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SONY MICHEL

Listed as top kickoff returner

UPDATE 05-30-2019

Michel is the only kick returner listed on the Pats' current depth chart, Andrew Callahan of Masslive.com reports. The running back logged four kickoff return attempts for 77 yards last season.

ANALYSIS: It remains to be seen how much return work the Patriots' lead back will do this coming season, but there's a void to fill in that area following the departure of Cordarrelle Patterson, who averaged 28.8 yards on 23 kickoff returns in 2018. Given Michel's importance to the team's ground attack, it wouldn't surprise us to see another primary kickoff returner identified in the coming months, however. As a rookie last year, Michel totaled 209 carries for 931 yards and six TDs in 13 regular-season games, while adding seven catches for 50 yards. He's now set to reprise his role as the team's preferred early-down option.

TOM BRADY

Skips voluntary OTAs

UPDATE 5-23-2019

As expected, Brady wasn't in attendance during Thursday's OTAs, the Boston Herald reports.

ANALYSIS: The Patriots' current workouts are voluntary, so this nugget isn't really concerning. In his absence, added QB reps are available for Brian Hoyer, Danny Etling and rookie Jarrett Stidham. Once Brady does take the field with his teammates, he won't have tight end Rob Gronkowski, who retired this offseason, to throw to. Brady's top target last year, Julian Edelman, just signed a contract extension and the team welcomes first-rounder N'Keal Harry to the pass-catching fold. Beyond that, the team's wideout depth chart is fluid, with the likes of Dontrelle Inman, Phillip Dorsett, Maurice Harris, Braxton Berrios and Demaryius Thomas (Achilles) -- when healthy -- looking to secure roles in the Patriots offense.

