



# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS NEWS RELEASE

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## MEDIA SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, Dec. 5

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 Availability (Super Box A)  
11:35 Butch Davis Conference Call  
11:55 Browns Player Conference Call  
12:30-12:50 Photo Access at Practice

### Thursday, Dec. 6

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, Dec. 7

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 (7-5)

Sun., Sept. 9	at Cincinnati	L	17-23
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
<b>Sun., Oct. 14</b>	<b>San Diego</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>ot 29-26</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 21</b>	<b>at Indianapolis</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>38-17</b>
Sun., Oct. 28	at Denver	L	20-31
<b>Sun., Nov. 4</b>	<b>at Atlanta</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>24-10</b>
<b>Sun., Nov. 11</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>21-11</b>
Sun., Nov. 18	St. Louis	L	17-24
<b>Sun., Nov. 25</b>	<b>New Orleans</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>34-17</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 2</b>	<b>at N.Y. Jets</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>17-16</b>
Sun., Dec. 9	Cleveland	1:00	WBZ
Sun., Dec. 16	at Buffalo	1:00	WBZ
Sat., Dec. 22	Miami Dolphins	1:30	WBZ
Sun., Dec. 28	Bye		
Sun., Jan 6	at Carolina	1:00	WBZ

## AFC EAST STANDINGS

AFC EAST	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	8	3	0	.727	235	222
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	224	199
<b>New England</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>228</b>
Indianapolis	4	7	0	.364	292	337
Buffalo	1	10	0	.090	180	308

## REGULAR SEASON WEEK 13

### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (7-5) vs. CLEVELAND BROWNS (6-5)

**DATE:** December 9, 2001  
**SITE:** Foxboro Stadium (60,292) - 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 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 **Gino Cappelletti**. The tandem is enjoying their 18<sup>th</sup> season together. For a complete listing of all local affiliates, please see page 13.

The New England Patriots (7-5) return home to host the Cleveland Browns (6-5) this week. This will be the third consecutive season that the Patriots and the Browns have clashed since the Browns returned to the NFL in 1999. The Patriots defeated the Browns in 1999, 19-7, but lost in Cleveland last season, 19-11. A victory over the Browns this week would not only avenge last season's loss, but would also extend a Patriots win streak to three consecutive games. The Patriots have not won three straight since starting 4-0 in 1999.

Last week, the Patriots scored 17 second-half points to claim a 17-16 victory over the then-division leading New York Jets. The victory pulled the Patriots to within a half game of the Jets and kept them just 1-1/2 games behind the first place Miami Dolphins. With four games to play, the Patriots remain in third place in the AFC East, but moved into sole possession of sixth place in the conference standings.

The Patriots have not surrendered a turnover in either of their last two games, despite facing two of the NFL's most opportunistic teams. The Saints entered their game with the Patriots leading the NFC with a +10 turnover ratio, and last week, the Jets boasted a league-high +22 turnover ratio. The Patriots collected a pair of interceptions in each game for a +2 turnover ratio.

This week, the Patriots host another opportunistic team. The Cleveland Browns lead the league with 25 interceptions and are second in the league with 31 total takeaways. Their +13 turnover ratio is ranked second in the AFC and third in the NFL.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady continues to lead the Patriots with a precision passing game. Last week, he completed over 70 percent of his passes (20-of-28) for the fourth consecutive game and fifth time this year (see box below). He led the Patriots on three consecutive scoring drives in the second half at New York to record his second come-from-behind victory as a Patriot and improved to 7-3 as a starter. That is the best start by a Patriots quarterback since Doug Flutie went 7-3 in his first 10 starts. Babe Parilli enjoyed the greatest success of any quarterback in franchise history, winning 9 games before suffering his fourth loss.

Troy Brown remains Brady's favorite target. His 78 receptions is tied for third in the AFC and fourth in the NFL. His 944 yards receiving ties the career-high he set last season. He is currently averaging 6.5 receptions per game. He is on pace to become the first Patriot to eclipse 100 receptions in a season (pace projects 104 receptions). Last week, he moved ahead of Gino Cappelletti (292) into fifth place on the all-time reception list with 298 career receptions.

Patriots RB Antowain Smith (7<sup>th</sup> in the AFC in rushing) scored his ninth touchdown of the season last week (5<sup>th</sup> in the AFC). He now has eight rushing touchdowns (4<sup>th</sup> in the NFL) and has scored five touchdowns in the last four games. In the six games he has scored, the Patriots are 5-1.

## PRECISION PASSING

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady completed 71.4% of his passes last week against the Jets and became only the fifth player in NFL history to complete over 70 percent of his passes in four consecutive games in the same season, with a minimum 10 passes (see below). He increased his season completion percentage to 65.6 and is tied with Oakland's Rich Gannon for the highest total in the AFC.

### CONSECUTIVE GAMES IN SEASON 70% OR HIGHER COMPLETION PCT.

Joe Montana, 1989.....8	Steve Young, 1993 ..... 4
<b>Tom Brady, 2001.....4</b>	Troy Aikman, 1995 ..... 4
Sammy Baugh, 1945 .....4	



# Series Information

## SERIES HISTORY

The New England Patriots and the Cleveland Browns will meet this weekend for the third consecutive year after a three-year hiatus. Cleveland holds a commanding 12-5 advantage in the series, including last season's 19-11 victory at Cleveland Browns Stadium. The last time the Patriots hosted the Browns at Foxboro was the 1995 season opener, which the Patriots won 17-14.

The Patriots faced the Browns six times while current head coach Bill Belichick was leading the Browns from 1991 to 1995. Belichick's Browns had a 4-2 record over the Patriots.

The two teams met in the wild-card round of the playoffs in 1994 and the Browns defeated the Patriots 20-13. A game-by-game look at the series is listed below:

### CLEVELAND 12, PATRIOTS 5

Date	Result	+/-	Stadium
1971	— at Cleveland 27, NE 7	-20	Cleveland
1974	— Cleveland 21, at NE 14	-7	Foxboro
1977	— at Cleveland 30, NE 27 (ot)	-3	Cleveland
1980	— at NE 34, Cleveland 17	+17	Foxboro
1982	— at Cleveland 10, NE 7	-3	Cleveland
1983	— Cleveland 30, at NE 0	-30	Foxboro
1984	— NE 17, at Cleveland 16	+1	Cleveland
1985	— at Cleveland 24, NE 20	-4	Cleveland
1987	— Cleveland 20, at NE 10	-10	Foxboro
1991	— Cleveland 20, at NE 0	-20	Foxboro
1992	— Cleveland 19, at NE 17	-2	Foxboro
1993	— NE 20, at Cleveland 17	+3	Cleveland
1994	— at Cleveland 13, at NE 6	-7	Foxboro
	*at Cleveland 20, NE 13	-7	Cleveland
1995	— at NE 17, Cleveland 14	+3	Foxboro
1999	— NE 19, at Cleveland 7	+12	Cleveland
2000	— at Cleveland 19, NE 11	-8	Cleveland

\*AFC First Round Playoff

(Points—Cleveland 324, Patriots 239)

## CONNECTIONS

- Patriots head coach **Bill Belichick** spent five seasons as the Cleveland Browns head coach (1991-95). He accumulated a 36-44 career record, including an 11-5 record during the 1994 season.
- Patriots assistant director of player personnel **Scott Pioli** served as the Cleveland Browns pro personnel assistant from 1992-95.
- Patriots defensive coordinator **Romeo Crennel** served as the Browns defensive coordinator last season.
- Patriots fullback **Marc Edwards** (1999-2000), wide receiver **David Patten** (2000) and defensive end **Anthony Pleasant** (1990-1995) all played with the Cleveland Browns.
- Patriots wide receiver **Terry Glenn** (1992-95) and linebacker **Mike Vrabel** (1993-96) played at Ohio State.
- Patriots assistant linebackers coach **Pepper Johnson** played with the Cleveland Browns (1993-95) and Ohio State Buckeyes (1982-85).
- Numerous Browns players have Patriots ties, including kicker **Phil Dawson**, who spent the 1998 season on the Patriots practice squad; defensive end **Greg Spires** played in 42 games with the Patriots from 1998-2000; and center **Dave Wohlabaugh**, who played for the Patriots from 1995-98.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

### Through Week 12

Categories	New England	Cleveland
Record .....	7-5	6-5
Divisional Standings .....	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Total Yards Gained .....	3,646	2,736
Total Offense (Rank) .....	303.8 (21)	248.7 (30)
Rush Offense .....	107.1 (18)	84.4 (27)
Pass Offense .....	196.8 (19)	164.4 (28)
Points Per Game .....	22.8 (8)	17.0 (20)
Total Yards Allowed .....	4,075	3,536
Total Defense .....	339.6 (24)	321.5 (16)
Rush Defense .....	120.3 (20)	124.4 (21)
Pass Defense .....	219.3 (23)	197.1 (15)
Points Allowed/Game .....	19.0 (12)	15.1 (5)
Possession Avg. ....	30:03	29:03
Sacks Allowed/Yards Loss .....	34/181	33/229
Sacks Made/Yards .....	32/185	29/207
Interceptions By/Yards .....	15/250	25/310
Penalties Against/Yards .....	67/566	75/602
Fumbles/Lost .....	23/11	18/7
Fumbles Forced/Recovered .....	13/6	25/6
Takeaway/Giveaway Ratio .....	0	+13

## SERIES SUPERLATIVES

The Patriots and Browns have played 17 times during the regular season and once in postseason play dating back to 1971. Below is a listing of the top individual game performances (Patriots players are listed first):

Rushing Yards	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Date
Curtis Martin	19	102	5.3	1	9/3/95
Greg Pruitt	26	151	5.8	0	9/26/77

Passing Yards	Att	C	Yds	Td	I	Date
Drew Bledsoe	43	29	393	1	0	10/3/99
Paul McDonald	37	23	320	1	0	10/7/84

Receiving Yards	No	Yds	Avg.	Td	Date
Terry Glenn	13	214	16.5	1	10/3/99
Michael Jackson	7	151	21.6	2	9/3/95

## LAST TIME (11/12/00)

The New England Patriots lost 19-11 to the Cleveland Browns at Cleveland last season. The New England offense turned the ball over four times leading to 13 points for the Browns.

The Browns opened the scoring with a 39-yard field goal, but the Patriots answered with a 38-yard boot by Adam Vinatieri.

The Patriots turned the ball over on their next possession and the Browns cashed the turnover in, with a 9-yard touchdown pass and jumped out to a 10-3 lead.

The Browns added a field goal before the quarter ended, making the score 16-3. The Patriots turned the ball over a fourth time at the beginning the fourth quarter and Cleveland turned it into their fourth field goal, increasing the margin to 19-3.

The Patriots put together a 12-play, 73-yard touchdown drive. Bledsoe found tight end Rod Rutledge in the back of the end zone for his first career touchdown. Faulk converted the two-point attempt to bring the Patriots within one score at 19-11.

The Patriots were unable to score on their final possession, as the Browns exhausted the final 3:09 off the clock to claim the victory.



# Game Review – Patriots 17, Jets 16

## GAME REVIEW

The New England Patriots (7-5) defeated the New York Jets (7-4) 17-16, snapping a four-game losing streak in the series. The Patriots spotted the Jets 13 points in the first half and outscored them 17-3 in the second half for the win. The Patriots improved their record within the AFC East to 4-2.

The Jets opened the game by driving 72 yards on six plays and scored on a 34-yard pass from Vinny Testaverde to Laveranues Coles. It was the first time this season the Patriots defense allowed their opponent to score on their first drive of the game. The last time they allowed their opponent to score on their opening possession was at Indianapolis (10/22/00).

After forcing the Patriots to punt on their first drive, the Jets traveled 53 yards on nine plays and added a 19-yard field goal by John Hall for a 10-0 lead.

The two teams traded numerous punts until the Jets added their second field goal of the game, a 40-yard kick by Hall, and they led 13-0 at the half.

The Jets had outgained the Patriots 219-67 in the first half and held the ball for 19:24 compared to the Patriots 10:36.

The Patriots turned the tide in the second half, outgaining the Jets 197-63 and outscoring them 17-3.

New England's defense began the comeback when linebacker Mike Vrabel intercepted Testaverde on the Jets first drive of the second half. Five plays later, running back Antowain Smith put the Patriots on the board with a 4-yard touchdown run, cutting the Jets lead to 13-7.

The Jets countered with a 50-yard field goal by Hall, increasing their lead to 16-7. It would be the Jets last score on the afternoon.

On the Patriots next drive, they trekked 82 yards on nine plays and cut their deficit to 16-14 on a 4-yard scoring run by fullback Marc Edwards. Quarterback Tom Brady completed all five of his passes on the drive, including a 40-yarder to Smith.

Following a Jets punt, the Patriots took the lead for good, 17-16 on a 28-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri with just 6:29 remaining in the game. Brady completed six-of-seven passes for 56 yard on the drive, including three to wide receiver David Patten for 44 yards.

The game-winning kick was the 10<sup>th</sup> of Vinatieri's career and his second this season.

On the ensuing drive, the Patriots defense forced the Jets into a 4<sup>th</sup>-and-5 with 2:07 remaining in the game. Testaverde attempted a pass to tight end Anthony Becht for the first down, but cornerback Terrell Buckley stepped in front of it and recorded his second interception of the season.

The Patriots ran out the clock to earn their seventh win in 10 games, including four of the last five.

## FOR THE RECORD

The Patriots are now 1-2 when they trail at the half and 1-5 when they trail after three quarters ... They are 2-0 in games decided by three points or less ... They are 4-1 when they have a positive turnover ratio.

## VERSUS THE AFC EAST

Last week's victory against the Jets improved the Patriots record against the AFC East to 4-2. The last time they finished a season with a winning record against the AFC East was in 1997, 7-1. Their two remaining division games are against the Buffalo Bills (12/16) and Miami Dolphins (12/22).

## TAKEAWAY NOTE

The Patriots recorded two interceptions against the Jets last week and increased their takeaway total to 21 for the season, 15 by way of interceptions. Eleven of their last 12 takeaways have been interceptions.

## NFL MILLER LITE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Patriots linebacker Roman Phifer recorded a team-high nine tackles against the Jets and was named Miller Lite Player of the Game. He led a defense that held the Jets to three points and 63 yards in the second half. Phifer ranks second on the team this season with 69 tackles (51 solo).

## 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
<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>WR David Patten</b>	<b>4 rec.-117 yds-2 tds; 1 rush-29 yds-1td; 1-1 passing-60yds-1td</b>
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
<b>New Orleans</b>	<b>QB Tom Brady</b>	<b>19-26, 258 yds, 4 tds</b>
NY Jets	LB Roman Phifer	9 tackles

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

## FRED COLEMAN

Coleman caught his first career reception in the third quarter last week against the Jets. The play covered 46 yards and converted a 3<sup>rd</sup>-and-3. The Patriots signed Coleman on Nov. 8, 2001 and last week's game was his fourth of the season.

## MARC EDWARDS

Edwards scored his third touchdown of the season (1 rushing, 2 receiving) on a 4-yard run in the third quarter.

## MIKE VRABEL

Vrabel intercepted his second pass of the season and of his career against the Jets last week. He returned the interception 12 yards. The Patriots cashed in on the turnover, driving 57-yards on five plays and scored on a 4-yard touchdown run by Antowain Smith.

## TALE OF TWO HALFS

- The Patriots scored 17 points in the second half against the Jets, their most second-half points since they rang up 20, including overtime, vs. San Diego (10/14/01) in a 29-26 victory.
- In the first half, they were held scoreless for the first time this season. The last time was at Buffalo (11/28/99).
- For the first time this season, the Patriots defense allowed their opponent to score on their first drive of the game. The last time they allowed their opponent to score on their opening possession was at Indianapolis (10/22/00).
- A breakdown of the differences from the first half to the second is listed below:

Category	1 <sup>ST</sup> Half	2 <sup>ND</sup> Half
Points .....	0.....	17
Total Yards .....	67.....	197
1 <sup>st</sup> Downs.....	3.....	11
3 <sup>rd</sup> Down Conversion.....	1-6 .....	4-6
Time of Possession .....	10:36 .....	16:24



# 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:

		CAREER		2001	FORMER TEAM
NAME, POS	EXP	GP	GP/GS		
Terrell Buckley, CB.....	10	153	11/1		Denver
Je'Rod Cherry, DB.....	6	85	12/0		Philadelphia
Mike Compton, G/C.....	9	116	12/12		Detroit
Bryan Cox, LB.....	11	153	8/7		N.Y. Jets
Marc Edwards, FB.....	5	76	12/11		Cleveland
Damon Huard, QB.....	5	34	0/0		Miami
Larry Izzo, LB.....	6	73	12/0		Miami
Charles Johnson, WR....	8	115	12/1		Philadelphia
Riddick Parker, DL.....	5	61	10/0		Seattle
David Patten, WR.....	5	70	12/10		Cleveland
Roman Phifer, LB.....	11	163	12/12		N.Y. Jets
Anthony Pleasant, DE...	12	177	12/12		San Francisco
Terrance Shaw, CB.....	7	89	9/3		Miami
Antowain Smith, RB.....	5	69	12/12		Buffalo
Mike Vrabel, LB.....	5	62	12/8		Pittsburgh
Ken Walter, P.....	5	71	7/0		Carolina
<b>16 Players.....</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>165/89</b>		

## A-TRAIN

Patriots running back Antowain Smith scored on a 4-yard run last week against the Jets and established a career-high with his ninth touchdown of the season (8 rushing, 1 receiving). He also tied his career-high of eight rushing touchdowns, set in 1997 and 1998. The last Patriot rusher to score eight touchdowns in a season was Terry Allen (8, 1999). The Patriots have a 5-1 record in games when Smith has scored a touchdown this year. The score was his third in the last four games.

Last week, Smith caught a 4-yard pass across the middle on 3<sup>rd</sup>-and-3 and turned it into a 40-yard gain. The Patriots scored their second touchdown four plays later. The reception was Smith's second for at least 40 yards -- tied for most by a running back in the NFL (Ricky Williams).

## TERRELL BUCKLEY

Buckley intercepted his second pass of the season and the 40<sup>th</sup> of his career last week versus the Jets. The theft gave the Patriots back possession of the football with 2:02 remaining in the game and they were able to run the clock out for the 17-16 victory. Buckley ranks **sixth** among active defenders with 40 career interceptions (see below).

Rk	Player	Yrs.	Int.	Yds	TD
1	Rod Woodson .....	14	61	1,240	10
2	Eric Allen .....	13	53	807	8
	Darrell Green .....	18	53	621	6
4	Aeneas Williams .....	10	48	711	8
5	Ray Buchanan .....	8	41	744	4
6	<b>Terrell Buckley .....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>5</b>
7	LeRoy Butler .....	11	38	533	1

## DAVID PATTEN

Patten established single-season career-highs in both receptions and receiving yards last week against the Jets. Through 12 games this year, Patten has caught 41 passes for 589 yards (14.4 avg.) and four touchdowns. His previous highs were 38 receptions and 546 yards, both set during the 2000 season.

## TROY BROWN

Last week against the Jets, Brown led all receivers with eight catches for 59 yards. He increased his 2001 season totals to 78 catches for 944 yards (12.1 avg.) and five touchdowns. Brown has tied his single-season career-high with 944 receiving yards which he set during the 2000 season. He needs only 56 yards to reach the 1,000 receiving yard mark for the first time in his career. The last Patriots wide receiver to reach 1,000 yards was Terry Glenn with 1,147 yards in 1999. He has also closed in on his single-season career-high reception mark, 83, which he also set in 2000. Brown is tied for fourth in the NFL with 78 receptions and fourth in the AFC with 944 yards receiving.

Receiver, NFL	No	Yds	Avg.	LG	Td
K. Johnson, TB.....	83	976	11.8	34	0
R. Smith, Den. ....	82	1,029	12.5	65t	9
<b>Troy Brown, N.E.....</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>60t</b>	<b>5</b>
J. Smith, Jax .....	78	966	12.4	35t	5
T. Owens, S.F.....	75	1,042	13.9	52t	13

Receiver, AFC	Yds	No	Avg.	LG	Td
R. Smith, Den. ....	1,029	82	12.5	65t	9
M. Harrison, Ind.....	1,023	71	14.4	68	12
J. Smith, Jax .....	966	78	12.4	35t	5
<b>Troy Brown, N.E.....</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>60t</b>	<b>5</b>
Tim Brown, Oak.....	925	64	14.5	46t	9

## SINGLE SEASON HIGHS

Troy Brown is on pace to catch 104 passes for 1,259 yards through 12 games this season. He has already tied his career-high in receiving yards (944, 2000) and needs four receptions to set a career-high in receptions (83, 2000). The Patriots single-season receiving highs along with his totals from this season are listed below.

Rec	Player	Year	Yards	Player	Year
96...	Ben Coates .....	1994	1,491	Stanley Morgan ....	1986
90...	Terry Glenn .....	1996	1,174	Ben Coates.....	1994
84...	Ben Coates .....	1995	1,147	Terry Glenn .....	1999
84...	Stanley Morgan .....	1986	1,132	Terry Glenn .....	1996
<b>83 ...</b>	<b>Troy Brown.....</b>	<b>2000</b>	1,029	Stanley Morgan ....	1981
82...	Marv Cook .....	1991	1,014	Irving Fryar .....	1991
79...	Terry Glenn .....	2000	1,013	Harold Jackson ....	1979
<b>78 ...</b>	<b>Troy Brown.....</b>	<b>2001</b>	1,002	Stanley Morgan ....	1979
			<b>944</b>	<b>Troy Brown .....</b>	<b>2001</b>
			<b>944</b>	<b>Troy Brown .....</b>	<b>2000</b>

## MOVING ON UP

On his third catch against the Jets, a 9-yard reception in the second quarter, Brown (293) moved past Gino Cappelletti (292) into fifth place on the Patriots all-time reception 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
<b>5</b>	<b>Troy Brown, WR</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>3,715</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>17</b>
6	Gino Cappelletti, WR	292	4,589	15.7	63t	42

• Over half of Brown's receptions this season (46) have resulted in first downs. He also has rushed for three first downs, increasing his total to 49, which ranks third among AFC wide receivers.

## CATCHING ON

Brown has been a dominant presence for the Patriots offense over the past two seasons, catching 161 passes. It's the second highest two-year total in Patriots history, behind Ben Coates' 180 in 1994-95. With four games remaining, Brown needs 20 catches to surpass Coates' total.

Player	Catches, Year	Catches, Year	Total
Ben Coates.....	96, 1994 .....	84, 1995 .....	180
<b>Troy Brown .....</b>	<b>83, 2000 .....</b>	<b>78, 2001 .....</b>	<b>161</b>
Ben Coates.....	53, 1993 .....	96, 1994 .....	149





# News and Notes

## BRADY'S BUNCH

Quarterback Tom Brady became only the third quarterback in franchise history to win seven of his first 10 starts as a Patriot last week, joining Doug Flutie and Babe Parilli. Brady will try this week and become only the second quarterback in team history (along with Parilli) to record eight wins in his first 11 starts.

Quarterback	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterback	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Brady	7-3	?	Butch Songin	5-5	5-6
Babe Parilli	7-3	8-3	Matt Cavanaugh	4-6	4-7
Doug Flutie	7-3	7-4	Jim Plunkett	4-6	4-7
Tony Eason	6-4	6-5	Steve Grogan	3-7	4-7

## COMPLETING THE PICTURE

Brady completed 71.4% of his passes last week against the Jets, increasing his season total to 65.6. He is tied with Rich Gannon of the Oakland Raiders for the highest completion percentage in the AFC. They both trail St. Louis Kurt Warner who leads the NFL with a 66.8 completion percentage.

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, Brady became the first player since Troy Aikman in 1995 and only the fifth player in NFL history to complete at least 70 percent of his passes (at least 10 attempts) in four consecutive games (see front page).

## RATINGS GAME

Brady ranks second in the AFC and fifth in the NFL with a quarterback rating of 93.4 while starting in 10 games this season. He has recorded five games with a rating of 93.3 or better and three of 124.4 or more, including a season-high of 148.3 at Indianapolis (10/21). The top AFC passers are listed below:

PLAYER	ATT	CMP	PCT.	YDS	TD	INT	RATING
R. Gannon, Oak.	360	236	65.6	2,626	21	4	101.9
<b>T. Brady, NE</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>93.4</b>
M. Brunell, Jax.	309	188	60.8	2,176	12	6	87.0
P. Manning, Ind.	387	245	63.3	3,019	20	17	86.3

## SEEING RED

The Patriots have scored in their last seven trips inside the opponents red zone, including six touchdowns. Last week against the Jets they converted all three of their chances inside the 20, with two touchdowns, both 4-yard runs and a field goal.

This season, New England has converted 30 of their 39 opportunities in the red zone, including 21 touchdowns. They rank fifth in the AFC and eighth in the NFL with a 53.8 percentage of touchdowns in the red zone. Last season they converted only 23 of 53 opportunities into touchdowns (43.4 %).

## THIRD DOWN IS A CHARM

One of the many categories the Patriots have improved in this year is third down efficiency. Through the first 12 weeks of the season the Patriots lead the AFC with a third down conversion rate of 42.9. Last year, they ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the NFL and 12<sup>th</sup> in the AFC with a conversion rate of 35.0.

Two weeks ago against the Saints the Patriots posted their highest conversion rate, 62% (8-of-13), since 1987, when they converted 66% of their third downs (10-of-15) against the Miami Dolphins (12/28/87).

In the Patriots seven wins this season, they have converted almost half of their third downs (47.8). In their five losses, they have made only 35.8% of their third downs.

## KICKING IT

Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri boomed his 10<sup>th</sup> career game-winning kick and his third against the Jets last week. His 28-yard field goal gave the Patriots a 17-16 lead with 6:29 remaining in the contest. A summary of his game-winning kicks is listed below.

Date	Opponent	Yds	Time	Final Score
9/22/96	Jacksonville	40	12:24 (OT)	28-25
9/14/97	NY Jets	34	6:57 (OT)	27-24
10/04/98	at New Orleans	27	0:03	30-27
12/20/98	San Francisco	35	0:03	24-21
9/12/99	at NY Jets	23	0:03	30-28
9/19/99	Indianapolis	26	0:35	31-28
11/19/00	Cincinnati	22	0:03	16-13
12/17/00	at Buffalo	24	0:19 (OT)	13-10
10/14/01	San Diego	44	10:55 (OT)	29-26
12/2/01	at NY Jets	28	6:29	17-16

## AFC STANDINGS – REMAINING SCHEDULE

Team	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	ROAD	DIV	NFC	AFC	Wk 13	Wk 14	Wk 15	Wk 16	Wk 17
Pittsburgh .....	9	2	0	.818	4-1	5-1	5-2	2-0	7-2	NYJ	@Bal	DET	@Cin	CLE
Miami .....	8	3	0	.727	4-1	4-2	3-2	1-1	7-2	IND	@SF	@NE	ATL	BUF
Oakland .....	8	3	0	.727	4-1	4-2	4-1	3-1	5-2	KC	@SD	TEN	@Den	NYJ
Baltimore .....	8	4	0	.667	4-1	4-3	5-3	1-1	7-3	Bye	PIT	CIN	@TB	MIN
NY Jets .....	7	4	0	.636	2-4	5-0	4-2	2-2	5-2	@Pit	CIN	@Ind	BUF	@Oak
<b>New England ....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>4-2</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>4-2</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>5-4</b>	<b>Cle</b>	<b>@Buf</b>	<b>Mia</b>	<b>Bye</b>	<b>@Car</b>
Cleveland .....	6	5	0	.545	4-3	2-2	4-3	1-1	5-4	@NE	JAX	@GB	@Ten	@Pit
Seattle .....	6	5	0	.545	4-2	2-3	3-2	0-2	6-3	@Den	DAL	@NYG	@SD	KAN
Denver .....	6	6	0	.500	4-2	2-4	2-3	3-1	3-5	SEA	@KC	Bye	OAK	@Ind
Tennessee .....	5	6	0	.455	2-3	3-3	3-5	2-0	3-6	@Min	GB	@Oak	CLE	@Jax
San Diego .....	5	7	0	.417	4-2	1-5	1-4	2-1	3-6	@Phi	OAK	@KC	SEA	@Dal
Indianapolis .....	4	7	0	.364	1-4	3-3	3-3	0-2	4-5	@Mia	ATL	NYJ	@StL	DEN



## BY THE NUMBERS

**71.4**

Tom Brady's completion percentage last week against the NY Jets (28-20).

**4**

The number of consecutive games Brady has completed at least 70% of his passes.

**4**

The number of other players in NFL *history* who have completed at least 70% of their passes in at least four consecutive games prior to Brady (Joe Montana, 8 games; Sammy Baugh, 4; Steve Young, 4; and Troy Aikman, 4).

**65.6**

Brady's completion percentage this season (302-198), which is tied for first in the AFC and second in the NFL.

**93.4**

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

**78**

The number of passes Troy Brown has caught through 12 games this season.

**104**

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

**83**

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

**46**

The number of Brown's 78 receptions that have resulted in first downs. It's the third-highest total among AFC receivers.

**944**

The number of receiving yards Troy Brown has totaled this season, tying a career-high established in 2000.

**42.9**

The Patriots third down conversion percentage this season (69-161). They rank first in the AFC and fourth in the NFL.

**35.0**

The Patriots third down conversion percentage last season (82-234). They ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the AFC and 24<sup>th</sup> in the NFL.

**4-2**

The Patriots record this season against the AFC East.

**7-1**

The Patriots last winning record in the AFC East (1997).

**9**

The number of touchdowns Antowain Smith has scored this season with the Patriots (8 rushing, 1 receiving).

**5-1**

The Patriots record in games that Smith has scored a touchdown this year.

**3**

The number of 100-yard rushing games Smith has this season with the Patriots

**3-0**

The Patriots record in those games.

**2**

The number of game-winning kicks Vinatieri has recorded this season, including a 28-yarder last week against the Jets.

**10**

The number of game-winning kicks Vinatieri has recorded during his career.

**41**

The number of catches David Patten has recorded this season, setting a single-season career-high.

**38**

Patten's previous single-season career-high set in 2000.

**589**

The number of receiving yards Patten has recorded this season, setting a single-season career-high.

**546**

Patten's previous single-season career-high set in 2000.

**+32**

The turnover ratio of the Patriots last two opponents prior to their games with the Patriots (New Orleans, +10; NY Jets, +22).

**-4**

The turnover ratio of those two teams against the Patriots (New Orleans, -2; NY Jets -2).

**+13**

The turnover ratio of the Cleveland Browns this season.

**4-1**

The Patriots record when they have a positive turnover ratio this season.