

New York Giants+7 (my line)

9-7 regular season 3-0 playoffs

3 straight road games and one bye

Six reasons why NYG will cover:

- 1) Defensive line gets pressure on Tom Brady
- 2) NY Giants exposes secondary of New England
- 3) Injuries to OL of NE, TE of NE
- 4) Manning and his WR are far better than NE Secondary
- 5) NYG have a better than expected rushing day
- 6) Manning continues hot streak

<conclusion: teams are identical, difference is Manning is Hot, Who is the Better coach, injuries, and turnovers>

Time/Place of game:

A lot of road/travel for NYG over the last few weeks. Very difficult to beat a playoff caliber team 2x in one year.

NY Giants have scored under 20 only two times this season.

NY Giants are 7-1 in their last 8 with 5 wins on the road. 5 victories against playoff teams.

Questionable:

CB-Blackmon

CB Webster

LB J Williams

DE Umenyiora

WR Nicks

<Injury to secondary during game could easily change the result of the game>

Updated MY LINE: NYG +7 because: the injuries to the secondary are concerning. Additionally, it is very difficult to defeat a playoff team twice in one season, not impossible but difficult. It is impossible to know the truth of the NE injuries. Both teams are not great running teams, both teams should score well above 20. NE is good at locating weaknesses and exploiting them. Fast passed game, mid range points. Look for NY Giants scoring 21-27 points.

New England Patriots -7 (my line)

13-3 regular season 2-0 playoffs

4 straight home games with two byes

Six reasons why NE wins by 7 or more:

- 1) NE coach & QB are an amazing tandem;
- 2) NE has a better than expected rushing game
- 3) NE has all of the intangibles
- 4) NE exposes the 29th ranked pass defense
- 5) Injuries to NY G defense
- 6) NE is able to hold off pressure of NYG line

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Time/Place of game:

Under Bellicheck NE has an amazing record coming off a bye week. Weather should not be a factor. New England on 10 game win streak. NYG won last meeting this season 24-20 (@ New England) (revenge factor). Score 27 or more in all 10 in a row and 30+ in 9/10

Questionable:

WR D Branch, WR Welker, TE Gronkowski, TE Hernandez

T Cannon, T Vollmer, T Solder, G Mankins

S Chung, S Ihedigbo, LB Fletcher, LB T White, LB Ninkovich, LB Spikes

DT Love

(As always NE has an oversized injury list). Injury to Passing game/protection/Running defense and passing defense may have an impact.

Updated MY LINE: New England -7 both team are hot, the TE oddly enough and NE running game will be the difference. NY Giants is too concerned with pressure on brady and there should be some decent runs and some wide open TEs. No one has stopped NE tight ends all season. NYG had problems with SF tight ends. New England scores 34-38 points. With the line sitting at 3. New England appears to be the play. Additionally with 61% of the betting public on NYG, I am comfortable giving the 3 points. **Play NEW ENGLAND -3.** No Play on Over/Under.