

SUPER BOWL XLIX: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS–AFC EAST (14-4) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS–NFC WEST (14-4)

SERIES

	PATRIOTS	SEAHAWKS
LEADER (REG. SEASON)		8-8
STREAKS (REG. SEASON)		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP. (REG. & POSTSEASON)	Belichick: 3-2	Carroll: 2-1
COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD	21-9	8-4
VS. COMMON OPP. (REG. SEASON)	NE: 2-2 (Den. 1-0, GB 0-1, KC 0-1, SD 1-0) Sea: 2-2 (Den. 1-0, GB 1-0, KC 0-1, SD 0-1)	
PLAYOFF RECORD	27-18	14-12
LAST WEEK	W 45-7 vs. Colts	W 28-22 (OT) vs. Packers
LAST GAME (REG. SEASON)	10/14/12: Patriots 23 at Seahawks 24. Seattle QB Russell Wilson throws 2 TD passes in 4th quarter, including 46-yarder to WR Sidney Rice, to lead Seahawks to one-point win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE (REG. SEASON)	--	
LAST PLAYOFF	Teams have not met in postseason.	
BROADCAST	NBC (4:30 PM MT): Al Michaels, Cris Collinsworth, Michele Tafoya (Field reporter). Westwood One: Kevin Harlan, Boomer Esiason, James Lofton, Mark Malone (Field reporters).	

REGULAR SEASON STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Brady: 373-582-4109-33 (3C)-9-97.4 (3C)	Wilson: 285-452-3475-20-7-95.0
RUSHING	Gray: 89-412-4.6-5	Lynch: 280-1306 (3C)-4.7-13 (T1L)
RECEIVING	Edelman: 92-972-10.6-4	Baldwin: 66-825-12.5-3
OFFENSE	365.5	375.8
TAKE/GIVE	+12 (T1C)	+10 (2C)
DEFENSE	344.1	267.1 (1L)
SACKS	Ninkovich: 8	Bennett: 7
INTs	4 tied: 2	Sherman: 4
PR	Edelman: 12.0 (1C)	Walters: 7.7
KR	Amendola: 24.1	Baldwin: 16.2
PUNTING	Allen: 46.4	Ryan: 44.1
KICKING	Gostkowski: 156 (1L) (51/51 PAT; 35/37 FG)	Hauschka: 134 (T2C) (41/41 PAT; 31/37 FG)

PATRIOTS: Will make 8th Super Bowl appearance (3-4 record), tied for most of any NFL team (Dallas, Pittsburgh). Aim to become 6th team in NFL history with 4+ SB victories. 1st team in NFL history to win 11 division titles in 12 seasons... With win in Super Bowl XLIX, head coach **BILL BELICHICK** (3) can tie HOFer **CHUCK NOLL** (4) for most SB wins by head coach in NFL history. Belichick & **QB TOM BRADY** will make 6th SB appearance together, most by head coach-quarterback duo all-time. Belichick & Brady (20) have most postseason wins by head coach-QB duo... This postseason, Belichick (21) surpassed HOFer **TOM LANDRY** (20) for most playoff wins all-time... Brady's 20 postseason wins are most of any QB in NFL history. Brady is the all-time leader passer in career playoff yards (7,017), TDs (49), comp. (646) & att. (1,035). Needs 1 TD pass to become 1st NFL player with 50 in postseason career. Brady is 1 of 5 players in NFL history to be named SB MVP multiple times (XXXVI & XXXVIII) & aims to join HOFer **JOE MONTANA** as the only player with 3 SB MVP awards. Has 20-8 (.714) playoff record, 3rd-best postseason record as starting QB in NFL history (min. 15 starts). Brady (5) will tie **MIKE LODISH** (6) for most SB games played & become 1st QB to start 6 SBs, surpassing HOFer **JOHN ELWAY** (5). All-time SB career passing leader in yards (1,277), comp. (127). & att. (197). Tied for 2nd in SB history with 9 TD passes (Montana, 11; HOFer **TERRY BRADSHAW**, 9). Has 12 division titles, most ever by starting NFL QB. Passed for 395 yards &

2 TDs in last meeting...In 6 career playoff games, **RB SHANE VEREEN** has 376 scrimmage yards (116 rush, 260) with 3 total TDs (1 rush, 2 rec.). Averages 8.7 scrimmage yards per att./rec. in postseason. **RB LE GARRETTE BLOUNT** has 7 rush TDs in 4 career playoff games, incl. 148 yards & 3 TDs in AFC Championship. Ranks 2nd amongst active players in career playoff rush TDs (**MARSHAWN LYNCH**, 8). In only meeting (12/26/10 with TB), rushed for 164 yards on 18 att. (9.1 avg.)...**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 7 career playoff games, has 31 catches for 459 yards & 5 TDs. Needs 3 TD catches to surpass **JAY NOVACEK** (6), **KEITH JACKSON** (6), **VERNON DAVIS** (7) & **DAVE CASPER** (7) for most ever by TE in NFL playoff history. Needs 41 yards to become 8th TE in NFL playoff history to reach 500 career. Aims for 6th 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...**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. In only career meeting, **DE CHANDLER JONES** had 2 sacks & FF...Club had 7 players selected to 2015 Pro Bowl (QB Brady, WR Edelman, TE Gronkowski, **CB DARRELLE REVIS**, **S DEVIN MC COURTY**, **K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI**, **ST MATTHEW SLATER**).

SEAHAWKS: Advanced to 3rd Super Bowl in franchise history (2005, 2013) & 2nd in row. Can be 9th team to win consecutive Super Bowls & 1st since 2004 Patriots won SB XXXIX. Were No. 1 seed for 2nd consecutive season & 3rd time (2005, 2013) since current 12-team format started in 1990. Have won past 8 games, outscoring opp. 193-78. In those 8, have outscored opp. 130-26 in 2nd half/OT (83-13 in 4th Q/OT). Last year, **PETE CARROLL** became 3rd oldest head coach to win SB. Can be oldest head coach in NFL history to win back-to-back SBs. Was NE head coach from 1997-99 & took Patriots to playoffs 2 times. Is 8-4 (.667) in playoffs, incl. 7-2 (.778) with Sea. Team has won 5 playoff games in row...Seahawks had 7 players selected to Pro Bowl: **S KAM CHANCELLOR** (3rd), **RB MARSHAWN LYNCH** (5th), **T RUSSELL OKUNG** (2nd) **CB RICHARD SHERMAN** (2nd), **S EARL THOMAS** (4th), **LB BOBBY WAGNER** (1st) & **QB RUSSELL WILSON** (3rd)...**QB Wilson** (26 years, 64 days) will be youngest QB in NFL history to start 2 SBs & will be 1st QB to start 2 SBs in 1st 3 seasons to begin career. As starter, is 42-13 (.764), incl. 6-1 (.857) in postseason. His 42 overall wins, 36 regular-season wins & 6 playoff wins, are all most by QB in 1st 3 NFL seasons. In last year's SB, completed 18 of 25 (72 pct.) for 206 yards with 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 123.1 rating. Won only start vs. NE (10/14/12), completing 16 of 27 (59.3 pct.) for 293 yards with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs & 133.7 rating...Seahawks led NFL in rush off. (172.6). **RB Lynch** rushed for 1,306 yards & 13 TDs, his 4th consecutive season with 1,200+ yards & 10+ TDs. Is only NFL player to rush for 1,000+ yards & 10+ TDs in each of past 4 seasons. Led NFL with 17 total TDs & tied for 1st with 13 rush TDs. Since 2011 (incl. playoffs), leads NFL with 6,039 rush yards & 55 rush TDs. Rushed for 157 yards & TD in NFC Champ. Has 7 rush TDs in past 7 postseason games. Is franchise postseason leader with 815 rush yards & ties for 1st with 8 rush TDs...**WR DOUG BALDWIN** led team with career-high 66 catches & 825 yards. Had 106 rec. yards in NFC Champ. Aims for 5th playoff game in row with 100+ yards or TD. **WR JERMAINE KEARSE** aims for 5th postseason game in row with TD catch. Had GW 35-yard TD in OT of NFC Champ. **TE LUKE WILLSON** has 3 TDs in past 4. In NFC Champ, **P JON RYAN** threw 19-yard TD pass to **T GARRY GILLIAM** on fake FG...Seattle led NFL in points allowed (15.9), total defense (267.1) & pass defense (185.6). Ranked 3rd in rush defense (81.5). Seahawks have led NFL in points allowed in 3 consecutive seasons. **CB Sherman** has INT in both playoff games this season. Leads NFL with 26 INTs since entering in 2011. Had INT in last game vs. NE. **S Chancellor** has INT in 3 of past 4 playoff games, incl. 90-yard INT-TD in Div., longest postseason TD in Sea. history & tied for 5th longest INT-TD in NFL postseason history. Needs 1 INT to tie franchise postseason record for career (4). **S Thomas** is only player in NFL with 400+ tackles (420), 16+ INTs (16) & 8+ FF (8) since 2010, his 1st season. Had INT in last game

vs. NE. **LB Wagner** had 104 tackles in 11 games, 2nd most on team. Has 100+ tackles in all 3 seasons. Was named NFC Defensive Player of Month for Dec. **LB K.J. WRIGHT** led team with 106 tackles. **LB MALCOLM SMITH** was named Super Bowl XLVIII MVP. Had 69-yard INT-TD & FR. **DE CLIFF AVRIL** has 0.5+ sack or safety in all 6 postseason games, incl. sack in both playoff games this season. **DE MICHAEL BENNETT** has 1.5 sacks, 2 FFs & 2 FRs in 5 playoff games. **CB BYRON MAXWELL** had INT last week. Had FF in SB.