

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 2026 SEASON PREVIEW

One-page printable cheat sheet · All times Eastern · Track your season in the W/L column

SPORTS WIRE NETWORK

HEAD COACH Mike Vrabel	2025 RECORD 14–3 · AFC East Champs	2025 PLAYOFFS Lost Super Bowl LX	BYE WEEK Week 11	HOME OPENER Sun Sept 20 vs PIT
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2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS TRACKER

WK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)	RESULT
1	Wed Sept 9	at Seattle Seahawks	8:20 · NBC	_____
2	Sun Sept 20	vs Pittsburgh Steelers	1:00	_____
3	Sun Sept 27	at Jacksonville Jaguars	1:00	_____
4	Sun Oct 4	at Buffalo Bills	1:00	_____
5	Sun Oct 11	vs Las Vegas Raiders	1:00	_____
6	Sun Oct 18	vs New York Jets	1:00	_____
7	Thu Oct 22	at Chicago Bears	8:15 · TNF	_____
8	Sun Nov 1	at Miami Dolphins	4:25 · CBS	_____
9	Sun Nov 8	vs Green Bay Packers	4:25 · FOX	_____
10	Sun Nov 15	at Detroit Lions	9:30 · Intl	_____
11	—	BYE WEEK	—	_____
12	Sun Nov 29	at Los Angeles Chargers	8:20 · SNF	_____
13	Sun Dec 6	vs Buffalo Bills	4:25 · CBS	_____
14	Thu Dec 10	vs Minnesota Vikings	8:15 · TNF	_____
15	Mon Dec 21	at Kansas City Chiefs	8:15 · MNF	_____
16	Sun Dec 27	at New York Jets	1:00	_____
17	Sun Jan 3	vs Denver Broncos	1:00	_____
18	Sun Jan 10	vs Miami Dolphins	TBD*	_____

Home games in bold. *Dates/times set by NFL flex scheduling.
Preseason: vs Colts · vs Eagles · at Browns

KEY OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

- **WR A.J. Brown** — trade from Philadelphia for a
- **WR Romeo Doubs** — 4 years
- **DL Dre'Mont Jones** — FA

NOTABLE DEPARTURES

- **EDGE K'Lavon Chaisson** — free agency

ROOKIES TO WATCH

- **OT Caleb Lomu** (Utah, Rd 1) — Traded up three spots
- **EDGE Gabe Jacas** (Illinois, Rd 2)
- **TE Eli Raridon** (Notre Dame, Rd 3)

THE RETURNING CORE

- **WR A.J. Brown** — Acquired June 1
- **QB Drake Maye** — Led NFL in passer rating
- **CB/PR Marcus Jones** — All-Pro punt returner
- **RB TreVeyon Henderson** — Four 50-yd TDs as a rookie
- **RB Rhamondre Stevenson**
- **CB Christian Gonzalez**

THE OUTLOOK

Back from 14–3 and a playoff berth as AFC East champions.
Week 10 is played abroad in Munich.
4 primetime dates (Weeks 7, 12, 14, 15).
Bye falls in Week 11.

2026 NFL MILESTONES

- **Aug 30** — Final roster cuts to 53
- **Nov 10** — Trade deadline
- **Jan 16–18** — Wild Card Weekend
- **Feb 14** — Super Bowl LXI, SoFi Stadium