

# Tom Brady is Walking Away From The Patriots, and the NFL Will Never Be the Same.

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Early on the morning of March 17, 2020 Tom Brady announced, via twitter, that he will be leaving the Patriots.



"I wanted to say thank you to all the incredible fans and Patriots supporters" Brady said in a post Tuesday morning.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I will always love you and what we have shared- a lifetime full of fun memories" said Brady.

Patriots insider and reporter, Jeff Darlington confirmed the reports.



Tom Brady spent 20 seasons in New England. In which time he won the Super Bowl six times, the most among individual players in NFL history. He would also go on to win three MVPs and five NFL All Pros, the award denoting the best player at their position across the entirety of the NFL. Field Yates of ESPN provided some more interesting statistics from Brady's storied career.



Even if Brady, at 42, decided to walk away from the game the stats would bear him out as the greatest quarterback to ever play the position. A mantle he would take over from his childhood hero, Joe Montana, according to most NFL historians.

With Brady now on the move the entire landscape of the NFL shifts. There simply has never been a time in NFL history when Tom Brady has openly shopped around as a free agent. NFL media's Ian Rapoport reports that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have offered Brady a \$30 million a year contract. The Los Angeles Chargers are also reportedly interested in the 42-year-old free agent, Brady.



The Buccaneers would make sense for Brady as they were rated in the top five offensively last year. That was with quarterback Jameis Winston, who despite throwing 30 touchdowns also threw a league leading 30 interceptions in 2019.

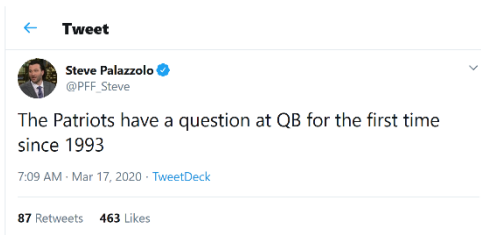
With Brady out of the AFC East the division now shifts, for the first time in 20 years truly any team could claim the title of division champions. A point hammered home by NFL media's Marc Sessler.

“The AFC East shifts from an unforgiving dictatorship to a never ending psilocybin day dream of the second mind” said Sessler, the otherworldly wordsmith of the Twittersphere.



While the rest of the NFL world watches for Brady’s next move the Patriots now have a question at quarterback.

“The Patriots have a question at QB for the first time since 1993” said Steve Palazzolo of Pro Football Focus.



Meanwhile Pats fans like Barstool Sports founder Dave Portnoy took to Twitter to digest the news.

“Don’t cry because it’s over smile because it happened” said Portnoy in a video.

Barstool Sports personality and Patriots fan Hank Lockwood also took to Twitter to voice his respect and admiration for Tom Brady.

“Tom Brady is all I’ve ever known since I was 8 years old. I’m 26. I’m heartbroken he’s gone but everything can’t last forever. I appreciate everyone’s respect for my and families privacy at this time as I go back to sleep and cry for the next 3 days.” Said Lockwood.

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