



Week 15

New England Patriots (9-4) at Pittsburgh Steelers (7-5-1)



Sunday, December 16, 2018 | 4:25 PM ET | Heinz Field | Referee: John Parry

REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Steelers lead all-time series, 14-12

STREAKS: Patriots have won past 4

LAST GAME: 12/17/17: Patriots 27 at Steelers 24

LAST GAME AT SITE: 12/17/17

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

LAST WEEK	L 34-33 at Miami
COACH VS. OPP.	Bill Belichick: 11-10
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	28.0/22.5
OFFENSE	397.1
PASSING	Tom Brady: 313-477-3700-23-8-98.2
RUSHING	Sony Michel (R): 164-706-4.3-5
RECEIVING	James White (RB): 76-674-8.9-6
DEFENSE	372.5
SACKS	Trey Flowers: 6.5
INTs	Jonathan Jones: 3
TAKE/GIVE	+6 (20/14)
PUNTING (NET)	Ryan Allen: 45.9 (38.9)
KICKING	Stephen Gostkowski: 112 (40/41 PAT; 24/29 FG)

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

LAST WEEK	L 24-21 at Oakland
COACH VS. OPP.	Mike Tomlin: 2-6
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	28.2/23.5
OFFENSE	408.1
PASSING	Ben Roethlisberger: 366-546-4227-28-13-97.4
RUSHING	James Conner: 201-909-4.5-12
RECEIVING	JuJu Smith-Schuster: 91-1234-13.6-6
DEFENSE	330.8
SACKS	T.J. Watt: 10
INTs	Many tied: 1
TAKE/GIVE	-8 (13/21)
PUNTING (NET)	Jordan Berry: 44.2 (38.9)
KICKING	Chris Boswell: 69 (39/44 PAT; 10/16 FG)

PATRIOTS NOTES

- **QB TOM BRADY** completed 27 of 43 (62.8 pct.) for 358 yards with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 112.4 rating last week. Has 47 career games with 300+ pass yards & 3+ TD passes, 2nd-most in NFL history (**DREW BREES**, 63). Aims for his 4th in row with 280+ pass yards & 100+ rating. Has 582 career TD passes (incl. postseason), most in NFL history. In 10 career games vs. Pit. has 3,124 pass yards (312.4 per game) with 25 TDs vs. 4 INTs for 111.8 rating. Has 100+ rating in 6 of his past 7 meetings.
- **RB SONY MICHEL** (rookie) has 190 rush yards (95 per game) & rush TD in his past 2 on road. Ranks 3rd among NFL rookies averaging 70.6 rush yards per game. **RB JAMES WHITE** has 75+ scrimmage yards in 3 of his past 5 on road. Ranks 3rd among NFL RBs with 76 catches this season & is 1 of 2 RBs (**CHRISTIAN MC CAFFREY**) with 75+ catches & 5+ rec. TDs (6) in 2018. **FB JAMES DEVELIN** aims for his 3rd in row with rush TD. Has 4 rush TDs on 6 carries this season.
- **TE ROB GRONKOWSKI** had 8 catches for 107 yards & TD last week. Had 9 catches for 168 yards in last meeting. In 6 career games vs. Pit., has 664 rec. yards (110.7 per game) & 8 TD catches. **WR JULIAN EDELMAN** had 86 rec. yards & TD catch last week. Has TD in 2 of his past 3.
- **DL TREY FLOWERS** had 2 sacks & FF last week. Has 4 sacks in his past 3 & aims for his 4th in row with sack. **CB STEPHON GILMORE** had 8 tackles & PD in last meeting. Ranks 2nd in NFL with 16 PD this season & is only player with 15+ PD & sack (1) in 2018.

STEELERS NOTES

- **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** completed 25 of 29 (86.2 pct.) for 282 yards with 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 130.2 rating last week. Completed 22 of 30 (73.3 pct.) for 281 yards with 2 TDs vs. 1 INT for 110.6 rating in last meeting. In his past 5 vs. NE, has 1,784 pass yards (356.8 per game) with 12 TDs vs. 6 INTs for 98.7 rating. Aims for his 6th meeting in row with 95+ rating. Ranks 2nd in NFL with 366 completions & 4,227 pass yards.
- **RB JAMES CONNER** has 653 scrimmage yards (108.8 per game) & 8 rush TDs in 6 home games in 2018. Aims for his 5th in row at home with rush TD. Rookie **RB JAYLEN SAMUELS** had career-high 92 scrimmage yards (64 rec., 28 rush) last week. Aims for his 3rd in row at home with TD catch. **RB STEVAN RIDLEY** had rush TD last week. In 4 seasons with NE (2011-14), rushed for 2,817 yards & 22 TDs.
- **WR ANTONIO BROWN** ties for NFL lead with 12 TD catches in 2018. In his past 5 at home, has 487 rec. yards (97.4 per game) & 7 rec. TDs. Has 100+ rec. yards in 2 of his past 3 vs. NE. Brown (86 catches) & **WR JU JU SMITH-SCHUSTER** (91) are only pair of AFC teammates with 85+ catches this season. Smith-Schuster had 114 rec. yards in only career meeting. Ranks 4th in NFL with 1,234 rec. yards.
- **LB VINCE WILLIAMS** had INT in last meeting. Has 3 sacks in his past 5. **DT CAMERON HEYWARD** had sack in last meeting. Has 3.5 sacks in his past 4 at home. **LB T.J. WATT** has 5 sacks & 2 FFs in his past 4 at home.

ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: CBS (4:25 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Tony Romo, Tracy Wolfson (Field reporter)

SIRIUS: 81 (NE), 82 (Pit) | **XM:** 226 (NE), 227 (Pit)