

National Football League Game Summary

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Date: Sunday, 9/7/1997

New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts

Start Time: 12:01 PM CDT

at RCA Dome, Indianapolis

Game Day Weather

Game Weather: Controlled

Temp: 72° F (22.2° C)

Played Dome on Turf: Artificial

Outdoor Weather: Sunny

Officials

Referee: Carey, Mike

Umpire: Gereb, Neil

Head Linesman: Semon, Sid

Line Judge: Lewis, Darryll

Field Judge: Robinson, John

Side Judge: Pereira, Mike

Back Judge: Sifferman, Tom

Replay Official:

Lineups

New England Patriots				Indianapolis Colts			
Offense		Defense		Offense		Defense	
TE	85 L.Purnell	DT	92 F.Collons	WR	87 S.Dawkins	DE	99 A.Fontenot
T	78 B.Armstrong	NT	97 M.Wheeler	T	73 A.Meadows	DT	61 T.McCoy
T	68 M.Lane	NT	95 H.Thomas	G	64 D.Widell	DT	62 E.Johnson
G	67 M.Gisler	DE	74 C.Sullivan	C	58 J.Leeuwenburg	DE	56 T.Bennett
G	71 T.Rucci	DE	53 C.Slade	G	78 T.Glenn	OLB	50 E.Alexander
T	77 Z.Moss	ILB	52 T.Johnson	T	79 T.Mandarich	MLB	59 S.Grant
TE	87 B.Coates	ILB	54 T.Bruschi	TE	85 K.Dilger	OLB	55 Q.Coryatt
WR	80 T.Brown	CB	24 T.Law	TE	81 M.Pollard	CB	26 C.Gray
QB	11 D.Bledsoe	CB	31 J.Hitchcock	QB	4 J.Harbaugh	CB	36 D.Watts
RB	28 C.Martin	SS	36 L.Milloy	RB	28 M.Faulk	S	25 R.Blackmon
RB	41 K.Byars	S	32 W.Clay	RB	32 Z.Crockett	S	29 J.Belser

Substitutions

K 4 A.Vinatieri, P 19 T.Tupa, RB 22 D.Meggett, FS 25 L.Whigham, CB 26 C.Canty, DB 27 M.McGruder, RB 29 D.Cullors, FB 33 S.Gash, RB 35 M.Grier, FS 42 C.Carter, MLB 58 M.Moore, G 60 S.Rehberg, G 61 D.Denson, G 63 H.Irwin, DT 72 D.Wyman, WR 82 V.Brisby, WR 83 D.Jells, WR 84 S.Jefferson, LS 86 M.Bartrum, DT 90 C.Eaton, DE 96 M.Jones, DE 98 B.Mitchell, LB 99 V.Crawford

Substitutions

K 14 C.Blanchard, P 17 C.Gardocki, RB 21 L.Warren, DB 23 D.Mathis, DB 30 D.Gray, RB 33 C.Groce, CB 34 D.Montgomery, DB 40 R.McElroy, RB 44 C.Hetherington, LB 52 S.Morrison, LB 53 S.Burroughs, T 67 J.Mathews, WR 80 A.Bailey, TE 83 B.Banta, TE 84 S.Slutsker, WR 86 B.Stablein, WR 88 M.Harrison, DT 90 S.Martin, DT 95 B.Whittington, DE 98 D.Footman

Did Not Play

QB 11 P.Justin, G 66 E.Chung, G 71 K.Vickers

Not Active

QB 16 S.Zolak, CB 21 S.Israel, RB 23 S.Shaw, LB 55 W.McGinest, OLB 59 T.Collins, C 64 D.Wohlabaugh, T 66 E.Ellis, WR 88 T.Glenn

Did Not Play

QB 13 K.Holcomb, RB 35 R.Potts, LB 51 S.Von Der Ahe, OLB 57 B.Berry, C 60 J.Johnson, T 72 D.West, DE 92 C.Powell, DE 97 K.Shello

Field Goals (made () & missed)

A.Vinatieri		(21)	C.Blanchard		(45) (38)		
						OT	Total
VISITOR:	New England Patriots		7	7	7	10	31
HOME:	Indianapolis Colts		3	3	0	0	6

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Patriots	1	5:30	S.Jefferson 34 yd. pass from D.Bledsoe (A.Vinatieri kick) (10-87, 5:31)	7	0
Colts	1	0:01	C.Blanchard 45 yd. Field Goal (10-49, 5:29)	7	3
Colts	2	5:01	C.Blanchard 38 yd. Field Goal (7-28, 4:02)	7	6
Patriots	2	3:01	C.Martin 21 yd. pass from D.Bledsoe (A.Vinatieri kick) (4-86, 2:00)	14	6
Patriots	3	0:35	V.Brisby 6 yd. pass from D.Bledsoe (A.Vinatieri kick) (9-79, 4:10)	21	6
Patriots	4	10:46	T.Brown 21 yd. pass from D.Bledsoe (A.Vinatieri kick) (1-21, 0:07)	28	6
Patriots	4	2:13	A.Vinatieri 21 yd. Field Goal (12-76, 6:19)	31	6

Paid Attendance: 53,632

Time: 2:59

Final Individual Statistics

New England Patriots									Indianapolis Colts										
RUSHING		ATT		YDS	AVG	LG	TD		RUSHING		ATT		YDS	AVG	LG	TD			
C.Martin		25		121	4.8	32	0		M.Faulk		15		23	1.5	12	0			
D.Bledsoe		1		1	1.0	1	0		J.Harbaugh		3		14	4.7	6	0			
									L.Warren		3		4	1.3	3	0			
Total		26		122	4.7	32	0		Total		21		41	2.0	12	0			
PASSING		ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT	PASSING		ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
D.Bledsoe		25	15	267	1/7	4	64	0	136.2	J.Harbaugh		38	30	241	5/27	0	18	0	93.1
Total		25	15	267	1/7	4	64	0	136.2	Total		38	30	241	5/27	0	18	0	93.1
PASS RECEIVING		TAR		REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		PASS RECEIVING		TAR		REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
B.Coates		6		4	54	13.5	21	0		M.Harrison		9		9	74	8.2	12	0	
V.Brisby		3		3	46	15.3	31	1		S.Dawkins		11		7	61	8.7	14	0	
T.Brown		5		3	35	11.7	21	1		B.Stablein		3		3	35	11.7	18	0	
C.Martin		4		3	34	11.3	21	1		A.Bailey		4		3	25	8.3	11	0	
S.Jefferson		4		2	98	49.0	64	1		K.Dilger		4		3	15	5.0	11	0	
S.Gash		2		0	0	0.0	0	0		M.Faulk		2		2	22	11.0	18	0	
L.Purnell		1		0	0	0.0	0	0		L.Warren		2		2	3	1.5	3	0	
										S.Slutzker		2		1	6	6.0	6	0	
Total		25		15	267	17.8	64	4		Total		37		30	241	8.0	18	0	
INTERCEPTIONS		NO		YDS	AVG	LG	TD		INTERCEPTIONS		NO		YDS	AVG	LG	TD			
Total		0		0	0	0	0	0		Total		0		0	0	0	0		
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG	PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG		
T.Tupa		5	278	55.6	42.0	1	2	65		C.Gardocki		6	302	50.3	42.7	1	2	59	
Total		5	278	55.6	42.0	1	2	65		Total		6	302	50.3	42.7	1	2	59	
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD		PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD			
D.Meggett		3	26	8.7	1	14	0		B.Stablein		3	48	16.0	1	20	0			
[DOWNED]		1	0	0.0	0	0	0		[TOUCHBACK]		1	0	0.0	0	0	0			
[TOUCHBACK]		1	0	0.0	0	0	0												
Total		3	26	8.7	1	14	0		Total		3	48	16.0	1	20	0			
KICKOFF RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD		KICKOFF RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD			
D.Meggett		1	23	23.0	0	23	0		A.Bailey		5	146	29.2	0	35	0			
D.Cullors		1	23	23.0	0	23	0		[TOUCHBACK]		1	0	0.0	0	0	0			
[TOUCHBACK]		1	0	0.0	0	0	0												
Total		2	46	23.0	0	23	0		Total		5	146	29.2	0	35	0			

New England Patriots

FUMBLES	FUM	LOST	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS
D.Meggett	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Canty	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Slade	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
T.Bruschi	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

Indianapolis Colts

FUMBLES	FUM	LOST	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS
J.Harbaugh	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

New England Patriots vs Indianapolis Colts
9/7/1997 at RCA Dome

Final Team Statistics

	Visitor Patriots	Home Colts
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	15	19
By Rushing	5	5
By Passing	9	11
By Penalty	1	3
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	7-13-53.8%	6-15-40.0%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-0-0.0%	1-1-100.0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	382	255
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	52	64
Average gain per offensive play	7.3	4.0
NET YARDS RUSHING	122	41
Total Rushing Plays	26	21
Average gain per rushing play	4.7	2.0
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	3-4	2-13
NET YARDS PASSING	260	214
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	1-7	5-27
Gross yards passing	267	241
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	25-15-0	38-30-0
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	10.0	5.0
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	6-4-1	3-2-1
PUNTS Number and Average	5-55.6	6-50.3
Had Blocked	0	0
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
Net Punting Average	42.0	42.7
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	26	48
No. and Yards Punt Returns	3-26	3-48
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	2-46	5-146
No. and Yards Interception Returns	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES Number and Yards	8-58	5-44
FUMBLES Number and Lost	1-0	1-1
TOUCHDOWNS	4	0
Rushing	0	0
Passing	4	0
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	4-4	0-0
Kicking Made-Attempts	4-4	0-0
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	1-1	2-2
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	1-2-50%	0-1-0%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	1-2-50%	0-1-0%
SAFETIES	0	0
FINAL SCORE	31	6
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:41	34:19

New England Patriots vs Indianapolis Colts															
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Ball Possession And Drive Chart															
New England Patriots															
#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up			
1	15:00	13:14	1:46	Kickoff	NE 20	5	15	0	15	1	NE 35	Punt			
2	11:01	5:30	5:31	Punt	NE 13	10	87	0	87	4	IND 34	Touchdown			
3	0:01	13:01	2:00	Kickoff	NE 20	3	1	-10	-9	0	NE 11	Punt			
4	9:35	9:03	0:32	Punt	NE 2	3	9	0	9	0	NE 11	Punt			
5	5:01	3:01	2:00	Kickoff	NE 14	4	86	0	86	2	IND 21	Touchdown			
6	12:36	10:59	1:37	Punt	NE 26	3	9	0	9	0	NE 35	Punt			
7	4:45	0:35	4:10	Punt	NE 21	9	70	9	79	4	* IND 6	Touchdown			
8	13:44	12:05	1:39	Punt	NE 38	3	8	0	8	0	NE 46	Punt			
9	10:53	10:46	0:07	Fumble	IND 21	1	21	0	21	1	IND 21	Touchdown			
10	8:32	2:13	6:19	Punt	NE 20	12	76	0	76	3	* IND 4	Field Goal			
(253) Average NE 25															
Indianapolis Colts															
#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up			
1	13:14	11:01	2:13	Punt	IND 19	3	9	0	9	0	IND 28	Punt			
2	5:30	0:01	5:29	Kickoff	IND 23	10	44	5	49	3	NE 28	Field Goal			
3	13:01	9:35	3:26	Punt	NE 48	6	6	0	6	1	NE 42	Punt			
4	9:03	5:01	4:02	Punt	NE 48	7	28	0	28	2	NE 20	Field Goal			
5	3:01	0:00	3:01	Kickoff	IND 28	8	53	18	71	5	* NE 1	End of Half			
6	15:00	12:36	2:24	Kickoff	IND 20	3	9	0	9	0	IND 29	Punt			
7	10:59	4:45	6:14	Punt	IND 20	9	25	-5	20	3	IND 40	Punt			
8	0:35	13:44	1:51	Kickoff	IND 29	3	6	-10	-4	0	IND 25	Punt			
9	12:05	10:53	1:12	Punt	IND 10	2	8	-5	3	0	IND 8	Fumble			
10	10:46	8:32	2:14	Kickoff	IND 38	4	6	0	6	1	IND 44	Punt			
11	2:13	0:00	2:13	Kickoff	IND 28	11	61	0	61	4	NE 26	End of Game			
(319) Average IND 29															
* inside opponent's 20															
Time of Possession by Quarter									1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	
Visitor	New England Patriots							7:18	4:31	5:47	8:05	25:41			
Home	Indianapolis Colts							7:42	10:29	9:13	6:55	34:19			
Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average									Patriots: 3 - NE 18					Colts: 6 - IND 28	

New England Patriots vs Indianapolis Colts
9/7/1997 at RCA Dome

Final Defensive Statistics

New England Patriots	Regular Defensive Plays												Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	Q	IN	PD	FF	FR		TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
T.Law	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Hitchcock	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Slade	6	1	7	2	17	3	2	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Johnson	6	1	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.McGruder	4	0	4	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F.Collons	4	0	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Eaton	3	0	3	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Bruschi	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Whigham	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H.Thomas	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.Clay	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Milloy	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Canty	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
C.Sullivan	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Wheeler	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Mitchell	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Wyman	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Carter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Cullors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Jells	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Moore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	6	62	5	27	7	5	0	1	1	1		8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

TKL = Tackle AST = Assist COMB = Combined QH=QB Hit IN = Interception PD = Pass Defense FF = Forced Fumble FR = Fumble Recovery

Indianapolis Colts	Regular Defensive Plays												Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR		TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
R.Blackmon	7	1	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Alexander	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Belser	6	0	6	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Grant	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Johnson	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.McCoy	4	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Fontenot	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Watts	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Q.Coryatt	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Bennett	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Gray	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Whittington	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Montgomery	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Martin	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Gray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Hetherington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Warren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Banta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	38	14	52	1	7	4	1	0	1	0	0		5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

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Play By Play

First Quarter

9/7/1997

NE wins toss, elects to Receive, and IND elects to defend the North goal.

C.Gardocki kicks 70 yards from IND 30 to end zone, Touchback.

New England Patriots at 15:00

1-10-NE 20	(15:00) D.Bledsoe pass to B.Coates to NE 29 for 9 yards (A.Fontenot).	
2-1-NE 29	(15:00) C.Martin right end to NE 35 for 6 yards (S.Grant).	R1
1-10-NE 35	(15:00) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to B.Coates.	
2-10-NE 35	(15:00) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to S.Jefferson.	
3-10-NE 35	(15:00) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to B.Coates.	
4-10-NE 35	(15:00) T.Tupa punts 58 yards to IND 7. B.Stablein to IND 19 for 12 yards (C.Carter).	

Indianapolis Colts at 13:14

1-10-IND 19	(13:14) M.Faulk right end to IND 20 for 1 yard (F.Collons).	
	Timeout #1 by IND at 12:30.	
2-9-IND 20	(12:30) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to IND 26 for 6 yards (T.Law).	
3-3-IND 26	(12:30) M.Faulk up the middle to IND 28 for 2 yards (T.Bruschi).	
4-1-IND 28	(12:30) C.Gardocki punts 55 yards to NE 17. D.Meggett MUFFS catch, recovered by NE-C.Canty at NE 13. C.Canty to NE 13 for no gain (D.Gray).	

New England Patriots at 11:01

1-10-NE 13	(11:01) C.Martin up the middle to NE 17 for 4 yards (S.Grant, E.Johnson).	
2-6-NE 17	(11:01) C.Martin left tackle to NE 20 for 3 yards (T.McCoy).	
3-3-NE 20	(11:01) D.Bledsoe pass to B.Coates to NE 28 for 8 yards (R.Blackmon).	P2
1-10-NE 28	(11:01) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to S.Gash.	
2-10-NE 28	(11:01) C.Martin up the middle to NE 37 for 9 yards (J.Belser, D.Watts).	
3-1-NE 37	(11:01) D.Bledsoe up the middle to NE 38 for 1 yard (T.McCoy).	R3
1-10-NE 38	(11:01) D.Bledsoe pass to B.Coates to IND 41 for 21 yards (J.Belser, R.Blackmon).	P4
1-10-IND 41	(11:01) C.Martin right guard to IND 40 for 1 yard (E.Johnson, A.Fontenot).	
2-9-IND 40	(11:01) D.Bledsoe pass to T.Brown to IND 34 for 6 yards (R.Blackmon).	
3-3-IND 34	(11:01) D.Bledsoe pass to S.Jefferson for 34 yards, TOUCHDOWN.	P5
	A.Vinatieri extra point is GOOD.	

NE 7 IND 0, 10 plays, 87 yards, 5:31 drive, 9:30 elapsed

A.Vinatieri kicks 68 yards from NE 30 to IND 2. A.Bailey to IND 23 for 21 yards (C.Carter).

Indianapolis Colts at 5:30

1-10-IND 23	(5:30) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to IND 35 for 12 yards (T.Law).	P1
	Penalty on NE-C.Slade, Defensive Offside, declined.	
1-10-IND 35	(5:30) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete to S.Dawkins.	
2-10-IND 35	(5:30) J.Harbaugh pass to K.Dilger to IND 37 for 2 yards (J.Hitchcock).	
3-8-IND 37	(5:30) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to B.Stablein to NE 45 for 18 yards (T.Law).	P2
1-10-NE 45	(5:30) M.Faulk left end to NE 45 for no gain (J.Hitchcock).	
2-10-NE 45	(5:30) J.Harbaugh pass to K.Dilger to NE 34 for 11 yards (J.Hitchcock).	P3
1-10-NE 34	(5:30) M.Faulk left end to NE 28 for 6 yards (L.Milloy).	
	PENALTY on NE-F.Collons, Defensive Offside, 5 yards, enforced at NE 34 - No Play.	
1-5-NE 29	(5:30) L.Warren up the middle to NE 26 for 3 yards (T.Johnson, H.Thomas).	
2-2-NE 26	(5:30) L.Warren left end to NE 25 for 1 yard (J.Hitchcock).	
3-1-NE 25	(5:30) M.Faulk right end to NE 28 for -3 yards (C.Slade).	
4-4-NE 28	(5:30) C.Blanchard 45 yard field goal is GOOD.	

NE 7 IND 3, 10 plays, 49 yards, 1 penalty, 5:29 drive, 14:59 elapsed

C.Gardocki kicks 73 yards from IND 30 to NE -3. D.Meggett to NE 20 for 23 yards (D.Watts).

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
New England Patriots	7	7:18	2	3	0	5	3/4	0/0
Indianapolis Colts	3	7:42	0	3	0	3	1/3	0/0

Second Quarter

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Play By Play

New England Patriots continued.

New England Patriots Q1-00:01, (1st play from scrimmage 15:00)

- 1-10-NE 20(15:00) PENALTY on NE-M.Lane, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at NE 20 - No Play.
- 1-15-NE 15(15:00) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to C.Martin.
Penalty on NE-T.Rucci, Ineligible Downfield Pass, declined.
- 2-15-NE 15(15:00) D.Bledsoe pass to T.Brown to NE 23 for 8 yards (E.Alexander).
- 3-7-NE 23(15:00) D.Bledsoe sacked at NE 16 for -7 yards (J.Belser).
- 4-14-NE 16(15:00) (Pass formation) PENALTY on NE, Delay of Game, 5 yards, enforced at NE 16 - No Play.
- 4-19-NE 11(15:00) T.Tupa punts 57 yards to IND 32. B.Stablein to NE 48 for 20 yards (D.Jells).
Penalty on NE-D.Jells, Face Mask, offsetting.
Penalty on IND-R.McElroy, Offensive Holding, offsetting.

Indianapolis Colts at 13:01

- 1-10-NE 48(13:01) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete to K.Dilger.
- 2-10-NE 48(13:01) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to NE 41 for 7 yards (J.Hitchcock).
- 3-3-NE 41(13:01) (Shotgun) M.Faulk up the middle to NE 36 for 5 yards (H.Thomas).
- 1-10-NE 36(13:01) M.Faulk right tackle to NE 46 for -10 yards (T.Johnson).
- 2-20-NE 46(13:01) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete to S.Dawkins.
- 3-20-NE 46(13:01) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to A.Bailey to NE 42 for 4 yards (J.Hitchcock).
- 4-16-NE 42(13:01) C.Gardocki punts 40 yards to NE 2, downed by IND-J.Belser.

R4

New England Patriots at 9:35

- 1-10-NE 2(9:35) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to S.Gash.
- 2-10-NE 2(9:35) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to L.Purnell.
Timeout #2 by IND at 09:24.
- 3-10-NE 2(9:24) D.Bledsoe pass to V.Brisby to NE 11 for 9 yards (D.Montgomery).
- 4-1-NE 11(9:24) T.Tupa punts 53 yards to IND 36. B.Stablein to NE 48 for 16 yards (D.Cullors).

Indianapolis Colts at 9:03

- 1-10-NE 48(9:03) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to NE 39 for 9 yards (T.Johnson).
- 2-1-NE 39(9:03) M.Faulk up the middle to NE 37 for 2 yards (M.Wheeler).
- 1-10-NE 37(9:03) M.Faulk up the middle to NE 25 for 12 yards (C.Slade).
- 1-10-NE 25(9:03) J.Harbaugh pass to K.Dilger to NE 23 for 2 yards (T.Bruschi).
- 2-8-NE 23(9:03) M.Faulk right tackle to NE 22 for 1 yard (F.Collons).
- 3-7-NE 22(9:03) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to B.Stablein to NE 20 for 2 yards (M.McGruder).

R5

R6

Timeout at 05:30.

- 4-5-NE 20(5:30) C.Blanchard 38 yard field goal is GOOD.

NE 7 IND 6, 7 plays, 28 yards, 4:02 drive, 9:59 elapsed

C.Gardocki kicks 69 yards from IND 30 to NE 1. D.Cullors to NE 24 for 23 yards (C.Hetherington, D.Watts).

PENALTY on NE, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at NE 24.

New England Patriots at 5:01

- 1-10-NE 14(5:01) C.Martin up the middle to NE 13 for -1 yards (T.McCoy).
- 2-11-NE 13(5:01) D.Bledsoe pass to S.Jefferson to IND 23 for 64 yards (R.Blackmon, D.Watts).
- 1-10-IND 23(5:01) C.Martin left tackle to IND 21 for 2 yards (Q.Coryatt).
- 2-8-IND 21(5:01) D.Bledsoe pass to C.Martin for 21 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
A.Vinatieri extra point is GOOD.

P6

P7

NE 14 IND 6, 4 plays, 86 yards, 2:00 drive, 11:59 elapsed

A.Vinatieri kicks 73 yards from NE 30 to IND -3. A.Bailey to IND 28 for 31 yards (C.Carter).

Indianapolis Colts at 3:01

- 1-10-IND 28(3:01) J.Harbaugh right end to IND 36 for 8 yards (T.Bruschi).
PENALTY on IND-D.Widell, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at IND 28 - No Play.
- 1-20-IND 18(3:01) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Dawkins to IND 20 for 2 yards (T.Law).
- 2-18-IND 20(2:00) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Dawkins to IND 28 for 8 yards (H.Thomas).
- 3-10-IND 28(1:17) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Faulk to IND 46 for 18 yards (W.Clay, T.Johnson).

P7

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Timeout #3 by IND at 01:02.

<u>1-10-IND 46</u>	(1:02) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh sacked at IND 38 for -8 yards (M.Jones).	
	<i>PENALTY on NE, Defensive Too Many Men on Field, 5 yards, enforced at IND 46 - No Play.</i>	
1-5-NE 49	(:57) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to A.Bailey to NE 39 for 10 yards (C.Canty).	P8
<u>1-10-NE 39</u>	(:35) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Dawkins to NE 30 for 9 yards (M.McGruder).	
2-1-NE 30	(:19) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete.	
3-1-NE 30	(:19) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh right end to NE 24 for 6 yards (T.Bruschi).	R9
	<i>PENALTY on NE-T.Bruschi, Unnecessary Roughness, 12 yards, enforced at NE 24.</i>	X10
<u>1-10-NE 12</u>	(:19) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete to M.Harrison (T.Law).	
	<i>PENALTY on NE-T.Law, Defensive Pass Interference, 11 yards, enforced at NE 12 - No Play.</i>	X11
<u>1-1-NE 1</u>	(:19) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete to S.Slutzker.	

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
New England Patriots	14	4:31	0	2	0	2	0/2	0/0
Indianapolis Colts	6	10:29	4	2	2	8	3/5	0/0

Third Quarter

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Play By Play

IND elects to Receive, and NE elects to defend the North goal.

A.Vinatieri kicks 70 yards from NE 30 to end zone, Touchback.

Indianapolis Colts at 15:00

- 1-10-IND 20 (15:00) M.Faulk right end to IND 23 for 3 yards (L.Milloy).
- 2-7-IND 23 (15:00) M.Faulk left tackle to IND 25 for 2 yards (T.Johnson, C.Slade).
- 3-5-IND 25 (15:00) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Faulk to IND 29 for 4 yards (T.Johnson).
- 4-1-IND 29 (15:00) C.Gardocki punts 45 yards to NE 26, fair catch by D.Meggett.

New England Patriots at 12:36

- 1-10-NE 26 (12:36) C.Martin right end to NE 32 for 6 yards (D.Watts, A.Fontenot).
- 2-4-NE 32 (12:36) C.Martin left tackle to NE 35 for 3 yards (T.Bennett, E.Johnson).
- 3-1-NE 35 (12:36) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to S.Jefferson (R.Blackmon). IND-T.McCoy was injured during the play.
- 4-1-NE 35 (12:36) T.Tupa punts 65 yards to end zone, Touchback.

Indianapolis Colts at 10:59

- 1-10-IND 20 (10:59) M.Faulk up the middle to IND 21 for 1 yard (F.Collons).
- 2-9-IND 21 (10:59) M.Faulk up the middle to IND 22 for 1 yard (C.Sullivan).
- 3-8-IND 22 (10:59) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Dawkins to IND 36 for 14 yards (W.Clay). P12
- Penalty on NE-J.Hitchcock, Defensive Pass Interference, declined.*
- 1-10-IND 36 (10:59) J.Harbaugh sacked at IND 35 for -1 yards (F.Collons).
- 2-11-IND 35 (10:59) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Pollard to IND 40 for 5 yards (W.Clay, T.Bruschi). X13
- PENALTY on NE-T.Law, Illegal Use of Hands, 5 yards, enforced at IND 35 - No Play.*
- 1-10-IND 40 (10:59) M.Faulk right end to IND 43 for 3 yards (T.Law).
- 2-7-IND 43 (10:59) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to NE 46 for 11 yards (J.Hitchcock). P14
- 1-10-NE 46 (10:59) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to NE 1 for 45 yards (L.Milloy).
- PENALTY on IND-D.Widell, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at NE 46 - No Play.*
- 1-20-IND 44 (10:59) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Slutzker to 50 for 6 yards (C.Slade).
- 2-14-50 (10:59) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete to S.Dawkins.
- 3-14-50 (10:59) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh sacked at IND 40 for -10 yards (C.Slade).
- 4-24-IND 40 (10:59) C.Gardocki punts 51 yards to NE 9. D.Meggett to NE 21 for 12 yards (D.Gray).

New England Patriots at 4:45

- 1-10-NE 21 (4:45) D.Bledsoe pass to B.Coates to NE 37 for 16 yards (R.Blackmon, A.Fontenot). P8
- 1-10-NE 37 (4:45) C.Martin up the middle to NE 46 for 9 yards (E.Alexander).
- 2-1-NE 46 (4:45) C.Martin up the middle to NE 46 for no gain (E.Alexander). IND-S.Grant was injured during the play.
- 3-1-NE 46 (4:45) D.Bledsoe pass to V.Brisby to IND 23 for 31 yards (C.Gray). P9
- 1-10-IND 23 (4:45) D.Bledsoe pass to C.Martin to IND 18 for 5 yards (R.Blackmon, E.Johnson).
- 2-5-IND 18 (4:45) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to T.Brown.
- 3-5-IND 18 (4:45) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to S.Jefferson (R.Blackmon).
- PENALTY on IND-S.Burroughs, Roughing the Passer, 9 yards, enforced at IND 18 - No Play.* X10
- 1-9-IND 9 (4:45) C.Martin up the middle to IND 4 for 5 yards (J.Belser).
- 2-4-IND 4 (4:45) C.Martin up the middle to IND 6 for -2 yards (R.Blackmon).
- 3-6-IND 6 (4:45) D.Bledsoe pass to V.Brisby for 6 yards, TOUCHDOWN. P11
- A.Vinatieri extra point is GOOD.

NE 21 IND 6, 9 plays, 79 yards, 1 penalty, 4:10 drive, 14:25 elapsed

A.Vinatieri kicks 71 yards from NE 30 to IND -1. A.Bailey to IND 29 for 30 yards (D.Cullors).

Indianapolis Colts at 0:35

- 1-10-IND 29 (:35) M.Faulk right tackle to IND 32 for 3 yards (B.Mitchell).

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
New England Patriots	21	5:47	0	3	1	4	2/3	0/0
Indianapolis Colts	6	9:13	0	2	1	3	1/3	0/0

Fourth Quarter

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Play By Play

Indianapolis Colts continued.

- 2-7-IND 32(15:00) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to IND 35 for 3 yards (T.Johnson).
- 3-4-IND 35(15:00) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete to S.Dawkins.
- 4-4-IND 35(15:00) C.Gardocki punts 49 yards to NE 16. D.Meggett to NE 14 for -2 yards (D.Gray).
PENALTY on IND-C.Hetherington, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at IND 35 - No Play.
- 4-14-IND 25(15:00) C.Gardocki punts 51 yards to NE 24. D.Meggett to NE 38 for 14 yards (L.Warren, B.Banta). IND-D.Gray was injured during the play.

New England Patriots at 13:44

- 1-10-NE 38(13:44) C.Martin right tackle to NE 38 for no gain (T.Bennett, S.Grant).
- 2-10-NE 38(13:44) D.Bledsoe pass incomplete to T.Brown.
- 3-10-NE 38(13:44) D.Bledsoe pass to C.Martin to NE 46 for 8 yards (E.Alexander).
- 4-2-NE 46(13:44) T.Tupa punts 45 yards to IND 9, fair catch by B.Stablein.

Indianapolis Colts at 12:05

- 1-10-IND 10(12:05) J.Harbaugh pass to L.Warren to IND 13 for 3 yards (L.Milloy, T.Law).
- 2-7-IND 13(12:05) *PENALTY on IND-T.Glenn, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at IND 13 - No Play.*
- 2-12-IND 8(12:05) J.Harbaugh up the middle to IND 13 for 5 yards (C.Slade). FUMBLES (C.Slade), RECOVERED by NE-T.Bruschi at IND 21. T.Bruschi to IND 21 for no gain (T.Glenn).

New England Patriots at 10:53

- 1-10-IND 21(10:53) **D.Bledsoe pass to T.Brown for 21 yards, TOUCHDOWN.**

P12
- A.Vinatieri extra point is GOOD.

NE 28 IND 6, 1 plays, 21 yards, 0:07 drive, 4:14 elapsed

A.Vinatieri kicks 67 yards from NE 30 to IND 3. A.Bailey to IND 38 for 35 yards (M.McGruder, M.Moore).

Indianapolis Colts at 10:46

- 1-10-IND 38(10:46) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to A.Bailey to IND 49 for 11 yards (C.Canty).

P15
- 1-10-IND 49(10:46) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to NE 44 for 7 yards (T.Law).
- 2-3-NE 44(10:46) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh sacked at NE 49 for -5 yards (M.McGruder).
- 3-8-NE 49(10:46) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh sacked at IND 44 for -7 yards (C.Slade).
- 4-15-IND 44(10:46) C.Gardocki punts 56 yards to end zone, Touchback.

New England Patriots at 8:32

- 1-10-NE 20(8:32) C.Martin up the middle to NE 24 for 4 yards (Q.Coryatt, S.Grant).
- 2-6-NE 24(8:32) C.Martin up the middle to NE 28 for 4 yards (B.Whittington, E.Alexander).
Timeout #1 by NE at 07:00.
- 3-2-NE 28(7:00) C.Martin right end to IND 40 for 32 yards (J.Belser).

R13
- 1-10-IND 40(7:00) C.Martin right guard to IND 31 for 9 yards (B.Whittington).
- 2-1-IND 31(7:00) C.Martin left tackle to IND 28 for 3 yards (T.McCoy).

R14
- 1-10-IND 28(7:00) C.Martin up the middle to IND 26 for 2 yards (E.Johnson, E.Alexander).
- 2-8-IND 26(7:00) C.Martin right end to IND 19 for 7 yards (C.Gray).
- 3-1-IND 19(7:00) C.Martin right tackle to IND 8 for 11 yards (R.Blackmon).

R15
- 1-8-IND 8(7:00) C.Martin up the middle to IND 8 for no gain (S.Grant).
Timeout #1 by IND at 02:43.
- 2-8-IND 8(2:43) C.Martin left guard to IND 3 for 5 yards (J.Belser, E.Alexander).
Timeout #2 by IND at 02:29.
- 3-3-IND 3(2:29) C.Martin right tackle to IND 4 for -1 yards (S.Martin).
Timeout #3 by IND at 02:16.
- 4-4-IND 4(2:16) **A.Vinatieri 21 yard field goal is GOOD.**

NE 31 IND 6, 12 plays, 76 yards, 6:19 drive, 12:47 elapsed

A.Vinatieri kicks 71 yards from NE 30 to IND -1. A.Bailey to IND 28 for 29 yards (D.Cullors).

Indianapolis Colts at 2:13

- 1-10-IND 28(2:13) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to L.Warren to IND 28 for no gain (C.Sullivan).
- 2-10-IND 28(1:55) (Shotgun) L.Warren up the middle to IND 28 for no gain (C.Eaton).
- 3-10-IND 28(1:38) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Dawkins to IND 37 for 9 yards (L.Whigham).
- 4-1-IND 37(1:33) J.Harbaugh up the middle to IND 40 for 3 yards (C.Eaton, D.Wyman).

R16

New England Patriots vs Indianapolis Colts at RCA Dome

<u>1-10-IND 40</u>	(1:13) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to IND 49 for 9 yards (T.Law).	
2-1-IND 49	(1:09) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh sacked at IND 45 for -4 yards (C.Eaton).	
3-5-IND 45	(:51) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Dawkins to NE 45 for 10 yards (L.Whigham).	P17
<u>1-10-NE 45</u>	(:47) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Dawkins to NE 36 for 9 yards (L.Whigham, W.Clay).	
2-1-NE 36	(:23) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to NE 26 for 10 yards (T.Law).	P18
<u>1-10-NE 26</u>	(:18) J.Harbaugh pass incomplete to A.Bailey (L.Milloy).	
2-10-NE 26	(:07) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to B.Stablein to NE 11 for 15 yards (M.McGruder).	P19

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
New England Patriots	31	8:05	3	1	0	4	2/4	0/0
Indianapolis Colts	6	6:55	1	4	0	5	1/4	1/1

Miscellaneous Statistics Report

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Ten Longest Plays for New England Patriots

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
64	2	2-11-NE 13	(5:01) D.Bledsoe pass to S.Jefferson to IND 23 for 64 yards (R.Blackmon, D.Watts).
34	1	3-3-IND 34	(11:01) D.Bledsoe pass to S.Jefferson for 34 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
32	4	3-2-NE 28	(7:00) C.Martin right end to IND 40 for 32 yards (J.Belser).
31	3	3-1-NE 46	(4:45) D.Bledsoe pass to V.Brisby to IND 23 for 31 yards (C.Gray).
21	1	1-10-NE 38	(11:01) D.Bledsoe pass to B.Coates to IND 41 for 21 yards (J.Belser, R.Blackmon).
21	2	2-8-IND 21	(5:01) D.Bledsoe pass to C.Martin for 21 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
21	4	1-10-IND 21	(10:53) D.Bledsoe pass to T.Brown for 21 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
16	3	1-10-NE 21	(4:45) D.Bledsoe pass to B.Coates to NE 37 for 16 yards (R.Blackmon, A.Fontenot).
11	4	3-1-IND 19	(7:00) C.Martin right tackle to IND 8 for 11 yards (R.Blackmon).
9	1	1-10-NE 20	(15:00) D.Bledsoe pass to B.Coates to NE 29 for 9 yards (A.Fontenot).

Ten Longest Plays for Indianapolis Colts

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
18	1	3-8-IND 37	(5:30) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to B.Stablein to NE 45 for 18 yards (T.Law).
18	2	3-10-IND 28	(1:17) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Faulk to IND 46 for 18 yards (W.Clay, T.Johnson).
18	2	3-1-NE 30	(:19) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh right end to NE 24 for 6 yards (T.Bruschi).
15	4	2-10-NE 26	(:07) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to B.Stablein to NE 11 for 15 yards (M.McGruder).
14	3	3-8-IND 22	(10:59) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to S.Dawkins to IND 36 for 14 yards (W.Clay).
12	1	1-10-IND 23	(5:30) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to IND 35 for 12 yards (T.Law).
12	2	1-10-NE 37	(9:03) M.Faulk up the middle to NE 25 for 12 yards (C.Slade).
11	1	2-10-NE 45	(5:30) J.Harbaugh pass to K.Dilger to NE 34 for 11 yards (J.Hitchcock).
11	3	2-7-IND 43	(10:59) J.Harbaugh pass to M.Harrison to NE 46 for 11 yards (J.Hitchcock).
11	4	1-10-IND 38	(10:46) (Shotgun) J.Harbaugh pass to A.Bailey to IND 49 for 11 yards (C.Canty).

Touchdown Scoring Information

		Offense	Defense	Special Teams
VISITOR	New England Patriots	4	0	0
HOME	Indianapolis Colts	0	0	0

Player Scoring Information

Club	Player	TD	Rush TD	Rec TD	KO TD	Punt TD	Int TD	Fum TD	Misc TD	FG	XP	2Pt Rush	2Pt Rec	Sfty	Points
NE	A.Vinatieri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	7
NE	V.Brisby	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
NE	T.Brown	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
NE	C.Martin	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
NE	S.Jefferson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
IND	C.Blanchard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6

Possession Detail

	First Half		Second Half		Game	
	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home
Largest Lead	8	0	25	0	25	0
Drives Leading	3	0	5	0	8	0
Time of Possession Leading	4:32	0:00	13:52	0:00	18:24	0:00
Largest Deficit	0	-8	0	-25	0	-25
Drives Trailing	0	4	0	6	0	10
Time of Possession Trailing	0:00	15:58	0:00	16:08	0:00	32:06
Times Score Tied Up		0		0		0
Lead Changes		1		0		1