

FAMILIAR FACES GET NEW NFL ADDRESSES IN 2015

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The Ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said that "change is the only constant in life." Surely he could have made that observation about the NFL, too.

Player movement in the league has been brisk since the New England Patriots defeated the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XLIX in February. And a lot of it has happened to the defending champs themselves.

They'll be on display when they open the 2015 season at home against the Pittsburgh Steelers Thursday, Sept. 10, on NBC.

As the Pats come into the 2015 season, they'll be without the services of their two-time MVP quarterback Tom Brady, suspended for the season's first four games after failing to cooperate with investigators probing the deflation

of footballs during last season's AFC Championship game. While the loss of the 38-year-old Brady is tough, what could prove disastrous for the Pats are the departures of key defensive cogs Darrelle Revis, Brandon Browner, Kyle Arrington and Vince Wilfork. Their dominance of the AFC East may be over.

The obvious beneficiaries of any Pats' backslide would be the New York Jets, who signed Revis and former Arizona Cardinal Antonio Cromartie to form what could be the league's best defensive backfield; and the Buffalo Bills, whose myriad offseason moves – among them the addition of Pro Bowl RB LeSean McCoy – make them a very interesting team.

The St. Louis Rams may have made the steal of the year when they swapped injury-prone, underachieving QB Sam Bradford and a draft pick to the Phila-

delphia Eagles for Pro Bowl QB Nick Foles and two picks. Foles may have fallen off some last season from his impressive 2013, but he's certainly worth more than a QB who has had two torn ACLs in two years. Score a few GM of the Year votes for the Rams' Les Snead.

Also very active over the past eight months have been the New Orleans Saints, who missed the postseason in 2014 with a 7-9 record. With QB Drew Brees entering his late 30s, the Saints needed to switch to a more run-oriented offense, so they traded away All-Pro TE Jimmie Graham, Pro Bowl G Ben Grubbs and WR Kenny Stills and brought in All-Pro C Max Unger, Pro Bowl RB C.J. Spiller and Pro Bowl CB Brandon Browner. These moves could be a revelation or a disaster. Only time will tell.

As if he didn't have enough weapons, Indianapolis Colts QB Andrew Luck gets another in bruising five-time Pro Bowl RB Frank Gore. We pity the defenses that have to try to contain this attack.

Other noteworthy names in new cities include DT Ndamukong Suh (Miami Dolphins), WR Brandon Marshall (Jets), S Dashon Goldson (Washington Redskins), RB DeMarco Murray (Eagles), LB Keith Rivers (Dallas Cowboys), WR Michael Crabtree (Oakland Raiders), WR Andre Johnson (Colts), RB DeAngelo Williams (Steelers) and WR Dwayne Bowe (Cleveland Browns).

Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1pm CBS
Detroit at Green Bay, 1pm FOX
Miami at Philadelphia, 1pm CBS
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1pm CBS
Chicago at St. Louis, 1pm FOX
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 1pm FOX
Carolina at Tennessee, 1pm FOX
New Orleans at Washington, 1pm FOX
Minnesota at Oakland, 4:05pm FOX
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25pm CBS
New England at NY Giants, 4:25pm CBS
Arizona at Seattle, 8:30pm NBC
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Houston at Cincinnati, 8:30pm ESPN
Byes: Atlanta, Indianapolis, San Diego, San Francisco

WEEK 11
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 8:25pm NFLN
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Indianapolis at Atlanta, 1pm CBS
St. Louis at Baltimore, 1pm FOX
Washington at Carolina, 1pm
Denver at Chicago, 1pm CBS
Oakland at Detroit, 1pm CBS
NY Jets at Houston, 1pm CBS
Dallas at Miami, 1pm FOX
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1pm FOX
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1pm FOX
Cincinnati at Arizona, 4:05pm CBS
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25pm FOX
Kansas City at San Diego, 8:30 NBC
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Buffalo at New England, 8:30pm ESPN
Byes: Cleveland, New Orleans, NY Giants, Pittsburgh

WEEK 12
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Philadelphia at Detroit, 12:30pm FOX

Carolina at Dallas 4:30pm CBS
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:30pm NBC
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Minnesota at Atlanta, 1pm FOX
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 1pm FOX
New Orleans at Houston, 1pm FOX
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, 1pm FOX
San Diego at Jacksonville, 1pm
Buffalo at Kansas City, 1pm CBS
Miami at NY Jets, 1pm CBS
Oakland at Tennessee, 1pm CBS
NY Giants at Washington, 1pm FOX
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05pm FOX
Pittsburgh at Seattle, 4:25pm CBS
New England at Denver 8:30 pm NBC
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Baltimore at Cleveland, 8:30pm ESPN
WEEK 13
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
Green Bay at Detroit, 8:25pm CBS/NFLN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Houston at Buffalo, 1pm CBS
San Francisco at Chicago, 1pm FOX
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1pm CBS
Baltimore at Miami, 1pm CBS
Seattle at Minnesota, 1pm FOX
Carolina at New Orleans, 1pm FOX
NY Jets at NY Giants, 1pm CBS
Arizona at St. Louis, 1pm FOX
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1pm FOX
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1pm CBS
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05pm CBS
Denver at San Diego, 4:05pm CBS
Philadelphia at New England, 4:25pm FOX
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 8:30pm NBC
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7
Dallas at Washington, 8:30pm ESPN
WEEK 14
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Minnesota at Arizona, 8:25pm NFLN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Atlanta at Carolina, 1pm FOX
Washington at Chicago, 1pm FOX
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1pm CBS
San Francisco at Cleveland, 1pm FOX
New England at Houston, 1pm CBS
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1pm CBS
San Diego at Kansas City, 1pm CBS
Tennessee at NY Jets, 1pm CBS
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 1pm CBS
Detroit at St. Louis, 1pm FOX
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1pm FOX
Oakland at Denver, 4:05pm CBS
Dallas at Green Bay, 4:25pm FOX
Seattle at Baltimore, 8:30pm NBC
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
NY Giants at Miami, 8:30pm ESPN
WEEK 15
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 8:25pm NFLN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
NY Jets at Dallas, 8:25pm NFLN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
Kansas City at Baltimore, 1pm CBS
Houston at Indianapolis, 1pm CBS
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 1pm FOX
Chicago at Minnesota, 1pm FOX
Tennessee at New England, 1pm CBS
Carolina at NY Giants, 1pm FOX
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1pm FOX
Buffalo at Washington, 1pm CBS
Green Bay at Oakland, 4:05pm FOX
Cleveland at Seattle, 4:05pm FOX
Denver at Pittsburgh, 4:25pm CBS
Miami at San Diego, 4:25pm CBS
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 8:30pm NBC
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21
Detroit at New Orleans, 8:30pm ESPN

WEEK 16
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
San Diego at Oakland, 8:25pm NFLN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
Washington at Philadelphia, 8:25pm NFLN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
Carolina at Atlanta, 1pm FOX
Dallas at Buffalo, 1pm FOX
San Francisco at Detroit, 1pm FOX
Cleveland at Kansas City, 1pm CBS
Indianapolis at Miami, 1pm CBS
NY Giants at Minnesota, 1pm FOX
Jacksonville at New Orleans, 1pm CBS
New England at NY Jets, 1pm CBS
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1pm FOX
Houston at Tennessee, 1pm CBS
Green Bay at Arizona, 4:25pm FOX
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:25pm FOX
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:30pm NBC
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
Cincinnati at Denver, 8:30pm ESPN
WEEK 17
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1pm FOX
NY Jets at Buffalo, 1pm CBS
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1pm FOX
Detroit at Chicago, 1pm FOX
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1pm CBS
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1pm CBS
Washington at Dallas, 1pm FOX
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1pm FOX
Jacksonville at Houston, 1pm CBS
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1pm CBS
Oakland at Kansas City, 1pm CBS
New England at Miami, 1pm CBS
Philadelphia at NY Giants, 1pm FOX
Seattle at Arizona, 4:25pm FOX
San Diego at Denver, 4:25pm CBS
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:25pm FOX