



# GAME NOTES

**Patriots vs. Green Bay Packers – December 19, 2010**

## **BILL BELICHICK MOVES INTO SOLE POSSESSION OF 10th PLACE ON ALL-TIME WINS LIST**

Bill Belichick improved to 175-99 (.639) record as a head coach, and with his 175th career win passed Mike Holmgren to move into sole possession of 10th place in all-time coaching victories, including both regular season and playoff games. Belichick holds a career regular season record of 160-94 and a career playoff record of 15-5.

## **PATRIOTS WIN 8th STRAIGHT AGAINST TEAM WITH RECORD OF .500 OR BETTER**

Today's win over the 8-6 Packers was the Patriots' eighth straight when playing a team which currently has a record of .500 or better. Since falling to the 10-4 Jets on Sept. 19, the Patriots have defeated the 7-7 Dolphins (41-14), the 10-4 Ravens (23-20), the 8-6 Chargers (23-20), the 10-4 Steelers (39-26), the 8-6 Colts (31-28), the 10-4 Jets (45-3), the 9-4 Bears (36-7) and the 8-6 Packers (31-27).

## **TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL RAISED TO +20**

The Patriots forced two Packers turnovers today and did not turn the ball over to raise their 2010 turnover differential to +20. The Patriots' team record for best turnover differential in a season is +17, a record which was set in 2003. The Patriots improved to 11-0 this season when recording a positive turnover differential.

## **PATRIOTS EXTEND STREAK TO SIX STRAIGHT GAMES WITH 30+ POINTS AND NO TURNOVERS**

The Patriots have scored at least 30 points without committing a turnover in each of their past six games to extend their NFL record. No other team in NFL history has had 30+ points and no turnovers in more than three straight games.

## **DAN CONNOLLY HAS LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN EVER BY AN OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**

Dan Connolly returned a first-half kickoff 71 yards to the 4-yard line in the second quarter. According to Elias Sports Bureau, it is the longest kickoff return by an offensive lineman in NFL history. 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.

### **BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS SCORES 12<sup>th</sup> RUSHING TOUCHDOWN OF THE SEASON.**

BenJarvus Green-Ellis scored his 12<sup>th</sup> rushing touchdown of the season on a 33-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Green-Ellis's 12 rushing touchdowns are tied for the third highest rushing touchdown total by a Patriots player. Green-Ellis is the first undrafted rookie to score 10 or more rushing touchdowns in a season for the Patriots. He is the eighth player in team history to record double digit rushing touchdowns in a season.

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

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

### **GREEN-ELLIS 33-YARD TOUCHDOWN RUN IS THE LONGEST RUN OF HIS CAREER**

BenJarvus Green-Ellis's 33-yard touchdown run in the first quarter was the longest run of his career. His previous best was a 29-yard run vs. Tennessee (10/18/09). His previous longest touchdown run was a 15-yard touchdown run at Detroit (11/25/10).

### **BENJARVUS AND 1,000 YARDS**

RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis increased his 2010 rushing total to 824 yards with 38 yards rushing against Green Bay. Green-Ellis needs to average 88 yards in the last two games to become the 11<sup>th</sup> New England player to record a 1,000-yard rushing season. If he reaches 1,000 yards he will be the first New England player to do so since Corey Dillon had a team-record 1,635 rushing yards in 2004.

### **PATRIOTS AGAINST TOP TEN SCORING DEFENSES**

The Patriots have played an opponent with a top 10 scoring defense (fewest points per game) nine times in 2010 and are 8-1 in those games. The Patriots are averaging 29.6 points per game when playing a defense ranked among the top 10 stingiest in terms of allowing points. While the Patriots are averaging 29.6 points per game against those teams, the rest of the NFL is averaging 16.7 points per game.

### **PATRIOTS PLAY TOUGH AGAINST TOP 10 DEFENSES**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Overall PPG</b>	<b>PPG Rk</b>	<b>Pts by NE</b>	<b>PPG vs. Others</b>	<b>Differential</b>
Green Bay	15.7	T-1	31	14.5	+16.5
Pittsburgh	15.7	T-1	39	13.9	+25.1
Chicago*	17.5	3	36	16.0	+20.0
Baltimore	18.1	4	23	17.7	+5.3
N.Y. Jets	18.5	5	45	16.7	+28.3
N.Y. Jets	18.5	5	14	16.7	-2.7
San Diego	18.6	6	23	18.2	+4.8
Miami	18.6	7	41	16.9	+24.1
Cleveland	19.4	10	14	19.8	-5.8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>+12.8</b>

\*-Not including MNF on 12/20/10

### **PATRIOTS HAVE NOW DEFEATED EVERY NFL TEAM AT GILLETTE STADIUM**

With the Patriots' win over the Packers today, New England has now defeated all 31 other NFL teams at Gillette Stadium since the venue opened in 2002. In their only previous visit to Gillette Stadium, on Oct. 13, 2002, the Packers defeated the Patriots, 28-10.

### **WELKER EXTENDS STREAK**

Wes Welker extended his streak to 77 straight regular-season games with at least one reception. He has caught at least one pass in each of his 63 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 60 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 CLOSE TO 100 RECEPTIONS**

Welker added three receptions against Chicago to raise his season total to a team-leading 83 catches on the season. He needs to average 8.5 receptions in the final two games to reach 100 receptions for the fourth consecutive season to join Marvin Harrison as the only NFL player to ever have four straight 100 reception seasons.

#### **MOST 100-RECEPTIONS SEASON IN NFL HISTORY**

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

### **WELKER HAS SEASON-LONG 35-YARD RECEPTION**

Wes Welker had a season-long 35-yard reception in the fourth quarter. His previous best was a 27-yarder vs. Buffalo on Sept. 26.

### **TWO SACKS IN TWO GAMES FOR MOORE**

DL Eric Moore was credited with a 6-yard sack in the first in the first quarter. Last week at Chicago, Moore made his Patriots debut and forced a fumble on a 10-yard sack in the third quarter.

### **QUICK HITS**

- **Eric Moore** sacked Matt Flynn for a 6-yard loss in the first quarter. Moore's sack was the key defensive play as the Patriots held the Packers to a field goal on their game-opening drive.
- **Rob Ninkovich** sacked Matt Flynn for a 7-yard loss on first down in the second quarter, starting off a three-and-out for the Patriots defense. The sack was Ninkovich's second of the year and was the third of his career.
- **Devin McCourty** recorded his first career sack, bringing down Matt Moore for a 4-yard loss on first down in the fourth quarter, starting off a defensive series in which the Patriots forced a key three-and-out while trailing 27-24.
- **Devin McCourty** stopped John Kuhn for no gain on second-and-goal from the 1-yard line in the fourth quarter, helping to force a Packers field goal.
- **Devin McCourty** broke up a Matt Flynn pass intended for James Jones in the first quarter.
- **Devin McCourty** tackled Greg Jennings for a 1-yard loss on a lateral (scored as a rushing play) in the third quarter.
- **Jerod Mayo** stopped Dimitri Nance for no gain in the first quarter.
- **Patrick Chung** tackled Brandon Jackson for a 3-yard loss in the fourth quarter.
- **Dane Fletcher** registered his first NFL sack for an 8-yard loss in the fourth quarter.

### **SACK ATTACK SNUFFS OUT PACKERS COMEBACK BID**

With 1:05 left in the game, Green Bay had a first-and-10 from the Patriots' 24-yard line trailing 31-27. The Patriots defense then came up with two sacks on the game's final four plays to put the game away. Dane Fletcher sacked Matt Flynn for an 8-yard loss on first down with 1:05 remaining. Two plays later, Tully Banta-Cain sacked Flynn for a 2-yard loss on fourth-and-one – the final play of the game – sealing the Patriots' 31-27 win.

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

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

### **PATRIOTS NOW HAVE FOUR INTERCEPTIONS RETURNED FOR A SCORE IN 2010**

Arrington's 36-yard interception return is the Patriots fourth interception returned for a touchdown in 2010. The four interceptions returned for a touchdown in 2010 is tied for second in team history to the five the team had in 2003 and 2001. The Patriots also returned four interceptions for touchdowns in 1997.

#### **PATRIOTS INTERCEPTIONS RETURNED FOR TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GAME</b>	<b>TOUCHDOWN</b>
09/12	Cincinnati	Gary Guyton 59-yard interception return
10/4	at Miami	Patrick Chung 51-yard interception return
11/14	at Pittsburgh	James Sanders 32-yard interception return
12/19	Green Bay	Kyle Arrington 36-yard interception return

### **PATRIOTS DEFENSE PRODUCES FIFTH TOUCHDOWN OF THE SEASON**

Arrington's interception return was the Patriots' fifth defensive touchdown of the season (4 interception returns and 1 fumble return). The team record for most defensive touchdowns is six by the 2007 team (3 interception returns and 3 fumble returns). The Patriots also had five defensive touchdowns in 2003 (5 interception returns), 2001 (5 interception returns), 1992 (3 interception returns and 3 fumble returns) and 1961 (2 interception returns and 3 fumble returns).

### **PATRIOTS HAVE EIGHT NON-OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010**

The Patriots have scored eight touchdowns that were not offensive touchdowns in 2010. The Patriots returned four interceptions for a touchdown, returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, scored on one fumble return and one blocked field goal that was returned for a touchdown. The eight non-offensive touchdowns are second in the NFL to Arizona who has scored on ten non-offensive touchdowns. The Patriots team record for most non offensive touchdowns is 9 set in 1961 (2 kickoff returns, 2 interception returns, 2 blocked punts returned and 3 fumble returns), followed by the 8 in 2010 and 8 by the 2007 team (3 interception returns, 2 kickoff returns and 3 fumble returns).

#### **PATRIOTS NON-OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GAME</b>	<b>TOUCHDOWN</b>
09/12	Cincinnati	Gary Guyton 59-yard interception return
09/12	Cincinnati	Brandon Tate 97-yard kickoff return
10/4	at Miami	Brandon Tate 103-yard kickoff return
10/4	at Miami	Kyle Arrington 35-yard return of a blocked field goal
10/4	at Miami	Patrick Chung 51-yard interception return
11/14	at Pittsburgh	James Sanders 32-yard interception return
12/12	at Chicago	Gary Guyton 35-yard fumble return
12/19	Green Bay	Kyle Arrington 36-yard interception return

### **BRADY SETS NFL RECORD WITH AT LEAST TWO TOUCHDOWNS AND NO INTERCEPTIONS IN SEVENTH STRAIGHT GAME**

Quarterback Tom Brady has set an NFL record by throwing at least two touchdowns without an interception in each of his past seven games. Brady passed Don Meredith's previous record of six straight games with two or more touchdowns and no interceptions (1965-66).

### **BRADY HAS THROWN AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS IN ALL 14 GAMES**

Brady has thrown at least one touchdown pass in all 14 games of the 2010 season after finishing with two touchdown tosses against the Packers. Brady has started the season with at least one touchdown in the first 14 games for the first time in his career. Brady started the 2007 season with at least one touchdown in the first 13 games. Since the NFL went to a 16-game season in 1978, only five quarterbacks have thrown for at least one touchdown in each game.

### **QBS WITH A LEAST ONE TD PASS IN ALL 16 GAMES IN A SEASON (16-GAME SCHEDULE WAS INSTITUTED IN 1978)**

Daunte Culpepper (Minnesota)	2004
Brett Favre (Green Bay)	2003
Kurt Warner (St. Louis)	1999
Dan Marino (Miami)	1986
Dave Krieg (Seattle)	1984
Dan Marino (Miami)	1984

### **BRADY SETS RECORD FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION IN A SINGLE SEASON**

Tom Brady extended his interception-free streak to 292 consecutive pass attempts without an interception, setting an NFL record for the longest single-season stretch without an interception. In terms of overall streaks (including those spanning multiple seasons), Brady's streak of 292 straight interception-free passes ranks third in NFL history. Brady eclipsed his old record of 183 consecutive pass attempts without an interception (set in 2009) on Thanksgiving at Detroit. Brady's 292 pass attempts without an interception stretches from the overtime period vs. Baltimore (10/17) through today's win over Green Bay. 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.

### **MOST CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION**

308	Bernie Kosar (Cleveland)	1990-91
294	Bart Starr (Green Bay)	1964-65
292	Tom Brady (Patriots)	2010
279	Jeff George (IND/ATL)	1993-94
277	Rich Gannon (Oakland)	2001
271	Jason Campbell (Washington)	2007-08

### **BRADY MOVES UP ON THE ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN LIST**

Tom Brady's 10-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Hernandez was his 256th of his career. He passed Sonny Jurgensen (255) to move into 11th place on the NFL's all-time touchdown pass list. Dave Krieg is in 10th place with 261 career touchdown passes.

### **BRADY REACHES 30 TOUCHDOWNS FOR SECOND TIME IN CAREER**

Brady reached 30 touchdown passes for the year on a 2-yard touchdown pass to TE Aaron Hernandez in the second quarter. Brady now has two 30-touchdown seasons. He set an NFL record with 50 touchdown passes in 2007. He is one of just 12 NFL players since the 1970 merger to have at least two 30 touchdown seasons. The only other Patriot quarterback to have a 30-touchdown season was Vito (Babe) Parilli in 1964 with 31 touchdown passes.

### **MOST 30 TOUCHDOWN SEASONS**

Brett Favre	9
Peyton Manning	5
Dan Marino	4
Kurt Warner	3
Drew Brees	3
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>2</b>
Daunte Culpepper	2
Steve Young	2
Randall Cunningham	2
Dan Fouts	2
Warren Moon	2
Steve Bartkowski	2

**Rivers at 29**

### **BRADY CLOSE TO FOURTH 4,000 YARD SEASON**

Brady now has 3,561 yards passing in 2010 and needs to average 220 in the last two games for his fourth 4,000 yard season. Brady had 4,398 yards in 2009, 4,806 in 2007 and 4,110 in 2005.

### **MOST SEASONS WITH 4,000 OR MORE YARDS PASSING.**

Payton Manning	11
Dan Marino	6
Brett Favre	6
Drew Brees	5
Warren Moon	4
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>3</b>
Philip Rivers	3

### **PATRIOTS SCORE TOUCHDOWNS**

The Patriots have scored 56 total touchdowns so far in 2011. That number is second to the 75 scored in 2007.

### **MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON**

75 in 2007

**56 in 2011**

52 in 1961 and 1980

50 in 2009

49 in 2004 and 1979

### **PATRIOTS SCORE POINTS**

The Patriots scored over 30 points for the sixth straight game and the ninth time in 2011. The Patriots scored 30 or more points 12 times in 2007.

### **ROOKIE TIGHT ENDS MAKE AN IMPACT**

Rob Gronkowski leads all rookie tight ends with seven touchdown catches, while Aaron Hernandez ranks second with six after catching a 2-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady against Green Bay in the second quarter and a 10-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. Hernandez and Gronkowski are the first pair of rookie tight end teammates with at least five touchdown receptions in the same season in NFL history.

### **HERNANDEZ HAS HIS SECOND 2-TD GAME**

Hernandez recorded his second two-touchdown game with a 2-yard touchdown pass from Brady in the second quarter and a 10-yard touchdown pass from Brady in the fourth quarter. He also had a two-touchdown game at Cleveland on Nov. 7.

### **PATRIOTS EXTEND NFL RECORD TO SIX GAMES WITHOUT A TURNOVER**

The Patriots extended their NFL record to six straight games without a turnover. No other NFL team has gone longer than four straight games without a turnover.

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

The day-of-game stats crew credited Jerod Mayo with 16 tackles against the Packers, raising his total to a career-high 178 total tackles in 2010. Mayo had 139 tackles as a rookie in 2008 and 114 in 2009. With his 178 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 203 total tackles. That number will be the highest since LB Steve Nelson had 207 tackles in 1984. Mayo has 10 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 31 points against the Packers today, the Patriots have now scored 446 points, the second most in team history to the 589 in 2007. The Patriots are averaging 31.9 points per game.

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

589 in 2007

**446 in 2010**

441 in 1980

437 in 2004

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

36.8 in 2007

**31.9 in 2010**

29.5 in 1961

27.6 in 1980

### **BRADY TALLIES 31st CAREER COMEBACK**

Brady engineered his 31st career game-winning performance to lead his team to a victory from a fourth quarter deficit. The Patriots trailed Green Bay 27-21 following Mason Crosby's 19-yard field goal with 13:49 left in the game. From there, Brady completed five of six passes for 82 yards and a touchdown in leading the Patriots on a field goal drive and a touchdown drive that produced a 31-27 New England lead with 7:14 remaining in the game. From there, the Patriots defense kept the Packers off of the scoreboard to preserve the 31-27 victory.

### **RECORD PERFORMANCES**

- The Patriots improved to an NFL-best 18-1 at home in the month of December since Gillette Stadium opened in 2002.
- The Patriots won their 17th straight home game against an NFC opponent. New England has not lost at home to an NFC team since the Packers beat the Patriots 28-10 on Oct. 13, 2002.
- The Patriots evened their Sunday Night Football record to 5-5 since NBC obtained the SNF broadcasting rights in 2006.
- The Patriots improved to 66-13 at Gillette Stadium since the facility opened in 2002.
- Tom Brady extended his NFL record, winning his 27th straight regular-season start at home.

- Brady improved to 54-5 in the regular season when starting a game played on artificial turf.
- Brady improved to 33-4 (including playoffs) as a starter when the kickoff temperature is below 40 degrees.
- The Patriots improved to 59-3 when Brady posts a passer rating of 100.0 or higher.