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PATRIOTS TRAVEL TO DENVER TO FACE THE BRONCOS

MEDIA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:15-11:30	Media Check-In
10:45-11:00	Bill Belichick Media Availability
11:15-12:00	Open Locker Room
Approx. 11:15	Tom Brady Availability
Approx. 1:15	Local Media Access to Practice
4:20	John Fox Conf. Call
4:30	Tim Tebow Conf. Call

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:45-11:30	Media Check-In
11:15-12:00	Open Locker Room
Approx. 1:10	Local Media Access to Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

TBA	Media Check-In
TBA	Bill Belichick Media Availability
TBA	Open Locker Room
TBA	Local Media Access to Practice

2011 PATRIOTS SCHEDULE

REGULAR SEASON (10-3)

Mon., Sept. 12	at Miami	38-24	W
Sun., Sept. 18	San Diego	35-21	W
Sun., Sept. 25	at Buffalo	31-34	L
Sun., Oct. 2	at Oakland	31-19	W
Sun., Oct. 9	N.Y. Jets	30-21	W
Sun., Oct. 16	Dallas	20-16	W
Sun., Oct. 23	BYE WEEK		
Sun., Oct. 30	at Pittsburgh	17-25	L
Sun., Nov. 6	N.Y. Giants	20-24	L
Sun., Nov. 13	at N.Y. Jets	37-16	W
Mon., Nov. 21	Kansas City	34-3	W
Sun., Nov. 27	at Philadelphia	38-20	W
Sun., Dec. 4	Indianapolis	31-24	W
Sun., Dec. 11	at Washington	34-27	W
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
NEW ENGLAND	10	3	0	.769	396	274
New York Jets	8	5	0	.615	327	270
Buffalo Bills	5	8	0	.385	288	341
Miami Dolphins	4	9	0	.308	256	246

PATRIOTS MEDIA WEBSITE

The Patriots' media-only website, located at <http://media.patriots.com>, will also serve as the team's primary credentialing system 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 is online and updated throughout the season. Media can access the media guide at www.patriots.com by clicking on the team tab.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (10-3) at DENVER BRONCOS (8-5)

Sunday, December 18, 2011 ★ Invesco Field at Mile High (76,125) ★ 4:15 p.m.

The New England Patriots will aim to extend their five-game winning streak this week when they travel to Denver to face the Broncos. While New England has a five-game winning streak, Denver has a six-game winning streak. After beginning the year 1-4, the Broncos have won six-straight to improve to an 8-5 record and are in first place in the AFC West.

New England will be looking to qualify for the playoffs for the 19th time in its 52 year history with a victory this week. It would mark the Patriots' 13th playoff berth in the 18 seasons since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994, a dramatic contrast to the six total berths the team earned in its first 34 years of existence. The Patriots will clinch the AFC East if any of the following happen: 1.) a win over Denver; 2.) a tie against Denver and a Jets loss or tie; 3.) a Jets loss.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

TELEVISION: This week's game will be broadcast 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 **Westwood One Radio Sports**. **Howard David** and **Tony Boselli** will call the game.

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.

PATRIOTS WIN GAME NUMBER 10

New England's 34-27 win over Washington last Sunday was the Patriots' 10th win in 2011. New England has now won 10 or more games 10 times in the last 11 seasons and for the ninth straight season. New England has reached 10 regular-season wins for the ninth consecutive season, joining San Francisco (16) and Indianapolis (9) as the only teams to accomplish the feat.

Team	Years	Consecutive Seasons with 10+ Wins
San Francisco	1983-1998	16
New England	2003-present	9
Indianapolis	2002-2010	9

BELICHICK BECOMES FIRST COACH WITH NINE STRAIGHT SEASONS OF 10 WINS

Bill Belichick is the first coach in NFL history with nine straight seasons with at least 10 victories after guiding the Patriots to nine 10-plus seasons from 2003 through 2011.

PATRIOTS DEDICATE 2011 SEASON TO MYRA KRAFT

The Patriots have dedicated 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 are honoring Myra's memory by wearing a patch with her initials on it in recognition of her lifelong contributions to the local and global philanthropic 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.



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PATRIOTS 2011 TEAM NOTES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2011

TOM BRADY

- Tom Brady (4,273) is on pace to throw for an NFL-record 5,259 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. Brees and Aaron Rodgers are also on pace for 5,000 yards in 2011.
- Brady has 4,273 passing yards through the first 13 games of the season. Marino had 3,870 after 13 games in 1984 and Brees had 4,100 after 13 games in 2008 during their 5,000-yard seasons.
- Brady has 33 touchdowns, putting him on pace for 40 touchdown passes, which would be his second season with 40 or more touchdowns. He had an NFL-record of 50 touchdowns in 2007. If Brady reaches 40 touchdowns, he will be just the second NFL player to have two seasons with 40 or more touchdowns. Dan Marino had 48 touchdowns in 1984 and 44 in 1986.
- Brady has a current streak of 29 straight games with at least one touchdown pass, a Patriots team record.
- Brady has 294 career touchdowns and is in sixth place all-time. John Elway is fifth with 300 touchdowns.
- With 33 touchdowns, Brady became the sixth quarterback in NFL history to have 30 or more touchdown passes in at least three seasons.

ANDRE CARTER

- Andre Carter pushed his 2011 sack total to 10.0 after forcing a fumble on an end zone sack at Washington (12/11) that was recovered for a touchdown. Carter has registered double-digit sacks now four times in his career, including a career-high 12.5 in 2002 with San Francisco. The Patriots have now had a player finish with double digit sack totals 13 times.
- Carter tied a franchise record with 4.0 sacks at the NY Jets (11/13) and was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week.
- Carter leads all NFL defensive linemen in consecutive games played with 108. Houston's Antonio Smith is second with 105 consecutive games played.

JULIAN EDELMAN

- Julian Edelman has the highest punt return average in Patriots history with a 13.1-yard average (50-653).
- He became the fourth Patriots player with two or more punt returns for a touchdown after his 72-yard touchdown return vs. Kansas City (11/21), joining Troy Brown (3), Irving Fryar (3) and Mike Haynes (2).

ROB GRONKOWSKI

- Rob Gronkowski has 15 touchdown receptions so far in 2011 to set the NFL record for most touchdown receptions by a tight end in NFL history. Vernon Davis (SF) in 2009 and Antonio Gates (SD) in 2004 had 13. Including Gronkowski's 2-yard touchdown run vs. Indianapolis (12/4), Gronkowski has 16 total touchdowns this season – the highest number of combined touchdowns by a tight end in NFL history.
- Gronkowski has 25 touchdown catches in 29 career NFL games. He reached the 20 mark in the fewest games by a tight end in NFL history.
- His 25 touchdown receptions since 2010 are the most in the NFL during that period.
- Gronkowski (1,088) became the second Patriots tight end to reach 1,000 yards and it marks the 31st time in NFL history a tight end reached 1,000 yards.
- Gronkowski needs 87 yards to set the New England record for most receiving yards by a tight end. Ben Coates had 1,174 receiving yards in 1994.
- Gronkowski needs 203 yards (68 yards per game in the last three) to surpass San Diego's Kellen Winslow's 1980 record of 1,290 yards for most receiving yards in a season by a tight end.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2011 (CONTINUED)

WES WELKER

- Wes Welker has 100 receptions through 13 games and is on pace for 123, would be second all-time to Marvin Harrison's 143 in 2002 and tying Welker (123 in 2009) and Herman Moore (123 in 1995).
- Welker has 1,339 receiving yards and needs 155 more yards to set the franchise record for most receiving yards in a season. Randy Moss set the record with 1,493 yards in 2007.
- Welker needs 10 yards to set a personal best. His career-high is 1,348 yards set in 2009.
- With the 100 receptions in 2011, Welker joined Marvin Harrison and Jerry Rice as the only NFL players with four 100-reception seasons.

KYLE ARRINGTON

- Kyle Arrington is in a three-way tie for the NFL lead with seven interceptions. The last Patriots player to lead the NFL in interceptions was Asante Samuel with 10 in 2006.

VINCE WILFORK

- Vince Wilfork has two interceptions so far in 2011 and is one of four Patriots defensive linemen to ever register two career interceptions. Anthony Pleasant (2001) is the only other Patriots defensive lineman to record two interceptions in a single season.

NFL'S BEST AT HOME

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 overall. The Patriots own an overall record of 65-13 (.833) at Gillette Stadium in regular season games and a 72-15 record including playoffs.

BEST HOME RECORDS SINCE 2002 (including playoffs)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	72	15	0	.828
Baltimore	60	21	0	.741
Pittsburgh	63	23	1	.730
Indianapolis	63	24	0	.724
San Diego	56	28	0	.667
Seattle	56	29	0	.659
Philadelphia	53	33	0	.616

PATRIOTS ARE SHARP AT GILLETTE

The Patriots concluded a 20-game home winning streak with a 24-20 loss to the New York Giants on Nov. 6, 2011. It was the longest home win streak in team history. The Patriots own an overall record of 65-13 (.833) at Gillette Stadium in regular season games. 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 all-time.

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	65-13	.833
Miami	Orange Bowl	101-22-1	.819
Pittsburgh	Heinz Field	64-22-1	.741
Minnesota	Metropolitan Stadium	64-23-1	.733
LA Rams	Memorial Coliseum	53-20-2	.726

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

TWO PATRIOTS REACH 1,000 YARDS

Wes Welker (1,339) and Rob Gronkowski (1,088) are both over 1,000 yards. It is the fifth time in team history that New England has two players over 1,000 receiving yards. Welker and Randy Moss had three straight seasons with 1,000 yards (2007-09). They became the sixth group of NFL teammates to have three straight 1,000 yard seasons. The Patriots also had two receivers reach 1,000 yards in 1979.



PATRIOTS 2011 TEAM NOTES

TOM BRADY AND WES WELKER BECOME THE 12TH TO SCORE ON A 99-YARD PASS PLAY

Tom Brady connected with Wes Welker on a 99-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter of the 2011 season-opener at Miami (9/12). The 99-yard play tied the NFL record for the longest offensive play, which has been accomplished 13 times. There have been 12 pass plays and one running play for 99 yards. Listed below are the 13 99-yard plays.

(12) 99-YARD PASS PLAYS

Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Wash. vs. Pitt. – Oct. 15, 1939
 George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Wash. vs. Clev. – Sept. 15, 1963
 Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Det. vs. Balt. – Oct. 16, 1966
 Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Allen, Wash. vs. Chic. – Sept. 15, 1968
 Jim Plunkett to Cliff Branch, LA Raiders vs. Wash. – Oct. 2, 1983
 Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Phil. vs. Atl. – Nov. 10, 1985
 Stan Humphries to Tony Martin, SD. vs. Sea.. -Sept. 18, 1994
 Brett Favre to Robert Brooks, GB vs. Chic. – Sept. 11, 1995
 Trent Green to Marc Boerigter, KC vs. SD. – Dec. 22, 2002
 Jeff Garcia to Andre Davis, Clev. vs. Cin. – Oct. 17, 2004
 Gus Ferrotte to Bernard Berrion, Minn. Vs. Chi. – Nov. 30, 2008

Tom Brady to Wes Welker, NE vs. Mia. – Sept. 12, 2011

(1) 99-YARD RUN PLAY

Tony Dorsett, Dal. vs. Minn.- Jan. 3, 1983

PATRIOTS SET FRANCHISE RECORD WITH 622 TOTAL YARDS IN 2011 OPENER

The Patriots 622 total yards at Miami (9/12) 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.

NFL'S BEST ROAD WARRIORS

Since the start of the 2000 season, the Patriots have the best regular-season road record at 61-33 (.649).

TEAM	RECORD	PCT.
New England	61-33-1	.649
Philadelphia	61-33-1	.647
Indianapolis	59-36	.621
Pittsburgh	57-37	.606

PATRIOTS FORCE TURNOVERS

The Patriots lead the NFL with a +115 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.	New England	+115
2.	Kansas City	+101
3.	Green Bay	+66

13 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH 30 POINTS IS SECOND BEST IN NFL HISTORY

The Patriots streak of games with 30 or more points scored ended with a 20-16 win against Dallas (10/16). The Patriots' streak of 13 straight games with 30 or more points is second in NFL history to the 14 straight games by the St. Louis Rams (1999-2000). The Patriots are 69-3 when scoring 30 or more points under head coach Bill Belichick, including in each of the last four games and in nine of the 12 games in 2011.

PATRIOTS SCORE TOUCHDOWNS

The Patriots have scored 47 touchdowns so far in 2011, a pace that would give the Patriots 58 for the year. That number would be third in team history.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON / PATRIOTS

75 in 2007
 65 in 2010
 52 in 1961 and 1980

PATRIOTS ON POINT IN 2011

The Patriots currently have 396 points and are on pace to finish with 487 points, which would be third in team history.

MOST POINTS SCORED IN A SEASON BY THE PATRIOTS

589 in 2007
 518 in 2010
 441 in 1980

PATRIOTS ON POINT PART 2

The Patriots are averaging 30.5 points per game in 2011. That average ranks third all-time in team history.

HIGHEST AVG. POINTS PER GAME BY THE PATRIOTS

36.8 in 2007
 32.4 in 2010
 29.5 in 1961

WHAT'S THE POINT?

The Patriots enter this week's game ranked 14th in the NFL on defense by allowing an average of 21.1 points per game. The Patriots have finished in the top 10 in points allowed on defense for the past five seasons and in 8 of the last 10 years. Under Belichick, the Patriots have never finished worse than 17th among the 32 teams in points allowed.

	Avg. Points Allowed	Avg. Yds Allowed
2011	21.1 (14)	416.0 (32)
2010	19.6 (8)	365.5 (25)
2009	17.8 (5)	320.2 (11)
2008	19.3 (8)	309.0 (10)
2007	17.1 (4)	288.3 (4)
2006	14.8 (2)	294.4 (6)
2005	21.1 (17)	330.2 (26)
2004	16.3 (2t)	310.6 (9)
2003	14.9 (1)	291.6 (7)
2002	21.6 (17)	336.1 (23)
2001	17.0 (6)	334.5 (24)
2000	21.1 (17)	334.6 (20)

TOP OFFENSE

The Patriots offense is currently ranked second in the NFL in total yards. The Patriots offense has finished in the top 10 four straight seasons. Since the 1970 merger, the Patriots offense has finished in the top 10 15 times, including six times under Bill Belichick.

Year	Rank
2011	2
2010	8
2009	3
2008	5
2007	1

DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE I

The New England Patriots own a 51-15 (.773) 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.

NFL'S TOP DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	51	15	0	.773
Pittsburgh Steelers	49	20	0	.710
Green Bay Packers	46	20	0	.697
Indianapolis Colts	45	20	0	.692

AFC EAST DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Div. Titles	Years
New England	51	15	0	.773	8	2001, 03-07, 09-10
New York Jets	34	33	0	.507	1	2002
Miami	27	38	0	.415	1	2008
Buffalo	21	45	0	.318	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 vs. 7-5).

DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE II

The Patriots have the highest winning percentage in division games from November until the end of the season since 2002 following their 37-16 win at the Jets on Nov. 13, 2011.

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	25	7	0	.781
San Diego	24	9	0	.727
Indianapolis	23	8	0	.742
Green Bay	25	10	0	.714
Pittsburgh	26	11	0	.703



PATRIOTS 2011 TEAM NOTES

HOME RECORD IN DECEMBER SINCE 2002

With a 19-1 record, the New England Patriots have the best home record in December since Gillette Stadium opened in 2002.

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	19	1	0	.950
Green Bay	17	4	0	.810
Denver	13	4	0	.765
Indianapolis	17	6	0	.739
Philadelphia	13	6	0	.684

NFL'S TOP DECEMBER RECORD SINCE 2001

The Patriots have an NFL-best 39-5 record in the month of December since the 2001 season, including a 2-0 record in 2011.

Rk	Team	Record
1	New England Patriots	39-5
2	Philadelphia Eagles	33-12
3	Pittsburgh Steelers	33-13
4	San Diego Chargers	30-17
5	Indianapolis Colts	29-17

UNDEFEATED DECEMBERS

The Patriots have finished undefeated in December six times during that time: (2001 -4-0), (2003 - 4-0), (2005 - 4-0), (2007 - 5-0), (2008 - 4-0) and (2010 -4-0).

BEST RECORDS IN THE FINAL FOUR GAMES OF THE SEASON SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	20	1	0	.952
New England	19	2	0	.905
Baltimore	16	5	0	.762
Philadelphia	16	5	0	.762
Indianapolis	15	6	0	.714

2011 TEAM CAPTAINS

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

On offense, Brady is and offensive captain for the 10th 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, is serving as a captain for the first time. On defense, Wilfork is a captain for the fourth straight season, while Mayo, is in his third serve season serving as a captain. Slater is in his first season as a captain.

STRONG IN THE SECOND HALF

Since 2001, New England has done a remarkable job of finishing the season strong, compiling an NFL-best 64-15 (.810) record in games on or after Thanksgiving, including a 6-1 record in 2010.

PATRIOTS BEFORE AND AFTER THANKSGIVING SINCE 2001

Season	Pre-Thanksgiving	Post-Thanksgiving	Overall
2001	5-5 (.500)	9-0 (1.000)	14-5*
2002	6-5 (.545)	3-2 (.600)^	9-7
2003	9-2 (.818)	8-0 (1.000)	17-2*
2004	9-1 (.900)	8-1 (.889)	17-2*
2005	6-4 (.600)	5-3 (.625)	11-7*
2006	7-3 (.700)	7-2 (.777)	14-5*
2007	10-0 (1.000)	8-1 (.889)	18-1*
2008	7-4 (.636)	4-1 (.800)	11-5
2009	7-3 (.700)	3-4 (.429)	10-7*
2010	8-2 (.800)	6-1 (.857)^	14-3*
2011	7-3 (.700)	3-0 (1.000)	???
Totals	81-32 (.717)	64-15 (.810)	135-44

*-Includes playoffs ^Includes games played on Thanksgiving

STRONG IN THE SECOND HALF (continued)

BEST RECORDS IN GAMES PLAYED ON OR AFTER THANKSGIVING SINCE 2001

(Includes regular-season and playoff games)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	64	15	0	.810
Pittsburgh	56	22	0	.718
Green Bay	47	27	0	.635
San Diego	43	25	0	.632
Philadelphia	49	29	0	.628
Indianapolis	47	31	0	.603

SUSTAINED SUCCESS: PATRIOTS TO FINISH ABOVE .500 FOR THE 11TH STRAIGHT SEASON

With their ninth win of the 2011 season vs. Indianapolis (12/4), the Patriots guaranteed a winning record for the 11th straight season. The Patriots have now won nine or more games in 15 of the 18 seasons that Robert Kraft has owned the team. The Patriots have won more than half of their games 11 straight years. They are the first team to win more than half of their games in 11 straight seasons since free agency began in 1993. The Patriots are the fourth team to win more than half of their games in 11 straight seasons since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, joining the 49ers (16 straight from 1983-1998), the Cowboys (16 straight from 1970-85), and the Raiders (11 straight from 1970-80). At the conclusion of the 2011 season, the Patriots will be the only NFL team to finish with a record of .500 or better in each of the last 11 years (2001-2011). Each of the other 31 NFL teams had at least one losing season between 2001 and 2010.

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS – PATRIOTS HAVE THE 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 11 seasons.

MOST SEASONS OF 9+ WINS SINCE 2001

New England	11*
Pittsburgh.....	9*
Indianapolis.....	9
Philadelphia.....	8

*-Includes 2011 Season

2011 HONORS AND AWARDS

QB Tom Brady

- AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Wk. 1 at Miami)
- AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Wk. 2 vs. San Diego)
- AFC Offensive Player of the Month (November)

DE Andre Carter

- AFC Defensive Player of the Week (Wk. 10 at NY Jets)

WR Julian Edelman

- AFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Wk. 11 vs. KC)

PLAYER RANKINGS

QB Tom Brady (873,424) leads all AFC players and ranks second overall in votes. WR Wes Welker (684,591) is fourth overall in votes. TE Rob Gronkowski (558,294) and G Logan Mankins (212,276) also are the top vote getters at their positions. The New England Patriots have 15 players in the top five in votes.



QB Tom Brady	(1 st in AFC Voting – 873,424)
WR Wes Welker	(1 st in AFC Voting – 684,591)
TE Rob Gronkowski	(1 st in AFC Voting – 558,294)
TE Aaron Hernandez	(3 rd in AFC Voting – 159,733)
T Matt Light	(2 nd in AFC Voting – 191,640)
G Logan Mankins	(1 st in AFC Voting – 212,276)
G Brian Waters	(3 rd in AFC Voting – 125,627)
C Dan Connolly	(5 th in AFC Voting – 117,174)
DE Andre Carter.....	(2 nd in AFC Voting – 277,458)
DT Vince Wilfork	(3 rd in AFC Voting – 179,960)
CB Kyle Arrington.....	(2 nd in AFC Voting – 266,198)
S Patrick Chung	(4 th in AFC Voting – 38,889)
K Stephen Gostkowski.....	(3 rd in AFC Voting – 44,496)
P Zoltan Mesko	(4 th in AFC Voting – 36,449)
SPT Matthew Slater.....	(4 th in AFC Voting – 44,096)



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

Since their record-setting 2007 season, the Patriots have maintained their spot atop the NFL in terms of winning percentage and are second in points scored. Since the beginning of the 2008 season, the Patriots have the NFL's highest winning percentage and have scored the second most points in the NFL. Since 2009, the Patriots are tied for the best winning percentage and have scored the most points. New England tops both categories since the beginning of the 2010 season.

HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 2008

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England Patriots	45	16	0	.738	1751	1181
Pittsburgh Steelers	43	18	0	.705	1372	977
Baltimore Ravens	42	19	0	.689	1453	977
New Orleans Saints	42	19	0	.689	1772	1327
Atlanta Falcons	41	20	0	.672	1468	1205
Green Bay Packers	40	21	0	.656	1634	1195
New York Giants	37	24	0	.607	1547	1417
New York Jets	37	24	0	.607	1447	1166
San Diego Chargers	36	25	0	.590	1658	1288
Indianapolis Colts	36	25	0	.690	1412	1375

HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 2009

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England Patriots	34	11	0	.756	1341	872
New Orleans Saints	34	11	0	.756	1309	934
Green Bay Packers	34	11	0	.756	1315	815
Pittsburgh Steelers	31	14	0	.689	1025	754
Baltimore Ravens	31	14	0	.689	1068	733
Atlanta Falcons	30	15	0	.667	1077	880
San Diego Chargers	28	17	0	.622	1219	941
New York Jets	28	17	0	.622	1042	810
Philadelphia Eagles	26	19	0	.578	1165	1006
Chicago Bears	25	20	0	.556	962	916
New York Giants	25	20	0	.556	1120	1123
Houston Texans	25	20	0	.556	1108	968

HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 2010

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England Patriots	24	5	0	.828	914	587
Green Bay Packers	23	6	0	.793	854	518
Pittsburgh Steelers	22	7	0	.759	657	430
Baltimore Ravens	22	7	0	.759	677	472
Atlanta Falcons	21	8	0	.724	714	555
New Orleans Saints	21	8	0	.724	799	593
New York Jets	19	10	0	.655	694	574
Chicago Bears	18	11	0	.621	635	541
New York Giants	17	12	0	.686	718	696
San Francisco 49ers	16	13	0	.552	612	528
Houston Texans	16	13	0	.552	720	635

MOST POINTS SCORED SINCE 2008

Team	Points
New Orleans Saints	1772
New England Patriots	1751
Green Bay Packers	1634
San Diego Chargers	1658
Philadelphia Eagles	1581
New York Giants	1547
Houston Texans	1474
Atlanta Falcons	1468
Baltimore Ravens	1453
New York Jets	1447

MOST POINTS SCORED SINCE 2009

Team	Points
New England Patriots	1341
Green Bay Packers	1315
New Orleans Saints	1309
San Diego Chargers	1219
Philadelphia Eagles	1165
New York Giants	1120
Houston Texans	1108
Atlanta Falcons	1077
Dallas Cowboys	1072
Baltimore Ravens	1068

MOST POINTS SCORED SINCE 2010

Team	Points
New England Patriots	914
Green Bay Packers	854
New Orleans Saints	799
San Diego Chargers	765
Philadelphia Eagles	736
Detroit Lions	297
Houston Texans	720
New York Giants	718
Atlanta Falcons	714
Dallas Cowboys	711



PATRIOTS VS. BRONCOS

SERIES HISTORY

The Patriots and Broncos will meet for the 44th time in series history and for the 14th time in the last 17 years. The Broncos have won five of the last seven regular-season and playoff contests. The last time the teams played was on Oct. 11, 2009 with Denver overcoming a 17-7 halftime deficit for a 20-17 overtime win at Invesco Field.

The Broncos own a 27-16 advantage in the series, including a 2-0 mark in the playoffs. New England lost a Divisional playoff game at Denver during the 1986 and 2005 playoffs. Of the 43 previous games in the series, 26 have been played in Denver. The Patriots have played more games against the Broncos than any other team that has never been in New England's division. The Patriots are 1-4 all time at Invesco Field, including the postseason.

The history between the teams dates back to the first days of the American Football League in 1960. The Patriots played the Broncos in the inaugural game of each franchise, a 13-10 Denver win on Sept. 9, 1960 at B.U. Field. The teams squared off twice a year in the

decade prior to the AFL-NFL merger, with the Patriots taking a 10-7 advantage out of those games.



Regular Season – Broncos 25, Patriots 16

Date	Result	Score	H/A	Stadium
09/09/60	L	10-13	H	B.U. Field
10/23/60	L	24-31	A	Bears Stadium
09/16/61	W	45-17	H	B.U. Field
12/03/61	W	28-24	A	Bears Stadium
09/21/62	W	41-16	H	Boston U. Field
11/11/62	W	33-29	A	Bears Stadium
09/29/63	L	10-14	A	Bears Stadium
10/18/63	W	40-21	H	Fenway Park
10/04/64	W	39-10	A	Bears Stadium
11/20/64	W	12-7	H	Fenway Park
09/24/65	L	10-27	H	Fenway Park
12/12/65	W	28-20	A	Bears Stadium
09/18/66	W	24-10	A	Bears Stadium
11/06/66	L	10-17	H	Fenway Park
09/03/67	L	21-26	A	Bears Stadium
09/29/68	W	20-17	A	Bears Stadium
11/03/68	L	14-35	H	Fenway Park
09/14/69	L	7-35	A	Mile High Stadium
12/17/72	L	21-45	A	Mile High Stadium
11/28/76	W	38-14	H	Schaefer Stadium
11/11/79	L	10-45	A	Mile High Stadium
09/29/80	W	23-14	H	Schaefer Stadium
11/04/84	L	19-26	A	Mile High Stadium
09/28/86	L	20-27	A	Mile High Stadium
12/06/87	L	20-31	A	Mile High Stadium
12/17/88	L	10-21	A	Mile High Stadium
10/27/91	L	6-9	H	Foxboro Stadium
12/01/91	L	3-20	A	Mile High Stadium
10/08/95	L	3-37	H	Foxboro Stadium
11/17/96	L	8-34	H	Foxboro Stadium
10/06/97	L	13-34	A	Mile High Stadium
09/07/98	L	21-27	A	Mile High Stadium
10/24/99	W	24-23	H	Foxboro Stadium
10/01/00	W	28-19	A	Mile High Stadium
10/28/01	L	20-31	A	Invesco Field
10/27/02	L	16-24	H	Gillette Stadium
11/03/03	W	30-26	A	Invesco Field
10/16/05	L	20-28	A	Invesco Field
9/24/06	L	7-17	H	Gillette Stadium
10/20/08	W	41-7	H	Gillette Stadium
10/11/09	L	17-20 (OT)	A	Invesco Field

Playoffs – Broncos 2, Patriots 0

Date	Result	Score	H/A	Stadium
01/04/87	L	17-22	A	Mile High Stadium
01/14/06	L	13-27	A	Invesco Field

SERIES BREAKDOWN

(Including Playoffs)

Overall Record	16-27 (Including 0-2 in playoffs)
Record in New England	8-9
Record in Denver	8-18 (Including 0-2 in playoffs)
Total Points in the Series	Denver 997, Patriots 864
Bill Belichick vs. Denver	3-10 (3-6 with New England)
John Fox vs. New England	1-2 overall

TALE OF THE TAPE

2011 Regular Season Record	New England 10-3	Denver 8-5
Divisional Standings	1st	1st
Total Yards Gained	5,517	4,122
Total Offense (Rank)	424.4 (2)	317.1 (23)
Rush Offense	105.1 (21)	156.2 (1)
Pass Offense	319.3 (2)	160.8 (31)
Points Per Game	30.5 (3)	20.7 (21)
Touchdowns Scored	47	31
Third Down Conversion Pct.	45.8	31.8
Total Yards Allowed	5,408	4,642
Total Defense (Rank)	416.0 (32)	357.1 (19)
Rush Defense	107.3 (13)	124.2 (21)
Pass Defense	308.7 (32)	232.9 (16)
Points Allowed/Game	21.0 (14)	23.2 (22)
Touchdowns Allowed	31	32
Third Down Defense (Pct.)	44.8	34.1
Field Goals Made/Attempted	22/26	17/23
Possession Avg.	28:11	28:37
Sacks Allowed/Yards Lost	22/122	32/178
Sacks Made/Yards	29/182	37/263
Interceptions For/Against	18/11	9/9
Penalties Against/Yards	74/658	81/696
Punts/Avg.	45/46.1	82/47.7
Turnover Differential	+9	-4

QUICK HITS

- The Broncos are the only team the Patriots have lost to twice in the playoffs (1986 and 2005). New England's 13 other playoff losses have been to 13 different clubs.
- In Belichick's only two wins at Denver (10/1/00 and 11/3/03) he took intentional safeties in the second half to help secure the win.
- K Stephen Gostkowski's longest field goal was a 53-yarder at Denver on Oct. 11, 2009.

BRADY VS. DENVER

Tom Brady is 1-5 against the Broncos in the regular season and 0-1 against Denver in the postseason following a 2005 AFC Divisional playoff loss in Denver. Denver is the only team that Brady has a losing record against.

Tom Brady vs. Denver (1-5) (regular season)

Date	H/A	A	C	Yd	TD	I	W/L	Score
10/28/01	A	38	25	203	2	4	L	20-31
10/27/02	H	29	15	130	1	0	L	16-24
11/3/03	A	35	20	350	3	1	W	30-26
10/16/05	A	46	24	299	1	0	L	20-28
9/24/06	H	55	31	320	1	0	L	7-17
10/11/09	A	33	19	215	2	0	L	17-20 (OT)
Totals		236	134	1517	10	5	1-5	

Tom Brady vs. Denver (0-1) (postseason)

Date	H/A	A	C	Yd	TD	I	W/L	Score
01/14/06	A	36	20	341	1	2	L	13-27



PATRIOTS VS. BRONCOS

LAST MEETING:

Broncos 20, Patriots 17 (OT)

October 11, 2009 ★ Invesco Field at Mile High

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
New England Patriots	10	7	0	0	0	17
Denver Broncos	0	7	3	7	3	20

The New England Patriots failed to hold onto a 17-7 halftime lead in a 20-17 overtime loss to the Denver Broncos at Invesco Field at Mile High.

The Denver defense held New England to zero points and only 110 yards in the second half. After going 14-of-19 for 152 yards passing in the first half, QB Tom Brady was limited to five completions for 63 yards in the second half.

Denver QB Kyle Orton threw for 330 yards, including two touchdown passes to WR Brandon Marshall, as the Broncos chalked up 27 first downs and 424 yards of total offense.

New England entered the final quarter with a 17-10 lead, but Denver marched 98 yards in 12 plays before Orton completed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Marshall to tie the game at 17-17 with 5:21 remaining in regulation. Orton was six-of-10 for 76 yards on that drive. With under two minutes remaining in regulation, New England moved to the Denver 49-yard line before DE Vonnie Holliday forced a fumble on a sack of Brady to end a New England scoring threat.

Denver took the overtime kickoff and moved 58 yards in 11 plays to set up a 41-yard game-winning field goal by Matt Prater for a 20-17 victory.

New England built a 10-0 first quarter lead after scoring on their first two possessions. The Patriots became the first team to throw a touchdown pass against Denver's second ranked defense when Brady connected with WR Wes Welker on an eight-yard scoring pass to cap a drive early in the first quarter. Denver's ensuing drive ended when LB Jerod Mayo forced a fumble on a run by RB Knowshon Moreno that was recovered by S Brandon McGowan at the Denver 43-yard line. That play led to a 53-yard field goal by K Stephen Gostowski for a 10-0 lead.

After Denver closed the gap to 10-7 midway through the second quarter with the first of two Orton to Marshall touchdown passes, Brady and the Patriots got the ball back with 4:31 left in the half and engineered a 10-play, 74-yard drive that culminated with a seven-yard touchdown from Brady to TE Benjamin Watson for a 17-7 lead. The halftime advantage was preserved after WR Randy Moss lined up on defense as the deep safety and intercepted a pass from Orton as time expired.

Denver added a field goal in the third quarter to close to 17-10 and that was the score as the team's headed into the final quarter following a 40-yard field goal attempt by Gostowski that sailed wide to the left.

CONNECTIONS

New England Ties

- Denver offensive line coach **Dave Magazu** attended Springfield College, Mass. 1976-80, where he played defensive line. Prior to joining the NFL, Magazu was the offensive line coach at Boston College from 1999-02.

Denver, Colo. Ties

- Rookie **T Nate Solder**, drafted in the 1st round (17 overall) in the 2011 draft, attended the University of Colorado. Solder originally was brought in to play tight end for Colorado before eventually switching over to the tackle position. He is from Buena Vista, Colo.

Former Patriots

- **LS Lonie Paxton** signed with the Patriots as an undrafted free agent in 2000 and remained with the organization until 2008. He is known for his snow angel after former K Adam Vinatieri kicked a game winning field goal in overtime to send the Patriots to the 2001 AFC Championship game.
- **DT Ty Warren** was drafted by the Patriots in the 1st round (13th overall) in the 2003 draft. Warren, who recorded 20.5

CONNECTIONS (continued)

sacks with New England, was a staple on the Patriots defensive line until his final season in 2010.

- **G Russ Hochstein** was an offensive lineman and special teams member for the Patriots from 2002-08.
- **DB Jonathan Wilhite** played with the Patriots from 2008-10 and recorded three interceptions in 15 starts for New England.

Former Teammates

- **G Donald Thomas** played with **P Britton Colquitt** for eight days in Miami during the 2009 season. Colquitt was signed by the Dolphins on Dec. 22, 2009 and then was signed to the Denver Broncos active roster on Dec. 30.
- **WR Chad Ochocinco** teamed up with **WR Quan Cosby** in Cincinnati from 2009-10. With the Bengals, Cosby was the teams kick and punt returner.
- **LB Tracy White, S Brian Dawkins, and LB Joe Mays** played on the same side of the ball in Philadelphia from 2008-09.
- **DB Andre Goodman** played in Miami from 2006-08 and played one season each with **WR Wes Welker (2006), LB Rob Ninkovich (2007), and G Donald Thomas (2008)**.
- **DE Mark Anderson** played with **DB Chris Harris** for the Chicago Bears during the 2006 season.
- **DE Andre Carter** was teammates with **RB Jeremiah Johnson** in Washington for one day during the 2010 season. Johnson was signed to the Redskins practice squad Oct. 26 and released the following day.
- **LB Rob Ninkovich** played with **K Matt Prater** in Miami during the 2007 season.
- **G Donald Thomas** protected the quarterback with **G Manny Ramirez** for the Detroit Lions in 2010.
- **S James Ihedigbo** and **RB Xavier Omon** were teammates for 10 days in New York with the Jets during the 2010 season.
- **WR Wes Welker** played two seasons with **DT Kevin Vickerson** in Miami from 2005-06.

Former Broncos

- Head Coach **Bill Belichick** was the assistant special teams/assistant to the defensive coordinator for the Broncos during the 1978 season.
- Special teams coach, **Scott O'Brien**, was the special teams' coordinator for the Denver Broncos (2007-08)

Former College Teammate

- **LB Jerod Mayo, P Britton Colquitt, and DE Robert Ayers** went to the University of Tennessee and played together from 2005-07.
- **LB Gary Guyton** and **WR Demaryius Thomas** were teammates during Guyton's final season with Georgia Tech.
- **S Sergio Brown** and **S David Bruton** played together from 2006-09 at Notre Dame.
- **LB Brandon Spikes, TE Aaron Hernandez, LB Jermaine Cunningham, and QB Tim Tebow** were teammates at Florida and were all crucial to the team winning the BCS National Championship in 2009.
- **DT Vince Wilfork** and **LB D.J. Williams** played for the Miami Hurricanes from 2001-03.
- **WR Matthew Slater** played with **WR Matthew Willis** at UCLA. Slater and Willis played for the Bruins from 2004-07. **QB Brian Hoyer** and **WR Mark Dell** made a great duo for two seasons at Michigan State (2007-08). Dell caught 56 passes for 899 yards and 5 touchdowns from Hoyer over the QB's junior and senior season.
- **RB Shane Vereen** played with **DB Syd'Quan Thompson** at the University of California from 2007-09.
- **RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis** and **DB Cassius Vaughn** played together at the University of Mississippi for one season.



LAST GAME: PATRIOTS AT REDSKINS

PATRIOTS 34, WASHINGTON 27

December 11, 2011 ★ FedEx Field

	1	2	3	4	Final
New England Patriots	14	6	14	0	— 34
Washington Redskins	10	10	7	0	— 27

The New England Patriots extended their winning streak to five straight with a 34-27 victory over the Washington Redskins at FedEx Field. It was the Patriots' first ever win at Washington, the last remaining team that the Patriots had not beaten in a road contest.

QB Tom Brady threw for 357 yards and three touchdowns and TE Rob Gronkowski caught six passes for a career-high 160 yards and two touchdowns to set the NFL record for most receiving touchdowns by a tight end in a single season with his 14th and 15th touchdown receptions. Brady went over the 4,000-mark for the fourth time in his career and became the first player in 2011 to throw for 300 yards against the 9th ranked Washington defense.

Despite the high scoring game, it was a defensive play that turned out to be the difference maker. With New England leading 34-27 with just over six minutes to play, Brady was intercepted in the end zone to end what could have been a game-winning drive. The Redskins took advantage of the miscue, driving from their own 20-yard line to the New England 9-yard line before LB Jerod Mayo intercepted a tipped pass with 20 seconds to play to seal the victory and push New England to a 10-3 record. It is the ninth straight season that New England has won 10 or more games.

New England took the early lead when DE Andre carter forced a fumble on a sack of QB Rex Grossman in the end zone early in the first quarter. Vince Wilfork recovered the ball in the end zone for his first career touchdown and a 7-0 lead. After that defensive play, it was mostly an offensive battle from both teams resulting in a 20-20 tie at halftime.

After Washington responded to New England's first touchdown with a field goal drive, Gronkowski set the tone for kind of day he would have with two big plays. First, he caught a short pass from Brady and broke a few tackles for a 49-yard gain to the Washington 11-yard line. Then on the next play, he caught his first touchdown of the day on an 11-yard reception to lift the Patriots to a 14-3 lead.

After Washington took a 20-17 lead in the second quarter, New England executed a two-minute drill that resulted in a 24-yard field goal to tie the game at 20 at the half. The drive was highlighted by a 50-yard reception by Gronkowski that put the Patriots deep into Washington territory.

New England took the second half kick and engineered a 7-play, 80-yard drive that culminated with a 37-yard touchdown pass from Brady to Gronkowski to take a 27-20 lead. It was Gronkowski's third play of the game of 20 or more yards. After the Redskins answered with a touchdown drive on the next series to tie the game a 29-yard pass from Brady to TE Aaron Hernandez helped get the Patriots in position for Brady's 24-yard touchdown pass to WR Wes Welker for a 34-27 lead heading into the final quarter of play.

Despite a scoreless fourth quarter, both teams had a chance to score. New England missed a chance to extend their 34-20 lead when Brady was picked off in the end zone by CB Josh Wilson. Washington took advantage of the turnover and drove to the New England 9-yard line before Mayo's game-clinching pick.

WELKER JOINS RICE AND HARRISON WITH FOURTH 100-RECEPTION SEASON

WR Welker became the third player in NFL history with four 100-catch seasons. Welker joins Marvin Harrison and Jerry Rice as the only players to accomplish the feat. He entered the game with 93 receptions and added seven catches against Washington to bring his season total to 100 for the year.

PATRIOTS RECORD FIRST WIN AT WASHINGTON

The Patriots victory over Washington was their first win in Washington, the only NFL city that the Patriots had never won on the road. The Patriots are now 1-2 in the nation's capital.

ANDRE CARTER RECORDS 10TH SACK OF 2011

Andre Carter registered his 10th sack of the season when he sacked and forced Washington QB Rex Grossman to fumble in the end zone. Vince Wilfork recovered the loose ball for his first career touchdown. It is the fourth time in Carter's career that he has registered double-digit sacks in a season. He had a career-high 12.5 in 2002 with San Francisco. He had 10.5 in 2007 and 11.0 in 2009 with Washington. The Patriots have had a player finish with double digit sack totals now 13 times.

WELKER SETS PERSONAL BEST WITH HIS 9TH TD

Welker caught a 24-yard touchdown in the third quarter for his personal-best ninth touchdown of the season. His previous best was eight touchdowns in 2007.

WELKER TIES TROY BROWN FOR 7TH PLACE

Welker now has 31 career touchdowns with the Patriots and is tied with Troy Brown for 7th place on the Patriots all-time list. Irving Fryar is sixth with 38 receiving touchdowns.

BRADY REACHES 4,000 YARDS

Tom Brady reached 4,000 yards passing for the fourth time in his career on the 11-yard touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski in the first quarter. His four 4,000-yard seasons are tied with Warren Moon for the fifth most in NFL history. Brady had 4,110 yards in 2005, a career-high 4,806 in 2007 and 4,398 in 2009. He now has 4,273 yards.

GRONKOWSKI SETS MARK FOR MOST RECEIVING TDS BY A TIGHT END

TE Rob Gronkowski extended his NFL record for overall touchdowns in a single season by a tight end and established the NFL record for most receiving touchdowns by a tight end with his 14th receiving touchdown on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the first quarter. Vernon Davis (SF in 2009) and Antonio Gates (SD in 2004) had 13 touchdown catches in a season. Gronkowski added a 37-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter and now has 16 total touchdowns this season – the highest number of combined touchdowns by a tight end in NFL history, including Gronkowski's 2-yard touchdown on a lateral in the third quarter vs. Indianapolis (12/4).

GRONKOWSKI SETS TEAM MARK WITH A TD RECEPTION IN SIXTH STRAIGHT GAME

Gronkowski set a franchise record with a touchdown reception in his sixth straight game. Gronkowski, Randy Moss, Daniel Graham, Michael Timpson and Jimmy Colclough caught touchdown passes in five straight games. The Patriots record for most consecutive games with at least one touchdown is seven by Curtis Martin.

GRONKOWSKI GOES OVER 1,000 YARDS

Gronkowski became just the second Patriots tight end to go over 1,000 yards for the season after gaining 160 to push his 2011 totals to 1,088. TE Ben Coates set the franchise mark for a tight end with 1,174 yards in 1994. It is the 31st time in NFL history that a tight end has registered a 1,000-yard season.

MAYO HAS SECOND STRAIGHT GAME WITH AN INTERCEPTION

LB Jerod Mayo has registered his first two career interceptions in the last two games. He clinched the win over Washington when he intercepted a Redskins pass at the New England 9-yard line to seal the 34-27 win.

OCHOCINCO BECOMES 26TH PLAYER TO REACH 11,000 YARDS

Chad Ochocinco caught a 15-yard pass in the second quarter to become the 26th NFL player to reach 11,000 career receiving yards.



INSIDE THE NUMBERS

BY THE NUMBERS

2

The number of interceptions by Vince Wilfork in 2011. Anthony Pleasant (2001) is the only other Patriots defensive lineman to record two interceptions in the same season.

2

The number of punts returned by Julian Edelman for touchdowns during his career, the fourth Patriots' player with two or more punt returns for a touchdown.

3

The number of NFL players with four 100-reception seasons after Wes Welker reached 100 receptions in 2011 to join Jerry Rice and Marvin Harrison.

7

The number of interceptions by Kyle Arrington to put him in a three-way tie for the NFL lead in 2011.

8

The number of times in NFL history a player reached 1,000 yards in the ninth game of the season after Wes Welker reached the milestone.

10.0

The number of sacks by Andre Carter in 2011 for his fourth career 10-plus sack season.

15

The number of touchdown catches by TE Rob Gronkowski, the most in NFL history by a tight end in a single season.

16

The number of total touchdowns by TE Rob Gronkowski in 2011 (15 rec. and 1 rush.) the highest number of combined touchdowns by a tight end in NFL history.

25

The number of touchdown receptions by Rob Gronkowski since 2010, the most among all NFL tight ends.

20

The number of 10-tackle games by LB Jerod Mayo after he finished with a team-high 11 total tackles vs. Kansas City (11/21/11).

26

The number of games it took Rob Gronkowski to reach 20 touchdowns, the fewest games among tight ends in NFL history.

34

The number of consecutive fourth quarter field goals made by Stephen Gostkowski, the most since the statistic was first tracked in 1991.

155

The number of receiving yards that Wes Welker (1,339) needs in 2011 to set the franchise record. Randy Moss had 1,493 yards in 2007.

622

The number of total yards by the Patriots in the win at Miami in the season opener, a franchise record. The previous best was 619 yards vs. Tennessee (10/18/09).

TOM BRADY BY THE NUMBERS

1

Tom Brady became the first player to follow a 500-yard performance with a 400-yard performance after Brady had back-to-back games with 517 yards and 423 yards.

2

Brady joins Drew Brees (2011) as the only players to reach 3,000 yards in the first nine games of the season. Brady (3,032) had the most yards ever through the first nine games of the year

4

The number of times that Brady has thrown a game-winning touchdown pass in the final minute of the game to turn a deficit into a Patriots win after a final-minute touchdown vs. Dallas (10/16), including the postseason.

4

The number of seasons that Brady has reached 4,000 passing yards. His four 4,000 yard seasons are tied with Warren Moon for the fifth most in NFL history.

TOM BRADY BY THE NUMBERS

6

Brady became the sixth NFL quarterback in NFL history to have 30 or more touchdowns passes in at least three seasons after reaching 30 vs. Indianapolis (12/4).

11

Tom Brady was the 11th quarterback in NFL history to throw for 500 or more yards after he passed Brady for 517 in the 2011 opener at Miami.

19

The number of times Tom Brady has earned AFC Offensive Player of the Week honors. He earned the award in each of the first two weeks of the 2011 season.

42

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

94

The number of times that Brady has thrown two or more touchdowns in a game. The Patriots are 79-15 when he throws for two or more touchdowns.

121

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.

1,327

The number of passing yards Brady had in the first three games (517, 423 and 387) of 2011. Brady's 1,327 yards set the NFL mark for the most passing yards ever in a three-game stretch.

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.

187

Bill Belichick has 187 career victories as a head coach, including playoff games. Belichick moved past Bill Parcells into sole possession of ninth place in all-time coaching victories. Chuck Knox is in 8th place with 193 wins.



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 more division titles (10), conference crowns (5) and Super Bowl championships (3) than any other NFL team. 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. In Kraft's first 17 seasons, the Patriots qualified for the playoffs 12 times, doubling the franchise's accomplishments during its first 34 seasons.



	Pre-Kraft 1960-93	1989-93	Kraft Era 1994-10
Overall Record	225-276-9	19-61	207-104
Winning Pct.	.450	.311	.666
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

MULTIPLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 2001

Team	League	Titles
Los Angeles Lakers	NBA	4
New England Patriots	NFL	3
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
New England Patriots	NFL	5
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 189 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)

New England Patriots	190
Green Bay Packers	183
Pittsburgh Steelers	182
Indianapolis Colts	170

TOTAL VICTORIES SINCE 1994 (Incl. Postseason)

New England Patriots	207
Pittsburgh Steelers	199
Green Bay Packers	198
Indianapolis Colts	181
Denver Broncos	173
Philadelphia Eagles	170

WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 1994 (Incl. Postseason)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	207	104	0	.666
Pittsburgh Steelers	199	111	1	.641
Green Bay Packers	198	112	0	.639
Indianapolis Colts	181	127	0	.588
Denver Broncos	173	125	0	.581
Philadelphia Eagles	170	135	2	.557
Minnesota Vikings	159	141	0	.530

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994

New England Patriots	3
Green Bay	2
Pittsburgh Steelers	2
Denver Broncos	2
8 Teams	1

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994

New England Patriots	5
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

New England Patriots	17
Pittsburgh Steelers	17
Green Bay Packers	15
Philadelphia Eagles	11
Indianapolis Colts	11

PLAYOFF GAMES PLAYED SINCE 1994

New England Patriots	26
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
New England Patriots	12
Green Bay Packers	12
Philadelphia Eagles	11
Pittsburgh Steelers	11
Dallas Cowboys	9

PLAYOFF WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 1994

Team	W	L	Pct.
New England Patriots	17	9	.654
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
New England Patriots	11
Philadelphia Eagles	8
Green Bay Packers	8

KEY TO LOCKOUT'S END

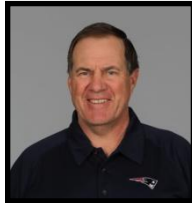
Robert Kraft played a key role in helping reach a deal with the NFL players that ended the lockout. At the press conference to announce the agreement, Indianapolis Colts C Jeff Saturday commented on Kraft's role in the negotiations, "Without him, this deal does not get done. He is a man who helped us 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: 187-103 (.645)
Regular Season: 172-97 (.639)
Postseason: 15-6 (.714)
With Patriots overall: 150-58 (.721)
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 11TH STRAIGHT WINNING RECORD

Bill Belichick has led the Patriots to a winning record for 11 consecutive seasons (2001-2011). 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 TO NFL-BEST 14-2 RECORD IN 2010

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 PASSES PARCELLS FOR 9TH PLACE

Bill Belichick moved past Bill Parcells into sole possession of 9th place in all-time coaching victories and now has 187 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 Belichick	CLE, NE	17	187-103-0
10. Bill Parcells	NYG, NE, NYJ, DAL	19	183-138-1
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

Bill 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)
Bill Belichick	Patriots (SB XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX)
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.
Bill Belichick	NE	145	47	0	.755
Tony Dungy	TB/IND	101	41	0	.711
Mike Tomlin	PIT	57	25	0	.695

AMONG THE GREATS

Bill Belichick has recorded 187 career wins, for 9th all-time in NFL history. Belichick owns a career winning percentage of .645, which is third all-time, behind George Halas (.682) and Don Shula (.667).

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	.667
Bill Belichick	CLE/NE	1991-95, 00-11	187	103	0	.645
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
Bill Belichick	NE	3	2001, 2003, 2004
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

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
Bill Belichick	Cleveland Browns, New England Patriots	15

POSTSEASON PROWESS

BEST POSTSEASON RECORDS IN NFL HISTORY

Head Coach	Team(s)	W	L	Pct.
Vince Lombardi	GB/WAS	9	1	.900
Tom Flores	Oakland	8	3	.727
Bill Belichick	CLE/NE	15	6	.714
Bill Walsh	San Francisco	10	4	.714

BELICHICK NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

The Associated Press named Bill Belichick the NFL'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.

ONE OF 5 COACHES WITH PLAYING FATHERS

Bill Belichick is one of five NFL head coaches who hold the distinction of having fathers who contributed to the NFL as a player.

Coach	Team	Father	Team
Bill Belichick	NE	Steve Belichick	Detroit
Todd Haley	KC	Dick Haley	Washington Minnesota
Mike Nolan	SF	Dick Nolan	NY Gianta Chicago
David Shula	CIN	Don Shula	Cleveland (1951-52) Baltimore Washington
Joe Walton	NYJ	Frank Walton	Boston Washington



TOM BRADY NEWS & NOTES

RECORDING SUCCESS

Tom Brady has quarterbacked the Patriots to victories in 121 of his 156 career regular-season starts, compiling a .776 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.
Tom Brady	NE	2000-11	121	35	0	.776
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.
Tom Brady	NE	121	35	0	.776
Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	79	32	0	.712
Matt Ryan	ATL	41	18	0	.695
Joe Flacco	BAL	42	19	0	.688
Peyton Manning	IND	141	67	0	.678
Aaron Rodgers	GB	40	20	0	.667

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
4.	Peyton Manning	141	67	0	.678
5.	Fran Tarkenton	124	109	6	.531
6.	Tom Brady	121	35	0	.776
7.	Johnny Unitas	119	64	4	.647
8.	Joe Montana	117	47	0	.713
9.	Terry Bradshaw	107	51	0	.677
10.	Warren Moon	102	101	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 11th 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
Tom Brady	Patriots	517 yards in 2011

BRADY BECOMES THE 18TH QB IN NFL HISTORY TO REACH 35,000 YARDS

Tom Brady became the 18th 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 14th on the NFL's all-time passing yards list with 39,017 passing yards.

BRADY TIED NFL MARK WITH 13 GAMES WITH TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS

Brady threw for one touchdown against the Jets (10/9), snapping his streak of 13 straight games with two or more touchdown passes. Brady's streak of 13 straight games with two or more touchdowns is tied with Peyton Manning's 2004 total and Aaron Rodgers' 2011 total for the longest such streak in NFL history.

BRADY HAS 16 CAREER 4-TD GAMES AFTER GETTING TWO SO FAR IN 2011

Brady's four touchdowns at Buffalo (9/25) marked his 12th game with four touchdown passes. The Patriots are 11-1 when he passes for four touchdowns. He has now thrown four or more touchdowns in a game 16 times with 12 four-touchdown games, two five-touchdown games and two six-touchdown games. The 16 games with 4-plus touchdowns is fifth all-time in NFL history.

Most Games with 4+ Touchdown Passes

PLAYER	4+ TD Games
1. Brett Favre	23
2. Peyton Manning	22
3. Dan Marino	21
4. Johnny Unitas	17
5. Tom Brady	16

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

Brady has now thrown at least one touchdown pass in 29 straight regular season games to extend a team mark. Brady's current streak started when he threw a touchdown pass in all 16 games in 2010.

BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR THE 42ND TIME IN HIS CAREER

Brady had his 42nd NFL game with 300 or more yards passing at Washington (12/11) and ranks third among active NFL quarterbacks, behind NFL-leader Peyton Manning (63) and Drew Brees (54). The Patriots are 36-6 when Brady throws for 300 or more yards.

NFL QUARTERBACK 300-YARD GAMES

Player	300-Yard Games
*Peyton Manning	63
Dan Marino	63
Brett Favre	62
*Drew Brees	54
Kurt Warner	52
Dan Fouts	51
Warren Moon	49
*Tom Brady	42
Joe Montana	39

Brady has eight 300-yard game so far in 2011 season. The eight 300-yard games in 2011 match Brady's personal best. He also had eight 300 yard games in 2007. The NFL record for most 300-yard games in a season is 10 by Drew Brees (2008, 2011) and Rich Gannon (2002).

TOM BRADY'S RECORD AS A STARTER

	Reg. Season	Playoffs	Total
Overall:	121-35	14-5	135-40
Home:.....	67-11	8-2	75-13
Road:.....	54-24	6-3*	60-27*
By Yardage Total			
Less than 200:.....	29-13	3-1	32-14
200-299:.....	56-16	9-3	65-19
300 or more:.....	36-6	2-1	38-7

Other Records

On Artificial Turf:.....	63-7	4-3	67-10
Temp. Below 40:.....	27-3	8-2	35-5
Thanksgiving or later:.....	46-9	14-5	60-14
Leading at Halftime:.....	94-9	10-2	104-11
Leading after 3 Qtrs:.....	100-6	9-2	109-8
Overtime:.....	7-1	1-0	8-1
Passer rating >100.0:.....	69-4	6-0	75-4

*-Includes three Super Bowls at neutral sites



TOM BRADY NEWS & NOTES

BRADY CONCLUDES 31-GAME HOME WINNING STREAK

Tom Brady set an NFL record for most consecutive home wins as a starting quarterback with his 26th straight win in a regular-season home start following the 45-3 win against the Jets (12/06/10) and extended his streak to 31 before it ended with a 24-20 loss against the New York Giants (11/6).

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

Player	Team	Years	Streak
Tom Brady	NE	2006-011	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

MOST CAREER TOUCHDOWNS

MOST TOUCHDOWNS CAREER

(regular season only) Bold indicates active players

Rank	Name	Touchdowns
1.	Brett Favre	508
2.	Dan Marino	420
3.	Peyton Manning	399
4.	Fran Tarkenton	342
5.	John Elway	300
6.	Tom Brady	294
7.	Warren Moon	291
8.	Johnny Unitas	290
9.	Vinny Testaverde	275
10.	Joe Montana	273

BRADY AT 30 TOUCHDOWNS...AGAIN

Brady enters this week's game with 33 touchdowns. He became the sixth quarterback in NFL history to have 30 or more touchdown passes in at least three seasons.

MOST SEASONS WITH 30-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Brett Favre	9
Peyton Manning	6
Dan Marino	4
Drew Brees	4
Tom Brady	3
Kurt Warner	3

BRADY REACHED 30 TDS FOR THIRD TIME

Tom Brady reached 30 touchdown passes in 2011 Brady now has three 30-touchdown seasons after throwing for an NFL-leading 36 in 2010 and 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 when he led the AFL with 31. It is the fourth time in Patriots history that they have had a quarterback lead the NFL in touchdowns.

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 121 wins are the most wins by any coach-QB tandem since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

WINNINGEST COACH/QB TANDEM SINCE 1970

(Regular Season Only – by winning percentage)

Quarterback/Head Coach	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Tom Brady/Bill Belichick	NE	121	35	0	.776
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.
Tom Brady/Bill Belichick	NE	121	35	0	.776
Dan Marino/Don Shula	MIA	116	68	0	.630
Terry Bradshaw/Chuck Noll	PIT	107	51	0	.601

BRADY'S COMEBACKS

Brady has engineered 32 career game-winning performances to lead his team to a victory from a fourth-quarter deficit or tie.

Date	Opp.	Score	in Reg.	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD	Int	Final
10/16/11	DAL	13-16	5:13	9	11	87	1	0	20-16
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
Tom Brady	New England	14
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
Tom Brady	NE	3

PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE SUPER BOWL MVP AWARDS

Player	Team	MVPs
Joe Montana	SF	3
Terry Bradshaw	PIT	2
Tom Brady	NE	2
Bart Starr	GB	2

TOP QB HOME STARTING RECORDS SINCE 1970 MERGER (includes postseason)

Player	Team(s)	W	L	T	Pct.
Tom Brady	NE	75	13	0	.852
Terry Bradshaw	PIT	75	14	0	.843
John Elway	DEN	104	25	0	.806
Steve Young	TB/SF	63	19	0	.768

BRADY HAD THREE STRAIGHT GAMES WITH 30 COMPLETIONS IN 2011

Brady tied an NFL record with three straight games with 30 completions after completing 32 at Miami (9/12), 31 vs. San Diego (9/18) and 30 at Buffalo (9/25). He shares the record with Drew Brees (2011), Steve Young (1995), Rich Gannon (2002), Kurt Warner (2008) and Peyton Manning (2010). The most 30 completion games Brady has had in a season is five in 2007.



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 294 touchdown passes and third with 39,011 passing yards.

Touchdowns Since 2001

Player	Team	Years	TDs
Peyton Manning	IND	2001-11	314
Tom Brady	NE	2001-11	294
Drew Brees	SD/NO	2001-11	267
Brett Favre	GB/NYJ/MIN	2001-10	253
Donovan McNabb	PHI/WAS/MIN	2001-11	205

Passing Yards Since 2001

Player	Team	Years	Passing Yards
Peyton Manning	IND	2001-11	42,541
Drew Brees	SD/NO	2001-11	39,634
Tom Brady	NE	2001-11	39,011
Brett Favre	GB/NYJ/MIN	2001-10	37,132
Donovan McNabb	PHI/WAS/MIN	2001-11	32,963

TOM BRADY EARNS 19TH AFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD

Tom Brady was named the AFC Offensive Player of the Week after throwing for 517 yards and four touchdowns, including a 99-yard touchdown pass to Wes Welker in Week 1 at Miami (9/12/11) and in Week 2 after a 423-yard effort with three touchdowns vs. San Diego (9/28/11). Brady has the second-most Player of the Week awards earned by a player since the accolade was instituted in 1984. He is the first player to earn AFC Offensive Player of the Week honors in back-to-back weeks to open a season. He joins Panthers kicker John Kasey (Special Teams, 1996) as the only players to garner consecutive Player of the Week laurels in Week 1 and Week 2 of the same year.

THE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Player	Career	Team	POW Awards
Peyton Manning	1998-present	Colts	21
Tom Brady	2000-present	Patriots	19
Dan Marino	1983-1999	Dolphins	18
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 regular season pass attempts without an interception 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

358	Tom Brady (Patriots)	2010-11
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 HAD 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 39,017 career passing yards.

PATRIOTS ALL-TIME LEADING PASSERS

Player	YEARS	ATT	COMP	YARDS
Tom Brady	2000-11	5,206	3,324	39,017
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 REACHES 3,000 YARDS IN 2011

Brady entered the Jets game on Nov. 13 with 2,703 yards and added 329 to set the NFL record for most yards through a team's first nine games with 3,032 yards. Brady joins Drew Brees (2011) as the only players to reach 3,000 yards passing in the first nine games of a season. It is Brady's ninth career 3,000-yard season.

Most passing yards through a team's first nine games of a season

Player	Team	Year	Passing Yards
Tom Brady	Patriots	2011	3,032
Drew Brees	Saints	2011	3,004
Phillip Rivers	Chargers	2010	2,944
Rich Gannon	Raiders	2002	2,898
Dan Fouts	Chargers	1982	2,883
Peyton Manning	Colts	2009	2,872

BRADY REACHES 4,000 YARDS IN 2011

Brady reached 4,000 yards passing for the fourth time in his career on the 11-yard touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski in the first quarter at Washington (12/11). His four 4,000-yard seasons are tied with Warren Moon for the fifth most in NFL history. Brady had 4,110 yards in 2005, a career-high 4,806 in 2007 and 4,398 in 2009. He now has 4,273 yards.

All-time 4,000-yard passing seasons

- 11 Peyton Manning
- 6 Dan Marino
- 6 Drew Brees
- 6 Brett Favre
- 4 Tom Brady**
- 4 Warren Moon
- 3 Kurt Warner
- 3 Dan Fouts
- 3 Drew Bledsoe
- 3 Phillip Rivers
- 3 Trent Green

BRADY HAS SECOND MOST PASSING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY THROUGH TEN GAMES

Brady finished the game against Kansas City on Nov. 21 with 3,266 yards passing, a total that is the second highest in NFL history through a season's first 10 games, trailing only Drew Brees' 2011 total of 3,326 yards.

MOST PASSING YARDS THROUGH FIRST 10 GAMES

Player	Team	Year	Yards
Drew Brees	Saints	2011	3,326
Tom Brady	Patriots	2011	3,266
Drew Brees	Saints	2008	3,251

BRADY HAD 423 YARDS AS A FOLLOW-UP TO HIS 517 YARD PERFORMANCE IN MIAMI

In the season opener in Miami (9/12), Brady threw for 517 yards, becoming one of 11 passers in NFL history to break the 500-yard mark. In Week 2 against San Diego (9/18), Brady became the first of those 11 500-yard passers to follow up his 500-yard performance by throwing for 400 or more yards. Before Brady's performance against the Chargers, only Drew Brees (2006) had followed-up a 500-yard game with 300 or more passing yards.

BRADY HAS 8TH GAME WITH 300 YDS AND 4 TDS

Tom Brady had his 8th game with 300 yards or more (326) and 4 TDs (and no interceptions) in a win against the Jets (12/6/10) last season. No other quarterback since the 1970 merger has accomplished that feat.



PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

BRADY ON GOOD PACE IN 2011

Brady is on pace to finish the season with an NFL-record 5,279 passing yards with 4,273 so far in 2011. 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. After 13 games, Marino had 3,870 yards in 1984 and Brees had 4,100 after 13 games in 2008 during their 5,000-yard seasons.

Most Passing Yards in a season

5,084 Dan Marino, Miami in 1984
5,069 Drew Brees, New Orleans in 2008
4,830 Kurt Warner, St. Louis in 2001

BRADY ON GOOD PACE PART 2

Brady has 33 touchdown passes through 13 games and is on pace for 41 touchdown passes. Brady has led the league in touchdowns passes three times in his career and can tie Len Dawson, Brett Favre, Johnny Unitas and Steve Young (4) for the most seasons leading the league in touchdown passes. Last season, Brady led the NFL with 36 touchdowns. He also led the NFL with a record 50 touchdowns in 2007 and 28 in 2002. 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 IS ONE OF SEVEN TO THROW FOR CONSECUTIVE 400 YARD GAMES

Brady is one of just seven NFL quarterbacks to have back-to-back games with 400 or more passing yards.

NFL RECORD FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE 400 OR MORE YARDS PASSING

2 Tom Brady, 2011
2 Cam Newton, Carolina, 2011
2 Matt Cassel, New England, 2008
2 Billy Volek, Tennessee, 2004
2 Phil Simms, N.Y. Giants, 1985
2 Dan Marino, Miami, 1984
2 Dan Fouts, San Diego, 1982

CLASS OF 2000

Tom Brady was the seventh quarterback selected in the 2000 NFL Draft, by the Patriots in the sixth round with the 199th 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
6	199	Tom Brady	New England

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 GOES OVER 100 YARDS

Deion Branch registered his 11th career 100-yard game and the eighth as a member of the Patriots after finishing with 125 yards on six receptions at Philadelphia (11/27). It is his second 100-yard game of 2011. He had eight receptions for 129 yards vs. San Diego (9/18), Branch's 129 yards against San Diego pushed him over 6,000 career receiving yards.

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 Snyder 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. Edelman returned his second career punt for a touchdown vs. Kansas City on Nov. 21, 2011 with a 72-yard return. He is the fourth Patriots player with two or more punt returns for a touchdown. He was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance against Kansas City.

Most Punt Return Touchdowns/Patriots Career

3 Troy Brown
3 Irving Fryar
2 Julian Edelman
2 Mike Haynes

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
Julian Edelman	15.3	2010
Mack Herron	14.8	1974
Troy Brown	14.2	2001

EDELMAN HAS HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE IN TEAM HISTORY

Edelman has returned 50 punts for 653 yards during his Patriots' career and leads the franchise with a 13.1-yard average.

HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE, PATRIOTS CAREER (20 Returns)

Player	Punt Rt Avg.	Year
Julian Edelman	13.1	2009-11(50-653)
Mack Herron	12.0	1973-75 (74-888)
Carl Garrett	11.3	1969-72 (43-487)
Wes Welker	10.6	2007-11 (89-942)



PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

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.

EDELMAN GOES ON DEFENSE

Late in the fourth quarter of the Patriots' 37-16 win at the Jets (11/13), Edelman was pressed into service on defense and registered his first NFL tackle when he laid a hard hit on RB LaDainian Tomlinson. He has continued to see action on defense since that time.

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 12,337 and kickoff return yards (4,098) and is the Patriots' all-time leading return specialist, totaling 5,030 combined yards. He ranks fifth in rushing (3,606), fifth in receptions (431), 11th in pass receiving yards (3,701) and 21st 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
Kevin Faulk	2001-11	12,337
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 LaDainian Tomlinson).

FAULK IS THIRD ON ALL-TIME YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

Faulk is third on the Patriots all-time list with 7,307 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
Kevin Faulk	1999-11	861-3606	431-3701	7307
Tony Collins	1981-1987	1191-4647	261-2356	7003

FAULK: FRANCHISE RB RECEPTIONS LEADER

Faulk is the Patriots' all-time leader in receptions by a running back, totaling 431 career receptions. His receiving total ranks fifth on the Patriots' overall receptions list. He is one of 26 running backs in NFL history to reach 400 receptions.

RECEPTIONS BY PATRIOTS RUNNING BACKS

Player	Years	Rec.
Kevin Faulk	1999-2011	431
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	LaDainian Tomlinson (SD/NYJ)	2001-2011	4,701
2	Kevin Faulk (New England)	1999-2011	3,701

BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS IS HIGH ON THE TOUCHDOWN LIST SINCE 2010

Since the beginning of the 2010 season, RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis has 21 touchdown runs. Green-Ellis' total of 21 touchdowns since the beginning of 2010 are tied for the third most in the NFL.

Most Rushing Touchdowns Since 2010

Player	Touchdowns
Arian Foster (Houston)	24
Adrian Peterson (Minnesota)	23
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	21
Rashard Mendenhall (Pitt.)	21
LeSean McCoy (Phila.)	21

GREEN-ELLIS MOVES INTO 7TH PLACE ON THE PATRIOTS ALL-TIME LIST WITH 2 TD AGAINST PHILADELPHIA

RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis had two rushing touchdowns at Philadelphia (11/27) to move past Don Calhoun (23) into 7th place on the Patriots all-time rushing list. He now has 26 career touchdowns. Curtis Martin and Tony Collins are next on the list with 32 touchdowns. Green-Ellis is the 10th player in Patriots history to record 20 or more touchdowns in a New England uniform.

GREEN-ELLIS IS NEARING BACK-TO-BACK 10 TOUCHDOWN SEASONS

Green-Ellis had 13 rushing touchdowns in 2010, the third highest 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. He enters this week's game with eight rushing touchdowns. He can become the third running back in team history with back-to-back 10-plus touchdown seasons. Corey Dillon with three straight (2004-06) and Curtis Martin (1995-96) are the others.

GREEN-ELLIS' 13 TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010 TIED FOR FOURTH-BEST IN TEAM HISTORY

Green-Ellis' 13 touchdowns overall are tied for the fourth most overall in team history.

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
BenJarvus Green-Ellis (13 rushing)	13	2010
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 OFFENSIVE NOTES

GRONKOWSKI ON PACE TO SET PATRIOTS RECORD AND NFL RECORD IN RECEIVING YARDS

Rob Gronkowski became the second tight end in New England Patriots history to go over 1,000 receiving yards after gaining 160 at Washington (12/11) to push his season totals to 1,088 yards on 71 receptions. It is the 31st time in NFL history that a tight end has reached 1,000 yards in a season. He needs 87 yards to set the franchise record and move past TE Ben Coates, who had 1,174 in 1994. He needs 203 yards in the final three games to set the NFL record for most yards in a season by a tight end, held by Kellen Winslow, who had 1,290 yards in 1980 with San Diego.



Most Receiving Yards by a Patriots Tight End

Player	Yards	Year
Ben Coates	1,174	1994
Rob Gronkowski	1,088	2011
Ben Coates	915	1995
Marv Cook	808	1991
Don Hasselbeck	808	1981

Most Receptions by a Patriots Tight End

Player	Rec.	Year
Ben Coates	96	1994
Ben Coates	84	1995

Most Receiving Yards by Tight End in the NFL

Player	Yards	Year
Kellen Winslow (SD)	1,290	1980
Tony Gonzalez (KC)	1,258	2004
Todd Christiansen (Raiders)	1,247	1983
Jackie Smith (STL)	1,205	1967
Tony Gonzalez (KC)	1,203	2000
Pete Retzlaff (PHI)	1,190	1965
Ben Coates (NE)	1,174	1994

GRONKOWSKI SETS NFL MARK FOR TOUCHDOWNS BY A TIGHT END IN A SEASON

Gronkowski extended his NFL record for overall touchdowns in a single season by a tight end with two touchdown receptions at Washington (12/11) to give him 16 touchdowns. His 14th and 15th touchdown receptions of the season established an NFL record for most touchdown receptions in a season by a tight end. He entered the Washington game tied with Vernon Davis (SF in 2009) and Antonio Gates (SD in 2004) with 13. In addition to his 15 touchdown receptions, Gronkowski scored on a lateral in the third quarter vs. Indianapolis (12/4) for his first ever rushing play.

MOST TOTAL TDs BY A TIGHT END IN A SINGLE NFL SEASON

16	Rob Gronkowski	NE	2011	(15 pass, 1 rush)
13	Vernon Davis	SF	2009	(13 pass)
13	Antonio Gates	SD	2004	(13 pass)

MOST TD RECEPTIONS BY A TIGHT END IN A SINGLE NFL SEASON

16	Rob Gronkowski	NE	2011
13	Vernon Davis	SF	2009
13	Antonio Gates	SD	2004

GRONKOWSKI BECOMES FIRST PATRIOTS TIGHT END TO RECORD A RUSHING TOUCHDOWN

Gronkowski scored a 2-yard touchdown on a lateral from Tom Brady in the third quarter vs. Indianapolis (12/4), becoming the first tight end in Patriots history to score a rushing touchdown. Gronkowski is the first NFL tight end to score a rushing touchdown since Tennessee's Bo Scaife had a 31-yard scoring run against Baltimore on Nov. 12, 2006. He is the first tight end since the 1970 merger to have two receiving touchdowns and a rushing touchdown in the same game.

GRONKOWSKI IS SECOND IN NFL IN SCORING

Gronkowski leads the AFC in scoring among nonkickers with 96 points and his second in the NFL to Philadelphia's LeSean McCoy, who has 102 points. A tight end has never led the NFL in scoring.

BACK-TO-BACK 10 TOUCHDOWN SEASONS

Gronkowski set a Patriots record with 10 touchdowns in 2010 and broke that record with his 11th touchdown reception at Philadelphia on Nov. 27. With back-to-back 10 touchdown seasons, Gronkowski is the second Patriots player to have back-to-back seasons with 10 or more touchdown reception seasons. Randy Moss had three straight from 2007-09. It is the fourth time in team history a player has had back-to-back 10-plus touchdown seasons overall, including Curtis Martin who had back-to-back seasons with 10-plus rushing touchdowns and Corey Dillon, who had three straight 10-plus touchdown rushing seasons.

CONSECUTIVE 10-PLUS TOUCHDOWN SEASONS / PATRIOTS HISTORY

3 Randy Moss – 2007, 2008, 2009

3 Corey Dillon – 2004, 2005, 2006

2 Rob Gronkowski - 2010, 2011

2 Curtis Martin – 1995, 1996

MOST 10-PLUS TOUCHDOWN SEASONS / PATRIOTS HISTORY

3 Randy Moss – 2007, 2008, 2009

3 Corey Dillon – 2004, 2005, 2006

2 Rob Gronkowski – 2001, 2011

2 Curtis Martin – 1995, 1996

2 Stanley Morgan – 1979, 1986

GRONKOWSKI IS SECOND TIGHT END IN NFL HISTORY WITH BACK-TO-BACK 10-PLUS TD SEASONS

Gronkowski is the second tight end ever to have back to back 10-plus touchdown seasons, joining Antonio Gates (2004-05).

CONSECUTIVE 10-PLUS TD SEASON BY A TE /NFL HISTORY

Rob Gronkowski 10 in 2010 and 16 in 2011

Antonio Gates 13 in 2004 and 10 in 2005

GRONKOWSKI REACHED 20 TDS IN FEWEST GAMES AMONG TEs IN NFL HISTORY

With his two touchdowns vs. Kansas City (11/21), Gronkowski reached the 20 touchdown mark in just 26 career games, the fewest games among tight ends in NFL history.

THE TIGHT ENDS TO REACH 20 TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS IN THE FEWEST GAMES

Player	Team	Games to 20 TD catches
Rob Gronkowski	Patriots	26
Mike Ditka	Chicago	31
Kellen Winslow	San Diego	35
Antonio Gates	San Diego	37

GRONKOWSKI THIRD ON PATRIOTS LIST FOR TOUCHDOWNS BY A TIGHT END

Most Receiving Touchdowns by a Patriots Tight End

Player	TD	Years
Ben Coates	50	1991-99
Russ Francis	28	1975-88
Rob Gronkowski	25	2010-Present
Ben Watson	20	2004-09

GRONKOWSKI EXTENDS NFL RECORD TO SIX GAMES OF TWO OR MORE TDS IN 2011

Gronkowski scored two times at Washington (12/11) for his eighth game overall with two or more touchdowns and his sixth game in 2011 with two or more touchdowns. The six games in 2011 with two or more touchdowns is an NFL record for a tight end. Antonio Gates (San Diego in 2004) and Jerry Smith (Washington in 1967) each had four two-touchdown games. The NFL record for most two-plus touchdown reception games in a season is eight by Randy Moss with the Patriots in 2007.

MOST TOUCHDOWN CATCHES IN A SEASON BY A PATRIOTS TIGHT END

Player	Year	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Rob Gronkowski	2011	71	1088	15.3	52t	15
Rob Gronkowski	2010	42	546	13	28	10
Ben Coates	1996	62	682	11	84t	9



PATRIOTS OFFENSIVE NOTES

GRONKOWSKI LEADS ALL TIGHT ENDS WITH 25 TOUCHDOWN CATCHES SINCE 2010

Gronkowski has 25 touchdown receptions since the start of the 2010 season, the most among all NFL players.

Most Touchdowns by a Tight End Since 2010

Player	Touchdowns
Rob Gronkowski	25
Antonio Gates	16
Jason Witten	14

Most Touchdown Receptions Since 2010

Player	Touchdowns
Rob Gronkowski	25
Calvin Johnson	24
Greg Jennings	21
Dwayne Bowe	19

GRONKOWSKI'S 16 TDS IN 2011 ARE THIRD IN TEAM HISTORY IN A SEASON

Gronkowski's 16 overall touchdowns in 2011 are the third most by a Patriots player in a single season, behind Randy Moss' record of 23 touchdowns in 2009 and Curtis Martin's 17 total touchdowns in 1996.

GRONKOWSKI SETS TEAM MARK WITH A TD REC. IN SIXTH STRAIGHT GAME

Gronkowski set a franchise record with a touchdown reception in his sixth straight game at Washington (12/11). Gronkowski, Randy Moss, Daniel Graham, Michael Timpson and Jimmy Colclough caught touchdown passes in five straight games. The Patriots record for most consecutive games with at least one touchdown is seven by Curtis Martin.

GRONKOWSKI GOES OVER 100

Gronkowski registered his fifth career 100-yard game and his fourth of the 2011 season after finishing with a career-high 160 yards on six receptions at Washington (12/11). His previous best was a 113 yards at the NY Jets on Nov. 13, 2011. The highest output for a New England tight end were 161 yards by Ben Coates on Sept. 4, 1994 at Miami.

AARON HERNANDEZ LEARNS FROM HIS BROTHER

The relationship between Aaron Hernandez and his older brother D.J. has taken on many roles over the years: sibling, teammate, role model and surrogate father. They played high school football together – D.J. the star senior quarterback and Aaron, the athletic but not quite ready freshman. When their father passed away when Aaron was 17, he relied on his brother even more. "I just followed my brother's footsteps," he told the Providence Journal. "I just tried to follow his work ethic because he did everything the right way. He was always successful." D.J., now the quarterbacks coach at Brown, has tried to instill hard work and perseverance in his younger brother. It's paying off, as Aaron started last season as the youngest active player on an NFL roster and continues to thrive in the Patriots offense.

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 from 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.'"

OCHOCINCO BECOMES 26TH TO REACH 11,000

Ochocinco caught a 15-yard reception at Washington (12/11) to become the 26th NFL player to reach 11,000 yards and enters this week's game with 11,011 receiving yards.

2011 FIRST ROUND PICK NATE SOLDER

It only took a day for Nate Solder to decide to change from his lifelong position of tight end to tackle after playing his freshman year at Colorado as a tight end. "My coaches came to me and said, 'You'd be an all right tight end, but you'd be an even better tackle,'" he told the Boston Globe. "I've always wanted to be great, so that's why I moved to tackle." He added over 30 pounds after his redshirt freshman season and was named the team's starting left tackle. He played in 2,540 of 2,542 offensive plays over the next three seasons at Colorado and has been an immediate contributor on the Patriots offensive line at right tackle. He's even had the chance to return to his tight end roots, occasionally filling in as the third tight end in short-yardage situations.

MATTHEW SLATER: LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

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.

WATERS BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A TIGHT END

Despite going to five Pro Bowls as a guard, there was a time when even Brian Waters didn't know his position. He played tight end for three years in college at North Texas before becoming the team's starting defensive end, backup tight end and fill-in fullback as a senior. He was signed by Dallas as a rookie free agent tight end in 1999 but did not make the team. He was signed by Kansas City the following winter and was sent to the Berlin Thunder of NFL Europe as an offensive lineman. Waters returned to the NFL in 2000, making the Kansas City roster as an offensive lineman. Now with the Patriots, it's clear how Waters carved out a permanent position for himself in the NFL. Said Bill Belichick, "Every time I go by his locker he's studying his game plan. Very professional. I've really been impressed with not only the way he's performed, but just the way he's gone about his job. He adds a lot of quiet leadership."

WOODHEAD GOES FROM DIVISION II TO THE NFL

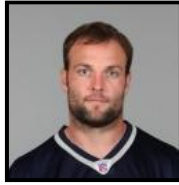
Danny Woodhead was a standout at Division II Chadron State in Nebraska. He averaged 178.9 yards per game and totaled 101 rushing touchdowns during his collegiate career. Woodhead's outstanding junior and senior seasons earned him two Harlon Hill Trophies, the Division II equivalent to the Heisman Trophy. 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).



WR WES WELKER NEWS & NOTES

WELKER LEADS NFL IN RECEPTIONS SINCE 2007

Wes Welker leads the NFL with 532 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 is leading the NFL in 2011 with 100 receptions for 1,339 yards. He has 25 more receptions than the next wide receiver (Roddy White with 75)



2007-PRESENT NFL REC. LEADERS

Player	Team	Rec.	Yds	TD
Wes Welker	NE	532	5,875	31
Brandon Marshall	DEN/MIA	460	5,661	30
Reggie Wayne	IND	453	6,022	34

WELKER REACHES 1,000 YARDS FOR A PATRIOTS RECORD FOURTH TIME

Welker reached 1,000 yards for the fourth time as a member of the Patriots in the win at the New York Jets on Nov. 13, 2011. He now has 1,339 yards through 13 games. The four 1,000-yard seasons are the most by a Patriots receiver. Welker was tied with Randy Moss and Stanley Morgan with three 1,000-yard seasons.

MOST 1,000-YARD RECEIVING SEASONS IN PATRIOTS HISTORY 4 Wes Welker (2007-09, 11)

3 Randy Moss (2007-10)

3 Stanley Morgan 1977-89)

EIGHTH TIME IN NFL HISTORY A PLAYER REACHES 1,000 YARDS IN THE NINTH GAME

Welker reached 1,000 yards in the ninth game of the season. It is an accomplishment that has happened just eight times in NFL history since the merger and for the first time since Torry Holt accomplished the feat with St. Louis in 2003. Isaac Bruce accomplished the feat two times. All eight times the accomplishment was reached in the ninth game of the season.

PLAYERS WHO REACHED 1,000 RECEIVING YARDS BY TEAMS NINTH GAME OF THE SEASON

Player	Team	Year
Wes Welker	Patriots	2011
Torry Holt	St. Louis	2003
Isaac Bruce	St. Louis	2000
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis	2000
Isaac Bruce	St. Louis	1995
Michael Irvin	Dallas	1995
Jerry Rice	San Francisco	1990
Wes Chandler	San Diego	1982

WELKER BECOMES THIRD PATRIOT TO RECORD 500 RECEPTIONS

Welker (532) entered the Jets (11/13) game with 498 receptions as a member of the Patriots. He caught two passes in the second quarter to become the third Patriots Player to reach 500 receptions as a member of the Patriots, joining Troy Brown (557) and Stanley Morgan (534).

WELKER BECOMES THE FASTEST PLAYER IN NFL HISTORY TO REACH 500 RECEPTIONS WITH ONE TEAM

Welker reached 500 receptions as a member of the Patriots in his 70th game with the team and became the fastest player to record 500 receptions with one team, surpassing Anquan Boldin (80 games with Arizona). He is the fourth player in NFL history with at least 500 catches in a five-year span. Only Marvin Harrison (five times), Cris Carter (twice) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice (once) have accomplished the feat.

THE PLAYERS TO REACH 500 RECEPTIONS WITH ONE TEAM IN THE FEWEST GAMES

Player	Team	Games
Wes Welker	New England	70
Anquan Boldin	Arizona	80

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. 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 JOINS RICE AND HARRISON WITH FOURH 100-RECEPTION SEASON

Welker added seven receptions at Washington (12/11) to reach 100 receptions for the season and become the third player in NFL history with four 100-catch seasons. Welker Joins Marvin Harrison and Jerry Rice as the only players with four 100-reception seasons.

MOST 100-RECEPTIONS SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

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

WELKER: 7.2 CATCHES PER GAME SINCE 2007

Wes Welker is averaging 7.2 receptions per game since joining New England in 2007. His 7.2 average is the highest in the NFL during that time.

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

Player	Team	Average
Wes Welker	New England Patriots	7.2
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	6.6
Brandon Marshall	Denver/Miami	6.3

WELKER FINISHES WITH SECOND MOST RECEPTIONS. ON PACE TO MATCH THAT TOTAL IN 2011

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 enters this week's game with 100 reception and is on pace to finish with 123, which would be fourth all-time in NFL history.

MOST RECEPTIONS IN A SEASON

Player	Team	Year	Receptions
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis	2002	143
Wes Welker	New England	2009	123
Herman Moore	Detroit	1995	123

WELKER IS STREAKING

Welker has a streak of 91 straight regular-season games with at least one reception. He has caught at least one pass in each of his 78 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 74 consecutive regular-season games with the Patriots to extend a franchise record. TE Ben Coates originally set the record with 63.



WR WES WELKER/ DEFENSIVE NOTES

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.

PATRIOTS MOST GAMES WITH 10-PLUS CATCHES No. of 10-plus reception games for the Patriots

Wes Welker	13
Ben Coates	5
Troy Brown	5

WELKER ON PACE TO SET FRANCHISE RECORD IN 2011

Wes Welker had a career-high in receiving yards with 1,348 in 2009. It is the third highest in team history. Welker has 1,339 yards so far in 2011 and needs 155 to pass Randy Moss (1,493) for the franchise record. He needs 10 yards to set a new personal-high.

PATRIOTS SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARD LEADERS

Player	Season	Yds	Rec.	TD
Randy Moss	2007	1493	98	23
Stanley Morgan	1986	1491	84	10
Wes Welker	2009	1348	123	4
Wes Welker	2011	1339	100	9
Randy Moss	2009	1264	83	13

WELKER IS AVERAGING JUST UNDER 8 RECEPTIONS PER GAME IN 2011

Wes Welker is averaging 7.7 receptions per game through the first 13 games with 100 receptions, which would be the tied for third best in NFL history. The NFL record for highest average catches for per game in a season is 8.9 by Marvin Harrison in 2002. Harrison in 2002 and Welker in 2009 with 8.8 are the only NFL players to average 8.0 or more receptions per game.

NFL Highest Average Per Game/Season

Player	Season	Average
Marvin Harrison (Indianapolis)	2002	8.9
Wes Welker (Patriots)	2009	8.8
Wes Welker (Patriots)	2011	7.7
Herman Moore (Detroit)	1995	7.7
Lionel Taylor (Denver)	1960	7.7

WELKER TIES NFL RECORD WITH THREE GAMES OF 8 RECEPTIONS, 150 YARDS AND A TD

Welker is already tied with six other players as the only players in NFL history to have at least eight receptions, 150 receiving yards and at least one touchdown three times in a single season with three such games in 2011.

PLAYERS TIED FOR NFL RECORD OF THREE GAMES WITH 8+ REC, 150+ YDS, AND 1+ TD IN A SINGLE SEASON

Wes Welker	2011
Randy Moss	2003
Tim Brown	1995
Isaac Bruce	1995
Jerry Rice	1993
Sterling Sharpe	1989
Roy Green	1984

WELKER SETS FRANCHISE RECORD FOR RECEIVING YARDS; TIED TEAM MARK IN RECEPTIONS

Welker had a career-high 217 receiving yards to set a franchise record at Buffalo (9/25). The previous record was set by Terry Glenn when he had 214 at Cleveland on Oct. 3, 1999. It is the second 200-yard performance in franchise history. Welker's previous best was 192 yards vs. the New York Jets (11/22/09). Welker's 16 receptions at Buffalo are a personal best and are tied with Troy Brown for the franchise mark. Brown had 16 vs. Kansas City on Sept. 22, 2001. Welker previous best were the 15 he had vs. the New York Jets (11/22/09)

WELKER TIED FOR THIRD AMONG ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH 12 10-PLUS RECEPTION GAMES

Welker now has 13 10-plus reception games in his career.

Most Games with 10+ receptions/Active Players

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

MOST GAMES WITH 10+ RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

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

WELKER SETS PERSONAL BEST WITH HIS NINTH TD OF 2011

Welker caught a 24-yard touchdown in the third quarter at Washington (12/11) for his personal-best ninth touchdown of the season. His previous best was eight touchdowns in 2007.

KYLE ARRINGTON IN A TIE FOR NFL LEAD WITH SEVEN INTERCEPTIONS

Kyle Arrington, who had just two interceptions during his entire college career at Hofstra, is tied for the NFL lead with a career-high seven interceptions. The last Patriots player to lead the league in interceptions was Asante Samuel with 10 in 2006. Arrington has two games in 2011 with two picks: at Buffalo on Sept. 25 and vs. Kansas City on Nov. 21.

2011 NFL INTERCEPTION LEADERS

Player	Team	Int	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Kyle Arrington	NE	7	92	13.1	28	0
Eric Weddle	SD	7	89	12.7	26	0
Charles Woodson	GB	7	63	9.0	30t	1

ANDRE CARTER TIED A PATRIOTS RECORD WITH 4.0 SACKS AT THE JETS IN 2011

Andre Carter tied a franchise record with 4.0 sacks at the Jets on Nov. 13, 2011. Julius Adams at Atlanta (12-4-77), Tony McGee at Baltimore (11-16-78) and Mike Hawkins vs. NY Jets (9-9-79) also had 4.0 sacks in a game. Carter's previous best was 2.5 at Carolina on Oct. 11, 2009 while with Washington. It is Carter's third game with two more sacks in 2011. Carter was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance.

CARTER REACHES DOUBLE-DIGIT SACKS

•Carter pushed his 2011 sack total to 10.0 after forcing a fumble on an end zone sack at Washington (12/11) that was recovered for a touchdown. Carter has registered double-digit sacks now four times in his career, including a career-high 12.5 in 2002 with San Francisco. The Patriots have now had a player finish with double digit sack totals 13 times.

CARTER IS AN IRONMAN

Carter leads all NFL defensive linemen in consecutive games played with 108. Houston's Antonio Smith is second with 105 consecutive games played.

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 set up a touchdown run. 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.





PATRIOTS DEFENSIVE NOTES

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 (12/12/10) and returned an interception 59 yards for a touchdown in the season-opener vs. Cincinnati (9/12/10). 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 (9/12/10) and returned it 59 yards for a touchdown, and CB Kyle Arrington returned his first career interception vs. Green Bay (12/19/10) 36 yards for a touchdown. Guyton joins Kyle Arrington and as current Patriots' players that returned their first career interception for a touchdown.

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 peek 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."

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."

MAYO LED NFL WITH 193 TOTAL TACKLES IN 2010

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). 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 10 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
2010	LB Jerod Mayo	193
1980	LB Steve Nelson	186

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. 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.

MAYO HAS SECOND STRAIGHT GAME WITH AN INTERCEPTION

LB Jerod Mayo has registered his first two career interceptions in the last games – Vs. Indianapolis (12/4) and at Washington (12/11). He clinched the win at Washington when he intercepted a Redskins pass at the New England 9-yard line to seal the 34-27 win.

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 12th set of twins to play in the NFL. 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.



DEFENSIVE NOTES/SPECIAL TEAMS

ROB NINKOVICH: WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

Rob Ninkovich's journey to the Patriots was not easy. He entered the league as a fifth-round pick of New Orleans in 2006 and was waived four times by New Orleans and Miami before landing in New England on Aug. 2, 2009. He spent the 2009 offseason trying to make the New Orleans team as a long snapper. Before coming to the Patriots he had appeared in just eight games over three years. He doubled that total in his first year in New England, appearing in 15 games in 2009 and his role on the team has grown since. He finished with 58 total tackles, four sacks, broke up three passes and had 11 special teams stops last season. He also had two interceptions, both against his former team, the Miami Dolphins. He tied for the AFC lead in fumble recoveries with three, with the most notable coming at San Diego on Oct. 24, when he returned a fumble 63 yards, marking the second longest fumble return in team history. He had his second 2-interception game at the New York Jets on Nov. 13, 2011 and returned his second pick 12 yards for a touchdown. Despite his success, Ninkovich told the Brockton Enterprise, "I don't want to get comfortable. You can't get comfortable because the first time you get comfortable, you're out of a job. I'm always uneasy. That keeps you going."

NINKOVICH SCORED AS A TE IN COLLEGE

Ninkovich played some at tight end in college at Purdue and caught two touchdown passes with a 2-yard touchdown pass from Kansas City QB Kyle Orton and a 1-yard touchdown pass from current Indianapolis QB Curtis Painter.

VINCE WILFORK REGISTERS FIRST CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Vince Wilfork recorded his first career interception when he picked off QB Philip Rivers in the second quarter vs. San Diego (9/18). He had his second interception at Oakland (10/2) to join Anthony Pleasant (2001) as the only other Patriots defensive lineman to ever record two interceptions in the same season. Wilfork is one of four Patriots defensive lineman to ever record two interceptions overall, joining Pleasant, Richard Seymour and Henry Thomas.

WILFORK WEARS HIS HEART ON HIS NECK

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."

GOSTKOWSKI SIXTH BEST EVER IN FG PCT.

Stephen Gostkowski's 84.4 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
Robbie Gould	2005-11	184	214	86.0
Shayne Graham	2001-11	212	247	85.8
Rob Bironas	2005-11	181	211	85.8
Stephen Gostkowski	2006-11	135	160	84.4
Matt Stover	1991-09	471	563	83.7

EVEN STEPHEN

Since joining the Patriots as a fourth-round draft choice in 2006, Stephen Gostkowski has connected on 84.4 percent of his regular-season field goal attempts (135-for-160), achieving the best field goal percentage in Patriots history.

PATRIOTS ALL-TIME LEADERS / FIELD GOAL PCT.

Player	Years	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Stephen Gostkowski	2006-11	135	160	.844
Adam Vinatieri	1996-05	263	321	.819
Matt Bahr	1993-95	55	72	.764
Tony Franklin	1984-87	93	125	.744
Jason Staurovsky	1988-91	50	69	.724
John Smith	1974-83	128	191	.670

GOSTKOWSKI IS GOOD IN THE FOURTH QUARTER

Gostkowski kicked two fourth-quarter field goals against the Giants (11/6), raising his streak to 34 consecutive successful fourth-quarter field goals. In his career, Gostkowski is 35 of 36 overall in fourth quarter field goals. His only fourth-quarter miss was in his second career game when he had a 29-yard try blocked at the Jets (9/17/06). Gostkowski's 34 consecutive fourth quarter field goals are the most since the statistic began to be tracked in 1991. Matt Stover had the second longest streak with 29 straight from 2005 through 2009.

Highest Fourth Quarter Field Goal PCT. In NFL History

Player	Years	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Stephen Gostkowski	2006-11	35	36	97.2
Nick Folk	2007-11	36	38	94.7
Josh Brown	2003-11	63	68	92.6

JAMES IHEDIGBO WILL ALWAYS HAVE HOPE

Amherst, Mass. native James Ihedigbo is the son of Apollos 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: COMING TO AMERICA

Rookie P Zoltan Mesko was born in Timosoara, 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.