



PATRIOTS

Patriots vs. Eagles

Game Notes

NEW ENGLAND 37, PHILADELPHIA 20

August 16, 2018 ★ Gillette Stadium

	1	2	3	4	Final
Philadelphia Eagles	0	7	13	0	— 20
New England Patriots	10	17	7	3	— 37

The New England Patriots improved to a 2-0 preseason record following a 37-20 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles at Gillette Stadium.

QB Tom Brady made his preseason debut and moved the ball with ease against the Eagles. Brady led the Patriots on four scoring drives during his six series in the first half for a 27-7 halftime lead. During his first offensive series, Brady was 5-for-5 for 27 yards before culminating a seven-play, 62-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown pass to WR Chris Hogan. Brady had a 20-yard touchdown pass to RB James White in the second quarter. He finished the game 19-of-26 for 172 yards with two touchdowns.

The Patriots defense registered eight sacks against the Eagles. After taking a 10-0 first quarter lead, DL Adrian Clayborn forced a fumble on an 8-yard sack of Philadelphia QB Nick Foles. 2018 fifth-round draft pick LB Ja'Whaun Bentley picked up the loose ball and returned it 54 yards for a touchdown to give the Patriots a 17-0 lead.

After the Eagles got on the board with a touchdown, the Patriots responded with two straight scoring drives with a 49-yard field goal by K Stephen Gostkowski and then a drive that ended with the Brady to White touchdown connection.

Backup QB Brian Hoyer entered the game for the final play of the first half and then played into the fourth quarter. Following an interception by rookie LB Christian Sam, Hoyer was able to convert the turnover into an 11-yard touchdown pass to WR Cordarrelle Patterson to give the Patriots a 34-7 lead.

White led the team with 6 receptions for 61 yards, while rookie DB Keion Crossen led the team on defense with eight total tackles.

FAST START IN PRESEASON

The Patriots improved to 2-0 preseason record for the eighth time under Bill Belichick (2000, 2001, 2003, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016 and 2018).

FREQUENT OPPONENT

The Patriots and the Eagles met for the 23rd time in the preseason, the second most frequent preseason contests, behind the 27 meetings between the Patriots and the New York Giants. The Patriots will play the New York Giants in the 2018 preseason finale.

PATRIOTS MOST FREQUENT PRESEASON OPPONENTS

Team	Games	W	L	Last
New York Giants.....	27	9	18	2017
Philadelphia Eagles.....	23	13	10	2018
Washington Redskins.....	22	14	8	2018

DEFENSE NETS EIGHT SACKS

The Patriots defense registered eight sacks against the Eagles. The last time the Patriots had eight sacks in a regular-season game was at Buffalo on Sept. 20, 2015. DL Keion Davis led the defense with 1½ sacks. Also adding sacks were: S Patrick Chung, DL Vincent Valentine, LB Kyle Van Noy, DL Adam Butler, DL Derek Rivers and DL Adrian Clayborn. DL Trent Harris also chipped in with a half-sack.

BRADY MAKES 2018 DEBUT

QB Tom Brady made his 2018 preseason debut and finished 19-of-26 for 172 yards with two touchdown passes. He played until the last series of the second quarter. Brady opened the game by going 5-of-5 for 27 yards before culminating a seven-play, 62-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown pass to WR Chris Hogan. He added a second touchdown pass on a 20-yard pass to RB James White in the second quarter.

TWO DRAFT PICKS START ON D

2018 fifth-round draft pick LB Ja'Whaun Bentley and 2018 seventh-round draft pick DB Keion Crossen were in the starting lineup when the Patriots opened in a nickel defense against Philadelphia. Bentley finished with five tackles, one pass defended and a fumble recovery that he returned 54 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. Crossen led the team with eight tackles.

CHUNG SACKS FOLES

S Patrick Chung was credited with an 8-yard sack of Eagles QB Nick Foles in the first quarter. He has four career sacks in the regular season with his last sack coming on Colin Kaepernick at San Francisco on Nov. 20, 2016.

WYNN CHECKS IN

2018 first-round draft pick OL Isaiah Wynn made his NFL debut when he entered the game at right tackle in the second offensive series of the game. Wynn did not play in the preseason opener vs. Washington.

J-MAC SEES ACTION

CB Jason McCourty made his Patriots debut after he did not play in the preseason opener vs. Washington.

HOLLISTER MAKES THE START

TE Jacob Hollister was in the starting lineup at tight end. As a rookie in 2017, he had one start at New Orleans on Sept. 17 when the Patriots opened in a multiple tight end formation.

CLAYBORN MAKES PRESENCE FELT

DL Adrian Clayborn forced a fumble on an 8-yard sack in the second quarter that was returned 54 yards for a touchdown by rookie LB Ja'Whaun Bentley. The last time the Patriots returned a fumble for a touchdown in the regular season was when LB Jamie Collins returned a fumble 14 yards for a touchdown at the New York Jets on Dec. 27, 2015.

GOSTKOWSKI GOES LONG

K Stephen Gostkowski drilled a 49-yard field goal late in the second quarter. He connected on a 52-yard field goal in the preseason opener vs. Washington. He finished 3-for-3 after adding field goals of 37 and 29 yards.

SAM WITH THE PICK

Sixth-round draft pick LB Christian Sam picked off a third-quarter pass that deflected off Eagles RB Matt Jones and returned the ball 11 yards. The Patriots converted the turnover into a touchdown when QB Brian Hoyer connected with WR Cordarrelle Patterson on an 11-yard touchdown pass.

PATTERSON MAKES IMPACT

Newly acquired WR Cordarrelle Patterson scored on an 11-yard touchdown pass from QB Brian Hoyer in the third quarter for his first touchdown as a member of the Patriots.

CLOSING STRONG

The Patriots have not allowed a fourth-quarter point in both preseason games so far in 2018. In 2017, the Patriots defense finished the year by not allowing a fourth quarter point in the final five games. The Patriots allowed eight points or fewer in 14-of-16 games in the fourth quarter last year.