

Los Angeles Chargers (3-4) at New England Patriots (5-2)



Sunday, October 29, 2017 1:00 PM ET Gillette Stadium Referee: Pete Morelli

REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Patriots lead all-time series, 21-14-2 **STREAKS:** Patriots have won past 3

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	
LAST WEEK	W 21-0 vs. Pittsburgh
COACH VS. OPP.	Anthony Lynn: 0-0
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	19.6/18.7
OFFENSE	330.4
PASSING	Philip Rivers: 156-256-1816-12-5-89.9
RUSHING	Melvin Gordon: 117-394-3.4-3
RECEIVING	Keenan Allen: 36-487-13.5-1
DEFENSE	326.0
SACKS	Melvin Ingram: 8.5
INTs	Many tied: 1
TAKE/GIVE	+2 (9/7)
PUNTING (NET)	Drew Kaser: 50.3 (3L) (41.8)
KICKING	Nick Novak: 17 (8/8 PAT; 3/4 FG)

CHARGERS NOTES

- QB PHILIP RIVERS passed for 2 TDs & 105.1 rating last week. Has 8 TDs vs. 1 INT for 96.3 rating in past 4. Aims for 3rd in row with 100+ rating. Has 300+ rec. yards in 3 of past 4 meetings. Has 3,967 career comp. & needs 22 to pass HOFer WARREN MOON (3,988) for 8th most in NFL history.
- **RB MELVIN GORDON** has 357 scrimmage yards (119 per game) with 4 TDs (3 rec., 1 rush) in past 3. Is only NFL player since 2016 with 2,000+ scrimmage yards (2,038), 12+ rush TDs (13) & 5+ rec. TDs (6). Ties for 2nd in NFL with 7 TDs (4 rec., 3 rush). Rookie **RB AUSTIN EKELER** had TD catch last week.
- WR KEENAN ALLEN has 487 rec. yards, 6th most in AFC. WR-PR TRAVIS BENJAMIN had TD catch & 65-yard PR-TD last week & is 1st Charger with rec. TD & PR-TD in same game since ERIC METCALF (11/30/97). TE HUNTER HENRY has 10 TD catches since entering league in 2016, 2nd most among NFL TEs.
- DE JOEY BOSA had 2 sacks last week. Has 5 sacks & 2 FFs in past 3. Has 5 games with 2+ sacks since entering league in 2016, tied for most in NFL. Ties for 4th in NFL with 18 sacks since 2016. Bosa (7.5 sacks) & DE MELVIN INGRAM (8.5) are only pair of NFL teammates with 7+ sacks each. Ingram had sack in Week 7. Ranks 2nd in AFC with 8.5 sacks. DE CHRIS MC CAIN had 2 sacks & 2 FFs last week. CB CASEY HAYWARD had INT in Week 7. Has 8 INTs since 2016, tied for most in NFL. S JAHLEEL ADDAE had 8 tackles & FF in last meeting.

LAST GAME: 12/7/14: Patriots 23 at Chargers 14 **LAST GAME AT SITE:** 9/18/11: Patriots 35, Chargers 21

NEW	ENGLAND PATRIOTS
LAST WEEK	W 23-7 vs. Atlanta
COACH VS. OPP.	Bill Belichick: 6-5
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	27.9/23.7
OFFENSE	410.7 (1L)
PASSING	Tom Brady: 174-262-2208 (1L)-15 (T2L)-2-108.5 (2L)
RUSHING	Mike Gillislee: 87-321-3.7-4
RECEIVING	James White (RB): 38-280-7.4-1
DEFENSE	426.7
SACKS	Trey Flowers, Kyle Van Noy: 3.5
INTs	Malcolm Butler: 2
TAKE/GIVE	+3 (8/5)
PUNTING (NET)	Ryan Allen: 43.1 (38.2)
KICKING	Stephen Gostkowski: 67 (3L) (19/20 PAT; 16/17 FG)

PATRIOTS NOTES

- **QB TOM BRADY** completed 21 of 29 (72.4 pct.) for 249 yards with 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 121.2 rating last week. Leads NFL with 2,208 pass yards, ranks 2nd with 108.4 rating & ties for 2nd with 15 TD passes. Has passed for 2,119 yards (302.7 per game) with 14 TDs vs. 5 INTs for 97.6 rating in 7 career meetings. Has 740 pass yards (370 per game) with 5 TDs vs. 1 INT for 112.2 rating in past 2 vs. Chargers.
- RB JAMES WHITE had TD catch last week. Leads team & ranks 2nd among NFL RBs with 38 catches. Has 10 rec. TDs since 2015, most among NFL RBs. RB DION LEWIS led team with 76 rush yards in Week 7. Has rush TD in 2 of past 4.
- TE ROB GRONKOWSKI ranks 2nd among NFL TEs with 452 rec. yards & ties for 2nd with 4 TD catches. Has 4 TD catches in 3 career meetings. Aims for 3rd meeting in row with 85+ rec. yards & TD catch. WR BRANDIN COOKS had TD catch in Week 7. Has 322 rec. yards (80.5 per game) with 3 TD catches in past 4 at home. WR CHRIS HOGAN has 5 TD catches in past 5 at home (incl. playoffs). Ties for 4th in NFL with 5 rec. TDs.
- S DEVIN MC COURTY is only NFL safety with 50+ tackles (52) & INT (1) in 2017. CB MALCOLM BUTLER is 1 of 4 in NFL with 8+ INTs (8) & 35+ PD (39) since 2015. LB KYLE VAN NOY had 3.5 sacks in past 4. DE TREY FLOWERS has 3 sacks in past 4 at home. CB STEPHON GILMORE is 1 of 6 NFL players with 15+ INTs (15) & 60+ PD (64) since 2012. DE CASSIUS MARSH blocked FG in Week 7.