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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	NETWORK
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Sun., Sept. 18	at Pittsburgh Steelers	1 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Sept. 25	Baltimore Ravens	1 p.m.	FOX
Sun., Oct. 2	at Green Bay Packers	4:25 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 9	Detroit Lions	1 p.m.	FOX
Sun., Oct. 16	at Cleveland Browns	1 p.m.	CBS
Monday, Oct. 24	Chicago Bears	8:15 p.m.	ESPN
Sun., Oct. 30	at N.Y. Jets	1 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Nov. 6	Indianapolis Colts	1 p.m.	CBS
BYE WEEK			
Sun., Nov. 20	N.Y. Jets	1 p.m.	CBS
Thurs., Nov. 24	at Minnesota Vikings	8:20 p.m.	NBC
Thurs., Dec. 1	Buffalo Bills	8:15 p.m.	Amazon Prime Video
Monday, Dec. 12	at Arizona Cardinals	8:15 p.m.	ESPN
Sun., Dec. 18	at Las Vegas Raiders	8:20 p.m.	NBC
Sat., Dec. 24	Cincinnati Bengals	1 p.m.	CBS
Sat., Jan. 1	Miami Dolphins	1 p.m.	CBS
TBD (January 7 or 8)	at Buffalo Bills	TBD	TBD

Kickoff times for all Sun. games after Week 5 are subject to flex scheduling

2022 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS SEASON PREVIEW

COVER: With Spygate and the upset loss to the Giants in Super Bowl XLII behind him, re-energized New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick is preparing his veteran-laden team for another championship run.
Photo illustration by Lorin Stuart



WILFREDO LEE/AP
Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (1) talks with head coach Mike McDaniel during the first half of a NFL preseason game against the Philadelphia Eagles Aug. 27 in Miami Gardens, Fla.

UNWINCIBLE?

Belichick the best ever? Maybe.
But many fans — and one owner — are asking ‘what have you done for us lately?’

By BILL BURT
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Bill Belichick’s coaching career is on the clock.

That thought has been bandied about the last several years.

Heck, once watching a TV with Marv Levy being interviewed he apparently told Bill O’Brien and other coaches, “You won’t ever find me coaching into my 70s.”

Well laddy-da, Belichick turned 70 in April, and the fact that former Pats offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, who was thought to be Belichick’s eventual replacement, bolted the head coaching job in Las Vegas in January, implies he isn’t going anywhere soon.

But that guy, the all-time greatest head coach, maybe in any professional team sport, is sort of on a hot seat in 2022.

And there are probably two reasons:

1. Tom Brady was sort of nudged out of here, due to personality conflicts with Belichick, and has won a Super Bowl post-Patriots.
2. The Patriots have not won a playoff game in three years, the longest tenure of Bob Kraft’s ownership.

Kraft was outspoken at an event earlier this year, saying that fact — three seasons without a January playoff victory — was unacceptable. Of course, Kraft is legendary for feeding into Patriots Nation’s wants and complaints.

But if we’re being honest, a fourth year without a playoff might really and truly be too much to take.

For Patriots Nation. And for, more important, Mr. Kraft.

What does that mean?

The greatest coach that ever lived is on the clock.

And if we’re being honest again, after what New England saw at the end of the summer from its pro football team, particularly the offense, it doesn’t look great.

When pressed after the last preseason game against the Raiders in Las Vegas, Belichick didn’t debate what most fans saw.

“Preseason is preseason,” Belichick said. “Preseason is about developing your team for the season and evaluating the players. I don’t think preseason games are a real big indicator of what the team is or isn’t, one way or the other.

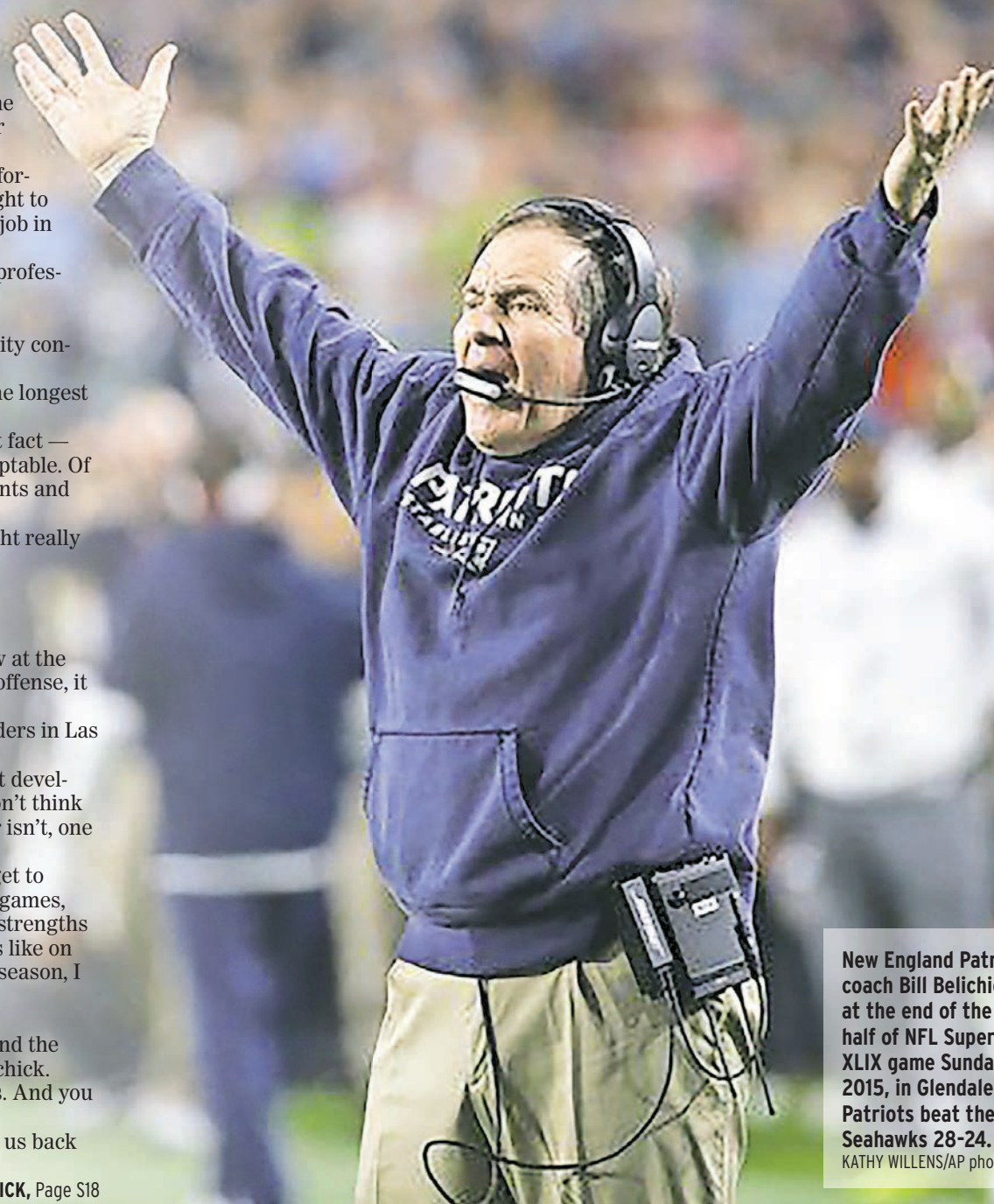
“I don’t think you really know where your team is until you get to about mid-season, you know, mid-October. Play five, six, seven games, match up against some different teams, see for real what your strengths and weaknesses are, and your opponents’ as well; what it looks like on paper and what it is in preseason, and what it is in the regular season, I don’t think they’re all the same.”

In other words, Patriots Nation, have some patience.

But in 2022, patience is a dirty word in professional sports. And the post-Tom Brady rebuild isn’t as easy as simply trusting in Belichick.

You need elite talent. And we’re not talking one or two dudes. And you need rabid dogs surrounding them.

The Patriots are question marks in both areas. Which brings us back



New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick shouts at the end of the second half of NFL Super Bowl XLIX game Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015, in Glendale, Ariz. The Patriots beat the Seattle Seahawks 28-24.
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Shouldering the load

Pressure is on young Pats QB to lead team

BY BILL BURT
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What do you think, in terms of talent, of Super Bowl champion wide receiver Odell Beckham, Atlanta's star tight end Kyle Pitts, two-time champion linebacker Von Miller, all-time great kicker Justin Tucker and Cowboys elite wide receiver CeeDee Lamb?

I assume you think highly of all five heading into the 2022 season. A few very highly.

Well, guess what?

NFL players ranked Mac Jones ahead of, barely in some cases, all of them in their annual NFL Top 100 player rankings for 2022.

Mac came in at No. 85.

Among the five quarterbacks drafted in the top 15 picks — Mac was 15th overall — none of the others were even close to making this list.

That is saying something.

Mac made an impact on the league last year. More importantly, he made a statement among his teammates beyond the respectable 10-7 record and playoff berth.

And remember, the Patriots under Mac were 1-3 through four games, with four TD passes, four interceptions and an NFL-leading 10 sacks.

Then some magic, sort of happened. The Patriots not only won eight of their next nine games (the loss was in OT against Dallas), but his accuracy, success (12 TDs versus 4 ints.) and, most of all, leadership qualities became evident.

Here were comments from several Patriots, including long-time vets:

Center David Andrews: "He really loves football. And that's a big thing because it's a long season; it's a grind; you have to, especially in a place like this."

Safety Devin McCourty: "Those leadership qualities shine through ... He works so hard. He wants to do the right thing. He wants to lead the group."

Special teamer Matthew Slater: "He commands our respect and he's earned it ... I'm extremely biased. He has demonstrated great leadership since the day he walked into the building ... Ultimately, this is going to be his team."

Outside linebacker Matthew Judon: "Teams in the NFL follow their quarterback ... I see a leader and a competitor. The way he approaches (his job), he's first player in the building and probably the last one to leave ... The way he commands the offense on the field is impressive to watch."

Wide receiver Jakobi Meyers: "He's just a humble dude, a great guy to be around. He don't really step over nobody, but when he wants something done he's going to make sure it gets done. So, you respect him but it's not really a fear-based thing where he thinks he's better than anybody. That's why I love him."



JAIME CAMPOS

Patriots quarterback Mac Jones (10) pumps up the crowd last season.

JONES

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These comments are the rule, not the exception. Winning teammates over is big for a quarterback. Just look at a few pretty good outfits — Cleveland and L.A. (Rams) quickly come to mind — in which the quarterback was defeated before the games actually were played. Winning games, though, particularly in January and sometimes February, will

supersede the nice ... albeit ... truthful, words. Things will be different on two fronts. Mac not only worked on his craft, spending the offseason with a few throwing coaches, including Tom Brady favorite Tom House, the former MLB pitcher. Mac worked on his body, too, obviously spending more time in the weight room and filling his body with better, more nutritional foods. Like Tom Brady, he came into the league a little on the puffy side.

No more. In fact, Mac looks as if he spent a lot of time from February to May at some TB12 facility. “It was just cleaning up my diet, and I’ve learned more this offseason than I probably ever have about nutrition, sleep, wellness, all that stuff,” said Mac. “At the same time, I need to be able to maintain my weight and be able to take hits,” he said, sounding a lot like Brady. “There’s a fine balance for every player. I’ve definitely trimmed down on the body fat, and I’ll get a chance to bulk up before the season starts and be able to absorb hits.” The other big change for Mac will be the person in his ear over the next four or, hopefully five months. With his former one-on-one coach and offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels now the head coach in Las Vegas, he appears to have a concoction of coaches as possibly co-offensive coordinators in Matt Patricia and Joe Judge.

We could also add Belichick into that mix. Mac has been asked about it since mini-camp and almost every session he’s had with any media personnel. “At the end of the day, the players play and the coaches coach. You want to listen to the good coaching that you can get from three coaches who have all been head coaches,” said Mac. “They’ve seen a ton, a ton of football and that’s what I’m just trying to take in, is what is something that each one of them said in a meeting that I can take with me, whether that’s about life or football and then apply it to the game.” “Like I said, they all bring a different perspective, but I feel like they’re listening to the players, ‘Hey we kind of like this concept, alright let’s try it,’ or if they want to put in something else, they explain the why. That’s the important part for me is understanding why we’re doing something and from there, as a player, my job is go execute the plays.”



DID YOU KNOW ...

- Here are some interesting tidbits about Mac Jones before becoming a member of the Patriots.
 - Not only was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy in 2020, but he was honored as a scholar-athlete at Alabama, too.
 - Is from a family of athletes. His father, Gordon, played tennis at Florida State University and Flagler College. His brother Will played soccer at Mercer University. And sister Sarah played tennis for the College
- of Charleston.
 - Was named MVP of the Alabama spring game as a freshman, throwing for 289 yards and two touchdowns.
 - Originally committed to University of Kentucky after having a successful high school career as only a “three-star” recruit. He was ranked No. 468 prospect in HS when he committed to Kentucky. As his ranking grew, his prospects improved and he was offered a scholarship from Alabama.

Good, Patriot Way answer. But will it work? In the end, it will fall on Mac’s shoulders. Can he make the plays that have to be made for the Patriots to be a successful, playoff team trending in the right direction? Can he help overcome a tough early schedule, including the first two games in

Miami and Pittsburgh, both difficult venues for the road team, and then Ravens in Foxborough for Week 3? A 3-0 and 2-1 mark sets Mac up well for a Pro Bowl season. A 1-2 or 0-3 mark? Sounding like his head coach, the next practice is first and foremost on his mind. And, of course, winning.

“I always think football is fun and always will be but it’s all about competing and winning is the most important thing. Wining is fun,” said Mac. “We learned last year what winning felt like but we also learned what losing felt like. So we want to be able to combine, you know, having fun during practice but also competing, putting good plays together and everyone brings a different piece to the table. From there, we just put it together and then when the games come, they come but we just take it day-by-day and just be yourself.”

As for the NFL Top 100 list, the only other Patriot was linebacker/pass rusher Matthew Judon at No. 52. It means his targets on offense, though improved from 2021, with the addition of Davante Parker as his probable No. 1, won’t rank with what the other quarterbacks of his ilk have. It means Year 2 Mac had better be better than Year 1 Mac. And that Mac was pretty darn good. You can email Bill Burt at bburt@northofboston.com.



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2022 Patriots strengths

By Hector Longo



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Bill Belichick watches during NFL training camp Aug. 23 in Henderson, Nev.

Bill Belichick

Looking at the 2022 slate, is there one game on the New England Patriots schedule in which Bill Belichick loses the coaching battle?

The answer you are looking for here is, "No!"

Belichick may no longer be the best coach in the game. Perhaps, at 70, he's slowed down a bit. And the attrition on his coaching staff, either with guys being hired away like Josh McDaniels or retiring like Dante Scarnecchia and Ivan Fears, has hurt.

He's still right there, probably a notch below Sean McVay in LA and maybe Andy Reid in Kansas City.



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Mac Jones is sacked in a preseason game in Las Vegas on Aug. 26.

Mac Jones

As a rookie, the franchise QB put up stud-like numbers with 3,801 yards and 22 TDs with 7.3 yards per attempt.

Mac Jones might not have the most lethal arm on the planet, but if the first year was any indication, he belongs in this league.

His mind is a weapon. Jones processes and throws, something that separates the bottom guys from the top in this game. In the end, how he hones his arm talent will determine how good he is in the NFL. But the foundation is there, and that factor legitimizes the potential of the New England offense.



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Patriots running back Rhamondre Stevenson stiff-arms Chris Claybrooks of the Jaguars.

Ground Game

There are better running backs in this game – probably a dozen of them, maybe more.

Few teams, if any, can run out two guys like Damien Harris and Rhamondre Stevenson. Together, they can and most likely will allow New England to control the ball and the clock, easing the strain on the defense and allowing Mac Jones to grow into his game without undue pressure.

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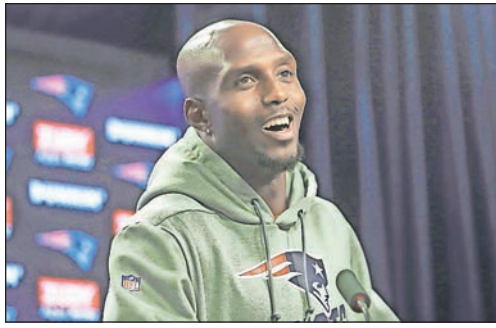
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New England Patriots safety Devin McCourty, speaking to the media last year, was already the voice of the defense. Now he's the team leader.

Last Line of Defense

Belichick has invested draft capital and true capital at the safety position, and it is clear that this group delivers bang for the buck.

Devin McCourty is back for Year 13, and he's been the field general for this defense for nearly a decade.

After Tom Brady, has there been a better football mind on the field for this team?

Adrian Phillips grew into the Patriots' most trusted defender a year ago, and Kyle Dugger has blossomed in the run game. Adding free agent Jabrill Peppers to a strong mix can only help.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Place-kicker Nick Folk hits an extra point from the hold of Jake Bailey, while Carolina Panthers cornerback Tae Hayes defends during a preseason game Aug. 19 in Foxborough, Mass.

Kick Folk

Teams fight the battle and lose on a weekly basis, all because of the lack of a reliable kicker.

You can count the stretch of games in the Bill Belichick Era where the Patriots underwent such uncertainty on one hand.

With Adam Vinatieri, Stephen Gostkowski and now Nick Folk, New England's run of reliable kicking is basically unparalleled at the position.

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2022 Patriots weaknesses

By Hector Longo

Matt Patricia and Joe Judge

What about their head-coach trips away from his tutelage gave Bill Belichick confidence that these two could run the New England offense?

Was it the way Matt Stafford “struggled” after he finally got away from Patricia in Detroit? ... Hint 1: No, Stafford won the Super Bowl with the Rams.

Or was it the way Judge nurtured and cultivated Daniel Jones in New York? Hint 2: A former No. 6 pick in the first round, Jones may never recover from the damage inflicted by Judge. Jones through 24 TDs and 12 picks as a rookie before Judge hit the Big Apple. In two years with JJ, he totalled 21 TDs and 17 interceptions.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Patriots coach Matt Patricia has made the move to offense on his return to the Patriots.



JAIME CAMPOS

Cowboys receiver CeeDee Lamb (88) beats Patriots cornerback Jalen Mills (2) for the go-ahead touchdown to win the game last year.

Horrificing Corners

The greatest sell job this summer in camp has been the fallacy that Jalen Mills has grown into a No. 1 cornerback.

That façade was a tremendous smoke-screen for the propaganda campaign that Jonathan Jones could be the No. 2 guy outside on the boundary.

The Patriots’ worst personnel group in camp is at the corner.

There is potential help on the way, but any kind of serious work from rookies Jack and Marcus Jones would be a dangerous baptism by fire.

New England’s pass rush had better be ferocious or teams are going to shred these guys, chunk play by chunk play.

Limited Star Power

The NFL Network’s Top 100, as chosen by the players, recently came out and New England had but two men on the list. Mac Jones and Matt Judon.

Each went to the Pro Bowl a year ago, but would either be confused with a true game-breaker.

Judon had a career-best 12.5 sacks last season with one coming in December or January (6 games).

Jones didn’t lead the Patriots to a win when the opposition scored more than 24 points.

New England lacked play-makers on both sides a year ago. You could say J.C. Jackson was the guy. He’s a Charger now.

There is just no bigtime threat. And in this era of the NFL, that’s suicide.



JAIME CAMPOS STAFF PHOTO

Star cornerback J.C. Jackson (27) leaving for the Chargers in free agency, the Patriots have lost a star.

No big-time chain-mover

Show me a powerhouse NFL offense, and I will show you a reliable, dangerous third-down threat.

The Patriots just don’t have that guy.

James White, Wes Welker, Julian Edelman and Rob Gronkowski all were that guy. Even last year, Brandon Bolden was a reasonable facsimile.

The Patriots need a drive-extender.

Hunter Henry, Jakobi Meyers and Devante Parker are all potential guys to fill the role.

None has done it consistently at a bigtime NFL level.

You don’t need Cooper Kupp. But you need better than this.



MARY SCHWALM

New England Patriots quarterback Mac Jones drops back to pass as Offensive Assistant Joe Judge looks on.

The Schedule

It opens like a bear and closes like a shark.

You can take your pick as to which is more lethal.

At Miami, at Pittsburgh, home with Baltimore and at Green Bay sounds like as rugged an opening month as can be.

The final seven are at Minnesota, Buffalo, at Arizona, at Vegas, Cincinnati, Miami and at Buffalo.

That’s 11 games with potential playoff teams. Yikes.

There is the comfy stretch in the middle laden with cupcakes – two with the Jets, home against the Lions and Bears and at Cleveland without Deshaun Watson.

But this is not 2021. The Patriots have their work cut out for them.

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2021 NFL Standings

AFC EAST

	W-L-T	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
1 Bills	11-6	483	289	6-3	5-3	7-5	5-1	W4
2 Patriots	10-7	462	303	4-5	6-2	8-4	3-3	L1
3 Dolphins	9-8	341	373	6-3	3-5	6-6	4-2	W1
4 Jets	4-13	310	504	3-6	1-7	4-8	0-6	L2

AFC NORTH

	W-L-T	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
1 Bengals	10-7	460	376	5-4	5-3	8-4	4-2	L1
2 Steelers	9-7	343	398	6-2	3-5	7-5	4-2	W2
3 Browns	8-9	349	371	6-3	2-6	5-7	3-3	W1
4 Ravens	8-9	387	392	5-4	3-5	5-7	1-5	L6

AFC SOUTH

	W-L-T	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
1 Titans	12-5	419	354	7-2	5-3	8-4	5-1	W3
2 Colts	9-8	451	365	4-5	5-3	7-5	3-3	L2
3 Texans	4-13	280	452	2-7	2-6	4-8	3-3	L2
4 Jaguars	3-14	253	457	3-6	0-8	3-9	1-5	W1

AFC WEST

	W-L-T	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
1 Chiefs	12-5	480	364	7-2	5-3	7-5	5-1	W1
2 Raiders	10-7	374	439	5-4	5-3	8-4	3-3	W4
3 Chargers	9-8	474	459	5-4	4-4	6-6	3-3	L1
4 Broncos	7-10	335	322	4-5	3-5	3-9	1-5	L4

NFC EAST

	W-L-T	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
1 Cowboys	12-5	530	358	5-3	7-2	10-2	6-0	W1
2 Eagles	9-8	444	385	3-5	6-3	7-5	3-3	L1
3 Football Team	7-10	335	434	3-5	4-5	6-6	2-4	W1
4 Giants	4-13	258	416	3-5	1-8	3-9	1-5	L6

NFC NORTH

	W-L-T	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
1 Packers	13-4	450	371	8-0	5-4	9-3	4-2	L1
2 Vikings	8-9	425	426	5-3	3-6	6-6	4-2	W1
3 Bears	6-11	311	407	3-5	3-6	4-8	2-4	L1
4 Lions	3-13	325	467	3-5	1-8	3-9	2-4	W1

NFC SOUTH

	W-L-T	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
1 Buccaneers	13-4	511	353	7-1	6-3	8-4	4-2	W3
2 Saints	9-8	364	335	3-5	6-3	7-5	4-2	W2
3 Falcons	7-10	313	459	2-6	5-4	4-8	2-4	L2
4 Panthers	5-12	304	404	2-6	3-6	3-9	2-4	L7

NFC WEST

	W-L-T	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
1 Rams	12-5	460	372	5-3	7-2	8-4	3-3	L1
2 Cardinals	11-6	449	366	3-5	8-1	7-5	4-2	L1
3 49ers	10-7	427	365	4-4	6-3	7-5	2-4	W2
4 Seahawks	7-10	395	366	3-5	4-5	4-8	3-3	W2

Bill Burt's Five NFL predictions for '22

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1. Bengals won't make playoffs

Cincinnati is obviously trending near the top echelon of the NFL, and it's deserved. But they have a self-importance they haven't really earned. If they make the playoffs, it will be squeaking in. Remember, Year 2 Tom Brady didn't make playoffs either.

2. Mahomes MVP season

Patrick Mahomes appeared unbeatable. Then he started losing. In big games. Now he's lost his Hall of Fame-talent at wide receiver in Tyreek Hill. He has commented about the lack of respect he seems to be receiving. In my opinion, Mahomes is the best, and he will prove it in 2022.

3. Carroll first coach fired

By sending Russell Wilson away, the Seahawks don't have a disgruntled franchise quarterback. Worse, though, they don't have a real quarterback. Since not handing off to Marshawn Lynch in Super Bowl, Carroll's teams have won two division titles and coming off last place, 7-10 season. Seahawks will be lucky to win four games. This is it for coach Carroll, possibly before December.

4. Ravens implode

The Baltimore Ravens went all-in on Lamar Jackson a few years ago. That is not the case today as his contract situation after this season is still up in the air. The Ravens division will hurt in 2022 as much as any year, with four pretty good teams. They will win and lose, and win, and lose. They are 9-8 and will not be in position to replace Jackson.

5. 2022 Year of the Bills

There are two things



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Starting with quarterback Josh Allen, the Buffalo Bills have what it takes to make now their moment to shine atop the NFL.



Head coach John Harbaugh and the Baltimore Ravens might pay the price for letting Lamar Jackson's contract uncertainty linger.

standing in the way of Buffalo winning its first Super Bowl ... Patrick Mahomes and itself. Everything is in place to win the big prize. They have built this over the long haul, with a culture other franchises should emulate. But the window isn't big. It's now. If they don't win this year, in a tough, tough AFC, self-doubt will creep back in. My guess? Super Bowl.



Don't count on Joe Burrow and the Bengals making another Super Bowl run.

BELICHICK

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to Belichick.

This is his team, post-Brady.

Only 13 players remain from the 2019 team — Brady's last year — a team that lost in the Wild Card opener to the Tennessee Titans, and four of them are special teams' players.

The coaching issues the Patriots appear to have now on the offensive side of the ball — with Matt Patricia and Joe Judge apparently sharing duties at the top — have been an issue on defense, too, with Steve Belichick and Jerod Mayo sharing duties there.

Simply put, it doesn't look good. And when the Patriots have struggled the last two years it has become a bone of contention, compared to what the other 31 teams are doing with one offensive coordinator and one defensive coordinator.

Another potential black eye for Belichick was the Patriots' first real venture into free agency last March, expending about \$160 million in guaranteed money with nine unrestricted free agents.

Two players performed to their deals, defensive end Matthew Judon and tight end Hunter Henry and two, tight end Jonnu Smith and wide receiver Nelson Agholor, underperformed.

Judon looked like a star pass rusher, until petering out the last six or so weeks.

The rest were OK, fluctuating from good to mediocre.

As for other red flags from 2021, a big one was the Patriots' poor finish. After starting the season 2-4, the Patriots ran off seven straight wins, including the Monday night in Buffalo in which Jones attempted only three passes.

They then lost four of its last five games, including the Wild Card game against the Bills, with the Pats defense owning the biggest piece of the blame pie.

While the Patriots ended up the 2021 season ranked



BELICHICK'S CAREER COACHING RECORD

Season	Team	Regular Season Playoffs				
		W	L	W	L	
1991	Cleveland Browns	6	10			
1992	Cleveland Browns	7	9			
1993	Cleveland Browns	7	9			
1994	Cleveland Browns	11	5	1	1	
1995	Cleveland Browns	5	11			
2000	New England Patriots	5	11			
2001	New England Patriots	11	5	3	0	Super Bowl Champions
2002	New England Patriots	9	7			
2003	New England Patriots	14	2	3	0	Super Bowl Champions
2004	New England Patriots	14	2	3	0	Super Bowl Champions
2005	New England Patriots	10	6	1	1	
2006	New England Patriots	12	4	2	1	
2007	New England Patriots	16	0	2	1	AFC Champions
2008	New England Patriots	11	5			
2009	New England Patriots	10	6	0	1	
2010	New England Patriots	14	2	0	1	
2011	New England Patriots	13	3	2	1	AFC Champions
2012	New England Patriots	12	4	1	1	
2013	New England Patriots	12	4	1	1	
2014	New England Patriots	12	4	3	0	
2015	New England Patriots	12	4	1	1	
2016	New England Patriots	14	2	3	0	
2017	New England Patriots	13	3	2	1	
2018	New England Patriots	11	5	3	0	
2019	New England Patriots	12	4	0	1	
2020	New England Patriots	7	9			
2021	New England Patriots	10	7			
Total		290	143	31	12	

fourth best in the NFL in fewest yards allowed per game (310.8) and second best in fewest points allowed (17.8), our eyes saw nothing of the sort.

The Patriots defense had trouble getting the ball back to the Jones and the offense at the end of games.

If not for the disjointed summer preseason, Belichick's best work might be his rebuild of the offense, particularly after Cam Newton's strange year leading the offense in 2020.

Belichick drafted, arguably, the best quarterback in the 2021 NFL Draft at the No. 15 spot, in Jones. And while we're talking draft, he may also have stolen one of the best defensive lineman in the draft, his college teammate at Alabama, Christian Barmore, in the second round.

The Patriots finished 10-7 in the regular season last year and in the rapidly improving AFC, that might be tough to repeat.

The AFC East, while not as difficult as the AFC West, has all four of its members trending upward. And nine of the Patriots' 17 games are against a playoff team from last year, including two from the conference championships (Green Bay and Cincinnati).

Did we mention the first two games are on the road in Miami and Pittsburgh and that the Patriots will be underdogs in both?

The Patriots history under Belichick is the Patriots play their best in December and beyond.

But that won't be easy playing Buffalo twice, Cincinnati and playing in Arizona and Las Vegas.

The tougher part is the Patriots may not be able to afford a slow, learned start to their season.

Anything less than a 6-4 record heading into its Dec. 1 meeting with Buffalo could be lethal to any playoff hopes.

If what we're hearing



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP photo

New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick shouts from the sideline during the first half of an NFL game against the Buffalo Bills Oct. 2, 2016, in Foxborough, Mass.

out of Patriots Nation and the owner's box is true, another dry season come playoff time may have consequences.

Belichick has had some seemingly difficult obstacles in the past to open a season (i.e. the release of Lawyer Milloy before the 2003 opener) and overcome it, sometimes in a big way.

The 2022 Patriots, though, seem to be in a strange,

indecisive and unimpressive place.

If Mac Jones keeps on the same trajectory he started in 2021, he can make up for deficiencies.

And of course there is the Bill Belichick factor, you know, that "In Bill We Trust" thingie.

It will be tested in 2022 more than it has been tested here since the turn of the century.

There is one fact that might be worth noting, though, from those in the "Attack Belichick Club." The last time he was in this predicament, where he had to prove himself was the 2001 season after the 5-11 debacle in 2000.

You remember that ending? In New Orleans? I'm just saying.

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