



# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS NEWS RELEASE

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## MEDIA SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, Sept. 26

10:45-11:15 Head Coach Bill Belichick's Press Conference (Super Box A)  
11:15-11:55 Players available in locker room  
12:30 Peyton Manning Conference Call  
12:45 Jim Mora Conference Call

### Thursday, Sept. 27

10:45-11:15 Head Coach Bill Belichick's Press Conference (Super Box A)  
11:15-11:55 Players available in locker room  
12:30-12:50 Photo Access at Practice

### Friday, Sept. 28

10:30-11:00 Head Coach Bill Belichick's Press Conference (Super Box A)  
11:00-11:35 Players available in locker room  
12:00-12:20 Photo Access at Practice

## PATRIOTS SCHEDULE

### REGULAR SEASON (0-2)

Sun., Sept. 9	at Cincinnati	L	17-23
Sun., Sept. 16	Postponed		
Sun., Sept. 23	N.Y. Jets	L	3-10
Sun., Sept. 30	Indianapolis	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Oct. 7	at Miami	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Oct. 14	San Diego	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Oct. 21	at Indianapolis	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Oct. 28	at Denver	4:15	WBZ
Sun., Nov. 4	at Atlanta	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Nov. 11	Buffalo	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Nov. 18	St. Louis	8:30	ESPN
Sun., Nov. 25	New Orleans	4:05	WFXT
Sun., Dec. 2	at N.Y. Jets	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Dec. 9	Cleveland	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Dec. 16	at Buffalo	1:00	WBZ
Sat., Dec. 22	Miami Dolphins	1:30	WBZ
Sun., Jan 6	at Carolina	1:00	WBZ

## AFC EAST STANDINGS

AFC EAST	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	87	50
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	49	38
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	34	48
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	32	66
New England	0	2	0	.000	20	33

## REGULAR SEASON WEEK 3 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (0-2) VS INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (2-0)

**DATE:** September 30, 2001

**SITE:** Foxboro Stadium (62,292) - Grass

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. EDT

**TELEVISION:** This week's game will be broadcast regionally on CBS (locally on WBZ Channel 4 in Boston). **Gus Johnson** will provide the play-by-play detail and will be joined by broadcast partner **Brent Jones**.

**RADIO:** WBCN's Rock Radio Network 104.1 FM. **Gil Santos**, now in his 25<sup>th</sup> season as voice of the Patriots, will call the action along with former Patriots center **Peter Brock**.

The New England Patriots (0-2) will host the undefeated Indianapolis Colts (2-0) this Sunday, their second of three consecutive divisional games. The Colts have taken an early lead in the division with both victories coming against division foes, the New York Jets (45-24) and the Buffalo Bills (42-26).

Second-year quarterback Tom Brady will make his NFL starting debut this week, replacing Drew Bledsoe, who sustained an injury late in the fourth quarter vs. the New York Jets (9/23/01). The Michigan product made his last start in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2, 2000. He completed 34 of 46 attempts for 369 yards and touchdowns of 27, 57, 20 and 25 yards. The 25-yard touchdown toss proved to be the game-winning touchdown in a 35-34 overtime victory over Alabama.

Bledsoe has started 124 of 130 possible regular season games since joining the Patriots in 1993, including each of the last 34 consecutive games. The last time an injury sidelined Bledsoe was in 1998 after suffering a fractured right index finger. He started three games after sustaining the injury, but was sidelined for the last two games of the regular season after the Patriots clinched a playoff berth. Scott Zolak replaced Bledsoe on Dec. 20, 1998 and led the Patriots to a 24-21 victory over the 49ers.

Since 1993, only three different quarterbacks have started for the Patriots. Bledsoe has started 124 games, while Zolak and Scott Secules started three apiece. In 1992, the year before the Patriots drafted Bledsoe, the team introduced four different starting quarterbacks in one season.

This year marks the fourth 0-2 start by the Patriots in the last seven years. In two of the last three seasons that the team started 0-2, they rebounded to claim a playoff berth. In 1994, the team rebounded from 0-2 to win 10 of their last 14 games to earn a wild-card berth. It was their first playoff berth in eight years. In 1996, the team recovered from an 0-2 start to win 11 of their final 14 games to clinch the AFC East division title en route to their second conference title in franchise history.

Next week, the Patriots face their third consecutive division rival when they travel to Miami to play the Dolphins.

## HOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE

The Patriots have won 11 of the last 15 games against the Colts, including seven of the last eight in Foxboro. Last year, the Patriots scored 14 fourth quarter points and defeated the Colts 24-16 in Foxboro. See the results below:

Year	Result	+/-	Year	Result	+/-
1993—at NE	38, Indianapolis 0	+38	1997—at NE	31, Indianapolis 6	+25
1994—at NE	28, Indianapolis 18	+10	1998—at NE	29, Indianapolis 6	+23
1995—Indianapolis	24, at NE	10.....-14	1999—at NE	31, Indianapolis 28	+3
1996—at NE	27, Indianapolis 13	+14	2000—at NE	24, Indianapolis 16	+8



# Series Information

## SERIES HISTORY

The New England Patriots and the Indianapolis Colts will meet this Sunday for the 62<sup>nd</sup> time in series history. Their rivalry dates back to 1970, when the Baltimore Colts defeated the Patriots 14-6 at Harvard Stadium. Since the Colts moved to Indianapolis in 1984, the Patriots have had their number, winning 24 of 33 games.

The two teams have split games over the past two seasons with the home team winning each game. The Patriots have accumulated a 20-10 record at Foxboro Stadium against the Colts. The results of the series are listed below:

## REGULAR SEASON RESULTS (37-24)

Date	Result	+/-	Date	Result	+/-
1970—Baltimore 14, at NE 6	.....	-8	1986—at NE 33, Indianapolis 3	+30	
at Baltimore 27, NE 3	.....	-24	NE 30, at Indianapolis 21	+9	
1971—Baltimore 23, at NE 3	.....	-20	1987—at Indianapolis 30, NE 16	-14	
NE 21, at Baltimore 17	.....	+4	at NE 24, Indianapolis 0	+24	
1972—Baltimore 24, at NE 17	.....	-7	1988—at NE 21, Indianapolis 17	+4	
at Baltimore 31, NE 0	.....	-31	at Indianapolis 24, NE 21	-3	
1973—at NE 24, Baltimore 16	....	+8	1989—NE 23, at Indy 20 (OT)	... +3	
at Baltimore 18, NE 13	.....	-5	at NE 22, Indianapolis 16	+6	
1974—at NE 42, Baltimore 3	....	+39	1990—NE 16, at Indianapolis 14	+2	
NE 27, at Baltimore 17	....	+10	Indianapolis 13, at NE 10	-3	
1975—at NE 21, Baltimore 10	...+11		1991—NE 16, at Indianapolis 7	...+9	
at Baltimore 34, NE 21	....	-13	at NE 23, Indy 17 (OT)	....+6	
1976—Baltimore 27, at NE 13	...-14		1992—NE 37, at Indy 34 (OT)	....+3	
NE 21, at Baltimore 14	.....	+7	Indianapolis 6, at NE 0	....-6	
1977—at NE 17, Baltimore 3	....+14		1993—at Indianapolis 9, NE 6	....-3	
at Baltimore 30, NE 24	.....	-6	at NE 38, Indianapolis 0	+38	
1978—Baltimore 34, at NE 27	.....	-7	1994—NE 12, at Indianapolis 10	+2	
NE 35, at Baltimore 14	....	+21	at NE 28, Indianapolis 18	+10	
1979—at Baltimore 31, NE 26	.....	-5	1995—Indianapolis 24, at NE 10	-14	
at NE 50, Baltimore 21	....	+29	at Indianapolis 10, NE 7	....-3	
1980—NE 37, at Baltimore 21	...+16		1996—NE 27, at Indianapolis 9	+18	
at NE 47, Baltimore 21	....	+26	at NE 27, Indianapolis 13	+14	
1981—Baltimore 29, at NE 28	.....	-1	1997—at NE 31, Indianapolis 6	+25	
at Baltimore 23, NE 21	.....	-2	NE 20, at Indianapolis 17	+3	
1982—NE 24, at Baltimore 13	...+11		1998—at NE 29, Indianapolis 6	+23	
1983—Balt. 29, at NE 23 (OT)	....	-6	NE 21, at Indianapolis 16	+5	
at Baltimore 12, NE 7	.....	-5	1999—at NE 31, Indianapolis 28	+3	
1984—NE 50, at Indianapolis 17	+33		at Indianapolis 20, NE 15	...-5	
at NE 16, Indianapolis 10	....+6		2000—at NE 24, Indianapolis 16	+8	
1985—at NE 34, Indianapolis 15	+19		at Indianapolis 30, NE 23	...-7	
NE 38, at Indianapolis 31	...+7		(Points—Patriots 1,377, Colts 1,083)		

## SERIES TRENDS

Overall Record	.....	37 wins - 24 losses
Record in New England	.....	20 wins - 10 losses
Record in Indianapolis	.....	11 wins - 6 losses
Record in Baltimore	.....	6 wins - 8 losses
Total Points in the Series	.....	Patriots 1,377, Colts 1,083
Patriots' Largest Margin of Victory	....	39 points (10/6/74)
Patriots' Largest Margin of Defeat	....	-31 points (11/26/72)
Highest Combined Point Total	.....	71 points in '79 and '92
Lowest Combined Point Total	.....	6 points in 1992
Shutouts in the Series	.....	4
Longest Patriots Win Streak	.....	7 (1996-99)
Longest Colts Win Streak	.....	3 (1970-1971)
Seasonal Sweeps	.....	Patriots 12, Colts 5
Current Streak	.....	Indianapolis one game

## HOME SWEET HOME

Since 1994, the Patriots have compiled a 47-27 (.635) record in Foxboro. The fans have responded, too – every one of those 74 games has been a sellout. This weekend, the Patriots will also extend their streak of locally televised games to 158 consecutive games. The streak includes preseason, regular season and postseason games.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

### Through Week One

Categories	New England	Indianapolis
Record	.....	0-2
Divisional Standings	.....	4 <sup>th</sup> T
Total Yards Gained	.....	600
Total Offense (Rank)	.....	300.0 (19)
Rush Offense	.....	87.5 (22)
Pass Offense	.....	212.5 (15)
Points Per Game	.....	10.0 (26t)
Total Yards Allowed	.....	591
Total Defense	.....	295.5 (13)
Rush Defense	.....	134.0 (27)
Pass Defense	.....	161.5 (7)
Points Allowed/Game	.....	16.5 (12t)
Possession Avg.	.....	29:58
Sacks Allowed/Yards Loss	.....	5/21
Sacks Made/Yards	.....	3/18
Interceptions By	.....	0
Penalties Against/Yards	.....	12/100
Fumbles/Lost	.....	4/2
Fumbles Forced/Recovered	.....	2/1
Takeaway/Giveaway Ratio	.....	-3

## SERIES SUPERLATIVES

Below is a list of the top individual performances in the series between the Patriots and the Colts:

### Rushing Yards

Patriots:	Curtis Martin 35-141-1 td (11/24/96)
	Don Calhoun 24-141-0 tds (11/14/76)
Colts:	Randy McMillan 16-146-2 tds (9/6/81)

### Passing Yards

Patriots:	Steve Grogan 28-46-355, 1 td, 2 ints (10/29/89)
Colts:	Bert Jones 19-30-340, 3tds, 0 ints (12/18/77)

### Receiving Yards

Patriots:	Stanley Morgan 5-170-1 td (11/26/78)
Colts:	Roger Carr 6-187-2 tds (9/18/78)

## PATRIOTS – COLTS CAPSULE INFORMATION

**PATRIOTS:** They have won 20 of 30 games at Foxboro Stadium in the series ... The last Patriots quarterback to start against the Colts, other than **Drew Bledsoe** was **Scott Secules** (10/31/93) ... Secules completed 23 of 37 passes for 279 yards and two interceptions ... **CB Ty Law** has recorded three interceptions against Peyton Manning, including one last season ... **CB Terrell Buckley** tied his career-high with two interceptions against the Colts (9/6/98) ... **LB Bryan Cox** recorded two sacks against the Colts while with the Jets last season (12/3/00) ... **K Adam Vinatieri** has converted all 26 PATs and 18-19 (.947) field goals against the Colts. **COLTS: RB Edgerrin James** has rushed for 100 yards in three of four games against the Patriots ... **WR Marvin Harrison** aims for his fifth consecutive 100-yard receiving game against the Patriots. **THE TWO TEAMS** combined to average 731.3 yards in each of the last four meetings ... One team has eclipsed the 400 total yard mark in three of the last four games, New England (2) and Indianapolis (1).



# Game Review – Jets 10, Patriots 3

## GAME REVIEW

The New England Patriots could not overcome four turnovers and dropped their home opener to the visiting New York Jets, 10-3. Despite outgaining the Jets, 308 yards to 238, the Patriots fell to the Jets for the fourth straight time.

The game was filled with shows of Patriotism. Prior to kickoff, a giant American Flag was unfurled on the field and a special rendition of "America the Beautiful," was followed by a moment of silence. The national anthem was then performed by Massachusetts State Trooper and former Marine Dan Clark. Fleet donated over 60,000 American Flags that were handed out to every Patriot fan who entered the stadium.

The Patriots opened the scoring with a 24-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri in the first quarter. The score capped a 15-play, 64-yard drive, which was highlighted by a 13-yard run by Kevin Faulk, a 14-yard run by Marc Edwards and a 16-yard run J.R. Redmond. The Patriots finished the game with 107 yards rushing on 26 carries (4.1 avg.).

At the close of the first half, the Jets tied the game at three on a 26-yard field goal by John Hall. Their drive started following the first of four Patriots turnovers.

The Patriots started the second half on the move, going 66-yards to the Jets 10-yardline. Unfortunately, the Patriots fumbled the football and the Jets recovered the miscue on their 7-yardline. They were able to convert the second turnover into another score and jumped out to a 10-3 lead. The score would prove to be the difference in the game.

The Patriots had opportunities to tie the game in the fourth quarter, but were forced into two turnovers and had their final drive stall as time ran out.

## TRIBUTE TO HEROES

Before the game, the Patriots recognized four American heroes; Bill Andruzzi and his three sons, Billy, Jimmy and Marc. Bill Andruzzi, a retired New York City police officer, was joined by his three sons as honorary captains for the game's opening coin toss. Billy, Jimmy and Marc are the brothers of Patriots offensive guard Joe Andruzzi. His three brothers are New York firefighters who answered the call during the attack on the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11.

## HOME SWEET HOME

Last week's game was the 74<sup>th</sup> consecutive game sell out at Foxboro Stadium. The streak assures that all Patriots games, home and away, are televised locally. The Patriots have now appeared on local television each of their last 157 consecutive games. The streak includes preseason, regular season and postseason games.

## HOME OPENERS

The Patriots are now 14-17 in home openers since moving to Foxboro in 1971. Next year, the Patriots will open the season in their first state-of-the-art facility, the 68,000-seat CMGI Field.

## MILLER LITE PLAYER OF THE GAME

Wide receiver Troy Brown was named Miller Lite Player of the Game for the second consecutive week. Brown caught five passes for 82 yards, including a 58-yard reception in the third quarter. He also returned four punts for 44 yards (11.0 avg.).

## PLEASANTVILLE

New England defensive end Anthony Pleasant recorded his first sack as a Patriot when he brought down Vinny Testaverde for a seven-yard loss in the first quarter. It was the 49<sup>th</sup> career sack of his 12-year career.

## DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Defensive end Bobby Hamilton finished second on the team with eight tackles, including his first sack of the season.
- Cornerback Ty Law led the Patriots defense with 10 tackles. It tied the second-highest total of his career (10, vs. Miami 10/17/99).

## BILL BELICHICK'S COMMENTS

### On Bledsoe's condition (Monday, 9/24):

BB: When he got hit last night he had some pain and was kind of knocked out. I talked to him on the sideline, he felt okay, put him back in the game. After the series it was clear that he was a little woozy, not quite himself so that is when I put Tom [Brady] in for the last series. After the game he felt okay, but as time went on maybe to about 45 minutes after the contact, he started feeling more pain and more discomfort so he was taken to the hospital last night for observation and for treatment.

### RE: Tom Brady's performance vs. Jets (Monday, 9/24):

BB: All things considered I thought in that situation he threw the ball pretty accurately and made good decisions, but it would have been good if we could have just made one more play.

### RE: Changing playbook for a younger, inexperienced QB (Monday, 9/24):

BB: One thing we have tried to do through the year is to, whether it be in preseason games or in practice, we really haven't called plays with regard to what quarterback is in there. In other words when we started training camp everybody would just take their rotations and whatever plays came up, came up. In preseason games we did the same thing. Whichever quarterback was in there, they ran the plays that were called.

This year it has been consistent for us to run whatever plays we run in practice, whoever is in there at quarterback is in there at quarterback. There are no specific plays designed for any one guy.

### RE: Comments on the game (Sunday, 9/23):

BB: It's a tough loss, it's a real tough loss. We just have to play a little bit better. I think that there were some positive things out there today, but it just wasn't good enough in a tight game. We made too many mistakes. We had key turnovers. We couldn't get the ball in the endzone. I thought we moved the ball and had some opportunities and we didn't take advantage of them. Defensively we had two bad drives and that's where they got their points.

### RE: The personal foul penalties (Sunday, 9/23):

BB: We have got to use better judgement. They were costly and a lot of penalty yardage came at some key times and you can't give away yards like that.



# News and Notes

## BLEDSOE MOVES CLOSER TO 30,000

Drew Bledsoe currently has accumulated 29,657 yards passing during his nine-year career and needs only 343 passing yards to reach the 30,000-yard mark. He would become one of only three active players (Vinny Testaverde and Brett Favre) who have reached that mark.

Last season, Bledsoe became the Patriots all-time leading passer, surpassing Steve Grogan's total of 26,886 yards. He broke the record in his 111<sup>th</sup> career game, while Grogan established his record over 16 seasons (1975-90) in 149 games.

In 1998, he became the Patriots all-time completion leader, moving past Grogan (1,879) in the 1998 season finale. Against the Dolphins on Oct. 17, 1999, Bledsoe moved ahead of Grogan (3,593) as the team's all-time passing attempts leader. Grogan still holds the franchise record for touchdowns with 182. Bledsoe needs 17 scoring throws to claim the touchdown title. See below:

Yards		Touchdowns	
<b>29,657 Drew Bledsoe 1993-01</b>	182 Steve Grogan 1975-90	<b>166 Drew Bledsoe 1993-01</b>	
26,886 Steve Grogan 1975-90		132 Vito Parilli 1961-67	
16,747 Vito Parilli 1961-67			
Attempts		Completions	
<b>4,518 Drew Bledsoe 1993-01</b>	<b>2,544 Drew Bledsoe 1993-01</b>		
3,593 Steve Grogan 1975-90	1,879 Steve Grogan 1975-90		
2,413 Vito Parilli 1961-67	1,140 Vito Parilli 1961-67		

## NFL IRONMEN

Quarterback Drew Bledsoe has been incredibly durable during his nine-year career with the Patriots, having played in 124 of 130 possible games since entering the league in 1993. Only Packers quarterback Brett Favre, who hasn't missed a game since 1992, has played in more games during that time.

### MOST GAMES PLAYED BY A QB SINCE 1993

Player	Games
Brett Favre .....	130
<b>Drew Bledsoe .....</b>	<b>124</b>
Vinny Testaverde .....	99

## BRADY BUNCH

Patriots second-year quarterback Tom Brady will start in his first NFL game this weekend against the Colts. He will be the first quarterback to start for the Patriots instead of Drew Bledsoe, since Scott Zolak started the final two games of the 1998 season.

While this weekend will be Brady's first career start, it won't be his first action in the NFL. He saw action against the Detroit Lions on Nov. 23, 2000 and completed one of three passes for six yards. He also saw extensive playing time this past preseason, completing 31 of 54 completions for 384 yards and two touchdowns.

## BACKUPS

During Drew Bledsoe's nine-year career, only three players have started games at quarterback, Bledsoe (124), Scott Secules (3) and Scott Zolak (3). Secules started three games during the 1993 season when Bledsoe suffered a left knee sprain. Zolak filled in for Bledsoe when he separated his shoulder for one game in 1995 and two games in 1998, when he was put on injured reserve with a fractured right index finger.

Quarterbacks	Starts	Att	Comp	Yds	Td	Int
Scott Secules .....	3	107	61	688	1	7
Scott Zolak .....	3	106	52	584	4	2

## FREE AGENT FLURY

The Patriots have added 18 new veterans to their roster (17 free agents and one via waivers) since the end of the 2000 season. Since Head Coach Bill Belichick arrived in 2000, the Patriots have added 39 new players to the current 53-man roster, including 21 free agents. The list of Patriots additions are listed below in alphabetical order:

NAME	POS	EXP	GP	FORMER TEAM
Terrell Buckley	CB	10	144	Denver
Je'Rod Cherry	DB	6	75	Philadelphia
Mike Compton	G/C	9	106	Detroit
Bryan Cox	LB	11	147	N.Y. Jets
Marc Edwards	FB	5	66	Cleveland
Bert Emanuel	WR	8	97	Miami
Damon Huard	QB	5	34	Miami
Larry Izzo	LB	6	63	Miami
Charles Johnson	WR	8	105	Philadelphia
Marty Moore	LB	9	111	Cleveland
Riddick Parker	DL	5	52	Seattle
David Patten	WR	5	60	Cleveland
Roman Phifer	LB	11	153	N.Y. Jets
Anthony Pleasant	DE	12	167	San Francisco
Terrance Shaw	CB	7	81	Miami
Antowain Smith	RB	5	59	Buffalo
Matt Stevens*	S	6	67	Washington
Mike Vrabel	LB	5	53	Pittsburgh
<b>17 Players</b>		<b>133</b>	<b>1,640</b>	

\*-originally claimed off waivers in 2000.

## TROY BROWN

Patriots wide receiver Troy Brown has grabbed 12 passes for 188 yards through the first two games of the season. Brown currently ranks fourth in the AFC with 12 catches and 188 yards (see below). In addition, eight of Brown's 12 catches have been for first downs.

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
R. Smith, Den. ....	23	277	12.0	34t	3
J. Pathon, Ind. ....	17	261	15.4	60t	2
Ji. Smith, Jax .....	15	213	14.2	34t	2
<b>T. Brown, N.E. ....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>
S. Sharpe, Bal.(TE)...	12	118	9.8	27	0

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<b>T. Brown, N.E. ....</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>
D. Scott, Cin. ....	186	10	18.6	41	0

## TONS OF TACKLES

Through the first two games of the season, Patriots linebacker Bryan Cox leads the team with 15 tackles. During his 11-year career, Cox has accumulated 1,042 total tackles, the fifth highest total among active AFC linebackers.

## STILL KICKING

Patriots punter Lee Johnson, who became the NFL's all-time leading punter in the first game of the season, currently ranks second in the AFC and third in the NFL with a 49.1 punting average. Last week, he averaged 49.4 yards on five punts, including placing three kicks inside the 20-yardline against the Jets.



## BY THE NUMBERS

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**188**

Troy Brown's receiving yardage total this season, which ranks fourth in the AFC.

**2,959**

The number of career receiving yards Brown has totaled during his nine-year career. He currently ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in franchise history.

**12**

The number of catches Brown recorded this season, which ranks fourth in the AFC.

**8**

The number of those catches which resulted in first downs.

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**29,657**

Drew Bledsoe's career passing total.

**343**

The number of yards Bledsoe needs to reach 30,000 yards passing.

**3,286**

The number of yards Bledsoe needs to enter the NFL's all-time top 20.

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**6**

The number of games, out of 130, that Bledsoe has missed during his nine-year career.

**3**

The most consecutive games Bledsoe has missed during his career. (1993)

**63-60**

The Patriots record in Bledsoe's 123 career starts.

**1-5**

The Patriots record in games that Bledsoe did not start.

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**20-5**

Quarterback Tom Brady's career record as a two-year starter for Michigan (1998-99).

**161.5**

The average number of passing yards the Patriots defense has yielded this season.

**7**

The NFL ranking of the Patriots passing defense.

**320.0**

The average number of passing yards the Colts have accumulated this season.

**1**

The NFL ranking of the Colts passing offense.

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**29.6**

The third down conversion efficiency of Patriots opponents during the 2001 season.

**43.5**

The final third down efficiency of Patriots opponents for the 2000 season.

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**75**

The number of consecutive sellouts at Foxboro Stadium (including this week's contest), a streak that began the year Robert Kraft purchased the team (1994) and includes preseason, regular season and postseason games. The Patriots are 47-26 in those games.

**158**

The number of consecutive Patriots games (including this weekend versus the Colts) that have been televised locally, including preseason, regular season and postseason games.

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**53**

The NFL roster limit.

**39**

The number of players who have joined the Patriots since January 2000.

**17**

The number of veteran free agents added by the Patriots since January 2001.

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**49.1**

The punting average of Patriots Lee Johnson. He ranks second in the AFC and third in the NFL.