



NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS NEWS RELEASE

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REGULAR SEASON WEEK 9

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (4-4) vs. BUFFALO BILLS (1-6)

MEDIA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 7

10:45-11:15 Head Coach Bill Belichick's Press Conference (Super Box A)
11:00 Rob Johnson Conference Call
11:15-11:55 Players available in locker room
11:15 Tom Brady Available (Super Box A)
11:30 Gregg Williams Conference Call
12:30-12:50 Photo Access at Practice

Thursday, Nov. 8

10:45-11:05 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, Nov. 9

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

DATE: November 11, 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 25th season as voice of the Patriots, will call the action along with **Gino Cappelletti**. The tandem is enjoying their 18th season together.

The New England Patriots improved to 4-4 after winning two of three on the road. This week, they return home to host the Buffalo Bills (1-6). It will be the Patriots first of three consecutive games at Foxboro Stadium.

After an 0-2 start, the Patriots have rebounded to win four of their last six games, including two straight at Foxboro Stadium. A victory this week would give the Patriots their first three-game, single-season home win streak since 1998 and would push their record over .500 for the first time in two years. With a 4-4 record, the Patriots remain in fourth place in the division, but trail the division-leading Dolphins by just 1.5 games.

If history is any indicator, fans can anticipate a low-scoring, close game against the Bills. While the Patriots have played in just one game that was decided by three points or less this season (a 29-26 overtime victory over San Diego), each of the last three contests in the series between the Patriots and Bills has been decided by a field goal in overtime. Two of those three games were played at Foxboro Stadium. Five of the last six games in the series have been decided by no more than four points.

Last week, the Patriots defense stormed Atlanta, as eight different defenders collected a total of nine sacks. It was the second most in franchise history and within one of the team record of 10 (set in 1963). It was just the fifth time the team has been credited with nine sacks in one game and the first since 1999 (vs. the Dolphins 10/17/99). Willie McGinest led the charge with two sacks in his second consecutive game for the first time of his career. Offensively, Antowain Smith became the first Patriots running back to rush for over 100 yards since Terry Allen rushed for 126 yards vs. Buffalo (12/26/99).

The Patriots overcame a -1 turnover ratio (two give-aways, one take-away) to win the game for the first time since they defeated the Dallas Cowboys (12/5/99) despite a -2 turnover ratio. Since then, the Patriots had lost nine consecutive games in which they had a negative turnover ratio.

Midway through the 2001 season, multiple Patriots find themselves among the league leaders. Troy Brown is having a career-year and has the potential to break the Patriots all-time single-season reception record. He currently ranks second in the NFL in receptions (53) and third in yards receiving (678). At his current pace, Brown will finish the season with 106 receptions, 10 more than Ben Coates' team record of 96 in 1994. Tom Brady, 4-2 as a starter, is among the league leaders in multiple passing categories. His 90.0 passer rating currently ranks third in the AFC and only Rich Gannon (9:1) and Donovan McNabb (3:1) have a better touchdown-to-interception ratio than Brady's (2.5:1). Adam Vinatieri's 59 points this season ranks fourth in the NFL.

PATRIOTS SCHEDULE

REGULAR SEASON (4-4)

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	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	5	2	0	.714	153	137
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	.625	157	175
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.571	200	197
New England	4	4	0	.500	185	160
Buffalo	1	6	0	.143	122	195

FANS ENCOURAGED TO ENTER STADIUM EARLY

The New England Patriots advise all fans attending games at Foxboro Stadium for the remainder of the 2001 season to enter the stadium early to allow extra time for the security screening procedures that remain in effect. Stadium gates open two hours before every game.



Series Information

SERIES HISTORY

This week's game will be the 83rd encounter between the two AFC East rivals, dating back to the inception of the AFL in 1960. The Patriots have recorded 42 wins against the Bills, the most against any opponent. They have won 22 of those games at home, including 16 in Foxboro.

Last season, the Patriots snapped the Bills three-game winning streak in the series with a 13-10 overtime victory on Dec. 17, 2000. Amid a snowstorm in Buffalo, Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri nailed a 24-yard field goal in overtime for the victory. The game-time temperature was 35 degrees, with a wind chill of six and 40 mile-per-hour winds created blizzard-like conditions throughout the second half. The results of the series are listed below:

NEW ENGLAND 42-39-1

YR	RESULT	YR	RESULT
1960	—Buffalo 13, at NE 0 -13	1980	—at Buffalo 31, NE 13 -18
	at Buffalo 38, NE 14 -24		at NE 24, Buffalo 2 +22
1961	—NE 23, at Buffalo 21 +2	1981	—at Buffalo, 20, NE 17 -3
	at NE 52, Buffalo 21 +31		Buffalo 19, at NE 10 -9
1962	—at Buffalo 28, NE 28 tie	1982	—at NE 30, Buffalo 19 +11
	at NE 21, Buffalo 10 +11	1983	—NE 31, at Buffalo 0 +31
1963	—at Buffalo 28, NE 21 -7		at NE 21, Buffalo 7 +14
	at NE 17, Buffalo 7 +10	1984	—NE 21, at Buffalo 17 +4
	*NE 26, at Buffalo 8 +18		at NE 38, Buffalo 10 +28
1964	—NE 36, at Buffalo 28 +8	1985	— NE 17, at Buffalo 14 +3
	Buffalo 24, at NE 14 -10		at NE 14, Buffalo 3 +11
1965	—at Buffalo 24, NE 7 -17	1986	—NE 23, at Buffalo 3 +20
	Buffalo 23, at NE 7 -16		at NE 22, Buffalo 19 +3
1966	—NE 20, at Buffalo 10 +10	1987	—at NE 14, Buffalo 7 +7
	at NE 14, Buffalo 3 +11		NE 13, at Buffalo 7 +6
1967	—NE 23, at Buffalo 0 +23	1988	—Buffalo 16, at NE 14 -2
	Buffalo 44, at NE 16 -28		at Buffalo 23, NE 20 +3
1968	—NE 16, at Buffalo 7 +9	1989	—at Buffalo 31, NE 10 -21
	at NE 23, Buffalo 6 +17		at NE 33, Buffalo 24 +9
1969	—at Buffalo 23, NE 16 -7	1990	— Buffalo 27, at NE 10 -17
	at NE 35, Buffalo 21 +14		at Buffalo 14, NE 0 -14
1970	—Buffalo 45, at NE 10 -35	1991	— at Buffalo 22, NE 17 -5
	NE 14, at Buffalo 10 +4		at NE 16, Buffalo 13 +3
1971	—at NE 38, Buffalo 33 +5	1992	— Buffalo 41, at NE 7 -34
	at Buffalo 27, NE 20 -7		at Buffalo 16, NE 7 -9
1972	—at Buffalo 38, NE 14 -24	1993	—at Buffalo 38, NE 14 -24
	Buffalo 27, at NE 24 -3		Buffalo 13, at NE 10 (OT) -3
1973	—Buffalo 31, at NE 13 -18	1994	—Buffalo 38, at NE 35 -3
	at Buffalo 37, NE 13 -24		NE 41, at Buffalo 17 +24
1974	—at Buffalo 30, NE 28 -2	1995	—at NE 27, Buffalo 14 +13
	Buffalo 29, at NE 28 -1		NE 35, at Buffalo 25 +10
1975	—at Buffalo 45, NE 31 -14	1996	—at Buffalo 17, NE 10 -7
	Buffalo 34, at NE 14 -20		at NE 28, Buffalo 25 +3
1976	—NE 26, at Buffalo 22 +4	1997	—at NE 33, Buffalo 6 +27
	at NE 20, Buffalo 10 +10		NE 31, at Buffalo 10 +21
1977	—Buffalo 24, at NE 14 -10	1998	—at Buffalo 13, NE 10 -3
	NE 20, at Buffalo 7 +13		at NE 25, Buffalo 21 +4
1978	—NE 14, at Buffalo 10 +4	1999	—at Buffalo 17, NE 7 -10
	at NE 26, Buffalo 24 +2		Buffalo 13, at NE 10 ot ... -3
1979	—NE 26, at Buffalo 6 +20	2000	—Buffalo 16, at NE 13 ot -3
	Buffalo 16, at NE 13(OT) -3		NE 13, at Buffalo 10 ot ... +3

*Divisional Playoff

SERIES TRENDS

Record in New England 22 wins - 18 losses
 Record in Buffalo 20 wins - 21 losses - 1 tie
 Total Points in Regular Season Series.... Patriots 1,583, Bills 1,566
 Total Points in Postseason Series Patriots 26, Bills 8
 Patriots Largest Margin of Victory..... 31 pts (1961 and 1983)
 Patriots Largest Margin of Defeat -35 points (1970)
 Highest Combined Point Total 76 pts (Bills 45-31 in '75)
 Lowest Combined Point Total 14 pts (Bills 14-0 in '90)
 Longest Patriots Win Streak 11 games (1982-1987)
 Longest Patriots Losing Streak 9 games (1971-1975)
 Current Streak Patriots, one game winning streak

TALE OF THE TAPE

Through Week Eight

Categories	New England	Buffalo
Record	4-4	1-6
Divisional Standings	4 th	5 th
Total Yards Gained	2,515	2,215
Total Offense (Rank).....	314.4 (17).....	316.4 (14t)
Rush Offense	104.5 (23).....	110.1 (13t)
Pass Offense	209.9 (15).....	206.3 (17)
Points Per Game	23.1 (9).....	17.4 (22)
Total Yards Allowed	2,635	2,351
Total Defense	329.4 (21).....	335.9 (22)
Rush Defense	131.1 (25).....	133.1 (26)
Pass Defense.....	198.3 (11).....	202.7 (16)
Points Allowed/Game	20.0 (16).....	27.9 (29)
Possession Avg.	29:50	30:05
Sacks Allowed/Yards Loss.....	18/100.....	27/172
Sacks Made/Yards.....	22/134.....	14/94
Interceptions By/Yards	7/159.....	4/48
Penalties Against/Yards	47/384.....	54/399
Fumbles/Lost.....	16/8.....	10/7
Fumbles Forced/Recovered.....	8/5.....	12/2
Takeaway/Giveaway Ratio.....	-3.....	-9

PATRIOTS – BILLS GAME NOTES

PATRIOTS: The Patriots have 42 wins against the Bills, which is their most against any opponent ... They snapped a three-game losing streak last year against the Bills with a 13-10 overtime victory ... **RB Antowain Smith** spent four seasons with the Bills (1997-2000) and gained 2,932 yards on 760 carries and scored 26 touchdowns. **BILLS: QB Rob Johnson** will play for the first time in Foxboro Stadium this week. He has faced the Patriots once, starting last year's meeting in Buffalo. **BOTH TEAMS:** Five of the last six games in the series have been decided by four points or less ... During both games last year weather played a role with rain during the first meeting (11/5) and snow and a wind chill of six degrees at Buffalo (12/17).

SERIES SUPERLATIVES

There have been numerous outstanding individual performances in the series between the Patriots and the Bills. Below is a list of the top individual efforts based on yards gained:

Rushing Yards

Patriots: Jim Nance 34-185-1 td (9/24/67)
 Bills: O.J. Simpson 29-250-2 tds (9/16/73)

Passing Yards

Patriots: Drew Bledsoe 42-36-2-380-3 tds-2 ints (9/11/94)
 Bills: Jim Kelly 41-21-356-1 td-2 ints (11/19/89)

Receiving Yards

Patriots: Stanley Morgan 5-158-2 tds (11/4/79)
 Bills: Andre Reed 9-168-1 td (9/27/92)

FOUR TIMES A CHARM?

The last three times the Patriots and Bills have played, the outcome has been decided in overtime. They are currently tied with the Denver Broncos and Oakland Raiders for the most overtime games in a row. They set the record from 1984 to 1985.

DATE	RESULT	NOTE
12/26/99	Buffalo 13, at NE 10	S. Christie 23-yd field goal
11/5/00	Buffalo 16, at NE 13	S. Christie 32-yd field goal
12/17/00	NE 13, at Buffalo 10	A. Vinatieri 24-yd field goal



Game Review –Patriots 24, Falcons 10

GAME REVIEW

The New England Patriots evened their 2001 season record at 4-4 with a 24-10 victory over the Atlanta Falcons in the Georgia Dome. It was the Patriots first win against the Falcons since 1986, snapping a streak of four consecutive losses. The Patriots gained 371 total yards, including 135 on the ground.

The Patriots were led through the air by quarterback Tom Brady who passed for 250 yards and three touchdowns, completing 21 of 31 passes. Wide receiver Troy Brown caught five passes for 99 yards, including a 44-yard touchdown reception. Running back Antowain Smith led the ground attack, rushing for 117 yards on 23 attempts (5.1 avg.). He was the first Patriot to gain over 100 yards rushing since Terry Allen accumulated 126 yards vs. Buffalo (12/26/99).

The Falcons opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 19-yard pass from quarterback Chris Chandler to wide receiver Shawn Jefferson. It was the first time this season the Patriots did not score first.

New England responded with a 16-play, 75-yard drive and knotted the score at seven with a 4-yard scoring pass from Brady to running back Kevin Faulk. Two plays later, Patriots cornerback Otis Smith intercepted Chandler, his second interception of the season and the 23rd of his career. The turnover led to a 48-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri and gave the Patriots a 10-7 lead.

The Patriots forced the Falcons to punt on their next drive and took control of the football on the 11-yard line with 2:56 remaining in the first half. Brady led the Patriots 89-yards on 11 plays, completing 7-fo-9 passes, including a 15-yard score to fullback Marc Edwards. The Patriots entered halftime, leading 17-7.

The Patriots added to their lead late in the third quarter when Brady threw his third touchdown pass of the game, a 44-yard completion to Brown. The pass was intended for wide receiver David Patten but the ball caromed off Falcons cornerback Ashley Ambrose and into the waiting arms of Brown, who ran into the end zone. It was Brown's fourth touchdown reception of the season.

Michael Vick entered the game for the Falcons at the end of the third quarter and moved his team to the 3-yard line. The Patriots defense held them out of the end zone and forced them to kick a 20-yard field goal. Vick led two more drives but New England was able to keep them out of the end zone.

In the second half, the Patriots defense yielded only a field goal, while limiting the Falcons to only 134 total yards. The defense also recorded six sacks in the second half and nine during the game.

MILLER LITE PLAYER OF THE GAME

Patriots defensive end Willie McGinest was named Patriots Miller Lite Player of the Game for the second consecutive week. McGinest started and recorded two sacks for the second straight week. He now has 49.5 sacks in his career.

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

MAGIC NUMBER IS 21

The Patriots are now 4-0 when they score 21 points or more and they are 0-4 when they don't.

SACK ATTACK

The Patriots recorded a season-high nine sacks last week against the Falcons. It was the most sacks by a Patriots defense in the Belichick era and the most since the team recorded nine versus Miami (10/17/99). After recording just seven sacks in the first five games, the Patriots defense has now accumulated 15 sacks in the last three games.

- **Willie McGinest** started for the second time this season and recorded a sack on the Falcons' first offensive series. He recorded his second sack on the Falcons first series of the second half. He now has four sacks in the last two games and 49.5 career sacks (6th in franchise history). It was the first time in his career he recorded multiple sacks in back-to-back games and the first Patriot since linebacker Chris Slade notched three sacks versus Detroit (9/12/93) and two versus Seattle (9/19/93).
- **Bobby Hamilton** recorded a sack on the Falcons' second possession. It was his fifth of the season, which leads the team and is a new career high for the 7th year veteran. His previous single-season high was 4.5 sacks in 1996, his first year with the New York Jets.
- **Richard Seymour**, who started his second game of the year, recorded his first career sack when he tackled Chris Chandler for a 6-yard loss.
- **Roman Phifer** joined in on the sack attack with his first of the year in the third quarter. He now has 24.5 career sacks.
- **Anthony Pleasant** recorded his third sack of the season and the 51st of his career in the third quarter.
- **Mike Vrabel** sacked Michael Vick on the quarterback's first play of the game at the end of the third quarter. It was his second of the season and the ninth of his career.
- **Lawyer Milloy** dropped Vick for a loss of 7 yards in the fourth quarter. It was his second of the season and the sixth of his career.
- **Tebucky Jones** recorded the ninth and final sack for the Patriots, sacking Vick for an 8-yard loss. It was Jones' first career sack.

DOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE

Sixth-year placekicker Adam Vinatieri has a dome-field advantage. Vinatieri has not missed a PAT (23) or field goal (23) attempt in his career when kicking in a dome. Last week, he converted each of his three extra points and a 48-yard field goal.

SECOND QUARTER SCORING IS SOARING

After being shutout in the first quarter for the first time since the season opener at Cincinnati, the Patriots responded by scoring 17 unanswered points in the second quarter. This season, the Patriots have outscored their opponents 77-32 in the second quarter.

BILL BELICHICK'S COMMENTS

RE: The pressure applied by the defense:

BB: "We wanted to mix some pressure in and we did that. I thought Romeo [Crennel] did a nice job trying to keep them off balance. We mixed in some coverage and some pressure and tried to keep them off balance. I thought our defensive line did a nice job getting off the ball and used some good pass rush techniques. Winning those one-on-one battles up front is always the key. It looked like we might have won a few of them today."

RE: How Brady rebounded from last week:

BB: "I thought Tom had a good week of practice. He made some real good throws in the first half and was able to move it down the field. One thing about Tom is that he's real consistent. He really is. Day after day he goes out there and you pretty much know what you're going to get with him. He's been that way for five or six weeks."



News and Notes

A-TRAIN

Patriots running back Antowain Smith gained 117 yards on 23 carries (5.1 avg.) against the Falcons last week. He became the first Patriot running back to eclipse the 100-yard rushing mark since Terry Allen gained 126 yards vs. Buffalo (12/26/99). Smith has started all eight games at running back for the Patriots this season and currently has 474 yards on 128 carries (3.7 avg.). Smith will be facing his former team this weekend, the Buffalo Bills, with whom he spent the first four seasons of his career (1997-2000). Smith career 100-yard games are listed below:

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

NICE CATCH

- Troy Brown led all receivers with 99 yards receiving on five catches last week at Atlanta, including a 44-yard touchdown grab that resembled the "Immaculate Reception." The pass was intended for wide receiver David Patten, but the ball caromed off Falcons cornerback Ashley Ambrose and into the waiting arms of Brown, who sprinted into the end zone to give the Patriots a 24-7 lead.
- Brown leads the Patriots with 53 catches for 678 yards (12.8 avg.) and four receiving touchdowns.
- He ranks second in the NFL with 53 catches and third in the NFL with 678 yards.

RECEPTIONS, NFL	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1. R. Smith, Den.	57	758	13.3	65t	6
2. T. Brown, N.E.	53	678	12.8	60t	4
3. K. Johnson, T.B.	52	673	12.9	32	0

RECEIVING YARDS, NFL	Yds	No	Avg	Lg	TD
1. R. Smith, Den.	758	57	13.3	65t	6
2. D. Boston, Ariz.	727	46	15.8	52	1
3. T. Brown, N.E.	678	53	12.8	60t	4
4. K. Johnson, T.B.	673	52	12.9	32	0

- Over the past four weeks, Brown has averaged 8.3 catches and 105.5 yards per game. The Patriots have won three of those four games and have averaged 23.3 points.

Date	Opponent	Rec.	Yards
10/14	San Diego.....	11	117
10/21	at Indianapolis.....	8	120
10/28	at Denver	9	86
11/04	at Atlanta	5	99
Avg. last 4 games.....		8.3	105.5

- With 53 receptions in the first eight games, Brown is on pace to record 106 catches this season. The Patriots record is 96 catches set by tight end Ben Coates in 1994.
- Brown is averaging 84.8 yards receiving per game this season and is on pace to record 1,356 yards. Wide receiver Stanley Morgan holds the Patriots franchise record with 1,491 yards in 1986. Coates is second in franchise history with 1,174 yards in 1994.
- Over half of Brown's receptions this season (31) have resulted in first downs. He also has rushed for two first downs, increasing his total to 33, is second among AFC wide receivers.

HOMECOOKING

Tom Brady will try to become the first Patriots quarterback, other than Drew Bledsoe, to win three consecutive home games since Doug Flutie won four straight in 1988. Brady and the Patriots defeated the Colts 44-13 (9/30) and the Chargers 29-26 in overtime (10/14).

STREAKING

Brady rebounded from his four interception performance against the Broncos by attempting 31 passes without an interception against the Falcons. With his streak of 162 consecutive passes without an interception snapped against Denver, he began another streak last week. He attempted 31 passes without an interception against the Falcons. In fact, he completed 21 passes for 250 yards and three touchdowns.

He has thrown at least two touchdowns in the last four games and has totaled 10 during his six starts this season and he is tied for third with Tim Couch in the AFC. The Patriots are tied for third in the NFL and tied for second in the AFC with 13 touchdown passes.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

The Patriots will return home to a sold-out Foxboro Stadium this week and play the first game of a three-game home stand against the Buffalo Bills. This week's game will be the 77th consecutive sellout at Foxboro Stadium. The Patriots have won their last two home games and have a 49-27 record in Foxboro during that streak.

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	149	Denver
Je'Rod Cherry	DB	6	81	Philadelphia
Mike Compton	G/C	9	112	Detroit
Bryan Cox	LB	11	152	N.Y. Jets
Marc Edwards	FB	5	72	Cleveland
Damon Huard	QB	5	34	Miami
Larry Izzo	LB	6	69	Miami
Charles Johnson	WR	8	111	Philadelphia
Riddick Parker	DL	5	58	Seattle
David Patten	WR	5	66	Cleveland
Roman Phifer	LB	11	159	N.Y. Jets
Anthony Pleasant	DE	12	173	San Francisco
Terrance Shaw	CB	7	85	Miami
Antowain Smith	RB	5	65	Buffalo
Mike Vrabel	LB	5	58	Pittsburgh
Ken Walter	P	5	67	Carolina
16 Players		115	1,511	

MAKING A POINT

Kicker Adam Vinatieri has accumulated 59 points during the Patriots first eight games of the season and ranks second in the AFC and third in the NFL. He's been near perfect this season, making 13-of-14 field goals (.929) and 20-of-21 extra points (.944). At his current pace, Vinatieri is projected to total 118 points this season. His single-season career-high was 127 points in 1998.

GAME BALLS

Following the Patriots 24-10 victory over the Atlanta Falcons last week, Head Coach Bill Belichick presented five game balls to the team. RB Antowain Smith (117 yds rushing), FB Marc Edwards (15-yd touchdown reception), DE Willie McGinest (2 sacks), DE Anthony Pleasant (1 sack) and P Ken Walter (40.2 punt average) were all recognized by Belichick for their play against the Falcons.



BY THE NUMBERS

117

The number of yards rushing Antowain Smith gained against the Atlanta Falcons last week.

8

The number of 100-yard games Smith had accumulated during his five-year career.

24

The number of games since the Patriots had a 100-yard yard rusher (12/26/99, vs. Buffalo).

53

The number of receptions Troy Brown has totaled this season. He ranks second in the NFL.

83

Brown's single-season career-high reception total set in 2000. This season he is averaging 6.6 receptions per game and at that pace he will total 106 receptions.

96

The Patriots record for receptions set by tight end Ben Coates in 1994.

32

The number of consecutive games Troy Brown has caught at least one pass. The franchise record is held by Ben Coates who had a streak of 63 consecutive games with a reception from 1992 to 1996. Brown's streak began Nov. 15, 1999. Terry Glenn is second with a reception in each of the last 25 games played.

3

Brown has scored touchdowns in three consecutive games. He was the last Patriots receiver to score touchdowns in three consecutive games in 1997.

5

The Patriots record for consecutive games with a touchdown reception held by Michael Timpson (1993-94) and Jim Colclough (1962)

21

The Patriots magic number this year is 21. When the team scores 21 points or more, they are 4-0. When they don't, they are 0-4.

59

The number of points kicker Adam Vinateri has totaled this season. He ranks third in the AFC and fourth in the NFL.

13

The number of touchdown passes the Patriots have thrown this season. They are tied for second in the AFC and are tied for fourth in the NFL.

10

The number of touchdown passes Brady had completed during his six starts this season.

4

The number of consecutive games Brady has thrown at least two touchdown passes.

4-0

The Patriots record when they lead after three quarters, including last week's 24-10 victory.

0-4

The Patriots record when they are trailing after three quarters.

77

The number of consecutive sellouts at Foxboro Stadium (including this week's game), a streak that began the year Robert Kraft purchased the team (1994) and includes preseason, regular season and postseason games. The Patriots are 49-27 in those games.

163

The number of consecutive Patriots games that have been televised locally, including preseason, regular season and postseason games (including this weekend's game).

45%

The Patriots third down conversion percentage over the past six games. They have a 4-2 record in those six games.

30%

The Patriots third down conversion percentage in their first two games of the season. They were 0-2 in those games.

42

The number of victories the Patriots have against the Buffalo Bills. It's their most against any one opponent.

3

The last three times the Patriots and Bills have played, the outcome has been decided in overtime. They are currently tied with the Denver Broncos and Oakland Raiders (1984-85) for the most overtime games in a row.