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Three games down 14 to go, and the New England Patriots are 1-2. It does not look well for the Pats early on, but the one good thing about these last three games was about the Patriots honoring Julian Edelman and his career with the Patriots. The Patriots really do miss JE11 right now for sure. We did not have the chance to write/honor Julian Edelman at the time when announced that he was retiring, but better late than never.

Julian Edelman was a New England Patriot for his entire 11 year NFL career. He is a 3 time Super Bowl champion, with 36 Touchdowns, 6,822 yards, and 620 receptions. Edelman was a force slot receiver for the Patriots making numerous jaw dropping, and clutch plays. Many of them where he turned into the QB for a play. A great play where Edelman tossed one up was against the Baltimore Ravens in the postseason where he hit a wide open Danny Amendola on a dime to even the score at 28. Edelman scored the game winning touchdown against the Seahawks in Super Bowl 49. He has so many highlight reels but the best play that Edelman made in his career has to be from Super Bowl 51, where he caught a pass from Brady that looked like it was going to be incomplete. That catch is a huge reason the Patriots completed the 28-3 comeback over the Falcons. If that was incomplete, the whole game changes from there on out. A word that can describe Julian Edelman is warrior. He was one tough player who could take a hard hit and not be fazed by it.

He always gave 110 percent on the field and his effort along with his love for the game of football and New England can never be taken away from him. Running out of the tunnel full sprint and yells out "Lets Go" to the crowd. He was a fan favorite, and always got the crowd involved in the game. If I had to guess, he will be pumping up the crowd again this week as Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski both return to Gillette to face Bill Belichick and the Patriots. He even went as far as calling it "The GOAT Bowl" he said last week after his halftime ceremony. The former wide receiver has confirmed that he will watch his former team face off against the former quarterback and tight end. Julian Edelman is one of the greatest Patriots wide outs of all time and what he did for

New England on and off the field shows that Julian Edelman is the true definition of a Patriot. Next up for Edelman will be the Patriots Hall of Fame and his number being retired.

Sources:

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