

GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills-September 20, 2015

TEAM NOTES

PATRIOTS BEST ROAD RECORD SINCE 2000

The Patriots have the best road record in the NFL since 2000 with a 79-42 record, including a .653 winning percentage.

<u>TEAM</u>	RECORD	PCT.	
New England	79-42	.653	
*Philadelphia	74-46-1	.616	
*Indianapolis	73-48	.603	
*Pittsburgh	69-52	.570	
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^{*}not including today's games

PATRIOTS HAVE MORE WINS AGAINST BUFFALO THAN ANY OTHER TEAM

The Patriots have recorded 68 wins over the Bills, the most by the Patriots against any one opponent. The Jets are second with 58 wins.

PATRIOTS HAVE THE BEST DIVISIONAL RECORD SINCE 2001

NFL'S TOP DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

<u>Team</u>	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	68	19	0	.782
*Indianapolis	63	23	0	.733
*Green Bay	61	24	1	.712
*Pittsburgh	61	27	0	.693
*not including tod	ay's ga	mes		

AFC EAST DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001

<u>Team</u>	W			Pct.	Div. Titles	<u>Years</u>
New England	68	19	0	.782	12	2001, 03-07, 09-14
N.Y. Jets	40	46	0	.465	1	2002
Miami	36	50	0	.419	1	2008
Buffalo	30	57	0	.345	0	

PATRIOTS DEFENSE REGISTERS EIGHT SACKS; MOST SINCE 2003

The Patriots defense recorded eight sacks. It was the most sacks since the Patriots recorded eight sacks at Philadelphia on Sept. 14, 2003. The Patriots have recorded nine sacks in a game five times and a team record 11 at Oakland on Sept. 22, 1963.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BRADY NEARING 400 TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Tom Brady followed a 4-touchdown game in the season-opener with three touchdowns vs. Pittsburgh to push his total to 399 career touchdowns and needs one more to become the fourth NFL player with 400 career touchdowns.

MOST CAREER TOUCHDOWN PASSES

(regular season only) Bold indicates active players

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RANK	NAME TO	UCHDOWNS	
1.	Peyton Manning	533*	
2.	Brett Favre	508	
3.	Dan Marino	420	
4.	Tom Brady	399	
5.	Drew Brees	397*	
6.	Fran Tarkenton	342	
7.	John Elway	300	
8.	Warren Moon	291	
9.	Johnny Unitas	290	
10.	Vinny Testaverde	275	
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BRADY WINS AGAINST BUFFALO

Tom Brady owns a 24-3 record against the Buffalo Bills after the 40-32 win. He has more wins against Buffalo than any other NFL team. The New York Jets are second with 20 wins on Brady's list. Brady's 24 wins against Buffalo are the second most wins by a quarterback against an opponent.

MOST WINS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK AGAINST AN OPPONENT

<u>Player </u>	wins
Brett Favre	26 wins against Detroit
Tom Brady	24 wins against Buffalo
Brett Favre	23 wins against Chicago
Dan Marino	22 wins against Indianapolis

TOM BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR 65TH TIME

Tom Brady had his 65th NFL 300-yard-plus game and his 9th against Buffalo after finishing with 4 after finishing with 466 yards. His 65 career 300-yard games are third in NFL history to Peyton manning (91) and Drew Brees (87). Brady has more 300 yard games against Buffalo than any other team. His next highest team is six 300-yard games against Miami.

BRADY HAS SEVENTH CAREER 400-YARD GAME

Brady had his seventh career 400-yard game and his first since he threw for 432 yards vs. Pittsburgh on Nov. 3, 2013. His 466 yards passing are second to the 517 yards he had at Miami on Sept. 12, 2011.

BRADY HAS SECOND GAME WITH OVER 60 ATTEMPTS

Brady had 61 attempts against the Bills, second to the 65 attempts he had vs. San Francisco on Dec. 16, 2012.

BRADY COMPLETES 38 PASSES

Brady completed 38 passes, one shy of his record. He has completed 39 passes in a game two times, vs. Kansas City on Sept. 22, 2002 and vs. Buffalo on Sept. 14, 2009. He has completed 38 passes in a game two times. He had 38 completions vs. Detroit on Nov. 23, 2014.

BRADY THROWS FOR THREE TOUCHDOWNS; NOW HAS 61 AGAINST BUFFALO

Brady now has 61 touchdowns against Buffalo, the most he has thrown against any one team. His next highest is 45 touchdowns against Miami.

GRONKOWSKI RUNS STREAK TO FIVE STRAIGHT REGULAR SEASON GAMES WITH AT LEAST ONE TD

Rob Gronkowski scored on a 2-yard touchdown in the second quarter and has now caught at least one touchdown in five straight regular season games after closing out the 2014 season by scoring a touchdown in the final three regular season games and then catching three touchdowns in the opener vs. Pittsburgh. He has now caught a touchdown pass in eight straight games, including the postseason. Gronkowski's longest streak of consecutive regular season games with a receiving touchdown is six in 2011, which is a franchise record for most consecutive games with a receiving touchdown.

GRONKOWSKI GOES OVER 100 YARDS FOR 16TH TIME IN HIS CAREER

Rob Gronkowski added to his Patriots record for most 100-yard games by a Patriots tight end with his 16th 100-yard game of his career after finishing with 7 receptions for 113 yards.

GOSTKOWSKI HANDLES THE NEW EXTRA POINT RULE; EXTENDS HIS STREAK

Stephen Gostkowski kicked added four extra points to increase his streak to 419 consecutive extra points, second in NFL history.

Most Consecutive (Kicking) Points After Touchdown

422 Matt Stover, Baltimore, 1996-2008; Indianapolis, 2009

419 Stephen Gostkowski, New England, 2006-present

- 371 Jason Elam, Denver, 1993-2002
- 371 Jeff Wilkins, St. Louis, 1999-2007
- 360 Jay Feely, Atlanta, 2002-04; N.Y. Giants, 2005-06; Miami, 2007; N.Y. Jets, 2008-09; Arizona, 2010-2013, Chicago, 2014

EDELMAN HAS THIRD CAREER GAME WITH TWO RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

WR Julian Edelman scored on a 8-yard touchdown in the first quarter and a 22-yarder in the third quarter. It is his third career game with two touchdown receptions.

EDELMAN HAS SEVENTH CAREER GAME WITH 10-PLUS CATCHES

Edelman had his seventh regular season game with at least 10 catches, finishing with 11 receptions for 97 yards. It is the first time in his career he has had back-to-back games with 10-plus receptions after recording 11 receptions in the season-opener vs. Pittsburgh.

EDELMAN HAS AT LEAST SEVEN RECEPTIONS IN SIX STRAIGHT GAMES

WR Julian Edelman increased his streak to six straight games with at least seven receptions, dating back to the last four games he played in in 2014, and the first two games of 2015. He had 11 receptions in the win vs. Pittsburgh in the season-opener and 11 receptions vs. Buffalo.

DION LEWIS SCORES FIRST TOUCHDOWN AS A PATRIOT

RB Dion Lewis scored the Patriots first rushing touchdown of 2015 on a 6-yard run in the first quarter to give the Patriots a 14-7 lead. It was Lewis' third career rushing touchdown. It was Lewis' first rushing touchdown since a 17-yard touchdown run on Dec. 23, 2012 vs. Washington while he was with Philadelphia.

LEWIS SETS CAREER HIGH IN RECEIVING YARDS

Lewis caught six receptions for 98 yards, a single game career high. His previous best was one reception for 24 yards in 2012.

MACLOM BUTLER INTERCEPTS FIRST PASS IN THE REGULAR SEASON

Malcolm Butler intercepted Buffalo QB Tyrod Taylor in the first quarter to give the Patriots a first down at the Buffalo 30-yard line. It was Butler's first career interception in the regular season.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS CATCHES FIRST NFL PASS

TE Michael Williams caught his first NFL pass on a 15-yard reception from Tom Brady in the second quarter.

GOSTKOWSKI DRILLS HIS FIRST FIELD GOAL OF THE YEAR FROM 47 YARDS

K Stephen Gostkowski was successful from 47 yards out on his first field goal of the 2015 season in the second quarter.

GOSTKOWSKI DRILLS A 50-YARDER IN THE THIRD QUARTER

Gostkowski added on to his team record with his 14th career 50-yard field goal with a 50-yarder in the third quarter. Adam Vinatieri is second with eight 50-yard field goals.

CHANDLER JONES HAS SETS CAREER HIGH WITH THREE SACKS SIXTH TWO-SACK GAME

Chandler Jones set a career-high with his first career three sack game. He had two second quarter sacks and an 11-yard sack in the third quarter. It his sixth career multiple sack game and the 33rd time in team history that the Patriots have had a player finish with at least three sacks. The last three sack game by a Patriots player was by Rob Ninkovich at Buffalo on Oct. 12, 2014.

HARMON RECORD SECOND STRAIGHT GAME WITH AN INTERCEPTION

Duron Harmon intercepted Buffalo QB Tyrod Taylor with five seconds to play in the first half. It was his second straight game with an interception after recording one in the season-opener vs. Pittsburgh. Harmon matched his career-high of two interceptions in a season. He had two interceptions as a rookie in 2013.

LB JAMIE COLLINS SET CAREER-HIGH WITH 2.5 SACKS

LB Jamie Collins set a career high with 2.5 sacks. His previous best was a two sack game at San Diego on Dec. 7, 2014.

LINEUP NOTES

JOSH KLINE MOVES TO RIGHT GUARD

Josh Kline started the game at right guard after starting at left guard vs. Pittsburgh in the season-opener. It was his third career start at right guard. Kline started two games at right guard in 2014.

FOURTH ROUND PICK SHAO MASON GETS START AT RIGHT GUARD

2015 fourth-round draft pick G Shaq Mason made his first NFL start when he lined up at right guard.

RB LAGARRETTE BLOUNT MADE HIS 2015 DEBUT

RB LeGarrett Blount saw his first action of the 2015 season,

THREE PATRIOTS MADE THEIR DEBUT

RB Travaris Cadet, LB Rufus Johnson and LB Dekoda Watson made their debuts in a Patriots uniform.