



GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. Pittsburgh Steelers – September 21, 2025

TEAM NOTES

- Patriots hold Pittsburgh to just 2.5-yards per carry.
- Patriots have held first three opponents under 100 yards.
- Hunter Henry becomes fifth Pats tight end with 20 TDs.
- Henry moves into third place on Pats tight end reception list.
- Robert Spillane finishes with 15 total tackles.

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PATRIOTS DEFENSE HELD PITTSBURGH UNDER THREE YARDS PER CARRY

The Patriots held Pittsburgh to 64 yards rushing on 26 carries for a 2.5-yard average per carry. It marks the second time in 2025 that the Patriots held their opponent under 3 yards per carry. The Raiders were limited to 56 yards on 24 carries for a 2.3-yard average per carry in the season-opener.

STOPPING THE RUN

The Patriots have held their opponents under 100 yards rushing in each of the first three games of the season after holding Pittsburgh to 64 yards on the ground. The Patriots held Las Vegas to 60 yards and Miami to 61 yards. It is the first time holding the opponent under 100 yards rushing in the first three games since 2019 when the Patriots allowed 32 yards rushing vs Pittsburgh, 42 yards at Miami and 36 yards vs. the New York Jets in the first three games.

PATRIOTS CONVERT FOUR FIRST DOWNS

The Patriots were 4-of-5 on fourth downs. The only times in team history they converted more was when they went 5-of-6 on fourth down vs. San Francisco (12/16/12) and 5-of-6 on fourth down vs. Buffalo (12/26/21).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

HENRY BECOMES FIFTH PATRIOTS TIGHT END TO REACH 20 TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

TE Hunter Henry caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from QB Drake Maye in the second quarter to become the fifth Patriots tight end with at least 20 touchdown receptions. He added his 21st touchdown as a member of the Patriots with a 16-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.

Most Receiving Touchdowns Among Patriots Tight Ends

<u>Player</u>	<u>Receiving Touchdowns</u>
Rob Gronkowski	79
Ben Coates	50
Russ Francis	28
Hunter Henry	21
Ben Watson	20

HENRY MOVES UP THE LIST

Henry caught 8 passes against Pittsburgh to move past Russ Francis and Marv Cook into third place among all New England tight ends and now has 212 receptions as a Patriot.

Most Receptions Among Patriots Tight Ends

Player	Receptions
Rob Gronkowski	521
Ben Coates	490
Hunter Henry	212
Marv Cook	210
Russ Francis	207

HENRY HAS FIFTH CAREER 2- TD GAME

Henry scored on a 5-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter and a 16-yard reception in the fourth quarter for his fifth career 2-TD game. Four of those games were while he was with the Patriots.

HENRY TIES CAREER-HIGH WITH 8 RECEPTIONS

Henry finished the game with 8 receptions for 90 yards. The 8 receptions tied his career-high, a mark he has reached three other times in his career – 8 receptions at Jacksonville (10/20/24), vs. Seattle (9/15/24) and vs. Pittsburgh (10/13/19).

HENRY REACHES AT LEAST 90 RECEIVING YARDS FOR THE SIXTH TIME

Henry finished with 90 receiving yards, the sixth time in his career he has reached at least 90 receiving yards. His career-high is 109 yards vs. Seattle (9/15/24).

ROBERT SPILLANE HAS FIRST PICK AS A PATRIOT

LB Robert Spillane picked off a QB Aaron Rodgers pass in the third quarter and returned it 37 yards to the Pittsburgh 11-yard line. It is the longest interception return of his career. His previous long was a 33-yard interception returned for a touchdown at Baltimore (1/1/21) when he played for Pittsburgh. It is the second week in a row the Patriots have had a linebacker intercept a ball. LB Marte Mapu registered an interception at Miami (9/14). It is the 7th interception of Spillane's career.

SPILLANE REGISTERS 15 TOTAL TACKLES

Robert Spillane had his 19th career 10-tackle game after finishing with 15 total tackles. His 15 total tackles are the second-most of his career. He had a career-high 16 total tackles in the last game of the 2024 season vs. the L.A. Chargers (1/5/25) when he played for Las Vegas.

SPILLANE'S HIGHEST TACKLE TOTALS

16 vs. LA Chargers (1/5/25)

15 vs. Pittsburgh (9/21/25)

14 at Buffalo (9/17/23)

13 at Kansas City (12/26/21)

13 at Miami (11/19/23)

LINEUP NOTES

- **DB Kobe Minor**, drafted by New England in the seventh round of the 2025 NFL Draft, was elevated to the active roster from the practice squad for the second straight week.
- **LB Mark Robinson** was elevated from the practice squad to the active roster for the third straight week.
- **CB Alex Austin** made his second start of the season at cornerback in place of Christian Gonzalez.
- **DE Keion White** returned to action after missing a game due to injury.