

What does the Patriots' season look like after the signing of Cam Newton?

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This years' offseason was very different than the previous 20 years for the New England Patriots. Future Hall of Famer and the six-times champion Tom Brady has announced that he leaves New England to join Buccaneers in Tampa Bay on 20 March.

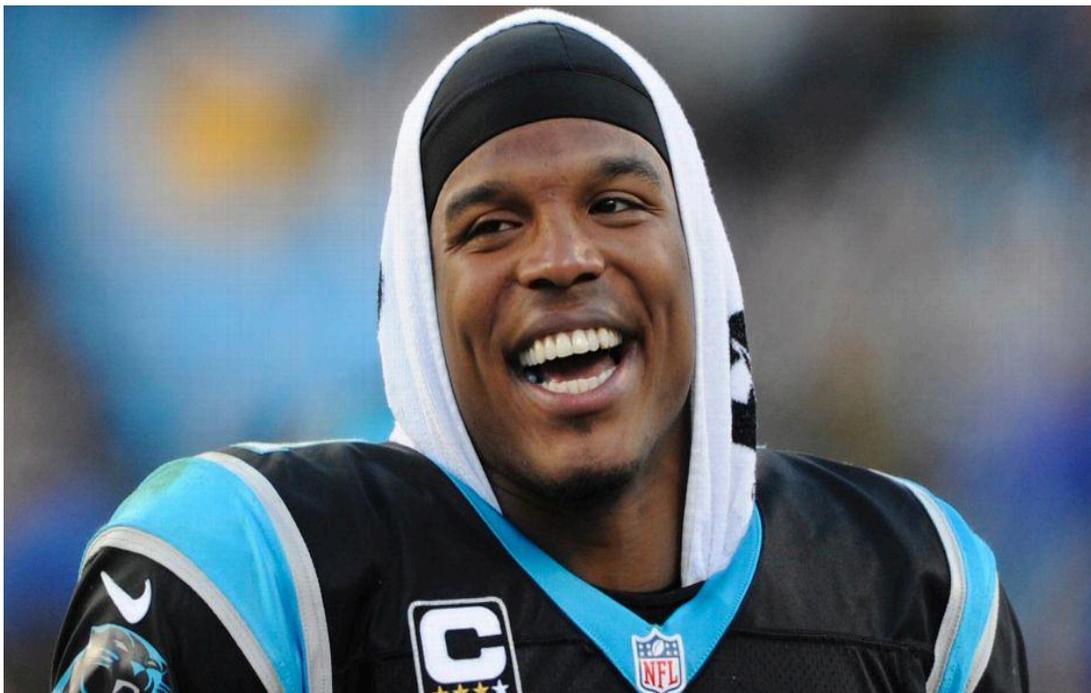
Veteran Quarterback has 14 pro bowls appearance, three league MVPs, four Super Bowl MVPs, and six NFL titles during his 20 years of tenure with the New England Patriots.

While the expected scenario for the Patriots to see Jarrett Stidham as the starting quarterback for the upcoming season or even selecting a QB from the draft, the Patriots shocked the league with the signing of former league MVP Cam Newton from the Carolina Panthers.

Is this signing enough to fill Brady's spot? What are the odds for the Patriots this season?

Well, there are two scenarios:

**Scenario One:**



Cam Newton has struggled with injuries and inconsistencies for the last couple of years, but just after he signed he said that “They never have seen this Cam”, hinting that he is fully focused and ready to perform.

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He signed an underpaid contract to prove that he is still an MVP caliber, and he chose the perfect spot for him to prove that. It’s the Patriots, under Bill Belichick.

From Patriots’ perspective, they still had Jarrett Stidham as a potential starting QB, but the Patriots are not a Wildcard group that can wait for their QB to grow.

None other than Championship is a bad season for Belichick and he wanted an emotional QB on the pitch to energize the offensive team like Brady. When needed the QB should lead and give confidence to their teammates.

Newton is that character, he would give much more confidence than Stidham. One thing Cam Newton makes a difference in Patriots offense is that he can run. Patriots will be double trouble for the other teams’ on both running and passing offense.

Cam Newton is ready and eager and there is no doubt that Josh McDaniels, offensive coordinator for the Patriots, will organize the offense around Newton and for him.

This is not filling the shoes of Brady for Newton, as it is not that easy, but he can give hope to the Patriots fans after last years’ disappointment with his own skillset.

Apart from Brady’s leave, this team is still a very good defensive team and they still have one of the best coaching staff. If Newton stays healthy, and if there is good chemistry on offense, this team can be a good contender for the title.

**Scenario Two:**



Cam Newton is not exactly consistent and there is always a chance of injury that can make him unavailable for the rest of the season. Therefore, it would be a safe bet to use Stidham as the starting QB and use Newton as the backup.

This is also important because there is also a chance of bad chemistry with Newton and the offense.

An advantage for him is that he knows Belichick and his system, he is more integrated into the system and to the team than Newton.

If they would not change their system around Newton and continue with the already existing one, Stidham is the one who can take the wheels after Brady. Also to have Newton as a backup is a huge deal, it is not an insult or anything like that towards him either.

Whether Newton stays or goes, Stidham will be a Patriot nonetheless. That is why it would be much more logical to invest in him while having a former league MVP as a backup.

It will also boost Stidham to learn from him and improve his skill set. In the end, if Stidham performs badly in the beginning you can always change to Newton afterward, you know what to expect from him and what he can do.

Therefore, with this scenario you can also see Stidham and what can he do and can't. This will be much easier to plan for the next season and potentially know that if Patriots needs a new QB or not.

Having Stidham as starting QB and having Newton as the backup actually reminds me Carson Wentz, Nick Foles duo, and how they won the super bowl.

In the end, it really depends on the performance on the field, but with both scenarios, Patriots still looks strong this season and this is due to their strong defensive team and to the acquisition of Cam Newton. Whatever role he plays, he is an important factor and there is not much to doubt a Bill Belichick team.