

# Giants hoping to knock off Patriots Sunday

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The New York Giants denied New England a chance at history in Super Bowl XLII and will try to end another perfect season for the visiting Patriots when the teams meet on Sunday at New Jersey's MetLife Stadium (4:25 p.m., CBS-TV).

The NFC East-leading Giants have won the past three matchups against New England, including a pair of last-minute victories in the Super Bowl.

"We've always had very, very close games against them even when we've won," said quarterback Tom Brady, who has guided the Patriots to an 8-0 start. "We just haven't won as many of them as I would've liked to have won."

New England is averaging a league-high 34.5 points and owns a three-game lead over the New York Jets atop the AFC East. The Giants rebounded from a 52-49 loss in New Orleans with a 32-18 victory at Tampa Bay a week ago in defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul's season debut to maintain a half-game edge over Philadelphia in the NFC East. "They're undefeated,"

Pierre-Paul said of the Patriots, "but they've got to come through here first."

**ABOUT THE PATRIOTS (8-0):** Brady, who came up a yard shy of his sixth 300-yard game in last week's 27-10 win over Washington, has thrown for 22 touchdowns versus only two interceptions and owns a league-best 113.5 passer rating. Wideout Julian Edelman (57 receptions) and tight end Rob Gronkowski (44) each have seven touchdown catches, but New England suffered a costly loss when two-way running back Dion Lewis suffered a season-ending knee injury last week. The Patriots' defense is permitting only 17.9 points per game and is tied with St. Louis for second in the league with 27 sacks.

**ABOUT THE GIANTS (5-4):** New York's offense has been erratic, with Manning throwing for 213 yards or fewer in four of the last six games but mixing in a monster 441-yard performance and a 350-yard, six-touchdown outing in that span. Odell Beckham Jr. has at least seven catches in six of his nine starts and is coming off back-to-back 100-yard games while ex-Patriot Shane Vereen has 34 receptions out of the backfield.



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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (left) greets Washington Redskins quarterback Kirk Cousins after the game at Gillette Stadium on Sunday. The Patriots defeated the Redskins 27-10. Undeatefed New England will face the New York Giants on Sunday.

The Giants are looking for Pierre-Paul to provide a jolt for a defense that is last in the league in sacks (9.0) and

total yards allowed (422.0) and 31st in passing yards surrendered

**NOTEBOOK:** Gronkows-

ki has a league-best 61 touchdown receptions since 2010. ... Beckham Jr. has 19 scoring passes in 21 career

games. ... Giants coach Tom Coughlin is 5-1 lifetime against Patriots counterpart Bill Belichick.

## FanDuel stops taking money in NY

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NEW YORK — Daily fantasy sports site FanDuel said on Friday it stopped taking new deposits in New York after the state's attorney general declared the games to be illegal gambling.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman sent cease and desist letters this week to daily fantasy sports market leaders FanDuel and DraftKings, demanding that they stop taking money from players in the state.

Both companies filed lawsuits in New York state court on Friday, contesting the order and asking the court to rule the games are legal.

While FanDuel stopped taking new money from New Yorkers, it said players who had deposited money previously would be able play in this weekend's contests. It said users in New York

would be able to continue to withdraw from their accounts.

On Tuesday, the state attorney general's office declared the games against state law because customers "are clearly placing bets on events outside of their control or influence, specifically on the real-game performance of professional athletes."

DraftKings said in its lawsuit that New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman was "using strong-arm tactics and defying the rule of law," accusing him of acting as judge, jury and executioner of the companies.

New York has more daily fantasy sports players than any other U.S. state, according to Eilers Research, so being forced to shut down there could cripple the fast-growing, multibillion-dollar industry.

DraftKings accused Schneiderman of abusing his authority by threatening to

take action against the company's payment processors, Vantiv Inc and PayPal Holdings Inc, if they did not stop working with DraftKings.

Vantiv has stopped processing payments for DraftKings, the fantasy sports company said in its lawsuit. PayPal is still processing payments, pending developments in New York, a spokeswoman said.

The attorney general's declaration that daily fantasy sports is gambling, if correct, would make it "nearly impossible" for New York's legislature to pass a law allowing the games, said Bennett Liebman, former New York state deputy secretary for gaming and racing.

New York's Constitution prohibits gambling though the state has carved out a handful of exceptions, including horse racing and the state lottery. But each of those changes required amending the state's Consti-

tution, a years-long process that requires approval of legislation by two successive legislatures, followed by a public vote, he said.

About a hundred people, including a significant number of daily fantasy sports site workers, protested Schneiderman's decision on Friday outside his office.

Jason Green, 35, visiting from Nashville for a daily fantasy sports conference this weekend, came to the protest after reading the cease and desist letters.

"Regulation is one thing, but this isn't regulation — just one guy making a decision," he said. "There's a lot of misinformation out there and hopefully we've shown that people should be allowed to keep playing."

Green works at a video game company and enters up to 20 hockey lineups per night, spending a few hundred dollars a week on the games.

## Winslow

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winner of 21 straight games overall, will play the winner of Saturday's C South final between Yarmouth and Wells for the state championship on Nov. 21 in Portland.

Old Town ends its season at 9-1.

Jarvis, who finished the night completing 20 of 39 passes for 314 yards, hit 13 of 21 attempts for 218 yards and three touchdowns — each a 14-yard strike — as the Coyotes built a 21-14 halftime lead.

The Old Town passing game got going on its second offensive series as Jarvis hit Andre Miller with a 39-yard strike down the right sideline to set up a 14-yard connection between the duo to give the Coyotes a 6-0 lead with 6:44 left in the first quarter.

It took Winslow just two plays to respond, with St. Amand cutting outside and racing down the right sideline 43 yards to the end zone. Ryan Gagnon's PAT kick gave Winslow a 7-6 lead with still 5:01 left in the opening period.

But just as quickly as Winslow gained the lead, Old Town struck back.

A 21-yard run by T.J. Crawford was followed by a 43-yard pass from Jarvis to Miller, and one play later Jarvis passed over the middle to tight end Ethan Stoddard for the touchdown. Jarvis passed to Josh Crouse for the two-point conversion for a 14-7 lead.

A pass interception by Old Town's Pascal Cyr ended Winslow's next possession, setting the Coyotes

up for a nine-play, 63-yard march that concluded when Jarvis found Miller over the middle on fourth-and-12 from the 14 for his second touchdown of the night, making it 21-7.

St. Amand scored on a 2-yard run to make it 21-14 with 6:22 left in the half.

Miller had six catches for 141 yards in the half, but Winslow doubled up defensively on the Coyotes' star after the break and limited him to three additional catches for 47 yards.

"They've definitely got the best secondary we've faced this year by far," said Jarvis.

The teams traded fumbles in the opening minute of the third quarter before St. Amand ripped off a 69-yard run to the Old Town 9 to set up a 1-yard fourth-down scoring run by Rickard with 8:55 left in the period to cut the gap to 21-10.

Winslow regained the lead on its next possession, with St. Amand again providing the ignition with a 53-yard sprint to set up a 1-yard plunge by Rickard that gave the Black Raiders a 26-21 edge with 3:52 remaining in the quarter.

Miller later had a 49-yard punt to pin Winslow at its 2-yard line early in the fourth period, but that just gave St. Amand more room to run.

The junior halfback took a second-down handoff and raced 72 yards to the Old Town 26 to set up his own 3-yard touchdown run with 7:26 left in the game.

St. Amand's backup, Patrick Hopkins, added a 41-yard touchdown run with 4:15 left.

Jarvis scored the game's final touchdown on a 1-yard keeper with 2:42 remaining.

## MCI

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including TD runs of 10, 24 and 2 yards. Fullback Alex Bertrand pounded his way to 24 yards on six attempts with a 1-yard TD.

Vigue went 6-for-10 passing for 124 yards.

"My O-line is just great," Moss said. "They really provided the heart of our offense."

The hosts broke a scoreless tie with 3:10 left in the first quarter as Moss' 42-yard dash set up his 10-yard TD run. Devon Varney added the PAT.

Mattanawcook might have gained some momentum when Scott Jipson motored down the sideline with the ensuing kickoff. His 73-yard jaunt was halted by Buker's saving tackle.

The Lynx then failed to score.

MCI responded with a 78-yard drive that included Vigue's 20-yard pass to Busell on a fake punt. Moss took a toss to the left and raced 32 yards for a TD to make it 14-0.

The Huskies scored three more times in the last seven minutes of the half, with a Vigue pass figuring prominently in each, to pull away.

## Soccer

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"Developmentally, based on what we know about concussions and their long-term effects, it makes a lot of sense," said Atherley. "It's a good thing."

"If it has been proven scientifically, I'm all for it," said Gettler, who has been a head coach at the college level for 39 years. "We have to do everything we can to prevent concussions and the onset of head trauma."

However, he admitted he wasn't sure how much of a difference this would make.

"Like any contact sport, any time a player suffers trauma or repeated collisions involving their heads, it's not good for the athlete," Shannon said.

But Shannon said he wasn't sure youngsters 10 and under would have enough opportunities to head the ball for it to make a "significant impact."

He also warned that by eliminating heading at that age group, youngsters wouldn't learn proper heading technique and it could lead to injury if they try to head the ball during a game.

"My only problem with the policy is they are taking

away one of the most fundamental ways to score goals," said Ball. "It's part of the game."

The coaches also stressed that concussions often result from players whacking their heads together while trying to head a ball, not the actual heading of the ball.

"I have never seen a head injury or concussion result from someone heading the ball. Typically, you get a head injury from two players cracking heads, an elbow hitting a head or the head hitting the ground when they land," Ball said.

Medical experts also differ on how the most concussions occur.

In an article by BBC health reporter Michelle Roberts from 2011, Dr. Michael Lipton of the Montefiore Medical Center in New York discovered during a clinical trial that players who headed the ball 1,000 or more times a year showed signs of mild traumatic brain injury on their brain scans. There were 32 volunteers involved.

But Dr. Andrew Rutherford from the School of Psychology at Keele University, who had researched the possible damage created by heading for several years, wasn't convinced by the findings.

Like Ball, Rutherford suspected most head trauma was created by the clashing of heads.

All four coaches were adamant that youngsters must be taught proper heading technique.

Atherley has used a soft Nerf ball to teach heading to youngsters, and Shannon said he has used balloons and beach balls to instruct youngsters the proper technique without sustaining head trauma.

Gettler said he likes to use underinflated balls when his team is doing a heading drill because it reduces the head trauma.

He also prefers an underinflated ball during games because it promotes skill.

"The ball should be headed with the hairline on the forehead and players should attack the ball to establish the force on the ball rather than allow the force of the ball to impact them," said Atherley.

He has observed that youngsters can be apprehensive about heading so they wind up "closing their eyes and contacting the ball with the wrong part of the head: the top of their head or their nose."

He said by using a Nerf ball, it gives the youngsters "a lot more confidence"

again, with Teel and Hanson hooking up for a 34-yard score and a 21-0 lead with 25 ticks left in the opening quarter.

"I have a lot of confidence in Thomas Hanson. He is very good back there and always seems to hit somebody in the hands," said Cooper of his quarterback, who was 6-for-7 in the first half for 128 yards and four TDs, including a pair of touchdown tosses to Jackson Gordon in the second quarter as the Dragons put the game away by halftime, 42-0.

Jesse Devereaux opened the second quarter by going 83 yards for a score straight up the mid-

dle through the Brewer defense. At the 10-yard line, he shrugged off two Brewer defenders before finishing the run. Devereaux finished the contest with 180 yards rushing.

The only setback for Brunswick on the evening was the loss of Bessey, who went down with a lower body injury after picking up 47 yards on eight carries.

Brunswick outgained the Witches 362-34 in the first half.

"Our defense had been great for us all year, but Brunswick had a great gameplan and took advantage of the big plays," said Arthers.

Ray Wood led the Brewer offense with 47 yards rushing, while Dylan Severance ran 13 times for 27 yards and paced the Witches' defense with 13 tackles.

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## Brunswick

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A penalty forced the Witches to punt on their next drive and Brunswick punt returner Hunter Garrett picked up the ball and slashed his way for 43 yards to the Brewer 24. On the next play, quarterback Thomas Hanson threw to wide-open tight end Corban Teel, who turned the catch into a 24-yard touchdown, with Alex Larson's point-after kick giving the Dragons a quick 14-0 lead.

Brewer moved the ball for the first time on its next drive, with Rogerson darting for seven yards and finding Ray Wood for a 26-yard pass and catch three plays later. Facing a fourth down on the Brunswick 40-yard line, Rogerson was chased down by Burns for a 14-yard loss. Rogerson stayed down with what Arthers described as a hip injury.

"We had just had a good play, and their defense stepped up after that," said Arthers. "It was a tough loss so early in the game. Just a tough break."

Brunswick quickly struck