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	189
Green Bay Packers.....	186
Indianapolis Colts.....	181
Philadelphia Eagles.....	166
Denver Broncos.....	165

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

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

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.662</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	189	109	1	.634
Green Bay Packers.....	186	112	0	.624
Indianapolis Colts.....	181	115	0	.614
Denver Broncos.....	165	121	0	.577
Philadelphia Eagles.....	166	127	2	.566
Minnesota Vikings.....	157	131	0	.545

### SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>3</b>
Green Bay.....	2
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	2
Denver Broncos.....	2
8 Teams.....	1

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>5</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	4
Green Bay Packers.....	3
Denver Broncos.....	2
St. Louis Rams.....	2
Indianapolis Colts.....	2
New York Giants.....	2
14 Teams.....	1

### PLAYOFF VICTORIES SINCE 1994

<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>17</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>26</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	26
Green Bay Packers.....	25
Indianapolis Colts.....	23
Philadelphia Eagles.....	22
Denver Broncos.....	13
San Francisco 49ers.....	13

### PLAYOFF SEASONS SINCE 1994

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

### PLAYOFF WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 1994

Team	W	L	Pct.
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.654</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	17	9	.654
New Orleans Saints.....	5	3	.625
Arizona Cardinals.....	5	3	.625
Denver Broncos.....	8	5	.615
Green Bay Packers.....	15	10	.600
Baltimore Ravens.....	9	6	.600
Carolina Panthers.....	6	4	.600

### HOME PLAYOFF WINS SINCE 1994

Pittsburgh Steelers.....	12
<b>New England Patriots.....</b>	<b>11</b>
Philadelphia Eagles.....	8
Green Bay Packers.....	8

## KEY TO LOCKOUT'S END

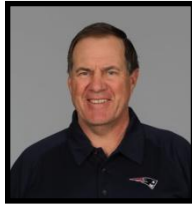
Robert Kraft played a major role in helping reach a deal with the NFL players that ended the lockout. At the press conference to announce the agreement, Indianapolis Colts C Jeff Saturday commented on Kraft's role in the negotiations, "Without him, this deal does not get done. He is a man who helped 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.



# BILL BELICHICK NEWS & NOTES

## THE HEAD COACH

**Overall Record:** 178-100 (.640)  
**Regular Season:** 163-94 (.634)  
**Postseason:** 15-6 (.714)  
**With Patriots overall:** 141-55 (.719)  
**Super Bowl Titles:** 5 (86, 90, 01, 03, 04)  
**Conf. Titles:** 7 (86, 90, 96, 01, 03, 04, 07)  
**Division Titles:** 15 (75, 78, 86, 89, 90, 96, 98, 01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09, 10)



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 10<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WINNING RECORD

Bill Belichick has led the Patriots to a winning record for 10 consecutive seasons (2001-2010). 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 LEADS TEAM NFL-BEST 14-2 RECORD

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.

## BILL BELICHICK'S 14-WIN REGULAR SEASONS

YEAR	RECORD	SEASON RESULT
2003	14-2	Super Bowl XXXVIII Champions
2004	14-2	Super Bowl XXXIX Champions
2007	16-0	Super Bowl XLII
2010	14-2	AFC Divisional Playoffs

## BELICHICK MOVES INTO TOP TEN

Bill Belichick passed Mike Holmgren to move into sole possession of 10<sup>th</sup> place in all-time coaching victories and now has 177 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
9. Bill Parcells	NYG,NE,NYJ,DAL	19	183-138-1
10. <b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE, NE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>178-100-0</b>
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

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. With the Patriots' victory in Super Bowl XXXIX, 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>New England 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, XXXIII)

## 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>136</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.756</b>
Tony Dungy	TB/IND	101	41	0	.711
Bill Cowher	PIT	70	35	1	.665

## AMONG THE GREATS

Coach Belichick has recorded 178 career wins, 10<sup>th</sup> all-time in NFL history. Belichick owns a career winning percentage of .640, which is third all-time, behind George Halas (.682) and Don Shula (.666).

## 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	.666
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE/NE</b>	<b>1991-95,00-10</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.640</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

Coach Belichick has won 15 career playoff games, a total that is the fifth-highest by a head coach in NFL history.

## MOST PLAYOFF WINS BY AN NFL HEAD COACH

Coach	Team(s)	Wins
Tom Landry	Dallas Cowboys	20
Don Shula	Baltimore Colts, Miami Dolphins	19
Joe Gibbs	Washington Redskins	17
Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh Steelers	16
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>Cleveland Browns, New England Patriots</b>	<b>15</b>

## POSTSEASON PROWESS

Bill Belichick is tied for third in NFL history with a .714 winning percentage in the postseason.

## 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
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE/NE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.714</b>
Bill Walsh	San Francisco	10	4	.714

## BELICHICK NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

The Associated Press named Bill Belichick the National Football League's Coach of the Year for 2010. It is the third time that Belichick has 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.

## WINNINGEST HEAD COACHES IN PATRIOTS HISTORY

Coach	Years	Career Winning Pct.	Overall W-L-T	Playoff W-L
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>2000-11</b>	<b>.719</b>	<b>141-55-0</b>	<b>14-5</b>
Raymond Berry	1984-89	.554	51-41-0	3-2
Pete Carroll	1997-99	.549	28-23-0	1-2
Ron Meyer	1982-84	.529	18-16-0	0-1



# TOM BRADY NEWS & NOTES

## RECORDING SUCCESS

Tom Brady has quarterbacked the Patriots to victories in 112 of his 144 career regular-season starts, compiling a .778 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>112</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.778</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>112</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.778</b>
Matt Ryan	ATL	33	14	0	.702
Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	69	30	0	.697
Philip Rivers	SD	56	25	0	.691
Peyton Manning	IND	141	67	0	.678

## MOST CAREER WINS AS A STARTER

(Regular season only)

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>
5.	Fran Tarkenton	124	109	6	.531
6.	Johnny Unitas	118	64	4	.651
7.	Joe Montana	117	47	0	.713
<b>8.</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.778</b>
9.	Terry Bradshaw	107	51	0	.677
10.	Warren Moon	102	98	0	.510

Bold indicates active players

## BRADY EARNS SECOND MVP AWARD

The Associated Press named Tom Brady the National Football League's Most Valuable Player for the 2010 season. He is the first unanimous selection. It is the second MVP honor of Brady's career. He earned his first MVP honors following the 2007 season. Brady joins San Francisco's Joe Montana as the only players to earn more than one MVP and more than one Super Bowl MVP.

## 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 became the 11<sup>th</sup> NFL quarterback to throw for 500 yards or more. His 517 yards are the fifth highest in NFL history and he is the first to pass for 500 yards or more since Ben Roethlisberger passed for 503 yards on Dec. 20, 2009 vs. Green Bay.

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
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>517 yards in 2011</b>

## BRADY BECOMES THE 18<sup>TH</sup> QB IN NFL HISTORY TO REACH 35,000 YARDS

Tom Brady (35,261) became the 18<sup>th</sup> quarterback in NFL history to reach 35,000 career passing yards after gaining 517 yards against the Dolphins. He entered the game needing 256 yards to reach the feat. Brady is currently 18<sup>th</sup> on the NFL's All-Time Passing yards list with 35,261 passing yards. Jim Kelly is 17<sup>th</sup> with 35,467 passing yards.

## BRADY EXTENDS STREAK TO 10 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH TWO OR MORE TDS DATING BACK TO 2010

Brady had his tenth straight game with two or more touchdowns with four in the 2011 season-opener at Miami (9/12). Brady had 12 games with two or more touchdowns overall in 2010. He had had four 3-touchdown games and two 4-touchdown games in 2010. The Patriots are 71-12 when he throws for two or more touchdowns in a game. Brady had 14 games with two or more touchdowns in 2007. His four touchdowns against Miami marked his 11<sup>th</sup> game with four touchdown passes. The Patriots are 11-0 when he passes for four touchdowns. He has now thrown four or more touchdowns in a game 15 times with 11 four-touchdown games, two five-touchdown games and two six-touchdown games. The 15 games with 4-plus touchdowns is fifth all-time in NFL history.

## Most Games with 4+ Touchdown Passes

PLAYER	4+ TD Games
Brett Favre	23
Peyton Manning	22
Dan Marino	21
Johnny Unitas	17
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>15</b>

## CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS CONTINUES FOR BRADY IN 2011

Brady threw a touchdown pass in all 16 games in 2010 and extended that streak to 17 with four touchdown passes against Miami (9/12). He needs to throw at least one touchdown pass in the next three games to break his own team record of 19 straight games (12/17/06-12/09/07) with at least one touchdown pass.

## BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR THE 35<sup>TH</sup> TIME IN HIS CAREER

Brady had his 35<sup>th</sup> NFL game with 300 or more yards passing and ranks third among active NFL quarterbacks, behind NFL-leader Peyton Manning (63) and Drew Brees (45). The Patriots are 31-4 when Brady throws for 300 or more yards.

## BRADY REACHES 30 TDS FOR SECOND TIME

Tom Brady reached 30 touchdown passes in 2010 after finishing with an NFL-leading 36 touchdowns. Brady now has two 30-touchdown seasons after throwing for 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 with 31. It is the third time in Patriots history that they have had a quarterback lead the NFL in touchdowns.

## 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 the win against the Jets (12/6/10). That is the most such games by a quarterback since the 1970 merger.

## TOM BRADY'S RECORD AS A STARTER

	Reg. Season	Playoffs	Total
<b>Overall:</b>	<b>112-32</b>	<b>14-5</b>	<b>126-37</b>
Home:.....	62-10	8-2	70-12
Road:.....	50-22	6-3*	56-25*
<b>By Yardage Total</b>			
Less than 200:.....	29-12	3-1	32-13
200-299:.....	52-16	9-3	61-19
300 or more:.....	31-4	2-1	33-5
<b>Other Records</b>			
On Artificial Turf:.....	57-5	4-3	61-8
Temp. Below 40:.....	26-3	8-2	34-5
Thanksgiving or later:.....	43-9	14-5	57-14
Leading at Halftime:.....	86-8	10-2	96-10
Leading after 3 Qtrs:.....	92-5	9-2	101-7
Overtime:.....	7-1	1-0	8-1
Passer rating >100.0:.....	62-3	6-0	68-3

\*-Includes three Super Bowls at neutral sites



# TOM BRADY NEWS & NOTES

## BRADY FINISHES WITH NFL'S 5<sup>TH</sup> BEST SINGLE-SEASON PASSER RATING IN 2010

Tom Brady finished the year with a passer rating of 111.0, a mark that stands as the fifth best all-time. Brady's 2010 season trails only Peyton Manning's 2004 season, Brady's 2007 season, Steve Young's 1994 season and Joe Montana's 1989 season on the all-time passer rating list. Brady is the only player to have two entries in the league's list of the top five single-season passer ratings.

### TOP SINGLE-SEASON PASSER RATINGS / NFL HISTORY

Player	Season	Passer Rtg.
Peyton Manning	2004	121.1
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>117.2</b>
Steve Young	1994	112.8
Joe Montana	1989	112.4
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>111.0</b>

## BRADY WINS 28th STRAIGHT START AT GILLETTE

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 (12/6) and enters the 2011 season with an active regular season streak of 28. The last time the Patriots lost a regular-season home game in which Brady started was on 11/22/06 vs. the N.Y. Jets.

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

Player	Team	Years	Streak
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>2006-Present</b>	<b>28</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
<b>3.</b>	<b>Peyton Manning</b>	<b>399</b>
4.	Fran Tarkenton	342
5.	John Elway	300
6.	Warren Moon	291
7.	Johnny Unitas	290
8.	Vinny Testaverde	275
9.	Joe Montana	273
<b>10.</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>265</b>

## BRADY REACHES 25 TDS FOR SIXTH TIME

Tom Brady finished the 2010 season with an NFL-leading 36 touchdowns. It is the sixth time in his career that he has had 25 or more touchdowns in a season.

### MOST SEASONS WITH 25-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Peyton Manning	13	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>6</b>
Brett Favre	11	Drew Brees	6
Dan Marino	7	Joe Montana	6

## 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 112 wins are second only to Dan Marino and Don Shula's 116 wins.

### 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>112</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.778</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.
Dan Marino/Don Shula	MIA	116	68	0	.630
<b>Tom Brady/Bill Belichick</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.778</b>
Terry Bradshaw/Chuck Noll	PIT	107	51	0	.601

## BRADY'S COMEBACKS

Brady has engineered 31 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
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	23-20 OT
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

(Bold indicates active players)

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

### QUARTERBACKS WITH THREE 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

### 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>70</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.854</b>
Terry Bradshaw	PIT	75	14	0	.843
John Elway	DEN	104	25	0	.806
Steve Young	TB/SF	63	19	0	.768





# TOM BRADY NEWS & NOTES

## BRADY NEAR THE TOP SINCE BECOMING THE PATRIOTS STARTER IN 2001

Since taking over as the Patriots starting quarterback in 2001, Tom Brady ranks second with 265 touchdown passes and fourth with 34,738 passing yards.

### Touchdowns Since 2001

Player	Team	Years	TDs
Peyton Manning	IND	2001-10	314
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>2001-10</b>	<b>265</b>
Brett Favre	GB/NYJ/MIN	2001-10	253
Drew Brees	SD/NO	2001-11	238
Donovan McNabb	PHI/WAS/MIN	2001-11	202

### Passing Yards Since 2001

Player	Team	Years	Passing Yards
Peyton Manning	IND	2001-10	42,541
Brett Favre	GB/NYJ/MIN	2001-10	37,132
Drew Brees	SD/NO	2001-11	35,685
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>2001-10</b>	<b>35,255</b>
Donovan McNabb	PHI/WAS	2001-11	31,976

## TOM BRADY EARNS 17TH AFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD

Tom Brady was named the AFC Offensive Player of the Week in back-to-back weeks for his performance in the wins at Detroit (11/25) and vs. NY Jets (12/6). Brady has now received the honor 17 times, the third-most Player of the Week awards earned by a player since the accolade was instituted in 1984.

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

Player	Career	Team	POW Awards
Peyton Manning	1998-present	Colts	20
Dan Marino	1983-1999	Dolphins	18
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2000-present</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>17</b>
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 pass attempts without in the season-opener before throwing his first interception since Oct. 17, 2010 in the 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 GOES 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 in 2009 to become the Patriots all-time passing yardage leader and currently has 35,261 career passing yards.

### PATRIOTS ALL-TIME LEADING PASSERS

Player	YEARS	ATT	COMP	YARDS
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2000-11</b>	<b>4,758</b>	<b>3,028</b>	<b>35,261</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 IN NINE STRAIGHT GAMES

Quarterback 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 HAD 12 GAMES WITH TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN 2010

Brady closed out the 2010 season with nine straight games with two or more touchdowns. Brady had 12 games with two or more touchdowns overall in 2010. He had four 3-touchdown games and two 4-touchdown games. The Patriots are 70-12 when he throws two or more touchdowns in a game. The 12 games with two or more touchdowns are second to the 14 games with two or more touchdowns he had in 2007.

## BRADY LED NFL WITH 36 TDS IN 2010

Tom Brady finished with an NFL-leading 36 touchdown passes and a 9.0 TD/INT ratio. He was one of just five quarterbacks in 2010 with at least 30 touchdowns.

### NFL Passing Touchdowns

Rank	Player	Passing TD	INT
<b>1</b>	<b>Tom Brady (NE)</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Drew Brees (NO)	33	22
3	Peyton Manning (IND)	33	17
4t	Eli Manning (NYG)	31	25
4t	Philip Rivers (SD)	30	13

## BRADY HAD LOW INTERCEPTION PCT. IN 2010

Tom Brady threw just four interceptions on 492 attempts in 2010, for a 0.81 interception percentage. That mark is the third best in NFL history and the best among all quarterbacks in league history who had at least 250 pass attempts in their low-interception season.

### NFL Interception Percentage

Rank	Player	Int. Pct.
1	Damon Huard (KC) 2006 (244-1)	0.41
2	Joe Ferguson (BUF) 1976 (151-1)	0.66
<b>3.</b>	<b>Tom Brady (NE) 2010 (492-4)</b>	<b>0.81</b>
4.	Steve DeBerg (KC) 1990 (444-4)	0.90

## BRADY HAD BEST PASSER RATING IN 2010

Brady led the NFL in 2010 with a 111.0 passer rating, the second time in his career that he has finished the season with a passer rating over 100. He had a career-best 117.2 passer rating in 2007.

### NFL Passer Rating

Rank	Player	Passer Rating
<b>1</b>	<b>Tom Brady (NE)</b>	<b>111.0</b>
2	Philip Rivers (SD)	101.8
3	Aaron Rodgers (GB)	101.2
4	Michael Vick (PHI)	100.2

## BRADY HAD BEST TOUCHDOWN/INTERCEPTION RATIO IN 2010

Brady threw 36 touchdowns to just four interceptions in 2010 for an NFL-leading 9.00 touchdown/interception ratio, the second best ratio in NFL history. The NFL record is 11.00 by Damon Huard of Kansas City in 2006. Brady's 2007 season of 50 touchdowns to 8 interceptions for a 6.25 ratio is third in NFL history.

### NFL Touchdown/Interception Ratio

Rank	Player	TD/INT Ratio
<b>1</b>	<b>Tom Brady (NE)</b>	<b>9.00</b>
2	Josh Freeman (TB)	4.17
3	Matt Cassel (KC)	3.86
4	Michael Vick (PHI)	3.50
5	Ben Roethlisberger (PIT)	3.40



# PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

## 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 21 receptions in the two 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 HAS CAREER LONG

The 79-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady to Deion Branch at Detroit (11/25/10) is the longest reception of Branch's career. His previous best was a 66-yard touchdown pass from Brady at Denver on Nov. 3, 2003.

## ADDITIONAL 2010 BRANCH NOTES

- Finished the season with a career-high six touchdowns (five with New England, one with Seattle).
- Finished with 61 receptions for 818 yards (13.4 average). The 818 yards were second to the 998 yards he had in 2005 with the Patriots, while the 61 receptions were second to the 78 he had in 2005 with the Patriots.
- Moved into a tie for 10th place with Tony Collins on the Patriots all-time reception list with 261 (2002-05, 2010).

## 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. It is the first punt return for a touchdown by the Patriots since Troy Brown had a 68-yard return at Carolina on Jan. 6, 2002.

## 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
<b>Julian Edelman</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>2010</b>
Mack Herron	14.8	1974
Troy Brown	14.2	2001

## EDELMAN HAS HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE IN TEAM HISTORY

Edelman has returned 32 punts for 443 yards during his Patriots' career and leads the franchise with a 13.8-yard average.

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

Player	Punt Rt Avg.	Year
<b>Julian Edelman</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>2009-11(32-443)</b>
Mack Herron	12.0	1973-75 (74-888)
Carl Garrett	11.3	1969-72 (43-487)
Wes Welker	10.6	2007-11 (81-860)

## 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.

## KEVIN FAULK IS HIGH ON THE CHARTS

Kevin Faulk has filled various roles since joining the team in 1999. He is the Patriots all-time leader in all-purpose yards with 12,247 and kickoff return yards (4,098) and is the Patriots' all-time leading return specialist, totaling 5,30 combined yards. He ranks fifth in rushing (3,550), fifth in receptions (424), tenth in pass receiving yards (3,667) and 21<sup>st</sup> in scoring (200). Faulk owns the longest non-touchdown kickoff return in team history when he covered 95 yards on a return against the New York Jets (11/15/99).



### PATRIOTS LEADERS / ALL-PURPOSE YARDS ALL-TIME

Player	Years	ALL-PURPOSE YARDS
<b>Kevin Faulk</b>	<b>2001-11</b>	<b>12,247</b>
Stanley Morgan	1977-89	11,468
Troy Brown	2001-07	11,053
Irving Fryar	1984-92	8,184

He is one of just six NFL players this past decade to total 3,000 rushing yards and 3,000 receiving yards. (Tiki Barber, Brian Westbrook, Marshall Faulk, Michael Pittman and LaDarian Tomlinson).

## FAULK IS THIRD ON ALL-TIME YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

Faulk is third on the Patriots all-time list with 7,217 yards from scrimmage.

### PATRIOTS LEADERS / YDS FROM SCRIMMAGE ALL-TIME

Player	Years	Rush-Yd	Rec.-Yd	Yd/Scrim.
Stanley Morgan	1977-1989	21-127	534-10352	10479
Sam Cunningham	1973-1982	1385-5453	210-1905	7358
<b>Kevin Faulk</b>	<b>2001-10</b>	<b>847-3550</b>	<b>424-3667</b>	<b>7217</b>
Tony Collins	1981-1987	1191-4647	261-2356	7003

Faulk has more total yards from scrimmage than any other Patriots player since 2001. Faulk has totaled 5,820 yards from scrimmage (2,731 rushing and 3,089 receiving).



# PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

## FAULK: FRANCHISE RB RECEPTIONS LEADER

Faulk is the Patriots' all-time leader in receptions by a running back, totaling 424 career receptions. His receiving total ranks fourth on the Patriots' overall receptions list. He is the 26<sup>th</sup> running back in NFL history to reach 400 receptions.

### RECEPTIONS BY PATRIOTS RUNNING BACKS

Player	Years	Rec.
<b>Kevin Faulk</b>	<b>1999-2010</b>	<b>424</b>
Tony Collins	1981-87	261
Sam Cunningham	1973-79, 1981-82	210
Larry Garron	1960-68	185

### ACTIVE NFL RB RECEIVING LEADERS

Rk	Player	Years	Rec.Yards.
1	LaDanian Tomlinson (SD/NYJ)	2001-2011	4,396
2	Brian Westbrook (PHI/SF)	2002-2010	3,940
<b>3</b>	<b>Kevin Faulk (New England)</b>	<b>1999-2010</b>	<b>3,667</b>

## GREEN-ELLIS GOES OVER 1,000 YARDS

RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis finished the 2010 season with 1,008 rushing yards, becoming the first Patriots player to top the 1,000-yard rushing mark since Corey Dillon had a team-record 1,635 rushing yards in 2004. Green-Ellis is the 11th New England player to record a 1,000-yard rushing season. Green-Ellis recorded his 1,000-yard season without fumbling the ball all year, joining Baltimore's Ray Rice as the only NFL backs with at least 175 rushing attempts and no fumbles this season. Green-Ellis and Rice are the first running backs to have a 1,000-yard season without a fumble since DeAngelo Williams had a 1,000-yard season without a fumble in 2008.

### PATRIOTS WITH 1,000 YARDS RUSHING IN A SEASON

Player	Yards	Year
<b>BenJarvus Green-Ellis</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>2010</b>
Corey Dillon	1,635	2004
Antowain Smith	1,157	2001
Robert Edwards	1,115	1998
Curtis Martin	1,160	1997
Curtis Martin	1,152	1996
Curtis Martin	1,487	1995
Leonard Russell	1,088	1993
John Stephens	1,168	1988
Craig James	1,227	1985
Tony Collins	1,049	1983
Sam Cunningham	1,015	1977
Jim Nance	1,216	1967
Jim Nance	1,458	1966

## BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS HAD 13 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

BenJarvus Green-Ellis scored his 13th rushing touchdown of the season on a 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of the 2010 season-finale vs. Miami (1/02). Green-Ellis' 13 rushing touchdowns are tied for the third highest rushing touchdown total by a Patriots player, trailing only two 14-touchdown seasons by Curtis Martin (1995 and 1996). Corey Dillon also had a 13-touchdown season in 2006. Green-Ellis is the first undrafted rookie to score 10 or more rushing touchdowns in a season for the Patriots. He is the eighth player in team history to record double digit rushing touchdowns in a season.

### Patriots with 10+ Rushing Touchdowns in a Season

Player	Touchdowns	Year
Curtis Martin	14	1996
Curtis Martin	14	1995
<b>BenJarvus Green-Ellis</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2010</b>
Corey Dillon	13	2006
Corey Dillon	12	2005
Corey Dillon	12	2004
Antowain Smith	12	2001
Steve Grogan	12	1976
Horace Ivory	11	1978
Jim Nance	11	1966
Tony Collins	10	1983

## GREEN-ELLIS' 13 TOUCHDOWNS TIE FOR SECOND IN 2010

Green-Ellis' 13 rushing touchdowns in 2010 tied with Rashard Mendenhall from Pittsburgh for second in the NFL to Houston's Arian Foster, who finished with 16 rushing touchdowns.

## GREEN-ELLIS' 13 TOUCHDOWNS TIED FOR FOURTH-BEST IN TEAM HISTORY

Green-Ellis' 13 touchdowns overall are tied for the fourth most overall in team history. He led the team with 78 points and is the first non-kicker to lead the Patriots in points since RB Robert Perryman in 1988 with 36

### MOST OVERALL TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON / PATRIOTS HISTORY

Player	Touchdowns	Year
Randy Moss (23 receiving)	23	2007
Curtis Martin (14 rushing, 3 receiving)	17	1996
Curtis Martin (14 rushing, 1 receiving)	15	1995
<b>BenJarvus Green-Ellis (13 rushing)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2010</b>
Randy Moss (13 receiving)	13	2009
Corey Dillon (13 rushing)	13	2006
Corey Dillon (12 rushing, 1 receiving)	13	2005
Corey Dillon (12 rushing, 1 receiving)	13	2004
Steve Grogan (12 rushing, 1 fumble)	13	1976
Stanley Morgan (12 receiving, 1 return)	13	1979
Antowain Smith (12 rushing, 1 rec.)	13	2001

## BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS – THE LAW FIRM

BenJarvus Green-Ellis earned the nickname the Law Firm from his Patriots teammates because of his multi-part name. He was signed by the Patriots as an undrafted free agent in 2008 out of the University of Mississippi. As a rookie, he recorded touchdowns in four straight games after being called up from the practice squad in October. His knack for finding the end zone has continued last season as he reached the end zone a career-high 13 times, including his first 2-touchdown performance vs. Minnesota (10/31). Green-Ellis also had a 112-yard rushing performance against the Vikings with 62 yards on the Patriots' final fourth quarter touchdown drive that extended a 3-point lead to a 10-point cushion in a 28-18 victory. Green-Ellis recalls the first time he heard the nickname "The Law Firm" -- it was on ESPN -- and joked that if he's the Law Firm that makes Patriots coach Bill Belichick the Supreme Court, and Robert Kraft the owner of the entire court.

## PATRIOTS HAD TWO PLAYERS FINISH WITH 10 OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010

RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis rushed for 13 touchdowns, while TE Rob Gronkowski had 10 receiving touchdowns in 2010. It is the third time in team history that the Patriots had two players finish with 10 or more touchdowns in a season. In 1974, Mack Herron had 12 touchdowns (7 rushing, 5 receiving) and Sam Cunningham had 11 (9 rushing, 2 receiving). In 1976, Steve Grogan had 12 touchdowns (12 rushing) and Andy Johnson had 10 touchdowns (6 rushing, 4 receiving). It is the first time that the Patriots finished a season with a player with 10 rushing touchdowns and 10 receiving touchdowns.

## CLASS OF 2000

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

### Quarterbacks taken in the 2000 NFL Draft

Rd	Pk	Player	Taken By
1	18	Chad Pennington	NY Jets
3	65	Giovanni Carmazzi	San Francisco
5	163	Tee Martin	Pittsburgh
6	168	Marc Bulger	New Orleans
6	183	Spergon Wynn	Cleveland
<b>6</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>

## ROOKIE TIGHT ENDS MADE AN IMPACT IN 2010

Rob Gronkowski finished first among all rookie tight ends with 10 touchdown catches, while Aaron Hernandez ranked second with six. Gronkowski and Hernandez are the first pair of rookie tight end teammates with at least five TD receptions in the same season in NFL history.





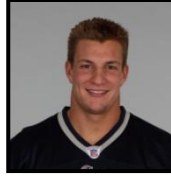
# PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

## GRONKOWSKI SCORED ON HIS FIRST CATCH

Rookie TE Rob Gronkowski scored on a 1-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the fourth quarter vs. Cincinnati (9/16). It was his first NFL reception. Gronkowski is the first Patriots rookie to score a touchdown on opening day since WR Deion Branch in 2002.

## GRONKOWSKI SET PATS ROOKIE TE MARK

Gronkowski finished 2010 with 10 touchdowns to establish a record for most touchdown catches by a rookie tight end in Patriots history, besting Russ Francis (4 in 1975) and Don Hasselbeck (4 in 1977). Gronkowski became the first Patriots rookie to ever record three touchdowns in a game with a three-TE game at Pittsburgh (11/14).



Gronkowski set a Patriots rookie record for receiving touchdowns in a season, moving past WR Jim Colclough and WR Randy Vataha, who each had nine. Gronkowski ranks second in NFL history for touchdowns by a rookie tight end overall. Only Mike Ditka (12) had more touchdowns as a rookie tight end. Gronkowski's 10 touchdowns are the highest single-season total by a Patriots tight end in franchise history. Gronkowski is only the fourth Patriots player to record 10 or more touchdown receptions in a season, joining Randy Moss (3 times), Stanley Morgan (2) and Jim Colclough (1).

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY A PATRIOTS ROOKIE TIGHT END

PLAYER	TD RECEPTIONS	YEAR
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Aaron Hernandez</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2010</b>
Don Hasselbeck	4	1977
Russ Francis	4	1975

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY AN NFL ROOKIE TIGHT END

PLAYER	TD RECEPTIONS	YEAR
Mike Ditka (Chicago)	12	1961
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2010</b>
Junior Miller (Atlanta)	9	1980
John Mackey (Baltimore)	7	1963
Raymond Chester (Oakland)	7	1970
Eric Green (Pittsburgh)	7	1990

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY A PATRIOTS TIGHT END- SEASON

PLAYER	TD RECEPTIONS	YEAR
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2010</b>
Ben Coates	9	1996

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY A TIGHT END IN 2010

Rank	Player	TDs
<b>1t.</b>	<b>Rob Gronkowski (NE)</b>	<b>10</b>
1t.	Antonio Gates (SD)	10
1t.	Marcedes Lewis (JAC)	10
4	Jason Witten (Dal)	9
5	Vernon Davis (SF)	7
<b>6t.</b>	<b>Aaron Hernandez (NE)</b>	<b>6</b>
6t.	Tony Gonzalez (NE)	6

## ADDITIONAL 2010 GRONKOWSKI NOTES

- Had three touchdowns at Pittsburgh (11/14), becoming the first rookie in franchise history to register a three-touchdown game.
- Posted his second multiple-touchdown game of his career with two touchdowns at Buffalo (12/26).
- Registered his first 100-yard receiving game, totaling a career-high 102 yards on six receptions vs. Miami (1/2), including a career-long 28-yard reception.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY: TE ROB GRONKOWSKI

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, the oldest of the bunch, was signed by the Patriots on Sept. 7, 2011 after spending time with Detroit (2009) and Denver (2010), while Chris is currently playing for Indianapolis after spending the 2010 season with Dallas. 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

## ALL IN THE FAMILY: TE ROB GRONKOWSKI

Fame, the Gronkowski brothers join nine other families to have at least three brothers playing at the same time. 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
<b>Gronkowski</b>	<b>Rob, Dan, Chris</b>	<b>2010- 2011</b>
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

## BROTHER ACT

Rob Gronkowski and Dan Gronkowski became the fourth set of New England Patriots brothers to be on the Patriots' active roster in the same regular season. The Gronkowski's join DE Whit Canale and G Justin Canale (1968), WR Clarence Weathers and RB Robert Weathers (1983-84) and RB Chuck McSwain and CB Rod McSwain (1987). The Gronkowskis became the first brother tight end tandem during the Super Bowl era to be active NFL roster teammates. The only other current brother tandem on the same roster are linebackers E.J. and Erin Henderson of Minnesota.

## AARON HERNANDEZ STARTS BIG

Hernandez's first NFL reception was a 45-yard catch in the first quarter of the season-opener vs. Cincinnati (9/12). It is the longest reception by a Patriots rookie on his first catch since WR Tony Simmons had a 47-yard reception in his debut on Oct. 15, 1998. Hernandez had 563 receiving yards on 45 receptions. The 45 receptions are most by a Patriots rookie tight end. His 563 yards are second to Russ Francis, who had 636 receiving yards in 1975.

### MOST RECEPTIONS BY A PATRIOTS ROOKIE TIGHT END

PLAYER	RECEPTIONS	YEAR
<b>Aaron Hernandez</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2010</b>
Greg Baty	37	1986
Russ Francis	35	1975

### MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY A PATRIOTS ROOKIE TIGHT END

PLAYER	RECEPTIONS	YEAR
Russ Francis	636	1975
<b>Aaron Hernandez</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>2010</b>
Jim Whalen	381	1965

## CHAD OCHOCINCO NAME CHANGE

Chad Ochocinco was acquired by the Patriots in a trade with Cincinnati on July 29, 2011. He played as Chad Johnson for the first seven years of his Bengals career. He legally changed his last name to Ochocinco prior to the 2008 season. Upon joining the Patriots, TE Aaron Hernandez switched his jersey number from 85 to 81 to accommodate Ochocinco. Said Ochocinco on getting number 85 fro, Hernandez: "Nothing [exchanged]. It was Mr. Hernandez's way of greeting me here. He gave me the number, I didn't have to pay anything. I just shook his hand and said, 'Thank you.'"

## CHAD OCHOCINCO GETS 1,000-YARDS RECEIVING

During his 10 NFL seasons, Ochocinco has registered seven 1,000 seasons, including six straight seasons (2002-07).

## OCHOCINCO IN THE RANKINGS

Ochocinco is 28<sup>th</sup> on the NFL's all-time list with 10,797 receiving yards. He is one of 34 players in NFL history to reach 10,000 yards receiving. Among active players, he ranks sixth in receiving yards.

He is 28<sup>th</sup> on the NFL all-time list with 752 receptions and is one of 33 players to reach 700 receptions.

He enters the 2011 season with 66 touchdown receptions and needs four to become the 33<sup>th</sup> player in NFL history to reach 70 touchdown receptions.





# PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE/SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

## MATTHEW SLATER: LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

WR Matthew Slater spent his college days at UCLA. Matthew's father, Jackie Slater, a Hall of Fame offensive tackle, spent his entire career with the Rams organization in LA. 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)

## 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. The nickname has carried over to the NFL.

## DANNY WOODHEAD SET TEAM MARK FOR RUSHING AVERAGE IN 2010

Danny Woodhead finished the season with 97 rushes for 547 yards, with his average of 5.64 yards per carry setting a new team record (minimum 90 rushing attempts). Woodhead topped Don Calhoun's previous team mark of 5.59 yards per carry in 1976 (129 attempts for 721 yards).

### MOST YARDS PER CARRY / SINGLE SEASON PATRIOTS HISTORY

(Minimum 90 rushes)

Player	Year	Gm	Rush	Yds	Avg.	Lg
<b>D. Woodhead</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>5.64</b>	<b>36t</b>
Don Calhoun	1976	14	129	721	5.59	54
Mosi Tatupu	1983	16	106	578	5.45	55

## WOODHEAD GOES FROM DIVISION II TO THE NFL

Danny Woodhead was a standout at Division II Chadron State in Nebraska. He averaged 178.9 yards per game and totaled 101 rushing touchdowns during his collegiate career. Woodhead's outstanding junior and senior seasons earned him two Harlon Hill Trophies, the Division II equivalent to the Heisman Trophy. He is one of just three players to ever win two or more Harlon Hill Trophies, joining Texas A&M University-Kingsville running back Johnny Bailey, who won it three times (1987-89) before playing six seasons in the NFL for the Bears, Cardinals, and Rams. Valdosta State University's Dusty Bonner was the only other player to win the Harlon Hill Trophy multiple times (2000 and 2001). Cincinnati Bengals running back Bernard Scott (2008—Abilene Christian) joins Woodhead as active NFL running backs who have won the award.

## GOSTKOWSKI SIXTH BEST EVER IN FIELD GOAL PCT.

Stephen Gostkowski's 83.8 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
Shayne Graham	2001-10	208	242	86.0
Robbie Gould	2005-11	162	189	85.7
Rob Bironas	2005-11	160	188	85.1
<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>2006-11</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>83.8</b>
Matt Stover	1991-2009	471	563	83.7

## EVEN STEPHEN

Since joining the Patriots as a fourth-round draft choice in 2006, Stephen Gostkowski has connected on 83.8 percent of his regular-season field goal attempts (114-for-136), achieving the best field goal percentage in Patriots history.

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

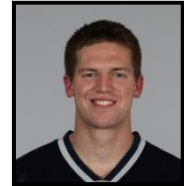
Player	Years	FGM	FGA	Pct.
<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>2006-11</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>.838</b>
Adam Vinatieri	1996-05	263	321	.819

## JAMES IHEDIGBO WILL ALWAYS HAVE HOPE

Amherst, MA native James Ihedigbo is the son of Apollas 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 as HOPE Africa's executive director. They brought 3,500 books, ran health clinics, taught kids American football and most of all, spread hope.

## ZOLTAN MESKO SET AN NFL ROOKIE RECORD FOR NET PUNTING AVERAGE IN 2010

Zoltan Mesko finished with a 38.4 net average to set an NFL rookie record for net punting average in 2010. His 38.4 net average is the highest of any rookie punter since the net punting average was first tracked in 1976, surpassing the 38.0 net average that Los Angeles Rams' Dale Hatcher set in 1985.



## ZOLTAN MESKO: COMING TO AMERICA

Rookie P Zoltan Mesko was born in Timisoara, 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

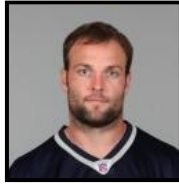
An avid soccer player from his days in Romania, Mesko had a strong leg. It was only when he came to America that he discovered his leg could take him places. In eighth grade, Mesko was playing kickball in the gym when he kicked the ball so high that he broke a light fixture. He was given a choice: pay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



# WR WES WELKER NEWS & NOTES

## WELKER LEADS NFL IN RECEPTIONS SINCE 2007

Wes Welker leads the NFL with 440 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 2009 with 123 receptions.



### 2007-PRESENT NFL REC. LEADERS

Player	Team	Rec.	Yds	TD
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>4,696</b>	<b>24</b>
Reggie Wayne	IND	404	5,380	33

## WELKER LEADS TEAM IN RECEPTIONS FOR RECORD FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR IN 2010

Wes Welker became the first Patriots player to lead the team in receiving in four straight years after finishing 2010 with 86 receptions. The 86 receptions tied for sixth best in the NFL. He also led the team in receiving yards (848) for the third straight year. Welker suffered a knee injury in the 2009 regular-season finale at Houston and missed New England's postseason game vs. Baltimore. Welker returned from his injury well ahead of expectations and was back in the starting lineup for the season-opener in 2010.

## 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 is the only player in NFL history with three straight seasons with 110 or more receptions.

### MOST 100-RECEPTIONS SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

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

## WELKER: 7.1 CATCHES PER GAME SINCE 2007

Wes Welker is averaging 7.1 receptions per game since joining New England in 2007. His 7.1 average is the highest in the NFL during that time.

### MOST RECEPTIONS PER GAME SINCE 2007 (Minimum-20 games)

Player	Team	Average
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	6.7
Brandon Marshall	Denver/Miami	6.6

## WELKER FINISHES WITH SECOND MOST RECEPTIONS AND SECOND HIGHEST AVERAGE IN NFL HISTORY IN 2009

Welker led the NFL with 123 receptions in 2009, despite missing two games and most of the season-finale due to an injury. He averaged 8.8 receptions in the 14 games he played. The 123 receptions are a Patriots record and match Herman Moore (Detroit in 1995) for the second most receptions in a single season in NFL history, behind Marvin Harrison's NFL record of 143 receptions in 2002. Welker's 8.8 catches per game in 2009 rank second in NFL history to the 8.9 average set by Harrison in 2002. He has 18 games with nine or more catches since joining the Patriots. His 18 games with nine or more catches are the most in Patriots history.

### 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

## WELKER IS STREAKING

Welker has a streak of 79 straight regular-season games with at least one reception. He has caught at least one pass in each of his 66 games with the Patriots, including four 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 62 consecutive regular-season games with the Patriots. The Patriots record for most consecutive games with at least one pass is 63 by TE Ben Coates.

## 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. His 11 games with 10-plus receptions is tied for fourth among active NFL players.

### PATRIOTS MOST GAMES WITH 10-PLUS CATCHES

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

<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>11</b>
Ben Coates	5
Troy Brown	5

## WELKER PILES UP YARDS

Wes Welker had a career-high in receiving yards with 1,348 in 2009. It is the third highest in team history. Welker has three of the top eight receiving seasons in team history with his three-straight (1,175 in 2007, 1,165 in 2008 and 1,348 in 2009).

### PATRIOTS SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARD LEADERS

Player	Season	Yds	Rec.	TD
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>
Randy Moss	2009	1264	83	13
Troy Brown	2001	1199	101	5
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>8</b>
Ben Coates	1994	1174	96	7
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>3</b>

## WELKER RANKS 4<sup>th</sup> ON PATS RECEPTIONS LIST

Wes Welker ranks fourth on the Patriots' all-time receptions list with 440.

### PATRIOTS ALL-TIME RECEIVING LEADERS

Player	YEARS	RECEPTIONS
Troy Brown	1993-2007 (14)	557
Stanley Morgan	1977-1989 (12)	534
Ben Coates	1991-1999 (9)	490
<b>Wes Welker</b>	<b>2007-2010 (4)</b>	<b>440</b>

## WELKER'S ROUTE TO THE NFL

Despite being named the Oklahoma football player of the year by both *USA Today* and the *Daily Oklahoman*, Wes Welker's only scholarship offer came from Texas Tech, and only after a player that committed to Texas Tech backed out. "I was thinking I'd get a scholarship somewhere," Welker said. "When it didn't happen, when it was supposed, to I was pretty hurt by it." Welker had an impressive collegiate career, accumulating 259 receptions and eight punts returned for touchdowns. He even won a national award as the best special teams player in the country. Despite those accolades, he was passed over in the 2004 NFL draft and signed with San Diego as a free agent. He made the team, then was cut after the first game. He signed with Miami soon after and was used just on special teams. He caught New England's eye with a 71-yard punt return on Monday Night Football in a game against the Patriots. He was acquired by the Patriots in a trade with Miami in 2007.

## WELKER PRESSED INTO SERVICE AS A KICKER

Welker was pressed into service as a kicker for the second time in his career at Cleveland (11/7/10) and was successful on an extra point attempt and handled a kickoff both in the fourth quarter. Welker was filling in for the injured Stephen Gostkowski (thigh). While with Miami in 2004, he was pressed into action in a game at New England (10/10/04) and converted one extra point, a 29-yard field goal and also handled kickoff duties.



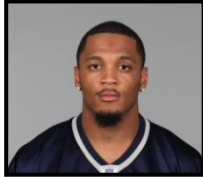
# PATRIOTS DEFENSIVE NOTES

## KYLE ARRINGTON SCORES ON A 36-YARD INTERCEPTION RETURN

Kyle Arrington registered his first NFL interception and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter vs. Green Bay on Dec. 19. Arrington's interception return was his second touchdown of 2010. He scored when he returned a blocked field goal 35 yards for a touchdown at Miami on Oct. 4.

## PATRICK CHUNG RECORDS HIS FIRST NFL BLOCKED PUNT AND BLOCKED FIELD GOAL

S Patrick Chung blocked a second half punt and field goal at Miami (10/04) to become the first NFL player to do both in a single game since Houston CB Ramon Walker had a blocked field goal and punt vs. New England on Nov. 23, 2003. Chung blocked a second half punt to give the Patriots a first down at the Miami 15-yard line and set up a 12-yard touchdown run by RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis. Chung then blocked a 53-yard field goal attempt in the fourth quarter that was recovered by CB Kyle Arrington and returned for a touchdown. Chung was a two-time special teams player of the year during his college career at Oregon.

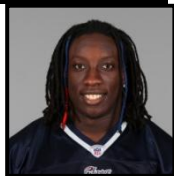


## PATRICK CHUNG'S JOURNEY TO THE NFL

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 speed and agility - singing is not one of them. Chung, who 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 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 indicates his family's importance to him.

## GARY GUYTON HAD TWO DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010

LB Gary Guyton returned a fumble 35 yards for a touchdown at Chicago (12/12) and returned an interception 59 yards for a touchdown in the season-opener vs. Cincinnati (9/12). Guyton is the first Patriots player to score two defensive touchdowns in a season since LB Tedy Bruschi returned two interceptions for touchdowns in 2003.



## GUYTON AND ARRINGTON RETURN FIRST CAREER INTERCEPTIONS FOR SCORES

LB Gary Guyton intercepted his first pass vs. Cincinnati (9/12) and returned it 59 yards for a touchdown, and CB Kyle Arrington returned his first career interception vs. Green Bay (12/19) 36 yards for a touchdown. The Patriots now have three players on the roster who have returned an interception for a score on their first career pick. James Sanders returned his first pick 39 yards for a touchdown at Buffalo on Dec. 11, 2005.

## GUYTON HAS THE WORK ETHIC

Gary Guyton was not drafted into the NFL, but through a solid work ethic was able to make the 53-man roster and has been a solid player over the last three seasons for the Patriots. Taking a peak into his work history shows his work ethic goes beyond the football field. At the end of his rookie season, Guyton went back to Georgia Tech and worked as an office assistant at the school's research institute.

"I was an office assistant, right there at the desk," said Guyton, who worked for a small wage at Georgia Tech Research Institute. "Just a regular office assistant. Tech is my school and I enjoyed it."

"He's smart, well prepared," Bill Belichick said. "He understands. He's got a real good understanding of football. Not just his role, but where other people have to be. That's what you really want in a defensive signal-caller, someone that understands how it all works."

"It's been a long road," Guyton said. "I have come far. I've achieved some things. But I don't look back, just forward."

## ALBERT HAYNESWORTH JOINS THE PATRIOTS AND GETS REUNITED WITH HIS BEST FRIEND

When Albert Haynesworth came to New England, he did more than just join a new team. He was reunited with best friend Pat Santa Maria, the owner of Pat's Service Center & Towing, in Worcester, Mass. The two met six years ago in Rhode Island over a shared love of power boats. A long-distance friendship blossomed and the two have done everything from vacationing with their fiancées to snowmobiling to sitting in the stands at Patriots games, even while he played for different NFL team. The two talked about what it would be like if Haynesworth ever played for Bill Belichick and the Patriots. Now that it has come to fruition. Pat's tow trucks are undergoing a makeover, getting customized with Haynesworth's No. 92 and his initials. Santa Maria knows a different guy than the one depicted in the media – a friend who dropped everything and flew up to New England after Santa Maria's mother passed away unexpectedly, coincidentally on Haynesworth's birthday. As Santa Maria told the Boston Herald, "That's the guy I know. He's a standup guy and a man of his word."

## 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."





# PATRIOTS DEFENSIVE NOTES

## MAYO LED NFL WITH 193 TOTAL TACKLES

LB Jerod 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). He had 139 tackles as a rookie in 2008 and 114 in 2009 and with his 193 tackles in 2010 he is the first Patriots player to have three consecutive 100-tackle seasons since Lawyer Milloy registered five straight 100-tackle seasons from 1997 through 2001. 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 ten 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

### 2010 NFL Tackle Leaders

Rank	Player	Tackles
<b>1.</b>	<b>Jerod Mayo (NE)</b>	<b>193</b>
2.	Stephen Tulloch (TEN)	159
3.	Paul Posluzny (BUF)	151
4.	Ray Lewis (BAL)	145
5.	Chad Greenway (MIN)	144

## 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).

## MAYO NAMED 2011 RON BURTON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Linebacker Jerod Mayo was named the 2011 Ron Burton Community Service Award winner at the Patriots Charitable Foundation's Annual Kickoff Gala on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Upon receiving the award, Mayo recognized Myra Kraft's impact, saying, "Not only did she give with her funds and things like that, but her time. She was on the front lines, digging the holes, putting the trees up and things like that. Just seeing examples like that really means a lot to me." Mayo is a constant presence at Patriots Charitable Foundation activities, especially events that benefit children. In 2010, he launched the Mayo Bowl, an annual celebrity bowling fundraiser for Pitching in for Kids, a charity that helps improve the lives of children in New England.

## DEVIN MCCOURTY RECORDS SEVEN INTERCEPTIONS

Rookie CB Devin McCourty tied for second in the NFL and led all rookies with seven interceptions in 2010. The seven interceptions by a Patriots rookie are second to the eight by Mike Haynes in 1976.

### Most Interceptions by a Patriots Rookie

Player	Interceptions	Year
Mike Haynes	8	1976
<b>Devin McCourty</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2010</b>

### 2010 NFL Interception leaders

Rank	Player	Interceptions
1.	Ed Reed (BAL)	8
<b>2t.</b>	<b>Devin McCourty (NE)</b>	<b>7</b>
2t.	Troy Polamalu (PIT)	7
2t.	Asante Samuel (PHI)	7

## 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 and Jason were cornerbacks in the Rutgers secondary from 2005-08. 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.

## MCCOURTY READY TO BUILD OFF STRONG ROOKIE SEASON

Devin McCourty heads into his sophomore season in 2011 with the same determination that made him a Pro Bowl player as a rookie. Said McCourty on his second season, "I don't think you can come back and be the same player. You either get better or you get worse. I focus to try and get better as a player."

McCourty said he wants to start fresh this season, and with that maybe comes some humble talk from the coaching staff. "The biggest thing (Belichick) tries to remind you is to stay focused and not really think as a second-year player — you are already a veteran. You kind of learn more that you are still a rookie and you still got a lot to learn. You continue to learn and do the things you did well last year and kind of fix the things that you didn't do well last year."

## ROB NINKOVICH'S 63-YARD FUMBLE RETURN IS SECOND LONGEST IN TEAM HISTORY

LB Rob Ninkovich returned a second quarter fumble 63 yards at San Diego (10/24). It is the second longest fumble return in team history to the 68-yard touchdown return by Richard Seymour at Buffalo on Oct. 3, 2004.

## WILFORK HAS SECOND STRAIGHT PRO BOWL SEASON IN 2010

- Finished the season with 87 total tackles, second in his career to his 91 tackles in 2005.
- Named as a co-captain for the third-straight season.
- Selected as a starter for the Pro Bowl for the third time in his career (2007, 2009 and 2010).
- Credited with his first career two-sack game, vs. Miami (1/2), sacking Chad Henne for losses of nine yards and six yards on the same third-quarter possession.

## WILFORK WEARS HIS HEART ON HIS NECK

Vince 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 seven years, is one of the signature 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."