



## GAME NOTES

### New England Patriots at New York Jets – December 28, 2025

#### TEAM NOTES

- Patriots earn series sweep of the Jets.
- Patriots reach 13 wins for the eighth time in team history.
- Patriots finish with an undefeated road record.
- TE Hunter Henry sets new single-season career high in receiving yards.
- QB Drake Maye reaches 4,000 passing yards and 30 touchdowns.
- WR Stefon Diggs has fifth 100-yard game of the season.

#### TEAM NOTES

#### PATRIOTS CLINCHY 22 AFC EAST TITLE

With the win over the New York Jets and the Buffalo Bills loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, the Patriots clinched their 22<sup>nd</sup> division title since 1970.

#### **MOST DIVISION TITLES SINCE 1970**

| <i>Team</i>        | <i>Seasons</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Pittsburgh         | 24             |
| <b>New England</b> | <b>22</b>      |
| Dallas             | 22             |
| San Francisco      | 22             |
| Minnesota          | 19             |
| Green Bay          | 16             |

#### PATRIOTS SWEEP THE JETS

The Patriots earned their 24th series sweep of the New York Jets and the first against the Jets since the 2022 season. The Patriots beat the Jets, 27-14, in the first meeting of the season in a Thursday Night Football game at Gillette Stadium on Nov. 13.

#### PATRIOTS EARN 13<sup>TH</sup> WIN OF THE SEASON

The victory over the New York Jets gave the Patriots their 13th win of the season and their eighth 13-win season in team history. Only San Francisco has more 13-win seasons with 11.

#### **MOST 13-WIN SEASONS SINCE THE 1970 MERGER**

| <i>Team</i>        | <i>Seasons</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|
| San Francisco      | 11             |
| <b>New England</b> | <b>8</b>       |
| Green Bay          | 7              |
| Denver             | 6              |
| Kansas City        | 6              |

## **PATRIOTS 13-WIN SEASONS**

| <b><u>Year</u></b> | <b><u>Record</u></b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 2003               | 14-2                 |
| 2004               | 14-2                 |
| 2007               | 16-0                 |
| 2010               | 14-2                 |
| 2011               | 13-3                 |
| 2016               | 14-2                 |
| 2017               | 13-3                 |
| <b>2025</b>        | <b>13-3</b>          |

## **PATRIOTS FINISH WITH PERFECT 8-0 ROAD RECORD**

With the win over the Jets, the Patriots improved to a perfect 8-0 road record in 2025. They are the only team that has not lost on the road in 2025. The Patriots finished undefeated on the road two other times in team history with 8-0 records in 2007 and 2016. The Patriots joined San Francisco (1984, 1989 and 1990) as the only NFL teams to go undefeated on the road in three seasons since 1970. The only other teams to go undefeated on the road in a season were Detroit (2024), Kansas City (2020), Dallas (2014), St. Louis (2001), Washington (1982) and Miami (1972).

## **TEAMS THAT HAVE FINISHED WITH AN 8-0 ROAD RECORD**

| <b><u>Team</u></b> | <b><u>Year</u></b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>New England</b> | <b>2025</b>        |
| Detroit            | 2024               |
| Kansas City        | 2020               |
| <b>New England</b> | <b>2016</b>        |
| Dallas             | 2014               |
| <b>New England</b> | <b>2007</b>        |
| St. Louis          | 2001               |
| San Francisco      | 1990               |
| San Francisco      | 1989               |
| San Francisco      | 1984               |

## **PATRIOTS REACH 50 TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> TIME IN TEAM HISTORY**

The Patriots reached 50 touchdowns in a season for the 13th time in team history and for the first time since the 2021 season when they scored 51 total touchdowns. The Patriots now have 53 touchdowns.

## **PATRIOTS SCORE 35 FIRST HALF POINTS**

The Patriots took a 35-3 first half lead against the Jets, the most first half points for New England since scoring 38 first half points vs. Chicago in a 51-23 win on Oct. 26, 2014.

### **PATRIOTS HAVE NINTH 100-YARD RECEIVING GAME**

WR Stefon Diggs finished with 101 receiving yards. It is the team's ninth 100-yard receiving game of the season, the most since they had 10 100-yard receiving games in 2016.

### **MOST 100-YARD GAMES IN A SEASON FOR THE PATRIOTS**

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Games</u> |
|-------------|--------------|
| 2011        | 18           |
| 2007        | 16           |
| 2013        | 13           |
| 2009        | 12           |
| 1986        | 12           |
| 2016        | 10           |
| 2015        | 10           |
| 2012        | 10           |

### **PATRIOTS WIN AGAINST THE JETS**

Over the last 10 seasons, the Patriots are 18-2 (.900) against the Jets, the best record by any NFL team (minimum 10 games) against a single opponent over this span.

### **PATRIOTS SCORE OVER 40 FOR SECOND TIME IN 2025**

The Patriots scored over 40 points for the second time in 2025. They had a 42-13 win vs. Carolina on Sept. 28.

### **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

#### **VRABEL WINS HIS FIRST EIGHT ROAD GAMES AS HEAD COACH OF THE PATRIOTS**

Mike Vrabel has won his first eight road games with New England, behind only George Seifert (1989-90), who won his first 16 road games.

### **MOST CONSECUTIVE ROAD WINS TO BEGIN CAREER WITH A FRANCHISE**

| <u>Coach</u>              | <u>Team</u>                 | <u>Consec. Road Wins</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| George Seifert (1989-90)  | San Francisco 49ers         | 16                       |
| <b>Mike Vrabel (2025)</b> | <b>New England Patriots</b> | <b>8</b>                 |
| Jim Caldwell (2009)       | Indianapolis Colts          | 7                        |
| Wade Phillips (2007)      | Dallas Cowboys              | 7                        |
| Red Miller (1977)         | Denver Broncos              | 6                        |
| Herman Edwards (2001)     | New York Jets               | 5                        |
| Don McCafferty (1970)     | Baltimore Colts             | 5                        |
| Allie Sherman (1961)      | New York Giants             | 5                        |

### **VRABEL EARNS FIRST 13-WIN SEASON AS A HEAD COACH**

Vrabel earned his first 13-win season as a head coach. He had one 12-win season as a head coach in 2021 when he led Tennessee to a 12-5 record. The last NFL head coach to win 13 games in his first season with a new team was Kevin O'Connell in 2022 with Minnesota. The only NFL head coaches with more than 13 wins in their first season coaching a team are the 14 wins by George Seifert in 1989 with San Francisco and the 14 wins by Jim Caldwell with Indianapolis in 2009.

### **HENRY SETS NEW SINGLE-SEASON CAREER-HIGH**

TE Hunter Henry set a new single-season career high in receiving yards with his 13-yard reception from QB Drake Maye on the game's opening drive and now has 712 receiving yards. Last season, he set a career-high with 674 receiving yards.

### **MAYE REACHES 4,000 PASSING YARDS**

QB Drake Maye entered this week with 3,947 passing yards and needed 53 yards passing to reach 4,000 yards passing. He reached the milestone in the first quarter on a 30-yard pass to WR Efton Chism III and now has 4,203 passing yards. Maye joins Tom Brady (11) and Drew Bledsoe (2) as the only New England quarterbacks to reach 4,000 passing yards in a season.

### **MAYE HAS 11TH GAME IN 2025 WITH AT LEAST TWO TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

Maye had his 11th game in 2025 with at least 2 touchdown passes after throwing 5 total touchdown passes. The Patriots record for the most games with at least 2 touchdown passes in a single season is 14 by Tom Brady in 2011 and 2007.

### **MAYE SET CAREER-HIGH WITH 5 TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

Maye set a career-high with his 5 touchdown passes. He has thrown 3 touchdown passes in a game three times, including two games in 2025. He had 3 touchdown passes at New Orleans (10/12) and vs. Cleveland (10/26). Maye is the first New England player to throw 5 touchdown passes since QB Tom Brady had 5 vs. Houston on Sept. 24, 2017.

### **MAYE TIES BRADY WITH 12 GAMES WITH A 100-PLUS RATING**

Maye had his 12<sup>th</sup> game in 2025 with a 100-plus quarterback rating after finishing with a 157.0 rating against the Jets to tie the team record. Tom Brady had 12 games in a season with a 100-plus rating in 2011 and 2010. The NFL record is 14 by Aaron Rodgers in 2020.

### **MAYE REACHES 30 TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

With his 5 touchdown passes, Maye now has 30 touchdown passes in 2025 to join Tom Brady (seven seasons) and Babe Parilli (one season) as the only Patriots with at least 30 touchdown passes in a season.

### **MAYE SET TEAM RECORD BY THROWING A TD TO FIVE DIFFERENT RECEIVERS**

Maye set a team record by throwing touchdown passes to five different receivers – TE Hunter Henry, RB Rhamondre Stevenson, WR Efton Chism III, WR Stefon Diggs and TE Austin Hooper. There have been 17 occasions in which the Patriots had four touchdown receivers, with the most recent occurrence coming on January 3rd, 2021, vs. the N.Y. Jets.

### **MAYE IS THE FIRST**

Maye is the first player in NFL history to have at least 250 passing yards, 5 passing touchdowns and a 90% completion percentage in a single game. Maye is also the first player in NFL history to have multiple games of 200-plus passing yards and at least 2 passing touchdowns with at least a 90% completion percentage in a single season. His other game was against Tennessee on Oct. 19, 2025.

### **MAYE HAS SECOND GAME IN 2025 WITH A 90 PERCENT COMPLETION PERCENTAGE**

Maye set a team record for highest completion percentage with a 91.3 pass completion, going 21-of-23 for 222 yards with 2 touchdowns at Tennessee on Oct. 19. He had the second-best completion percentage against the Jets, going 19-of-21 for a 90.5 pass completion percentage, which is tied for 15<sup>th</sup> best all-time.

### **Highest Completion Percentage in a Game/Patriots History (Minimum 20 Attempts)**

- .913 **Drake Maye at Tennessee, Oct. 19, 2025**
- .905 **Drake Maye at the N.Y. Jets, Dec. 28, 2025 (19-21)**
- .885 Tom Brady vs. Jacksonville, Dec. 27, 2009 (26-23)
- .857 Tom Brady vs. Chicago, Oct. 26, 2014 (35-30)
- .853 Tom Brady vs. Tennessee, Oct. 18, 2009 (34-29)

### **MAYE HAS THIRD BEST PASSER RATING**

Maye finished with a 157.0 passer rating. The only better passer rating in team history was by Tom Brady when he had a perfect passer rating of 158.3 in 2010 at Detroit and in 2007 at Miami.

### **DIGGS GOES OVER 100 YARDS FOR FIFTH TIME IN 2025**

WR Stefon Diggs finished with 101 receiving yards for his fifth 100-yard game of the season and his 41<sup>st</sup> career 100-yard game, which is third in the NFL among active players.

### **MOST 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES AMONG ACTIVE PLAYERS, REGULAR SEASON**

| <b>Player</b>       | <b>No. of Games</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Davante Adams       | 46                  |
| DeAndre Hopkins     | 42                  |
| <b>Stefon Diggs</b> | <b>41</b>           |
| Keenan Allen        | 40                  |
| Mike Evans          | 39                  |
| Travis Kelce        | 38                  |
| Tyreek Hill         | 37                  |

### **DIGGS IS FIRST PATRIOTS PLAYER WITH FIVE 100-YARD GAMES SINCE 2015**

Diggs is the first Patriots player with five 100-yard games in a season since TE Rob Gronkowski in 2015. Diggs has recorded at least five 100-yard games in a season five times in his career – 2019 (five), 2020 (seven), 2022 (seven), 2023 (five) and 2025 (five).

### **DIGGS HAS BACK-TO-BACK 100-YARD GAMES**

Diggs registered his second straight 100-yard game after he had 138 yards at Baltimore (12/21) and followed that with 101 yards against the Jets. It is the second time he has had back-to-back 100-yard games this season. He followed a 101-yard game vs. Carolina (9/28) with 146 yards receiving at Buffalo (10/5).

### **STEVENSON EXTENDS MARK WITH AT LEAST 700 YARDS IN FIVE STRAIGHT SEASONS**

RB Rhamondre Stevenson is the first player in franchise history with 700-plus scrimmage yards in each of his first five seasons: 729 in 2021, 1,461 in 2022, 857 in 2023, 969 in 2024 and 795 in 2025. Curtis Martin, John Stephens and Tony Collins are the Patriots that had 700-plus scrimmage yards in each of their first three NFL seasons. Stevenson entered the Jets game with 693 scrimmage yards and needed 7 scrimmage yards to extend his streak to five straight seasons with at least 700 scrimmage yards.

### **STEVENSON HAS LONGEST RUN OF THE SEASON**

Stevenson had a 24-yard run on the game's opening drive, his longest run of the season. His previous best was a 22-yard run vs. Carolina (9/28).

### **STEVENSON HAS SECOND NFL GAME WITH A RECEIVING TD AND A RUSHING TD IN THE SAME GAME**

Stevenson scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter and on a 22-yard reception from QB Drake Maye in the second quarter. It is his second career game with a rushing touchdown and receiving touchdown. He accomplished the feat at Tennessee on Nov. 3, 2024.

### **HOOPER HAS SECOND TD OF THE SEASON**

TE Austin Hooper finished the game's opening drive with a 2-yard touchdown pass from QB Drake Maye, his second touchdown reception of the season. He had a 3-yard touchdown reception at Tennessee (10/19).

### **CHISM'S FIRST CATCH RESULTS IN A 30-YARD GAIN**

WR Efton Chism III's first NFL reception resulted in a 30-yard reception from QB Drake Maye in the first quarter.

### **CHISM SCORES FIRST NFL TOUCHDOWN**

Chism scored his first NFL touchdown on a 10-yard pass from Maye in the third quarter.

### **HAWKINS HAS THIRD INTERCEPTION OF THE SEASON**

S Jaylinn Hawkins picked off a QB Brady Cook pass in the first quarter for his third interception of the season, a new single-season career high. He had 2 interceptions in 2021 and in 2022 with Atlanta.

### **ELLISS HAD 3 ASSISTED SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES**

LB Christian Elliss finished with 3 assisted special teams tackles to increase his 2025 totals to 18 special teams tackles. It is the fourth time in 2025 that Elliss has finished a game with at least 3 special teams tackles. He had 3 at Miami (9/14) and vs. Atlanta (11/2) and 4 vs. the N.Y. Giants (12/1). LB Don Davis and LB Larry Izzo were the last Patriots players to finish a season with at least 20 special teams tackles when both reached 20 in 2005.

### **PETTUS RECORDS SECOND NFL SACK**

S Dell Pettus sacked Jets QB Brady Cook in the second quarter for a 12-yard loss, his second career sack. He sacked QB Caleb Williams for a 7-yard loss at Chicago on Nov. 10, 2024.

### **LINEUP NOTES**

- **OL Ben Brown** made his third start at left guard in place of Jared Wilson. Brown made his first career start at left guard vs. Carolina on Sept. 28 and his second vs. the New York Giants (12/1).
- **TE C.J. Dippre** made his NFL debut on the game's opening kickoff return.
- **T Vederian Lowe** started at left tackle in place of Will Campbell for the fourth straight game.
- **T Thayer Munford Jr.** made his first start with New England as tackle-eligible tight end.
- **LB Bradyn Swinson** saw his first action on defense in the first quarter.
- **CB Miles Battle** played on defense for the first time in 2025.