



GAME NOTES

Patriots at Detroit– November 25, 2010

SUSTAINED SUCCESS: PATRIOTS TO FINISH ABOVE .500 FOR 10th STRAIGHT SEASON

With their ninth win of the 2010 season, the Patriots guaranteed a winning record for the tenth straight season. The Patriots have now won nine or more games in 14 of the 17 seasons that Robert Kraft has owned the team. The Patriots have won more than half of their games ten straight years. They are the first team to win more than half of their games in ten straight seasons since free agency began in 1993. The Patriots are the fourth team to win more than half of their games in ten 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 2010 season, the Patriots will be the only NFL team to finish with a record of .500 or better in each of the last 10 years (2001-2010). Each of the other 31 NFL teams had at least one losing season between 2001 and 2009.

BILL BELICHICK LEADS THE PATRIOTS TO TENTH CONSECUTIVE WINNING RECORD

Bill Belichick has led the Patriots to a winning record for ten consecutive seasons. 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 MOVES PAST JOE GIBBS WITH 172 CAREER WINS

With the victory against the Lions, Bill Belichick passed Joe Gibbs with his 172st career victory as a head coach, including playoff games. Belichick is now in sole possession of 11th place on the all-time list. Mike Holmgren ranks 10th with 174 career wins.

MOST WINS NFL COACHES (INCL. PLAYOFFS)

Head Coach	Team(s)	Yrs service	Record
Don Shula	BAL, MIA	33	347-173-6
George Halas	CHI	40	324-151-31
Tom Landry	DAL	29	270-178-6
Curly Lambeau	GB, Cards, WAS	33	229-134-22
Chuck Noll	PIT	23	209-156-1
Marty Schottenheimer	CLE, KC, WAS, SD	21	205-139-1
Dan Reeves	DEN, NYG, ATL	23	201-174-2
Chuck Knox	LA Rams, BUF, SEA	22	193-158-1
Bill Parcells	NYG, NE, NYJ, DAL	19	183-138-1
Mike Holmgren	GB, SEA	17	174-122-0
Bill Belichick	CLE, NE	16	172-99-0
Joe Gibbs	WAS	16	171-101-0
Paul Brown	CLE, CIN	21	170-108-6

BRADY SETS RECORD FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INT.

Tom Brady extended his streak to 199 consecutive pass attempts without an interception to break his old record of 183 consecutive pass attempts without an interception set in 2009. He entered the Detroit game with 172 consecutive pass attempts without an interception. His 199 pass attempts without an interception stretches from the overtime period vs. Baltimore (10/17) through the Detroit game. His last interception was on the last play of regulation vs. Baltimore (10/17). He broke the record with an 18-yard pass to TE Aaron Hernandez on a third-and-one play in the second quarter. Brady had previous streaks with 183, 175 and 173 consecutive pass attempts without an interception.

BRADY HAS SIX-STRAIGHT STARTS WITHOUT AN INT. TO TIE A FRANCHISE RECORD

QB Tom Brady has now gone six straight starts without an interception, tying the franchise record for most consecutive starts without an interception. Tony Eason also had six straight starts without an interception in 1986.

BRADY HAS HIS SECOND CAREER PERFECT PASSER RATING

Brady finished with a perfect rating after finishing 21-of-27 for 341 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions for a 158.3 rating. It is the second time in his career that he has finished with a perfect rating. He also had a perfect rating on Oct. 21, 2007 at Miami. He is the sixth player ever to have more than one game with a perfect rating, joining Ben Roethlisberger (3), Peyton Manning (3), Kurt Warner (3), Ken O'Brien (2) and Craig Morton (2).

BRADY HAS THROWN AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS IN ALL ELEVEN GAMES

Brady has thrown at least one touchdown pass in all eleven games of the 2010 season after finishing with four against the Lions. Brady has started the season with at least one touchdown in the first eleven games for the second time. Brady started the 2007 with at least one touchdown in the first 13 games. With his 5-yard touchdown pass to Wes Welker in the third quarter, he has now thrown at least one touchdown pass against every team in the NFL.

BRADY CONNECTS ON A SEASON-HIGH FOUR TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Brady connected on four touchdowns against Detroit. It is the fourth time in 2010 that he has had three or more touchdowns in a game and the ninth time in his career that he has thrown for four touchdowns in a game. The Patriots are 9-0 when Brady has four touchdowns in a game.

BRADY MOVES UP ON ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN LIST

Tom Brady four touchdown passes against Detroit to raise his career total to 248 touchdown tosses to move out of a tie with John Hadl and past Boomer Esiason for 14th on the NFL's all-time list. Drew Bledsoe is 13th on the all-time list with 251 career touchdowns.

BRADY CONNECTS WITH BRANCH FOR LONGEST PLAY OF 2010

Tom Brady connected with Deion Branch on a 79-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter for the longest play for the Patriots in 2010, besting the 65-yard touchdown pass from Brady to WR Brandon Tate vs. Minnesota (10/31).

BRANCH HAS LONGEST RECEPTION OF CAREER

The 79-yard touchdown pass from Brady to Branch is the longest reception of Branch's career. His previous best was a 66-yard touchdown pass from Brady at Denver on Nov. 3, 2003.

BRANCH FINISHED WITH FOURTH CAREER TWO-TOUCHDOWN GAME

Branch scored on a 79-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter and a 22-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. It is his fourth two-touchdown game of his career and second as a member of the Patriots. His last time with two-touchdowns in a game was Dec. 28, 2008 at Arizona while with Seattle. The last time he had two touchdowns in a game while with the Patriots was Oct. 15 at St. Louis

BRANCH REGISTERS FIFTH CAREER 100-YARD GAME

Branch finished the game with three receptions for 113 yards and two touchdowns for his fifth career 100-yard game and first of the season.

WELKER EXTENDS STREAK

Wes Welker extended his streak to 74 straight regular-season games with at least one reception. He has caught at least one pass in each of his 60 games with the Patriots, including three postseason games. The last time that Welker did not catch a pass in a game was December 24, 2005 when he was with the Dolphins. He has caught at least one pass in 57 consecutive regular-season games as a member of the Patriots. The Patriots' record for most consecutive games with at least one pass is 63 by TE Ben Coates (12-17-92) to (12-15-96).

WELKER REGISTERS 5TH AND 6TH TOUCHDOWN OF 2010; HIGHEST TD TOTAL SINCE 2007

Welker caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from Brady in the third quarter and a 16-yard touchdown pass from Brady in the fourth quarter to improve his 2010 total to six touchdowns in 2010, giving him his highest touchdown total since he has a career-high eight in 2007.

WELKER HAS HIS FIFTH CAREER TWO-TOUCHDOWN GAME

Welker tied a career-high mark with two touchdown receptions against Detroit. It is the fifth career two-touchdown game and his second of the 2010 season. He also had two touchdown passes in the season-opener vs. Cincinnati (9/12).

DEVIN MCCOURTY RECORDS FIRST CAREER TWO-INT GAME TO INCREASE TOTAL TO FIVE

Rookie CB Devin McCourty registered his first career two-intercept game and now has five interceptions for the season. The five interceptions are tied for the second most by a Patriots rookie. McCourty is the first Patriots rookie to have a two-interception game since Mike Haynes had three in a game since Nov. 21 1976 at the New York Jets.

Most Interceptions by a Patriots Rookie

1. Mike Haynes 8 interceptions (1976)
- 2. Devin McCourty 5 interceptions (2010)**
2. Don Webb 5 interceptions (1961)
2. Deac Sanders 5 interceptions (1974)
2. Maurice Hurst 5 interceptions (1989)

GREEN-ELLIS INCREASES HIS TOTAL TO NINE RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

BenJarvus Green-Ellis scored his eighth rushing touchdown of 2010 on a 15-yard run in the second quarter and added a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter for his ninth rushing touchdown of the season. He needs one more to become just the eighth player in Patriots history to record double digit rushing touchdowns in a season and the first since Corey Dillon did it three years in a row between 2004 and 2006 with 13 in 2006 and 12 in 2005 and 2004. Besides Dillon, the other Patriots with 10 or more touchdowns in a season are Curtis Martin (2), Steve Grogan, Antowain Smith, Horace Ivory, Jim Nance and Tony Collins.

Patriots with Double Digit Touchdowns

Corey Dillon 13 touchdowns in 2006
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Antowain Smith 12 touchdowns in 2001
Curtis Martin 14 touchdowns in 1996
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Tony Collins 10 touchdowns in 1983
Horace Ivory 11 touchdowns in 1978
Steve Grogan 12 touchdowns in 1976
Jim Nance 11 touchdowns in 1966

GREEN-ELLIS HAS SECOND CAREER TWO-TOUCHDOWN GAME

Green-Ellis had his second two-touchdown game and his second against the NFC North. He registered - his first career two-touchdown game vs. Minnesota. (10/31).

PATRIOTS HAVS THREE PLAYERS WITH 2 TDS, A 4-TD EFFORT BY THE QUARTERBACK WITH A PERFECT RATING FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HISTORY.

For the second time in team history the Patriots had three players finish with two touchdowns, a four-touchdown effort by the quarterback with a perfect rating. Wes Weslker, Deion Branch and BenJarvus Green-Ellis each had two touchdowns and Tom Brady had four touchdowns with a perfect rating. On Oct. 28, 1978 the Patriots defeated the Jets 55-21. Harold Jackson, Horace Ivory and James McAlister each had two touchdowns in the win. Steve Grogan threw four touchdowns in the game and finished with a perfect rating.

PATRIOTS ON THE POINT

With a season-high of 45 points against Detroit, the Patriots have now scored 30 or more points in six games in 2010 and lead the NFL with 334 points per game. The Patriots are on pace to score 486 points this season, a total that would rank second in franchise history to the Patriots' NFL record-setting 2007 total of 589 points.

MOST POINTS SCORED IN A SEASON BY THE PATRIOTS

589 in 2007
441 in 1980
437 in 2004

LB JEROD MAYO ON PACE FOR 200 TACKLES

The day-of-game state crew credited Jerod Mayo with 12 tackles against the Lions, raising his total to 143 total tackles in 2010. Mayo had 139 tackles as a rookie in 2008 and 114 in 2009 and with his 131 tackles in 2010 he is the first Patriots player to have three consecutive 100-tackle seasons since Lawyer Milloy registered five straight 100-tackle seasons from 1997 through 2001. Mayo is on pace for a career-high 208 total tackles. That number will be the highest since LB Steve Nelson had 207 tackles in 1984.

Mayo has seven games in 2010 with 10-plus tackles

PATRIOTS ALL-TIME SINGLE-SEASON TACKLE LEADERS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Tackles</u>
1983	LB Clayton Weishuhn	229
1984	LB Steve Nelson	207
1980	LB Steve Nelson	186

PATRIOTS ARE 2-0 IN THROWBACKS IN 2010

For the second time in 2010, the Patriots won a game while wearing throwback uniforms. To help mark the 25th anniversary of the 1985 AFC Championship team, the Patriots wore throwback uniforms that replicate the ones worn by that team. Early this season the Patriots beat Minnesota, 28-18, while wearing throwback on Oct. 31.