



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at New York Giants - August 28, 2014

*The Patriots finished with a 2-2 preseason record. It is 12th time under Bill Belichick that the Patriots have finished the preseason with a .500 record or better.

*The Patriots and Giants have met in the preseason finale in each of the last ten years (2005-14), and the Patriots are now 3-7 in those games, with all three wins coming at Gillette Stadium.

*QB Jimmy Garoppolo started the game and played the entire contest, finishing 22-of-42 for 284 yards, including a 33-yard touchdown pass to WR Aaron Dobson.

*Fourth-round pick C Bryan Stork made his preseason debut when he started at center.

*WR Aaron Dobson made his preseason debut after missing the first three preseason games. He caught three passes for 57 yards, including a 33-yard touchdown reception.

*Newly acquired TE Tim Wright made his debut and was in the starting lineup. He caught four passes for 43 yards.

*CB Malcolm Butler, a rookie free agent from West Alabama, made his fourth straight preseason start at right cornerback.

*OL Jordan Devey, a first-year player from Memphis who spent the 2013 season on the Patriots practice squad, made his fourth straight start when he lined up at left tackle. Devey started at left guard at Washington and at right guard vs. Philadelphia and vs. Carolina.

*Josh Kline started at left guard and played every snap of the game.

*Rookie Taylor McCuller, who played linebacker during his college career at West Texas A&M, caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from Jimmy Garoppolo in the fourth quarter last week against Carolina. Against the Giants, he had his first rushing attempt when he had a two-yard run on a third-and-one situation in the second quarter. He also had a three-yard run on a third-down run in the third quarter for a first down.

*QB Tom Brady did not play quarterback but did hold on an extra point attempt in the second quarter. Brady held last season in the AFC Divisional playoff game vs. Indianapolis on Jan. 11, 2014 when Ryan Allen was forced out of the game due to injury.

*Jeremy Gallon, the Patriots 2014 seventh-round draft pick, caught his first pass of the preseason, a 19-yarder from Jimmy Garoppolo in the first quarter.

*DB Nate Ebner led the New England defense with 11 total tackles.