



## GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Oakland Raiders– November 19, 2017  
(Estadio Azteca – Mexico City, Mexico)

### TEAM NOTES

#### **PATRIOTS TO FINISH .500 OR BETTER FOR 16th STRAIGHT SEASON**

After improving to 8-2 on the 2017 season, the Patriots are guaranteed to finish the season with a record of .500 or better for the 17th consecutive year. At the conclusion of the 2017 season, the Patriots will be the only NFL team to finish with a record of .500 or better in each of the last 17 years (2001-2017). Each of the other 31 NFL teams had at least one losing season since 2001. The Patriots are now tied with the Cleveland Browns (1957-73) for the second-longest streak at .500 or better, behind the Dallas Cowboys (1965-85) streak of 21 straight years,

#### **Teams with the most consecutive seasons with a .500 or better record**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Seasons</b>	<b>Consecutive Seasons with .500 or better Record</b>
Dallas	1965-85	21
<b>New England</b>	<b>2001-present</b>	<b>17</b>
Cleveland	1957-73	17

#### **PATRIOTS EXTEND STREAK TO 13 STRAIGHT ROAD WINS**

The Patriots extended their road streak to 13 straight wins, including eight last year and the first five road games of the 2017 season. The 13-game road streak is a team-best, breaking the old mark of 12 straight road wins from Dec. 24, 2006 through Oct. 5, 2008. The 13-game streak is second in NFL history to the 18 road game win streak by the San Francisco 49ers (1988-90).

#### **Best Road Record Since 1994**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>PCT.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>119-70</b>	<b>.630</b>
Pittsburgh	106-84	.557
Indianapolis	99-90	.524
Green Bay	98-90	.521

### **PATRIOTS ARE 3-0 IN NFL'S INTERNATIONAL SERIES**

The Patriots improved to a 3-0 record in the NFL's International Series after a 33-8 win against Oakland. The Patriots previous two wins were played in London. On Oct. 25, 2009, the Patriots beat Tampa Bay 35-7 and on Oct. 28, 2012, the Patriots beat the St. Louis Rams 45-7. The Patriots have let up only one touchdown in each of the games and have scored over 30 points in all three.

### **PATRIOTS SCORE IN FINAL MINUTE OF THE FIRST HALF FOR 8TH TIME IN 2017**

The Patriots scored in the final minute of the half for the eighth time in 2017, including the seventh straight game.

#### **FINAL MINUTE SCORING IN THE FIRST HALF**

13-yard TD pass with 13 seconds to play at New Orleans (9/17/17)  
58-yard field goal with no time remaining vs. Carolina (10/1/17)  
23-yard field goal with 40 seconds to play at Tampa Bay (10/5/17)  
2-yard TD pass with nine seconds play at NY Jets (10/15/17)  
2-yard TD pass with 21 seconds to play vs. Atlanta (10/22/17)  
36-yard field goal with 24 seconds to play vs. LA Chargers (10/29/17)  
11-yard TD pass with 25 seconds to play at Denver (11/12/17)  
62-yard field goal with no time remaining at Oakland (11/19/17)

### **PATRIOTS HOLD OPPONENT UNDER 20 POINTS FOR SIXTH STRAIGHT GAME**

The Patriots defense held Oakland to just eight points, marking the sixth straight game that the Patriots have held their opponent under 20 points. In 2016, the Patriots held their opponent under 20 points in 11 games. The Patriots held Tampa Bay to 14 points, the New York Jets to 17, Atlanta to seven, the Los Angeles Chargers to 13, and the Broncos to 16 points. The Patriots have averaged just 12.5 points in those six games.

### **PATRIOTS ARE THE BEST IN THE SECOND HALF SINCE 1994**

Since Robert Kraft purchased the franchise in 1994, the New England Patriots own the NFL's best record in the second half of the season. The Patriots are the only team with a winning percentage over .700 over that span.

#### **MOST WINS IN THE SECOND HALF SINCE 1994**

##### **(REGULAR SEASON ONLY)**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.731</b>
Green Bay	124	61	1	.669
Pittsburgh	120	65	1	.648
Indianapolis	114	72	0	.613
Denver	108	77	0	.583
Seattle	106	79	0	.573

# INDIVIDUAL NOTES

## **BELICHICK PASSES TOM LANDRY FOR SOLE POSSESSION OF THIRD PLACE ALL-TIME**

Bill Belichick won his 271st overall game as a head coach to move pass Tom, Landry for sole possession of third place all-time, behind George Halas (324) and Don Shula (347).

<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
Don Shula	Bal/MIA	347	173	6
George Halas	Chicago	324	151	31
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE/NE</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>0</b>
Tom Landry	Dallas	270	178	6
Curly Lambeau	GB/CHI/WAS	229	134	22

## **BELICHICK TIES LAMBEAU FOR 4TH-MOST WINS WITH ONE TEAM (regular season)**

Bill Belichick now has 209 career regular season wins with the Patriots, tying Curly Lambeau for fourth among all NFL coaches in wins with one team. Belichick is one of five NFL coaches to reach 200 regular season wins with one team.

## **NFL HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST WINS WITH ONE TEAM**

George Halas (Chicago) – 318-148

Don Shula (Miami) – 257-133-2

Tom Landry (Dallas) - 250-162

**Bill Belichick (Patriots) – 209-73**

Curly Lambeau (Green Bay) – 209-104-21

Chuck Noll (Pittsburgh) – 193-148-1

## **K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI SETS CAREER-HIGH WITH A 62-YARD FIELD GOAL**

K Stephen Gostkowski kicked a franchise record 62-yard field goal at the end of the half.

Gostkowski had set a team record with a 58-yard field goal in the second quarter vs. Carolina on Oct. 1, 2017. It is the 18<sup>th</sup> field goal of 60 or more yards in NFL history.

## **Longest Field Goals in NFL History**

Matt Prater (Denver - 2013)	64
David Akers (San Francisco - 2012)	63
Tom Dempsey (New Orleans - 1970)	63
Jason Elam (Denver - 1998)	63
Sebastian Janikowski (Oakland - 2011)	63
<b>Stephen Gostkowski (2017)</b>	<b>62</b>
Matt Bryant (Philadelphia - 2006)	62

**GOSTKOWSKI DRILLS TWO FROM 50 OR MORE YARDS:**  
**THIRD TIME IN CAREER HE HAS HAD TWO 50-YARDERS IN SAME GAME**

Gostkowski was successful on two 50-yard field goals with a 62-yarder in the second quarter and a 51-yarder in the third quarter. It is the third time in his career that he has kicked two field goals of at least 50 yards in the same game. He had a 51-yarder and a 53-yarder vs. Arizona (9/16/12) and had two 53-yarders at Houston (9/22/16).

**STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI MOVES INTO THE TOP 20 IN TOTAL POINTS**

K Stephen Gostkowski entered the game with 1,548 points and added 15 points to move past Olindo Mare (1,555) and Matt Bryant (1,558) into 19th<sup>h</sup> place all-time with 1,563 points. Al Del Greco is next with 1,584 points.

**COOKS GOES OVER 100 FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 2017**

WR Brandin Cooks went over 100 yards for the second time in 2017 after finishing with 149 yards on six receptions. Cooks had 131 yards receiving vs. Houston on Sept. 24, 2017. It is his ninth 100-yard game of his career.

**COOKS SCORES ON A 64-YARD TOUCHDOWN CATCH**

Cooks scored on a 64-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter. He now has six touchdown catches of 60 or more yards. His career-best is a 98-yard touchdown vs. Oakland on Sept. 11, 2016, while with New Orleans.

**COOKS HAS TWO 50-YARD RECEPTIONS**

WR Brandin Cooks had two 50-yard receptions. He had a 52-yard reception in the second quarter and a 64-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter. It is the second time in 2017 that he has had two receptions of at least 40 yards in the same game. He had a 44-yard reception and a 42-yard reception vs. Houston on Sept. 24, 2017. He now has five receptions of 40 or more yards in 2017.

54-yarder vs. Kansas City (09/07/17)

42-yarder at Jets (10/15/17)

44-yarder vs. Houston (09/24/17)

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52-yarder at Oakland (11/19/17)

64-yard TD at Oajland (11/19/17).

**COOKS ON GREAT PACE**

WR Brandin Cooks has 786 yards through the first 10 weeks of the season and is on pace to finish with 1,258 yards. It would be a career-best for Cooks. His previous high was 1,173 yards in 2016 while with New Orleans. It would also be his third straight 1,000-yard season.

### **BRADY GOES OVER 300 YARDS FOR SIXTH TIME IN 2017**

Tom Brady threw for over 300 yards for the sixth time in 2017 after throwing for 339 yards against the Raiders. Brady had five games of 300 or more yards in 2016. Brady's record is 11 games of 300 or more yards in 2011. It was his 82nd 300-yard game. The Patriots are 68-14 when Brady throws for 300 yards.

### **Most 300-yard Games in NFL History**

Drew Brees	109
Peyton Manning	93
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>82</b>
Dan Marino	63

### **BRADY GOES OVER 3,000 YARDS FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> TIME**

Tom Brady finished with 339 yards and now has 3,183 yards for the year for his 15<sup>th</sup> season of at least 3,000 passing yards. Only Brett Favre (18) and Peyton Manning (16) have more.

### **NFL Record for Most 3,000-Yard Seasons**

18	Brett Favre
16	Peyton Manning
<b>15</b>	<b>Tom Brady</b>
14	Drew Brees
13	Dan Marino
12	John Elway
12	Eli Manning

### **BRADY HAS 30 COMPLETIONS IN FOUR GAMES IN 2017**

Tom Brady completed 30 passes against the Raiders for his fifth game in 2017 with 30 or more completions and his 35<sup>th</sup> game overall, which is third in NF history.

### **Most games with 30 or more completions**

Drew Brees	57
Peyton Manning	39
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>35</b>
Brett Favre	25

### **BELICHICK AND BRADY WIN A GAME IN THEIR THIRD COUNTRY**

Head coach Bill Belichick and QB Tom Brady won a game in their third country. The two have won games in the U.S., England and Mexico. They join Jay Cutler, Ryan Fitzpatrick and Lovie Smith as the only others to win in three different countries.

### **DION LEWIS SCORES FIRST RECEIVING TD OF THE SEASON**

RB Dion Lewis scored his first receiving touchdown of the 2017 season on a 15-yard touchdown catch from Tom Brady in the first quarter. It is his first receiving touchdown since 16-yard touchdown pass from Brady vs. Miami on Oct. 29, 2015.

### **DURON HARMON RECORDS SECOND INTERCEPTION OF THE SEASON**

DB Duron Harmon had his second interception of the season when he picked off a deep pass from QB Derek Carr that was first deflected by DB Jonathan Jones. Harmon had his first interception in the win vs. Houston on Sept. 24, 2017.

# **LINEUP NOTES**

## **TED KARRAS MAKES SECOND NFL START; FIRST EVER AT CENTER**

Ted Karras made his second NFL start and his first at center. Karras started his very first NFL game at right guard in the 2016 season-opener at Arizona on Sept. 11, 2016. He started 43 games at right guard during his college career at Illinois.

## **COLE CROSTON WAS ACTIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND SAW FIRST NFL ACTION**

Rookie OL Cole Croston was active for the first time in 2017 and played in his first game. He entered the game at left guard late in the game.

## **LAADRIAN WADDLE MAKES SECOND STRAIGHT START AT RIGHT TACKLE**

T LaAdrian Waddle made his second straight start and third start of the season at right tackle in place of Marcus Cannon, who was out due to injury. In addition to the start against the Oakland and Denver, Waddle also started in place of Cannon vs. Houston on Sept. 24.

## **JONATHAN JONES MAKES FIRST START OF 2017**

DB Jonathan Jones made his first of the 2017 season. It is his second NFL start. He made his first NFL start at Denver on Dec. 18, 2016.