



GAME NOTES

Patriots vs. New York Giants– November 6, 2011

PATRIOTS WITH RARE CONSECUTIVE LOSSES

The Patriots have lost back-to-back games for just the third time since the beginning of the 2003 season. Over that span, the Patriots are now 26-3 (.897) in games following a regular season loss. Over the last nine seasons (2003-11), the only other times the Patriots lost back-to-back games was once in 2006 and once in 2009.

PATRIOTS CONCLUDE 20-GAME HOME WINNING STREAK

The Patriots concluded a 20-game home winning streak. Prior to tonight, the last time the Patriots lost a regular-season game at Gillette Stadium was on Nov. 30, 2008, when New England fell 33-10 to Pittsburgh.

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

Team	Stadium	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
New England	Gillette Stadium	63-13	.829
Miami	Orange Bowl	101-22-1	.819
Pittsburgh*	Heinz Field	62-21-1	.744
Minnesota	Metropolitan Stadium	64-23-1	.733
LA Rams	Memorial Coliseum	53-20-2	.726

*-Not including night game on 11/6/11

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

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

GRONKOWSKI LEADS NFL TIGHT ENDS

Rob Gronkowski had eight catches for 101 yards, including a grab for a 14-yard touchdown with 1:36 remaining that gave the Patriots a 20-17 lead. Gronkowski now has six touchdowns this season and has 16 touchdowns since the start of the 2010 season, the most among any tight end in the NFL over that span. Jason Witten is second with 13 touchdowns from 2010-present. Through eight games this season, Gronkowski has 44 receptions for 596 yards and six touchdowns. His 44 receptions and 596 yards have eclipsed his totals as a rookie last season (42 receptions for 546 yards).

Most Touchdowns by a Tight End Since 2010

Player	Touchdowns
Rob Gronkowski	16
Jason Witten	13
Antonio Gates	12

GRONKOWSKI SETS CAREER HIGH WITH EIGHT CATCHES

Rob Gronkowski had eight catches for 101 yards and a touchdown. Gronkowski's eight grabs set a new career high, topping his previous mark of seven catches in a game. The 101 yards marked Gronkowski's third career 100-yard game. He now has three straight games with seven or more receptions. He has four games in 2011 with seven or more receptions.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS CONTINUES FOR BRADY

Tom Brady has now thrown at least one touchdown pass in 24 straight regular season games, extending his team mark. Brady's current streak started when he threw a touchdown pass in all 16 games in 2010 and he has now achieved the feat in all eight games in 2011. The old team record was 19 games, also set by Brady. The NFL record is 47 set by Johnny Unitas (1956-57), followed by Brett Favre with 36 and Drew Brees with 36.

BRADY ON PACE TO SET ALL-TIME PASSING NUMBERS

After throwing for 342 yards against the Giants and 2,703 yards through eight games this year, Tom Brady is on pace to finish the season with 5,406 passing yards. Only two NFL players have thrown for 5,000 or more yards in a season with Dan Marino's NFL record 5,084 in 1984 and Drew Brees' 5,069 in 2008. The most yards Brady has ever thrown in a season is 4,806 in 2007.

BRADY ON PACE FOR SECOND CAREER 40 TOUCHDOWN SEASON

Brady has 20 touchdown passes through eight games and is on pace for 40 touchdown passes. If Brady reaches 40 touchdowns he will be just the second player in NFL history to have two seasons with 40 or more touchdowns. Dan Marino had 48 touchdowns in 1984 and 44 in 1986. Brady had 50 touchdowns in 2007.

BRADY CONCLUDES 31-GAME HOME WINNING STREAK

Tom Brady concluded a 31-game winning streak as a starter in home games. Brady's streak of 31 straight home victories was the longest such streak for any starting quarterback in NFL history, besting Brett Favre's string of 25 straight home wins from 1995-98. Prior to tonight, the last time the Patriots lost a game at Gillette Stadium in which Brady had started was on Nov. 12, 2006 against the New York Jets. Following that game against the Jets, the Patriots installed an artificial playing surface at Gillette Stadium. Prior to today's game, Brady had been 31-0 in the regular season as a starter on the artificial turf at Gillette Stadium.

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

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

BRADY TIES JOE MONTANA WITH HIS 39TH 300-YARD GAME

Brady threw for 342 yards for his 39th career 300-yard game and his fifth 300-yard game of the 2011 season. The most 300-yard games by Brady in a single season is 8 in 2007.

MOST 300-YARD PASSING GAMES IN NFL HISTORY'

Peyton Manning	63
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62
Kurt Warner	52
Dan Fouts	51
Drew Brees	50
Warren Moon	49
Tom Brady	39
Joe Montana	39

WELKER IS STREAKING

Wes Welker extended his streak to 69 straight regular-season games with at least one reception as a member of the Patriots to extend his franchise record. Welker has an overall streak of 86 straight regular-season games with at least one reception, including his time with the Miami Dolphins. Welker has caught at least one pass in each of his 73 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.

WELKER SURPASSES HIS 2010 RECEIVING YARD MARK

At the midway point of the season, Wes Welker has 66 receptions for 960 yards. He is on pace to total 132 receptions for 1,920 yards. The all-time NFL record for most receptions in a season is 143 (Marvin Harrison, 2002), and the record for most receiving yards in a campaign is 1,848 (Jerry Rice, 1995).

WELKER PASSES BEN COATES ON PATRIOTS RECEPTIONS LIST AND RECEIVING YARD LIST

Following his 9-catch, 136-yard performance against the Giants, Wes Welker has now caught 498 passes for 5,496 yards in his four-and-a-half seasons with the Patriots (2007-present). Today, Welker passed Ben Coates (490 catches) for third place on the Patriots' all-time receptions list. Welker also passed Coates (5,471 yards) for fourth place on the Patriots' all-time receiving yardage list. Welker's 25-yard reception in the first quarter was his 490th reception with the Patriots and moved him into a third place tie with Ben Coates (490) on the Patriots all-time list. His 4-yard reception in the second quarter moved him past Coates into sole possession of third place. Troy Brown (557) is in first place on the Patriots all-time receptions list followed by Stanley Morgan (534). Welker trails Stanley Morgan (10,352), Troy Brown (6,366) and Irving Fryar (5,726).

WELKER GOOD AGAINST NEW YORK

Including Super Bowl XLII, Welker has at least nine catches and 100-plus receiving in each of his three games for the Patriots against the Giants. On Dec. 29, 2007, Welker had 11 catches for 122 yards. In Super Bowl XLII, Welker had 11 catches for 103 yards. Tonight against the Giants, Welker had nine catches for 136 yards.

WELKER REGISTERS 20th CAREER 100-YARD GAME

Welker registered his 20th career 100-yard game and his fifth of the 2011 season. His personal record is six 100-yard receiving games in 2009. The Patriots record for most 100-yard receiving games in a season is nine by Randy Moss in 2007 and Stanley Morgan in 1986. Welker also had his 21st career game with nine or more catches.

DEION BRANCH MOVES UP TO EIGHTH ON THE PATRIOTS ALL-TIME RECEPTION LIST

Deion Branch had two catches today. His first catch in the first quarter – a 6-yard pass from Tom Brady was the 292nd catch of Branch's Patriots career – tied Gino Cappelletti for eighth place on the Patriots' all-time receptions list. Branch's second catch of the day – a 15-yard snare in the fourth quarter – was the 293rd catch of Branch's career, passing Cappelletti for sole possession of eighth place. Terry Glenn ranks seventh on the team's all-time receptions list with 329 catches in a New England uniform.

PATRIOTS TIGHT ENDS ARE TOUCHDOWN MACHINES

Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez each had touchdown catches against the Giants tonight. Gronkowski now has six scoring grabs on the season, while Hernandez has five. The tandem has totaled 11 touchdown receptions through eight games this season, comprising more than half of Tom Brady's total of 20 scoring tosses.

KYLE ARRINGTON IN THE LEAD WITH FIVE INTERCEPTIONS

Kyle Arrington registered his fifth interception of the season when he picked off Eli Manning in the end zone in the third quarter. He is tied with Eric Weddle (Seattle) and Charles Woodson (Green Bay) for the NFL lead. The Last Patriot player to lead the NFL in interceptions was Asante Samuel with 10 in 2006.

RARE SCORELESS FIRST HALF FOR PATRIOTS

The Patriots were held scoreless in the first half for the first time since a 21-0 loss at Miami on Dec. 10, 2006. The Patriots and the Giants did not score in the first half. It is the first time since a 14-0 loss at the LA Rams on Sept. 13, 1992 that the Patriots played a 0-0 first half.

QUICK HITS

- Rob Ninkovich broke up an Eli Manning pass intended for Jake Ballard on first down in the first quarter. The Giants were forced to punt three plays later.
- Andre Carter pressured Eli Manning on third-and-five in the first quarter, helping to force an incomplection and a Giants punt on the next play.
- Mark Anderson broke up an Eli Manning pass intended for Ramses Barden on third-and-10 in the second quarter, forcing a New York punt on the next play. Albert Haynesworth pressured Manning on the play.
- Vince Wilfork pressured Eli Manning on third-and-four in the second quarter, helping to force an incomplection and a Giants punt on the next play.
- Rob Ninkovich scooped up a loose ball following a muffed punt by New York's Aaron Ross in the third quarter, giving the Patriots possession at the Giants' 33-yard line. The play set up a 32-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski that cut the New York lead to 10-3.
- Kyle Love and Jerod Mayo tackled the Giants' D.J. Ware for a 3-yard loss on second-and-seven in the fourth quarter, forcing a third-and-10 that the Giants did not convert.