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Football UPDATE:

- The **New England Patriots** are replacing the grass surface at Gillette Field with FieldTurf and plan to have the new surface installed in time for their next home game on November 26 against the Chicago Bears.

FieldTurf CEO John Gilman "put the price tag for the change in the ballpark" of \$725,000 -750,000.

An NFL spokesperson "previously stated that the league prohibited teams from changing the playing surface in the middle of the season," but NFL VP/PR Greg Aiello said that the rule "was never adopted."

He added that the Patriots' change was a "team decision, not a league mandate." The team has resodded the field each of the last four years.

The **MLS Revolution** also play at the stadium, and Gilman said the surface "is going to have a special removable paint.

Between games you can take off the lines and it will be all set for soccer". ~

