



## **NEW YORK GIANTS 2012 SEASON RECAP**

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Despite extending those streaks, they did not earn a postseason berth. The Giants lost control of their playoff destiny with back-to-back late-season defeats in Atlanta and Baltimore. They routed Philadelphia in their finale, but soon learned they were eliminated when Chicago beat Detroit.

The Giants compiled numerous impressive statistics in 2012. They scored 429 points, the second-highest total in franchise history; the 1963 Giants scored 448. The 2012 season was the fifth in the 88-year history of the franchise in which the Giants scored more than 400 points. The Giants scored a franchise-record 278 points at home, shattering the old mark of 248, set in 2007. In their last three home games – victories over Green Bay, New Orleans and Philadelphia – the Giants scored 38, 52 and 42 points.

The 2012 team allowed an NFL-low 20 sacks. The Giants were fourth in the NFL in both takeaways (35, four more than they had in 2011) and turnover differential (plus-14, a significant improvement over 2011's plus-7). The plus-14 was the Giants' best turnover differential since they were plus-25 in 1997. The Giants intercepted 21 passes in 2012, their highest total since they had 27 picks, also in 1997.

The Giants finished the 2012 season with 72 penalties for 578 yards, both franchise-low totals for a 16-game schedule.

Eli Manning passed Phil Simms and became the Giants' career leader in completions (2,612) and touchdown passes (211).

Four Giants were selected to the Pro Bowl: Manning, guard Chris Snee, wide receiver Victor Cruz and defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul.

### **2012 NEW YORK GIANTS SEASON NOTES**

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. – *Notes, statistics and milestones from the Giants' 2012 season.*

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\*The Giants finished with a winning record for the third consecutive season, the first time they've done that since 1988-90 (when they were 10-6, 12-4, 13-3)

\*The 9-7 regular-season record was the same mark the Giants had when they won Super Bowl XLVI in 2011.

\*The nine victories increased the franchise's regular-season total to 654. The Giants are the third NFL team with at least 650 wins, joining the Chicago Bears (722) and Green Bay Packers (690).

\*The Giants finished 6-2 at home, their best record in the three-year history of MetLife Stadium and their finest home mark since they were 7-1 in 2008. They were 4-4 at home in 2011.

\*The Giants scored 429 points, the second-highest total in franchise history; the 1963 Giants scored 448. The 2012 season was the fifth in the 88-year history of the franchise in which the Giants scored more than 400 points. Four of them have occurred since Tom Coughlin became head coach in 2004 and three since Kevin Gilbride took over as offensive coordinator late in the 2006 season: 2012 (429 points), 2008 (427), 2005 (422) and 2009 (402).

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\*The Giants were 9-0 when they scored at least 21 points, 0-7 when they did not.

\*The Giants scored precisely the same number of touchdowns in 2011 and 2012 – 47. But in 2012 they kicked 33 field goals, compared to 19 the previous season. The other scoring differences: the Giants kicked three more extra points and had three fewer two-point conversions and two fewer safeties in 2012.

\*The Giants' 33 field goals were the fourth-highest total in franchise history; in 1983, 2005 and 2008, the Giants kicked 35 field goals.

\*Giants' offense gained 5,687 yards, a 474-yard decline from the team-record 6,161 yards the 2011 offense produced (which was the second consecutive 6,000-yard season, the only two in franchise history). The Giants dipped from eighth in total offense (385.1 yards a game) to 14<sup>th</sup> (355.4).

But while the yardage went down, the points went up. The Giants' 429 points were 35 more than the 2011 Super Bowl champions scored.

\*The Giants allowed an NFL-low 20 sacks.

\*The defense allowed 6,134 yards, or 383.4 yards a game, both the highest figures in franchise history (the defense gave up 6,022 yards in the 2011 championship season, the only two seasons in which the Giants allowed 6,000 yards in their history). The unit was ranked 31st in the NFL. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it is the first time the Giants' defense was ranked second-to-last in the NFL since 1966.

The biggest reason for the inflated opposing yardage total was the difficulty the Giants' defense had in preventing long pass plays. The Giants allowed 60 passes of 20 or more yards (the NFL's fourth-highest total), 29 passes of at least 30 yards (led the NFL) and 13 passes of 40 or more yards (second in the league).

But while the defense allowed a lot of yards, it was relatively stingy when it came to giving up points. Giants opponents scored 344 points, or 56 fewer than their foes scored in 2011. That left them tied for 12<sup>th</sup> in scoring defense. The Giants were not the only NFL team to finish 19 slots better in scoring defense than yardage allowed. The Atlanta Falcons, the NFC's top seed, were 24<sup>th</sup> in total defense, but fifth in points given up.

Two significant reasons for the improvement in scoring defense were the defense's performance in the red zone and takeaways.

In 2011, the Giants surrendered 34 touchdowns on 61 opposing trips inside their 20-yard line, a 55.7 touchdown percentage that left them tied with their Super Bowl opponents, New England, for 21<sup>st</sup> in the league. This season, the Giants allowed only 23 touchdowns on 50 opposing possessions in the red zone, a 46.0 percentage that was sixth in the NFL.

The Giants were fourth in the NFL in both takeaways (35, four more than they had in 2011) and turnover differential (plus-14, a significant improvement over 2011's plus-7).

The plus-14 was the Giants' best turnover differential since they were plus-25 in 1997. The Giants intercepted 21 passes in 2012, their highest total since they had 27 picks, also in 1997.

\*In 2012, the Giants were 8-2 when they had a positive turnover differential, 1-3 when it was negative and 0-2 when it was even. In nine seasons under Coughlin, the Giants are 54-11 (.830) with a positive differential and 12-39 (.235) when they have more turnovers than takeaways. They are 17-10 when it is even. In his head coaching career, he is 100-26 (.793) when the differential is in his team's favor, 18-75 (.194) when it is negative.

\*The Giants finished the 2012 season with 72 penalties for 578 yards, both franchise-low totals for a 16-game schedule.

\*Esoteric stat of the year: the Giants set a franchise record in 2012 with 37 first downs by penalty, break the former mark of 36, set in 1997.

\*The Giants punted 58 times in 2012, their lowest total ever in a 16-game season and their lowest total in a non-strike season since they had 47 punts in a 14-game season in 1972 (they had 49 punts in the strike-shortened, nine-game season in 1982). Their previous low total in a 16-game season was 64 punts in 1991, 2008 and 2009.

\*The Giants did not have an offensive turnover in six games in 2012. They were 4-2 in those games, losing at Washington and Baltimore.

\*The Giants lost in Atlanta on Dec. 16, 34-0, and in Baltimore the following week, 33-14. The 14 points was their lowest total in back-to-back games since Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 2004, when they lost to Philadelphia, 27-6, and Washington, 31-7.

\*Defensively, they allowed the Falcons and Ravens to convert 69 and 61 percent of their third-down opportunities, respectively. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, those are the highest percentages given up by the Giants in consecutive games since the 1970 merger.

\*In a 52-27 victory over New Orleans on Dec. 9, New Orleans' Elbert Mack opened the scoring with a 73-yard interception return, followed 13 seconds later by Wilson's 91-yard kickoff return. It was the first time two return touchdowns were scored no more than 13 seconds apart in a Giants game since Sept. 18, 1983, when Dallas' Dexter Clinkscale intercepted a Scott Brunner pass and returned it 68 yards for a score and, on the ensuing kickoff, Bill Campfield fumbled and the ball was recovered by Michael Downs, who returned it 10 yards for a score.

\*It was the first time the first two touchdowns in a Giants game were scored on returns since Nov. 13, 2005, when Minnesota's Darren Sharper scored on a 92-yard interception return and Koren Robinson returned a kickoff 86 yards. That was also the last time each of the first two touchdowns in a Giants game was at least 73 yards long.

\*The Giants scored seven touchdowns against New Orleans, the first time they've done that since Dec. 20, 1986 in a 55-24 rout of Green Bay – the last time they had scored at least 50 points.

\*They scored six *offensive* touchdowns for the first time since Dec. 22, 2002 in a 44-27 victory in Indianapolis.

\*The Giants scored 14 points in the first and third quarters and 17 in the fourth against the Saints. It was the first time they scored at least 14 points in each of three quarters of a game since they clobbered the Packers in the 1986 regular-season finale.

\*The Giants scored 31 points in the second half, their highest total in the last two quarters since Sept. 11, 2005, when they scored 35 vs. Arizona.

\*The victory against New Orleans was the 10<sup>th</sup> game in their history in which the Giants scored at least 50 points.

\*The Giants and Washington Redskins split their season series for the first time since 2007. It's their first split since 2005 in which the home team won both games.

\*A 17-6 loss in Washington on Dec. 3 was the Giants' first one-point defeat since they fell to San Diego in Giants Stadium, 21-20, on Nov. 8, 2009. It was their first loss by a single point on the road since Dec. 28, 2008, when they were defeated at Minnesota, 20-19.

\*A long streak ended for the Giants. In FedEx Field. They led at halftime, 13-10. The Giants had won their previous 26 regular-season road games in which they owned the lead at the half. They had last lost as visitors after holding a halftime lead on Nov. 26, 2006 at Tennessee, where a 21-0 advantage devolved into a 24-21 loss.

\*Against the Redskins, Ahmad Bradshaw rushed for 103 yards and Victor Cruz had 104 receiving yards. It was the first time the Giants had a 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game since Dec. 11, 2011 at Dallas, where Brandon Jacobs ran for 101 yards and Hakeem Nicks gained 163 yards on eight catches.

\*Joshua Morgan put the Redskins on the scoreboard when he caught Robert Griffin's III airborne fumble and returned it 13 yards for touchdown in the first quarter. He was the first Giants opponent to score an

offensive touchdown on a fumble recovery since Nov. 20, 1988, when Philadelphia wide receiver Cris Carter fell on the ball in the end zone after tight end Keith Jackson fumbled it; Jackson had just caught a pass from Randall Cunningham.

\*The Giants lost despite converting nine of 15 third-down opportunities (60 percent). According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it was the first time they lost a game in which they had at least nine third-down conversions since Sept. 5, 2002 vs. San Francisco (nine). They had last lost a game with a success rate of at least 60 percent on Dec. 29, 2007, when they went six-fof-10 vs. undefeated New England.

\*Washington rushed for 248 and 207 yards in its two games against the Giants in 2012. The last division (actually then the Eastern Conference) foe with a pair of 200-yard rushing games in the same season was the 1965 Cleveland Browns, who ran for 243 and 232 yards in two victories over the Giants. The Redskins' 455 rushing yards were the most by a Giants opponent in one season since that Cleveland team had 475.

\*In a victory over Green Bay on Nov. 25, the Giants improved to 18-22-1 on Sunday night, including 9-11 at home.

\*The Giants broke a four-game home losing streak to Green Bay (2011, 2007, 2001, 1998). They had last beaten the Packers at home on Nov. 8, 1992, 27-7.

\*In a Nov. 11 loss in Cincinnati, the Giants were penalized just once for five yards. It was their first game with just one penalty since Dec. 23, 2000, vs. ironically, Tom Coughlin's Jacksonville Jaguars. The previous game in which they had as few as five penalty yards was Nov. 13, 1988 at Phoenix.

\*The Giants' went three consecutive games with no more than one offensive touchdown, their longest streak since they went four in a row from Nov. 21-Dec. 12, 2004, in Coughlin's and Manning's first season with the Giants.

\*With the loss in Cincinnati, the Giants fell into a tie with NFC East rival Dallas for the NFL's best record prior to a regular-season bye:

Team	Won/Lost	Percentage
New York Giants	18-6	.750
Seattle Seahawks	18-6	.750
Dallas Cowboys	18-6	.750
New Orleans Saints	16-8	.667
San Francisco 49ers	16-8	.667
Minnesota Vikings	16-8	.667

\*The Giants fell to 0-6 in Cincinnati and trailed in the series, 6-3.

\*With a victory in Dallas on Oct. 28, the Giants improved to 6-2 at the midway point of the season. It was the third year in a row and the sixth time in Coughlin's nine seasons as head coach that the Giants were 6-2 at midseason. They were also 6-2 in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2011, 5-3 in 2004 and 2009, and 7-1 in 2008.

\*Dallas rushed for only 19 yards, the fewest yards on the ground allowed by the Giants since Nov. 13, 2005, when Minnesota ran for 12 yards in a 24-21 Vikings victory.

\*The Giants scored the winning points against Washington on Oct. 21 a 77-yard touchdown pass from Eli Manning to Victor Cruz with 1:13 remaining in the fourth quarter. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, that was just the eighth game-winning touchdown of 77 or more yards in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter or overtime since the start of the 2000 season. And two of them occurred in 2012. On Sept. 23, Jacksonville quarterback Blaine Gabbert threw an 80-yard touchdown pass to Cecil Shorts with 45 seconds remaining in Indianapolis to give the Jaguars a 22-17 victory over the Colts.

Manning's pass to Cruz was the longest game-winning touchdown in the final two minutes of a fourth quarter in Giants history. To find the Giants' previous long game-winning score so late in a game you have to travel back 59 years, to Nov. 1, 1953. On that date Arnie Galiffa threw a 75-yard pass to Kyle Rote with seven seconds remaining to give the Giants a 23-20 victory over the Chicago Cardinals in Wrigley Field.

\*In a 41-27 victory against Cleveland on Oct. 7, Bradshaw rushed for 200 yards and Cruz caught 3 touchdown passes. It was the first time in 52 years a team had one player rush for at least 200 yards while another caught at least three touchdown passes. On Dec. 18, 1960, the St. Louis Cardinals' John David Crow ran for 203 yards and Sonny Randle had three receiving touchdowns.

\*The Giants trailed by at least 14 points in each of their three home games in 2012, against Dallas, Tampa Bay and Cleveland. It is the first time they faced such a large deficit in three consecutive home games since the end of the 2006 season (a 36-22 loss to Philadelphia followed by a 30-7 defeat to New Orleans) and the first home game in 2007 (35-13 loss to Green Bay).

The Giants rallied to defeat the Buccaneers and Browns. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it is the first time in their history the Giants have trailed by 14 or more points in consecutive home games and won both.

\*Cleveland took an early 14-0 lead before the Giants began their comeback. They last had last fallen behind 14-0 and won on Dec. 23, 2007 at Buffalo, where a 14-0 deficit became a 38-21 victory. Ironically, Bradshaw had his previous career-best rushing total in that game (151 yards, including an 88-yard run).

\*The Giants scored 41 points in consecutive home victories over Tampa Bay and Cleveland. It was the first time the Giants scored at least 41 points in consecutive home games since Sept. 11 and Oct. 2, 2005, when they scored 42 vs. Arizona and 44 vs. St. Louis.

\*The Giants gained 1,877 yards in a four-game span that ended against Cleveland, their highest total over any four-game span in team history. The previous Giants records for most yards over four-game span was 1,798 in 1963 and 2010.

\*The Giants gained 604 yards against Tampa Bay and 502 yards vs. Cleveland. It was the first time the Giants had two 500-yard games in the same season since 1967, when they gained 520 yards against Washington on Oct. 1 and 535 yards vs. New Orleans on Oct. 8.

\*Also, the Giants had 31 first downs vs. the Buccaneers and 30 against the Browns. It is the first time in their history they had two games with at least 30 first downs in the same season. The Giants had at least

twice as many first downs as their opponents in each of those games (31-14 advantage vs. Tampa Bay, 30-15 against Cleveland).

\*The Giants rushed for 243 yards vs. the Browns, their highest total since finishing with 301 against Carolina on Dec. 21, 2008.

\*That game began poorly for the Giants when Bradshaw fumbled when guard Chris Snee collided with the ball. It was the Giants' first turnover on their opening offensive play since Oct. 15, 2006, when Manning's pass for Visanthe Schianco was intercepted by Atlanta's Demorrio Williams. They had last lost a fumble on their first play on Nov. 24, 2002, when Tiki Barber fumbled at Houston.

\*The turnover led to Trent Richardson's 15-yard touchdown run just 52 seconds into the game. It was the fastest the Giants have been scored upon since Nov. 25, 2007, when Minnesota's Sidney Rice scored a touchdown 41 seconds into game.

\*With a 36-7 victory at Carolina on Sept. 20, the Giants improved to 49-34-5 in road openers. The 49 victories in road openers are the second-most in NFL history. Green Bay, which plays its first road game Monday night in Seattle, has 53.

\*The Giants' have the third-highest winning percentage in road openers in NFL history: Dallas 33-20 (.623); Green Bay 53-36-2 (.596); the Giants 49-34-5 (.586)

\*The Giants improved to 13-6-3 in Thursday games.

\*The Giants gained 405 total yards after finishing with 604 in their victory Sunday over Tampa Bay. The total of 1,009 yards in back-to-back games is a franchise record.

\*The Giants' 604 yards vs. Tampa Bay were the second-highest total in franchise history. The record of 609 yards was set on Dec. 3, 1950 in a 51-7 victory over the New York Yanks. It was the third 600-yard game in Giants history; they gained 602 yards in a 49-34 victory over Washington on Oct. 28, 1962.

\*According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the Giants were the 12<sup>th</sup> team to generate at least 600 yards of offense in a regular-season game since the 1970 merger. Two other teams did it in the playoffs. The last team to pass the 600-yard barrier was New Orleans, which had 617 yards in its 2011 regular season vs. Carolina. The Saints gained 626 yards the following week in their NFC Wild Card victory over Detroit.

\*The Giants' 510 net passing yards vs. the Redskins were a franchise record. The previous record of 505 yards was set in that 1962 game vs. Washington. Those are the only two 500-yard passing games in Giants history.

\*The Giants' 31 first downs were their highest total in a regular season game since Sept. 24, 1995 in a victory over New Orleans. They also had 31 first downs in the 2000 NFC Championship Game victory over Minnesota.

\*Manning completed 31 of 51 passes for 510 yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions. It was the first time in Giants history they won a regular season game in which they threw at least 50 passes. They are 1-18 in such games, including 1-16 when one quarterback threw at least 50 passes. The only

other game the Giants won while throwing at least 50 passes was the 2011 NFC Championship Game in San Francisco. Manning threw 58 passes in the Giants' 20-17 overtime victory.

\*On Sept. 5, the Giants lost to Dallas, 24-17, their season opener to an NFC East foe for the second year in a row. In 2011, they were defeated in Washington, 28-14.

\*The Giants were the first defending Super Bowl champions to lose a season opener since the Denver Broncos in 1999, ending a streak of 12 consecutive victories – including the Giants' defeat of Washington in 2008. Defending champions are now 8-1 since the NFL moved the league's Kickoff Game to prime time on a weekday in 2004.

\*The Giants' record in season-opening games is 49-34-5. They are 48-36-4 in home openers (2-1 in MetLife) and 17-12 in season-opening home games (1-1 in MetLife).

\*The Giants started the season 0-1, while the three other NFC East teams – Dallas, Philadelphia and Washington – were 1-0. It was the first time since the 1970 merger that the Giants lost their season-opening game while every other team in the division won their first game.

\*The Giants are 0-5 in season-opening games vs. Dallas, losing also in 1965, 86, 95 and 2007. They went on to win the Super Bowl in two of those seasons (1986 and 2007). The 1995 game was the only other one that was Giants home game.

\*The Giants are 7-11 in prime time against the Cowboys.

\*This was the first time the Giants closed one season and opened the next one at home against the same opponent since 1994-95, when the Cowboys visited Giants Stadium for back-to-back games – 8½ months apart. Then and now, the Giants won the finale, but lost the opener.

\*This was the Giants' first Wednesday game since Oct. 3, 1934, a 14-12 victory over Pittsburgh. The Giants are now 5-2 in Wednesday games, playing all of them from 1925-34. They are 2-0 in Wednesday season openers, defeating Newark, 32-0, on Sept. 17, 1930 and Pittsburgh, 23-2, on Sept. 20, 1933. The last NFL game played on a Wednesday was on Sept. 22, 1948, when the Los Angeles Rams beat the Detroit Lions, 44-7.

\*The Giants' 2013 opponents: In addition to home-and-home series with division rivals Dallas, Philadelphia and Washington, the Giants will host Green Bay, Minnesota, Seattle, Denver and Oakland. That group includes five 2012 playoff teams – the Redskins, Packers, Vikings, Seahawks and Broncos. The Giants-Denver game will be the third regular-season meeting between Eli and Peyton Manning. Peyton won the first two, when he was with the Indianapolis Colts.

In addition to their division foes, the Giants' opponents on the road will include Chicago, Detroit, Carolina, Kansas City and San Diego.

\*The Giants own the 19<sup>th</sup> selection in the first round of the 2013 NFL Draft.

**TOM COUGHLIN**

\*The Giants' 9-7 record improved Coughlin's career regular-season mark to 151-121 (.555), including 83-61 with the Giants (.576) with the Giants.

\*Coughlin's 151 career victories tie him with former Giants coach and Hall of Famer Steve Owen for 16<sup>th</sup> place on the NFL's career list.

\*Those two coaches are at the top of the Giants list for career victories, Owen with 151 and Coughlin with 83.

\*Coughlin's regular-season record with the Giants is 42-30 at home and 41-31 on the road.

\*Coughlin is 12-7 in the postseason for an overall record of 163-128 (.560). His Giants playoff record is 8-3 for an overall mark with the team of 91-64 (.587).

\*The 163 total victories place Coughlin in 16<sup>th</sup> place on that list, five wins behind former Minnesota coach and Hall of Famer Bud Grant.

\*With Andy Reid's firing in Philadelphia, Coughlin is the longest-tenured coach in the NFC East. Coughlin has been the Giants' coach since 2004. Dallas' Jason Garrett and Washington's Mike Shanahan joined their teams in 2010 and Chip Kelly is a newcomer with the Eagles.

\*Coughlin has the NFL's third-longest head coaching tenure with one team, behind New England's Bill Belichick (entering his 14<sup>th</sup> season with the team) and Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis (entering his 11<sup>th</sup>).

\*In 2013, Coughlin will become just the second coach in history to lead the Giants in 10 consecutive seasons. Owen coached the team from 1930-53.

\*The Giants finished the season with a plus-14 turnover differential, the best in his 17 years as an NFL head coach. Coughlin's career differential is plus-61 (including plus-27 with the Giants). That places him third among active head coaches, behind New England's Bill Belichick (plus-126) and Green Bay's Mike McCarthy (plus-76).

## **ELI MANNING**

\*Manning completed 321 of 536 passes (59.9 percent) for 3,948 yards, 26 touchdowns, 15 interceptions and a passer rating of 87.2.

\*Manning streak of consecutive 4,000-yard seasons ended at three.

\*Manning's 59.9 completion percentage increased his career percentage to 58.60, which moved him past Kerry Collins (58.51) and into first place on the Giants' all-time list among quarterbacks with at least 1,000 attempts.

\*In 2012, Manning passed Phil Simms and became the Giants' career leader in completions and touchdown passes:

	Completions	Touchdown Passes
Manning	2,612	211
Simms	2,576	199

\*Manning set the franchise record for touchdown passes when he threw three vs. Green Bay on Nov. 25. That gave him an even 200.

\*In that game, Manning's streak without a touchdown pass ended after a career-high 106 passes when he threw a 16-yard score to Randle with 2:38 remaining in the first quarter.

\*Here is the list of Manning's milestone touchdown passes:

No.	Date	Opponent	Yards	Receiver
1	Nov. 21, 2004	vs. Atlanta	6	Jeremy Shockey
50	Dec. 10, 2006	at Carolina	28	Plaxico Burress
100	Sept. 20, 2009	at Dallas	22	Mario Manningham
150	Dec. 19, 2010	vs. Philadelphia	35	Mario Manningham
200	Nov. 25, 2012	vs. Green Bay	13	Hakeem Nicks

\*The Giants became the 15<sup>th</sup> NFL franchise with at least one quarterback with 200 career touchdown passes. San Francisco has the most such passers with three (John Brodie and Hall of Famers Joe Montana and Steve Young).

\*Manning is closing in on Simms in the other major passing categories:

	Attempts	Yards
Simms	4,647	33,462
Manning	4,457	31,527

\*Manning continues to rise on the NFL's all-time passing lists. His 211 career touchdown passes leave him in 26<sup>th</sup> place, just one behind Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. Manning's 31,527 career yards place him 33rd in history, just 21 yards behind No. 32 John Brodie. Manning is 32<sup>nd</sup> in pass attempts (4,457, 18 passes behind Ken Anderson) and 30<sup>th</sup> in completions (2,612, 42 behind Anderson).

\*Manning has started 135 consecutive regular-season games, the third-longest streak by a quarterback in NFL history. He trails only Brett Favre (297) and Peyton Manning (208). Eli Manning has the longest active streak; San Diego's Philip Rivers is second with 112.

\*Manning's record as a regular-season starter is 78-57 (.578). He is 8-3 (.727) in the postseason.

\*Since Manning made his first start on Nov. 21, 2004, 147 other quarterbacks have started an NFL regular-season game, including 24 different starters among the other three NFC East teams.

\*Manning's 135 consecutive starts is the fourth-longest streak among all active players, regardless of position:

215	Ronde Barber	Tampa Bay
199	London Fletcher	Washington
137	Brandon Moore	NY Jets
135	Eli Manning	NY Giants

\*Manning's 135 starts are the fifth-highest total among active quarterbacks.

Peyton Manning	224
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Tom Brady	175
Drew Brees	169
Matt Hasselbeck	152
Eli Manning	135

\*In 2012, Manning led the Giants to three victories in games in which they trailed or were tied in the fourth quarter. He has led 23 such regular-season game-winning drives in his career, the fifth-highest total among active quarterbacks. He trails Peyton Manning (48), Tom Brady (30), Drew Brees (29) and Ben Roethlisberger (26) and is immediately ahead of Matt Ryan (22).

\*The Giants were 4-0 in October, improving Manning's record as a starter in that month to 27-5, an .844 winning percentage that is the best among starting quarterbacks in the Super Bowl era (minimum 20 starts). Brady is second among active quarterbacks with a .756 percentage (34-11).

\*Manning passed for more than 300 yards three times in 2012, extending his franchise record of 300-yard passing games to 25. The Giants are 13-12 when Manning throws for at least 300 yards.

\*Manning threw a career-high five touchdown passes on Dec. 30 in the season finale vs. Philadelphia - two to Rueben Randle and one apiece to David Wilson, Victor Cruz and Henry Hynoski. It was the fifth time in history a Giants quarterback threw for at least five touchdowns in a game. Hall of Famer Y.A. Tittle set the franchise record with seven vs. Washington on Oct. 28, 1962. Tittle threw six scoring passes vs. Dallas on Dec. 16, 1962. Fran Tarkenton threw five touchdown passes vs. St. Louis on Oct. 25, 1970, a total matched by Simms at St. Louis on Sept. 7, 1980.

\*Manning set a franchise record with his eighth career four-touchdown game, surpassing Tittle. The Giants are 5-3 in those games.

\*Manning threw three touchdowns in a first quarter for the first time in career. His only other three-touchdown-pass quarter was in the fourth at Seattle on Sept. 24, 2006, when he helped the Giants close a 42-3 deficit to 42-30.

\*Manning threw for 309 yards at Philadelphia on Sept. 30, his 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive game with at least 200 passing yards. That broke a tie with New Orleans' Drew Brees (2007-09) and gave Manning sole possession of the second-longest streak of 200-yard games in NFL history. Manning extended his streak to 24 consecutive games the following week vs. Cleveland. It ended on Oct. 14 at San Francisco, where Manning threw for 193 yards in a victory over the 49ers. Hall of Famer Dan Fouts holds the record with 45 consecutive 200-yard games from 1980-83.

\*Manning's 510-yard passing performance vs. Tampa Bay on Sept. 16 was the second-highest total by an NFL quarterback in 2012 – and the highest total in a game that was completed in four quarters. Houston's Matt Schaub threw for 527 yards in an overtime victory over Jacksonville on Nov. 18.

\*Manning became the ninth quarterback in history to throw for at least 510 yards in a regular-season game.

\*Manning's 510 yards were the second-highest total by a quarterback in Giants history. Simms threw for 513 yards at Cincinnati on Oct. 13, 1985. Y.A. Tittle's 505-yard game vs. Washington on Oct. 28, 1962 is the only other 500-yard passing game by a quarterback in Giants history.

Manning's previous career high was 420 yards vs. Seattle on Oct. 9, 2011.

\*Manning's 31 completions tied for the third-highest total of his career. He had a 34-completion game vs. Tennessee on Sept. 26, 2010, he's had two 33-completion games and this was his third 31-completion game.

\*Manning, Cruz (11 receptions for 179 yards) and Nicks (10 for 199 yards) joined three Hall of Famers – quarterback Norm Van Brocklin and receivers Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsh and Tom Fears of the 1951 Los Angeles Rams - as the only teammates in history with 500 passing yards, plus two receivers with at least 150 yards, in the same game. The Rams' trio accomplished the feat on Sept. 28, 1951 vs. the New York Yanks.

\*Manning, originally a second alternate, played in his second Pro Bowl after Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers pulled out of the game. He also played in the Pro Bowl following the 2008 season.

\*David Carr relieved Manning in the fourth quarter at Carolina on Sept. 20 and completed one of two passes for four yards to Martellus Bennett. They were Carr's first regular-season passes since Oct. 24, 2010, when he completed five of 14 throws for San Francisco – ironically, at Carolina.

\*Carr became the first Giants quarterback other than Manning to throw a regular-season pass since...Carr, who completed three of five throws at Minnesota in the 2009 finale on Jan. 3, 2010. Carr also completed his only pass in the finale vs. Philadelphia on Dec. 30.

## **RUNNING BACKS**

\*Ahmad Bradshaw rushed for 1,015 yards, the second-highest total of his career. He rushed for 1,235 yards in 2010. Bradshaw increased his career total to 4,232 yards, the sixth-highest total in Giants history.

\*Bradshaw has 921 career regular-season rushing attempts, the seventh-highest total in Giants history.

\*Bradshaw passed the 4,000-yard barrier when he rushed for 103 yards at Washington on Dec. 3. He joined Tiki Barber, Rodney Hampton, Joe Morris, Brandon Jacobs and Alex Webster as the only players to rush for 4,000 yards in Giants history.

\*Bradshaw has 12 career regular-season 100-yard rushing games. That ties Brandon Jacobs for fourth on the franchise's all-time list.

\*The Giants are 11-1 when Bradshaw rushes for at least 100 yards in the regular season.

\*Bradshaw rushed for 200 yards vs. Cleveland on Oct. 7 and 116 yards a week later in San Francisco. He ran for more than 100 yards in consecutive games for the second time in his career and the first time since Oct. 17 (133 vs. Detroit) and Oct. 25 (126 at Dallas), 2010. The 49ers hadn't allowed anyone to rush for 100 yards in their previous 22 home games.

\*Bradshaw's 200-yard rushing outing vs. Cleveland was one of eight 200-yard games by NFL runners in 2012. Players from NFC teams accounted for six of the eight 200-yard games, including two by Minnesota's Adrian Peterson.

\*Bradshaw is one of seven players in Giants history with at least 3,000 rushing yards and 100 receptions:

Name	Rushing Yards	Receptions
Tiki Barber	10,449	586
Rodney Hampton	6,897	174
Alex Webster	4,638	240
Ahmad Bradshaw	4,232	132
Ron Johnson	3,836	186
Frank Gifford	3,609	367
Doug Kotar	3,380	126

\*He is one of seven players in Giants history with at least 3,000 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving yards.

Name	Rushing Yards	Receiving Yards
Tiki Barber	10,449	5,183
Rodney Hampton	6,897	1,309
Alex Webster	4,638	2,679
Ahmad Bradshaw	4,232	1,087
Ron Johnson	3,836	1,813
Frank Gifford	3,609	5,434

\*Bradshaw is ninth in Giants history with 32 rushing touchdowns.

\*Bradshaw has amassed 7,168 total yards, the eighth-highest total in franchise history.

\*Andre Brown led the team with eight rushing touchdowns – including a score in each of five consecutive games from Oct. 21 to Nov. 25 – while finishing second on the team with 73 carries for 385 yards. He began the season with career totals of two carries for minus-1 yards.

\*Because of an injury to Bradshaw, Brown made his NFL starting debut at Carolina on Sept. 20. Brown rushed for 113 yards on 20 carries, a 5.7-yard average, and scored two touchdowns. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Brown's rushing yardage was the highest by Giants players making his first NFL start since the 1970 merger. Brown and wide receiver Ramses Barden were the first set of teammates to have 100 rushing yards and 100 receiving yards in the same game while making their first NFL starts since Sept. 12, 1999, when Indianapolis' Edgerrin James (112 rushing yards) and E.G. Green (124 receiving yards) accomplished the feat vs. Buffalo.

\*Brown was the Giants' first 100-yard rusher since Brandon Jacobs ran for 101 yards at Dallas on Dec. 11, 2011.

\*Brown's 113 rushing yards was the highest total by a Giants back since Jacobs ran for 116 vs. the Vikings in Detroit on Dec. 13, 2010.

\*Brown suffered a fractured fibula vs. Green Bay on Nov. 25 and spent the rest of the season on injured reserve.

\*Rookie first-round draft choice David Wilson was third on the team with 358 rushing yards and four touchdowns on 71 carries. On Dec. 9 vs. New Orleans, Wilson rushed for a career-high 100 yards on 13 attempts, including a 52-yard touchdown.

\*Bradshaw (four times), Brown and Wilson (once each) rushed for at least 100 yards in a game in 2012. The Giants were the only NFL team with three different players with a 100-yard rushing game this season.

\*Wilson was the sixth Giants back in Coughlin's nine years as head coach to hit the century mark, joining Barber, Jacobs, Derrick Ward, Bradshaw and Brown. Under Coughlin, the Giants are 40-11 in the regular season when at least one back rushes for at 100 yards.

\*Wilson's 52-yard touchdown was the Giants' longest run from scrimmage since Jacobs' 73-yarder against Minnesota in Detroit on Dec. 13 2010.

\*In the final-game victory over Philadelphia, Wilson caught his first career touchdown passes, a 15-yarder in the first quarter. In 2012, Wilson scored touchdowns rushing, receiving and on a kickoff return to become the first Giant to accomplish that feat since Joe Scott in 1948.

\*Fullback Henry Hynoski had 5 rushing attempts for 20 yards and caught 11 passes for 50 yards and a touchdown. The five carries were the most by a Giants fullback since Greg Comella had 10 in 2000. Hynoski was the first Giants fullback with more than one carry in a season since Jim Finn in 2006 (two attempts for 14 yards).

\*Hynoski scored his first career touchdown on a one-yard pass from Manning in the fourth quarter of the season finale vs. Philadelphia.

## **WIDE RECEIVERS**

\*Victor Cruz led the Giants with 86 receptions for 1,092 yards and 10 touchdowns. He is the first player in Giants' history with 80 catches, 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns in a single season. Cruz has back-to-back seasons with at least 80 receptions, 1,000 yards and nine touchdown seasons. No other Giants receiver has one.

\*Cruz's 86 receptions were the second-highest total in Giants history, trailing only Steve Smith's 107 catches in 2009.

\*Cruz's 86 catches placed him seventh in the NFC and 12<sup>th</sup> in the NFL and his 1,092 yards were 10<sup>th</sup> in the conference and 15<sup>th</sup> in the league. He is one of 10 NFL players with at least 10 touchdown catches.

\*Cruz caught eight passes for 121 yards and a touchdown vs. New Orleans on Dec. 9. It was his 12<sup>th</sup> career 100-yard game, tying him with Kyle Rote and Earnest Gray for fourth place on the Giants' career list. Del Shofner is third with 13. Amani Toomer holds the team record with 22 100-yard games.

\*Cruz caught five passes for 50 yards and three touchdowns vs. Cleveland on Oct. 7. He was the first Giant to score three touchdowns in a game since Bradshaw has three one-yard scoring runs vs. Buffalo on Oct. 16, 2011 and the first to catch three touchdown passes since Hakeem Nicks vs. Carolina on Sept. 10, 2010.

\*On Sept. 16 vs. Tampa Bay, Cruz caught 11 passes for 179 yards and Nicks added 10 receptions for 199 yards. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the Giants were first team in NFL history with two players with at least 10 catches and at least 175 receiving yards in the same game.

\*It was the second time in their history the Giants had two receivers with at least 10 catches in the same game. On Sept. 20, 2009 at Dallas, Mario Manningham had 10 receptions for 150 yards and a touchdown and Smith had 10 catches for 134 yards and a score.

\*Nicks' 199 receiving yards were the sixth-highest total in franchise history and the most by a Giants receiver since Plaxico Burress had 204 yards vs. St. Louis on Oct. 2, 2005.

\*Nicks' performance vs. Tampa Bay earned him the NFC Offensive Player of the Week award.

\*Cruz's 11 catches were a career high. His previous regular-season high was nine receptions on Nov. 28, 2011 at New Orleans. He had 10 catches in the NFC Championship Game at San Francisco on Jan. 22.

"Cruz put the Giants ahead for good with a 77-yard touchdown catch from Manning with 1:13 remaining in a Week 7 victory over Washington, the longest game-winning touchdown in the final two minutes of a game in franchise history.

\*Cruz was selected to his first Pro Bowl, where he set the game record with 10 receptions. He was only the second Giants wide receiver to be elected to the Pro Bowl since Homer Jones in 1968; Smith was chosen in 2009 after he caught a franchise-record 107 passes.

\*When Nicks did not catch a pass at Baltimore on Dec. 23, it ended his streak of games played with at least one reception at 53 in a row. It was the first time in his career Nicks played and did not have a reception. Nicks was also held without a catch the following week against Philadelphia – no surprise, considering he played just one snap.

\*Nicks finished the season with 53 catches for 692 yards and three touchdowns. He increased his career total to 255 receptions, which leaves him 11<sup>th</sup> on the Giants' career list, 11 catches behind No. 10 Mark Bavaro.

\*Nicks has caught 250 passes from Manning, more than any other receiver. Burress is second with 244 receptions on Manning passes. In 2013, Nicks will become the receiving yardage leader on Manning passes; he trails Burress, 3,681-3,642.

\*Nicks' three touchdowns increased his career total to 27, which leaves him in a five-way tie for 11<sup>th</sup> place on the Giants' career list.

\*Rookie wide receiver Rueben Randle had 19 receptions for 298 yards and three touchdowns. He caught his first career pass at Carolina on Sept. 20 and scored his first touchdown on a 16-yard pass from Manning vs. Green Bay on Nov. 25.

\*Randle made his first career start vs. Philadelphia on Dec. 30 and scored the Giants' first two touchdowns on receptions of 3 and 38 yards. He was the first Giants rookie receiver with two touchdown receptions in a game since Bobby Johnson on Sept. 2, 1984 – also at home vs. Philadelphia.

\*Ramses Barden made his first career start at Carolina and had nine receptions for 138 yards – the highest totals by a Giants receiver making his initial start since the 1970 merger.

\*Barden was the first NFL receiver with at least nine catches and at least 138 yards in his starting debut since Dallas' Austin Miles caught 10 passes for 250 yards on Oct. 11, 2009 at Kansas City.

\*Domenik Hixon had 39 receptions for 567 yards and two touchdowns, including a six-catch, 114-yard game at Philadelphia.

\*Four Giants receivers – Nicks, Cruz, Barden and Hixon – gained more than 100 yards in a game in 2012. The Giants last had four different 100-yard receivers in 2003, when the players involved were Amani Toomer, Ike Hilliard, Jeremy Shockey and David Tyree.

## **TIGHT ENDS**

\*In his first season with the Giants, Martellus finished second on the team in receptions (55) and touchdown catches (5) and third in receiving yards (626). All three figures were career highs and he scored more touchdowns in one season with the Giants than he did in four years with the Dallas Cowboys (4).

\*Bennett was the first player in Giants history with a touchdown reception in each of his first three games with the team. The last player to score touchdowns of any kind in his first three games with the Giants was Tiki Barber, who rushed for scores in each of his first three games as a rookie in 1997.

\*Bennett scored his career-high fifth touchdown on a six-yard reception vs. New Orleans on Dec. 9.

\*Bear Pascoe scored his first career regular-season touchdown when he caught Manning's 6-yard pass at Philadelphia on Sept. 30. Pascoe scored his only other touchdown in the 2011 NFC Championship Game in San Francisco – also on a 6-yard reception.

## **OFFENSIVE LINE:**

\*The Giants used three starting offensive line combinations in 2012.

\*The line allowed an NFL-low 20 sacks.

\*Right guard Chris Snee, center David Baas and left guard Kevin Boothe started all 16 games. In Games 1-2, Sean Locklear the tackles were Sean Locklear on the left side and David Diehl on the right. In Games 3-8 and again in Game 12, Will Beatty started at left tackle and Locklear was the right tackle. In Games 9-11 and 13-16, Beatty was the left tackle and Diehl started on the right side.

\*Snee was selected to his fourth Pro Bowl. He is the first Giants player to be selected to four Pro Bowls since tight end Jeremy Shockey was chosen for his fourth in 2006 and the first Giants offensive linemen to be honored so often since Hall of Famer Rosie Brown was selected to his ninth Pro Bowl in 1965. Snee was also selected to the Pro Bowl in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

\*Snee, who recently completed his ninth season, has started all 148 regular-season and postseason games he has played in his career at right guard.

\*Diehl suffered a knee injury vs. Tampa Bay on Sept. 16 and missed the next three games. He did not start in his return to action at San Francisco on Oct. 14 (when he was used as an extra tight end). It was the first time in his 10-year career that Diehl played as a substitute. He had started the first all 142 regular-season games and 11 postseason games in which he played. Diehl returned to the starting lineup vs. Pittsburgh on Nov. 4

\*Beatty played the extra tight end role in the season's first two games after missing much of training camp with a back injury.

\*Locklear, a nine-year veteran and first-year Giant, started nine games before suffering a season-ending knee injury at Washington on Dec. 3.

## **DEFENSE**

\*Safety Antrel Rolle led the Giants in tackles for the second consecutive season, this time with 104 (85 solo).

\*Rolle was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week for his work in a Week 6 victory in San Francisco. He intercepted two Alex Smith passes in the third quarter, returning the first to the 49ers' 12-yard line and the second to the five-yard line. Both takeaways led to Giants field goals. Rolle also tied Prince Amukamara and Michael Boley for the team lead with six unassisted tackles, including one of quarterback Colin Kaepernick for a one-yard loss on the final play of the third quarter.

\*Rolle has the Giants' second-longest streak of consecutive regular-season starts:

Eli Manning	135
Antrel Rolle	48
Corey Webster	32

\*Defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul led the Giants in sacks for the second year in a row with 6.5.

\*At Dallas on Oct. 28, Pierre-Paul scored the Giants' second touchdown – and the first of his career - when he intercepted a Tony Romo and returned it 28 yards for a score with 13:05 left in the second quarter. It was the Giants' first defensive touchdown since Michael Boley recovered a fumble and returned it 65 yards vs. St. Louis on Sept. 19, 2011. The score was the team's first interception return for a touchdown since Dec. 21, 2009, when Terrell Thomas brought one back 14 yards at Washington. And it was the first score by a Giants defensive lineman since Osi Umenyiora scored on a 37-yard fumble return vs. the Redskins on Sept. 13, 2009.

\*Pierre-Paul was selected to his second consecutive Pro Bowl.

\*Safety Stevie Brown intercepted eight passes, the most by a Giant since Willie Williams had 10 in 1968.

\*Brown's 307 interception return yards broke the former Giants' single-season record of 251, set by Hall of Famer Emlen Tunnell in 1949 and matched by Dick Lynch in 1963.

\*Brown's 307 yards were the most by an NFL player since New Orleans' Darren Sharper had 376 in 2009.

\*Brown twice intercepted two passes in a game. The last Giant with a pair of two-interception games in a season was Percy Ellsworth in 1998.

\*Brown had five interception returns of more than 40 yards, the highest total by an NFL player since Baltimore's Ed Reed had five in 2004.

\*Brown's 70-yard interception return vs. New Orleans on Dec. 9 was the longest by a Giant since Kevin Dockery's 96-yarder at Dallas on Oct. 23, 2006.

\*Brown was twice selected NFC Defensive Player of the Week. He was honored after his Week 8 performance at Dallas, where he intercepted two passes, recovered a fumble and had six solo tackles in a victory over the Cowboys. Brown was cited a second time after the Giants' Week 17 rout of Philadelphia, when he had six tackles and, on the fifth play of the game, intercepted a Michael Vick pass and returned it 48 yards to the Eagles' 26-yard line. Four plays later, Eli Manning threw a touchdown pass to Rueben Randle, and the Giants were on their way to a 42-7 triumph.

\*Brown was the first Giants safety to receive two Player of the Week awards in one season and the team's first defensive back to be honored twice in one year since cornerback Jason Sehorn in 1997. Counting Rolle's POW award, Giants safeties accounted for three of the 17 NFC Defensive Player of the Week awards in 2012.

\*Linebacker Michael Boley scored the Giants' second defensive touchdown when he returned a fumble 70 yards vs. Pittsburgh on Nov. 4. Boley was the first Giants player to return a fumble for a touchdown since...Boley, who scooped up a loose ball and returned it 65 yards for a score against St. Louis on Sept. 19, 2011. It was the Giants' longest fumble return since Osi Umenyiora scored on a 75-yarder vs. San Francisco on Oct. 21, 2007. On Boley's touchdown, Umenyiora sacked Roethlisberger and forced the fumble. Boley also led the team with 10 tackles (seven solo).

\*Boley intercepted a pass in each of the first three games, the first Giants player to record a pick in three consecutive games since Phillippi Sparks from Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 1995. Boley was the first Giant with interceptions in each of the first three games of a season since Terry Jackson in 1978.

\*Prince Amukamara, the Giants' first-round draft choice in 2011, made his first career start at right cornerback in Philadelphia on Sept. 30. He was credited with four solo tackles and a pass defensed. Amukamara finished the season with 57 tackles (43 solo) and an interception.

\*Osi Umenyiora was second on the team with 6.0 sacks and increased his career total to 75.0, which places him fourth on the Giants' official career list (since 1982). Leonard Marshall is third with 79.5 sacks.

\*Justin Tuck had 4.0 sacks and increased his career total to 49.5, which places him sixth on the Giants' career list.

\*Defensive tackle Linval Joseph had the first two-sack game of his career at Dallas on Oct. 28.

## **KICKERS**

\*Kicker Lawrence Tynes made 33 of 39 field goal attempts and all 46 of his extra point tries for 145 points, which was both the second-highest total in Giants history and in the NFL in 2012. Tynes led the NFC in scoring. Jay Feely holds the Giants' record with 148 points in 2005. Tynes led the NFL in scoring for much of the season, but did not kick a field goal in the final three games and finished behind New England's Stephen Gostkowski, who scored 153 points.

\*Tynes' 145 points increased his Giants career total to 586. He jumped to second on the franchise's career list, trailing only Pete Gogolak, who scored 646 points from 1966-74.

\*Tynes scored in 61 consecutive regular-season games before the Giants were shutout in Atlanta on Dec. 16. That tied Gogolak's franchise record, set from 1969-73.

\*In 6 seasons with the Giants, Tynes has connected on 83.6 percent of his field goal attempts (122 of 146). That is the second-highest total in team history among kickers with at least 50 attempts. Feely holds the record at 84.1 percent (58 of 69 in 2005-06).

\*Tynes 33 field goals were the fourth-highest total in Giants history. Three kickers booted 35 field goals in a season – Ali Haji-Sheikh in 1983, Feely in 2005 and John Carney in 2008.

\*Tynes twice kicked a career-high 5 field goals in 2012 – Sept. 20 at Carolina and Oct. 28 at Dallas.

\*Tynes has kicked 122 field goals for the Giants, which leaves him third on the franchise's career list, behind only Gogolak (126) and Brad Daluiso (123).

\*Tynes kicked a field goal in a Giants-record 26 consecutive games before the streak ended at Atlanta on Dec. 16. The former mark of 18 consecutive games was held by Joe Danelo (1977-79).

\*Tynes 39 field goal attempts were the fourth-highest single-season total in Giants history and his 146 Giants career attempts are fourth on the franchise's all-time list.

\*Tynes kicked six extra points in the season-ending victory over Philadelphia and has made a team-record 204 consecutive extra points since missing one vs. San Francisco on Oct. 21, 2007. The old team record of 133 in a row was set by Gogolak from 1967-72.

\*Tynes 46 extra points without a miss tied the team record set by Pat Summerall in 1961. Tynes kicked 45 extra points without a miss in 2009 and 43 in both 2010 and 2011.

\*Tynes led the NFL with 109 points through the season's first 10 games. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, that was the highest total ever by a Giants player through a season's first 10 games. He was the first kicker with that many points after 10 games since Denver's Jim Turner had 111 way back in 1968 (Tynes was the first kicker since the 1970 merger to score at least 109 points in 10 games. The last NFL player to score that many points in a season's first 10 games was San Diego running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who had 132 points in 2006).

\*Tynes was named the NFC Special Teams Player of the Week after the Giants' victory in Carolina in Week 3. He kicked a career-high 5 field goals and scored half of the Giants' points in their 36-7 victory. Tynes booted field goals of 47, 49, 30, 36 and 37 yards. He was the seventh player in Giants history to

kick at least 5 field goals in a game and the first since Jay Feely did it vs. Washington on Oct. 30, 2005. He was the first Giants kicker to win the award since John Carney in Week 3 in 2008.

\*Tynes again kicked 5 field goals at Dallas on Oct. 28, from 41, 37, 26, 43 and 37 yards.

Tynes' previous career high was four field goals on Nov. 27, 2005 for Kansas City vs. New England and Sept. 20, 2009 for the Giants at Dallas.

\*Tynes was also named the NFC Special Teams Player of the Month in October. In four October games – all Giants victories – Tynes made 13 of 14 field goal attempts and all 12 of his extra point tries. His only unsuccessful field goal attempt was blocked. He also had nine touchbacks on kickoffs in the four games.

\*Steve Weatherford's gross punting average of 47.5 yards placed him eighth in the NFL and was the highest single-season average by a Giants punter with at least 35 kicks. The previous mark of 46.6 yards was set by Don Chandler in 1959 (on 55 punts).

\*Weatherford's 47.5-yard average left him tied for eighth in the NFL with Atlanta's Matt Bosher. His 39.4-yard net average was 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **SPECIAL TEAMS**

\*Rookie first round draft choice David Wilson set a Giants record with 1,533 kickoff return yards, easily breaking the former mark of 1,291, set by Domenik Hixon in 2009.

\*After just one season, Wilson is eighth on the Giants' career list with his 1,533 yards.

\*Wilson's 57 returns tied the team record Hixon set in 2009.

\*Wilson also rushed for 358 yards and caught 4 passes for 34 yards. His 1,925 all-purpose yards were the most ever by a Giants rookie and the most for any Giant since Tiki Barber had 2,127 in 2006. It was not, however, the highest total by an NFL rookie this season. That honor went to Tampa Bay's Doug Martin – who was selected immediately prior to Wilson in the 2012 NFL Draft – who had ... 1,926 total yards.

\*Wilson had one of the NFL's most dominant one-man performances in 2012 in a Week 14 victory against New Orleans, one that earned the NFC Special Teams Player of the Week award. He accounted for a Giants-record all-purpose 327 yards (227 on kickoff returns, 100 rushing) vs. the Saints. He was the first Giants player since Joe Scott in 1948 to score rushing and kickoff return touchdowns in the same game and the first player in NFL history with at least 200 kickoff return yards and 100 rushing yards in the same game.

\*Wilson was the first Giants kickoff returner to win the award since David Meggett in Week 1 in 1994.

\*In that game, Wilson scored on a 97-yard kickoff return and had other returns of 58 and 52 yards. He also rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns. His 327 total yards broke the former mark of 303 set by Hixon at New Orleans on Oct. 18, 2009. Hixon's breakdown was 230 yards on kickoff returns, 51 on punt returns and 22 on receptions.

\*Wilson was the first player in NFL history with at least 200 kickoff return yards and 100 rushing yards in the same game.

\*Wilson's 227 kickoff return yards (on four runbacks) was the third-highest single-game total in Giants history, surpassed only by Willie Ponder's 259 yards vs. Pittsburgh on Dec. 18, 2004 and Hixon's 230 yards at New Orleans in 2009.

\*Wilson's 227 kickoff return yards vs. New Orleans on Dec. 9 were the most by an NFL player in a game this season.

\*Wilson averaged 56.8 yards per return, the highest total ever by a Giant with at least three returns in a game. The previous record of 51.8 yards was set by Scott on four returns vs. the Rams on Nov. 14, 1948.

\*Wilson scored the Giants' first touchdown on his 97-yard kickoff return in the first quarter. It was the Giants' first kickoff return touchdown since Hixon's 74-yard runback against New England on Dec. 29, 2007. The Giants had played 76 regular season and nine postseason games between kickoff return touchdowns.

It was just the 20<sup>th</sup> regular-season kickoff return touchdown in the 88-season history of the Giants. They also have two postseason scores on kickoff returns. Wilson's 97-yard runback – the Giants' first touchdown in a 52-27 thrashing of the New Orleans Saints – broke the team's streak of 76 consecutive regular-season games without a kickoff return touchdown. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, that was the second-long drought in the NFL, behind St. Louis (119 games) and Jacksonville (84). The Giants had not scored on a kickoff return since Hixon brought one back 74 yards vs. New England on Dec. 29, 2007.

Seventeen different players have scored on regular-season kickoff returns for the Giants, beginning with Jack Hagerty vs. the Buffalo Bisons on Nov. 5, 1929. Clarence Childs, Rocky Thompson and Willie Ponder all did it twice (plus Ron Dixon, who returned two kickoffs for touchdowns in the 2000 postseason).

\*Wilson's 97-yard return was the longest by a Giant in the regular season since Childs' 100-yard runback on Dec. 6, 1964. Both of Dixon's postseason kickoff returns touchdowns were 97 yards. Childs shares the Giants' record for longest runback with Hall of Famer Emlen Tunnell, who had a 100-yard return against the New York Yankees on Nov. 4, 1951.

\*On Nov. 14, 1948, Scott scored on a nine-yard run and a 99-yard kickoff return. He was the last Giant with a rushing touchdown and kickoff return touchdown in the same game until Wilson did it against the Saints. But Scott went one better. He also caught a 19-yard touchdown pass in a 52-37 loss to the Los Angeles Rams. Scott is the only player in Giants history with rushing, receiving and kickoff return touchdowns in the same game.

\*Wilson caught his first career touchdown passes, a 15-yard in the first quarter, in the season finale vs. Philadelphia. Wilson scored touchdowns rushing, receiving and on a kickoff return in 2012, first Giant to hit that trifecta since Scott in 1948.

\*Randle was the team's primary kickoff returner in 2012 and averaged 7.2 yards on 15 runbacks, with a long of 18.

\*Second-year pro Spencer Paysinger led the Giants with 23 tackles (19 solo). Justin Tryon was second with 14 (14 solo).