



NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release, November 27, 2001

MEDIA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 28

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)
11:30 NY Jets Player Conference Call
11:45 Herman Edwards Conference Call
12:30-12:50 Photo Access at Practice

Thursday, Nov. 29

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

Friday, Nov. 30

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 (6-5)

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|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 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 | L | 20-31 |
| Sun., Nov. 4 | at Atlanta | W | 24-10 |
| Sun., Nov. 11 | Buffalo | W | 21-11 |
| Sun., Nov. 18 | St. Louis | L | 24-17 |
| Sun., Nov. 25 | New Orleans | W | 34-17 |
| 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 STANDINGS

| AFC EAST | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Pittsburgh | 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 | 189 | 121 |
| Oakland | 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 | 278 | 201 |
| N.Y. Jets | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 208 | 182 |
| Miami | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 214 | 212 |
| Baltimore | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 198 | 187 |
| Cleveland | 6 | 4 | 0 | .600 | 189 | 150 |
| New England | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 257 | 212 |
| Denver | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 254 | 239 |
| Seattle | 5 | 5 | 0 | .500 | 182 | 224 |

REGULAR SEASON WEEK 12

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (6-5) vs. NEW YORK JETS (7-3)

DATE: December 2, 2001

SITE: Meadowlands (80,062) - Grass

TIME: 1:00 p.m. EST

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 partners **Brent Jones**.

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 **Gino Cappelletti**. The tandem is enjoying their 18th season together. For a complete listing of all local affiliates, please see page 13.

The New England Patriots (6-5) travel to the Meadowlands to battle the New York Jets (7-3) this week with hopes of avenging a 10-3 loss earlier this season and looking to snap a four-game series losing streak against their arch-rivals.

The Jets are among the hottest teams in the league, having won four straight and six of their last seven games. Their only loss during that span was to the St. Louis Rams. This week, the Jets return to action to host the Patriots after enjoying a bye last week. While the Jets own the league's best road record (5-0), they are just 2-3 at home. The last time the Patriots defeated the Jets was in New York in 1999, 30-28.

The Jets are the league's most opportunistic team, boasting a +22 turnover ratio. Their league-leading 33 take-aways are equally distributed with 17 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries, while their 11 give-aways are second only to Oakland's 10 turnovers.

A Patriots victory this week would pull them to within half a game of the division-leading Jets and would snap New York's current four-game win streak. The win would also improve their record within the division to 4-2 on the season. The Patriots have now won three of their last four games and two of their last three on the road.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady improved to 6-3 as a starter after last week's 34-17 victory over the Saints. For the third consecutive game, he has completed over 70 percent of his passes and now has a 93.5 passer rating, which ranks second in the AFC and fourth in the NFL. His favorite target continues to be Troy Brown, whose 70 receptions ranks second in the AFC and third in the NFL. He is currently on pace to become the first Patriot receiver to record 100 receptions in a season. Ben Coates, who had 96 receptions in 1994, holds the franchise's single-season reception record. Running back Antowain Smith has rushed for over 100 yards in three of his last four games and has scored a team-leading eight touchdowns this year, tying his career highs set with the Bills as a rookie in 1997 and again in 1998. The last Patriot to score eight touchdowns was Terry Allen, who led the team with nine touchdowns in 1999.

With five games to play, the Patriots find themselves tied with Denver for the seventh-best record in the AFC. Three of their next four games will be played against teams currently ahead of them in the conference standings, at New York Jets (7-3), Cleveland (6-4) and Miami (7-3).

RATINGS GAME

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady finished last week's game with a passer rating of 143.9, his second highest of the season and the third rating over 124.0 this year (all wins). His rating last week was the sixth highest league-wide this season among quarterbacks with 20 or more attempts (see below). He is the only quarterback to have two ratings in the top six.

| Rating | Quarterback, Date, Opp. |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 154.3 | Trent Green, 9/30, vs. Was. |
| 150.3 | Kurt Warner, 9/30, vs. Mia. |
| 148.3 | Tom Brady, 10/21, at Ind. |

| Rating | Quarterback, Date, Opp. |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 144.3 | Brian Griese, 9/10, vs. NYG |
| 144.1 | Aaron Brooks, 11/18, vs. Ind. |
| 143.9 | Tom Brady, 11/25, vs. N.O. |



Series Information

SERIES HISTORY

The Patriots and Jets will meet this Sunday for the second time this season and the 84th time in the series. The Patriots have a 35-46-1 record against the Jets in the regular season and a 1-0 mark in the playoffs. Recent games in the series have been hotly contested, with four of the last five games decided by a touchdown or less.

The two teams have met once in the playoffs, following the 1985 season. The Patriots defeated the Jets 26-14 in the wild-card round at the Meadowlands on their way to Super Bowl XX. A game-by-game look at the series history is listed below:

REGULAR SEASON

| Date | Result | +/- | Date | Result | +/- |
|------|-------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| 1960 | Patriots 28, at Jets 24 | ..+4 | 1980 | Patriots 21, at Jets 11 | ...+10 |
| | at Patriots 38, Jets 21 | +17 | | at Patriots 34, Jets 21 | ...+13 |
| 1961 | Jets 21, at Patriots 20 | ...-1 | 1981 | at Jets 28, Patriots 24 |-4 |
| | at Jets 37, Patriots 30 | ...-7 | | Jets 17, at Patriots 6 |-11 |
| 1962 | Patriots 43, at Jets 14 | +29 | 1982 | Jets 31, at Patriots 7 |-24 |
| | at Patriots 24, Jets 17 | ..+7 | 1983 | at Patriots 23, Jets 13 | ...+10 |
| 1963 | at Patriots 38, Jets 14 | +24 | | at Jets 26, Patriots 3 |-23 |
| | at Jets 31, Patriots 24 | ...-7 | 1984 | Patriots 28, at Jets 21 | ...+7 |
| 1964 | at Patriots 26, Jets 10 | +16 | | at Patriots 30, Jets 20 | ...+10 |
| | at Jets 35, Patriots 14 | ..-21 | 1985 | at Patriots 20, Jets 13 | ...+7 |
| 1965 | Jets 30, at Patriots 20 | ..-10 | | at Jets 16, Patriots 13 | ot. -3 |
| | Patriots 27, at Jets 23 | ...+4 | 1986 | Patriots 20, at Jets 6 | ...+14 |
| 1966 | at Patriots 24, Jets 24 | .. tie | | Jets 31, at Patriots 24 |-7 |
| | at Jets 38, Patriots 28 | ..-10 | 1987 | at Jets 43, Patriots 24 | ...-19 |
| 1967 | at Jets 30, Patriots 23 | ...-7 | | at Patriots 42, Jets 20 | ...+22 |
| | Jets 29, at Patriots 24 | ...-5 | 1988 | at Patriots 28, Jets 3 | ...+25 |
| 1968 | Jets 47, Patriots 31 |-16 | | Patriots 14, at Jets 13 |+1 |
| | (at Birmingham) | | 1989 | Patriots 27, at Jets 24 |+3 |
| | at Jets 48, Patriots 14 | ..-34 | | Jets 27, at Patriots 26 |-1 |
| 1969 | Jets 23, at Patriots 14 | ...-9 | 1990 | Jets 37, at Patriots 13 |-24 |
| | at Jets 23, Patriots 17 | ...-6 | | at Jets 42, Patriots 7 |-35 |
| 1970 | Jets 31, at Patriots 21 | ..-10 | 1991 | Jets 28, at Patriots 21 |-7 |
| | at Jets 17, Patriots 3 | ...-14 | | Patriots 6, at Jets 3 |+3 |
| 1971 | at Patriots 20, Jets 0 | ...+20 | 1992 | at Jets 30, Patriots 21 |-9 |
| | at Jets 13, Patriots 6 |-7 | | at Patriots 24, Jets 3 |+21 |
| 1972 | Jets 41, at Patriots 13 | ..-28 | 1993 | at Jets 45, Patriots 7 |-38 |
| | at Jets 34, Patriots 10 | ..-24 | | Jets 6, at Patriots 0 |-6 |
| 1973 | Jets 9, at Patriots 7 |-2 | 1994 | at Jets 24, Patriots 17 |-7 |
| | at Jets 33, Patriots 13 | ..-20 | | at Patriots 24, Jets 13 | ...+11 |
| 1974 | Patriots 24, at Jets 0 | ...+24 | 1995 | Patriots 20, at Jets 7 | ...+13 |
| | Jets 21, at Patriots 16 | ...-5 | | at Patriots 31, Jets 28 |+3 |
| 1975 | at Jets 36, Patriots 7 | ...-29 | 1996 | Patriots 31, at Jets 27 |+4 |
| | Jets 30, at Patriots 28 | ...-2 | | at Patriots 34, Jets 10 | ...+24 |
| 1976 | at Patriots 41, Jets 7 | ...+34 | 1997 | at Patriots 27, Jets 24 | ot. +3 |
| | Patriots 38, at Jets 24 | +14 | | at Jets 24, Patriots 19 |-5 |
| 1977 | at Jets 30, Patriots 27 | ...-3 | 1998 | Jets 24, at Patriots 14 |-10 |
| | at Patriots 24, Jets 13 | +11 | | at Jets 31, Patriots 10 |-21 |
| 1978 | at Patriots 55, Jets 21 | +34 | 1999 | Patriots 30, at Jets 28 |+3 |
| | Patriots 19, at Jets 17 | ..+2 | | Jets 24, at Patriots 17 |-7 |
| 1979 | at Patriots 56, Jets 3 | ...+53 | 2000 | at Jets 20, Patriots 19 |-1 |
| | at Jets 27, Patriots 26 | ...-1 | | Jets 34, Patriots 17 |-17 |
| | | | 2001 | Jets 10, at Patriots 3 |-7 |

Playoffs - AFC Wild Card

1985 Patriots 26, at Jets 14 ..+12

SERIES TRENDS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Record in the Series | 35 wins - 46 losses - 1 tie |
| Total Points | Jets 1,866, Patriots 1,813 |
| Record in the Playoffs..... | 1 win - 0 losses |
| Record in New England | 19 wins - 20 losses - 1 tie |
| Record in New York..... | 17 wins - 25 losses |
| Neutral Sites | 0 wins, 1 loss |
| NE's Largest Margin of Victory... | 53 pts (56-3 on 9/9/79) |
| NE's Largest Margin of Defeat... | 38 pts (7-45 on 9/26/93) |
| Longest Win Streak | 6 games (12/4/94 - 9/14/97) |
| Longest Losing Streak | 9 games (1966-70) |
| Seasonal Sweeps | Jets 15 (most recent '00), |
| |Pats 9 ('96) |
| Current Streak | NYJ four games |

TALE OF THE TAPE

Through Week 11

| Categories | New England | New York |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Record | 6-5..... | 7-3 |
| Divisional Standings | 3 rd | 1 st |
| Total Yards Gained | 3,382..... | 2,850 |
| Total Defense (Rank)..... | 307.5 (18)..... | 285.0 (27) |
| Rush Offense | 110.2 (15)..... | 134.1 (3) |
| Pass Offense | 197.3 (21)..... | 150.9 (29) |
| Points Per Game | 23.4 (7)..... | 20.8 (13) |
| Total Yards Allowed | 3,787..... | 3,198 |
| Total Defense | 344.3 (25)..... | 319.8 (17) |
| Rush Defense | 120.5 (20)..... | 138.3 (30) |
| Pass Defense..... | 223.8 (24)..... | 181.5 (3) |
| Points Allowed/Game | 19.3 (13)..... | 18.2 (10) |
| Possession Avg. | 30:20..... | 29:26 |
| Sacks Allowed/Yards Loss..... | 29/170..... | 25/124 |
| Sacks Made/Yards..... | 31/170..... | 13/93 |
| Interceptions By/Yards | 13/238..... | 17/318 |
| Penalties Against/Yards | 63/538..... | 38/317 |
| Fumbles/Lost..... | 22/11..... | 14/5 |
| Fumbles Forced/Recovered..... | 12/6..... | 23/16 |
| Takeaway/Giveaway Ratio | -2..... | +22 |

SERIES SUPERLATIVES

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

Rushing Yards

| | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Patriots: | Tony Collins 23-212-3 tds (9/18/83) |
| Jets: | John Riggins 32-168-1 (10/15/72) |

Passing Yards

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Patriots: | Steve Grogan 42-23-401-3 tds (10/12/86) |
| Jets: | Ken O'Brien 29-22-386-2 tds (11/5/89) |

Receiving Yards

| | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Patriots: | Irving Fryar 8-165-2 tds (10/4/92) |
| Jets: | Keyshawn Johnson 8-194-1td (9/12/99) |

LAST TIME (9/23/01)

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 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-yard line. Unfortunately, the Patriots fumbled the football and the Jets recovered the miscue on their 7-yard line. 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.



Game Review – Patriots 34, Saints 17

GAME REVIEW

The New England Patriots (6-5) defeated the New Orleans Saints 34-17 at a soggy, rainy Foxboro Stadium. The win was the fourth for the Patriots in six games at home this season.

The Patriots gained a season-high 432 total yards of offense, their highest offensive output since they gained 451 total yards at Cleveland (10/3/99). The offensive onslaught included 191 yards rushing, their highest total since they gained 200 yards on 28 carries at St. Louis (12/13/98).

New England opened the game by driving 85 yards on six plays and scoring on a 41-yard screen pass from quarterback Tom Brady to running back Antowain Smith. It was the ninth time in their 11 games that the Patriots have scored first.

They added to their total in the second quarter when Brady connected with Troy Brown on an 8-yard touchdown pass. They trekked 93 yards on eight plays, including a 42-yard pass interference penalty forced by wide receiver David Patten.

With just 1:50 remaining in the first half, the Patriots drove 78 yards on six plays and scored their third touchdown of the first half with 10 seconds remaining. Brady hit wide receiver Charles Johnson for a 24-yard score. The drive consisted of three runs, two by Smith (11, and 12 yards), one by Brady (11 yards) and two straight completions to Patten (27 yards) and Johnson (24 yard score).

The Patriots led 20-0 at the half, marking the seventh time this season they have outscored their opponent in the first half. They have nearly doubled their opponent's score in the first half this year, 151-76. They are 6-1 now when they lead at the half.

The Saints struck back in the third quarter with 10 points and cut the Patriots lead in half 20-10. Saints kicker John Carney boomed a 31-yard field goal on this third attempt of the game. He had missed his first kick from 48 yards and his second attempt, from 43-yards, was blocked by Richard Seymour. Saints running back Ricky Williams rushed in from three yards out on their next possession and they trailed 20-10.

The Patriots responded by driving 80 yards on nine plays and increased their lead to 27-17 on a 2-yard touchdown pass from Brady to Marc Edwards. The scoring drive was kept alive when Patten drew his second pass interference call of the game on third-down and eight. The penalty covered 24 yards and gave the Patriots the ball on the 7-yard line.

New Orleans cut their deficit back down to 10, 27-17, when Aaron Brooks hit Willie Jackson on a 7-yard touchdown pass.

When the Patriots re-gained the ball, they moved 68 yards on 10 plays, melting 5:50 off the game clock before they scored. When Smith scored his second touchdown of the game, a 3-yard run, they led 34-17 with 2:16 remaining.

The Patriots defense sealed the win when safety Lawyer Milloy intercepted a Brooks pass in the end zone with 54 seconds remaining in the game

MAGIC NUMBER IS 21

The Patriots are now 6-0 when they score 21 points or more and are 0-5 when they don't.

GAME NOTES

The Patriots finished November with a 3-1 record. The last time they won three of four games in November was 1996 ... New England improved their record to 2-1 against the NFC West with their victory ... The Patriots won for the sixth time in the last eight games on Thanksgiving Weekend.

NFL MILLER LITE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady earned his first Miller Lite Player of the Week last week against the Saints. He established a career-high with four touchdown passes, all to different players. Brady also completed 73% of his passes (19-26) for 258 yards and earned a quarterback rating for 143.9. It was his second highest rating of the season and his third rating over 124.0 this year (all wins).

PATRIOTS WEEKLY PLAYER OF THE GAME RECIPIENTS

| Opponent | Player | Stats |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| Cincinnati | WR Troy Brown | 7 rec., 106 yds and 1 td |
| NY Jets | WR Troy Brown | 5 rec., 82 yds; 4 pr, 44 yds |
| Indianapolis | LB Bryan Cox | 11 tackles |
| Miami | LB Mike Vrabel | 3 tackles, 1 interception |
| San Diego | QB Tom Brady | 33-54, 364 yds, 2 tds |
| Indianapolis | WR David Patten | 4 rec.-117 yds-2 tds; 1 rush-29 yds-1td; 1-1 passing-60yds-1td |
| Denver | DE Willie McGinest | 5 tackles, 2 sacks |
| Atlanta | DE Willie McGinest | 5 tackles, 2 sacks |
| Buffalo | RB Antowain Smith | 20 att., 100 yds, 2 tds |
| St. Louis | WR Troy Brown | 8 rec.-91 yds |
| New Orleans | QB Tom Brady | 19-26, 258 yds, 4 tds |

Note – Bold denotes NFL Miller Lite Player of the Week Winner

BLOCK PARTY

Richard Seymour blocked a 43-yard field goal attempt by New Orleans in the first quarter. It was the first block of his career and the third of the year by the Patriots. The last time they blocked three kicks in one season was 1998.

INTERCEPTIONS

The Patriots defense has recorded 13 interceptions this season (including two last week). It's their highest season total since they recorded 16 in 1999.

ANTHONY PLEASANT

Pleasant intercepted an Aaron Brooks pass that was deflected by safety Lawyer Milloy in the third quarter. The interception was the first of Pleasant's 12-year career.

CHARLES JOHNSON

Johnson was on the receiving end of a 24-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady at the end of the first half. It was his first touchdown catch of the season and the 24th of his career.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

- The Patriots concluded their three-game homestand with a 2-1 record and improved their record in Foxboro this season to 4-2.
- The game was their 79th consecutive sellout at Foxboro Stadium. The Patriots have a 51-28 record in Foxboro during that streak.

THIRD DOWN WAS A CHARM

The Patriots converted 62% (8-of-13) of their third downs against the Saints last week. It was their highest conversion rate since 1987, when New England converted 66% of their third downs (10-of-15) against the Miami Dolphins (12/28/87). They defeated the Dolphins 24-10.

In the Patriots six wins this season, they have converted almost half of their third downs (48.7). In their losses, they have made only 35.8% of their third downs.



News and Notes

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 | 152 | Denver |
| Je'Rod Cherry | DB | 6 | 84 | Philadelphia |
| Mike Compton | G/C | 9 | 115 | Detroit |
| Bryan Cox | LB | 11 | 152 | N.Y. Jets |
| Marc Edwards | FB | 5 | 75 | Cleveland |
| Damon Huard | QB | 5 | 34 | Miami |
| Larry Izzo | LB | 6 | 72 | Miami |
| Charles Johnson | WR | 8 | 114 | Philadelphia |
| Riddick Parker | DL | 5 | 60 | Seattle |
| David Patten | WR | 5 | 69 | Cleveland |
| Roman Phifer | LB | 11 | 162 | N.Y. Jets |
| Anthony Pleasant | DE | 12 | 176 | San Francisco |
| Terrance Shaw | CB | 7 | 88 | Miami |
| Antowain Smith | RB | 5 | 68 | Buffalo |
| Mike Vrabel | LB | 5 | 61 | Pittsburgh |
| Ken Walter | P | 5 | 70 | Carolina |
| 16 Players | | 115 | 1,552 | |

A-TRAIN

Antowain Smith led all rushers with 111 yards on 24 carries (4.6 avg.) against the Saints. It was his third 100-game in the past four weeks and the 10th of his career. The last Patriot to record more than three 100-yard games in a season was Robert Edwards with four in 1998. The Patriots have won all three of the games he has rushed for 100 yards and his teams are now 9-1 in those games during his career. His 100-yard games are listed below:

| Yards | Att | Avg | TD | W/L | Versus |
|------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 147 | 17 | 8.7 | 3 | W | at Seattle, 12/23/00 |
| 130 | 31 | 4.2 | 2 | W | at Indianapolis, 10/11/98 |
| 129 | 12 | 10.7 | 3 | W | vs. Indianapolis, 9/21/97 |
| 126 | 29 | 4.3 | 0 | W | vs. Miami, 11/14/99 |
| 118 | 22 | 5.4 | 0 | L | vs. St. Louis, 9/20/98 |
| 117 | 23 | 5.1 | 0 | W | at Atlanta, 11/4/01 |
| 113 | 30 | 3.9 | 1 | W | vs. NY Jets, 9/19/99 |
| 111 | 24 | 4.6 | 1 | W | vs. New Orleans, 11/25/01 |
| 107 | 23 | 4.7 | 2 | W | vs. Indianapolis, 11/22/98 |
| 100 | 20 | 5.0 | 2 | W | vs. Buffalo, 11/11/01 |

Smith scored on a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter. It was his seventh rushing touchdown of the season and 33rd of his career. He needs one more touchdown run to tie his career-high of eight set in both 1997 and 1998.

Smith also scored on a screen pass that he converted into a 41-yard touchdown on the Patriots opening drive. It was his first career touchdown reception and the longest reception of his career. The 41-yard reception was also the longest reception this season by a Patriots running back and the fifth longest reception overall. He leads the Patriots with eight touchdowns (seven rushing, one receiving) and ranks sixth in the AFC.

MARC EDWARDS

Edwards caught three passes for 30 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter last week against the Saints. He has recorded 20 catches for 143 yards and two touchdowns this season. He needs only eight catches, 76 yards and one touchdown to set career-highs in each category.

This season, Edwards has gained 125 yards on 39 rushes (3.2 avg.), which is the highest total by a fullback since Kevin Turner gained 231 yards rushing on 50 carries in 1993.

He has also proved invaluable in the running game as a blocker. "Marc has had some key blocks on most all of Antowain's runs," said head coach Bill Belichick. "Whether it be the toss play in Indianapolis or some of the inside plays that he has hit, he has had some real critical blocks that sprung him (Antowain Smith) through the line."

FOLLOWING A PATTERN

Wide receiver David Patten drew two pass interference penalties last week against the Saints and both drives resulted in Patriots touchdowns. This season Patten has developed a pattern of drawing pass interference penalties. He has totaled five through 11 games and they've all resulted in scores. In overtime against the Chargers on Oct. 24, his 37-yard pass interference penalty began their drive that resulted in the game-winning field goal.

| OPPONENT, DATE | YARDS | RESULT OF DRIVE |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Indianapolis, 9/30 | 26..... | 47-yard field goal |
| San Diego, 10/14 | 37..... | 44-yard field goal |
| Buffalo, 11/10 | 25..... | 1-yard touchdown run |
| New Orleans, 11/25 | 42..... | 8-yard touchdown pass |
| New Orleans, 11/25 | 24..... | 2-yard touchdown pass |

SUNDAY DRIVES

This past weekend against the New Orleans Saints, the Patriots offense controlled the football for a season-high 35:47. New England's five scoring drives played an integral role in their superior time of possession, averaging 7.8 plays and 80.8 yards. They scored 34 points, the highest total allowed by the Saints this season and it was the third time the Patriots have scored 34 points or more in 2001.

| Plays | Yards | Time | Result |
|-------|-------|------|--|
| 6 | 85 | 3:25 | 41-yd TD pass, Tom Brady to Antowain Smith |
| 8 | 93 | 4:06 | 8-yd TD pass, Brady to Troy Brown |
| 6 | 78 | 1:40 | 24-yd TD pass, Brady to Charles Johnson |
| 9 | 80 | 3:47 | 2-yd TD pass, Brady to Marc Edwards |
| 10 | 68 | 5:50 | 3-yd TD run by Smith |

SCORING IS SOARING

The Patriots have scored 20 or more points in the past seven games, including their 34-point output last weekend against the Saints. It's their longest streak since they scored 20 or more in eight games during the 1996 season, the same season they went to the Super Bowl XXXI.

The Patriots are averaging 23.4 points through 11 games this season and 26.3 points per game in Tom Brady's nine starts. It's their highest scoring average since they scored an average of 26.1 points in 1996.



News and Notes

TROY BROWN

Brown recorded seven catches for 91 yards last week against the Saints. It was the sixth time this season he has caught seven or more passes and the sixth time he has recorded 91 or more receiving yards this season. Through 11 games, Brown ranks third in the NFL with 70 catches and third in the AFC with 885 receiving yards (see below).

| Receiver, NFL | No | Yds | Avg. | LG | Td |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| R. Smith, Den..... | 82 | 1,029 | 12.5 | 65t | 9 |
| K. Johnson, T.B. | 76 | 891 | 11.7 | 32 | 0 |
| Troy Brown, N.E..... | 70 | 885 | 12.6 | 60t | 5 |
| Ji. Smith, Jax..... | 70 | 850 | 12.1 | 35t | 5 |

| Receiver, AFC | Yds | No | Avg. | LG | Td |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|
| R. Smith, Den..... | 1,029 | 82 | 12.5 | 65t | 9 |
| M. Harrison, Ind. | 934 | 66 | 14.2 | 68 | 11 |
| Troy Brown, N.E..... | 885 | 70 | 12.6 | 60t | 5 |
| Tim Brown, Oak..... | 862 | 59 | 14.6 | 46t | 7 |

On Brown's first catch of the game, an 18-yard reception, he moved past Jim Colclough (283 catches) for sole possession of sixth place in franchise history. He needs three catches to move past Gino Cappelletti (292) into fifth place on the Patriots list.

| Rk | Player, Pos. | No | Yds | Avg. | LG | Td |
|----------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Stanley Morgan, WR | 534 | 10,352 | 19.4 | 76t | 67 |
| 2 | Ben Coates, TE | 490 | 5,471 | 11.2 | 84t | 50 |
| 3 | Irving Fryar, WR | 363 | 5,726 | 15.8 | 80t | 38 |
| 4 | Terry Glenn, WR | 322 | 4,575 | 14.2 | 86t | 22 |
| 5 | Gino Cappelletti, WR | 292 | 4,589 | 15.7 | 63t | 42 |
| 6 | Troy Brown, WR | 290 | 3,656 | 12.6 | 67 | 17 |
| 7 | Jim Colclough, WR | 283 | 5,001 | 17.7 | 78t | 39 |

He caught his fifth touchdown pass of the season and the 17th of his career on an 8-yard catch in the second quarter. He moved into a tie with TE Jim Whalen (1965-69) for 12th place with 17 receiving touchdowns.

Over half of Brown's receptions this season (42) have resulted in first downs. He also has rushed for three first downs, increasing his total to 45 and ranks third among AFC wide receivers.

Brown also extended his streak of games with a reception to 36. It is the third longest streak in team history behind tight end Ben Coates (63 games) and Jim Colclough (42).

CATCHING ON

Brown has been a dominant presence for the Patriots offense over the past two seasons, catching 153 passes. It's the second highest two-year total in Patriots history, behind Ben Coates' 180 in 1994-95. With five games remaining, Brown needs 28 catches to surpass Coates' total.

| Player | Catches, Year | Catches, Year | Total |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Ben Coates..... | 96, 1994..... | 84, 1995 | 180 |
| Troy Brown | 83, 2000..... | 70, 2001 | 153 |
| Ben Coates..... | 53, 1993..... | 96, 1994 | 149 |
| Terry Glenn | 69, 1999..... | 79, 2000 | 148 |

TOUCHDOWN MAKER

Tom Brady completed a career-high four touchdown passes against the Saints last week. All four scores were to different players (see breakdown below). The last Patriot quarterback to throw four touchdown passes in a game was Drew Bledsoe at Denver (10/1/00).

1. Teamed with running back Antowain Smith on a screen pass that was converted into a 41-yard touchdown on the Patriots first series.
2. Connected with wide receiver Troy Brown on an 8-yard touchdown in the second quarter.
3. Hit wide receiver Charles Johnson on a 24-yard touchdown at the end of the first half.
4. Completed a 2-yard touchdown pass to fullback Marc Edwards in the fourth quarter.

STREAKING

Brady extended his streak of games with a touchdown pass to seven last week, throwing four scores to four different players. He has the fifth longest active streak (tied with Steve McNair) among NFL quarterbacks (see below).

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TD PASS

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 14..... Jeff Garcia | 10..... Brett Favre |
| 12..... Peyton Manning | 7..... Tom Brady |
| 11..... Brian Griese | 7..... Steve McNair |

NEARING COMPLETION

Brady completed 73% of his passes last week against the Saints and raised his completion percentage to 65% on the season. He's tied with San Francisco's Jeff Garcia for the third highest completion percentage in the NFL. The Patriots single-season record was established by Tony Eason in 1986 with a 61.6 mark (448-276). At his current pace, Brady would jump into first place in team history. Hugh Millen (61.1, 1992), Steve Grogan (60.8, 1986) and Drew Bledsoe (60.2, 1997) round out the top five.

Last week's game against the Saints marked Brady's third consecutive game of completing at least 70% of his passes. Drew Bledsoe was the last quarterback to accomplish the feat, posting three straight games in 1996 (all wins).

| Tom Brady | | Drew Bledsoe | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| Date, Opponent | Comp. % | Date, Opponent | Comp. % |
| 11/11/01, Buffalo..... | 71.4 | 10/27/96, Buffalo | 71.1 |
| 11/18/01, St. Louis..... | 70.4 | 11/03/96, Miami..... | 73.2 |
| 11/25/01, New Orleans... | 73.1 | 11/10/96, at NY Jets.... | 70.6 |

LAWYER MILLOY

Milloy equaled his season-high with 10 tackles last week against the Saints. He currently leads the team with 75 tackles (52 solos) and is on pace to record 109 this season. It would be his fifth consecutive season with over 100 tackles.

He intercepted his first pass of the season and the 18th of his career in the fourth quarter against the Saints. He moved into a tie with Ron Bolton for 11th place in team history with 18 interceptions.



BY THE NUMBERS

4

The number of touchdown passes Tom Brady threw last week against the Saints.

4

The number of different players that caught scoring passes from Brady last week.

7

The number of consecutive games Brady has thrown a touchdown pass this season. It's currently tied for the fifth-longest streak in the NFL.

16

The number of touchdown passes Brady has thrown this season. He ranks fourth in the AFC behind Brian Griese, Den. (19); Rich Gannon, Oak. (18); and Peyton Manning, Ind. (18).

143.9

Brady's quarterback rating last week against the Saints. It was the sixth-highest rated game among NFL quarterbacks this season.

93.5

Brady's quarterback rating this season. He ranks second in the AFC and fourth in the league.

70

The number of passes Troy Brown has caught through 11 games this season.

102

The number of receptions Brown is projected to record this season.

83

Brown's career-high for receptions, which he set last season.

42

The number of Brown's 70 receptions that have resulted in first downs. It's the third-highest total among AFC receivers.

153

The number of passes Troy Brown has caught during the past two seasons (83, 2000 and 70, 2001). It is the second highest two-year total in franchise history.

180

The number of catches Ben Coates caught in back-to-back seasons in 1994 (96) and 1995 (84). It's the highest total in consecutive seasons in franchise history.

10

The number of 100 yards games Antowain Smith has recorded during his five-year career, including three with the Patriots.

9-1

The record of Smith's teams when he rushes for over 100 yards, including a 3-0 mark with the Patriots.

62%

The Patriots third down conversion percentage last week against the Saints. It was their highest conversion rate since 1987, when New England converted 66% of their third downs (10-of-15) against the Miami Dolphins (12/28/87).

48.7

The Patriots third down conversion rate in their six wins this season.

35.8

The Patriots third down conversion rate in their five losses this season.

23.4

The number of points the Patriots are averaging this season. It's their highest scoring average since they scored an average of 26.1 points in 1996.

21

The Patriots magic number this year is 21. When they score 21 points or more, they are 6-0. When they don't, they are 0-5.

3-1

The Patriots record during the month of November. The last time they won three of four games in November was in 1996.

2-2

The Patriots record in the month of December last year.

6-0

The Patriots record when they lead after three quarters.

0-5

The Patriots record when they trail after three quarters.

3-2

The Patriots record this season against the AFC East.