



# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS NEWS RELEASE

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## MEDIA SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, Oct. 10

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  
3:30 Doug Flutie Conference Call  
3:45 Mike Riley Conference Call

### Thursday, Oct. 11

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, Oct. 12

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 (1-3)

Sun., Sept. 9	at Cincinnati	L	17-23
Sun., Sept. 16	Postponed		
Sun., Sept. 23	N.Y. Jets	L	3-10
<b>Sun., Sept. 30</b>	<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>44-13</b>
Sun., Oct. 7	at Miami	L	10-30
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
Miami	3	1	0	.750	89	90
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.666	100	94
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	93	103
New England	1	3	0	.250	74	76
Buffalo	0	4	0	.000	71	128

## REGULAR SEASON WEEK 5 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (1-3) VS SAN DIEGO (3-1)

**DATE:** October 14, 2001

**SITE:** Foxboro Stadium (60,292) - 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). **Ian Eagle** will provide the play-by-play detail and will be joined by broadcast partner **Solomon Wilcotts**.

**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 (1-3) return home to host the San Diego Chargers (3-1) this week. Both teams will attempt to rebound from disappointing Week 4 road losses. The Patriots were defeated by the division-leading Miami Dolphins, 30-10, while the Chargers were dealt their first loss of the season by the upstart Cleveland Browns, 20-16.

The Patriots enter this week's game with hopes of extending their nine-game win streak against the Chargers. The Patriots hold a 16-12-2 series advantage and have not been defeated by the Chargers since Nov. 15, 1970, when the Boston Patriots hosted their AFL rival at Harvard Stadium before a crowd of 30,597. Over the last 30 years, the Patriots have outscored the Chargers 288-149, including an 86-14 advantage in their last two meetings.

The Patriots last hosted the Chargers in the 1997 season opener and scored a convincing 41-7 victory. The Patriots largest margin of victory in the series came the year before when the team rolled to a 45-7 victory at San Diego on Dec. 1, 1996.

Patriots second-year quarterback Tom Brady, 20-5 as a starter at Michigan, is now 1-1 as an NFL starter. He returns to Foxboro, where he led the Patriots to a 44-13 victory over the Indianapolis Colts in his NFL starting debut two weeks ago. A victory this week over the Chargers would give Brady consecutive home victories. The last time a Patriots quarterback, other than Drew Bledsoe, led the Patriots to consecutive victories at home was Hugh Millen in 1991.

The Patriots run defense will face another daunting challenge as they prepare for rookie running back LaDainian Tomlinson. Through Week 4, Tomlinson leads the NFL with 412 yards rushing (104.0 per game) and is tied with a league-leading six rushing touchdowns. The Patriots, who limited Edgerrin James to just 55 yards rushing in a victory over the Colts in Week 3, are 0-3 in games that they have allowed an individual 100-yard rushing performance.

Offensively, the Patriots will face one of the league's stingiest and most opportunistic defenses. The Chargers defense is ranked fourth in the NFL, allowing just 241.3 yards per game. They have also forced a league-high 14 turnovers, including eight interceptions. Five of those interceptions have been credited to cornerback Ryan McNeil, who earned September AFC Defensive Player of the Month honors for his efforts.

Chargers quarterback Doug Flutie, a Natick native, returns to Foxboro Stadium, where he is 7-1 as a starter, including a 5-0 record as the quarterback of the Patriots (1988-89). His last two victories in Foxboro came at the controls of the Buffalo Bills in 1999 and 2000. Both games were decided by field goals in overtime.

## HOME SWEET HOME

The Patriots will return home to a sold-out Foxboro Stadium and face the Chargers this weekend. They will extend their sellout streak to 76 games, a streak that started in 1994. The Patriots have a 48-27 record in Foxboro during that streak.

This week's game will be the only home game played at Foxboro Stadium during the month of October. Next week, the Patriots travel to Indianapolis for their first of three road games before returning to host the Buffalo Bills on Nov. 11, 2001.



# Series Information

## SERIES HISTORY

This week's game will be the 31<sup>st</sup> encounter between the Patriots and Chargers, dating back to the first season of the AFL. The Patriots currently have a nine-game winning streak in the series. It's the longest current winning streak the Patriots hold over any other team in the NFL. The last time the Chargers won was 1970, the final year of the AFL. The two teams met once in the playoffs, in the 1963 AFL Championship Game, and the Chargers were victorious 51-10.

## PATRIOTS 16, SAN DIEGO 12 (2 ties)

1960—NE 35, at Los Angeles 0 ..... +35 .....LA Coliseum  
 Los Angeles 45, at NE 16 .... -29.....Boston University  
 1961—San Diego 38, at NE 27 ..... -11.....Boston University  
 NE 41, at San Diego 0 ..... +41 .....Balboa  
 1962—at NE 24, San Diego 20 ..... +4 .....Boston University  
 NE 20, at San Diego 14 ..... +6 .....Balboa  
 1963—at San Diego 17, NE 13 ..... -4.....Balboa  
 San Diego 7, at NE 6 ..... -1.....Fenway Park  
 \*at San Diego 51, NE 10 .... -41 .....Balboa  
 1964—NE 33, at San Diego 28 ..... +5 .....Balboa  
 San Diego 26, at NE 17 ..... -9.....Fenway Park  
 1965—at NE 13, San Diego 13 ..... tie .....Fenway Park  
 NE 22, at San Diego 6 ..... +16 .....Balboa  
 1966—at San Diego 24, NE 0 ..... -24.....Balboa  
 at NE 35, San Diego 17 ..... +18 .....Fenway Park  
 1967—at San Diego 28, NE 14 ..... -14.....San Diego Stadium  
 NE 31, at San Diego 31 ..... tie .....San Diego Stadium  
 1968—San Diego 27, at NE 17 ..... -10.....Fenway Park  
 1969—San Diego 13, at NE 10 ..... -3.....B.C. Alumni  
 at San Diego 28, NE 18 ..... -10.....San Diego Stadium  
 1970—San Diego 16, at NE 14 ..... -2.....Harvard  
 1973—at NE 30, San Diego 14 ..... +16 .....San Diego Stadium  
 1975—NE 33, at San Diego 19 ..... +14 .....San Diego Stadium  
 1977—NE 24, at San Diego 20 ..... +4 .....San Diego Stadium  
 1978—at NE 28, San Diego 23 ..... +5 .....Schaefer  
 1979—at NE 27, San Diego 21 ..... +6 .....Schaefer  
 1983—at NE 37, San Diego 21 ..... +16 .....Sullivan  
 1994—at NE 23, San Diego 17 ..... +6 .....Foxboro  
 1996—NE 45, at San Diego 7 ..... +38 .....Jack Murphy  
 1997—at NE 41, San Diego 7 ..... +34 .....Foxboro  
 \*AFL Championship Game  
 (Points—Patriots 704, San Diego 598)

## SERIES TRENDS

Record in New England ..... 8 wins – 7 losses – 1 tie  
 Record in San Diego ..... 7 wins – 4 losses – 1 tie (0-1 in playoffs)  
 Record in Los Angeles ..... 0 wins – 1 loss  
 Patriots Largest Margin of Victory 41 (12/17/61)  
 Patriots Largest Margin of Defeat 29 (10/28/60)  
 Highest Combined Point Total ..... 65; SD 38, NE 27 (10/7/61)  
 Lowest Combined Point Total ..... 13; SD 7, NE 6 (11/10/63)  
 Shutouts in the Series ..... Patriots 2, Chargers 1  
 Longest Patriots Win Streak ..... Nine games (active)  
 Longest Chargers Win Streak ..... Four games  
 Current Streak ..... Patriots nine games

## LAST MEETING

The Patriots defeated the Chargers 41-7 in the 1997 season opener at a sold-out Foxboro Stadium. Quarterback Drew Bledsoe led the charge by completing 26 of 39 passes for 340 yards and four touchdowns. The Patriots scored on five of their six first half drives (four touchdowns and one field goal). The Patriots defense forced three turnovers and sacked Charger quarterback Stan Humphries four times.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

### Through Week Four

Categories	New England	San Diego
Record .....	1-3.....	3-1
Divisional Standings .....	4 <sup>th</sup> .....	1 <sup>st</sup> t
Total Yards Gained .....	1,085.....	1,244
Total Offense (Rank).....	271.3 (26).....	311.0 (16)
Rush Offense .....	108.0 (17).....	130.5 (4)
Pass Offense .....	163.3 (27).....	180.5 (20)
Points Per Game .....	18.5 (14t).....	26.5 (4)
Total Yards Allowed .....	1,209.....	965
Total Defense .....	302.3 (13).....	241.3 (4)
Rush Defense .....	139.8 (26).....	88.3 (9)
Pass Defense.....	162.5 (7).....	153.0 (4)
Points Allowed/Game .....	19.0 (17).....	14.5 (11)
Possession Avg. ....	28:52.....	33:38
Sacks Allowed/Yards Loss.....	10/47.....	5/37
Sacks Made/Yards.....	6/31.....	8/38
Interceptions By .....	4.....	8
Penalties Against/Yards .....	22/185.....	20/201
Fumbles/Lost.....	7/5.....	8/3
Fumbles Forced/Recovered.....	3/2.....	15/6
Takeaway/Giveaway Ratio.....	-1.....	+9

## PATRIOTS – CHARGERS CONNECTIONS

Chargers quarterback **Doug Flutie** grew up in Natick, Mass., played at Boston College and played with the Patriots from 1987-89 ... Chargers wide receiver **Curtis Conway** was coached by Patriots wide receivers coach **Ivan Fears** at Chicago from 1993-98 ... Chargers tackle **Ed Ellis** played with the Patriots from 1997-99 ... Patriots tackle **Adrian Klemm** was a teammate of San Diego's defensive tackle **Marcellus Wiley** at St. Monica High in Los Angeles ... Patriots rookie tackle **Matt Light** protected Charger rookie quarterback **Drew Brees** at Purdue 1998-2000.

## PATRIOTS SUPERLATIVES

Below is a list of the top individual efforts during the Patriots and Chargers series, based on yards gained:

Rushing	Name	No	Yds	Avg	Td
10/16/77	Sam Cunningham	25	141	5.6	0
10/08/67	Jim Nance	29	127	4.4	2
10/23/66	Jim Nance	25	108	4.3	1

Receiving	Name	No	Yds	Avg	Td
09/09/67	Art Graham	9	116	12.9	1
10/23/66	Larry Garrison	2	106	53.0	2
10/01/78	Harold Jackson	4	106	26.5	2
12/07/69	Ron Sellers	3	102	34.0	0
10/09/64	Gino Cappelletti	6	101	16.8	0

Passing	Name	Att	Com	Yds	Td	Int
08/31/97	Drew Bledsoe	39	26	340	4	0
10/08/67	Babe Parilli	34	17	265	2	1

## CHARGERS SUPERLATIVES

Rushing	Name	No	Yds	Avg	Td
01/05/64*	Keith Lincoln	13	206	15.8	1

Receiving	Name	No	Yds	Avg	Td
11/10/63	Lance Alworth	13	210	16.2	1

Passing	Name	Att	Com	Yds	Td	Int
10/16/83	Dan Fouts	37	25	357	1	1

\*=AFL Championship Game



# Game Review – Dolphins 30, Patriots 10

## GAME REVIEW

New England fell 30-10 to division rival Miami last week at Pro Player Stadium. It was the largest margin of victory for the Dolphins in the series since they defeated the Patriots 23-3 on Oct. 30, 1994.

The Dolphins gained 209 yards rushing, the most against the Patriots since the Buffalo Bills gained 213 yards on Nov. 15, 1998. Dolphin running back Lamar Smith, who only gained a combined 68 yards against the Patriots last season, led the charge with 144 yards rushing on 29 carries (5.0 avg.).

The Patriots were forced into three turnovers and the Dolphins converted them into 10 points. The Patriots generated one turnover, an interception by Mike Vrabel, and finished the game with a -2 turnover ratio. New England is 0-2 this season and 9-21 since 1996 when they have a negative turnover ratio.

New England jumped out first, when Vrabel intercepted a Jay Fiedler pass on the Dolphins first play from scrimmage. Vrabel gained 15 yards on the return and the Patriots offense took over at the Miami 10 yard-line. Two plays later, running back Antowain Smith scored a 9-yard touchdown and the Patriots took a 7-0 lead with 12:09 remaining in the first quarter.

The Dolphins moved 80-yards on 14 plays in 8:24 on the very next drive and tied the score at seven on a 7-yard Smith run.

Two series later, the Dolphins punted the football and Troy Brown uncharacteristically muffed the fair catch and Miami recovered it on the 9 yard-line. The Patriots defense held their ground and forced the Dolphins to kick a field goal.

The Patriots answered the Dolphins score with one of their own on the next drive. Quarterback Tom Brady, who was making his second NFL start, moved the team 56 yards on 13-plays, for Adam Vinatieri's 37-yard field goal. Brady completed all three of his passes on the drive for 28-yards and also gained a first down on a 9-yard scramble.

The field goal increased Vinatieri's career point total to 601 and he became only the third Patriot to reach that mark, joining Gino Cappelletti (1,130) and John Smith (692). It was the 14<sup>th</sup> straight kick he's made this season.

Miami closed the first half by driving 64 yards on 8-plays and scored on a 14-yard pass from Fiedler to Jay Weaver. The score gave Miami a 17-10 lead at the half.

The Dolphins came out on their first drive of the second half and trekked 56 yards on 13-plays, adding a second Mare field goal and increased their lead to 20-10. Later in the quarter after trading punts, the Patriots suffered their second turnover of the game. Brady fumbled the football on his own 15 yard-line and as he dove to recover it, an offensive lineman inadvertently kicked the ball away from him. Dolphin defensive end Jason Taylor scooped up the loose ball on the 1 yard-line and went into the end zone for the touchdown to give the Dolphins a 27-10 lead.

Miami would add a late field goal and defeated the Patriots 30-10. It was the Dolphins fifth straight win against the Patriots.

## MILLER LITE PLAYER OF THE GAME

Mike Vrabel was voted the Patriots Miller Lite Player of the Game against Miami. He intercepted the first pass of his career on the Dolphins first offensive play of the game and returned it 15-yards to the Miami 10-yard-line. The Patriots offense scored on a 9-yard run two plays later. He also had three tackles last week.

## DID YOU KNOW...

In last week's game, the Patriots finished with 69 yards passing and the Dolphins totaled 87. The last time two NFL teams both passed for fewer than 100 yards in the same game was Oct. 4, 1998 when the Giants had 83 in a 20-3 victory against the Buccaneers, who had 85 ... It was the lowest passing production by the Patriots since passing for just 67 net yards vs. Buffalo on Dec. 26, 1999 ... The last time the Dolphins were held to fewer than 100 yards passing was Dec. 12, 1982 at Foxboro Stadium, in the 'Snow Plow Game' when they had 59.

## INTERCEPTION NOTE

The Patriots have recorded four interceptions the past two weeks. In the 12 games prior to last week (10 in 2000 and 2 in 2001), the Patriots had recorded only two interceptions.

## TURNOVER NOTE

The Patriots had a turnover ratio of -2 last week against the Dolphins. The Patriots are 0-2 this season when they have a negative turnover ratio and 9-21 since 1996. Conversely, they are 28-10 since 1996 when they have a positive turnover ratio.

## GAME NOTES

Safety **Lawyer Milloy**, who had averaged 11.8 tackles in the last four games against the Dolphins, led all defenders with nine tackles ... Kicker **Adam Vinatieri** increased his streak of consecutive kicks against the Dolphins to 15 ... Miami's defensive end **Jason Taylor** returned a fumble 1-yard for a touchdown last week against the Patriots. The last time the Patriots had a fumble returned for a touchdown against them was when Atlanta Falcons defensive end Chuck Smith ran 71-yards vs. Atlanta (11/8/98).

## BILL BELICHICK'S COMMENTS

### Re: The loss to the Dolphins:

BB: We just got our butts kicked today. I thought that Miami played a really good football game. We just didn't play as well as they did, not even close. We gave away a lot of points and just handed them a lot of opportunities. We handed them some points on the board, and you can't do that against a good football team. They ran the ball well. They made a couple plays in the kicking game that were big plays. Defensively they kind of stifled us. They were just a better football team in every phase of the game. No ifs, ands or buts about it.

### Re: The difference between stopping Edgerrin James (last week) and Lamar Smith (this past Sunday)?

BB: Last week is last week. It is two different teams playing a different game.

### Re: Where do you start off after a week like this?

BB: We need to learn from some of the mistakes here today. More importantly I would say we need to refocus and re-energize our efforts toward a more efficient football game. We can't be turning the ball over. We can't have penalties that cost us a lot of field position. We can't be giving the other team opportunities that just make it hard for us to overcome. We can't be donors. We can't donate stuff to our opponents. We have to make them work for it. That's where it starts. We were too generous.



# News and Notes

## FREE AGENT FLURY

The Patriots have added 19 new veterans to their roster (18 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 22 free agents. The list of Patriots additions this season are listed below in alphabetical order:

NAME	POS	EXP	GP	FORMER TEAM
Terrell Buckley	CB	10	146	Denver
Je'Rod Cherry	DB	6	77	Philadelphia
Mike Compton	G/C	9	108	Detroit
Bryan Cox	LB	11	149	N.Y. Jets
Marc Edwards	FB	5	68	Cleveland
Bert Emanuel	WR	8	97	Miami
Rob Holmberg	LB	8	106	Minnesota
Damon Huard	QB	5	34	Miami
Larry Izzo	LB	6	65	Miami
Charles Johnson	WR	8	107	Philadelphia
Riddick Parker	DL	5	54	Seattle
David Patten	WR	5	62	Cleveland
Roman Phifer	LB	11	155	N.Y. Jets
Anthony Pleasant	DE	12	169	San Francisco
Terrance Shaw	CB	7	82	Miami
Torrance Small	WR	10	132	Philadelphia
Antowain Smith	RB	5	61	Buffalo
Matt Stevens*	S	6	68	Washington
Mike Vrabel	LB	5	55	Pittsburgh

**18 Players 134 1,689**

\*-originally claimed off waivers in 2000.

## BRADY BUNCH

Quarterback Tom Brady will start the third NFL game of his career this week against San Diego. He will tie Scott Secules for the longest starting streak by a quarterback, other than Drew Bledsoe since 1993.

### Starting Quarterbacks other than Drew Bledsoe (1993-2001)

Player	Opp.	Date	A	C	%	Yds	TD	Int	W/L
Scott Secules	vs. Hou	10/17/93	40	23	58	280	1	3	L
Scott Secules	at Sea	10/24/93	30	15	50	129	0	2	L
Scott Secules	at Ind	10/31/93	37	23	62	279	0	2	L
Scott Zolak	at Atl	10/1/95	45	24	53	252	1	0	L
Scott Zolak	vs. S.F.	12/20/98	30	14	47	205	2	2	W
Scott Zolak	at NYJ	12/27/98	31	14	45	127	1	0	L
Tom Brady	vs. Ind	9/30/01	23	13	57	168	0	0	W
Tom Brady	at Mia	10/7/01	24	12	50	86	0	0	L

Brady will be vying to become the first Patriot quarterback since Hugh Millen in 1991 to win two consecutive games at Foxboro Stadium other than Bledsoe. Millen defeated Buffalo 16-13 on Nov. 24 and Indianapolis 23-17 in overtime on Dec. 8. His stats from those games are listed below:

Opp.	Date	Att	Comp	%	Yds	TD	Int
Buffalo	11/24/91	39	20	51.3	263	1	2
Indianapolis	12/8/91	40	21	52.5	330	1	2

## THE TURNOVER STORY

In the Patriots 30-10 loss last week they had a -2 turnover ratio and currently have a -1 ratio for the season. They are 0-2 this year when they have a negative turnover ratio and 9-21 since 1996.

Since 1996, New England is 28-10 (.737) when they have a positive turnover ratio. The last four times the team finished the season with a positive turnover ratio, they qualified for the playoffs (1994, 1996, 1997 and 1998). In the history of the franchise, the team has finished their season with a positive turnover ratio 16 times. The team had a winning record 15 of those 16 seasons.

## TACKLING MEN

Patriot defenders Bryan Cox and Roman Phifer, who were both signed this past offseason, are currently the top two tacklers on the defense. Cox leads the team with 29 tackles and Phifer has 25. Phifer has also recorded an interception, a fumble recovery and forced a fumble, which drew a compliment from Head Coach Bill Belichick.

"Roman has been a real good addition to this team and a good veteran presence," said Belichick. "He's had a lot of experience. He really knows what he is doing out there. Roman is a smart guy and he's very athletic."

## 600 CLUB

Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri nailed a 37-yard field goal in the second quarter last week against the Dolphins and became only the third player in Patriots history to eclipse the 600 point mark. He joined Gino Cappelletti (1,130 points) and John Smith (692) in the Patriots record book. Vinatieri has been successful on each one of his eight extra points and six field goals this season.

Player	TD	FG	FGA	XP	XPA	Total
Gino Cappelletti	42	176	334	346	358	1,130
John Smith	0	128	191	308	323	692
<b>Adam Vinatieri</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>601</b>
Tony Franklin	0	93	125	163	166	442

## MR. SMITH GOES TO FOXBORO

Patriots running back Antowain Smith scored his third touchdown of the season, on a 9-yard run in the first quarter. It was his 29<sup>th</sup> career touchdown and his third score in the past two weeks. The last Patriot to score rushing touchdowns in consecutive games was Drew Bledsoe (10/15/00-10/22/00). If Smith scores a rushing touchdown this week, it would be the first time in his career he has done so in three consecutive weeks. The last time a Patriot rushed for a score in three consecutive weeks was Robert Edwards who rushed for a touchdown in the first six games of the 1998 season.

Smith, who was signed as a free agent this past offseason by the Patriots, leads the team with 194 yards on 57 carries (3.4 avg.).

## TROY BROWN

Patriots wide receiver Troy Brown led all receivers with five catches and 47 yards receiving last week against the Dolphins. Through the first four games of the season, Brown ranks seventh in the AFC with 256 yards and ninth with 20 receptions. Over half of Brown's catches this season, 11, have resulted in first downs. Last week versus Miami, two of his five catches were for first downs. The AFC leaders in catches and receiving yards are listed below:

Rk	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
7.	T. Brown, Oak.....	21	314	15.0	33t	1
8.	J. Rice, Oak. ....	21	236	11.2	33t	3
<b>9.</b>	<b>T. Brown, N.E. ....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>
10.	S. Sharpe, Bal. ....	20	225	11.3	32	0

Rk	Player	Yds	No	Avg.	Lg	TD
5.	T. Brown, Oak.....	314	21	15.0	33t	1
6.	Q. Ismail, Bal. ....	287	15	19.1	77t	2
<b>7.</b>	<b>T. Brown, N.E. ....</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>
8.	D. Scott, Cin. ....	254	16	15.9	41	0





## BY THE NUMBERS

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**-2**

The Patriots turnover ratio last week against the Dolphins.

**9-21**

The Patriots record, since 1996, when they have a negative turnover ratio.

**28-10**

The Patriots record, since 1996, when they have a positive turnover ratio.

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**14**

The number of field goals and extra points Adam Vinatieri has attempted this season

**14**

The number of field goals and extra points Vinatieri has made this season.

**601**

The number of career points scored by Vinatieri.

**3**

The number of players in Patriots franchise history who have recorded more than 600 points (Gino Cappelletti, 1,130, John Smith, 692 and Vinatieri, 601).

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**3**

The number of rushing touchdowns Antowain Smith has scored this season.

**29**

The number of rushing touchdowns Smith has recorded during his 5-year career.

**2**

The number of consecutive games Smith has scored a rushing touchdown.

**6**

The number of consecutive games Robert Edwards rushed for touchdown during the 1998 season, a franchise record. He is the last Patriots player to do so in three consecutive games.

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**4**

The number of interceptions the Patriots have recorded over the past two weeks.

**2**

The number of interceptions the Patriots had recorded in the 12 weeks prior.

**9**

The number of consecutive games the Patriots have won against the Chargers. It's the longest current winning streak the Patriots have against any team.

**86-14**

The combined score of the Patriots last two victories over the Chargers. New England scored a 45-7 victory in 1996 and a 41-7 win in 1997.

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**75**

The number of consecutive sellouts at Foxboro Stadium a streak that began the year Robert Kraft purchased the team (1994) and includes preseason, regular season and postseason games. The Patriots are 48-27 in those games.

**159**

The number of consecutive Patriots games 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.

**19**

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

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**5,044**

The total number of points the Patriots have scored in Scheafer-Sullivan-Foxboro Stadium since 1971.

**9,500**

The total number of points the Patriots and their opponents have scored in Scheafer-Sullivan-Foxboro Stadium since 1971.

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**6**

The number of quarterbacks drafted before the Patriots selected quarterback Tom Brady in the sixth in 2000. (Chad Pennington, 1<sup>st</sup> round; Giovanni Carmazzi, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Chris Redman 3<sup>rd</sup>; Tee Martin 5<sup>th</sup>; Marc Bulger 6<sup>th</sup>; Spergon Wynn 6<sup>th</sup>)