



# GAME NOTES

**Patriots vs. New York Jets– December 6, 2010**

## **BRADY SETS NFL RECORD FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE HOME GAMES WON AS A STARTING QB**

Tom Brady set an NFL record for most consecutive home wins as a starting quarterback. Tonight's win over the Jets was Brady's 26th straight win in a regular-season home start, passing Brett Favre's previous record of 25 straight wins (1995-98) for the NFL record. The last time the Patriots lost a regular-season home game in which Brady started was on Nov. 12, 2006 against the New York Jets.

## **MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR-SEASON HOME GAMES WON AS A STARTING QB**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Streak</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>2006-Present</b>	<b>26</b>
Brett Favre	GB	1995-98	25
John Elway	DEN	1996-98	22
Bob Griese	MIA	1971-74	20
Randall Cunningham	PHI	1990-94	20

## **DOMINANT IN FOXBOROUGH**

The Patriots won their 14th straight regular-season home game, and have not lost a regular-season game in Foxborough since Nov. 30, 2008. New England's 14-game home winning streak is double the next longest current streak in the NFL (Atlanta, 7). The Patriots are one of just three teams (along with Atlanta and Kansas City) that have current streaks of more than four straight home wins. New England's 14 straight regular-season home wins are the second longest such streak in team history, trailing only the team-record 18 straight home wins from Dec. 2002 to Sept. 2005.

## **LONGEST CURRENT NFL REGULAR SEASON HOME WINNING STREAKS**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Last Loss</b>
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11/30/08</b>
Atlanta Falcons	7	12/13/09
Kansas City Chiefs	6	12/20/09
Philadelphia Eagles	4	10/03/10

## **PATRIOTS HISTORY / LONGEST REGULAR SEASON HOME WINNING STREAKS**

<b>Wins</b>	<b>Began</b>	<b>Ended</b>
18	12/29/2002	09/08/2005
<b>14</b>	<b>12/21/2008</b>	<b>Present</b>
12	11/26/2006	09/07/2008
10	09/19/1976	10/30/1977

## **PATRIOTS' 42-POINT WIN TIES FIFTH-LARGEST MARGIN IN TEAM HISTORY**

The Patriots' 45-3 win over the Jets tied the fifth-largest margin of victory (42 points) in the Patriots franchise's 803-game history. The only victories in team history by a greater margin than tonight were the 59-0 win over Tennessee on Oct. 18, 2009; the 56-3 win over the Jets on Sept. 9, 1979; the 56-10 win at Buffalo on Nov. 18, 2007; and the 52-7 win over Washington on Oct. 28, 2007. New England's 42-point win tonight tied a 45-3 win over the Houston Oilers on Nov. 1, 1963 for the fifth-largest margin of victory in franchise annals.

### **BRADY REACHES 25 TOUCHDOWNS FOR SIXTH TIME**

Tom Brady's four touchdown passes tonight raised his 2010 season total to 27 touchdown passes. It is the sixth time in his career that he has had 25 or more touchdowns in a season. He is the sixth quarterback in NFL history to have 25 or more touchdown passes in at least six different seasons. Brady threw his 25th touchdown of the 2010 season on 4-yard touchdown pass to WR Brandon Tate in the second quarter.

### **MOST SEASONS WITH 25-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

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

### **BRADY EXTENDS RECORD FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INT.**

Tom Brady extended his streak to 228 consecutive pass attempts without an interception, extending his team record. Brady eclipsed his old record of 183 consecutive pass attempts without an interception (set in 2009) on Thanksgiving at Detroit. Brady's 228 pass attempts without an interception stretches from the overtime period vs. Baltimore (10/17) through tonight's win over the Jets. Brady's last interception was on the last play of regulation vs. Baltimore (10/17). Brady has had previous streaks with 183, 175 and 173 consecutive pass attempts without an interception.

### **BRADY SETS TEAM RECORD WITH SEVENTH STRAIGHT START WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION**

QB Tom Brady has now gone seven straight starts without an interception, setting a franchise record for most consecutive starts without an interception. Tony Eason had the previous record of six straight starts without an interception in 1986.

### **BRADY HAS THROWN AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS IN ALL TWELVE GAMES**

Brady has thrown at least one touchdown pass in all twelve games of the 2010 season after finishing with four touchdown tosses against the Jets. Brady has started the season with at least one touchdown in the first twelve games for the second time in his career. Brady started the 2007 season with at least one touchdown in the first 13 games.

### **BRADY HAS BACK-TO-BACK 4-TD GAMES**

Tom Brady finished with four touchdown tosses for the second straight game, marking the second time in his career he has had four or more touchdown passes in consecutive games. Brady's only other back-to-back 4-plus touchdown games were in 2007, when he threw five touchdowns at Dallas (10/14/07) followed by six scores at Miami (10/21/07). Brady's four touchdown passes against the Jets marks the eighth time he has had two or more touchdown passes in 2010, including two or more touchdown tosses in five straight games. Brady is now 66-12 as a starter when throwing two or more touchdown passes in a game. The Patriots are now 14-0 when Brady throws for four or more touchdowns.

### **BRADY BECOMES ONE OF JUST 14 NFL PLAYERS TO REACH 250 TOUCHDOWNS.**

Tom Brady's 4-yard touchdown to WR Brandon Tate in the second quarter was his 250th career touchdown pass. Brady became one of just 14 players in NFL history to throw for 250 or more touchdowns in a season.

### **BRADY MOVES UP ON ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN LIST WITH 252nd CAREER TD TOSS**

Brady finished the game with 252 career touchdown passes, moving into 13th place on the all-time list. Brady passed Drew Bledsoe's career total of 251 touchdowns to move into 13th place. Brady took over sole possession of 13th place on a 1-yard touchdown pass to TE Aaron Hernandez in the fourth quarter. Dan Fouts ranks 12th all-time with 254 touchdown passes.

## BRADY TIES BRADSHAW WITH HIS 107th CAREER WIN

Tom Brady recorded his 107th career victory as a starting quarterback, tying Terry Bradshaw for 8th place all-time.

### MOST CAREER WINS AS A STARTER

(Regular season only)

Rank	Name	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	Brett Favre	186	111	1	.626
2.	John Elway	148	82	1	.643
3.	Dan Marino	147	93	0	.613
4.	Peyton Manning	137	67	0	.674
5.	Fran Tarkenton	124	109	6	.531
6.	Johnny Unitas	118	64	4	.651
7.	Joe Montana	117	47	0	.713
<b>8.</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.770</b>
8.	Terry Bradshaw	107	51	0	.677
10.	Warren Moon	102	98	0	.510

## BRADY HAS THIRD 300-YARD GAME OF 2010 AND 33rd 300-YARD GAME OF CAREER

Tom Brady finished with 326 passing yards, marking his third 300-yard passing game of the season and the 33rd 300-yard game of his career. The Patriots improved to 29-4 when Brady throws for 300 or more yards.

## BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS SCORES 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS OF 2010

BenJarvus Green-Ellis scored his 10th rushing touchdown in 2010 on 1-yard run in the first quarter. He became the eighth player in Patriots history to record double digit rushing touchdowns and the first since Corey Dillon (13) in 2006. He added his 11<sup>th</sup> rushing touchdown of the season on a 5-yard run in the fourth quarter. Green-Ellis is the first undrafted rookie to score 10 or more rushing touchdowns in a season for the Patriots.

### PATRIOTS WITH 10+ RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

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

## WELKER EXTENDS STREAK

Wes Welker extended his streak to 75 straight regular-season games with at least one reception. He has caught at least one pass in each of his 61 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 58 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 7TH TOUCHDOWN OF 2010; HIGHEST TD TOTAL SINCE 2007

Wes Welker caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the third quarter for his seventh touchdown of the season. Welker needs one more touchdown to tie his career-high of eight set in 2007.

### **MCCOURTY REGISTERS AN INTERCEPTION IN THIRD STRAIGHT GAME**

Devin McCourty intercepted a pass for the third straight game. McCourty is the first Patriots player to intercept a pass in three straight games since Asante Samuel did it during a three-game stretch in 2007. Ty Law (1995) and Myron Guyton (1995) also had three straight games with an interception. The Patriots record for most consecutive games with an interception is four by Mike Haynes (1976).

### **MCCOURTY IMPROVES HIS TOTAL TO SIX INTERCEPTIONS.**

Rookie CB Devin McCourty improved to six interceptions on the season. The six interceptions by a Patriots rookie are second to the 8 by Mike Haynes in 1976.

### **MOST INTERCEPTIONS BY A PATRIOTS ROOKIE**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>Year</b>
Mike Haynes	8	1976
<b>Devin McCourty</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2010</b>
Don Webb	5	1961
Deac Sanders	5	1974
Maurice Hurst	5	1989

### **WOODHEAD HAS CAREER-DAY WITH FIRST CAREER 100-YARD GAME**

Danny Woodhead registered his first career 100-yard game after finishing with four receptions for 104 yards. Woodhead is the first New England running back to have a 100-yard receiving game since Kevin Faulk finished with eight receptions for 108 yards on Nov. 23, 2003 at Houston.

### **WOODHEAD HAS TWO LONGEST RECEPTIONS OF HIS CAREER**

Danny Woodhead had the two longest pass receptions of his career. He had a 35-yard reception in the second quarter and a 50-yard reception in the third quarter. His previous best was a 26-yard reception at Cleveland on Nov. 7, 2010. Woodhead's 50-yard reception is the longest by a Patriots running back since Corey Dillon had a 52-yard reception at Tennessee on Dec. 31, 2006.

### **BRANDON SPIKES REGISTERS FIRST NFL INTERCEPTION**

Brandon Spikes registered his first NFL interception when he picked off a Mark Sanchez pass at the New England 2-yard line in the third quarter to end a New York scoring threat. Spikes had six interceptions in college at Florida and set a school record by returning four of those for a touchdown.

### **PATRIOTS WIN GAME NUMBER 10**

Today's victory was the Patriots' 10th win in 2010. New England has now won 10 or more games nine times in the last 10 seasons.

### **BRADY IN DECEMBER**

Tom Brady improved to 30-5 all-time as a starter in the month of December. Brady is 18-1 at home in the month of December. Brady improved to 23-3 when the kickoff temperature was 40 degrees or less.

### **HERNANDEZ MAKES IMPACT**

Rookie TE Aaron Hernandez finished with three catches, bringing his season total to 39 receptions. Hernandez's 39 receptions set a Patriots record for most receptions by a rookie tight end. Hernandez passed Greg Baty's previous rookie tight end record of 37 receptions in 1986.

### **MOST RECEPTIONS BY A PATRIOTS ROOKIE TIGHT END**

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
<b>Aaron Hernandez</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2010</b>
Greg Baty	37	1986
Russ Francis	35	1975

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

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Russ Francis	636	1975
<b>Aaron Hernandez</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>2010</b>
Jim Whalen	381	1965

### **PATRIOTS HAVE BACK-TO-BACK 45-POINT GAMES**

The Patriots had back-to-back 45-point games after finishing with 45 points against the Jets and 45 points last week at Detroit. The last time the Patriots had back-to-back 45-point games was in 2008 when they won 49-26 at Oakland (12/14) followed by a 47-7 win vs. Arizona (12/21). The Patriots' total of 90 points in the last two games is the fourth-highest point total for any two-game span in team history. The Patriots' team record for most points in a two-game span is 101, set in 2007 (a 49-point output at Miami was followed by a 52-point total against Washington).

### **LB JEROD MAYO ON PACE FOR 200 TACKLES**

The day-of-game stats crew credited Jerod Mayo with 12 tackles against the Jets, raising his total to a career-high 157 total tackles in 2010. Mayo had 139 tackles as a rookie in 2008 and 114 in 2009. With his 157 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 209 total tackles. That number will be the highest since LB Steve Nelson had 207 tackles in 1984. Mayo has eight games in 2010 with 10-plus tackles

### **PATRIOTS ALL-TIME SINGLE-SEASON TACKLE LEADERS**

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

### **PATRIOTS ON THE POINT**

With a total of 45 points against the Jets today, the Patriots have now scored 30 or more points in seven games in 2010 and lead the NFL with 379 points this season (31.6 points per game). The Patriots are on pace to score 505 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

### **HIGHEST AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME BY THE PATRIOTS**

36.8 in 2007  
29.5 in 1961  
27.6 in 1980

### **DEFENSE ALLOWS A SEASON-LOW THREE POINTS**

The Patriots defense allowed only three points, marking the lowest opponent point total of 2010 and the stingiest defensive effort by New England in more than a year, dating back to a 59-0 shutout of Tennessee on Oct. 18, 2009. The three points were the fewest New England has allowed against the Jets in the last dozen meetings between the teams, dating back to a 16-3 Patriots win over New York on Dec. 4, 2005.

### **PATRIOTS EVEN UP ALL-TIME SERIES AGAINST THE JETS**

With tonight's victory, the Patriots evened the all-time series against the Jets at 51-51-1. The all-time series mark includes the two playoff games between the teams (both Patriots victories).

### **RECORD PERFORMANCE**

*The Patriots improved to...*

- The Patriots improved to 15-2 since 1993 when the kickoff temperature is below 30 degrees, including playoffs. The temperature at kickoff today was 27 degrees.
- 10-2 in 2010, tied with the Atlanta Falcons for the best record in the NFL.
- An NFL-best 17-1 at home in December since Gillette Stadium opened in 2002.
- A league-best 30-5 in December (all games) since 2002.

*Tom Brady improved his record as a starter to...*

- 107-32 overall
- 14-4 against the Jets
- 60-10 in home games
- 10-4 on Monday Night Football
- 42-11 against the AFC East
- 29-4 when passing for 300 or more yards
- 53-5 on artificial turf
- 23-3 when the kickoff temperature is below 40 degrees
- 39-9 in games played on Thanksgiving or later
- 88-5 when leading after three quarters
- 57-3 when posting a passer rating above 100.0