



NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS NEWS RELEASE

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REGULAR SEASON WEEK 7

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (3-3) VS DENVER BRONCOS (3-3)

MEDIA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 24

10:45-11:15 Head Coach Bill Belichick's Press Conference (Super Box A)
 11:15-11:55 Players available in locker room
 11:15 Tom Brady Available (Super Box A)
 12:20-12:50 Photo Access at Practice
 TBA Bill Romanowski Conference Call
 TBA Mike Shanahan Conference Call

Thursday, Oct. 25

10:45-11:15 Head Coach Bill Belichick's Press Conference (Super Box A)
 11:15-11:55 Players available in locker room
 12:20-12:50 Photo Access at Practice

Friday, Oct. 26

10:30-11:00 Head Coach Bill Belichick's Press Conference (Super Box A)
 11:00-11:35 Players available in locker room
 11:50-12:20 Photo Access at Practice

PATRIOTS SCHEDULE

REGULAR SEASON (3-3)

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	W	44-13
Sun., Oct. 7	at Miami	L	10-30
Sun., Oct. 14	San Diego	W	ot 29-26
Sun., Oct. 21	at Indianapolis	W	38-17
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	2	0	.600	106	111
New England	3	3	0	.500	141	119
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	128	154
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	135	155
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	84	138

DATE: October 28, 2001
SITE: Invesco Field at Mile High (76,125) - Grass
TIME: 4:00 p.m. EDT
TELEVISION: This week's game will be broadcast regionally on CBS (locally on WBZ Channel 4 in Boston). **Don Criqui** will provide the play-by-play detail and will be joined by broadcast partner **Steve Tasker**.
RADIO: WBCN's Rock Radio Network 104.1 FM. **Gil Santos**, now in his 25th season as voice of the Patriots, will call the action along with former Patriots center **Peter Brock**.

The New England Patriots (3-3) have won three of their last four games and are now in second place in the division, trailing the Miami Dolphins (3-2) by half a game. This week, the Patriots will attempt to extend their current win streak to three games when they travel to the Mile High city to take on the Denver Broncos (3-3) this Sunday. It will be the seventh consecutive season that the Patriots and the Broncos have played, which is the longest streak between non-divisional rivals. The Broncos hold a 4-2 advantage in the last six games, but the Patriots claimed victories in each of the last two seasons. Last season's 28-19 victory over the Broncos in Denver was the first by the Patriots at Mile High Stadium and the first in Denver since 1968. This week, the Patriots will make their first appearance in Invesco Field.

Last week, the Patriots scored another convincing victory at Indianapolis, 38-17, completing a series sweep of the Colts for the first time in three years. David Patten had contributions in four of the Patriots touchdowns, scoring three and passing for another. He became the first player since Walter Payton in 1979 to score rushing and receiving touchdowns while passing for a touchdown in the same game (see News and Notes, page 4). His 91-yard touchdown reception, his second score of the day, was the longest play from scrimmage in franchise history.

Tom Brady, who replaced an injured Drew Bledsoe in Week 3, is now 3-1 as a starter. He is the only NFL starter who has yet to throw an interception and last week extended his current streak to 134 career passes without an interception. It is the longest streak to begin a career in NFL history (see box below).

Of the last 12 offensive drives Brady has led, not including two in which they were running out the clock, nine have resulted in scores (six touchdowns, three field goals).

This week's game will be the second of three consecutive road games. The last time the Patriots won back-to-back games played on the road was in 1995 when they defeated the New York Jets (20-7) and the Miami Dolphins (34-17). Next week, the Patriots travel to Atlanta (11/4) before returning for three consecutive home games in November.

GROWING UP BRADY

Tom Brady attempted 20 passes last week against the Colts, extending his streak of passes thrown without an interception to start a career to 134. It's the longest streak in NFL history, surpassing Warren Moon's 130 consecutive passes without an interception. The last person to intercept a Brady pass was Penn State cornerback Bhawoh Jue (pronounced: BOW - JOO) on Nov. 13, 1999.

Currently, Brady is the only starting quarterback in the NFL who has not thrown an interception this season. Entering this week's game against the Broncos, he ranks fourth on the Patriots all-time list of longest streaks of consecutive passes without an interception (see below).

Cons. Passes			Cons. Passes		
Rk	w/o int.	Player	Rk	w/o int.	Player
1.	179.....	Drew Bledsoe	4.	134.....	Tom Brady
2.	178.....	Tony Eason	5.	130.....	Drew Bledsoe
3.	141.....	Tony Eason			



Series Information

SERIES HISTORY

The New England Patriots and the Denver Broncos will meet this week for the seventh year in a row and the 36th time overall. The 7-year streak is the longest active streak among non-division rivals. The Patriots have won the last two games in the series and a win this weekend would equal their longest winning streak since 1963-64.

Last year the Patriots snapped their 11-game losing streak at Mile High Stadium with a 28-19 victory. They had not won in Denver since their 20-17 victory on Sept. 29, 1968. The Broncos hold a 21-14 advantage over the Patriots and a 1-0 record in the postseason. A game-by-game look at the series history is listed below:

REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

(Patriots Record Regular Season 14-20; Postseason 0-1)

DATE	RESULT	+/-	SITE
Sept. 9, 1960	... Denver 13, at Patriots 10	-3	B.U. Field
Oct. 23, 1960	... at Denver 31, Patriots 24	-7	Bears
Sept. 16, 1961	.. at Patriots 45, Denver 17	+28	B.U. Field
Dec. 3, 1961	.... Patriots 28, at Denver 24	+4	Bears
Sept. 21, 1962	.. at Patriots 41, Denver 16	+25	B.U. Field
Nov. 11, 1962	.. Patriots 33, at Denver 29	+4	Bears
Sept. 29, 1963	.. at Denver 14, Patriots 10	-4	Bears
Oct. 18, 1963	... at Patriots 40, Denver 21	+19	Fenway Park
Oct. 4, 1964	.... Patriots 39, at Denver 10	+29	Bears
Nov. 20, 1964	.. at Patriots 12, Denver 7	+5	Fenway Park
Sept. 24, 1965	.. Denver 27, at Patriots 10	+17	Fenway Park
Dec. 12, 1965	... Patriots 28, Denver 20	+8	Bears
Sept. 18, 1966	.. Patriots 24, at Denver 10	+14	Bears
Nov. 6, 1966	.... Denver 17, at Patriots 10	-7	Fenway Park
Sept. 3, 1967	... at Denver 26, Patriots 21	-5	Bears
Sept. 29, 1968	.. Patriots 20, at Denver 17	+3	Bears
Nov. 3, 1968	.... Denver 35, at Patriots 14	-21	Fenway Park
Sept. 14, 1969	.. at Denver 35, Patriots 7	-28	Mile High
Dec. 17, 1972	.. at Denver 45, Patriots 21	-24	Mile High
Nov. 28, 1976	.. at Patriots 38, Denver 14	+24	Schaefer
Nov. 11, 1979	.. at Denver 45, Patriots 10	-35	Mile High
Sept. 29, 1980	.. at Patriots 23, Denver 14	+9	Schaefer
Nov. 4, 1984	.... at Denver 26, Patriots 19	-7	Mile High
Sept. 28, 1986	.. at Denver 27, Patriots 20	-7	Mile High
Jan. 4, 1987	... at Denver 22, Patriots 17 -5	-5	Mile High
Dec. 6, 1987	.... at Denver 31, Patriots 20	-11	Mile High
Dec. 17, 1988	.. at Denver 21, Patriots 10	-11	Mile High
Oct. 27, 1991	... Denver 9, at Patriots 3	-3	Foxboro
Dec. 1, 1991	.... at Denver 20, Patriots 3	-17	Mile High
Oct. 8, 1995	.... Denver 37, at Patriots 3	-34	Foxboro
Nov. 11, 1996	.. Denver 34, at Patriots 8	-26	Foxboro
Oct. 6, 1997	.... at Denver 34, Patriots 13	-21	Mile High
Sept. 7, 1998	... at Denver 27, Patriots 21	-6	Mile High
Oct. 24, 1999	... at Patriots 24, Denver 23	+1	Foxboro
Oct. 1, 2000	.... Patriots 28, at Denver 19	+9	Mile High

Bold indicates playoff game

SERIES NOTES

Total Points:.....Denver 817, Patriots 700
 Patriots Largest Margin of Victory29 points (10/4/64)
 Broncos Largest Margin of Victory:.....35 points (11/11/79)
 Patriots Longest Winning Streak:4 games (1961-62)
 Broncos Longest Winning Steak:11 games (1984-98)
 Record at home:.....7-7
 Record on the road:.....7-12 (0-1 in playoffs)

LAST MEETING

The Patriots scored three first-half touchdowns and kept the Broncos offense out of the end zone until late in the fourth quarter to defeat the Broncos 28-19. Drew Bledsoe earned AFC Player of the Week for his 271-yard, 18-of-27 and four-touchdown performance. Patriots Willie McGinest forced and recovered a fumble on a sack of quarterback Brian Griese on the fourth play of the game. The Patriots scored four plays later and never relinquished the lead.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Through Week Six

Categories	New England	Denver
Record	3-3	3-3
Divisional Standings	2 ND T	4 th
Total Yards Gained	1,844	1,926
Total Offense (Rank)	307.3 (19)	321.0 (16)
Rush Offense	97.3 (25)	120.2 (9)
Pass Offense	210.0 (14)	200.8 (19)
Points Per Game	23.5 (7)	22.2 (9)
Total Yards Allowed	2,036	1,879
Total Defense	339.3 (22)	313.2 (16)
Rush Defense	137.2 (26)	94.8 (10)
Pass Defense	202.2 (14)	218.3 (23)
Points Allowed/Game	19.8 (16)	20.6 (17t)
Possession Avg.	29:03	30:54
Sacks Allowed/Yards Loss	13/66	15/100
Sacks Made/Yards	11/73	15/84
Interceptions By	4	7
Penalties Against/Yards	33/271	42/382
Fumbles/Lost	10/6	6/2
Fumbles Forced/Recovered	8/5	7/4
Takeaway/Giveaway Ratio	+1	+1

SERIES SUPERLATIVES

The Patriots series with the Broncos has produced seven 100-yard rushing performances, seven 100-yard receiving performances and two 300-yard passing performances. Patriots receiver Troy Brown eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark, gaining 108 yards on five catches, in last year's meeting. Each of the superlative performances are listed below:

Rushing Yards	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Date
Don Calhoun	25	177	7.1	0	11/28/76
John Stephens	17	130	7.6	1	12/17/88
Ron Burton	16	127	7.9	0	10/23/60
Jim Nance	24	126	5.3	1	09/18/66
J.D. Garrett	12	121	10.1	1	10/04/64
Craig James	20	120	6.0	0	11/04/84
Terry Allen	17	106	6.2	2	10/24/99

Receiving Yards	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Date
Jim Colcough	7	123	17.6	2	09/16/61
Jim Colcough	5	123	24.6	2	11/11/62
Stanley Morgan	8	122	15.3	0	11/04/84
Tony Romeo	4	121	30.3	0	09/21/62
Jim Colclough	6	110	18.3	0	10/18/63
Troy Brown	5	108	21.6	2	10/01/00
Stanley Morgan*	3	100	33.3	2	01/04/87

Passing Yards	Att	C	Yds	TD	I	Date
Babe Parilli	31	21	358	2	0	10/18/63
Tony Eason	38	21	313	1	1	11/04/84

* playoff game

CONNECTIONS

This week's game will feature a battle of former Michigan quarterbacks. Patriots **QB Tom Brady** (1996-99) and Broncos **QB Brian Griese** (1994-97) both starred for the Wolverines, setting numerous school records ... Patriots **CB Terrell Buckley** spent the 2000 season with the Broncos and led the team with 33 tackles and six interceptions ... Broncos **C Tom Nalen** grew up and attended Foxboro High School ... Broncos **FB Tony Carter** spent three seasons with the Patriots, 1997-2000.



Game Review – Patriots 38, Colts 17

GAME REVIEW

The New England Patriots defeated the Indianapolis Colts 38-17 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Since the Colts have moved to Indianapolis, the Patriots have won 27 of 36 games, including 12 of the last 18 meetings at the RCA Dome. The win was the Patriots 13th seasonal sweep in the series. The Patriots outscored the Colts 82-30 in their two meetings this year.

Patriots wide receiver David Patten became the first player in franchise history to catch, run and throw a touchdown pass in one game. He was the first player in the NFL since Walter Payton accomplished the same feat on Oct. 21, 1979 vs. Minnesota.

Patten opened the scoring for the Patriots with a 29-yard run on their first play from scrimmage. The score was one play after defensive tackle Brandon Mitchell blocked a 46-yard field goal attempt by Colt kicker Mike Vanderjagt. Cornerback Leonard Myers returned the loose ball 35 yards to the Colts 29.

Later in the first quarter, the Patriots defense forced the Colts into another field goal attempt following a 74-yard drive down to the Patriots 7-yard line. Patriots safety Tebucky Jones, blocked the 25-yard field goal attempt, the Patriots second block in three Colts offensive series.

Midway through the second quarter, quarterback Tom Brady connected with Patten for a 91-yard touchdown pass, increasing their lead to 14-3. The 91-yard pass was the longest play from scrimmage in franchise history, besting the previous long of 90-yards on a Tony Eason pass to Craig James (9/15/85).

The Patriots defense subsequently forced the Colts to punt. Then, on the next Patriots play from scrimmage, Patten completed the trifecta by throwing a 60-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Troy Brown. It was the first pass attempt of his 5-year career. The reception was the second longest of Brown's career (67, vs. NY Jets, (10/19/97) and the longest scoring reception of his career.

On the following Colts possession, running back Edgerrin James was forced to fumble by linebacker Ted Johnson and linebacker Tedy Bruschi recovered the loose ball. New England took advantage of the turnover when Brady connected with tight end Jermaine Wiggins for a 2-yard touchdown pass and the Patriots led 28-3.

The Colts added a field goal before the end of the first half and then scored their only touchdown of the game on their first drive of the second half. They moved 68 yards on 10 plays and Peyton Manning connected with Marvin Harrison on a 2-yard touchdown. They made their two-point conversion and trailed 28-14.

The Patriots added a 43-yard kick by Adam Vinatieri and the Colts followed with a 24-yarder by Vanderjagt.

The Patriots sealed the win at the beginning of the fourth quarter when Brady connected with Patten for a 6-yard touchdown pass, increasing their lead to 38-17. The score was the second touchdown reception of the game for Patten and the third scoring pass by Brady.

MILLER LITE PLAYER OF THE GAME

David Patten, caught four passes for 117 yards, including two touchdowns, rushed once for a 29-yard touchdown and completed one pass for a 60-yard touchdown. He became the first player in Patriots history and only the sixth player in the NFL since 1960 to accomplish the feat of running, receiving and passing for a touchdown.

MAKING A POINT

The Patriots scored 67 points over the past two weeks in their 38-17 victory over the Colts and a 29-26 win over the Chargers. Their two-game total was the highest since they scored 70 points in back-to-back games in 1998. They scored 30 points at New Orleans (10/4/98) and 40 versus Kansas City (10/11/98).

BRADY BUNCH

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady completed 80% of his passes (16-of-20) against the Colts for 202 yards and three touchdowns. He finished the game with a quarterback rating of 148.3. It was the second best day by a Patriots quarterback since 1993 (see below):

PLAYER	ATT	CMP	PCT.	Yds	TD	INT	RATING
Drew Bledsoe	11	9	81.8	143	2	0	158.3
Tom Brady	20	16	80.0	202	3	0	148.3
Drew Bledsoe	22	14	63.6	276	4	0	146.8
Drew Bledsoe	25	15	60.0	267	4	0	136.2

BLOCK PARTY

The Patriots blocked two field goals last week against the Colts. Last year, the Patriots blocked two field goals at Buffalo (12/17/00). Defensive tackle Brandon Mitchell blocked a 46-yard field goal attempt by Colts Mike Vanderjagt in the first quarter and cornerback Leonard Myers recovered the football and gained 35 yards before being tackled. New England scored their first touchdown of the game one play later. Safety Tebucky Jones blocked a 25-yard attempt by Vanderjagt later in the first quarter. The loose ball was recovered by safety Je'Rod Cherry.

TURN, TURN, TURN

The Patriots finished the Colts game with a turnover ratio of +2. They did not turn the ball over and recovered two fumbles. They increased their 2001 turnover ratio to +1. This season, the Patriots are 2-1 when they have a positive turnover ratio and 29-10 since 1996.

GAME NOTES

- Defensive end **Bobby Hamilton** sacked Peyton Manning twice in the second quarter. He increased his season sack total to a team-leading four. He also increased his career total to 11 sacks.
- Linebacker **Mike Vrabel** recorded his first sack as a Patriot and the eighth of his career when he dropped Manning for a 6-yard loss in the first quarter.
- Safety **Lawyer Milloy** led the Patriots with 10 tackles against the Colts. It was his highest total of the season.

BILL BELICHICK'S COMMENTS

Re: The Patriots special teams play:

"I thought our football team was ready to play today. We spent much of the week working on special teams. We worked our butts off all week. We were obviously disappointed with the performance the last couple of weeks, but they came up big today."

Re: The acquisition of Tom Brady and David Patten:

"When I think about this game, two of the key players in the game were [David] Patten and Brady. Probably the guy that's most responsible for both those players being here is Dick Rehbein and it's with a great deal of gratitude that I say that. Even though Dick is gone, he's certainly not forgotten by any of us."

Re: How Patten was picked to pass the football:

"It's funny, because when we started running the play in practice we had Troy [Brown] doing it and when he threw it to Patten and he caught the ball and whipped it back about 30 yards over everybody's head letting us know he could throw it every bit as good as Troy could. Then we had tryouts after practice and ended up feeling pretty good about David's arm and accuracy so we ended up switching those two guys."



News and Notes

GENERAL PATTEN

Patriots WR David Patten led an offensive assault on the Colts that included two touchdown receptions, a run for a touchdown and a touchdown pass in the Patriots 38-17 victory. He became the first player in franchise history to accomplish the touchdown trifecta in a game and the first player to do so in the NFL in 22 years (to the date). Hall of Fame RB Walter Payton was the last player to accomplish the feat on Oct. 21, 1979 vs. Minnesota. Four players scored the TD trifecta in the 1960s, but Patten is the first since Keith Lincoln in 1965 to score four total touchdowns while achieving the feat.

		TD Trifecta				
Date	Player, Team	Opp.	Run	Rec	Pass	Total
10/21/01	David Patten, N.E.	Ind.	29	91	6	186 yds
10/21/79	Walter Payton, Chi.	Min.	2	2	54	58 yds
12/7/69	Harmon Wages, Atl.	N.O.	66	88	16	170 yds
12/10/67	Dan Reeves, Dal.	Phi.	1	5	45	51 yds
11/7/65	Keith Lincoln, S.D.	Den.	1	66	7	108 yds
12/11/60	J.H. Johnson, Pit.	Phi.	87	7	15	109 yds

Patten's performance earned him **NFL Miller Lite Player of the Week** honors and **AFC Offensive Player of the Week** honors. In addition, three of his touchdowns were noteworthy accomplishments on their own merit. Patten's 29-yard touchdown run on the team's first play from scrimmage was ...

- his first touchdown of the season.
- his second rushing attempt of the season (11-yard gain vs. Indianapolis, 9/30/01).
- the first rushing touchdown by a Patriots wide receiver since Irving Fryar ran 8-yards for a score at Seattle (11/17/85).
- the longest rushing touchdown since Curtis Martin's 70-yard touchdown vs. Chicago on 9/21/97.

Patten's 91-yard pass from Tom Brady in the second quarter was ...

- the longest play from scrimmage in Patriots history. The previous long was a 90-yard reception by Craig James from Tony Eason (9/15/85).
- the longest reception of his career (65, at Cincinnati, 9/10/00).

Patten's 60-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Troy Brown in the second quarter was ...

- the first pass attempt of his 5-year career.
- the first touchdown pass by a Patriots player other than a quarterback since running back David Meggett threw a 35-yard pass to Troy Brown vs. Dolphins 11/23/97.
- the second-longest touchdown pass by a Patriots player other than a quarterback (RB Andy Johnson, 66-yard pass in 1981).
- The first touchdown pass by a Patriots wide receiver in franchise history.

FLY PATTEN

Patten became the sixth player in the NFL and the first player since Walter Payton (10/21/79, vs. Minn.) to rush for a touchdown, catch a touchdown and pass for a touchdown in one game. No other player in Patriots history had accomplished the feat in the one game. Running back David Meggett (1997), running back Craig James (1985) and Richard Christy (1960) are the only three players in Patriots history to have run, thrown and caught a touchdown pass in one **season**. Patten became only the third non-quarterback in the past 10 years to complete a touchdown pass of 60-yards or more. (see below)

Pos., Player	Yds	Against, Date
WR Arthur Marshall to Cedric Tillman	81	vs. Dal., 12/6/92
TE Frank Wycheck to Isaac Bryd	61	vs. Atl., 12/19/99
WR David Patten to Troy Brown	60	at Ind., 10/21/01

Patten finished the game with four catches for 117 yards and two receiving touchdowns. His 117 yards set a career-high for receiving yards. His previous career-high was 113 yards vs. Baltimore (10/1/00). It was the first time he eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark for the Patriots and the third time in his career.

TROY BROWN

- Brown caught eight passes for 120 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown pass against the Colts. It was his second touchdown reception of the season.
- It was his longest reception of the season (previous 58 yards vs. NY Jets, 9/23/01). It was also the second longest reception of his career (67 yards, vs. NY Jets, 10/19/97). In addition, it was the longest touchdown reception of his career (previous long 44 yards at Denver, 10/1/00).
- It's his third 100-yard game of the season (106, at Cincinnati, 9/9/01; 177, vs. S.D., 10/14) and the ninth of his career. He is one of only four players in the NFL who have three 100-yards games this season.
- The Patriots are now 6-3 when Brown has over 100-yards receiving (including winning five of the last six games.)
- Brown moved past Harold Jackson (3,162 yards) and Russ Francis (3,157) into seventh place in Patriots history with 3,264 yards receiving. He currently ranks eighth on the team's all-time list with 259 receptions.

Rk	Name	Yards	Rk	Name	Catches
1.	Stanley Morgan, WR	10,352	1.	Morgan, WR	534
2.	Irving Fryar, WR	5,726	2.	Coates, TE	490
3.	Ben Coates, TE	5,471	3.	Fryar, WR	363
4.	Jim Colclough, WR	5,001	4.	GLENN, WR	322
5.	Gino Cappelletti, WR	4,589	5.	Cappelletti, WR	292
6.	TERRY GLENN, WR	4,575	6.	Colclough, WR	283
7.	TROY BROWN, WR	3,264	7.	T. Collins, RB	261
8.	Harold Jackson, WR	3,162	8.	BROWN, WR	259
9.	Russ Francis, TE	3,157	9.	Brisby, WR	217

• Brown leads the Patriots with 39 receptions for 493 yards this season. He ranks second in the AFC and third in the NFL with 39 catches and 493 yards receiving (see below). He is second behind this week's foe, Rod Smith.

RECEPTIONS, AFC	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1. Rod Smith, Den.	51	599	11.7	34t	5
2. Brown, N.E.	39	493	12.7	60t	2

RECEIVING YARDS, AFC	Yds	No	Avg	Lg	TD
1. Rod Smith, Den.	599	51	11.7	34t	5
2. Brown, N.E.	493	39	12.7	60t	2

FREE AGENT FLURY

The Patriots have added 16 new veterans to their roster since the end of the 2000 season. Since Head Coach Bill Belichick arrived in 2000, the Patriots have added 38 new players to the current 53-man roster, including 20 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	148	Denver
Je/Rod Cherry	DB	6	79	Philadelphia
Mike Compton	G/C	9	110	Detroit
Bryan Cox	LB	11	151	N.Y. Jets
Marc Edwards	FB	5	70	Cleveland
Damon Huard	QB	5	34	Miami
Larry Izzo	LB	6	67	Miami
Charles Johnson	WR	8	109	Philadelphia
Riddick Parker	DL	5	56	Seattle
David Patten	WR	5	64	Cleveland
Roman Phifer	LB	11	157	N.Y. Jets
Anthony Pleasant	DE	12	171	San Francisco
Terrance Shaw	CB	7	83	Miami
Antowain Smith	RB	5	63	Buffalo
Mike Vrabel	LB	5	56	Pittsburgh
Ken Walter	P	5	65	Carolina
16 Players		115	1,483	



BY THE NUMBERS

134

The number of consecutive passes Patriots quarterback Tom Brady has made to start his career without throwing an interception, an NFL record.

130

The previous NFL record for consecutive passes without an interception to start a career, held by Warren Moon.

179

The Patriots record for number of consecutive passes without an interception, held by Drew Bledsoe.

148.3

Brady's quarterback rating from last week's game against the Colts. It was the second-highest total by a Patriots quarterback since 1993.

158.3

The highest quarterback rating achieved by a Patriot since 1993, achieved by Drew Bledsoe against the Colts (12/26/93).

92.6

Brady's quarterback rating this season which ranks third in the AFC.

45

The number of points kicker Adam Vinatieri had totaled this season. He is tied for second in the AFC and third in the NFL.

26

The number of consecutive kicks Vinatieri has made in the RCA Dome.

67

The number of points the Patriots have scored in the past two games. It's the highest two-game total since they scored 70 points during the 1998 season (10/4-10/11).

82

The number of points the Patriots scored against the Colts this season (44 and 38 points). It's the highest two game total against one opponent since they scored 84 points against the Baltimore Colts in 1980 (37 and 47 points).

5

The number of 100-yard receiving games by Patriots players this season. It's the highest total in the NFL and has been accomplished by three different receivers.

4

The number of touchdowns wide receiver David Patten factored into last week against the Colts. He caught two scores, ran for one and threw another.

2

The number of players who have accomplished the touchdown trifecta since 1970. Patten joined Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton, who accomplished the feat against Minnesota on Oct. 21, 1979.

3

The number of Patriots who have accomplished the touchdown trifecta in one *season* (David Meggett, 1997; Craig James, 1985; Richard Christy, 1960).

206

The number of yards from scrimmage Patten accounted for during last week's game against the Colts (117 receiving, 60 passing and 29 rushing).

385

The number of total yards of offense the Patriots accumulated last week against the Colts.

120

The number of yards receiving Troy Brown totaled against the Colts last week.

3

The number of 100-yard receiving games Brown has recorded this season tying last year's career-high. He is one of four players in the NFL who have three 100-yard receiving games this season.

3,264

Brown's career receiving total during his 9-year career. He ranks seventh on the Patriots all-time list.

39

The number of receptions Brown has this season. He ranks second in the AFC and third in the NFL.

23

The number of Brown's catches that have resulted in first downs.

+2

The Patriots turnover ratio against the Colts last week. This season, the Patriots are 2-1 when they have a positive turnover ratio and 29-10 since 1996.