



## **GAME NOTES**

**New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins – September 15, 2019**

### **TEAM NOTES**

- Patriots tie Indianapolis for most regular-season wins in a decade
- Patriots stop two-game losing streak at Miami
- Patriots off to 2-0 record for 15th time in team history and 10th time under Belichick
- Patriots have not allowed a first half TD in four straight games (incl. 2018 postseason)
- Patriots earn 27th shutout and fifth against Miami
- Patriots score two defensive touchdowns for first time since 2013
- Patriots return two interceptions for touchdowns in same game for first time since 2012
- James White becomes 16th RB to reach 20 career touchdown receptions since 1970
- White is the third running back to reach 20 touchdown receptions in first six seasons

### **PATRIOTS MATCH MARK FOR MOST REGULAR-SEASON WINS IN A DECADE**

The Patriots picked up their second win of the 2019 season and their 114th regular-season win of this decade (2010-present), tying the Indianapolis Colts (2000-09) for the most regular season wins in a single decade. The Patriots hold the mark for most total wins in a decade with 131 (2010-present).

### **PATRIOTS EARN 27TH SHUTOUT AND 10TH UNDER BELICHICK**

The Patriots earned their 27th shutout in franchise history, 10th under Bill Belichick and their first since 2016, when they shutout Houston, 27-0, on Sept. 22, 2016. It marked their fifth shutout of Miami and first since a 28-0 win in 2012.

### **PATRIOTS START 2-0 FOR 15TH TIME IN TEAM HISTORY AND 10TH TIME UNDER BELICHICK**

The Patriots own 2-0 record for 15th time in team history and 10th time under Bill Belichick (1964, 1974, 1986, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016).

### **LOSING STREAK OVER**

The Patriots snapped a two-game losing streak in Miami with the win.

### **PATRIOTS RETURN TWO PICKS FOR TOUCHDOWNS**

The Patriots returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the fourth quarter – a 54-yard interception return by CB Stephon Gilmore and a 69-yard interception return by LB Jamie Collins. It marked the 10th time that the Patriots have returned to picks for scores in the same game and the first time they have done so since returning two picks for scores vs. Indianapolis on Nov. 18, 2012.

### **PATRIOTS HAVE TWO DEFENSIVE SCORES IN SAME GAME FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2013**

The two interceptions returned for touchdowns marked the first the Patriots have scored two defensive touchdowns in the same game since a win at Baltimore on Dec. 22, 2013, when DL Chandler Jones scored on a fumble return and DB Tavon Wilson returned a pick for a score.

### **PATRIOTS HAVE TOP DIVISIONAL RECORD SINCE 2001**

The Patriots improved to an 87-24 (.784) record in regular-season AFC East games since 2001, the best intra-divisional record in the NFL.

### **NFL'S TOP DIVISIONAL RECORDS SINCE 2001**

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.784</b>
Pittsburgh	79	32	1	.710
Indianapolis	77	34	0	.694
Green Bay	74	36	2	.670

### **PATRIOTS DO NOT ALLOW A TD IN THIRD STRAIGHT GAME**

The Patriots have not allowed a touchdown in three straight games, dating back to Super Bowl LIII. It is the first time in team history that the team has gone three straight games without allowing a touchdown. The Patriots beat the LA Rams in Super Bowl LIII, 13-3, and defeated Pittsburgh in the season opener, 33-3.

### **PATRIOTS EXTEND TO 12 QUARTERS WITHOUT ALLOWING A TOUCHDOWN**

The Patriots have not allow a touchdown 12 straight quarters, dating back to Super Bowl LIII, the most in team history. The last time the Patriots had gone 10 straight quarters without allowing a touchdown was in 2016.

### **PATRIOTS SHUT OUT OPPONENT IN FIRST HALF FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME**

The Patriots have not allowed a first half point in the four straight games, after holding Miami to zero points in the first half. The Patriots took a 14-0 first half lead in the AFC Championship Game vs. Kansas City (1/20/19), a 3-0 lead in Super Bowl LIII vs. LA Rams (2/3/19) and a 20-0 lead vs. Pittsburgh (9/8/19) in the season opener. It is the first time that has happened in team history. The Patriots had a three-game stretch with no first half points allowed in 1977. The Patriots accomplished the feat from Nov. 20, 1977 at Buffalo, Nov. 27, 1977 vs. Philadelphia and Dec. 4, 1977 at Atlanta.

### **PATRIOTS HANG 40 POINTS**

The Patriots scored 43 points in the win over Miami. It was the seventh time in team history that the team has scored 40 or more points against Miami. It was the club's third-highest scoring total against the Dolphins, behind the 49 points on Oct. 21, 2007 and 48 points on Nov. 23, 2008.

**PATRIOTS SCORE 30 OR MORE POINTS IN FIRST TWO GAMES OF 2019;  
76 POINTS IN FIRST TWO GAMES TIES TEAM RECORD**

The Patriots have now opened the 2019 season with 30 or more points in the first two games of the year. It marks the seventh time in team history, fourth time under Bill Belichick and first time since 2011 that the Patriots have opened the season by scoring at least 30 points in the first two games of the season. The Patriots scored 33 points vs. Pittsburgh and 43 points vs. Miami for 76 points, which is tied for the most in the first two games of the season. The team also scored 76 points in the first two games of the 2007 season (38 points in each game).

**PATRIOTS BECOME THE FOURTH TEAM IN THE SUPER BOWL ERA TO ALLOW THREE POINTS OR FEWER IN THROUGH THEIR FIRST TWO GAMES**

New England became the fourth team in the Super Bowl era to allow three points or fewer through their first two games, joining the 1970 Detroit Lions, the 1976 Houston Oilers and the 1981 Buffalo Bills.

**INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

**BELICHICK COACHES A TEAM THAT DOES NOT ALLOW A TD IN THREE-GAME STRETCH;  
SECOND TIME AS A HEAD COACH HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED THE FEAT**

Bill Belichick has led the Patriots to three straight games without allowing a touchdown, dating back to Super Bowl LIII and the first two games of the 2019 season. It marks the second time he has accomplished the feat as a head coach. In 1992 while head coach of Cleveland, he led a three-game stretch when the Browns did not allow a touchdown.

**GILMORE HAS FIRST CAREER PICK SIX**

CB Stephen Gilmore picked off Miami QB Ryan Fitzpatrick in the fourth quarter and returned the interception 54 yards for his first career touchdown. It was the Patriots first pick six since DB Devin McCourty returned a pick 84 yards for a touchdown at Buffalo on Oct. 29, 2018.

**COLLINS HAS FIRST CAREER PICK SIX; SECOND CAREER TOUCHDOWN**

LB Jamie Collins returned a pick 69 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was his second career touchdown but first career interception return for a score. He returned a fumble 14 yards for a touchdown at the Jets on Dec. 27, 2015. It was also his first game with two interceptions.

**BRADY HAS THROWN TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO 72 DIFFERENT PLAYERS;  
EXTENDS MARK FOR MOST TD TARGETS BY A QB**

Tom Brady connected with WR Antonio Brown on a 20-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. Brady has now thrown a touchdown pass to 72 different players in the regular season, extending his record for most touchdown targets by an NFL quarterback.

**Most Touchdown Targets by an NFL Quarterback**

<b><u>QUARTERBACK</u></b>	<b><u>TD TARGETS</u></b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>72</b>
Vinny Testaverde	70
Steve DeBerg	62
Brett Favre	61

**BRADY WINS 23RD GAME AGAINST MIAMI**

Brady earned his 23rd regular-season victory against the Dolphins, improving his career record as a starter to 23-11 (.676) vs. Miami. He is the only quarterback in NFL history to have more than 20 wins against three different teams.

**MOST WINS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK  
AGAINST AN OPPONENT**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>N.Y. Jets</b>
Brett Favre	26	Detroit
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Miami</b>
Brett Favre	23	Chicago
Ben Roethlisberger	23	Cincinnati
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Dan Marino	22	Indianapolis

**EDELMAN MOVES INTO THE TOP FIVE IN PATS LIST FOR ALL-PURPOSE YARDS**

WR Julian Edelman's 8-yard reception from Tom Brady in the first quarter moved him past Irving Fryar for fifth all-time on the New England all-purpose yards list. He entered the game needing 5 yards to move past Fryar.

**MOST ALL-PURPOSE YARDS IN PATRIOTS HISTORY**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Yards</u></b>
Kevin Faulk	12,339
Stanley Morgan	11,468
Troy Brown	11,106
Wes Welker	9,070
<b>Julian Edelman</b>	<b>8,512</b>
Irving Fryar	8,464

**RB JAMES WHITE LEADS ALL RUNNING BACKS IN TD RECEPTIONS SINCE 2015;  
BECOMES 16TH RUNNING BACK SINCE 1970 TO REACH 20 TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS**

White became the 16th NFL running back to reach 20 career touchdown receptions since the 1970 merger after his 10-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

**Most Receiving Touchdowns by a Patriots Running Back**

Larry Garron	26
<b>James White</b>	<b>20</b>
Kevin Faulk	15
Tony Collins	12

**WHITE IS THE THIRD RUNNING BACK TO RECH 20 TD RECEPTIONS IN FIRST SIX SEASONS**

White is the third NFL running back to reach 20 touchdown receptions in his first six seasons, joining Chuck Foreman of Minnesota and Brian Westbrook of Philadelphia.

**NFL Running Backs with 20 Receiving TDS in First Six Seasons**

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Receiving TDs</u>
Chuck Foreman	Minnesota	23
Brain Westbrook	Philadelphia	23
<b>James White</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>20</b>

**TE MATT LACOSSE CATCHES FIRST PASS OF THE SEASON**

TE Matt LaCosse caught his first pass of the season and his first as a member of the Patriots on a 10-yard reception from Tom Brady late in the second quarter.

**DB DEVIN MCCOURTY MOVES PAST SAMUEL FOR 10TH ALL-TIME IN TEAM INTERCEPTIONS.**

DB Devin McCourty had an interception in his second straight game and moved out of a tie with Asante Samuel for sole possession of 10<sup>th</sup> place on the franchise's all-time interception list with 23 career interceptions. It I the first time he has had back-to-back games with an interception since the 2012 season.

**ANTONIO BROWN EXTENDS HIS RECEPTION STREAK TO 130 GAMES**

WR Antonio Brown extended his streak to 130 consecutive games with at least one reception with his first catch as a Patriot, an 18-yard reception from Tom Brady in the first quarter. It is the second longest active streak in the NFL to the 228 by Larry Fitzgerald of the Arizona Cardinals.

**REX BURKHEAD HAS CAREER LONG RECEPTION**

RB Rex Burkhead had a 32-yard reception from Tom Brady in the fourth quarter, the longest pass reception of his career. His previous best was a 27-yard reception vs. Kansas City on Oct. 4, 2015 when he played for Cincinnati.

### **ROOKIE CHASE WINOVICH REGISTERS FIRST CAREER SACKS**

Rookie DL Chase Winovich combined with LB Jamie Collins on a 7-yard sack of Miami QB Ryan Fitzpatrick in the third quarter and then recorded his first solo sack when he dropped QB Josh Rosen for an 8-yard loss in the fourth quarter.

### **DL ADAM BUTLER HAS FIRST NFL TWO-SACK GAME**

DL Adam Butler had his first career two-sack game with a first quarter sack and a second sack in the third quarter.

### **LINEUP NOTES**

#### **FOUR VETERAN PLAYERS MAKE THEIR PATRIOTS DEBUT**

WR Antinio Brown, OL Korey Cunningham, TE Matt LaCosse and OL Marshall Newhouse made their Patriots debuts. Newhouse was in the starting lineup at right tackle in place of the injured Marcus Cannon, while LaCosse started at tight end. He was active but did not play last week.

#### **DL BYRON COWART MAKES HIS NFL DEBUT**

2019 fifth-round draft pick DL Byron Cowart made his NFL debut in a reserve role after being inactive for the season opener.

#### **LB KLYE VAN NOY RETURNS TO THE STARTING LINEUP AFTER MISSING THE OPENER**

LB Kyle Van Noy returned to the starting lineup after missing the season opener vs. Pittsburgh.

#### **WR MATTHEW SLATER SAW ACTION ON OFFENSE**

WR Matthew Slater was utilized on offense for some goal-line plays.