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# AFC CHAMPIONSHIP: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

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INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (13-5)—AFC SOUTH AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—AFC EAST (13-4)

### SERIES

	COLTS	PATRIOTS
LEADER (REG. SEASON)		46-28
STREAKS (REG. SEASON)		Past 4
COACHES VS. OPP. (REG. & POSTSEASON)	Pagano: 0-3	Belichick: 15-8
COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD	3-2	20-9
VS. COMMON OPP. (REG. SEASON)	Ind.: 1-1 (Cin. 1-0, Den. 0-1) NE: 2-0 (Cin. 1-0, Den. 1-0)	
PLAYOFF RECORD	22-22	26-18
LAST WEEK	W 24-13 at Broncos	W 35-31 vs. Ravens
LAST GAME (REG. SEASON)	11/16/14: Patriots 42 at Colts 20. New England RB Jonas Gray rushes 37 times for 201 yards (5.4 avg) & 4 TDs. Patriots QB Tom Brady passes for 257 yards & 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE (REG. SEASON)	11/18/12: Patriots 59, Colts 24. New England TE Rob Gronkowski has 7 catches for 137 yards & 2 TDs. QB Brady throws for 331 yards & 3 TDs. Defense has 3 INTs.	
LAST PLAYOFF	1/11/14: Colts 22 at Patriots 43. New England RB LeGarrette Blount rushes for 166 yards & 4 TDs. Defense had 3 sacks & 4 INTs.	
BROADCAST	CBS (6:40 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Tracy Wolfson (Field reporter). Westwood One: Kevin Kugler, James Lofton, Tony Boselli (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 88 (WW1), 93 (Ind.), 85 (NE). XM: 88 (WW1), 225 (Ind.), 85 (NE).	

### STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Luck: 380-616-4761 (3L)-40 (1L)-16-96.5	Brady: 373-582-4109-33 (3C)-9-97.4 (3C)
RUSHING	Herron: 78-351-4.5-1	Gray: 89-412-4.6-5
RECEIVING	Hilton: 82-1345-16.4-7	Edelman: 92-972-10.6-4
OFFENSE	406.6 (3L)	365.5
TAKE/GIVE	-5	+12 (T1C)
DEFENSE	342.7	344.1
SACKS	Newsome (R): 6.5	Ninkovich: 8
INTs	Adams: 5 (T3L)	4 tied: 2
PR	Cribbs: 6.6	Edelman: 12.0 (1C)
KR	Cribbs: 32.0	Amendola: 24.1
PUNTING	McAfee: 46.7	Allen: 46.4
KICKING	Vinatieri: 140 (3L) (50/50 PAT; 30/31 FG)	Gostkowski: 156 (1L) (51/51 PAT; 35/37 FG)

### NOTES

**TEAMS MEET** for 5th time in postseason. Patriots lead all-time series 49-29, including 3-1 record in postseason. NE won last playoff meeting 43-22 (Div. on 1/11/14).

**COLTS:** Club has reached postseason for 3rd straight season under head coach **CHUCK PAGANO** & 12 of past 13 seasons overall. Clinched AFC South title for 9th time since 2003...**QB ANDREW LUCK** is 1st player in NFL history to pass for 250+ yards in each of 1st 5 career playoff games. Passed for 331 yards & 2 TDs in only playoff meeting vs. NE. Led NFL with 40 TDs & became 8th player with 40+ TDs in season. Since entering NFL in 2012, has 12,957 yards, most of any NFL player in 1st 3 seasons, & 86 TD passes, 2nd-most in player's 1st 3 years (HOFer **DAN MARINO**, 98). 1 of 2 Super Bowl era starting QBs to win at least 10 games in each of 1st 3 NFL seasons (**RUSSELL WILSON**)...In 2 career playoff games, **RB DANIEL HERRON** has 236 scrimmage yards (119 rush, 117 rec.) & 2 rush TDs. Aims for 3rd playoff in row with rush TD. Led team with 95 scrimmage yards last week vs. Broncos...**WR T.Y. HILTON** averages 113.6 receiving yards per game in playoffs (568 in 5 games) with 2 TDs. In past 14 (incl. playoffs), has 76 rec. for 1,334 yards with 7 TDs, incl. 7 100-yard games. Led team with career-high 1,345 receiving yards, joining **MARVIN HARRISON & REGGIE WAYNE** as only players in club history with 1,300+ yard receiving season. WR Reggie Wayne ranks 2nd all-time with 93 career postseason catches (HOFer **JERRY RICE**, 151). Has 1,254 career receiving yards in playoffs & needs 62 yards to surpass **CLIFF BRANCH** (1,289) & HOFer **MICHAEL IRVIN** (1,315) for 2nd all-time. In 6 career playoff games, **WR HAKEEM NICKS** has 33 catches for 527 yards & 5 TDs, incl. 15-yard TD last week vs. Den. **TEs DWAYNE ALLEN** (8) & **COBY FLEENER** (8) are 1st TEs in club history with 8+ TD catches each in same season. In last reg.-sea. meeting, Fleener had 7 catches for 144 yards (20.6 avg.)...**LB D'QWELL JACKSON** led AFC with 140 tackles. Rookie **LB JONATHAN NEWSOME** led AFC rookies with 6.5 sacks in 2014. **S MIKE ADAMS** led team with career-high 5 INTs this season. **CB VONTAE DAVIS** tied career-high with 4 INTs (2009, 2011)...**K ADAM VINATIERI** is NFL's all-time playoff leader in career points (233) & made FGs (56), incl. 20 points & 5 FGs in 2014 postseason...Club had 5 players selected to 2015 Pro Bowl (QB Luck, WR Hilton, CB Davis, K Vinatieri, **P PAT MC AFEE**).

**PATRIOTS:** With win, Pats will advance to 8th Super Bowl in club history (3-4). NE has 7-4 record in AFC Championship Games (4th consecutive Championship Game appearance). 1st team in NFL history to win 11 division titles in 12 seasons. Club is 16-4 (.800) at home in postseason, trailing only Seahawks (10-2, .833) for 2nd-best all-time (min. 10 games). Have won 17 of past 18 at home (incl. playoffs)...Head coach **BILL BELICHICK** & **QB TOM BRADY** (19) have most postseason wins by head coach-QB duo...Belichick (20) is tied with HOFer **TOM LANDRY** for most playoff wins all-time...Brady's 19 postseason wins are most by QB in NFL history. Last week, Brady (46) surpassed **BRETT FAVRE** (44) & HOFer **JOE MONTANA** (45) for most career TDs in NFL playoff history. Brady has most completions (623), attempts (1,000) in NFL playoff history. Brady (6,791) needs 10 passing yards to eclipse **PEYTON MANNING** (6,800) for most career passing yards in postseason history. Has 19-8 (.704) playoff record, 3rd-best postseason record as starting QB in NFL history (min. 15 starts). Brady is 13-3 (.813) as starter at home in postseason. Has 12 division titles, most by starting QB in NFL history. Posted 4 total TDs last week (3 pass, 1 rush), incl. 5th career playoff rush TD...In 5 career playoff games, **RB SHANE VEREEN** has 333 scrimmage yards (114 rush, 219) with 3 total TDs (1 rush, 2 rec.). Averages 8.6 scrimmage yards per att./rec. in postseason. In only career start vs. Ind. (10/3/11 with TB), **RB LE GARRETTE BLOUNT** rushed for 127 yards & TD...**TE ROB GRONKOWSKI** led team with 12 TD catches in 2014, tied for most among NFL TEs. 1 of 2 TEs in NFL history with 4 career 10-TD seasons (**ANTONIO GATES**). In 5 career home playoff games, has 26 catches for 405 yards & 4 TDs, incl. 7 catches for 108 yards & TD last week. Aims for 5th in row overall (incl. playoffs) with TD catch. **WR JULIAN EDELMAN** led team with 92 catches in 2014 & joined **TROY BROWN & WES WELKER** as only Patriots with consecutive 90-catch seasons. Last week, became 1st player in NFL playoff history with 4+ catches (8) & TD pass in same game, incl. 1st career NFL TD pass (51-yarder to **DANNY AMENDOLA**)...**LB JAMIE COLLINS** led team with career-high 115 tackles. 1 of 3 NFL players with 4+ sacks (4) & 2+ INTs (2) in 2014. **LB ROB NINKOVICH** led team with 8 sacks in 2014, 3rd consecutive season with 8 sacks...Club had 5 players selected to 2015 Pro Bowl (QB Brady, TE Gronkowski, **CB DARRELLE REVIS**, **K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI**, **ST MATTHEW SLATER**).

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