



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots at Minnesota Vikings – August 16, 2025

GAME CAPTAINS

WR Kayshon Boutte, CB Marcus Jones, LB Harold Landry III, QB Drake Maye and S Brenden Schooler served as game captains.

DUGGER PICK SECURES THE WIN

S Kyle Dugger intercepted Minnesota QB Max Brosmer in the end zone as time expired to secure a 20-12 New England victory.

BEN BROWN STARTS AT LEFT GUARD

Ben Brown, who started 10 games for the Patriots in 2024 at center, started at left guard against Minnesota. The only time Brown has played at guard in the regular season was in his first NFL game vs. Carolina on Sept. 24, 2023, when he played for Seattle and saw action at left guard. Brown moved to center after the first two drives of the game for the next two series.

WESTOVER STARTS AT FULLBACK

TE Jack Westover started his second straight game at fullback.

WOODSON STARTS AT SAFETY

2025 fourth-round draft pick S Craig Woodson was in the starting lineup.

THREE NEWLY ACQUIRED PATRIOTS MADE THEIR DEBUT

Three newly acquired Patriots made their debut in a New England uniform after missing the preseason-opener vs. Washington on Aug. 8. CB Carlton Davis III and LB Harold Landry III were in the starting lineup and LB K'Lavon Chaisson made his debut on the opening kickoff return.

HENDERSON SCORES FIRST RUSHING TD

2025 second-round draft pick RB TreVeyon Henderson capped a 9-play, 52-yard drive with his first rushing touchdown on an 8-yard run on a third-down play in the first quarter.

LOWE, SOW AND WALLACE MAKE THEIR 2025 DEBUT

T Vederian Lowe, G Sidy Sow and T Caedan Wallace made their 2025 debuts after missing the preseason-opener.

AUSTIN ENDS MINNESOTA'S SECOND DRIVE WITH A PICK

CB Alex Austin ended the Vikings second drive when he intercepted QB Sam Howell to give New England a first down at the Minnesota 35-yard line. Austin has one career interception in the regular season, at Buffalo on Dec. 31, 2023, with New England.

DRAKE MAYE PLAYED THE FIRST TWO SERIES

QB Drake Maye started the game and played the first two offensive series for the second straight week. He completed 4-of-7 passes for 46 yards with three of his completions going to WR Mack Hollins for 38 yards.

BACKUP QB JOSHUA DOBBS RELIEVED MAYE AFTER FIRST TWO DRIVES

QB Joshua Dobbs entered the game for the third offensive series. He played through the first half. He finished 11-of-16 for 106 yards and culminated a 13-play, 93-yard drive with his first passing touchdown with New England on a 12-yard touchdown pass to WR Efton Chism III in the second quarter.

VETERAN DL KYLE PEKO DEBUTS WITH NEW ENGLAND

Veteran DL Kyle Peko, who signed with New England on Aug. 11, made his debut for the Patriots as a reserve defensive lineman.

THIRD-ROUND PICK WR KYLE WILLIAMS GRABS FIRST NFL RECEPTION

2025 third-round draft pick WR Kyle Williams caught his first NFL pass on a 13-yard reception from QB Joshua Dobbs in the first quarter.

CHISM III SCORES ON A 12-YARD TD PASS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK

Rookie WR Efton Chism III scored on a 12-yard touchdown pass from QB Joshua Dobbs in the second quarter. It marks his second straight game with a 12-yard touchdown catch. He caught a 12-yard touchdown pass from QB Ben Wooldridge in the third quarter in the preseason-opener vs. Washington.

CHISM III LEADS THE TEAM IN RECEIVING FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK

Chism III led the team with 6 receptions for 71 yards. He led the team with 6 receptions for 50 yards in the preseason-opener vs. Washington.

ROOKIE WR JEREMIAH WEBB HAD A 59-YARD KICKOFF RETURN

Rookie WR Jeremiah Webb returned a second quarter kickoff 59 yards. It marks the Patriots' third kickoff return of 50 yards in the preseason. RB TreVeyon Henderson returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown vs. Washington and RB Antonio Gibson broke free for a 62-yard kickoff return in the second quarter. Webb was not utilized as a returner during his college career at South Dakota and South Alabama. Webb also lined up to return a punt in the third quarter.

ROOKIE QB BEN WOOLDRIDGE ENTERED THE GAME IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND FINISHED THE GAME

Rookie QB Ben Wooldridge entered the game in the third quarter and played the rest of the game. He finished 7-of-13 for 55 yards.

BARINGER CONNECTS ON A 65-YARD PUNT

P Bryce Baringer connected on a 65-yard punt in the third quarter. He has 23 60-yard punts in his career, including 11 in 2024.

JENNINGS RECORDS 3 SACKS

LB Anfernee Jennings registered 3 sacks. His career high in the regular season is 2 sacks set at Chicago on Nov. 10, 2024.

BORREGALES CONNECTS ON A 51-YARD FIELD GOAL

Rookie K Andy Borregales connected on a 51-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.