



## GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. Los Angeles Rams– December 4, 2016

### TEAM NOTES

#### **PATRIOTS WIN 10 GAMES FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT SEASON**

The win over the Rams improved the Patriots to a 10-2 record. New England has reached at least 10 regular-season wins for 14 consecutive seasons, joining San Francisco (16) as the only teams to accomplish the feat.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Consecutive Seasons with 10+ Wins</b>
San Francisco	1983-1998	16
<b>New England</b>	<b>2003-2016</b>	<b>14</b>
Indianapolis	2002-2010	9
Dallas	1975-1981	7

#### **MOST 10-WIN SEASONS SINCE THE 1970 MERGER**

New England secured its 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-win season since the 1970 merger, tied with Pittsburgh and San Francisco for the second-most, behind Dallas' 25 10-win season since the merger.

#### **Most 10-Win Seasons Since 1970 Merger**

<b>Team</b>	<b>10-win seasons</b>
Dallas	25
<b>New England</b>	<b>23</b>
Pittsburgh	23
San Francisco	23
Denver	21
Miami	21
Philadelphia	20

### **DECEMBER REIGN**

The Patriots have the best record in the NFL in the month of December since 2001.

### **BEST WINNING PERCENTAGE IN DECEMBER SINCE 2001**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.846</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers	46	19	0	.708
Green Bay Packers	45	20	0	.692
Indianapolis Colts	43	23	0	.652
Philadelphia Eagles	43	23	0	.652

### **STINGY DEFENSE**

The Patriots defense has 10 seasons holding opponents under 20 points per game since 2001, including in each of the last two seasons. The 2016 Patriots are allowing just 17.3 points per game after holding the Rams to just 10 points. The defense has held its opponent under 20 points in eight games in 2016. The Patriots held their opponents under 20 points 11 times in 2001 and 2006, the most under Bill Belichick.

### **SEASONS ALLOWING 20 POINTS PER GAME OR FEWER SINCE 2001**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Seasons</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2001, 2003-04, 2006-10, 2014-15</b>
Baltimore	10	2001, 2003-06, 2008-11, 2014
Pittsburgh	10	2001, 2004-08, 2010-12, 2015
Miami	8	2001-03, 2005-06, 2008, 2011-12

### **PATRIOTS HAVE THROWN JUST ONE INTERCEPTION IN 2016;**

### **LOWEST MARK EVER THROUGH THE FIRST 12 GAMES A SEASON**

The 2016 Patriots have thrown just one interception in 2016 through the first 12 games of the 2016 season, the fewest interceptions thrown by any team through the first 12 games of the season since the 1970 merger. The 2016 Dallas Cowboys have thrown just two interceptions through the first 12 games. Prior to the Patriots and Cowboys, the fewest interceptions through the first 12 games with three by the 2015 Kansas City Chiefs, the 1993 Dallas Cowboys, the 1990 Chiefs and the 2016 Minnesota Vikings.

### **PATRIOTS NEARING RECORD FOR LEAST AMOUNT OF INTERCEPTIONS**

The Patriots have thrown just one interception in 2016. The NFL record for fewest interceptions thrown in a season by an NFL team since the 1970 merger is five. 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 Patriots are the only team of that group to have only five interceptions with over 500 pass attempts.

### **FEWEST INTERCEPTIONS IN A SEASON**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Pass Attempts</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>507</b>
2011	San Francisco	5	451
1990	Kansas City	5	449
1990	NY Giants	5	398
1966	Green Bay	5	318
1960	Cleveland	5	264

### **RAMS HAD JUST 25 FIRST HALF YARDS;**

### **LOWEST TOTAL IN PATRIOTS HISTORY FOR ANY HALF**

The Patriots defense allowed just 25 total first half yards to the Rams, the lowest total in a half in team history. The previous low was 28 yards by the New York Jets in the first half on Dec. 26, 2005 in a 31-25 New England win.

### **RUSHING LOW**

The Patriots defense yielded just 36 yards rushing to the Rams. Sunday marks the second game of the season New England's defense has held its opponent to under to fewer than 40 rushing yards. The defense held Cleveland to 27 yards rushing in Week 5.

### **PATRIOTS ALLOW A SEASON-LOW OF SEVEN FIRST DOWNS**

The Los Angeles Rams gained just seven first downs. It is the lowest total by a Patriots opponent in 2016 and the 18<sup>th</sup> time in team history that the Patriots have held their opponent to 10 or fewer first downs in a game. It is the lowest total since holding Houston to seven first downs on Dec. 13, 2015.

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

### **BRADY SETS NFL RECORD FOR MOST WINS BY A QUARTERBACK**

Tom Brady won his 201<sup>st</sup> game overall to become the NFL's all-time winningest quarterback.

### **MOST CAREER WINS BY AN NFL QUARTERBACK (REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)**

<b>Quarterback</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Wins</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>201 (179 reg. season/22 postseason)</b>
Peyton Manning	IND/DEN	200 (186 reg. season/14 postseason)
Brett Favre	ATL/GB/NYJ/MIN	199 (186 reg. season/13 postseason)
John Elway	DEN	162 (148 reg. season/14 postseason)

**Most Games Over .500 (including playoffs)**

<b>Games Over .500</b>	<b>Quarterback</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>140</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>
108	Peyton Manning	299	92	0

**BELICHICK LEADS THE PATRIOTS TO 14<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT 10-WIN SEASON**

Bill Belichick has coached the Patriots to 14 straight seasons with 10 or more wins, adding to his NFL record streak. In 2011, Belichick became the first coach in NFL history with nine straight seasons with at least 10 victories. George Seifert has the second most consecutive 10-win seasons with eight from 1989-1996 for San Francisco.

**BRADY GOOD AT GILLETTE**

Since 2007, Brady is 62-6 overall at home in the regular season. That is more wins than five teams have (home and away) combined during that span.

Tampa Bay – 60

Oakland – 57

Jacksonville – 52

Cleveland – 47

Los Angeles Rams - 46

**BRADY IS BIG IN DECEMBER**

Tom Brady is 51-10 (.836) in December, the second-best record in December among quarterbacks with at least 20 starts. Roger Staubach is first (17-3, .850) is first. Among active quarterbacks, Philip Rivers is second with a 32-12 record (.727).

**BELICHICK IN DECEMBER**

Bill Belichick is 57-12 (.826) in December with New England, the best record in December among head coaches with one team in NFL history (min. 25 games). George Seifert is second (27-6, .818).

**BLOUNT NEARING RECORD FOR MOST RUSHING TDS IN A SEASON;  
ADDS 13<sup>TH</sup> RUSHING TD OF THE SEASON ON 43-YARD RUN**

RB LeGarrette Blount scored on a 43-yard touchdown run in the first quarter for his 13<sup>th</sup> rushing touchdown of the season. He is one rushing touchdown behind the Patriots all-time mark for a season of 14 by Curtis Martin in 1995 and 1996.

**MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS/SEASON IN PATRIOTS HISTORY**

14	Curtis Martin, 1996
14	Curtis Martin, 1995
<b>13</b>	<b>LeGarrette Blount, 2016</b>
13	BenJarvus Green-Ellis, 2010
13	Corey Dillon, 2006
12	Stevan Ridley, 2012
12	Corey Dillon, 2005
12	Corey Dillon, 2004
12	Antowain Smith, 2001
12	Steve Grogan, 1976
11	BenJarvus Green-Ellis, 2011
11	Horace Ivory, 1978
11	Jim Nance, 1966
10	Tony Collins, 1983

**BLOUNT HAS THIRD 40-YARD RUN OF THE 2016 SEASON**

RB LeGarrette Blount broke free for a 43-yard touchdown run in the first quarter for his third 40-yard run of the 2016 season. He had a 44-yard run at San Francisco (11/20) and a 41-yard touchdown run vs. Houston (9/22). Blount now has seven career 40-yard runs and four 40-yard touchdown runs. The longest run of his career was a 54-yard touchdown run at Green Bay on Nov. 20, 2011.

**Blount 40-yard touchdown runs**

54-yard TD at Green Bay (November 20, 2011)

47-yard TD at Atlanta (Sept. 29, 2013)

**43-yard TD vs. LA Rams (Dec. 4, 2016).**

41-yard TD vs. Houston (Sept. 22, 2016)

### **BLOUNT IS NEARING 1,000-YARDS**

Blount has rushed for 957 yards in 2016 and needs 43 yards to reach 1,000 yards. It would be the 15<sup>th</sup> time in team history and first since 2012 that the Patriots would have a 1,000-yard rusher in a season. Blount is on pace to finish the season with 1,276 yards. It would be his second career 1,000-yard season. Blount finished 1,007 rushing yards as a rookie in 2010 with Tampa Bay.

### **PATRIOTS WITH 1,000 YARDS RUSHING IN A SEASON**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Yards</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>
Stevan Ridley	1,263	2012
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

### **MOST YARDS RUSHING IN A SEASON IN PATRIOTS HISTORY**

1,635 Corey Dillon, 2004  
1,487 Curtis Martin, 1995  
1,458 Jim Nance, 1966  
1,263 Stevan Ridley, 2012  
1,227 Craig James, 1985  
1,216 Jim Nance, 1967  
1,168 John Stephens, 1988

### **CB LOGAN RYAN HAS FIRST SACK SINCE HIS ROOKIE SEASON**

CB Logan Ryan sacked Rams QB Jared Goff for a loss of 12½ yards in the second quarter for his first sack since he recorded 1½ sacks as a rookie in 2013.

### **LB KYLE VAN NOY INTERCEPTS FIRST NFL PASS**

LB Kyle Van Noy recorded his first NFL interception when he picked off a QB Jared Goff pass in the third quarter.

**EDELMAN HAS FIRST 100-YARD GAME OF 2016;  
10<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL OF HIS CAREER**

WR Julian Edelman finished with 8 receptions for 101 yards. It is his first 100-yard game of the 2016 season. He now has eight 100-yard games in the regular season and two in the postseason.

**GOSTKOWSKI DRILLES THREE 40-YARDER FIELD GOALS**

K Stephen Gostkowski connected on four field goals, including two 45-yarders and a 48-yarder.

**GOSTKOWSKI MAKES THREE FIELD GOALS OF 40 OR MORE YARDS FOR  
THIRD TIME IN CAREER**

Stephen Gostkowski made three field goals of 40 or more yards (48, 45 and 45) in a single game for the third time in his career. He also made three kicks of 40 or more yards vs. Arizona on Sept. 16, 2012, and most recently at Buffalo on Oct. 12, 2014. It is the 11<sup>th</sup> time in his career he has made four or more kicks in a single game, with the most recent being Week 15 of the 2015 season.

