



GAME NOTES

Patriots vs. Miami Dolphins – January 2, 2011

BILL BELICHICK'S WINNING WAYS

New England head coach Bill Belichick has guided the Patriots to an NFL-best 14-2 record this season. 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	???????

PATRIOTS SET NFL RECORD FOR FEWEST TURNOVERS IN A 16-GAME SEASON

The Patriots had just 10 turnovers in 2010 (5 interceptions and 5 fumbles), setting an NFL record for fewest turnovers in a season. The previous NFL record for fewest turnovers in a season was 12 by Kansas City in the strike-shortened 1982 season. The previous record for fewest turnovers in a 16-game season was 13 by the Giants and Dolphins in 2008. The former Patriots record for fewest turnovers in a season was 15 in 2007 (9 interceptions and 6 fumbles).

PATRIOTS TIE NFL RECORD FOR FEWEST INTERCEPTIONS IN A SEASON

The Patriots had just five passes intercepted in 2010, tying the NFL mark for fewest interceptions in a single season. New England attempted 507 passes in 2010, with just five resulting in interceptions. The other teams to have only five interceptions in a season were the 1960 Cleveland Browns, the 1966 Green Bay Packers, the 1990 Kansas City Chiefs and the 1990 New York Giants.

PATRIOTS CLOSE OUT THE 2010 SEASON WITH AN 8-0 RECORD AT HOME

The Patriots finished with a perfect 8-0 regular-season record at Gillette Stadium for the second consecutive season. New England has now finished perfect at home five times in team history (2003, 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2010). The Patriots are the only team in the NFL to finish undefeated at home in 2010. New England has won 17 straight regular-season home games, with its last home loss coming on Nov. 30, 2008 against Pittsburgh. The Patriots' 17 straight home wins marks the longest current streak in the NFL and the second longest in franchise history, trailing only the Patriots' 18 straight home wins from 2002-2005. The Patriots own a 60-12 regular-season record at Gillette Stadium since the facility opened in 2002.

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. The Patriots' previous longest punt return was an 89-yard touchdown return by Mike Haynes vs. Buffalo on Nov. 7, 1976. It is the first punt return for a touchdown by the Patriots since Troy Brown had a 68-yard return at Carolina on Jan. 6, 2002.

PATRIOTS FINISH EIGHTH IN NFL HISTORY WITH 65 TOUCHDOWNS

The Patriots scored 65 touchdowns in 2010, a total that ranks as the eighth-highest total in NFL history. New England set the league record with 75 touchdowns in 2007.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON / PATRIOTS HISTORY

75 in 2007

65 in 2010

52 in 1961 and 1980

50 in 2009

49 in 2004 and 1979

MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON / NFL HISTORY

Team	Year	TD
New England	2007	75
Miami	1984	70
St. Louis	2000	67
Houston Oilers	1961	66
Indianapolis	2004	66
San Francisco	1994	66
St. Louis	1999	66
New England	2010	65
Three Teams		64

PATRIOTS ON THE POINT

With a total of 38 points against the Dolphins today, the Patriots finished the season with 518 points, a total that ranks seventh in NFL history. The Patriots averaged 32.4 points per game. New England set an NFL record with 589 points in 2007.

MOST POINTS IN A SEASON / NFL HISTORY

Team	Year	Pts
New England	2007	589
Minnesota	1998	556
Washington	1983	541
St. Louis	2000	540
St. Louis	1999	526
Indianapolis	2004	522
New England	2010	518
Houston Oilers	1961	513
Miami	1984	513

MOST POINTS SCORED IN A SEASON BY THE PATRIOTS

589 in 2007

518 in 2010

441 in 1980

437 in 2004

HIGHEST AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME BY THE PATRIOTS

36.8 in 2007

32.4 in 2010

29.5 in 1961

27.6 in 1980

GREEN-ELLIS GOES OVER 1,000 YARDS

RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis finished the 2010 season with 1,008 rushing yards, becoming the first Patriots player to top the 1,000-yard rushing mark since Corey Dillon had a team-record 1,635 rushing yards in 2004. Green-Ellis is the 11th New England player to record a 1,000-yard rushing season. Green-Ellis recorded his 1,000 yard season without fumbling the ball all year, joining Ray Rice as the only NFL backs with at least 175 rushing attempts and no fumbles this season. Green-Ellis and Rice are the first running backs to have a 1,000-yard season without a fumble since DeAngelo Williams had a 1,000-yard season without a fumble in 2008.

PATRIOTS WITH 1,000 YARDS RUSHING IN A SEASON

Player	Yards	Year
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	1,008	2010
Corey Dillon	1,635	2004
Antowain Smith	1,157	2001
Robert Edwards	1,115	1998
Curtis Martin	1,160	1997
Curtis Martin	1,152	1996
Curtis Martin	1,487	1995
Leonard Russell	1,088	1993
John Stephens	1,168	1988
Craig James	1,227	1985
Tony Collins	1,049	1983
Sam Cunningham	1,015	1977
Jim Nance	1,216	1967
Jim Nance	1,458	1966

EDELMAN SET A CAREER-HIGH WITH A 40-YARD RECEPTION

Julian Edelman set a career-best with his 40-yard pass reception in the first quarter, besting a 29-yard reception at the New York Jets on Sept. 20, 2009.

McCOURTY IMPROVES HIS TOTAL TO SIX INTERCEPTIONS

Rookie CB Devin McCourty improved to seven interceptions on the season with a pick in the first quarter. McCourty's seven interceptions are the second-highest rookie total in franchise history, trailing only Mike Haynes's eight interceptions in 1976. McCourty's seven interceptions are the most by a Patriots player since Asante Samuel had 10 interceptions in 2006. McCourty's total of seven interceptions is tied for sixth on the Patriots' single-season list, trailing only Ron Hall (11 in 1964), Asante Samuel (10 in 2006), Ty Law (9 in 1998), Mike Haynes (8 in 1976) and Ronnie Lippett (8 in 1986).

MOST INTERCEPTIONS BY A PATRIOTS ROOKIE

Player	Interceptions	Year
Mike Haynes	8	1976
Devin McCourty	7	2010
Don Webb	5	1961
Deac Sanders	5	1974
Maurice Hurst	5	1989

PATRIOTS HAVE 25 INTERCEPTIONS

The Patriots recorded a total of 25 interceptions in 2010, tying the fourth-highest single-season total in team history. The only times the Patriots have had more interceptions in a season were in 1964 (31 interceptions), 1963 (29 interceptions) and 2003 (29 interceptions).

GRONKOWSKI SCORES TENTH TOUCHDOWN OF THE SEASON

Patriots rookie tight end Rob Gronkowski caught his 10th touchdown reception of the season on a 13-yard pass from QB Tom Brady in the first quarter. Gronkowski set a Patriots rookie record for receiving touchdowns in a season, moving past WR Jim Colclough and WR Randy Vataha, who each had nine. Gronkowski ranks second in NFL history for touchdowns by a rookie tight end. Only Mike Ditka (12) had more touchdowns as a rookie tight end. Gronkowski's 10 touchdowns are the highest single-season total by a Patriots tight end in franchise history. Gronkowski is only the fourth Patriots player to record 10 or more touchdown receptions in a season, joining Randy Moss (3 times), Stanley Morgan (2) and Jim Colclough (1).

NFL RECORD BOOK / MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY A ROOKIE TIGHT END

Rank	Player	Touchdowns	Year
1	Mike Ditka (CHI)	12	1961
2	Rob Gronkowski	10	2010
3	Junior Miller (ATL)	9	1980

MOST TD RECEPTIONS BY A TIGHT END / SINGLE-SEASON PATRIOTS HISTORY

Player	Season	TD
Rob Gronkowski	2010	10
Ben Coates	1996	9
Ben Coates	1997	8
Ben Coates	1993	8
Russ Francis	1980	8

MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS BY A PATRIOTS ROOKIE

Rank	Player	Touchdowns	Year
1	Rob Gronkowski	10	2010
2	Jim Colclough	9	1960
2	Randy Vataha	9	1971

MOST OVERALL TOUCHDOWNS BY A PATRIOTS ROOKIE

Rank	Player	Touchdowns	Year
1	Curtis Martin	15	1995
2	Robert Edwards	12	1998
3	Rob Gronkowski	10	2010
4	Jim Colclough	9	1960
4	Randy Vataha	9	1971

GRONKOWSKI SETS CAREER-HIGH IN RECEIVING YARDS WITH FIRST 100-YARD GAME

Rob Gronkowski had his first career 100-yard receiving game, totaling 102 yards on six receptions. Gronkowski's previous single-game best was 72 yards at Pittsburgh (11/14).

WOODHEAD SETS TEAM MARK FOR RUSHING AVERAGE

Danny Woodhead finished the season with 97 rushes for 551 yards, with his average of 5.68 yards per carry setting a new team record (minimum 90 rushing attempts). Woodhead topped Don Calhoun's previous team mark of 5.59 yards per carry in 1976 (129 attempts for 721 yards).

MOST YARDS PER CARRY / SINGLE SEASON PATRIOTS HISTORY

(Minimum 90 rushes)

Player	Year	Gm	Rush	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
D. Woodhead	2010	14	97	551	5.68	36t	5
Don Calhoun	1976	14	129	721	5.59	54	1
Mosi Tatupu	1983	16	106	578	5.45	55	4
Carl Garrett	1969	14	137	691	5.04	80t	5
Craig James	1984	15	160	790	4.94	73	1
Horace Ivory	1978	15	141	693	4.91	28	11

PATRIOTS SET TEAM RECORD WITH TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL OF +28

The Patriots set a franchise record by finishing the 2010 season with a turnover differential of +28, forcing 38 turnovers while allowing just 10 turnovers. The Patriots won the turnover battle again today, forcing a pair of Miami turnovers while turning the ball over just once. The previous Patriots' team record for best turnover differential in a season was +17, a record which was set in 2003. The Patriots finished 13-0 in 2010 when recording a positive turnover differential. The Patriots' turnover differential of +28 is the second-best since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, trailing only the +43 posted by the 1983 Washington Redskins.

EIGHT STRAIGHT GAMES WITH 30 POINTS TIES PATRIOTS' OWN NFL RECORD

The Patriots scored 38 points today and tied an NFL record for most consecutive games with 30 or more points with eight straight games with 30 or more points. The 2010 Patriots tied the record also achieved by the 2007 Patriots and the 2000 St. Louis Rams. The Patriots scored 30 or more points 11 times in 2010. The Patriots set a team record by scoring 30 or more points 12 times in 2007. The Patriots are now 61-2 when scoring 30 or more points under head coach Bill Belichick.

BRADY HAS LOW INTERCEPTION PCT. IN 2010

Tom Brady threw just four interceptions on 492 attempts in 2010, for a 0.81 interception percentage. That mark is the third best in NFL history and the best among all quarterbacks in league history who had at least 250 pass attempts in their low-interception season.

NFL RECORD BOOK / LOWEST INTERCEPTION PERCENTAGE

Rank	Player	Int. Pct.
1	Damon Huard (KC) 2006 (244-1)	0.41
2	Joe Ferguson (BUF) 1976 (151-1)	0.66
3.	Tom Brady (NE) 2010 (492-4)	0.81
4.	Steve DeBerg (KC) 1990 (444-4)	0.90

BRADY EXTENDS NFL RECORD WITH AT LEAST TWO TOUCHDOWNS AND NO INTERCEPTIONS IN NINE STRAIGHT GAME

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

BRADY MOVES UP ON THE ALL-TIME YARDS LIST

Tom Brady passed Jim Hart for 19th place on the NFL's all-time passing yardage list. Hart had 34,665 career passing yards. Brady finished the game with 34,744 career passing yards.

BRADY MOVES UP ON THE ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN LIST

Brady's 10-yard touchdown pass to TE Alge Crumpler was his 261st touchdown toss of his career, moving him into a tie with Dave Krieg for 10th place all time.

BRADY HAS THROWN AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS IN ALL 16 GAMES

Brady has thrown at least one touchdown pass in all 16 games of the 2010 season after finishing with two touchdown tosses against the Dolphins. Since the NFL went to a 16-game season in 1978, only six 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)

Tom Brady (New England)	2010
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 HAS 12th GAME WITH TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010

Brady had his ninth straight game with two or more touchdowns. Brady had his 12th game with two or more touchdowns overall in 2010. He has had four 3-touchdown games and two 4-touchdown games in 2010. The Patriots are 70-12 when he throws for two or more touchdowns in a game. Brady had 14 games with two or more touchdowns in 2007.

BRADY FINISHES WITH NFL'S 5th-BEST SINGLE-SEASON PASSER RATING

Tom Brady's 2010 season will go down as one of the best seasons by a quarterback in NFL history. Brady finished the year with a passer rating of 111.0, a mark that stands as the fifth best all-time. Brady's 2010 season trails only Peyton Manning's 2004 season, Brady's 2007 season, Steve Young's 1994 season and Joe Montana's 1989 season on the all-time passer rating list. Brady is the only player to have two entries in the league's list of the top five single-season passer ratings.

TOP SINGLE-SEASON PASSER RATINGS / NFL HISTORY

Player	Season	Passer Rtg.
Peyton Manning	2004	121.1
Tom Brady	2007	117.2
Steve Young	1994	112.8
Joe Montana	1989	112.4
Tom Brady	2010	111.0

BRADY EXTENDS NFL RECORD FOR MOST CONSEC. ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION

Tom Brady extended his NFL-record interception-free streak to 335 consecutive pass attempts without an interception. Brady eclipsed Bernie Kosar's previous record of 308 attempts without an interception last week in Buffalo. Brady's previous personal record was 183 consecutive pass attempts without an interception (set in 2009). Brady's 335 pass attempts without an interception stretches from the overtime period vs. Baltimore (10/17) through today's win over Miami. 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 has thrown 26 touchdowns since his last interception.

MOST CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION / NFL HISTORY

335	Tom Brady (Patriots)	2010
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

HOYER HAS FIRST NFL TOUCHDOWN PASS

Backup QB Brian Hoyer's 44-yard touchdown pass to WR Brandon Tate in the third quarter was his first NFL touchdown pass. Hoyer scored his first NFL touchdown last season on a 1-yard run vs. Tennessee on Oct. 18, 2009.

PATRIOTS END STREAK AT SEVEN GAMES WITHOUT A TURNOVER

The Patriots had a turnover against Miami, ending an NFL-record streak of seven straight games without a turnover. No other NFL team had gone longer than four straight games without a turnover. The Patriots lost a fumble early in the first quarter against Miami. It was the Patriots' first turnover since an interception at Cleveland (11/7).

BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS SCORES 13th RUSHING TOUCHDOWN OF THE SEASON.

BenJarvus Green-Ellis scored his 13th rushing touchdown of the season on a 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Green-Ellis's 13 rushing touchdowns are tied for the second highest rushing touchdown 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.

PATRIOTS WITH 10+ RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

Player	Touchdowns	Year
Curtis Martin	14	1996
Curtis Martin	14	1995
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	13	2010
Corey Dillon	13	2006
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

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

PATRIOTS HAVE NINE NON-OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010 TO TIE TEAM RECORD

The Patriots have scored nine touchdowns that were not offensive touchdowns in 2010, tying a team record set in 1961 for most non-offensive touchdowns in a season. The Patriots returned four interceptions for a touchdown, returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, scored on one fumble return, blocked one field goal that was returned for a touchdown and scored on a punt return. The nine non-offensive touchdowns are second in the NFL to Arizona, who scored on 12 non-offensive touchdowns entering Week 17 play. The Patriots also had 9 non-offensive touchdowns in 1961 (2 kickoff returns, 2 interception returns, 2 blocked punts returned and 3 fumble returns). The NFL record for most non-offensive touchdowns is 13 by Seattle in 1998.

PATRIOTS NON-OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS IN 2010

DATE	GAME	TOUCHDOWN
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
1/02	Miami	Julian Edelman 94-yard punt return

LB ROB NINKOVICH HAS FIRST CAREER TWO-SACK GAME

LB Rob Ninkovich was credited with his first NFL two-sack game. Ninkovich sacked Tyler Thigpen for a 3-yard loss in the second quarter and hit Thigpen for an 8-yard loss in the fourth quarter.

VINCE WILFORK CREDITED WITH TWO SACKS

Vince Wilfork had his first NFL two-sack game. Wilfork sacked Chad Henne for losses of nine yards and six yards on the same third-quarter possession. The Miami game was Wilfork's first career two-sack game.

PATRIOTS HAVE TWO PLAYERS FINISH WITH TWO SACKS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2007

Wilfork and Ninkovich each were credited with two sacks. It is the first time the patriots had two players finish with two or more sacks since Sept. 9, 2007 when Mike Vrabel had 2.5 and Jarvis Green had 2.0 against the Jets.

TAYLOR PRICE MAKES NFL DEBUT

Taylor Price, the Patriots 2010 third round draft pick, was active for his first game and made his debut. He caught his first NFL pass on a 17-yard reception from QB Brian Hoyer in the third quarter.

CLAYTON MAKES NFL DEBUT

RB Thomas Clayton made his debut with the Patriots. He saw action in his first NFL games while a member of Cleveland earlier in the year.

ROOKIE DL KLYE LOVE MAKES FIRST NFL START

Rookie DL Kyle Love made his first NFL start when he lined up at right end to open the game.

LB JEROD MAYO ON PACE FOR 200 TACKLES

He had 185

The day-of-game stats crew credited Jerod Mayo with 6 tackles against the Miami, raising his total to a career-high 191 total tackles in 2010. Mayo had 139 tackles as a rookie in 2008 and 114 in 2009. With his 191 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's 191 total tackles are the third-best in team history.

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
2010	LB Jerod Mayo	191
1980	LB Steve Nelson	186

GRAHAM FINISHES 12-FOR-12 ON FIELD GOALS

Shayne Graham finished the 2010 regular season a perfect 12-for-12 on field goals following his signing by the Patriots on Nov. 10, 2010. Graham became the first player in Patriots history who attempted 10 or more field goals to be successful on all of his field goal attempts.

TOP FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE / PATRIOTS HISTORY

(Min. 10 attempts)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Shayne Graham	2010	8	12	12	100%
Adam Vinatieri	2004	16	31	33	94%
Stephen Gostkowski	2008	16	36	40	90%
Adam Vinatieri	2002	16	27	30	90%
Stephen Gostkowski	2007	16	21	24	88%
Adam Vinatieri	1997	16	25	29	86%