

## GAME SUMMARIES

### WEEK 1: Tampa Bay Buccaneers 48, New Orleans

Saints 40; September 9, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome – The Saints' 2018 regular season got off to a disappointing start as the Buccaneers took a 48-40 victory at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, with New Orleans dropping their opener for the fifth consecutive season.

Trailing by 24 points in the fourth quarter, the Saints rallied behind a pair of **Alvin Kamara** touchdowns, a one-yard rushing score and a seven-yard pass from quarterback **Drew Brees**. The Saints converted two-point plays on both touchdowns. But Tampa was able to run out the clock to claim the road victory.

Veteran signal-caller Ryan Fitzpatrick, filling in for suspended starting quarterback **Jameis Winston**, had one of the most productive games of his career, passing for 417 yards and four touchdowns while rushing for another score. Wide receivers **Mike Evans** (seven catches for 147 yards and one touchdown) and **DeSean Jackson** (five catches for 146 yards and two touchdowns) did the most damage in the passing game as the Saints defense didn't force its first punt until 7:42 was remaining in the third quarter.

The Saints offense kept up with the Buccaneers for the first half - scoring 24 points - but sputtered at the start of the second half with two punts and a lost fumble (WR **Michael Thomas**) on the first three possessions. Later on the first half Buccaneers returned running back **Mike Gillislee's** fumble 34 yards for a score.

Thomas' fumble was the lone miscue in a record-setting performance for the third-year wideout as he had 16 catches for 180 yards and one six-yard touchdown. He set the team's single-game receptions record and in what was also the highest receptions total on NFL kickoff weekend.

The Bucs finished with 529 yards of offense while the Saints had 475.

### WEEK 2: New Orleans Saints 21, Cleveland Browns 18; September 16, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome –

The New Orleans Saints earned their first win of the 2018 season with a 21-18 come-from-behind victory over Cleveland in what would be the start of a winning streak that extended to ten games. New Orleans also avoided having to dig themselves out of an 0-2 start for the first time since 2013.

After the two clubs traded field goals in the first quarter, Cleveland kicker **Zane Gonzalez** kicked a 39-yard field goal with 1:55 left in the second quarter to give the Browns a 6-3 lead going into halftime.

To open up the second half of play, the Cleveland defense

forced a three-and-out on New Orleans. Browns quarterback **Tyrod Taylor** then led Cleveland on a 12-play, 79-yard drive that ended with a one-yard touchdown run by running back **Carlos Hyde** to take a 12-3 lead following a missed extra point attempt.

New Orleans' offensive struggles continued as a promising drive that had the Saints at third-and-one at the Cleveland 40-yard line was derailed when Brees was sacked by **Larry Ogunjobi** for a ten-yard loss and the Black and Gold were forced to punt.

Cleveland advanced to the New Orleans 26-yard line on the subsequent drive that carried into the fourth quarter, but a 44-yard field goal attempt went wide left. The Saints got the ball back at their 34-yard line and Brees engineered a nine-play, 66-yard drive that ended with a two-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver **Michael Thomas** that put the Saints within two. The two clubs then traded three-and-outs, but safety **Marcus Williams** picked off Taylor at the Cleveland 40-yard line and returned it 22 yards to the 18. Four plays later, Brees connected with Thomas for a five-yard TD with a successful two-point conversion rush by running back **Alvin Kamara** to give the Saints an 18-12 lead. The Browns answered when Taylor connected with wide receiver **Andrew Callaway** on a 47-yard touchdown, but the PAT attempt went wide left. The Saints got the ball back and Brees led them down the field to set up a game-winning **Wil Lutz** 44-yard field goal with 21 seconds left.

### WEEK 3: New Orleans Saints 43, Atlanta Falcons 37; September 23, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Stadium –

The Saints improved to 2-1 with this overtime victory at Atlanta, with quarterback Drew Brees becoming the NFL's completions leader, passing for 396 yards, tossing three touchdowns and running for two more, one a fourth quarter seven-yard rush, the second a dramatic quarterback sneak to end overtime. Running back Alvin Kamara and wide receiver **Michael Thomas** also had monster performances, backed by a stout offensive line, defensive end **Cameron Jordan** had two sacks and special teams made a significant contribution with a blocked punt. The win would be the first of what would end up being a season sweep for New Orleans.

With their first offensive drive at their 25-yard line to start, the Saints marched 75 yards in six plays, with Brees connecting with wide receiver **Ted Ginn Jr.** on a four-yard touchdown. Atlanta responded on their second possession with an 18-yard TD connection from quarterback **Matt Ryan** to wide receiver **Calvin Ridley**.

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Kicker Wil Lutz booted two second quarter field goals, but Ryan gave Atlanta a 14-13 lead when he connected with Ridley on a 75-yard TD. But New Orleans took advantage of a late possession at their 42 and Brees completed quick throws to Kamara and Tight end Benjamin Watson to set up a 45-yard Lutz field goal to give New Orleans a 16-14 halftime lead.

Atlanta got the ball coming out of the half and took the lead back on a nine-yard touchdown connection between Ryan and Ridley. Midway through the third quarter, defensive end Alex Okafor blocked a punt by Falcons punter Matt Bosher and linebacker Craig Robertson recovered the ball at the Falcons 16-yard line. Four plays later, Brees completed an 11-yard TD to wide receiver Cameron Meredith.

Three plays into the final quarter, running back Tevin Coleman capped a 12-play, 82-yard with a five-yard touchdown reception followed by a successful two-point conversion to give the Falcons a six-point lead. But the Saints put together a lengthy drive, with Brees finding fullback Zach Line for a one-yard TD. Ryan's five-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Mohamed Sanu and a two-point conversion gave Atlanta a seven-point lead, but the Saints marched 81 yards in 11 plays and Brees had a seven-yard rush for a TD to tie the score.

New Orleans took the opening kickoff of overtime and drove 80 yards, the game ending with the one-yard quarterback sneak by Brees.

Thomas had ten receptions for 129 yards. Kamara had a career-high 190 total yards from scrimmage with 16 carries for 66 yards and a career-best 15 receptions for 124 yards. Adding in 16 punt return yards, the workhorse on offense and special teams finished with 206 all-purpose yards. Jordan led an inspired effort by the defense with two sacks.

**WEEK 4: New Orleans Saints 33, New York Giants 18; September 30, 2018 @ MetLife Stadium** – The Saints posted an impressive victory against the Giants behind a powerful running game and an outstanding run-stopping effort.

The Giants scored on their first offensive drive, taking a 7-0 lead on a two-yard TD connection between quarterback Eli Manning and wide receiver Sterling Shepard. When the Saints got the ball back, quarterback Drew Brees engineered a 15-play, 51-yard drive that ended with a Wil Lutz 42-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter, the first of four successful kicks in the quarter to give the

Saints a 12-7 halftime lead. The Saints defense then proceeded to clamp down on the Giants as they allowed only 65 rushing yards, fumbles were forced by defensive tackle Tyeler Davison and cornerback P.J. Williams and recovered by cornerback Marshon Lattimore and DL Taylor Stallworth, while Manning was sacked three times, the defense allowing him to average only 5.3 yards per attempt.

Quarterback Drew Brees completed 18 of 32 passes for 217 yards as the Saints supplemented that by running for 170 yards. The rushing attack led by running back Alvin Kamara, who carried 19 times for a career-high 134 yards (7.1 avg) and three touchdowns. In the passing game, Kamara also led the team in receiving with five grabs for 47 yards, for a game-high total of 181 total yards from scrimmage.

Linebacker Demario Davis led the New Orleans defense and pass rush with two sacks and added a team-high 11 tackles in a performance that would have him be recognized as NFC Defensive Player of the Week. Davison added a takedown and also forced a fumble in the fourth quarter. Lattimore's fumble return was for 37 yards as New Orleans finished at +2 in turnover ratio, not giving away the football.

- The Saints held the Giants to 299 net yards, the first time this season they held an opponent to under 300 yards. They surrendered only 44 yards rushing to Giants RB Saquon Barkley.
- With a career-high 134 yards rushing and 181 total yards from scrimmage, Kamara had the third back-to-back 180-yard games by a Saint, joining RBs Rueben Mayes (1986-two straight) and Deuce McAllister (2003-three straight).
- The victory improved New Orleans' all-time record vs. New York to 14-16, giving the Saints their first win at MetLife Stadium in four tries against the Giants (2012, 2016 and 2018) and Jets (2013).

### WEEK 5: New Orleans Saints 43, Washington Redskins 19; October 8, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome

– The Saints won their fourth consecutive game in a standout Monday night performance on both offense and defense, which saw Drew Brees become the NFL's all-time passing yardage leader.

The Saints first jumped out to a 6-0 first quarter lead on their first drive of the contest when running back Mark Ingram had a two-yard rushing touchdown. Washington then got on the board when kicker Dustin Hopkins drilled a 37-yard field goal at the end of the first quarter.

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The Saints jumped out to a commanding 26-6 lead when Ingram rushed for a one-yard touchdown and Brees and wide receiver Tre'Quan Smith connected on the record-setting 62-yard touchdown with 2:36 remaining in the second quarter. The Redskins cut the halftime deficit to 26-13 when they converted a fumble by wide receiver Cameron Meredith into a four-yard touchdown run by quarterback Alex Smith.

Getting the ball first at the start of the second half, Brees connected with Smith on a 35-yard touchdown. Smith was then picked off by Saints defensive back Justin Hardee, seeing the first regular season defensive action of his two-year NFL career and the interception was returned 77 yards to set up a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback Taysom Hill to extend New Orleans' lead to 40-13. A third quarter Washington fumble set up a 44-yard field goal by kicker Wil Lutz.

Brees completed 26-of-28 passes for 363 yards with three touchdowns, zero interceptions and a 153.2 rating as his 89.7 completion percentage set a career-high. Smith finished with three receptions for a game-high 111 yards.

**WEEK 7: New Orleans Saints 24, Baltimore Ravens 23; October 21, 2018 @ M&T Bank Stadium** – QB Drew Brees helped New Orleans rebound from a 17-7 fourth quarter deficit as he led the Saints on three drives that produced 17 points including two touchdowns against a Baltimore defense that hadn't allowed an opponent into the end zone in the second half all season.

Brees completed 22-of-30 passes for 212 yards with two touchdowns, zero interceptions and a 114.9 passer rating as his second quarter one-yard touchdown pass to tight end Benjamin Watson marked his 500th career scoring throw. Brees has now defeated all 32 National Football League teams, becoming the third signal-caller to do so, joining Brett Favre and Payton Manning and New Orleans Head Coach Sean Payton has defeated all 31 league opponents.

Wide receiver Michael Thomas led New Orleans in receiving with seven grabs for 69 yards, including a fourth quarter five-yard TD grab to put New Orleans up 21-17 in the contest.

- Linebacker A.J. Klein sparkled for the defense with seven tackles as he led a run-stopping effort that gave up only 77 yards rushing and surrendered only a 3.3 yards per carry.

**WEEK 8: New Orleans Saints 30, Minnesota Vikings 20; October 28, 2018 @ U.S. Bank Stadium** – The Saints improved to 6-1 after defeating the Vikings on Sunday Night Football.

New Orleans jumped out to a 7-0 first quarter lead after quarterback Drew Brees found running back Alvin Kamara on a three-yard pass, which was then matched by Minnesota quarterback Kirk Cousins completing a one-yard touchdown to wide receiver Stefon Diggs.

Early in the second quarter, the Vikings took a 13-7 lead on a one-yard run by running back Latavius Murray followed up by a failed extra point. Kicker Wil Lutz then connected on a 52-yard field goal to put New Orleans within three. With 1:11 left in the first half, linebacker Alex Anzalone caused a fumble by the Vikings' Adam Thielen that was returned by cornerback Marshon Lattimore 53 yards. Kamara hauled in a one-yard TD two plays later that gave the Saints a 17-13 halftime lead.

Lutz made his second field goal early in the third to bring the score to 20-13 and on Minnesota's next possession the lead was extended to 27-13 on a 45-yard interception return for a touchdown by cornerback P.J. Williams, which would earn him NFC Defensive Player of the Week honors for the first time in his career.

In the fourth quarter, Lutz drilled a second 42-yard kick. Minnesota made a TD drive late while the Saints defense had switched to a prevent mode to set up a final score of 30-20.

Quarterback Drew Brees threw a first half interception, which was his first pick after he went 264 regular season pass attempts over a nine-game period without one.

**WEEK 9: New Orleans Saints 45, Los Angeles Rams 35; November 4, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome** – Despite a furious second half rally by the Rams, where they came back from an 18-point halftime deficit and tied the score at 35 apiece early in the fourth quarter, the Saints scored the last ten points as they improved to 7-1.

The Saints took charge from the start in the contest when on their first offensive drive they marched down the field in 10 plays, ending with a 11-yard touchdown by running back Alvin Kamara. The Rams quickly struck back when running back Todd Gurley rushed for an eight-yard touchdown. The Saints answered when quarterback Drew Brees found Kamara for a 16-yard touchdown on a screen. Los Angeles knotted the score back up at the start of the second quarter when quarterback Jared Goff found wide receiver Brandin Cooks for a four-yard touchdown connection.

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Running back Mark Ingram lost a fumble, but the Saints defense and special teams backed the runner up when on a fourth down fake field goal attempt, linebacker Craig Robertson stopped holder Johnny Hekker short of the first down marker. The Saints then scored 21 unanswered points in the second quarter to take a 35-17 halftime lead as they set an NFL record with 24 first half, first downs.

Goff led a furious second half rally, engineering drives for two touchdowns and one field goal to tie the score. However Brees found wide receiver Michael Thomas for an 18-yard third down completion to set up a field goal and on New Orleans' next drive, the duo connected on a 72-yard touchdown.

The Saints outgained the Rams 487-483, but New Orleans scoring a touchdown following an interception in the first half and forcing the first three-and-out of the contest in the fourth quarter made for the slim difference. Thomas had 12 receptions for a franchise-record 211 yards, while Brees completed 25-of-36 passes for 346 yards, four touchdowns, zero interceptions and a 137.0 passer rating.

- Kamara scored three touchdowns for the third time this season, carrying 19 times for a game-high 82 yards with two rushing scores and catching four passes for 34 yards and a 16-yard scoring grab.
- This was New Orleans' second win against their former NFC West rivals in the past three seasons, as they haven't lost to the Rams in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome since 2007. The Saints now trail the Rams 41-33 in the all-time regular season series.

**WEEK 10: New Orleans Saints 51, Cincinnati Bengals 14; November 11, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome –** On a day where New Orleans scored 51 points and ran up 509 total net yards, the Saints got the ball first and **Michael Thomas** ended a 15-play, 75-yard drive with a seven-yard touchdown reception from **Drew Brees**. Cincinnati answered with a two-yard touchdown pass from **Andy Dalton** to **John Ross**.

New Orleans moved into the second quarter successfully completing a six-play, 75-yard drive that was capped by a 28-yard TD on a screen pass from Brees to **Mark Ingram**. The New Orleans defense forced a punt and on the Saints' next drive **Alvin Kamara** rushed for a four-yard score. After a three-and-out, a 23-yard completion from Brees to **Dan Arnold** set up a one-yard TD run for Kamara. Following an interception by **Marcus Williams** returned for 78 yards,

Brees tossed a 17-yard touchdown to Thomas on the last play of the first half to give the Saints a 35-7 lead.

The Saints defense either forced Cincinnati to punt or turnover on downs in the first three series' of the second half and on the fourth, **Eli Apple** recorded his first pick as a Saint to do their part in what would end up a 51-14 rout, tied for the biggest margin of victory on the road in club history

The Saints' 244 yards rushing were a season-high. Ingram carried 13 times for 104 yards (8.0 avg.) and caught three passes for 58 yards with the TD. Sacks were tallied by **Alex Anzalone**, **Cameron Jordan**, **Sheldon Rankins** and **Alex Okafor**. The offensive line did not allow a sack for the third consecutive game.

**WEEK 11: New Orleans Saints 48, Philadelphia Eagles 7; November 18, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome –** The Saints posted an impressive home victory for their ninth straight win behind the powerful running of Mark Ingram and **Alvin Kamara**, the arm of **Drew Brees**, the hands of **Tre'Quan Smith** and a season-high three interceptions.

New Orleans took advantage of a defensive performance in the first quarter that gave up only 15 yards, producing two three-and-outs and an interception by cornerback **Marshon Lattimore** that resulted in a 10 lead on a 38-yard field goal by kicker **Wil Lutz** and a three-yard touchdown pass from quarterback **Drew Brees** to wide receiver **Austin Carr**.

With New Orleans leading 17-0 in the second quarter, the Eagles finally got on the scoreboard on a 28-yard rushing touchdown by rookie running back **Josh Adams**. But New Orleans scored 31 consecutive points to close out the contest.

Leading 24-7 at halftime, Brees completed a 23-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver **Michael Thomas** on New Orleans' first drive of the second half. Ingram later scored his second rushing touchdown of the day to put New Orleans ahead comfortably at 38-7.

Brees completed 22-of-30 passes for 363 yards with four TD throws, zero interceptions and a 153.2 rating. Ingram led the club in rushing with 16 carries for 103 yards with two TDs. Smith led the Saints in receiving with a game-high ten receptions for 157 yards and one TD, setting career-highs in the first two categories.

The Saints harassed Philadelphia quarterback **Carson Wentz**, recording three sacks and three picks. Lattimore had a team-best four solo tackles to go with the pick and two passes defended. Safety **Chris Banjo** tripled his career interception total to three with two picks. Defensive end **Alex Okafor**, linebacker **Craig Robertson** and defensive tackle **Sheldon Rankins** each picked up one sack apiece.

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### WEEK 12: New Orleans Saints 31, Atlanta Falcons 17; November 22, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome –

The Saints ran their win streak to ten games with an impressive effort on offense and defense in a primetime showdown with Atlanta on Thanksgiving night. An aggressive New Orleans defense had a season-high four takeaways and six sacks, while a balanced offensive approach with 150 yards rushing and some big plays by quarterback **Drew Brees** carried the Saints.

Fumble recoveries were recorded by cornerback **Eli Apple**, and safeties **Vonn Bell** and **Marcus Williams**, while linebacker **A.J. Klein** recorded an interception. The Saints defense surrendered only 17 points to Falcons offense that went into the contest ranked ninth in the NFL in scoring and allowed only 26 rushing yards.

New Orleans jumped out to a 17-3 halftime lead and with Brees' four touchdown passes going to wide receiver **Austin Carr**, tight end **Dan Arnold** and wide receivers **Keith Kirkwood** and **Tommylee Lewis** it marked the first time in the Super Bowl era that four different undrafted players each had at least one receiving touchdown in a game.

- Brees completed 15-of-22 passes for 171 yards, four touchdowns, one interception and a 111.9 passer rating, as he moved into a tie with Peyton Manning for first place in NFL record books in four-touchdown games with his 35th. Brees tied an NFL record by throwing touchdowns to 13 different players in 2018.
- The victory gave New Orleans their first back-to-back seasons of double digit wins since the 2009-11 period.
- Running back Alvin Kamara led the Saints with 89 yards on 14 carries (6.4 avg.) as New Orleans rushed for 150 yards, the third consecutive week they reached that mark.
- New Orleans had six sacks. Defensive end **Cameron Jordan** had a team-leading two, as he moved into a tie for fourth place in club record books with 67.5 career takedowns with former teammate Will Smith.

### Week 13: Dallas Cowboys 13, New Orleans Saints 10; November 29, 2018 @ AT&T Stadium –

A sluggish offense kept New Orleans from winning the Thursday night matchup in Dallas. The Saints dropped to 10-2, with their ten-game winning streak concluded.

New Orleans got off to a slow start on defense and offense in the first half as they surrendered ten points on a 26-yard field goal by kicker Brett Maher and a 16-yard screen pass from quarterback Dak Prescott to running back Ezekiel Elliott.

However, the New Orleans defense responded in the second

quarter as cornerback Marshon Lattimore stripped the ball from Cowboys wide receiver Amari Cooper and recovered it at the Dallas 39-yard line. The Saints were unable to capitalize though as they were stopped on a fourth-and-one rush attempt at the Cowboys one-yard line. Facing a key third-and-seven play from the Saints 33-yard line, Prescott completed a 11-yard pass to Cooper to convert a first down. But three plays later on a third-and-seven, defensive tackle David Onyemata minimized the damage with his third sack of the contest when he dropped Prescott for a seven-yard loss and forced the signal-caller to fumble a ball which he recovered, holding the halftime damage to a field goal and 13-0 Cowboys lead.

The New Orleans defense strung a drive together to open up the second half, but the Saints couldn't advance past the Cowboys 15, as kicker Wil Lutz drilled a 33-yard field goal. A series highlighted by a sack by linebacker A.J. Klein forced a Dallas punt. Brees then engineered a ten-play, 88-yard drive that ended with a 30-yard touchdown pass to rookie wide receiver Keith Kirkwood to put the Saints within three.

The clubs then traded punts going into the fourth quarter and on a third down play, defensive end Cameron Jordan sacked Prescott, forced him to fumble and recovered. However a Brees pass would be intercepted on the next drive by Cowboys defensive back Jourdan Lewis to allow Dallas to hold on.

- Lutz moved into sole possession of second place in club record books with his 21st consecutive field goal.
- With two sacks, Jordan moved into sole possession of fourth place on the club's all-time list with 69.5 career takedowns and it also would mark the fourth time in his career he would reach double digits for sacks. Jordan also recorded his first fumble recovery since 2015.

### WEEK 14: New Orleans Saints 28, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 14; December 9, 2018 @ Raymond James Stadium –

The Saints avoided a losing streak this season and clinched division titles in back to back campaigns for the first time in franchise history, holding the Buccaneers scoreless in the second half, as well as benefitted by a key blocked punt, while being paced on offense by a balanced approach with several big plays.

The Saints won the coin toss and deferred and Tampa Bay jumped out to a 7-0 lead compliments of an 11-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jameis Winston to tight end Cameron Brate.

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At the start of the second quarter, Tampa Bay had advanced to the Saints 20-yard line, but defensive end Cameron Jordan sacked Winston for an eight-yard loss and Buccaneers kicker Cairo Santos missed the 36-yard field goal attempt. Saints kicker Wil Lutz drilled a 30-yard field goal on the ensuing possession.

Tampa Bay picked off Saints quarterback **Drew Brees** near the end of the second quarter and Winston completed a one-yard touchdown to Brate to give the Bucs a 14-3 halftime lead.

After recovering a fumble by Brees at the start of the third quarter, Tampa Bay advanced to the New Orleans 22-yard line on the next drive, but Santos missed a 40-yard field goal attempt. New Orleans struggled again on offense when they got the ball back but the tide turned when quarterback **Taysom Hill** blocked a punt by Tampa Bay punter **Bryan Anger**, which was recovered by running back **Dwayne Washington** at the Buccaneers 30-yard line. Hill would be selected as NFC Special Teams Player of the Week. Five plays later, Brees completed a one-yard touchdown and a successful two-point conversion run by RB Alvin Kamara cut the deficit to 14-11. New Orleans would then quickly get the ball back on a three-and-out, highlighted by sacks by Jordan and linebacker **A.J. Klein**.

In a drive that stretched into the fourth quarter and comprised of ten-plays and 51 yards, Brees sneaked into the end zone on fourth and goal from the one-yard line to give the Saints an 18-15 lead. Following another three-and-out, the Saints took possession at their 47-yard line and they upped their lead to 25-14 on a 17-yard touchdown run by running back **Mark Ingram II** on a rush where he carried a Bucs defender holding onto his foot. The Saints added one more field goal and got into victory formation after cornerback **Marshon Lattimore** picked off Winston in the end zone.

- Jordan had a standout performance with four tackles and two sacks, recording two takedowns for the third consecutive game, upping his career total to 71.5, fourth in club record books.

- A key defensive play to hold Tampa Bay scoreless in the second half was when Lattimore picked off Winston in the end zone in the next to last play of the game, the second consecutive week an opponent was held scoreless in the final two periods.

- Brees completed 24-of-31 passes for 201 yards with a touchdown, and interception and the quarterback sneak for a touchdown, giving him a career-high four rushing touch-

downs for 2018, while wide receiver **Michael Thomas** had 11 grabs for 98 yards as his 298 receptions through his first 44 games are the most by an NFL player through his first three seasons.

**WEEK 15: New Orleans Saints 12, Carolina Panthers 9; December 17, 2018 @ Bank of America Stadium –** The Saints won their second consecutive game, defeating the Carolina Panthers at Bank of America Stadium.

The Saints won the coin toss and deferred. After the clubs traded punts for their first two possessions, Carolina jumped out to a 7-0 lead compliments of a 50-yard touchdown pass on a halfback option play from running back **Christian McCaffrey** to tight end **Chris Manhertz**. New Orleans started pushing back when running back **Alvin Kamara** returned the kickoff 50 yards, setting up a 46-yard field goal by kicker **Wil Lutz**.

In a drive that spanned the first and second quarters and went 12 plays and 69 yards, Lutz drilled his second field goal on a 24-yard kick and tied the franchise record for consecutive kicks (25) with Morten Andersen. Towards the end of the quarter the two clubs traded interceptions and the Panthers went into halftime with a 7-6 lead.

Late in the third quarter, Carolina was speeding towards the end zone on a rush by rookie wide receiver **D.J. Moore**, but at the New Orleans 28-yard line, safety **Vonn Bell** forced a fumble and linebacker **A.J. Klein** picked up the ball at their 16-yard line for his second recovery of the season.

Between the third and fourth quarters, quarterback **Drew Brees** drove the offense 84 yards in 11 plays and Kamara reached the end zone on a 16-yard rush. Although Carolina rookie defensive back **Donte' Jackson** returned a Brees pass for a defensive two-point conversion, the Saints had a 12-9 lead. New Orleans then held on by stopping the Panthers on their two final possessions.

Brees threw for 203 yards and wide receiver **Michael Thomas** had seven receptions for 49 yards to up his franchise-record and NFL-best total to 109 grabs. Defensively, linebacker **Demario Davis** led New Orleans with eight tackles as he reached the century mark for the season, also adding one sack and two passes defended.

**WEEK 16: New Orleans Saints 31, Pittsburgh Steelers 28; December 23, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome –** The Saints clinched the NFC's number one seed for the postseason in their third consecutive victory, defeating the Steelers at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

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The Steelers won the coin toss and elected to receive. After the Saints forced a Pittsburgh punt, Saints quarterback **Taysom Hill** tossed an interception on a long pass intended for wide receiver **Ted Ginn Jr.** The Steelers would drive for a field goal to get the early lead, but then quarterback **Drew Brees** engineered a six-play, 75-yard drive that ended with a one-yard rushing touchdown by running back **Mark Ingram II.**

Steelers kicker **Chris Boswell** drilled his second field goal of the contest at the start of the second quarter, but New Orleans responded with an eight-play, 75-yard drive that ended with an eight-yard rushing touchdown by running back **Alvin Kamara.** The club's then traded punts, but despite punter **Thomas Morstead** placing a punt out of bounds at the Steelers' three-yard line, Pittsburgh quarterback **Ben Roethlisberger** completed a 15-play, 97-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown to running back **Jaylen Samuels** followed by a two-point conversion completion to wide receiver **Eli Rogers** to tie the game. However, Brees completed a pass to Kamara for a 31-yard gain that left time and range for kicker **Wil Lutz** to drill a 43-yard field goal, setting a team mark with his 26th consecutive successful kick.

New Orleans got the ball coming out the half and Kamara ended a 11-play, 75-yard drive with a one-yard rushing touchdown. Pittsburgh answered on the next drive though with Roethlisberger completing a three-yard touchdown to wide receiver **Antonio Brown,** followed by a New Orleans punt and a 20-yard touchdown pass to Brown to give the Steelers a 28-24 edge.

Following a Saints three-and-out that spanned into the fourth quarter, New Orleans safety **Kurt Coleman** forced Steelers running back **Stevan Ridley** to fumble on a third-and-two situation, with defensive end **Alex Okafor** recovering. However New Orleans' momentum was stopped when a 50-yard field goal attempt by Lutz was blocked. On Pittsburgh's next possession, linebacker **Craig Robertson** successfully snuffed out a fake punt attempt to give the Saints the ball back at the Pittsburgh 46. On a fourth-and-two, Steelers cornerback **Joe Haden** was assessed a pass interference infraction, giving the Saints new life. The next game-turning play was a 25-yard completion from Brees to Ginn on third-and-20. Two plays later, the signal-caller completed a two-yard touchdown to wide receiver **Michael Thomas** to give the Saints the 31-28 lead. Pittsburgh got the ball back and Roethlisberger led the Steelers to the New Orleans 42 after an illegal contact penalty assessed to linebacker **Alex Anzalone** with 41 seconds left, but on a

completion to Steelers wide receiver **JuJu Smith-Schuster,** defensive tackle **Sheldon Rankins** stripped the ball and it was recovered by linebacker **Demario Davis** to preserve the win

- New Orleans took down Roethlisberger three times to up their sack total for the season to 49, which would tie the season-best for a Sean Payton-coached team.
- For the sixth consecutive contest, the Saints held an opponent scoreless in the fourth quarter.
- Brees completed 27-of-39 passes for 326 yards with one touchdown, zero interceptions and a 103.2 passer rating. Not playing in the season finale, Brees would finish the season with an NFL-record 74.4 completion percentage. Thomas had 11 grabs for 109 yards and the fourth-quarter go-ahead touchdown.

### WEEK 17: Carolina Panthers 33, New Orleans Saints 14; December 30, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome –

With a large number of the Saints' starters watching from the sidelines for most of the contest because the club had already clinched the NFC's number one seed in the playoffs, the Saints ended their regular season 13-3 after the loss in the 2018 finale.

Quarterback **Drew Brees** did not play in a contest for only the third time as a Saint, as fellow starters such as tackle **Terron Armstead,** tackle **Jermon Bushrod,** wide receiver **Ted Ginn Jr.,** tackle **Ryan Ramczyk** and guard **Larry Warford** also sat out.

Carolina quarterback **Kyle Allen** made his first career NFL start and when Carolina got the ball first, he engineered a 11-play, 75-yard drive that ended with him scoring a one-yard rushing touchdown. The Panthers then took a 13-0 lead later in the first quarter when running back **Cameron Artis-Payne** had a 15-yard rushing touchdown.

Trailing 30-0, New Orleans finally got on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter on a nine-yard touchdown pass from quarterback **Teddy Bridgewater** to rookie wide receiver **Tre'Quan Smith** with 13:28 remaining in game. When the Panthers got the ball back, Carolina quarterback **Garrett Gilbert** connected with tight end **Ian Thomas** for a 31-yard completion on second-and-two, setting up a 51-yard field goal. Bridgewater was picked off on the ensuing drive, but the Saints would get on the scoreboard once more with a nine-yard rushing touchdown by quarterback **Taysom Hill.**

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## GAME SUMMARIES

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- Bridgewater had his first start since the 2015 NFC Wild Card Playoff as a member of the Minnesota Vikings and completed 14-of-22 passes for 118 yards with one touch-down and one interception.
- After allowing only three yards per carry in the contest, New Orleans finished the season ranked second in the National Football League in both rush defense and opponent yards per rush (3.6).

**NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF: New Orleans Saints 20, Philadelphia Eagles 14; January 13, 2019 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome** – A stout defensive effort which held Philadelphia scoreless for the final three quarters, combined with a pair of touchdown passes by quarterback **Drew Brees** and a standout, record-breaking performance by wide receiver **Michael Thomas** pushed the Saints one game closer to the Super Bowl, as they beat the Eagles for the second time this season.

Philadelphia jumped out to a 14-0 lead after a 37-yard touchdown pass from quarterback **Nick Foles** to wide receiver **Jordan Matthews** and a quarterback sneak by Foles.

But the Saints rallied in the second quarter, starting on its third play when cornerback **Marshon Lattimore** intercepted Foles at the New Orleans 21-yard line. On the ensuing possession, New Orleans quarterback **Taysom Hill** successfully executed a fourth-and-one running conversion on a fake punt and on fourth and two from the Eagles two-yard line, Brees connected with rookie wide receiver **Keith Kirkwood** to put the Saints on the scoreboard. The Saints got the Eagles off the field two times and kicker **Wil Lutz** put the Saints within four points with 11 seconds left in the first half when he drilled a 45-yard field goal.

Following a Philadelphia three-and-out at the start of the third quarter, Brees and the Saints offense executed an 18-play, 92 yard drive that ate up 11:29 off the clock and ended with a two-yard touchdown pass from the signal-caller to Thomas. The drive which included three third down conversions and overcame three penalties was the longest (by time) scoring drive in the NFL playoffs since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

On New Orleans' first drive of the fourth quarter, running back **Mark Ingram II** rambled for a 36-yard gain to set up a 39-yard field goal by Lutz. However New Orleans' momentum was stopped when a 52-yard field goal attempt by Lutz on the next possession was wide right, giving the Eagles the ball back at their 42-yard line. However on a second-

and-ten-play from the Saints 27, Lattimore picked off Foles at the 19 and returned the ball 14 yards to the 33. A 12-yard rush on third down by running back **Alvin Kamara** with 1:03 left ensured the Saints win.

- After trailing 14-0, the Saints scored the last 20 points of the game. The 14-point comeback is the largest in Saints postseason history, surpassing the 10-point comeback to defeat the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV.
- For the seventh contest in their last eight, the Saints held an opponent scoreless in the fourth quarter.
- Playing in his franchise-record 13<sup>th</sup> playoff game as a Saint and 14<sup>th</sup> postseason contest overall, Brees finished 28-of-38 for 301 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. With the two touchdown passes, Brees moves into a tie with Kurt Warner for seventh in the all-time NFL playoff record books with 31. Additionally, Brees' 28 completions moves his career postseason total to 382, surpassing John Elway and Aaron Rodgers to move into seventh all-time.
- Thomas finished with a Saints' postseason record 171 yards on 12 receptions and added one touchdown. In franchise postseason history, Thomas now stands third in receiving yards with 387, fifth in receptions with 27, and tied for fourth with Jimmy Graham for touchdown receptions with two. In his career, Thomas has played in three postseason games and has recorded at least 85 receiving yards in each.
- The Saints' third quarter 18-play, 92-yard, 11:29 touchdown drive resulting in a Thomas' two-yard touchdown reception is the longest touchdown drive, in terms of time elapsed, in Saints' postseason history. The 18-play drive is also the longest in National Football League postseason play since the 2007 NFC Divisional Playoffs when the Dallas Cowboys had a 20-play touchdown drive against the New York Giants. It was the longest scoring drive by time in a playoff game since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970.

**NFC Championship Game: Los Angeles Rams 26, New Orleans Saints 23; January 20, 2019 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome** – Kicker **Greg Zuerlein** kicked a 57-yard field goal in overtime to give the Los Angeles Rams a 26-23 victory over New Orleans after Saints quarterback **Drew Brees** was picked off at the start of the extra period.

The Rams rallied from a 20-10 deficit in the final quarter and a half of regulation, tying it to Zuerlein's 48-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

Brees attempted to complete a pass on third and ten from the Rams 13-yard line late in the fourth quarter to wide receiver **Tommy Lee Lewis**, but the Saints were forced to kick a 31-yard field goal to take a 23-20 lead with 1:41 left. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**



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With the Rams receiving the ball with 1:41 remaining in regulation at their 25-yard line, quarterback **Jared Goff** completed a two key first down passes to eventually put Los Angeles at New Orleans' 30-yard line to set up the 48-yard game-tying kick.

New Orleans received the first possession of overtime and after Rams linebacker **Mark Barron** was assessed a pass interference penalty, Los Angeles defensive tackle Aaron Donald stopped Saints running back Mark Ingram II for a six-yard loss on the subsequent first down play. On second-and-16, Los Angeles safety **John Johnson** intercepted a tipped throw by Brees at the Rams 46-yard line.

Goff then completed a pass to tight end **Tyler Higbee** for a 12-yard gain to the Saints 42. Saints linebacker **A.J. Klein** then stopped Rams running back **C.J. Anderson** for a three-yard loss at the Saints 45. Goff then completed a six-yard throw to Higbee, which provided the range for Zuerlein's game-winning kick, which denied New Orleans' shot at Super Bowl LIII and ended their 2018 season.

## HONORS

### FEDEX AIR PLAYER OF THE WEEK NFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 3: QB DREW BREES

#### **New Orleans Saints 43, Atlanta Falcons 37 @ Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Sept. 23, 2018**

Brees completed 39-of-49 passes (79.6%) for 396 yards, two touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns tying his single-game career high. Brees became the only player to have 350 passing yards, three touchdown passes, two rushing touchdowns and zero interceptions in a contest. With 396 yards passing, Brees recorded his 104th 300-yard game as a Saint, 111<sup>th</sup> overall. With his career-high tying 39 completions, Brees surpassed Brett Favre (6,300) and is now the National Football League's all-time leader in completions.

### NFC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 4: LB DEMARIO DAVIS

#### **New Orleans Saints 33, New York Giants 18 @ MetLife Stadium, Sept. 30, 2018**

Recorded a team-high 11 tackles (nine solo), his highest total and solo total as a Saint to this date and tied a career-high with two sacks for loss of 17 yards.

### NFC SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER: K WIL LUTZ

Lutz drilled 10-of-11 field goals, all 11 extra point attempts and had 17 of his kickoffs sail into the end zone for touchbacks as he led the National Football League in scoring (41 points) through Week Four.

### FEDEX GROUND PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 4: RB ALVIN KAMARA

#### **New Orleans Saints 33, New York Giants 18 @ MetLife Stadium, Sept. 30, 2018**

Started and carried a career-high 19 times for career-high 134 yards with a career-high three touchdowns and added five receptions for 47 yards for 181 total yards from scrimmage. Became only the third Saint in team history to have 180 or more total yards from scrimmage in back-to-back weeks.

### FEDEX AIR PLAYER OF THE WEEK NFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 5: QB DREW BREES

#### **New Orleans Saints 43, Washington Redskins 19 @ Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Oct. 8, 2018**

Completed 26-of-29 passes for 363 yards, three touchdowns, zero interceptions and a 153.2 passer rating. Had a career-high 89.7% completion percentage. With his second quarter 62-yard touchdown pass to rookie wide receiver **Tre'Quan Smith**, Brees surpassed Peyton Manning to become the National Football League's all-time passing yardage leader, finishing the contest with 72,103 career passing yards.

### NFC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 8: CB P.J. WILLIAMS

#### **New Orleans Saints 30, Minnesota Vikings 10 @ U.S. Bank Stadium, Oct. 28, 2018**

Williams' third quarter 45-yard interception return for a touchdown, the first touchdown of his National Football League career, gave New Orleans a 27-13 lead in the contest. This was Williams' first NFC Defensive Player of the Week award the second by a Saint this season, joining linebacker Demario Davis in Week Four. It is the first time two different Saints defenders have captured the honor since 2009.

## HONORS

### NFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 9: WR MICHAEL THOMAS

**New Orleans Saints 45, Los Angeles Rams 35 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome, Nov. 4, 2018**

Thomas started and finished with 12 receptions for 211 receiving yards, including a fourth quarter career-long 72-yard touchdown catch. His 211 receiving yards sets a new Saints record, breaking the previous club record of 205 yards held by Wes Chandler set against Atlanta on Sept. 2, 1979.

### FEDEX AIR PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 9: QB DREW BREES

**New Orleans Saints 45, Los Angeles Rams 35 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome, Nov. 4, 2018**

Finished 25 of 36 passing for 346 yards, his fourth 300-yard passing game of the season with four touchdowns, zero interceptions and a 137.0 rating. It was Brees' first four-touchdown game since Dec. 18, 2016 at Arizona.

### FORD TOUGH/NFL.COM OFFENSIVE LINE OF THE WEEK

#### WEEK 10: SAINTS OFFENSIVE LINE

**New Orleans Saints 51, Cincinnati Bengals 14 @ Paul Brown Stadium, Nov. 11, 2018**

Offensive line blocked for an offense that gained 509 total net yards, including a season-high 244 on the ground and did not surrender a sack for the third consecutive week.

### FEDEX AIR PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 11: QB DREW BREES

**New Orleans Saints 48, Philadelphia Eagles 7 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome, Nov. 18, 2018**

Finished 22 of 30 for 363 yards with four touchdowns, zero interceptions and a 153.2 rating. It was Brees' second four-touchdown game of the season.

### PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK WEEK 11: WR TRE'QUAN SMITH

**New Orleans Saints 48, Philadelphia Eagles 7 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome, Nov. 18, 2018**

Caught ten passes for 157 yards, hauling in a 15-yard TD.

### NFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER: QB DREW BREES

In the first four contests of the month, Brees completed 84-of-113 passes for 1,145 yards with 15 touchdowns, only one interception and a 142.1 rating in leading the Saints to a 4-0 mark. Led NFL during the four-game period in TD passes, passer rating and Passing TD percentage (13.3%).

### NFC SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK WEEK 14: QB TAYSOM HILL

**New Orleans Saints 28, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 14 @ Raymond James Stadium, Dec. 9, 2018**

Hill's third quarter blocked punt helped set up a touchdown that started the erasing of a 14-3 deficit. It was the first blocked punt of Hill's career.

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS MAN OF THE YEAR: RB MARK INGRAM II

2018 team winner and team nominee for Walter Payton National Football League Man of the Year for dedication to the community and charitable endeavors and excellent play on the field.

### 2018 ED BLOCK COURAGE AWARD: T JERMON BUSHROD

In a vote by his teammates, Bushrod was honored as the club's 2018 recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award, which is presented to a player from all 32 National Football League teams who best exemplifies the principles of sportsmanship and courage. The award is presented to players who conduct themselves as role models in their community.

### PRO BOWL

T **Terron Armstead**, QB **Drew Brees**, DE **Cameron Jordan**, RB **Alvin Kamara**, G **Andrus Peat**, WR **Michael Thomas**, G **Larry Warford** and C **Max Unger**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS All-PRO:** T **Terron Armstead** (second-team), QB **Drew Brees** (second-team), DE **Cameron Jordan** (second-team), T **Ryan Ramsey** (second-team) and WR **Michael Thomas** (first-team).

## HONORS

### JIM FINKS MEDIA APPRECIATION AWART: DT SHEL- DON RANKINS

In a vote by the New Orleans Media, Rankins was honored for the second consecutive season for his consistent cooperation with local media.

### COMMITTEE OF 101 NFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: QB DREW BREES

### THE SPORTING NEWS ALL-PRO: T TERRON ARM- STEAD, QB DREW BREES and WR MICHAEL THOMAS

### PFWA AII-NFL: WR MICHAEL THOMAS

### PFWA AII-NFC: T TERRON ARMSTEAD, QB DREW BREES, DE CAMERON JORDAN, WR MICHAEL THOM- AS, CB MARSHON LATTIMORE

### PFWA AII-ROOKIE: DE MARCUS DAVENPORT.

### PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR: P THOMAS MORSTEAD

### PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS ALL-PRO: T TERRON ARM- STEAD (second-team), QB DREW BREES (second- team), RB ALVIN KAMARA (Flex second-team), K WIL LUTZ (second-team), P THOMAS MORSTEAD (first- team), WR MICHAEL THOMAS (first-team), T RYAN RAMCZYK (second-team).

### BLEACHER REPORT AII-PRO: WR MICHAEL THOMAS

### CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL: S STEVE GLEASON

## TRANSACTIONS *(July 18—Sept. 21)*

### JULY

18 – Signed RB **Shane Vereen** and waived/injured RB **Daniel Lasco**.

19 – Placed RB **Daniel Lasco** on Reserve/PUP.

24 – Placed WR **Brandon Coleman** on Reserve/PUP.

26 – Placed TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** on Reserve/NFI.

### AUGUST

1 – Signed WR **Michael Floyd**, WR **Brandon Tate** and OL **Don Barclay**, activated TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** from Reserve/NFI. Waived/injured WRs **Josh Smith**, **Travin Dural** and **Eldridge Massington**.

2 – Placed WRs **Josh Smith**, **Travin Dural** and **Eldridge Massington** on Injured Reserve.

4 – Reached an injury settlement with WR **Josh Smith**.

5 – Reached an injury settlement with WR **Eldridge Massington**. Signed DB **Rickey Jefferson** and TE **John Phillips**. Waived/failed physical WR **Brandon Coleman** and waived/injured OL **John Fullington**.

6 – Placed OL **John Fullington** on Injured Reserve.

10 – Reached an injury settlement with OL **John Fullington**.

11 – Waived CB **De’Vante Harris**.

12 – Signed DBs **Robert Nelson Jr.** and **Marcus Williams**. Waived G **Trevor Darling**.

21 – Terminated contract of RB **Terrance West**. Waived WR **Josh Huff**. Waived/injured S **Rickey Jefferson**.

22 – Placed S **Rickey Jefferson** on Injured Reserve.

29 – Acquired QB **Teddy Bridgewater** from the New York Jets and signed WR **Tanner McEvoy**.

### SEPTEMBER

1 – Waived QB **J.T. Barrett**, LBs **Jayrone Elliott** and **KeShun Freeman**, TE **Garrett Griffin**, DT **Woodrow Hamilton IV**, DB **Natrell Jamerson**, DE **Alex Jenkins**, LBs **Colton Jumper** and **Hau’oli Kikaha**, WR **Keith Kirkwood**, OL **Rick Leonard**, WR **Tanner McEvoy**, DL **Henry Mondeaux**, DB **Kamrin Moore**, DE **Al-Quadin Muhammad**, DB **Linden Stephens**, G **Andrew Tiller**, OL **Landon Turner**, RB **Jonathan Williams**, OL **Nate Wozniak** and TE **Deon Yelder**. Waived/injured DB **Sharrod Neasman**. Terminated G **Don Barclay**, DT **Jason Bromley**, WR **Michael Floyd**, DE **George Johnson**, G **Josh LeRibeus**, DB **Robert Nelson Jr.**, OL **Michael Ola**, TE **John Phillips**, QB **Tom Savage**, WR **Brandon Tate** and CB **Marcus Williams**. Traded DL **Devaroe Lawrence** to Cleveland in exchange for future considerations. Placed TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** and RB **Shane Vereen** on Injured Reserve. RB **Mark Ingram II** placed on Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner.

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**TRANSACTIONS** (Sept. 2 — Nov. 28)**SEPTEMBER**

2 – Agreed to terms on practice squad contracts with QB **J.T. Barrett**, LB **Vince Biegel**, TE **Garrett Griffin**, DT **Woodrow Hamilton**, DE **Alex Jenkins**, WR **Keith Kirkwood**, T **Rick Leonard**, RBs **Dwayne Washington** and **Jonathan Williams**, OL **Nate Wozniak** and TE **Deon Yelder**. Placed DB **Sharrod Neasman** on Injured Reserve.

3 – Signed RB **Mike Gillislee**, re-signed G **Josh LeRibeus**, waived RB **Trey Edmunds**, terminated contract of LB **Nate Stupar** and reached injury settlement with DB **Sharrod Neasman**.

5 – Re-signed T **Michael Ola** to a one-year contract and waived RB **Boston Scott**.

6 – Reached an injury settlement with RB **Shane Vereen**.

7 – Signed RB **Boston Scott** to the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett**.

8 – Promoted RB **Jonathan Williams** to active roster from practice squad, terminated contract of OL **Jermon Bushrod** and re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to the practice squad.

12 – Re-signed T **Jermon Bushrod** and terminated T **Michael Ola**.

19 – Re-signed DT **Jay Bromley**, placed WR **Tommy Lee Lewis** on Injured Reserve, signed LB **Darnell Sankey** to practice squad and terminated practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett**.

21 – Promoted LB **Vince Biegel** to the active roster from the practice squad, waived CB **Arthur Maulet** and re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to the practice squad.

26 – Re-signed WR **Brandon Tate**, placed CB **Patrick Robinson** on Injured Reserve, terminated practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett** and signed CB **Arrion Springs** to the practice squad.

27 – Terminated practice squad contract of DT **Woodrow Hamilton**. Signed DT **Thomas Lauile** to practice squad.

28 – Promoted RB **Dwayne Washington** to the active roster from the practice squad, waived RB **Jonathan Williams** and re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to the practice squad.

**OCTOBER**

1 – Suspension of RB **Mark Ingram** lifted by commissioner.

4 – Terminated the practice squad contracts of QB **J.T.**

**Barrett**, T **Rick Leonard**, CB **Arrion Springs** and TE **Deon Yelder**, signed WR **Tanner McEvoy**, G **Will Holden**, CB **Darius Hillary** and S **Chris Lammons** to the practice squad, terminated DT **Jay Bromley** and WR **Brandon Tate** and signed CBs **Demetri Goodson** and **Josh Robinson**.

7 – Activated RB **Mark Ingram** from roster exemption and terminated contract of RB **Mike Gillislee**.

**OCTOBER**

17 – Re-signed DT **Jay Bromley**, terminated CB **Demetri Goodson**, signed DB **Chris Campbell** and WR **Shane Wynn** to practice squad and terminated practice squad contracts of DB **Darius Hillary** and WR **Tanner McEvoy**.

18 – Re-signed OL **Michael Ola** and placed WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** on Injured Reserve.

20 – Re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to practice squad and the terminated practice squad contract of DB **Chris Lammons**.

23 – Acquired CB **Eli Apple** from Giants in exchange for a fourth round draft pick in 2019 and a 2020 seventh round draft choice. Placed DT **Jay Bromley** on Injured Reserve.

24 – Signed OL **Chaz Green**. Placed G **Josh LeRibeus** on Injured Reserve. Signed G **Landon Turner** to practice squad. Terminated practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett**.

27 – Terminated the practice squad contract of G **Landon Turner**. Re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to the practice squad.

**NOVEMBER**

7 – Agreed to a one-year contract with WR **Dez Bryant**.

8 – Placed WR **Cameron Meredith** on Injured Reserve,

10 – Promoted WR **Keith Kirkwood** to active roster from practice squad and placed WR **Dez Bryant** on Injured Reserve.

12 – Agreed to terms on one-year contract with WR **Brandon Marshall**

13 – Waived S **J.T. Gray**.

14 – Signed S **J.T. Gray** to the practice squad.

21 – Waived G/G **Chaz Green** and activated WR **Tommy Lee Lewis** from Injured Reserve.

26 – Terminated practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett** and re-signed CB **Arthur Maulet** to practice squad.

28 – Re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to practice squad and terminated the practice squad contract of G **Will Holden**.

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**TRANSACTIONS** (Dec. 5—Jan. 21)**DECEMBER**

**5** – Signed G **Isaiah Williams** to the practice squad and terminated the practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett**.

**8** – Re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to the practice squad and terminated the practice squad contact of G **Isaiah Williams**.

**11** – Signed T **Derek Newton** and placed T **Michael Ola** on Injured Reserve.

**12** – Re-signed G **Isaiah Williams** to the practice squad, waived WR **Brandon Marshall**, terminated the practice squad contract of RB **Boston Scott** (signed to Eagles roster) and claimed TE **Erik Swoope** off waivers from Indianapolis.

**13** – Signed RB **Martez Carter** to the practice squad and terminated the practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett**.

**14** – Signed WR **Simmie Cobbs** to the active roster from the Washington practice squad and waived TE **Erik Swoope**.

**17** – Terminated the practice squad contract of RB **Martez Carter** and re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to the practice squad.

**19** – Terminated the practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett** and re-signed RB **Martez Carter** to the practice squad.

**20** – Waived T **Derek Newton** and signed T **Cornelius Lucas**.

**22** – Waived T **Cornelius Lucas** and activated WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** from Injured Reserve.

**27** – Waived DL **Mitchell Loewen** and CB **Josh Robinson** and re-signed T **Cornelius Lucas** and T **Derek Newton**.

**29** – Terminated the practice squad contract of RB **Martez Carter** and re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to the practice squad.

**JANUARY**

**1** – Re-signed CB **Iosh Robinson** to practice squad and waived T **Cornelius Lucas**.

**2** – Signed DL **Henry Mondeaux** to the practice squad and terminated the practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett**.

**12** – Signed TE **Garrett Griffin** to the active roster from the practice squad, re-signed QB **J.T. Barrett** to the practice squad and placed WR **Simmie Cobbs Jr.** on Injured Reserve.

**16** – Signed DT **Tyrunn Walker** and placed DT **Sheldon**

**Rankins** on Injured Reserve. Signed WR **Paul Turner** to the practice squad and terminated the practice squad contract of QB **J.T. Barrett**.

**16** – Terminated practice squad contract of WR **Paul Turner**.

**21** – Signed QB **J.T. Barrett**, DB **Chris Campbell**, DB **J.T. Gray**, DT **Tomasi Laulile**, LB **Darnell Sankey** and OL **Nate Wozniak** to reserve/future contracts.

**2018 SCHEDULE/RESULTS****REGULAR SEASON**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result/Time</u>
<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS</b>	<b>L, 40-48</b>
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>CLEVELAND BROWNS</b>	<b>W, 21-18</b>
Sept. 23	@Atlanta Falcons	W, 43-37 OT
Sept. 30	@New York Giants	W, 33-18
<b>Oct. 8</b>	<b>WASHINGTON REDSKINS</b>	<b>W, 43-19</b>
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Oct. 21	@Baltimore Ravens	W, 24-23
Oct. 28	@Minnesota Vikings	W, 30-20
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES RAMS</b>	<b>W, 45-35</b>
Nov. 11	@Cincinnati Bengals	W, 51-14
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>PHILADELPHIA EAGLES</b>	<b>W, 48-7</b>
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>ATLANTA FALCONS</b>	<b>W, 31-17</b>
Nov. 29	@Dallas Cowboys	L, 10-13
Dec. 9	@Tampa Bay Buccaneers	W, 28-14
Dec. 17	@Carolina Panthers	W, 12-9
<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH STEELERS</b>	<b>W, 31-28</b>
<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>CAROLINA PANTHERS</b>	<b>L, 14-30</b>

**POSTSEASON**

<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>PHILADELPHIA EAGLES</b>	<b>W, 20-14</b>
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES RAMS</b>	<b>L, 23-26 OT</b>

## **TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL RECORDS SET OR TIED IN 2018**

### TEAM SINGLE-GAME RECORDS SET OR TIED IN 2018

<u>Category</u>	<u>Previous Record</u>	<u>New Record</u>
First Downs Rushing	19, at Seattle, 11/21/76	20, at Buffalo, 11/12/17
Rushing Touchdowns	5, at Tampa Bay, 10/14/79	6, at Buffalo, 11/12/17
Scoring, Quarter	28, two other times	28, at Cincinnati, 11/11/18 (2nd quarter)

### INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME RECORDS SET OR TIED IN 2018

<u>Category</u>	<u>Previous Record</u>	<u>New/Old Record</u>
Rushing Touchdowns*	3, 11 other times	Alvin Kamara, 3, at NY Giants, 9/30/18
Receptions	14, Tony Galbreath, at GB, 9/10/78	Michael Thomas, 16, vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18
Receiving Yards	205, Wes Chandler, vs. Atlanta, 9/2/79	Michael Thomas, 211, vs. LA Rams, 11/4/18

### TEAM SEASON RECORDS SET OR TIED IN 2018

<u>Category</u>	<u>Previous Record</u>	<u>New Record</u>
Completion Percentage #	72.0, 2017	73.4, 2018
Fewest Turnovers*	16, 2017	16, 2018

#-NFL Record

\*-Tied record

### INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS SET OR TIED IN 2017

<u>Category</u>	<u>Previous Record</u>	<u>New/Old Record</u>
Touchdowns*	18, Dalton Hilliard, 1989	18, Alvin Kamara, 2018
Rushing Touchdowns	13, Three times	14, Alvin Kamara, 2018
Receptions	104, Michael Thomas, 2017	125, Michael Thomas, 2018
Completion Percentage#	72.0, Drew Brees, 2017	74.4, Drew Brees, 2018
Two-point Conversions*	3, Reggie Bush, 2007	3, Alvin Kamara, 2018

\*-Tied record

#-NFL Record

### INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS SET OR TIED IN 2018

<u>Category</u>	<u>Previous Record</u>	<u>New/Old Record</u>
Most Seasons*	13, seven players	13, Drew Brees 2006-
Most Games	196, Morten Andersen, 1982-94	205, Drew Brees 2006-
Rushing Touchdowns	49, Deuce McAllister, 2001-09	50, Mark Ingram II, 2011-
Two-point conversions	3, Three times	4, Alvin Kamara, 2017-

\*-Tied record

**TEAM NOTES****NEW ORLEANS SAINTS POSTSEASON SUMMARY**

The Saints earned their first championship with a 31-17 win over Indianapolis in Super Bowl XLIV and have an 9-11 overall record in the postseason. 2018 marked the 12th time overall and seventh under Head Coach **Sean Payton** the Saints qualified for the postseason The Saints have enjoyed their greatest postseason success in the Payton era with a 8-6 record (.571).

Below is a list of New Orleans' all-time playoff results, with Payton's appearances in bold. Overall, the Saints have faced 11 different teams in the postseason and have a winning record against five of those opponents and a losing record versus five teams:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Result</u>
1/3/88	Minnesota	NFC Wild Card	L, 10-44
1/6/91	at Chicago	NFC Wild Card	L, 6-16
12/28/91	Atlanta	NFC Wild Card	L, 20-27
1/3/93	Phil.	NFC Wild Card	L, 20-36
12/30/00	Rams	NFC Wild Card	W, 31-28
1/6/01	at Minn.	NFC Divisional	L, 16-34
<b>1/13/07</b>	<b>Phil.</b>	<b>NFC Divisional</b>	<b>W, 27-24</b>
<b>1/21/07</b>	<b>at Chicago</b>	<b>NFC Champ.</b>	<b>L, 14-39</b>
<b>1/16/10</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>NFC Divisional</b>	<b>W, 45-14</b>
<b>1/24/10</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>NFC Champ.</b>	<b>W, 31-28 OT</b>
<b>2/7/10</b>	<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>SB XLIV</b>	<b>W, 31-17</b>
1/8/11	at Seattle	NFC Wild Card	L, 36-41
1/7/12	Detroit	NFC Wild Card	W, 45-28
1/14/12	at SF	NFC Divisional	L, 32-36
1/4/14	at Phil.	NFC Wild Card	W, 26-24
1/11/14	at Seattle	NFC Divisional	L, 15-23
1/7/18	Carolina	NFC Wild Card	W, 31-26
1/14/18	at Minnesota	NFC Divisional	L, 24-29
1/13/18	Phil.	NFC Divisional	W, 20-14
1/20/19	LA Rams	NFC Champ.	L, 23-26 OT

**2018 SAINTS EXPERIENCE IN THE PLAYOFFS**

Below is a rundown of the playoff experience by the 53-man roster of the 2018 New Orleans Saints. 45 players have appeared in a Saints playoff game while 16 have also appeared in playoff games with other teams:

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE AS SAINTS (45)**

**14 games (1)** - QB **Drew Brees**.

**12 games (1)** - P **Thomas Morstead**.

**8 games (2)** - T **Jermon Bushrod**, DE **Cameron Jordan**.

**6 games (3)** - T **Terron Armstead**, TE **Josh Hill**, RB **Mark Ingram II**.

**4 games (20)** - S **Chris Banjo**, S **Vonn Bell**, CB **Ken Crawley**, DT **Tyeler Davison**, WR **Ted Ginn Jr.**, DB **Justin Hardee**, QB **Taysom Hill**, RB **Alvin Kamara**, CB **Marshon Lattimore**, WR **Tommylee Lewis**, FB **Zach Line**, K **Wil Lutz**, DT **David Ornyemata**, T **Ryan Ramczyk**, LB **Craig Robertson**, WR **Michael Thomas**, C **Max Unger**, G **Larry Warford**, S **Marcus Williams**, CB **P.J. Williams**, LS **Zach Wood**.

**3 games (4)** - DE **Trey Hendrickson**, G/T **Andrus Peat**, LB **Manti Te'o**, TE **Benjamin Watson**

**2 games (12)** - CB **Eli Apple**, WR **Austin Carr**, LB **Alex Anzalone**, LB **Vince Biegel**, DE **Marcus Davenport**, LB **Demario Davis**, TE **Garrett Griffin**, DE **Alex Okafor**, WR **Tre'Quan Smith**, DL **Taylor Stallworth** and C **Cameron Tom**

**1 game (2)** - TE **Dan Arnold**, WR **Keith Kirkwood**

**SAINTS WITH POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE ON OTHER TEAMS (16)**

**14 games (1)** - WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** (Miami San Francisco, Carolina, Arizona)

**9 games (1)** - TE **Benjamin Watson** (New England)

**8 games (1)** - C **Max Unger** (Seattle)

**6 games (1)** - S **Kurt Coleman** (Philadelphia, Carolina)

**5 games (2)** - S **Chris Banjo** (Green Bay), T **Derek Newton** (Houston)

**4 games (1)** - LB **A.J. Klein** (Carolina)

**2 games (3)** - DB **Josh Robinson** (Minnesota), LB **Manti Te'o** (San Diego), DT **Tyrann Walker** (Detroit and Rams)

**1 game (7)** - CB **Eli Apple** (NY Giants), T **Jermon Bushrod** (Miami), QB **Drew Brees** (San Diego), QB **Teddy Bridgewater** (Minnesota), FB **Zach Line** (Minnesota), G **Larry Warford** (Detroit), RB **Dwayne Washington** (Detroit)

**SAINTS WITH NO POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE (1)**

C/G **Will Clapp**.

## TEAM NOTES

### NEXT YEARS OPPONENTS

Below are the 2019 opponents of the Saints. New Orleans takes on a 2019 schedule that features six 2018 playoff participants (Houston, Indianapolis, Seattle, Dallas, Los Angeles Rams and Chicago) and one additional club that posted a winning mark (Tennessee).

Home	Away
Atlanta	Atlanta
Carolina	Carolina
Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Houston	Chicago
Indianapolis	Tennessee
Dallas	Seattle
Arizona	Jacksonville
San Francisco	Los Angeles Rams

### SAINTS TEAM CAPTAINS

Following a player vote, team captains for 2018 were elected prior to Week 1, with a pair of first time team captains. The offense was led by T **Terron Armstead**, QB **Drew Brees** and C **Max Unger**, with Armstead voted for the first time. The defense was directed by LB **Demario Davis** and DE **Cameron Jordan**, with Davis selected for the first time. LB **Craig Robertson** will lead the special teams. New Orleans' six captains have a combined 56 years of NFL experience and 14 Pro Bowl selections between them.

#### 2018 Saints Captains

Offense	Defense	Special Teams
QB Drew Brees	LB Demario Davis	LB Craig Robertson
T Terron Armstead	DE Cameron Jordan	
C Max Unger		

### FAMILY TIES

Numerous Saints players, coaches and player personnel department staffers are not the only members of their families to make a name for themselves in pro football. No fewer than 16 Saints players, coaches or front office personnel have relatives who have played, coached or served in the front office in the NFL.

**Defensive Coordinator Dennis Allen** - late father, Grady, played linebacker for the Atlanta Falcons from 1968-72.

**Offensive Coordinator Pete Carmichael** - Late father,

Pete, served as an assistant coach in the NFL from 1994-2003 with the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Chicago Bears.

**Quarterbacks Coach Joe Lombardi** - The grandson of Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Vince Lombardi, who led Green Bay and Washington and was an assistant for the New York Giants.

**Secondary Coach Aaron Glenn** - Younger brother, Jason, was a linebacker and sixth-round draft pick of the Lions in the 2001 NFL Draft, playing six seasons in the NFL with the Jets, Dolphins and Vikings.

**Linebackers Coach Mike Nolan** - Father, Dick, played safety in the NFL for nine years before becoming a coach. He led the 49ers from 1968 to 1975 and was the head coach of the Saints from 1978 to 1980 after serving as an assistant to Hank Stram from 1976-77.

**Asst. GM/College Scouting Dir. Jeff Ireland** - Stepson of Chiefs Hall of Fame LB/C E.J. Holub and the grandson of former Eagles RB and Bears personnel executive Jim Parmer.

**National Scout Terry Wooden** - Brother, JoJo, is Director of Player Personnel for the Los Angeles Chargers.

**Cornerback Ken Crawley** - Cousin, Stephon Morris, spent the 2012 season with the New England Patriots.

**Running Back Mark Ingram II** - Father, Mark Ingram Sr., was a 10-year NFL veteran who played for the Giants, Dolphins, Packers and Eagles.

**Defensive End Cameron Jordan** - Father, Steve, had a 13-year career at tight end the Minnesota Vikings, with six Pro Bowl selections.

**Defensive Lineman Mitchell Loewen** - Father, Chuck, played on the offensive line for San Diego from 1980-84.

**Defensive End Alex Okafor** - Cousin Eric Alexander was a seven-year NFL veteran for three teams.

**Tackle/Guard Andrus Peat** - Father, Todd, played six seasons with the Cardinals and the Raiders.

**Wide Receiver Michael Thomas** - Uncle, Keyshawn Johnson, is a former wide receiver himself, spending 11 seasons in the NFL with the Jets, Buccaneers, Cowboys and Panthers, earning three Pro Bowls and the Super Bowl XXXVII title.

**Area Scout Scott Campbell** - Late father, Marion was former head coach of the Falcons and also a longtime assistant coach.

**Area Scout Joey Vitt** - Father, Joe is a longtime NFL coach, including serving as assistant head coach/linebackers of the Saints from 2006-16.

**Scouting Assistant Matt Phillips** - Father, Ted is the president/CEO of the Chicago Bears.



## TEAM NOTES

### COACHES IN THE NFL

Seven members of the 2018 New Orleans Saints coaching staff have prior playing experience in the National Football League.

Head Coach **Sean Payton** - Played quarterback for the Chicago Bears in 1987.

Special Teams Coordinator **Bradford Banta** - A fourth round (106th overall) draft pick of the Indianapolis Colts in 1994 out of the University of Southern California and played in 156 career games, primarily a long snapper and tight end with the Colts, New York Jets, Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills

Assistant Head Coach/Tight Ends **Dan Campbell** - A third round draft pick of the New York Giants in 1999 out of Texas A&M, who appeared in 114 games with 75 starts for the Giants, Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions, where he posted career totals of 91 receptions for 934 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Assistant Wide Receivers Coach **Ronald Curry** - A seventh round draft pick (235th overall) of the Oakland Raiders in 2002 out of the University of North Carolina and played for the Raiders from 2002-08, appearing in 76 games with 32 starts, registering 193 receptions for 2,347 yards with 13 touchdowns.

Secondary Coach **Aaron Glenn** - The 12th overall pick of the New York Jets in 1994 out of Texas A&M and started 176 of 205 games the Jets, Houston Texans, Dallas Cowboys, Saints and Jacksonville Jaguars and was a three-time Pro Bowl selection. Glenn recorded 41 interceptions with six brought back for touchdowns, adding a score on a kick return.

Defensive Assistant **Leigh Torrence**— Enjoyed seven-year career with the Atlanta Falcons, Washington and New Orleans for his final four seasons, where he played in 73 games.

Pass Rush Specialist **Brian Young** - Played in the National Football League from 2000-08 with the Rams his first four seasons, who selected him in the fifth round of the 2000 NFL Draft (139th overall) from UTEP and final five with the Saints, playing in 124 career games, recording 22.5 sacks and eight fumble recoveries.

### HONORING TOM BENSON

This season, the Saints honored **Tom Benson**, the club's late Owner from 1985-2018, by wearing a commemorative patch and helmet decal on their uniforms.

Benson, who passed away on March 15, purchased the Saints in 1985. Prior to the purchase the club had never experienced a winning season or playoff berth. During his ownership tenure, the club went to the playoffs 11 times, captured six division titles and won Super Bowl XLIV. Benson was honored with a "TB" patch on the uniforms and decal on the back of the helmet. He was inducted into the team Ring of Honor at halftime of the club's Sept. 9 regular season opener.

### MY HOMETOWN

New Orleans Saints players come from 21 different states, Washington D.C. and Nigeria. Of the 53 players currently on the team's final active roster, the state which claims the most members of the team is Texas with seven (safety Chris Banjo, quarterback Drew Brees, defensive end Marcus Davenport, punter Thomas Morstead, defensive end Alex Okafor, linebacker Craig Robertson and long snapper Zach Wood).

### WINNING STREAKS

After losing the 2018 regular season opener to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans won ten straight games. Under Sean Payton, the Saints have put together two winning streaks of at least ten games, including the club's most recent ten-game run from September 16-November 22. Below is a list of the franchise's winning streaks (regular season) of at least nine games:

**Sept. 13-Dec. 13, 2009—13 games**

**Sept. 16-Nov. 22, 2018-10 games**

**Oct. 18-Dec. 27, 1987—9 games**

**Dec. 23, 1990-Oct. 20, 1991—9 games**

### NO LOSING STREAK

For the fifth time in franchise history, the Saints avoided a losing streak in 2018 during their 13-3 season, the third time under Head Coach **Sean Payton**. The 2018 squad joins the 1987, 1992, 2010 and 2011 teams for never having recorded a losing streak.

### DOUBLE DIGIT WINS

In 2018, posting a 13-3 record, New Orleans has won at least ten games for the seventh time since Payton became head coach after posting double-digit win totals five times from 1967-2005. The Saints posted 13 wins for the third time, all under Payton.

## TEAM NOTES

### FINAL 53-MAN ROSTER FACTS AND FIGURES

**Oldest Saints player:** QB Drew Brees, 40, 1/15/79

**Youngest Saints player:** S Marcus Williams, 22, 9/8/96

**Most Seasons as a Saint:** QB Drew Brees - 13

**Most NFL seasons:** QB Drew Brees, 18

**Most consecutive regular season starts:** DE Cameron Jordan, 113

**Most consecutive regular season games played:** DE Cameron Jordan, 128

**Most playoff experience:** QB Drew Brees, 15 games

**Heaviest Saint:** G Larry Warford, 317

**Tallest Saint:** T/G Andrus Peat, 6-7

**Shortest Saint:** WR Tommylee Lewis, 5-7

**Former first round draft picks:** 10 - CB Eli Apple, QB Teddy Bridgewater, DE Marcus Davenport, WR Ted Ginn Jr., DE Cameron Jordan, RB Mark Ingram II, CB Marshon Lattimore, T/G Andrus Peat, T Ryan Ramczyk, TE Benjamin Watson.

**Pro Bowlers:** 13 - T Terron Armstead, QB Drew Brees, T/G Jermon Bushrod, QB Teddy Bridgewater, RB Mark Ingram II, DE Cameron Jordan, RB Alvin Kamara, CB Marshon Lattimore, P Thomas Morstead, G Andrus Peat, WR Michael Thomas, C Max Unger, G Larry Warford

**Coaches who played in the National Football League:** 7 - Sean Payton, Bradford Banta, Dan Campbell, Ronald Curry, Aaron Glenn, Leigh Torrence, Brian Young

**College with the most Saints:** Ohio State - 6

### IN THE NFC SOUTH

The Saints have the best record among NFC South teams since 2006, a period with five division titles including back-to-back ones from 2017-18, tied with for the most during that time. They've posted a 46-32 mark within the NFC South since 2006.

#### REGULAR SEASON NFC SOUTH TEAM RECORDS

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.601</b>
Atlanta Falcons	112	96	0	.539
Carolina Panthers	109	98	1	.526
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	77	131	0	.370

### ROAD WARRIORS

Since 2006, the New Orleans Saints have posted the fourth-best road record in the National Football League at 57-47 (.548). The Saints finished the 2018 regular season 7-1 on the road with a winning road mark for the first time since 2011, ranked first in the NFC and tied for first in the NFL with the Los Angeles Chargers. It matched the best road record in franchise history with the 7-1 marks in 2000 and 2009, both seasons when New Orleans captured division titles and qualified for the playoffs.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2006

Team	Record
1. New England	73-31
2. Dallas	60-44
3. Pittsburgh	58-45-1
<b>4. New Orleans</b>	<b>57-47</b>
5. Philadelphia	56-48
6. Indianapolis	55-49

Since 2009, with a 45-35 (.563) regular season road mark, the Saints are tied for the third-best road winning percentage.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2009

Team	Record
1. New England	52-28
2. Pittsburgh	45-33-1
<b>3t. New Orleans</b>	<b>45-35</b>
3t. Dallas	45-35

#### TOP 2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS

Team	Record
<b>1t. New Orleans</b>	<b>7-1</b>
1t. LA Chargers	7-1
3. LA Rams	6-2

## TEAM NOTES

### DOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE

Since 2008, the New Orleans Saints have posted a 62-25 home record, ranked fifth in the National Football League, including a 6-2 record in 2018 in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

### NFL REGULAR SEASON HOME RECORDS SINCE 2008

Team	Record
1. New England	76-12
2. Green Bay	65-21-2
3. Pittsburgh	64-24
4. Baltimore	65-23
<b>5. New Orleans</b>	<b>62-26</b>

### INGRAM IS SAINTS WALTER PAYTON MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Running Back Mark Ingram II is the New Orleans Saints Walter Payton Man of the Year Nominee. As the Saints nominee, Jordan was one of 32 players, one from each NFL team, eligible to be selected for the only NFL award that recognizes a player for his community service activities as well as his excellence on the field. This is the first nomination for Ingram.

On the field, Ingram is a valued team leader and offensive cornerstone. He finished the regular season, appearing in 12 games, carrying 138 times for 645 yards (4.7 avg.) with six touchdowns, adding 21 grabs for 170 yards and a 28-yard touchdown in the passing game.

Off the field, Ingram started the Mark Ingram Foundation his rookie season in 2011, with the express goal of helping children who have a parent or both parents in jail.

Every year, the Mark Ingram Foundation teams up with different organizations to help ensure that children with an incarcerated parent can still have a memorable holiday. During the annual holiday giveaway, each child is partnered with a Saints player or a Mark Ingram Foundation Volunteer to choose gifts for themselves and their family.

Ingram through his foundation, has also sponsored an annual back to school giveaway in New Orleans to ensure that every child, regardless of their home environment, has the necessary supplies to be ready and excited to learn.

A native of Flint, Mich., Ingram has also partnered in his hometown to provide athletic jerseys for student-athletes in Flint community schools as well as providing assistance during the Flint water crisis.

In addition to his own initiatives to support children with an incarcerated parent, Ingram has also played an active role in supporting charitable events sponsored by the Saints and his Saints teammates. He also went on an NFL USO Tour to Europe this past spring to visit military stationed in the area.

Ingram's work was recognized by the Volunteers of America with their 2018 Ballington and Maud Booth Award for his work with the children of incarcerated parents through the Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana's Mentoring Children of Promise Program.

### BUSHROD EARNS ED BLOCK COURAGE AWARD

Tackle Jermon Bushrod is the New Orleans Saints 2018 Ed Block Courage Award winner. The award honors one player from each National Football League team that shows courage on and off the field. Bushrod was selected for the award in a vote by his teammates.

Bushrod's teammates voted him as the club's winner based on their respect and admiration for his persistence through an extremely difficult time for him and his family. The 12-year NFL veteran and his wife Jessica, lost their daughter Jordyn Lynn Bushrod on October 18, days after she was born.

Despite the tragic events that have affected Bushrod and his family, Bushrod was there for his teammates as well as them being here for them. Originally a fourth round draft pick of the Saints in 2007 out of Towson, Bushrod spent his first six NFL seasons with the club, rounding into being the club's starting left tackle from 2009-12, being selected to two Pro Bowls during that period. Following stints with the Chicago Bears (2013-15) and Miami Dolphins (2016-17), Bushrod re-signed with the Saints in the offseason. Following an injury to starting left tackle Terron Armstead in a Week 10 game at Cincinnati, Bushrod stepped back into the spot and has opened five contests at the position, with the Saints putting together a 5-1 mark with him playing left tackle.

Off the field, during both tenures with the club, Bushrod has been one of the club's most active players in the community, especially concentrating in areas of education and helping the underprivileged. In his hometown of King George, Va., he also hosts an annual golf tournament and youth football camp to help fund college scholarships for deserving high school students.

The Ed Block Courage Award is named in honor of Ed Block, the longtime head athletic trainer of the Baltimore Colts who was a pioneer in his profession and a respected humanitarian.

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### FRANCHISE-RECORD EIGHT SAINTS SELECTED TO PRO BOWL

Tackle Terron Armstead, Quarterback Drew Brees, defensive end Cameron Jordan, running back Alvin Kamara, tackle Andrus Peat, wide receiver Michael Thomas, center Max Unger and guard Larry Warford were named to the 2019 Pro Bowl. This is the Saints club-record 11th selection for Brees, his 12th overall, the fourth for Jordan, the third for Unger, his first as a Saint, the second for Kamara, Thomas and Warford and the first for Armstead and Peat.

Armstead was selected to his first Pro Bowl in his sixth NFL season. He started ten contests, including the first nine games of the season at left tackle for New Orleans, a period when the offensive line surrendered an NFL-low nine sacks, ranking first in the NFL in scoring (36.7 points per game), fifth in net yards per game (413.9 yards per game), eighth in rushing (126.8 yards per game) and seventh in passing (287.1 yards per game).

It is Brees' 12th Pro Bowl selection overall in his 18-year NFL career and his club-record 11th as a member of the Saints, who he joined in 2006. He was the NFL's leading vote-getter among fans. In 2018, he started the first 15 games and completed 364-of-489 passes (74.4%) for 3,992 yards with 32 touchdowns, only five interceptions and a 115.7 passer rating, ranked first in the league in both completion percentage, where he surpassed his prior NFL record and rating. He has also set a new career-high with four rushing touchdowns. Brees also engineered a league-high seven fourth quarter/overtime game-winning drives.

Brees was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week in Week Three for his performance at Atlanta, when he led them to a 43-37 overtime win. Brees completed 39-of-49 passes for 396 yards with three touchdown passes with zero interceptions, to go with two rushing touchdowns, including the second in overtime to end the contest. He became the only player to have at least 350 passing yards, three touchdown passes, two rushing touchdowns and zero interceptions in a contest. In the game, Brees became the NFL's all-time leader in completions.

Two weeks later vs. Washington, Brees captured conference offensive player of the week honors again as he set another record by becoming the league's all-time passing yardage leader in a 43-19 win on Monday Night Football. He completed 26-of-29 (career-high 89.7% completion percentage) passes for 363 yards, three touchdowns, zero interceptions and a 153.2 rating. In the second quarter on a 62-yard touchdown pass to rookie WR Tre'Quan Smith, Brees became the passing yardage leader.

Brees also shined in the first four contests of November, earning NFC Offensive Player of the Month honors, when he completed 84-of-113 passes for 1,145 yards with 15 touchdowns, only one interception and a 142.1 passer rating in leading the Saints to a 4-0 mark. He led the NFL during the four-game period in touchdown passes, passer rating and passing touchdown percentage (13.3%).

Jordan a four-year team captain and defensive corner-

stone. He finished the regular season with 12 sacks, his fourth season of double-digit takedowns.

Kamara joins George Rogers (1981-82) and Rueben Mayes (1986-87) as the third Saints running back to be named to the Pro Bowl in their first two seasons. Kamara, Rogers, Mayes and Deuce McAllister (2002-03) are the club's four running backs that have been selected multiple times, all twice. In his first two seasons, Kamara has played in 31 games with 16 starts and has carried 314 times for 1,611 yards (5.1 avg.) with 22 touchdowns and recorded 163 receptions for 1,518 yards and nine touchdowns. In 2018, he played in the first 15 games of the season with 13 starts and led the Saints in rushing with 194 carries for 883 yards (4.6 avg.) with 14 touchdowns and finished second on the team in receiving with 82 grabs for 692 yards and four touchdowns. Kamara's career-high 18 total touchdowns tied a team record and ranked second in the NFL. His 14 rushing touchdowns were a club-best all-time and also finished second in the league. His 1,592 total yards from scrimmage ranked seventh in the NFL. Adding 126 kickoff return yards and 82 punt return yards, the Atlanta, Ga. native finished sixth in the league with 1,800 all-purpose yards. In the postseason Kamara added 24 carries for 86 yards and 15 receptions for 131 yards. Also returning six kickoffs for 164 yards (27.3 avg.), Kamara's 381 all-purpose yards was the highest NFL postseason total.

Peat, 6-7, 316, is a four-year NFL veteran who was selected in the first round (13<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft by the Saints out of Stanford. He has opened 55 regular season games and three postseason contests at both left guard and left tackle and has played every offensive line position except for center. In 2018, Peat opened 13 regular season contests and both postseason games, all but the regular season finale (left tackle) at left guard.

Thomas is the first Saints wide receiver to be selected to the Pro Bowl in consecutive seasons since Joe Horn (2001-02) and joins Horn as the only other Saints wideout to have multiple selections. A second round pick in the 2016 NFL Draft (47<sup>th</sup> overall) out of Ohio State, Thomas has followed up a standout first two seasons with a campaign where he led the NFL in receiving with a franchise-record 125 receptions for 1,405 yards and nine touchdowns.

Unger has been selected to the Pro Bowl for the third time in his career and his first since being acquired by New Orleans from the Seattle Seahawks in 2015. He has anchored the middle of an offensive line, starting every game for a unit that has surrendered only 20 sacks, the second-lowest total in the NFL, while blocking for the league's sixth-ranked rushing offense.

Warford, 6-3, 317, is a six-year NFL veteran who was originally selected in the third round (65<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2013 NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions out of Kentucky. After starting all 57 games he appeared in and one postseason contest with the Lions from 2013-16, Warford was signed by New Orleans as an unrestricted free agent in the 2017 off-season and has started all 29 regular season games and four postseason contests he has appeared in for the Black and Gold at left guard. In 2018, he started the first 15 regular season contests and both playoff games and has now been named to his second consecutive Pro Bowl.

# TEAM NOTES

## FIGHTING INJURIES

The Saints also saw a starter or key contributor go down with injury in 11 regular games this season, forcing other players to step up. The run began in Week One when an offensive line lost G **Andrus Peat** with a quad injury that caused him to miss the opener. DT **Tyleler Davison** missed weeks Two and Three with a foot injury with **David Onyemata** substituting. Peat missed Week Three with an ankle injury as **Josh LeRibeus** filled in for him again ably. WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** missed ten weeks following knee surgery was subbed by **Tre'Quan Smith** with LeRibeus filling in. **LT Terron Armstead** suffered a pectoral injury in Week 10 at Cincinnati and **Jermon Bushrod** filled in for him for the next six contests.

In Week 17, **Cameron Tom** filled in for **Larry Warford** (knee) at right guard. In the first half of the NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Philadelphia, **Sheldon Rankins** suffered a season-ending Achilles injury and was replaced by Onyemata. For the NFC Championship Game vs. The Los Angeles Rams, TE **Benjamin Watson** was sidelined by an illness and **Garrett Griffin** filled in for him, scoring his first career touchdown in the contest.

### SAINTS NOTABLE INJURIES

Wk	Opp	Player	Injury	Next Man Up
1	TB	LG Andrus Peat	Quad	Josh LeRibeus
2	Cle.	DT Tyleler Davison	Foot	David Onyemata
3	@Atl.	LG Andrus Peat	Ankle	Josh LeRibeus
5	Was.	WR Ted Ginn Jr. (IR)	Knee	Tre'Quan Smith
7	@Bal.	G Andrus Peat	Concussion	Josh LeRibeus
11	Phi.	T Terron Armstead	Pectoral	Jermon Bushrod
12	Atl.	WR Tre'Quan Smith	Ankle	Tommy Lee Lewis
17	Car.	RG Larry Warford	Knee	Cameron Tom
Chm LAR		DT Sheldon Rankins	Achilles	David Onyemata
Chm LAR		TE Benjamin Watson	Illness	Garrett Griffin

## TIME OF POSSESSION LEADER

The Saints' 31:39 time of possession average was ranked third in the NFL in 2018, improving from seventh in 2017.

### 2018 NFL TIME OF POSSESSION AVERAGE LEADERS

Team	TOP
1. Bal.	32:17
2. Phi.	32:03
3. NO	31:39

## PAYTON'S PLACE AMONG HEAD COACHES

**Sean Payton** has had an impressive run as head coach of the New Orleans Saints for the last 13 seasons.

After the team had captured only two division titles prior to 2006, the club has five under Payton, including back-to-back NFC South titles from 2017-18, the first time the club won their division in back to back seasons.

The franchise has had 13 winning seasons overall in its 52-season history, seven happening under Payton's watch including the 2018 13-3 mark.

Payton the highest winning percentage (.615) and most wins (126) among the 16 Saints head coaches, also tied for 31st all-time in NFL record books.

Payton's the only coach in team history with double-digit win totals in seven seasons, including the 2018 13-3 mark.

### SEAN PAYTON YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACHING BREAKDOWN

Year	Reg. Season	Postseason
2006	10-6	NFC Champ Game (1-1)
2007	7-9	-
2008	8-8	-
2009	13-3	SB XLIV Championship (3-0)
2010	11-5	Wild Card Round (0-1)
2011	13-3	Divisional Round (1-1)
2013	11-5	Divisional Round (1-1)
2014	7-9	-
2015	7-9	-
2016	7-9	-
2017	11-5	Divisional Round (1-1)
2018	13-3	NFC Champ. Game (1-1)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118-74</b>	<b>8-6</b>

### TOP THREE WINNINGEST NEW ORLEANS SAINTS HEAD COACHES

#### (REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)

Coach	W	L	Pct.
<b>Sean Payton</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>.608</b>
Jim Mora	93	78	.544
Jim Haslett	46	52	.469

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Payton's 126 career wins (regular season/postseason) since 2006 ranks fourth among active NFL coaches, third among current NFC coaches and his winning percentage since 2006 is fifth among current coaches.

### WINNING PERCENTAGES AMONG ACTIVE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE COACHES SINCE 2006

(Min. 50 games)

Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
Bill Belichick	181	54	0	.770
Mike Tomlin	132	73	1	.643
Doug Pederson	33	20	0	.623
Pete Carroll	98	60	1	.620
<b>Sean Payton</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.608</b>
John Harbaugh	114	78	0	.594
Andy Reid	130	91	1	.587

### WINNINGEST ACTIVE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE COACHES SINCE 2006

(Min. 50 games)

Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
Bill Belichick	180	54	0	.770
Mike Tomlin	132	73	1	.643
<b>Sean Payton</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.608</b>
John Harbaugh	114	78	0	.594

### NFC SOUTH COACHES RECORDS IN DIVISION PLAY

Payton has the most regular season division wins and top winning percentage by active NFC South coaches in division play since 2006.

Coach	W	L	Pct.
<b>Sean Payton</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>.597</b>
Dan Quinn	14	10	.583
Ron Rivera	26	22	.542

### PAYTON'S REGULAR SEASON RECORD VS. NFC SOUTH TEAMS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	17	7	.708
Tampa Bay	14	10	.583
Carolina	12	12	.500

### PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY SEAN PAYTON

Sean Payton has coached 26 players who have earned 53 Pro Bowl selections as a head coach and assistant with the New Orleans Saints, Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, including a club-record eight selections in 2018 (tackle Terron Armstead, quarterback Drew Brees, defensive end Cameron Jordan, running back Alvin Kamara, Guard Andrus Peat, wide receiver Michael Thomas, center Max Unger and guard Larry Warford).

### PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY SEAN PAYTON AS A HEAD COACH, OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND POSITION COACH

Pos.	Player	Pro Bowls	Years
G	Larry Allen	1	2005
<b>T</b>	<b>Terron Armstead</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>QB</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2006, 08--14, 16-18</b>
T	Jammal Brown	2	2006, 08
<b>T</b>	<b>Jermon Bushrod</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2011</b>
G	Jahri Evans	5	2009-11, 13-14
C	Jonathan Goodwin	1	2009
TE	Jimmy Graham	3	2011, 13-14
G	Ben Grubbs	1	2013
S	Roman Harper	2	2009-10
<b>RB</b>	<b>Mark Ingram II</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2014, 2017</b>
<b>DE</b>	<b>Cameron Jordan</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2013, 2015, 2017-18</b>
<b>RB</b>	<b>Alvin Kamara</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>CB</b>	<b>Marshon Lattimore</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2017-</b>
G	Andrus Peat	1	2018
G	Carl Nicks	2	2010-11
S	Darren Sharper	1	2009
TE	Jeremy Shockey	1	2002
DE	Will Smith	1	2006
T	Jon Stinchcomb	1	2009
G	Ron Stone	2	2000-01
<b>WR</b>	<b>Michael Thomas</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
LB	Jonathan Vilma	2	2009-10
<b>C</b>	<b>Max Unger</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Larry Warford</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2017</b>
TE	Jason Witten	1	2005

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### THE SAINTS WHEN

Below is the regular season record in various situations the New Orleans Saints have compiled under Sean Payton as head coach for 13 season as well as their record under these circumstances in the regular season in 2018 and in the postseason under him.

#### SEAN PAYTON'S REGULAR SEASON RECORD WHEN (2006-11, 2013-)

Leading After First Quarter.....	66-16
Leading at Halftime.....	96-13
Leading After Third Quarter.....	94-11
Saints Score First.....	68-22
Saints 200+ Yards Passing.....	103-65
Opponent Under 200 Yards Passing.....	47-19
Saints Have 100+ Yards Rushing.....	81-24
Forcing 3+ Turnovers.....	31-6
Defense Has 3+ Sacks.....	59-20
Indoors.....	76-46
Outdoors.....	41-29
At Home.....	64-32
On The Road.....	54-42
On Artificial Turf.....	84-49
Scoring 20 Or More Points.....	111-42
Allowing 20 Or Fewer Points.....	73-8
Committing Zero Turnovers.....	39-5

### THE SAINTS IN 2018 WHEN? (REGULAR SEASON)

Leading After First Quarter.....	6-0
Tied After First Quarter.....	5-0
Leading at Halftime.....	9-0
Leading After Third Quarter.....	8-0
Saints Score First.....	7-1
Opponent Scores First.....	6-2
Saints 200+ Yards Passing.....	9-1
Saints Have 100+ Yards Rushing.....	10-1
Recording 0 Takeaways.....	2-2
+ 3 Turnover Margin.....	2-0
+ 2 Turnover Margin.....	2-0
+1 Turnover Margin.....	3-1
Recording 1 Takeaway.....	2-0
Even Turnover Margin.....	3-0
Defense Has 3+ Sacks.....	11-1
Indoors.....	8-2
Outdoors.....	5-1
At Home.....	6-2

On The Road.....	7-1
On Artificial Turf.....	10-3
On Natural Grass.....	2-0
Scoring 20 Or More Points.....	12-1
Allowing 20 Or Fewer Points.....	9-1
Committing Zero Turnovers.....	4-0

#### SEAN PAYTON'S POSTSEASON RECORD WHEN (2006, 2009-11, 2013, 2017-)

Leading After First Quarter.....	3-2
Leading at Halftime.....	2-1
Tied at Halftime.....	1-0
Leading After Third Quarter.....	6-1
Tied After Third Quarter.....	1-0
Saints Score First.....	3-2
Saints 200+ Yards Passing.....	7-6
Opponent Under 200 Yards Passing.....	1-2
Saints Have 100+ Yards Rushing.....	5-1
Forcing 3+ Turnovers.....	1-0
Defense Has 3+ Sacks.....	1-2
Indoors.....	6-2
Outdoors.....	2-4
At Home.....	6-1
On The Road.....	1-5
On Artificial Turf.....	6-2
Scoring 20 Or More Points.....	8-4
Allowing 20 Or Fewer Points.....	3-0
Committing Zero Turnovers.....	3-0

### BUCKING THE ODDS

The New Orleans Saints have a long, proud tradition of finding players as undrafted rookies that make an impact, including a pair in 2018 in wide receiver Keith Kirkwood and defensive tackle Taylor Stallworth:

#### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS PLAYERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE TEAM AS UNDRAFTED ROOKIE FREE AGENTS

PLAYER, SCHOOL	SEASON
TE Josh Hill, Idaho State	2013
CB Ken Crawley, Colorado	2016
TE Garrett Griffin, Air Force	2016
WR Tommylee Lewis, Northern Illinois	2016
C/G Cameron Tom, Southern Mississippi	2017
TE Dan Arnold, Wisconsin-Platteville	2017
WR Keith Kirkwood, Temple	2018
DT Taylor Stallworth, South Carolina	2018

# TEAM NOTES

## WINNING HEAD COACH-QB COMBINATION

With the December 17 12-9 win at Carolina, it marked the 117th regular season win where both Head Coach Sean Payton and quarterback Drew Brees were at the club's controls together, surpassing Don Shula and Dan Marino for the second-winningest head coach-starting quarterback combination in National Football League record books.

## WINNINGEST HEAD COACH-STARTING QB DUOS IN NFL HISTORY

COACH/QB	WINS
Belichick-Brady	207
<b>Payton-Brees</b>	<b>118</b>
Shula-Marino	116
Tomlin-Roethlisberger	114

The Payton-Brees combination have started the second-most regular season games together as well.

## MOST STARTS BY HEAD COACH-QUARTERBACK DUO

COACH/QB	STARTS
Belichick-Brady	267
<b>Payton-Brees</b>	<b>190</b>
Shula-Marino	184
Coughlin-Manning	183

## IN THE NFL

The Saints have the second-best regular season record in the NFC and the fifth-best mark in the National Football League since 2006.

## REGULAR SEASON RECORDS IN THE NFL SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	162	46	0	.779
Pittsburgh Steelers	133	74	1	.642
Green Bay Packers	127	79	2	.615
Indianapolis Colts	126	82	0	.606
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.601</b>
Baltimore Ravens	122	86	0	.587
Dallas Cowboys	121	87	0	.582

Since 2009, their 100-60 regular season record's ranked fourth.

## NFL REGULAR SEASON RECORDS SINCE 2009

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	123	37	0	.769
Pittsburgh Steelers	103	56	1	.647
Green Bay Packers	100	58	2	.631
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.625</b>
Seattle Seahawks	94	65	1	.591

## POINTS PER GAME

Since 2006, the Saints have averaged 27.9 points per game (5,801 points) in 208 regular season games, second in the NFL. Since 2006, they've scored 20 or more points in 165 contests (79.3%) and 30 or more in 95 (45.6%). Five of the team's top seven single-game point totals have occurred since 2006. In 2018, the Saints finished the regular season ranked third (31.5 ppg.) in scoring overall and second quarter scoring (10.1 avg.) and first in fourth quarter scoring (10.1 avg.). The Saints are tied with three teams for having three consecutive 45-point plus outputs all-time.

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON POINTS PER GAME LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. New England	6,111	29.4
<b>2. New Orleans</b>	<b>5,801</b>	<b>27.9</b>
3. Green Bay	5,396	25.9

## 2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR POINTS PER GAME LEADERS

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. Kansas City	565	35.3
2. LA Rams	527	32.9
<b>3. New Orleans</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>31.5</b>

## 2018 NFL SECOND QUARTER SCORING LEADERS

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. LA Rams	174	10.9
2. Pittsburgh	166	10.4
<b>3. New Orleans</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>10.1</b>

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#### 2018 NFL FOURTH QUARTER SCORING LEADERS

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. New Orleans	162	10.1
2. Seattle	149	9.3
3. Atlanta	137	8.6

The 2018 Saints were the fourth team to score 45 or more points in three straight games in a single season.

#### TEAMS TO SCORE 45+ POINTS IN THREE STRAIGHT GAMES IN A SINGLE SEASON

2018 New Orleans Saints - Nov. 4-18

2007 New England Patriots - Oct. 14-28

1968 Cleveland Browns - Nov. 17-Dec. 1

1941 Chicago Bears - Oct. 5-19

#### NEARLY UNBEATABLE AT 30

Since Payton arrived in 2006, the team has posted an 86-14 record (85.7%) in regular season and postseason games where they've scored at least 30 points.

#### 30-POINT GAME OUTPUTS BY SEASON (2006--18)

2006: 6-1

2007: 5-0

2008: 6-2

2009: 12-0 (Including 3-0 in postseason)

2010: 6-1 (Including 0-1 in postseason)

2011: 10-2 (Including 1-1 in postseason)

2012: 6-2

2013: 6-0

2014: 4-1

2015: 3-1

2016: 6-3

2017: 7-0 (Including 1-0 in postseason)

2018: 9-1

#### SAINTS BY THE NUMBERS

**5** – Club-record number of *Associated Press* All-Pro selections and number of Pro Bowl selections in 2018.

**7** – Division Championships

**371** – Franchise wins (regular season and postseason)

**10** – Pro Football Hall of Famers

**12** – Number of postseason appearances, including 2018.

**5** – Ring of Honor members, including Owner Tom Benson, who was inducted in Week One of the 2018 season.

**33** – Number of years the club was owned by Tom Benson, who passed away this spring.

**52** – The club finished its 52nd season of play.

**84,728** – Largest home crowd (U.S.), a November 3, 1968 contest vs. the Dallas Cowboys played at Tulane Stadium.

**73,373** – Largest crowd at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, a November 24, 2014 contest vs. Baltimore.

**126** – Games won by Head Coach Sean Payton (regular season and postseason), ranked first in club history and tied for 31st in NFL record books with Dick Vermeil.

**6,586** – NFL-record number of completions by Drew Brees.

**74,437** – NFL-record number of passing yards by Brees.

**520** – Career touchdown passes by Brees, second in NFL records.

**71.5** – Sacks by Cameron Jordan, fourth in team records.

**12** – Sack total by Jordan ranked first on the club and the fourth double-digit sack season in his eight-year career.

**18** – Touchdowns scored by Alvin Kamara in 2018, as he tied the team record and was ranked second in the NFL.

**1,592** – Total yards from scrimmage total by Kamara, ranked seventh in the NFL, leading the team for the second consecutive season.

**321** – Number of receptions by Michael Thomas in his first three seasons, an NFL record.

**211** – team-record number of receiving yards by Thomas in the Nov. 4 win vs. the Los Angeles Rams

**125** – Receptions by Thomas in 2018, ranked first in the NFL and fifth all-time in league record books.

**1,405** – Team-record 2018 receiving yardage by Thomas.

**810** – Career tackles by linebacker Demario Davis.

**110** – Team-leading tackle total by Davis in 2018, his fifth season reaching the century mark.

**30** – Runs of 10+ yards allowed by the Saints in 2018, the NFL's second-lowest total by their run defense ranked second in the NFL in yards per game and yards per play.

## **SAINTS BIG PLAYS IN 2018 (20-PLUS YARDS)**

- 72-yard reception (TD) – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Los Angeles Rams, 11/4/18
- 62-yard reception (TD) – WR Tre’Quan Smith, vs. Washington, 10/8/18
- 49-yard rush (TD) – RB Alvin Kamara, vs. New York Giants, 9/30/18
- 46-yard reception – WR Cameron Meredith, vs. Washington, 10/8/18
- 44-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, at Minnesota, 10/28/18
- 43-yard reception – WR Ted Ginn Jr., NFC Championship vs. Los Angeles Rams, 1/20/19
- 42-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Carolina, 1/13/19
- 42-yard reception – WR Ted Ginn Jr., vs. Cleveland, 9/16/18
- 42-yard reception – WR Keith Kirkwood, at Cincinnati, 11/11/18
- 42-yard reception – RB Alvin Kamara, vs. Pittsburgh, 12/23/18
- 38-yard reception – WR Tre’Quan Smith, vs. Philadelphia, 11/18/18
- 38-yard rush – RB Mark Ingram II, vs. Philadelphia, 11/18/18
- 37-yard reception (TD) – RB Alvin Kamara, vs. Philadelphia, 11/18/18
- 36-yard rush – RB Mark Ingram II, NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Philadelphia, 1/23/19
- 35-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18
- 35-yard reception – RB Alvin Kamara, vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18
- 35-yard rush – QB Taysom Hill, at Atlanta, 9/23/18
- 35-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, at Atlanta, 9/23/18
- 35-yard reception (TD) – WR Tre’Quan Smith, vs. Washington, 10/8/18
- 33-yard rush – RB Mark Ingram II, at Cincinnati, 11/11/18
- 32-yard reception – TE Benjamin Watson, vs. Los Angeles Rams, 11/4/18
- 32-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, at Baltimore, 10/23/18
- 31-yard reception – RB Alvin Kamara, vs. Pittsburgh, 12/23/18
- 31-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Washington, 10/8/18
- 30-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Philadelphia, 11/18/18
- 30-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Philadelphia, 11/18/18
- 30-yard reception (TD) – WR Keith Kirkwood, at Dallas, 11/29/18
- 28-yard reception (TD) – RB Mark Ingram II, at Cincinnati, 11/11/18
- 28-yard reception – RB Mark Ingram II, vs. Washington, 10/8/18
- 28-yard reception (TD) – WR Ted Ginn Jr., vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18
- 28-yard reception (TD) – WR Tommylee Lewis, vs. Atlanta, 11/22/18
- 28-yard reception – TE Benjamin Watson, vs. Carolina, 12/17/18
- 28-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Pittsburgh, 12/23/18
- 28-yard rush – RB Dwayne Washington, vs. Carolina, 12/30/18
- 27-yard reception – RB Mark Ingram II, at Cincinnati, 11/11/18
- 26-yard rush – RB Dwayne Washington, vs. Carolina, 12/30/18
- 26-yard reception – WR Tre’Quan Smith, at Baltimore, 10/23/18
- 25-yard reception – TE Dan Arnold, at Baltimore, 10/23/18
- 25-yard reception (TD) – TE Dan Arnold, vs. Atlanta, 11/22/18
- 25-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Cleveland, 9/16/18
- 25-yard reception – WR Ted Ginn Jr., vs. Pittsburgh, 12/23/18
- 25-yard reception – WR Austin Carr at Atlanta, 9/23/18
- 25-yard reception – RB Alvin Kamara, at New York Giants, 9/23/18

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## SAINTS BIG PLAYS IN 2018 (20-PLUS YARDS)

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24-yard reception – TE Josh Hill, NFC Championship vs. Los Angeles Rams, 1/20/19	12/23/18
23-yard reception – TE Benjamin Watson, vs. NY Giants, 9/23/18	20-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Washington, 10/8/18
23-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, at Atlanta, 9/23/18	20-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, at Minnesota, 10/28/18
23-yard reception – RB Alvin Kamara, vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	20-yard rush – RB Dwayne Washington, vs. Cincinnati, 11/11/18
23-yard reception – TE Josh Hill, vs. Washington, 10/8/18	20-yard reception – TE Benjamin Watson, vs. Atl., 11/22/18
23-yard reception – TE Dan Arnold, at Cincinnati, 11/11/18	20-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, at Tampa Bay, 12/9/18
23-yard reception – TE Dan Arnold, vs. Philadelphia, 11/18/18	20-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, at Tampa Bay, 12/9/18
23-yard reception (TD) – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Philadelphia, 11/18/18	20-yard rush – WR Ted Ginn Jr., at Atlanta, 9/23/18
23-yard reception – WR Keith Kirkwood, vs. Pittsburgh, 12/23/18	20-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Philadelphia, 1/23/19
23-yard reception – RB Alvin Kamara, NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Philadelphia, 1/23/19	20-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Philadelphia, 1/23/19
22-yard rush – RB Mark Ingram II, at Carolina, 12/17/18	
22-yard reception – WR Tre'Quan Smith, vs. Phi., 11/18/18	
22-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Phi., 1/23/19	
22-yard reception – TE Josh Hill, vs. NY Giants, 9/23/18	
21-yard reception – TE Benjamin Watson, vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	
21-yard reception – TE Josh Hill, vs. NY Giants, 9/23/18	
21-yard reception – WR Tre'Quan Smith, vs. Philadelphia, 11/18/18	
21-yard reception – WR Keith Kirkwood, vs. Carolina, 12/17/18	
21-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Philadelphia, 1/23/19	
21-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	
21-yard reception – WR Ted Ginn Jr., NFC Divisional Playoff vs. Philadelphia 1/23/19	
21-yard reception – RB Alvin Kamara, at Atlanta, 9/23/18	
21-yard reception – RB Alvin Kamara, NFC Championship vs. Los Angeles Rams, 1/20/19	
20-yard reception – WR Michael Thomas, vs. Pittsburgh,	

# TEAM NOTES

## FIRST ROUND FOCUS

The Saints feature 11 players on the 53-man roster who entered the National Football League as first round draft choices, seven of which were selected by New Orleans.

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS FIRST ROUND PLAYERS

PLAYER, TEAM	SEASON, SELECTION
Benjamin Watson, New England	2004, #32
Ted Ginn Jr., Miami	2007, #9
Cameron Jordan, New Orleans	2011, #24
Mark Ingram II, New Orleans	2011, #28
Teddy Bridgewater, Minnesota	2014, #32
Andrus Peat, New Orleans	2015, #13
Eli Apple, New York Giants	2016, #10
Sheldon Rankins, New Orleans	2016, #12
Marshon Lattimore, New Orleans	2017, #11
Ryan Ramczyk, New Orleans	2017, #32
Marcus Davenport, New Orleans	2018, #14

## TURNOVER RATIO LEADER

In 2018, the New Orleans Saints were ranked seventh in the National Football League in takeaway/giveaway ratio at +8. In 2018, they finished 7-1 in the regular season when they won the turnover battle and they won it 2-1 against Philadelphia in the NFC Divisional Playoff victory with two interceptions by cornerback Marshon Lattimore.

### 2018 REGULAR SEASON TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL LEADERS

Team	Takeaways			Giveaways			Diff
	Ints	Fum	Total	Ints	Fum	Total	
1. Sea.	12	14	26	7	4	10	+11
2. Hou.	15	14	29	9	7	16	+13
3. Chi.	27	9	36	14	10	24	+12
4. LAR	18	12	30	12	7	19	+11
5. NE	18	10	28	11	7	18	+10
6. KC	15	12	27	12	6	18	+9
<b>7. NO</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>+8</b>

## BUILDING THROUGH THE DRAFT

The philosophy of New Orleans Saints Executive Vice President/General Manager **Mickey Loomis**, Head Coach **Sean Payton** and the player personnel staff has been to use the NFL Draft as the major building block to the club, while augmenting needs through free agency. This effort has played a major role in the club's success since 2006. 14 of the current 22 starters on the club's depth chart were originally drafted by the Saints or signed by the club following the draft as college free agent, as well as P Thomas Morstead and RB Alvin Kamara, who shares time at tailback with Mark Ingram and handled kickoff return duties and WR Tommylee Lewis, who handled punt return duties.

### 2018 STARTERS DRAFTED BY THE SAINTS

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	How Acq.
WR	Michael Thomas	'16 Draft
LT	Terron Armstead	'13 Draft
LG	Andrus Peat	'15 Draft
RT	Ryan Ramczyk	'17 Draft
RB	Mark Ingram	'11 Draft
RB	Alvin Kamara	'17 Draft
WR	Tre'Quan Smith	'18 Draft

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Player	How Acq.
LDE	Cameron Jordan	'11 Draft
DT	Tyeler Davison	'15 Draft
DT	David Onyemata	'16 Draft
DT	Sheldon Rankins	'16 Draft
CB	Marshon Lattimore	'17 Draft
LB	Alex Anzalone	'17 Draft
S	Vonn Bell	'16 Draft
S	Marcus Williams	'17 Draft

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	Player	How Acq.
P	Thomas Morstead	'09 Draft
KR	Alvin Kamara	'17 Draft
PR	Tommylee Lewis	'16 UDFA

## OFFENSIVE NOTES

### DOMINATING OFFENSE

Since 2006, the New Orleans Saints have been the NFL's top ranked offense (402.2 ypg.). In 2018, they finished ranked eighth (379.2 ypg.).

#### NFL TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS SINCE 2006

##### (NET YARDS PER GAME)

Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New Orleans	83,660	402.2
2. New England	80,440	386.7
3. Philadelphia	77,396	372.1

### YARDAGE RAMPAGE

Since 2006, the Saints have racked up the team's top six highest single-game net yardage totals. Prior to Payton's hiring, New Orleans had only reached 500 yards in seven games. Since then, they've met the mark in 27 contests.

#### TOP 5 SAINTS TOTAL NET YARDAGE GAMES

Rk.	Opponent	Yds.	Rush	Pass	Date
1.	vs. Dallas	625	242	383	11/10/13
2.	vs. Carolina	617	208	409	1/1/12
3.	vs. NYG	608	103	505	11/1/15
4.	vs. Cincinnati	595	91	504	11/19/06
5.	vs. NYG	577	205	372	11/28/11

### RUN GAME PRODUCTIVITY

After ranking fifth in the National Football League in rushing in 2017, the Saints rank among the run game leaders in 2018 at sixth. They rushed for 137 yards in their NFC Divisional Playoff win over Philadelphia.

#### 2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RUSHING YARDS PER GAME LEADERS

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. Seattle	2,560	160.0
2. Baltimore	2,441	152.6
3. LA Rams	2,231	139.4
4. Carolina	2,136	133.5
5. New England	2,037	127.3
6. New Orleans	2,025	126.6

### KEEPING DRIVES GOING

The Saints have converted an NFL-best 46.6 of their third down attempts in the regular season since 2006. New Orleans was ranked seventh in 2018 at 45.5 percent.

#### THIRD DOWN CONVERSION LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Made	Att.	Pct.
1. New Orleans	1,265	2,717	46.6
2. Indianapolis	1,205	2,740	44.0
3. New England	1,205	2,749	43.8

### FIRST DOWNS

The Saints rank first in the NFC and second in the National Football League with 4,736 first downs in the regular season since 2006, including a league-best 3,094 first downs passing. They were ranked fifth in the NFL with 377 first downs in 2018.

#### NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Tot.	Rush	Pass	Pen
1. New England	4,821	1,512	2,869	431
2. New Orleans	4,736	1,321	3,094	321
3. Indianapolis	4,366	1,174	2,787	405

#### NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS IN 2018

Team	Tot.	Rush	Pass	Pen
1. LA Rams	401	134	236	31
2. Tampa Bay	388	80	265	43
3. Kansas City	384	108	239	37
4. Pittsburgh	378	88	251	39
5. New Orleans	377	134	210	33

### THROUGH THE AIR

New Orleans' 292.7 net passing yards per game lead the National Football League since 2006.

#### NFL NET PASSING YARDS PER GAME SINCE 2006

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New Orleans	60,891	292.7
2. New England	55,508	266.9
3. Green Bay	52,855	254.1

# OFFENSIVE NOTES

## YARDS AFTER THE CATCH

Since 2006, the Saints rank first in the NFL in yards after the catch (29,865). RB Alvin Kamara led the Saints and finished fifth in the NFL in 2018 with 654 yards.

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE YARDS AFTER THE CATCH SINCE 2006

Team	YAC
1. NO	29,865
2. NE	29,242
3. GB	27,845

### 2018 YARDS AFTER THE CATCH LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	George Kittle, SF	881
2.	Christian McCaffrey, Car.	871
3.	Saquon Barkley, NYG	795
4.	James White, NE	686
5.	<b>Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>654</b>

## FOUR DOWN TERRITORY

Since 2006, the Saints are ranked second in the National Football League in fourth down conversion rate, converting 120-of-209 attempts (57.4 Pct.). In 2017, New Orleans converted 12-of-15 third down attempts (80.0%), best in the NFL and finished ranked second in 2018 converting 13-of-16 (81.3%). In Sunday's NFC Divisional Playoff win over Philadelphia, New Orleans converted a pair of fourth down conversions on the same drive

### FOURTH DOWN CONVERSION RATE SINCE 2006

Rk.	Team	Conv./Att.	Pct.
1.	New England Patriots	127/204	62.3
2.	<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>120/209</b>	<b>57.4</b>
3.	Dallas Cowboys	101/176	57.4

### FOURTH DOWN CONVERSION RATE IN 2018

Rk.	Team	Conv./Att.	Pct.
1.	Los Angeles Chargers	7/8	87.5
2.	<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>13/16</b>	<b>81.3</b>
3.	Kansas City Chiefs	12/15	80.0

## THE TRIPLETS

Running backs Mark Ingram II (1,540), Alvin Kamara (1,554) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (1,245) were the only NFL trio in 2017 to each be over 1,100 total yards from scrimmage. In the club's NFC Divisional playoff win over Philadelphia, the trio accounted for a combined total of 329 total yards from scrimmage.

### SAINTS TRIOS WITH 1,000 YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

- 4,339 - 2017, Running back Mark Ingram (1,540), running back Alvin Kamara (1,554) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (1,245)
- 4,071 - 2001, Wide receiver Joe Horn (1,269), wide receiver Willie Jackson (1,046) and running back Ricky Williams (1,756)
- 3,702 - 2016, Wide receiver Brandin Cooks (1,203), running back Mark Ingram II (1,362) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (1,137)
- 3,600 - 2006, Running back Reggie Bush (1,307), WR Marques Colston (1,038) and running back Deuce McAllister (1,255)

The duo of Ingram, Kamara and Thomas all finished 2017 ranked in the top ten in the National League for first downs. In 2018, Kamara finished the regular season fourth in the league with a career-high 88 first downs (57 rushing and 31 receiving) and Thomas was tied for ninth in the league with 75 receiving first downs.

### 2017 NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS

	Rush	Rec.	Tot.
1. Le'Veon Bell, Pit.	74	31	105
2. Todd Gurley, LA Rams	66	32	98
3. Melvin Gordon, LAC	58	22	80
<b>4t. Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>78</b>
4t. Kareem Hunt, KC	60	18	78
4t. LeSean McCoy, Buf.	55	23	78
7. Keenan Allen, LAC	0	74	74
8. Antonio Brown, Pit.	0	71	71
<b>9. Michael Thomas, NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>10t. Mark Ingram, NO</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>69</b>
10t. DeAndre Hopkins, Hou.	0	69	69

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# OFFENSIVE NOTES

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### 2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIRST DOWN LEADERS

	Rush	Rec.	Tot.
1. Todd Gurley, LAR	70	26	96
2. Ezekiel Elliott, Dal.	73	22	95
3. Christian McCaffrey, Car.	53	41	94
<b>4. Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>88</b>
5t. DeAndre Hopkins, Hou.	0	81	81
5t. Julio Jones, Atl.	1	80	81
7. Saquon Barkley, NYG	50	30	80
8. Dan Conner, Pit.	56	20	76
<b>9t. Michael Thomas, NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>
9t. Joe Mixon, Cin.	60	14	74
9t. Robert Woods, LAR	9	66	75

### HOLDING THE LINE

Since 2006, the Saints have allowed the fewest sacks in the National Football League, surrendering only 314 quarterback takedowns in 206 regular season games, 20 in 2017, the second-lowest total in the league and 20 again in 2018, the second-fewest once again. Those 2017 and 2018 totals are tied with the 2009 team for the sixth-lowest sack totals surrendered in franchise history.

### FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED IN THE NFL FROM 2006-PRESENT

Rk. Team	Sacks
<b>1. New Orleans</b>	<b>314</b>
2. Indianapolis	373
3. New York Giants	377

### FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED IN THE NFL IN 2018

Rk. Team	Sacks
1. Indianapolis	18
<b>2. New Orleans</b>	<b>20</b>
3. New England	21

Ahead is a synopsis of several returning players and newcomers through the draft, free agency and trade to the 2018 Saints offensive line:

**Left Tackle Terron Armstead** - The club's first third round draft choice in 2013 out of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Armstead impressed scouts by running the fastest 40-yard dash time (4.71) by an offensive lineman in the history of the NFL Scouting Combine. He has opened 54 regular season games for New Orleans and five postseason contests and received his first Pro Bowl and *Associated Press* All-Pro selections in 2018, having opened ten regular season contests and both playoff games.

**Tackle/Guard Jermon Bushrod** - A fourth round selection in the 2007 NFL Draft out of Towson, Bushrod developed into a starting left tackle by his third season and opened 62 regular season contests at left tackle. Bushrod returns to serve as a top backup off the bench. He filled in for an injured Armstead seamlessly in six games.

**Tackle/Guard Andrus Peat** - A first round selection (13th overall) in the 2015 NFL Draft out of Stanford, Peat was considered one of the top college offensive linemen in 2014. In his final season in Palo Alto as a junior, Peat started all 13 games at left tackle and was named a first-team All-American by ESPN.com, *The Sporting News* and SI.com and received second-team honors from the AP. In his first four seasons, Peat's played in 53 games with 48 starts, opening a contest at every position except center. In 2018, he continued to progress, opening 12 contests at left guard and one at left tackle in the regular season. He then opened both playoff contests at left guard and following the NFC Championship loss was named to participate in his first Pro Bowl.

**Right Tackle Ryan Ramczyk** - The Black and Gold used their second first round selection in 2017 to snag Ramczyk out of Wisconsin, viewed by many as one of the best linemen in the entire draft. In just one season with the Badgers, the 6-6, 314-pound lineman flourished, starting all 14 games in 2016 as a consensus All-American, blocking for an offense that gained 203.1 rushing yards per game and allowing one sack. After opening all 16 games and both postseason contests in 2017 and being selected as a PFWA All-Rookie, he was an AP All-Pro at right tackle in 2018, where he opened the first 15 regular season games and both postseason contests.

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**Center Max Unger** - After being acquired by the Saints via trade in the 2015 offseason, Unger's anchored the middle of the line for the past four seasons, starting all 63 regular contests and three playoff games he's appeared in and serving as a three-time team captain. A second round draft pick of Seattle in 2009, Unger has been named an AP first-team All-Pro in 2012 and is a three-time Pro Bowler, including in 2018, his first as a Saint. The Hawaii native's opened all 130 regular season contests he has played in since 2009.

**Right Guard Larry Warford** - Originally selected by Detroit in the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft (65<sup>th</sup> overall) out of Kentucky, this sixth-year blocker brought size, strength and foot quickness to the Saints' line in 2017, as he started all 14 regular season games he played in and both postseason contests at right guard. New Orleans' rush offense responded to his addition, as the ground game finished fifth in the NFL as he was named to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career.

**Center/Guard Cameron Tom** - Signed as an undrafted free agent out of Southern Mississippi in 2017, former Catholic (Baton Rouge) HS standout was elevated from the practice squad to 53-man roster midway through his rookie year. Tom's development came into play on Oct. 21 at Baltimore, where he was sent into the lineup at left guard in place of an injured Josh LeRibeus in a come-from-behind victory.

## DEFENSIVE NOTES

### DEFENSIVE DRAFTS

Over the last four NFL Drafts from 2015-18, New Orleans has shown a commitment to improving the defense, spending 17-of-28 picks on that side of the ball. With nine picks in the 2015 NFL Draft, the Saints picked six defensive players, the most taken since New Orleans chose nine defensive players in a 12-round selection meeting in 1990. Below is an overview of the players selected by New Orleans from 2015-18 on the 53-man roster:

**Linebacker Alex Anzalone, Florida (D3b-17)** - A 6-3, 241 lb. linebacker, Anzalone showcased plenty of potential at the University of Florida. As a senior in 2016, he started the first eight contests for the Gators until a broken forearm prematurely ended his final campaign in Gainesville. Despite the injury-shortened season, Anzalone still finished

ranked third on the Gators with 53 tackles and racked up three sacks and one fumble recovery. The three-time Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll recipient plays with both physicality and intelligence and made an immediate impact as a starter on the outside from day one in 2017 where he recorded 14 tackles, one sack and one pass defended for being placed on Injured Reserve in Week Five with a shoulder injury. Anzalone played in all 16 regular season games and started seven contests on the inside and the outside in 2018, filling up the stat sheet by posting 59 tackles (45 solo), one interception, two sacks, two passes defended and two forced fumbles, adding three stops in the postseason.

**Safety Vonn Bell, Ohio State (D2b-16)** - Selected in the second round (61st overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft, Bell was a consensus All-American and one of the top rated defensive backs in the NFL Draft. As a senior, the Rossville, Ga. native was a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist after recording 65 tackles and adding two interceptions, one brought back for a touchdown, one fumble recovery and 11 passes defended. Bell has translated that collegiate success to the NFL with ease in his first three seasons, appearing in 48 games with 31 starts and filling up the stat sheet with 263 tackles (177 solo), 6.5 sacks, ten passes defended, five forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. In 2018, he led the Saints secondary with 87 stops (61 solo), adding seven more in the postseason.

**Defensive End Marcus Davenport, Texas-San Antonio (D1-18)** - Davenport joined the Saints with the 14th overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft after showing potential and production as a pass rusher during in college at Texas-San Antonio. In four seasons, Davenport posted 22 sacks, including 8.5 in 2017 when he captured Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year. Davenport's strength on the line is a valuable asset for the Saints front, playing an important role in the club's packages in 2018, recording 4.5 sacks and a forced fumble.

**Defensive Tackle Tyeler Davison, Fresno State (D5b-15)** - This run-stopping widebody lineman played in 53 career games at Fresno State from 2011-14 and made 28.5 stops for a loss and 14.5 sacks. A starter for New Orleans since 2016 on the interior, in 2018, Davison again played an important role in the middle on a defense that finished the regular season ranked second in opponent rushing yards per game and opponent yards per carry, posting 23 stops, two sacks, one pass defended and a forced fumble.

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## DEFENSIVE NOTES

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**Defensive End Trey Hendrickson, Florida Atlantic (D3c-17)** - This third round draft choice in the 2017 NFL Draft (103<sup>rd</sup> overall) out of Florida Atlantic brought his raw talent, size, strength and speed to a youthful Saints defensive line. In his first season as a pro the rotational pass rusher appeared in 14 regular season games posting 14 tackles (eight solo), two sacks for 15 yards lost, two passes defended and one forced fumble. In 2018, Hendrickson chipped in five stops in limited action and will compete for more extensive playing time along the Saints defensive line in 2019.

**Cornerback Marshon Lattimore, Ohio State (D1a-17)** - The 11th overall selection in the 2017 NFL draft and the first cornerback taken possesses all the traits of a lockdown defender. With his agile, fluid style, Lattimore has the ability to shut down the best wide receivers. He played a critical role in the Black and Gold pass defense unit as a rookie in 2017, as he moved into the starting lineup immediately. In October, he became the first Saints rookie since 2000 to capture NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month, when he had 16 tackles, two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown, five passes defended and a fumble recovery and also captured the award in December. For the season, he finished with 53 stops, five picks, to lead NFL rookies and the Saints, tying a team rookie record, a club-best 18 passes defended, a forced fumble and a recovery. Lattimore was the first Saints corner selected to the Pro Bowl since 1995 and was selected as *Associated Press* Defensive Rookie of the Year. His five takeaways (two interceptions and three fumble recoveries) in 2018 led the team. Lattimore upped that number to seven with two interceptions in the NFC Divisional Playoff win vs. Philadelphia.

**Defensive Tackle David Onyemata, Manitoba (D4-16)** - Possessing a unique combination of size and speed, this Lagos, Nigeria native had an impressive rookie year after becoming the first player from the University of Manitoba to be drafted into the NFL. Despite being new to football, the 2016 fourth round draft pick became a critical member on the interior of the Saints defensive front in 2017, playing in all 16 games with six starts, making 40 tackles and two sacks, while adding three more stops in the postseason. Onyemata had a career-high 4.5 sacks in 2018, as part of a 36-stop campaign.

**Defensive Tackle Sheldon Rankins, Louisville (D1-16)** - Selected 12th overall in the first round of the 2016 NFL Draft, the Georgia native played in 46 games along the line at Louisville from 2012-15, producing 133 total tackles (72 solo), 31.5 tackles for loss and 18 sacks. On Nov. 12, 2017, Rankins recorded his first career interception. In the week 15 win vs. Atlanta, he closed out the contest with a sack. Rankins added his first career postseason takedown. In 2018, Rankins finished the season ranked second on the Saints with eight sacks, posting 40 stops and one forced fumble.

**Safety Marcus Williams, Utah (D2-17)** - A three-year starter at the University of Utah, Williams was twice named All-Pac 12 and earned second-team All-American as a junior before declaring for the NFL Draft. In 2016, he tied for second in the conference with five interceptions, despite missing two games due to injury. The defender boasts a dangerous mix of speed, fluidity, and instinct that allows him to read offenses and make breaks on the ball. His athleticism showed in his rookie season in 2017 as he made 70 tackles, four interceptions and six passes defended in 15 regular season games, adding ten more stops (seven solo) and another pick in two postseason contests. In 2018, he opened all 16 games and posted 55 tackles (46 solo), two interception returns for 100 yards, three passes defended, one forced fumble/fumble recovery and two special teams stops.

**Cornerback P.J. Williams, Florida State (D3b-15)** - Williams' career was initially limited in the beginning by missing all but two games his first two seasons with injuries, but he rebounded from the adversity early in his career to come on strong in 2017, when he played in all 16 regular season games and both postseason contests. An experienced starter from Florida State, who developed into one of the nation's top cover corners as a junior in 2014, Williams finished his college career with 123 tackles (82 solo), four interceptions and 18 passes defended. Williams finished with 47 tackles, his first two career interceptions and nine passes defended in 2017, while adding 53 more stops (43 solo), a 45-yard interception for a TD, a sack, nine passes defended and a forced fumble in 2018, serving in the nickel cornerback role. Williams enjoyed his finest moment as a professional on Oct. 28 at Minnesota, when his third quarter interception return for a 45-yard touchdown helped pace the Saints' 30-20 victory earning him NFC Defensive Player of the Week, followed up by a career-high-tying three passes defended in the win vs. the Los Angeles Rams, Nov. 4.

## DEFENSIVE NOTES

### RUSH DEFENSE

In the regular season, New Orleans gave up only 30 rushes of ten or more yards, ranked second in the NFL.

#### FEWEST RUSHES OF 10+ YARDS SURRENDERED IN 2018

Team	Opp. Rushes of 10+ Yards
1. Chi.	28
<b>2. NO</b>	<b>30</b>
3. Hou	31

After giving up 4.4 yards per carry in 2017, in 2018, New Orleans educed that clip by nearly a yard, surrendering only 3.6 rushing yards per attempt, a figure that was ranked second in the National Football League and first in the NFC.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OPPONENT RUSHING YARDS PER CARRY LEADERS IN 2018

Team	Opp. Yards/Carry
1. Hou.	3.44
<b>2. NO</b>	<b>3.60</b>
3. Bal.	3.75

In total rush defense, the Saints have gave up only 80.2 net yards per game in 2018, ranked second in the NFL.

#### 2018 OPP. RUSHING YARDS PER GAME LEADERS

Team	Opp. Yards/Game
1. Chi.	80.0
<b>2. NO</b>	<b>80.2</b>
3. Hou.	82.7

### STOPPING THE RUN

Until Nov. 11, the club had not surrendered 100 rushing yards to an opponent since the opener vs. Tampa Bay. The Saints had not held an opponent to under this marking point for seven consecutive games since 2007. Below are the longest streaks in franchise history that the defense has gone without surrendering 100 yards. New Orleans has not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 21 straight regular season games, surpassing the prior franchise record set in the final 13 games of 2016 season and the longest current running streak in the NFL.

### CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SURRENDERING 100 YARDS RUSHING

Time Period	Games
1. 10/1/89-12/10/89	11
<b>t2. 9/17/18-11/4/18</b>	<b>7</b>
t2. 9/16/07-10/28/07	7
t2. 9/1/91-10/20/91	7
t5. 10/4/92-11/8/92	5
t5. 10/12/86-11/9/86	5
t5. 9/12/82-12/5/82	5

### SACK ATTACK

After finishing tied for seventh in the National Football League with 42 sacks in 2017, the Saints finished tied for fifth with 49 in 2018, tied with 2013 for the most by a team with Payton as coach. The Saints defense recorded a season-high seven at Dallas on Nov. 29, 2018, including three takedowns by David Onyemata. It was tied the most sacks by the team in a contest with Payton as head coach and the most by the club since they had nine on Dec. 9, 2001 at Atlanta.

#### SACKS BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2018

Team	Sacks
1t. KC	52
1t. Pit.	52
3t. Min.	50
3t. Chi.	50
<b>5t. NO</b>	<b>49</b>
5t. Arz.	49

### DEFENSIVE DENIAL

The Saints defense held its opponents to 20 points or less in ten games in 2018, second-most by a Payton-coached team to the 2013 squad. The 2018 Saints had a streak of six straight games keeping their opponents under 20 points, an occurrence for the first time since the 2000 season, only happening for the fourth time in franchise history overall (1988 season-six straight, 1991-92-seven, 2000-six).

## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

### JUST KICKING IT

Between deep passes for touchdowns and athletic interceptions, players often use their hands to produce the game's flashiest plays. However, the players who use their feet often make the difference between winning and losing, between drilling clutch field goals or flipping the field with a well-executed punt.

K **Wil Lutz** went undrafted in 2016, joining the Baltimore Ravens for training camp. Prior to the start of the regular season, Lutz joined the Black and Gold and immediately took on placekicking and kickoff duties. Lutz has kicked in 48 games, converting 87-of-100 field goal attempts (87.0 percent) and 148-of-153 PATs (96.7 percent). He has also recorded 171 touchbacks on 281 career kickoffs. His 87.0 percent field goal percentage is best among kickers with at least 50 made field goals in team history. Until the regular season finale, he had kicked a field goal in a club-record 36 consecutive games, the second-longest streak in NFL history.

In the 2018 regular season, Lutz made 28-of-30 field goal attempts, including a club-record 26 straight at one point, 52-of-53 PAT attempts and has recorded 64 touchbacks, also adding one special teams tackle. He ranks second in the National Football League in scoring with 134 points, his field goal accuracy ranked third in the league and his 52 PATs ranked second.

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2018 FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS

	Player	FG Percentage
1.	Robbie Gould, SF	97.1
2.	Aldrick Rosas, NY Giants	97.0
3.	<b>Wil Lutz, New Orleans</b>	<b>96.4</b>

On December 23 vs. Pittsburgh, Lutz drilled his club-record 26th consecutive field goal

### MOST CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS MADE IN TEAM HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Date	Cons.
1.	<b>Wil Lutz</b>	<b>9/23/18-12/23/18</b>	<b>26</b>
2.	Morten Andersen	11/1/92-9/12/93	25
3.	Morten Andersen	11/24/85-10/5/86	20

The 36 consecutive games where Lutz had kicked a field goal ended with no attempts in the regular season finale as the second-longest streak in National Football League history.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON GAMES WITH A FIELD GOAL IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Years	Cons. Games
1.	Matt Stover	1999-2001	38
2.	<b>Wil Lutz</b>	<b>2016-2018</b>	<b>36</b>

P **Thomas Morstead** was the first punter drafted by the Saints since 1984. The club's fifth round draft choice (164<sup>th</sup> overall) in 2009 from Southern Methodist University, Morstead has been a weapon in the field position game with his strong leg, outstanding placement abilities and booming kickoffs. In ten seasons, he has a gross average of 46.9 on 570 punts with a 41.4 net and 199 punts inside the 20-yard line, while also booming 259 kickoffs in the end zone for touchbacks. Morstead is tied for 11th on the club's all-time games played list with 158 regular season appearances and his consistency carried over to the 2018 regular season, where he averaged a 46.4 gross punting average, a career-high and league-best 43.2 net punting average, with 15 dropped inside-the-20-yard line.

### HIGHEST NET PUNTING AVERAGE IN 2018

Rk.	Player, Team	Net Avg.
1.	<b>Thomas Morstead, NO</b>	<b>43.2</b>
2.	Johnny Hekker, LAR	43.0
3.	Rigoberto Sanchez, Ind.	42.7

### HIGHEST CAREER NET PUNTING AVERAGE IN NFL HISTORY

(Min. 250 punts, recorded since 1976)

Rk.	Player, Team	Net Avg.
1.	Johnny Hekker, LAR (2012-)	43.4
2.	<b>Thomas Morstead, NO (2009-)</b>	<b>41.4</b>
3.	Marquette King (2013-)	40.8

## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

### SWISS ARMY KNIFE

New Orleans QB **Taysom Hill**, in his second year with the club, has brought unheralded versatility to the Saints on both offense and special teams. Having participated on virtually every special teams unit, as well as a signal-caller, runner and receiver on offense, In the regular season, Hill averaged 24.9 yards per return on 14 kickoff returns, had six coverage stops to rank second on the team, completed a ten-yard pass on a fake punt in Week Four and blocked a punt on December 9 at Tampa Bay. Overall in 2018, Hill's carried 37 times for 196 yards (5.3 avg.), ranked third on the team with two touchdowns and completed three of seven passes for 64 yards. The blocked punt against the Buccaneers earned him Week 14 NFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors. In the NFC Divisional Playoff win over Philadelphia Hill had a successful rush on a fake punt and in the NFC Championship, he had a two-yard touchdown reception.

### COVERAGE/BLOCK UNITS

New Orleans' coverage units have been led the past two seasons by Hill, S **Chris Banjo** and defensive back **Justin Hardee**. Hardee led the team with nine stops and a blocked punt recovered for a touchdown as a rookie in 2017 and Banjo finished with eight tackles and a forced fumble. In 2018, Hardee led the team in the regular season with a career-high ten stops, with Hill is ranked second with six stops apiece. Defensive end **Alex Okafor** also made a game-changing play at Atlanta, Sept. 23, when his third quarter blocked punt that was recovered by linebacker **Craig Robertson** at the Falcons 16-yard line, set up a subsequent New Orleans touchdown. Robertson also made a big play in the November 4 win over Los Angeles when he stopped rams holder Johnny Hecker short of the first down marker on a fake field goal attempt. He did the same December 23 vs. Pittsburgh in a crucial fourth quarter situation to snuff out a fake punt attempt. New Orleans' punt coverage unit finished the regular season ranked third in the National Football League, surrendering only 5.0 yards per return. The 60 punt return yards given up by the coverage units were the lowest in club record books, the lowest total in the NFL in 2018 and the fifth-lowest total since the 16-game schedule started in 1978.

#### NFL PUNT COVERAGE LEADERS IN 2018

Team	Opp. Yards/Return
1. Ind.	4.4
2. Jax.	4.97
3. NO	5.0

### FEWEST OPPONENT PUNT RETURN YARDS SINCE 1978

Team, Year	Opp. Yards
1. Buf., 1982*	30
2. Atl., 2008	49
3. Buf., 1991	53
4. Atl., 1997	55
5. NO, 2018	60

\* Strike season, only nine games played

## QUARTERBACK

### DREW BREES

- Since first signing with New Orleans in 2006 and starting all 205 regular season games, a club record, Brees leads the NFL with 62,089 passing yards, 440 touchdown passes, 7,974 attempts, 5,461 completions, a 68.5% completion percentage, 108 games with at least 300 yards passing, 16 with at least 400 yards passing, 478 completions of 25 yards or more and stands at third in the league with a 100.6 passer rating.

- Since signing with the Saints as an unrestricted free agent in 2006 from San Diego, Brees threw for 4,000 or more yards in his first 12 seasons with the club before sitting out the 2018 regular season finale at 3,992 and became the only National Football League signal-caller to throw for 5,000 yards five different times and ranked at or near the top in every passing category.

- Brees enjoyed another standout campaign in 2018, completing 364-of-489 passes (74.4%) for 3,992 yards with 32 touchdowns, only five interceptions and a 115.7 passer rating. Brees finished first in the NFL with his league-record completion percentage, career-high passer rating, second in fourth quarter passer rating (118.9), third in third down passer rating (108.8) while setting the league's all-time records in completions and passing yardage and moving into second place in Week 10 in scoring throws. He was selected as the Pro Bowl starter and as an AP All-Pro.

- Brees has been selected to play in a team-record 11 Pro Bowls as a member of the Saints, with 12 overall berths in the National Football League's all-star game, three times as a starter, including his most recent selection in 2018. His seven consecutive selections (2008-14) as a Saint is tied for first in club history with Pro Football Hall of Fame tackle William Roaf.

- Brees has posted a 125-78 regular season mark in games he has started since signing with the Saints in 2006. In Week 15 of the 2016 season, Brees earned his 100th regular season victory in a Saints uniform. Including his eight playoff victories, his 133 total wins as a member of the Saints make him the winningest quarterback in team history and the NFL's second-winningest signal-caller since 2006.

- In his 18-year NFL playing career during which he has appeared in 264 regular season games with 263 starts, ranked sixth in league record books for signal-callers, Brees has completed 6,586-of-9,783 passes (67.3%) for 74,437 yards, 520 touchdown passes and a 97.7 passer rating. He's stands as the NFL's all-time most accurate passer, became the league's recordholder in completions on Sept. 23, the passing yardage leader on Oct. 8, is ranked second in touchdowns and third in passer rating.

- The Saints have been led seven times in the postseason with behind Brees, who in the playoffs, has started all 15 games he has appeared in, 14 as a member of the Saints. He's completed 408-of-615 passes (66.3 pct.) for 4,759 yards, 33 TD passes, 11 interceptions and a 100.0 rating, while posting an 8-7 mark, 8-6 as the starting signal-caller for the Saints since 2006.

## **BREES BY THE NUMBERS**

**1** – Brees is ranked first in National Football League record books in both completions (6,586) and passing yardage (74,437).

**2** – Brees is ranked second in NFL record books in touchdown passes (520).

**3** – Brees' 100.0 postseason passer rating is ranked fourth in NFL record books.

**4** – NFC Offensive Player of the Month awards won by Brees in his Saints career after winning it for November, the most monthly conference awards won by a Saint. Brees (2011 and 2012), Dan Marino (Miami in 1984 and 1986) Peyton Manning (Denver in 2013 and Indianapolis in 2004), and Aaron Rodgers (Green Bay in 2011 and 2016) are the only four players to throw for 40 or more touchdowns twice. National Football League-record number of consecutive games that Brees threw for 350 yards in 2011. Number of undrafted players (Austin Carr, Tommylee Lewis, Dan Arnold and Keith Kirkwood) that caught touchdowns from Brees, Nov. 22 vs. Atlanta, the first time that happened in NFL history. Career-high number of rushing TDs in 2018.

**5** – National Football League-record number of seasons

(2008, 2011-13, 2016) that Brees has thrown for over 5,000 yards.

**6** – National Football League-record number of regular season contests where Brees has thrown five touchdowns and zero interceptions. His postseason completions (408) and touchdown pass (33) total is ranked sixth in league record books.

**7** – League-record number of times Brees has led the league in passing, including in 2016 (5,208). Also the career-high and NFL-record tying number of touchdown passes he threw against the New York Giants on Nov. 1, 2015. In the postseason, Brees' passing yardage (4,759) total is ranked seventh in National Football League record books.

**8** – NFL-record number of times Brees reached the 350-yard passing mark in 2011. He reached it four times in 2018. Also the number of playoff wins by Brees.

**9** – NFL-record stretch of consecutive games with at least 300 yards passing, which he's accomplished twice. Brees' nine-game winning streak (11/24/08-9/30/13) as a starter on Monday Night Football is tied for second all-time.

**10** – The NFL-record number of seasons overall that Brees has thrown for at least 30 touchdowns. Brees' 29 postseason touchdown passes ranked tenth in NFL record books.

**11** – The number of consecutive seasons Brees threw 25 touchdown passes from 2006-16, making him only the second player in history to do so, joining Manning (13, 1998-2010). Also, the team record number of seasons that Brees has been selected to the Pro Bowl as a Saint.

**12** – Including once with the San Diego Chargers in 2004, the number of times Brees has been selected to the Pro Bowl.

**13** – Seasons Brees has thrown 25 or more touchdowns, tied for second in NFL record books with Tom Brady (13) and behind Manning (16). Also the number of seasons, all consecutive that Brees has tossed for at least 4,000 yards. Also, with 13 300-yard games in 2011, Brees set the NFL single-season record, surpassing the one he previously tied with 10 in 2008.

**15** – After tossing for 171 yards, Nov. 22 vs. Atlanta, 2018 became Brees' 15th consecutive season with 3,000 yards passing, a feat surpassed only by Brett Favre (18).

**16** – National Football League-record number of regular season contests where Brees has thrown for at least 400 yards after tossing for 439 yards in the Sept. 9 season opener vs. Tampa Bay. In 2018, Brees became the fourth player in National Football League records to have 16 3,000-yard passing seasons, joining Brett Favre (18) and tied with Manning and Brady.

## BREES BY THE NUMBERS

**18** – Rushing touchdowns as a Saints, tied for first place with Archie Manning in club record books among quarterbacks.

**22** – Club-record NFC Player of the Week awards won by Brees as a member of the Saints and the most conference Player of the Week honors since 2006. Including his five-year tenure with the Chargers, his 24 conference Player of the Week awards rank third all-time in NFL record books behind Brady (28) and Manning (27). Dec. 9 at Tampa Bay, Brees jumped over the pile for a one-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to give him 22 career rushing touchdowns.

**23** – The NFL-record number of games with four touchdown passes and zero interceptions after the November 18 winning performance against the Eagles, surpassing Brady.

**35** – Regular season contests by Brees with at least four touchdown passes, tied for first with Manning.

**39** – Number of successful drives in the fourth quarter or overtime engineered by Brees for a touchdown or field goal in the regular season to lead the Saints to victory since joining the club in 2006, including an National Football League-best seven times in 2018.

**45** – Consecutive regular season contests between 2012-15 with at least one touchdown pass, fifth-best in league history. The streak ended Nov. 29, 2015 at Houston.

**54** – Consecutive regular season contests between 2009-12 with at least one touchdown pass, the longest streak in NFL history, surpassing the record previously held by Johnny Unitas (47). It was set on Oct. 7, 2012 vs. San Diego. It ended on Nov. 29, 2012 after a touchdown-free outing at Atlanta.

**58** – NFL-record number of games with at least 30 completions, ahead of Manning (38). Also, the NFL-record number of consecutive regular season contests where Brees threw at least 20 completions until Oct. 13, 2013 at New England.

**66** – Players that Brees' 520 career touchdown passes have gone to. Nov. 22, vs. Atlanta, Kirkwood became the 66th player and 51st Saint to catch a touchdown from Brees.

**67.3** – Career completion percentage, ranked first in National Football League record books. Brees' 66.4 career completion percentage in the postseason is ranked fourth all-time.

**68.5** – Team-record completion percentage as a Saint, ranked first in the NFL during this 13-season period.

**74.4** – NFL-record completion percentage in 2018 by Brees that surpassed his record total of 72.0% in 2017.

**81** – Players who have caught a pass from Brees in the

regular season, including himself off of deflections.

**89.7** – Career-high completion percentage by Brees in the Oct. 8 win over Washington, when he fired on 26 of 29 throws.

**102.9** – Career passer rating indoors during the regular season, ranked third in the NFL All-time.

**108** – Club-record regular season contests by Brees with 300 yards or more passing as a Saint, the highest total since 2006. Brees has reached the 300-yard mark 115 times, ahead of Manning (93) for the most all-time. Brees has done so five times in 2018.

**109** – Regular season games by Brees as a Saint where he's posted a passer rating of 100 or more (min. 10 attempts) owning a 86-23 record in these contests. Overall, in his 18-year career, he has reached the milestone 124 times, having done so in ten of 15 games in 2018.

**125** – Club-record regular season wins as a starter since signing with the club in 2006, making him the second-winningest signal-caller in the NFL and most in the NFC over that period. Including the playoffs, Brees has compiled a 133-85 record as the Saints' starter.

**155** – Regular season wins by Brees in his 18-year career.

**157** – Regular season games Brees has with two or more touchdown passes in his 18-year career, the second-most by an active player behind Patriots signal-caller Tom Brady (162). Since signing with the Saints in 2006, Brees has 132 contests with multiple touchdown passes, first in the National Football League.

**205** – Nov. 18 vs. Philadelphia, Brees became the first player in franchise history to appear in 200 games for the club, having now appeared in 205. October 4, 2015 vs. Dallas, with an 80-yard touchdown pass to running back C.J. Spiller, Brees reached 400 touchdowns in his 205th career regular season game, the quickest in NFL history a player's reached 400 touchdowns, eclipsing the record previously held by Peyton Manning (209).

**240** – Regular season games it took Brees to reach 6,000 career completions, which occurred, October 29, 2017 vs. the Chicago Bears, doing so 19 games sooner than Peyton Manning.

**252** – Regular season touchdown passes at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the most by a player at a specific stadium. He has added 14 touchdown passes in the postseason at home.

**264** – Career regular season games played by Brees with 263 starts in his 18-year career, ranked 28th in National Football League record books.

## BREES BY THE NUMBERS

**440** – Touchdown passes as a Saint in the regular season, ranked first in club records and in the NFL during this time period. With 520 career touchdowns, he’s ranked second all-time behind Manning, having surpassed Brett Favre for second with a second quarter 17-yard touchdown pass to WR Michael Thomas in the Nov. 11 win at Cincinnati. Adding 31 postseason touchdown passes, Brees has 551 total.

**5,461** – Completions since signing with the Saints in 2006, the NFL’s highest total over this 13-season period.

**6,586** – Career completions, first in the NFL. Brees set the record, Sept. 23 at Atlanta with a 17-yard pass to Thomas.

**62,089** – In the Dec. 23 win vs. Pittsburgh, Brees eclipsed 61,000 passing yards as a Saint and now has 62,089.

**74,437** – Brees has an NFL-best 74,437 career passing yards, first all-time.

## WINNING QB

Brees has posted a 125-80 regular season record since 2006, ranked second among NFL signal-callers and first in the conference. In his 18-year career, he has 155 total victories as a starter. With the October 21 win at Baltimore, Brees joined Brett Favre and Peyton Manning as only the third quarterback to defeat all 32 NFL clubs.

### WINS BY STARTING QUARTERBACKS SINCE 2006

#### (REGULAR SEASON)

1. Tom Brady	148
<b>2. Drew Brees</b>	<b>125</b>
3. Ben Roethlisberger	122
4. Philip Rivers	118
5. Peyton Manning	107

Since 2006, Brees has engineered 39 regular season drives in the fourth quarter or overtime for a touchdown or a field goal to lead the Saints to victory from a deficit or tie, first in the NFL since 2006.

### GAME-WINNING DRIVES SINCE 2006

Rk. Quarterback	No.
<b>1. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>39</b>
2. Matt Ryan, Atl.	36
3t. Eli Manning, NYG	34
3t. Ben Roethlisberger, Pit.	34
5. Matthew Stafford, Det.	32

## RATING SUCCESS

With 109 regular season contests (min. 10 attempts) with a passer rating of at least 100 since 2006, Brees is first in the NFL over this period. The Saints have an 86-23 (.789) mark in these games where he’s reached the century mark. In the 2018 regular season, Brees posted a 100 passer rating in ten of 15 games and then in the NFC Divisional Playoff win vs. Philadelphia. In fact, Brees has posted a 100.0 rating in five consecutive home playoff contests, all wins.

### REGULAR SEASON GAMES WITH A 100+ PASSER RATING SINCE 2006 (min. 10 att.)

Rk. Quarterback	No.
<b>1. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>109</b>
2. Tom Brady, NE	98
3. Aaron Rodgers, GB	88

Brees’ eight games with at least a 150.0 passer rating is now tied for first all-time with Pittsburgh signal-caller Ben Roethlisberger.

### REGULAR SEASON GAMES WITH A 150+ PASSER RATING (min. 15 att.)

Rk. Quarterback	No.
<b>1t. Drew Brees</b>	<b>8</b>
1t. Ben Roethlisberger	8
3t. Peyton Manning	7
3t. Kurt Warner	7
5t. Tom Brady	5
5t. Y.A. Title	5

With a 97.7 career passer rating, Drew Brees has the third-best rating of all-time in NFL record books. His 100.0 post-season passer rating is ranked fourth.

### TOP FIVE CAREER PASSER RATINGS (Min. 1500 Att.)

Rating	Quarterback
103.1	Aaron Rodgers
100.3	Russell Wilson
<b>97.7</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>
97.6	Tom Brady
97.1	Tony Romo

**RATING SUCCESS**

Reaching the century mark in ten contests in 2018, Brees finished the regular season ranked first in the league.

**TOP THREE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSER RATINGS IN 2018**

Rating Quarterback

**115.7 Drew Brees**

113.8 Patrick Mahomes

110.9 Russell Wilson

**PINPOINT PASSER**

Brees' 67.3 percent career completion percentage is first in NFL records. He's completed a club record 68.5 percent of his passes since coming to the Saints in 2006.

**ALL-TIME COMPLETION PERCENTAGE LEADERS**

(min. 1,500 atts.)

Quarterback	Years	Comp. %
<b>1. Drew Brees</b>	<b>2001-</b>	<b>67.3 (6,586-9,783)</b>
2. Kirk Cousins	2012-	66.5 (1,797-2,702)
3. Chad Pennington	2000-10	66.0 (1,632-2,471)

Brees' 74.4% completion percentage in 2018, surpassed his National Football League record 72.0 in 2017. It was the ninth time he finished with a completion percentage of at least 68 percent, with 2018 marking the sixth consecutive one he did so.

**SINGLE-SEASON NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMPLETION PERCENTAGE**

Quarterback	Team	Comp. %
<b>1. Drew Brees (2018)</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>74.4 (364-489)</b>
<b>2. Drew Brees (2017)</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>72.0 (386-536)</b>
3. Sam Bradford (2016)	Min.	71.6 (295-552)

**2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMPLETION PERCENTAGE LEADERS**

Quarterback	Team	Comp. %
<b>1. Drew Brees</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>74.4 (364-489)</b>
2. Kirk Cousins	Min.	70.1 (425-606)
3. Carson Wentz	Phi.	69.6 (279-401)

**COMPLETIONS LEADER**

With 6,586 career regular season completions, Brees is now ranked first all-time in NFL record books .

**NFL CAREER COMPLETIONS LEADERS**

Completions	Quarterback
<b>6,586</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>
6,300	Brett Favre
6,125	Peyton Manning

Brees has the top three marks for completions in a season.

**MOST COMPLETIONS IN A SEASON IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY**

Quarterback	Year	Comp.
<b>1. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>471</b>
<b>2. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>468</b>
<b>3. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>456</b>

**YARDAGE LEADER**

With 74,437 career passing yards in the regular season, Drew Brees is now ranked first in the category in NFL record books, becoming the recordholder in Week Five of the 2018 season.

**ALL-TIME NFL PASSING YARDAGE TOTALS**

Yards	QB	Teams
<b>74,437</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>SD/NO</b>
71,940	Peyton Manning	Ind./Den.
71,838	Brett Favre	GB/NYJ/Min.
70,514	Tom Brady	New England
61,361	Dan Marino	Miami

Brees has led or tied for the league lead in passing yardage for an NFL-record seven times.

**ALL-TIME NFL PASSING YARDAGE TITLE LEADERS**

Seasons	Quarterback
<b>7</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>
5	Sonny Jurgensen
5	Dan Marino



## YARDAGE LEADER

Brees is the first player to throw for 5,000 yards five times. He has five of the top nine passing yardage figures to his name. Below are all of the 5,000 yard passing seasons in National Football League record books.

### PASSING YARDS IN A NFL SEASON

Rk. Quarterback	Year	Yards
1. Peyton Manning, Den.	2013	5,477
<b>2. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>5,476</b>
3. Tom Brady, NE	2011	5,235
<b>4. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>5,208</b>
<b>5. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>5,177</b>
<b>6. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>5,162</b>
7. Patrick Mahomes, KC	2018	5,097
8. Dan Marino, Mia.	1984	5,084
<b>9. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>5,069</b>
10. Matthew Stafford, Det.	2011	5,038

## 74,437 BY THE NUMBERS

**1** – The first completion of Brees’ 18-year career, for a seven-yard gain to RB Terrell Fletcher, as a member of the Chargers in his NFL debut, Nov. 4, 2001 vs. Kansas City.

**30,000** – Reached 30,000 yards passing on a 12-yard completion to WR Devery Henderson at Atlanta, Dec. 13, 2009.

**40,000** – Reached 40,000 yards passing on a 16-yard throw to WR Marques Colston at Minnesota, Dec. 18, 2011.

**50,000** – Reached 50,000 yards on a 22-yard completion to TE Jimmy Graham vs. Carolina, December 8, 2013.

**52,349** – With an eight-yard completion to RB Travaris Cadet in his 132nd game as a Saint, vs. Tampa Bay, Oct. 5, 2014, Brees reached 40,000 passing yards with a single team in the fewest contests in NFL history.

**60,000** – On his 27-yard TD throw to WR Brandin Cooks, Dec. 21, 2015 vs. Detroit, Brees eclipsed 60,000 passing yards .

**70,000** – On a first quarter 12-yard completion thrown to RB Mark Ingram II vs. Atlanta, December 24, 2017, Brees eclipsed 70,000 career passing yards.

**72,103** – Vs. Washington, Oct. 8, Brees became the NFL’s all-time passing yardage leader ending the night at 72,103, surpassing Peyton Manning (71,940) on a second quarter 62-yard touchdown pass to WR Tre’Quan Smith.

## 12 STRAIGHT OF 4,000

Brees is the only signal-caller in NFL record books to throw for 4,000 yards in 12 consecutive seasons, a streak which was broken this season at 3,992 yards after not playing in the regular season finale.

### FIVE OR MORE CONSECUTIVE 4,000-YARD PASSING SEASONS

Rk. QB	No.	Years
<b>1. Drew Brees</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2006-17</b>
2. Peyton Manning	6	1999-2004
3t. Peyton Manning	5	2006-10
3t. Tom Brady	5	2011-15

## 35 TDS IN THREE STRAIGHT

Brees is only the third player in NFL history to pass for 35 or more touchdowns in three consecutive seasons:

### QBS WITH 3 OR MORE STRAIGHT 35 TD SEASONS

Rk. Quarterback	No.	Yrs.
<b>1t. Drew Brees</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2011-13</b>
1t. Brett Favre	3	1995-97
1t. Peyton Manning	3	2012-14

## 16 OF 400

Brees has thrown for 400 yards in an NFL-best 16 regular season games, all as a Saint.

### CAREER GAMES WITH 400-PLUS YARDS PASSING

Rk. Quarterback	No.
<b>1. Drew Brees</b>	<b>16</b>
2. Peyton Manning	14
3. Dan Marino	13

## 15 3,000 YARD SEASONS

Brees is one of just four players with 15 3,000 yard passing seasons, tied for third in NFL record books.

### MOST 3,000 YARD PASSING SEASONS

Rk. QB	No.
1. Brett Favre	18
2. Peyton Manning	16
<b>3t. Drew Brees</b>	<b>15</b>
3t. Tom Brady	15

## PRO BOWL LEADER

With 11 Pro Bowl appearances as a Saint, no one's been selected more than Brees in team records. No quarterback has been selected to the Pro Bowl more often during this 13-year period than Brees, who is tied with Tom Brady.

### SAINTS ALL-TIME PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

Rk. Saint	Pro Bowl Selections
1. Drew Brees	11
2. William Roaf	7
3t. Morten Andersen	6
3t. Jahri Evans	6
3t. Rickey Jackson	6

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE QUARTERBACK PRO BOWL SELECTIONS SINCE 2006

Rk. Saint	Pro Bowl Selections
1t. Drew Brees	11
1t. Tom Brady	11

## TOP OF THE CHARTS

Brees has posted the nine of the team's top ten yardage totals (regular season and postseason combined).

### TOP TEN SAINTS PASSING YARDAGE DAYS

(Regular Season and Postseason)

Yds.	Quarterback	Att.	Cmp.	Opp.	Date
510	Drew Brees	52	30	vs. Cin.	11/19/06
505	Drew Brees	50	39	vs. NYG	11/1/15
466	Drew Brees	43	33	vs. Det.*	1/7/12
465	Drew Brees	49	34	vs. Car	10/16/16
462	Drew Brees	63	40	@ SF&	1/14/12
446	Drew Brees	53	37	@ Dal.	12/23/12
446	Drew Brees	54	35	@ GB	9/30/12
445	Drew Brees	49	35	vs. Jax.	11/4/07
441	Aaron Brooks	48	30	vs. Den.	12/3/00
439	Drew Brees	45	37	vs. TB	9/9/18

\* NFC Wild Card Playoff

& NFC Divisional Playoff

## 54 STRAIGHT WITH A TD

Brees owns the NFL's longest streak of consecutive games with a TD pass in a streak that ran from 2009-12. He also owns the fifth-longest streak in league history, a 45-game streak that ended in 2015.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TD PASS

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees (2009-12)	54
2. Tom Brady	52
3. Peyton Manning	51
4. Johnny Unitas	47
5. Drew Brees (2012-15)	45

## MULTIPLE TD GAMES

Brees' 157 career games with at least two touchdown passes is fourth in NFL record books all-time.

### MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TD PASSES ALL-TIME

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Tom Brady	165
2. Peyton Manning	164
3. Brett Favre	159
4. Drew Brees	157

Brees' 132 regular season contests with more than one touchdown since 2006 leads the NFL during that period.

### GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TD PASSES SINCE 2006

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	132
2. Philip Rivers	126
3. Tom Brady	123

## FIVE TD GAMES

Brees' 10 five-touchdown pass games ranks first in the NFL.

### GAMES IN NFL HISTORY WITH FIVE-PLUS TD PASSES

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	10
2. Peyton Manning	9
3. Dan Marino	6

## 4+ TD GAMES

Brees' 35 games with at least four TDs are tied for first all-time with Peyton Manning.

### GAMES WITH FOUR-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1t. Drew Brees	35
1t. Peyton Manning	35
3. Tom Brady	29

## 11 STRAIGHT OF 25

Brees is only the second quarterback to have thrown for at least 25 touchdown passes in 11 straight seasons.

### TEN OR MORE STRAIGHT 25 TOUCHDOWN PASS SEASONS

Rk. Quarterback	No.	Yrs.
1. Peyton Manning	13	1998-2010
2. Drew Brees	11	2006-2016

## 13 OF 25 OR MORE

Brees is ranked third in NFL record books for the most seasons of 25 or more touchdown passes (13) after throwing for 32 in 2018.

### MOST SEASONS WITH 25 OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Peyton Manning	16
2. Tom Brady	14
3. Drew Brees	13

## 30 TD SEASONS

Brees is the first quarterback in National Football League record books to throw for 30 touchdowns in nine straight seasons. With 32 touchdown passes in 2018, he has more 30 TD seasons than any other quarterback in NFL history.

### FIVE OR MORE STRAIGHT 30 TOUCHDOWN PASS SEASONS

Rk. Quarterback	No.	Yrs.
1. Drew Brees	9	2008-16
2. Brett Favre	5	1994-98

### MOST SEASONS WITH 30 OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	10
2t. Brett Favre	9
2t. Peyton Manning	9

## 115 OF 300

Brees' 115 300-yard passing games in the regular season ranks first all-time in National Football League record books.

### 300-YARD PASSING GAMES ALL-TIME (REGULAR SEASON)

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	115
2. Peyton Manning	93
3. Tom Brady	86

## 61 OF 350

Brees' 61 games of 350-yards or more passing ranks first in the National Football League all-time.

### 350 YARD PASSING GAMES ALL-TIME

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	61
2. Tom Brady	43
3. Peyton Manning	35

## TOUCHDOWN LEADER

With 520 career touchdown passes, Brees is ranked second all-time in the NFL.

### ALL-TIME NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSING TD TOTALS

Touchdowns	Quarterback
539	Peyton Manning
520	Drew Brees
517	Tom Brady
508	Brett Favre
420	Dan Marino

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## TOUCHDOWN TARGETS

Brees' 520 career touchdown passes in the regular season have gone to 66 different players, 51 of them Saints teammates, 12 currently on the 53-man roster. Ahead is a list of the top ten recipients of touchdowns by Brees:

### BREES' TOP TEN ALL-TIME TD PASS TARGETS (REGULAR SEASON)

Rk. Player	No.
1. Marques Colston (2006-15)	72
2. Jimmy Graham (2010-14)	51
3. Lance Moore (2006-13)	38
4. Robert Meachem (2007-11, 13-14)	25
<b>5t. Michael Thomas (2016-)</b>	<b>23</b>
5t. Antonio Gates (2003-05)	23

Brees' 33 career postseason touchdown passes have gone to 20 different players, 18 of them Saints teammates, seven currently on the 53-man roster. Ahead's a list of the postseason recipients of multiple touchdowns by Brees:

### BREES' POSTSEASON MULTIPLE TD PASS TARGETS

Rk. Player	No.
1t. Marques Colston (2006-13)	4
1t. Devery Henderson (2006-11)	4
<b>3t. Michael Thomas (2017-)</b>	<b>3</b>
3t. Jimmy Graham (2011-13)	3
5t. Reggie Bush (2006-10)	2
5t. Pierre Thomas (2007-13)	2
5t. Jeremy Shockey (2009-10)	2

In the 2018 regular season, Brees threw touchdowns to 13 different receivers, tying an NFL record set by Atlanta's Matt Ryan in 2016. After finding two new receivers for scores in the NFC Championship in TE Garrett Griffin and QB Taysom Hill, he threw touchdowns to an NFL-record 15 different players including the postseason. Out of the 15, the nine undrafted players (Zach Line, Keith Kirkwood, Austin Carr, Tommylee Lewis, Josh Hill, Dan Arnold, Cameron Meredith, Griffin and Hill) were the most by a quarterback in any single season since 1967.

### BREES' 2018 TD PASS TARGETS (REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)

Rk. Player	No.
1. Michael Thomas	10
2. Tre'Quan Smith	5
3. Alvin Kamara	4
4t. Benjamin Watson	2
4t. Ted Ginn Jr.	2
4t. Keith Kirkwood	2
4t. Austin Carr	2
4t. Zach Line	2
9t. Mark Ingram II	1
9t. Josh Hill	1
9t. Dan Arnold	1
9t. Cameron Meredith	1
9t. Tommylee Lewis	1
9t. Garrett Griffin	1
9t. Taysom Hill	1

## RUNNING BACKS

• A talented runner and receiver with a 5-10, 215-pound frame who was selected by the Saints in the third round of the 2017 NFL Draft out of the University of Tennessee, Kamara enjoyed an outstanding rookie campaign. He ranked first on the club and sixth in the NFL in total yards from scrimmage (1,554), second on the team in rushing and receiving, carrying 120 times for 728 yards (6.1 avg.) with eight TDs and a two-point conversion, catching 81 passes for 826 yards (10.2 avg.) with five TDs and a kickoff return for a TD for a club rookie record 14 total scores, tied for second in the NFL with teammate Mark Ingram. Kamara finished the regular season ranked first in the NFL in yards per carry.

• Kamara was the first Saints offensive rookie selected to the Pro Bowl since Rueben Mayes (1986), as an *Associated Press* second team All-Pro (flex position), the clubs' first rookie All-Pro since Tyrone Hughes in 1993 and was named *The Sporting News* NFL Rookie of the Year and *AP* Offensive Rookie of the Year.

• In 2018, he carried 194 times for a club-best 883 yards (4.6 avg.) with a franchise-record 14 touchdowns and caught 81 passes for 709 yards and four TDs to tie for the club record with 18 scores, Kamara finished the regular season ranked seventh in the NFL in total yards from scrimmage (1,592) as he became the third Saints running back to be named to the Pro Bowl in his first two seasons (George Rogers, 1981-82 and Rueben Mayes, 1986-87) and the fourth to be named twice and in back to back campaigns (Deuce McAllister, 2002-03).

## GOOD FOR ANOTHER 1,500

In 2018, Alvin Kamara joined Herschel Walker as only the second player in National Football League history with at least 1,500 rushing and 1,500 receiving yards in his first two seasons.

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS WITH 1,500 RUSHING AND 1,500 RECEIVING IN EACH OF THEIR FIRST TWO SEASONS

Player	Year	Total Yds.	Rush	Receive
1. Herschel Walker	1986	1,574	737	837
	1987	1,606	891	715
2. Alvin Kamara	2017	1,554	728	826
	2018	1,592	883	709

### 2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE LEADERS

Player	Team	Total Yds.	Rush	Receive
1. Saquon Barkely	NYG	2,028	1,307	721
2. Ezekiel Elliott	Dal.	2,001	1,434	567
3 Christian McCaffrey	Car.	1,965	1,098	867
4. Todd Gurley	LAR	1,831	1,251	580
5. Julio Jones	Atl.	1,689	12	1,677
6. Tyreek Hill	KC	1,630	151	1,479
7. Alvin Kamara	NO	1,592	883	709

## RECEIVING THREAT

As a rookie in 2017 Kamara totaled 81 receptions, second-highest among running backs and the highest rookie reception total. His 826 receiving yards set a club record for running backs as well.

### MOST RECEPTIONS BY RB-NFL (2017)

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Le'Veon Bell, Pit.	85	655	7.7	2
2. Alvin Kamara, NO	81	826	10.2	5
3. Christian McCaffrey, Car.	80	651	8.1	5

In 2018, Kamara's 81 receptions in 15 games were ranked fourth in the NFL among runners.

### MOST RECEPTIONS BY RB-NFL (2018)

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Christian McCaffrey, Car.	107	867	8.1	6
2. Saquon Barkley, NYG	91	721	7.9	4
3. James White, NE	87	751	8.6	7
4. Alvin Kamara, NO	81	709	8.8	4
5. Ezekiel Elliott, Dal.	77	567	7.4	3

Kamara's 705 yards after the catch was second in the NFL and his total of 654 in 2018 was fifth

### 2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE YARDS AFTER THE CATCH LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Todd Gurley, LA Rams	811
2.	Alvin Kamara, NO	705
3.	Le'Veon Bell, Pit.	688

### 2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE YARDS AFTER THE CATCH LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	George Kittle, SF	881
2.	Christian McCaffrey, Car.	871
3.	Saquon Barkley, NYG	795
4.	James White, NE	686
5.	Alvin Kamara, NO	654

## TOUCHDOWN MACHINE

Kamara finished 2017 ranked second in the NFL in touchdowns. His 18 touchdowns in 2018, are tied for the highest total in club record books and was ranked second in the National Football League.

### 2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Todd Gurley, LA Rams	19
2.	<b>Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>14</b>
3.	DeAndre Hopkins, Hou.	13
4t.	Mark Ingram, NO	12
4t.	Melvin Gordon, LA Chargers	12

### 2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Todd Gurley, LAR	21
2.	<b>Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>18</b>
3t.	Antonio Brown, Pit.	15
3t.	Saquon Barkley, NYG	15

### SAINTS ALL-TIME SINGLE SEASON TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

Rk.	Saint	No.
1t.	<b>Alvin Kamara, 2018</b>	<b>18</b>
1t.	Dalton Hilliard, 1989	18
3t.	Deuce McAllister, 2002	16
3t.	Jimmy Graham, 2013	16

Kamara finished 2018 ranked second in the NFL with a club-record 14 rushing touchdowns.

### 2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RUSHING TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Todd Gurley, LAR	17
2.	<b>Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>14</b>
3t.	James Conner, Pit.	12
3t.	Derrick Henry, Ten.	12

### SAINTS SINGLE SEASON RUSHING TD LEADERS

Rk.	Saint	No.
1.	<b>Alvin Kamara, 2018</b>	<b>14</b>
2t.	Dalton Hilliard, 1989	13
2t.	Deuce McAllister, 2002	13
2t.	George Rogers, 1981	13

## ROUSING START

Kamara put together a solid follow-up in his 2018 season debut in the Saints season opener vs. Tampa Bay on September 9. He received the start and rushed for 29 yards on eight carries, with two touchdowns, a successful run for a two-point conversion and through the air added nine catches for a career-high 112 yards and one touchdown, for a career-high three touchdowns and 20 points. The point total on September 9 was the third-highest in club record books. Kamara followed that up with a career-high 190 total yards from scrimmage on 16 carries for 66 yards and a career-high 15 receptions for 124 yards. The receptions total was tied for the second-most by an NFL running back and the most since William Andrews of the Falcons (1981).

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS SINGLE-GAME TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Rk.	Player	Date	Points
1t.	Reggie Bush,	vs. SF, 12/3/06	24
1t.	Joe Horn,	vs. NYG, 12/14/03	24
3.	<b>Alvin Kamara,</b>	<b>vs. TB 9/8/18</b>	<b>20</b>

## ROUSING START

Coming off of a performance September 23 at Atlanta, where he carried 16 times for 66 yards and caught 15 passes for 124 yards for 190 total yards from scrimmage and followed by a game, September 30 at the New York Giants, where he carried 19 times for a career-best 134 yards with a three touchdowns and also adding five receptions for 47 yards for 181 total yards from scrimmage, Kamara became only the third Saints player all-time to have back-to-back contests of at least 180 total yards from scrimmage.

### CONSECUTIVE 180-TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE GAMES BY A SAINT

Player	Games	Dates
Deuce McAllister	3	11/16/03-11/30/03
Rueben Mayes	2	11/30/86-12/7/86
<b>Alvin Kamara</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9/23/18-9/30/18</b>

**MARK INGRAM II**

• One of the club’s two first round draft picks in 2011, the 2009 Heisman Trophy winner has been an integral part of the rushing attack since his arrival in New Orleans as the 28th overall pick. For his career in which he has played in 106 games with 63 starts, he ranks second in club record books with 6,007 yards rushing, first with 50 rushing touchdowns and tied for second with 55 total touchdowns. In 2017, Ingram picked back up where he left off in 2016, playing in all 16 games with 12 starts and leading the team in rushing with 230 carries for a career-best 1,124 yards (4.9 avg.) with 12 touchdowns and adding a career-best 58 receptions for a 416 yards for 1,540 total yards from scrimmage as he was selected to his second Pro Bowl. Ingram finished the regular season seventh in the NFL in total yards from scrimmage, fifth in rushing yards and second in rushing touchdowns. Ingram had four 100-yard rushing performances in 2017.

• After missing the first four games of the 2018 regular season, Ingram played in the past 12 contests with six starts and carried 138 times for 645 yards (4.7 avg.) with six touchdowns and caught 21 passes for 170 yards (8.1 avg.) with one touchdown grab.

• In the postseason, Ingram has carried 65 times for 277 yards (4.3 avg.) with one touchdown to go with nine receptions for 48 yards. In the NFC Divisional Playoff win over Philadelphia, Ingram carried nine times for 53 yards, including a fourth quarter 36-yard carry, the longest non-scoring run in franchise postseason record books. The carry made him the team’s all-time postseason rushing leader.

for 122 yards (5.3 avg.) with a season-long 31-yard carry.

- **October 25, 2015 at Indianapolis** - Carried 14 times for 143 yards (10.2 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **November 6, 2016 at San Francisco** - Carried 15 times for 158 yards (10.5 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **November 27, 2016 vs. Los Angeles Rams** - Carried 14 times for 146 yards (10.4 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **January 1, 2017 at Atlanta** - Carried 20 times for 103 yards (5.2 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **October 15, 2017 vs. Detroit** - Carried 25 times for 114 yards (4.6 avg.) with two touchdowns.
- **October 22, 2017 at Green Bay** - Carried 22 times for 105 yards (4.8 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **November 19, 2017 vs. Washington** - Carried 11 times for 105 yards (12.2 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **November 11, 2018 at Cincinnati** - Carried 13 times for 104 yards.
- **November 18, 2018 vs. Philadelphia** - Carried 16 times for 103 yards (6.4 avg.) with one touchdown, including a season-long 38-yard rush on New Orleans’ first play from scrimmage.

**RUSHING LEADER**

Ingram finished the regular season ranked second on the club’s all-time rushing yardage list, 89 yards short of being the club’s all-time leader.

**ALL-TIME SAINTS RUSHING YARDS LIST  
(REGULAR SEASON)**

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Deuce McAllister	1,429	6,096	4.3	49
<b>2. Mark Ingram</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>6,007</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>50</b>
3. George Rogers	995	4,267	4.3	23

With 277 rushing yards in six contests, Ingram is the franchise’s all-time postseason rushing yardage leader, while Ingram’s combined 6,284 rushing yards in regular season and postseason combined is the most by a Saint.

**ALL-TIME SAINTS POSTSEASON RUSHING YARDS LIST**

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
<b>1. Mark Ingram</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1</b>
2. Pierre Thomas	45	215	4.8	2
3. Reggie Bush	38	200	5.3	2

**INGRAM’S BIG DAYS**

Mark Ingram II’s reached 100 rushing yards 15 times over his career, including in back to back contests in 2018. New Orleans has posted a 13-2 record in those games.

- **November 10, 2013 vs. Dallas** - Carried 14 times for 145 yards (10.4 avg.) with one touchdown and two receptions for 15 yards for 160 yards of total offense.
- **October 26, 2014 vs. Green Bay** - Rushed for a career-high 172 yards on 24 carries (7.2 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **October 30, 2014 at Carolina** - Rushed 30 times for 100 yards with two touchdowns and added a 10-yard grab.
- **November 9, 2014 vs. San Francisco** - Became the first Saint to have 100 yards rushing in three consecutive games since 2003 with 27 carries for 120 yards.
- **November 30, 2014 at Pittsburgh** - Rushed 23 times

## RUSHING LEADER

Ingram has averaged 4.6 yards per carry, sixth in the NFL over that time span and second in team history.

### ALL-TIME SAINTS RUSHING AVG. LEADERS

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Pierre Thomas	818	3,745	4.58	28
<b>2. Mark Ingram II</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>6,007</b>	<b>4.55</b>	<b>50</b>
3. Chuck Muncie	788	3,393	4.3	28

Since 2015, Ingram ranks first in rushing average among NFL players with a minimum of 300 attempts over that period.

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RUSHING AVERAGE LEADERS SINCE 2015

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
<b>1. Mark Ingram II</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>4.85</b>	<b>30</b>
1. Cam Newton	462	2,237	4.84	25

Ingram's 300 rushing first downs are ranked first in club records.

### SAINTS ALL-TIME RUSHING FIRST DOWNS LEADERS

Rk. Player	No.
<b>1. Mark Ingram II (2011-)</b>	<b>300</b>
1. Deuce McAllister (2001-09)	292
3. Pierre Thomas (2007-14)	201

Ingram's 7,605 total yards from scrimmage rank fifth in club record books.

### SAINTS TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE LEADERS

Player	Total Yds.	Rush	Receive
1. Marques Colston	9,766	7	9,759
2. Eric Martin	7,865	11	7,854
3. Deuce McAllister	7,816	6,096	1,720
4. Joe Horn	7,653	31	7,622
<b>5. Mark Ingram</b>	<b>7,605</b>	<b>6,007</b>	<b>1,598</b>

Ingram's yards rushing ranked fifth in the NFL in 2017, while he was second in the league in rushing touchdowns.

### 2017 NFL RUSHING LEADERS

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Kareem Hunt	272	1,327	4.9	8
2. Todd Gurley	279	1,305	4.7	13
3. Le'Veon Bell	321	1,291	4.0	9
4. LeSean McCoy	287	1,138	4.0	6
<b>5. Mark Ingram</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>12</b>

### 2017 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

Rk. Player	No.
1. Todd Gurley, LA Rams	13
<b>2. Mark Ingram, NO</b>	<b>12</b>
3t. Le'Veon Bell, Pit.	9
3t. Jordan Howard, Chi.	9
3t. Leonard Fournette	9

Ingram's tied for second in club record books for touchdowns.

### SAINTS ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

Rk. Saint	No.
1. Marques Colston, 2006-15	72
2t. Deuce McAllister, 2001-09	55
<b>2t. Mark Ingram, 2011-</b>	<b>55</b>
4. Dalton Hilliard, 1986-93	53

## DOUBLE TROUBLE

Not only did Kamara lead the NFL in yards per carry as a rookie, Ingram finished fourth in 2017, giving the Saints two ranked in the top five.

### 2017 NFL YARDS PER CARRY LEADERS

Player, Team	Att.	Yards	YPC.
<b>1. Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>6.1</b>
2. Cam Newton, Car.	139	754	5.4
3. Dion Lewis, NE	180	896	5.0
<b>4. Mark Ingram, NO</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>4.9</b>



**DOUBLE TROUBLE**

The duo of Ingram and Kamara also gave the Saints the only team with two running backs in the top 10 in total yards from scrimmage in 2017.

**2017 TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE LEADERS**

Player	Total Yds.	Rush	Receive
1. Todd Gurley	2,093	1,305	788
2. Le'Veon Bell	1,946	1,291	655
3. Kareem Hunt	1,782	1,327	455
4. LeSean McCoy	1,586	1,138	448
5. Melvin Gordon	1,581	1,105	476
<b>7. Alvin Kamara</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>826</b>
<b>8. Mark Ingram</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>416</b>
9. Antonio Brown	1,533	0	1,533

Ingram and Kamara's 3,094 combined total yards from scrimmage gave them the second-most prolific combined total for a running back duo (min. 1,200 yards per back), since the 16-game era began in 1978.

**TOP 5 RB SCRIMMAGE YARD TOTALS SINCE 1978**

Rk. Duo	No.
1. Harper/Payton, Chi.-1978	3,207
<b>2. Ingram/Kamara, NO-2017</b>	<b>3,094</b>
3. Byner/Mack, Cle.-1985	2,863
4. Craig/Tyler, SF-1984	2,816
5. Collins/James, NE-1985	2,793

The dynamic duo also finished 2017 both ranked in the top five in the NFL in touchdowns (Kamara-14 and Ingram-12).

**2017 NFL TOUCHDOWN LEADERS**

Rk. Player	No.
1. Todd Gurley, LA Rams	19
<b>2. Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>14</b>
3. DeAndre Hopkins, Hou.	13
4t. Mark Ingram, NO	12
4t. Melvin Gordon, LA Chargers	12

**WIDE RECEIVERS****MICHAEL THOMAS**

A talented wideout with a 6-3, 212-pound frame who was selected by the Saints in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft out of Ohio State, Thomas had an outstanding rookie campaign, leading the Black and Gold with 92 receptions for 1,137 yards and a nine touchdown grabs. He became the first Saints rookie to break 1,000 yards in a season since Marques Colston went for 1,038 in 2006. In 2017, Thomas was New Orleans' receiving leader in catches and yardage, making a club-record 104 receptions for 1,245 yards with five touchdowns to rank third in the league in receiving and making him only the second player in NFL record books, joining Odell Beckham Jr. to have 90 catches in each of his first two seasons and his 196 grabs being the most by a player in NFL history in his first two seasons.

**2017 NFL RECEIVING LEADERS**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1. Jarvis Landry	112	987	8.8	9
2. Larry Fitzgerald	109	1,156	10.6	6
<b>3. Michael Thomas</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>5</b>

**RECORD-BREAKING 2018**

Thomas picked up where he left off from 2017 in the 2018 opener vs. Tampa Bay. He set a club single-game record with 16 receptions for 180 yards and one TD. The 16 grabs set a club record that stood for 40 years and are the most by an NFL player on kickoff weekend.

**SAINTS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING LEADERS**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
<b>1. Michael Thomas, 9/8/18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>1</b>
2. Tony Galbreath, 9/10/78	14	122	8.7	0
3t. Joe Horn, 12/2/01	13	150	11.5	1
3t. Darren Sproles, 9/16/12	13	128	9.8	0

Nov. 4 vs. The LA Rams, Thomas had a franchise-record 211 yards receiving.

**SAINTS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING YARDAGE TOTALS**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
<b>1. Michael Thomas, 11/4/18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>1</b>
2. Wes Chandler, 9/2/79	6	205	34.2	1
3. Torrance Small, 12/24/94	6	200	33.3	2

In the NFC Divisional Playoff win vs. Philadelphia, Thomas set a club franchise record for receiving yardage

With his standout performance in the 2018 playoffs, Thomas has already reached the franchise's top three for post-season receiving yardage.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS POSTSEASON SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING YARDAGE TOTALS**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Michael Thomas, 1/13/19	12	171	14.6	1
2. Marques Colston, 1/14/14	11	144	13.1	1
3. Willie Jackson, 12/30/00	6	142	23.7	3

Thomas finished the regular season with a league-high 125 receptions for 1,405 yards and nine touchdowns, leading

**TOP THREE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS POSTSEASON CAREER RECEIVING YARDAGE TOTALS**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1. Marques Colston	58	788	13.6	4
<b>2t. Michael Thomas</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>3</b>
2t. Devery Henderson	31	464	15.0	4

**RECEIVING LEADER**

the club in all three major receiving categories, breaking his own club record for receptions and setting the team record for receiving yards. The receptions total was the fifth-biggest total in NFL history

**2018 NFL RECEIVING LEADERS**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1. Michael Thomas	125	1,405	11.2	9
2. Zach Ertz	116	1,163	10.0	8
3. DeAndre Hopkins	115	1,572	13.7	11

**TOP FIVE ALL-TIME NFL SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING TOTALS**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1. Marvin Harrison, 2002	143	1,722	12.0	11
2t. Antonio Brown, 2015	136	1,834	13.5	10
2t. Julio Jones, 2015	136	1,871	13.8	8
4. Antonio Brown, 2014	129	1,698	13.2	13
<b>5. Michael Thomas</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>9</b>

With 321 receptions from 2016-18, Thomas surpassed Odell Beckham Jr. to become the NFL player with the most receptions after his first three seasons. His 321 receptions are easily the most through his first three seasons as he's the only player through his first three campaigns to have 300 receptions and 3,000 receiving yards.

**RECEPTIONS THROUGH FIRST THREE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASONS**

Player	Years	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Michael Thomas	2016-18	321	3,787	23
Odell Beckham Jr.	2014-16	288	4,122	35

**TRE'QUAN SMITH**

• A talented rookie wideout, who was selected by New Orleans in the third round of the draft out of Central Florida, the 6-1, 210-pounder emerged as one of the Knights' top weapons from 2015-17 and was a key figure in the emergence of their program. During that period, he caught 168 passes for 2,748 yards (16.4 avg.) with 22 touchdowns. In his final campaign for the 13-0 Knights in 2017, Smith appeared in and started all 13 games and hauled in 54 receptions for 1,082 yards (19.9 avg.) and 13 touchdowns, his first 1,000-yard receiving season. Working his way into the club's wideout rotation, Smith has posted 28 receptions for 427 yards with five touchdowns following a November 18 breakout performance vs. Philadelphia with ten grabs for 157 yards and one touchdown. His receiving grab total ranked second on the club.

**TED GINN JR.**

• Ginn joined the Saints in the 2017 offseason as an unrestricted free agent in his 11th National Football League season. He has been a member of five teams since being selected with the ninth overall pick in the 2007 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins out of Ohio State, and has appeared in 171 games with 74 starts over that period. In his long career marked by big play ability, he has accumulated 5,281 receiving yards off 379 catches (13.9 avg.), recording 31 touchdowns. In his first season in New Orleans, Ginn played in 15 games with ten starts and recorded 53 grabs for 787 yards with four touchdown receptions, carried ten times for 39 yards and brought back 19 punts for 103 yards and five kickoffs for 56 yards. Ginn finished ranked second on the Saints in receiving yardage among the team's wideouts. He also enjoyed his most productive postseason as a professional, opening both playoff contests and making 12 grabs for 187 yards with an 80-yard touchdown and adding one carry for 11 yards.

- In the 2018 regular season, Ginn posted 17 receptions for 209 yards and two touchdowns, also rushing three times for 26 yards. Spending the bulk of the season on Injured Reserve, Ginn returned to the lineup on December 23 vs. Pittsburgh and had five grabs for 74 yards. He saved his best for last though with a fourth quarter third down 25-yard grab on New Orleans' game-winning drive. In the postseason, Ginn started both contests and posted six receptions for 102 yards (17.0 avg.), including a fourth quarter 43-yard grab in the NFC Championship game.

**KEITH KIRKWOOD**

- A 6-3, 210 undrafted rookie wideout from Temple, who finished his college career with 103 receptions for 1,638 yards (15.9 avg.) and 16 touchdowns, Kirkwood garnered a practice squad spot following an impressive preseason. Activated to the 53-man roster in Week ten, he posted 13 receptions for 209 yards (16.1 avg.) and two TDs, including two grabs for 35 yards on December 23 vs. Pittsburgh as he adds a size element to the club's wide receiver corps. The South Jersey native made his NFL playoff debut against the club that shares a stadium with a his college team in the NFC Divisional Playoff win vs. the Eagles and he posted a second quarter two-yard touchdown grab.

**BENJAMIN WATSON**

**CLIMBING THE CHARTS**

Announcing his intention to retire at the end of the season, Benjamin Watson ends his career standing at 12th place all-time on the NFL's all-time list for receptions at tight end in the regular season with 530.

**RECEPTIONS BY TIGHT ENDS, NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY**

Player, Yrs.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
10. Jeremy Shockey, 2002-11	547	6,143	11.2	37
11. Kellen Winslow, 1979-87	541	6,741	12.5	45
<b>12. Benjamin Watson, 2004-</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>44</b>
13t. Dallas Clark, 2003-13	505	5,665	11.2	53
13t. Frank Wycheck, 1993-03	505	5,126	10.2	42

**DEFENSIVE ENDS**

**CAMERON JORDAN**

- New Orleans' first choice in the 2011 NFL Draft (24th overall) out of California, Jordan is enjoying another stand-out season in 2018, recording 48 tackles (37 solo), a team-leading 12 sacks, six passes defensed, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery as he was selected to his fourth Pro Bowl and a second-team AP All-Pro selection. With 71.5 sacks in eight seasons, Jordan's fourth on the Saints career sack list. Jordan's also proven to be one of the NFL's best run defenders, as well as being known for generating pressure on quarterbacks that doesn't always show up on the stat sheet, with him playing a lead role in a run defense ranked second in the NFL in opponent rushing yards per game and in opponent yards per rush.

**CLIMBING THE CHARTS**

Jordan finished the regular season fourth on the club's all-time sack list with third and second in his sights in 2019.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS ALL-TIME SACK LEADERS (Since 1982)**

Rk.	Player, Years	No.
1.	Rickey Jackson, 1982-93	115.0
2.	Wayne Martin, 1989-99	82.5
3.	Pat Swilling, 1986-92	76.5
4.	<b>Cameron Jordan, 2011-</b>	<b>71.5</b>
5.	Will Smith, 2004-12	67.5

**TIGHT ENDS**

- Originally signed as an unrestricted free agent from the Cleveland Browns in 2013 and brought back in 2018 after spending the last two campaigns with the Baltimore Ravens, Watson again leads the team at the position at age 38. The former University of Georgia standout and 15-year NFL veteran who originally entered the league as a first round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 2004 (32nd overall) posted career totals of 530 receptions for 5,885 yards (11.1 avg.) with 46 touchdowns in 195 games with 136 starts.

- Watson played in all 16 games with four starts in the 2018 regular season and led the club's tight ends with 35 receptions for 400 yards (11.4 avg.) with two touchdowns to rank third on the club in receiving. He brought valuable postseason experience to the table for New Orleans having played in 12 games with nine starts for the Patriots and New Orleans, totaling 22 receptions for 234 yards (10.6 avg.) and three touchdowns after posting a 12-yard grab in the NFC Divisional Playoff win vs. Philadelphia before being inactive for the NFC Championship (illness).

Below's a breakdown of Jordan's 71.5 career takedowns

**BY CONFERENCE AND DIVISION**

	Sks	Yds/Lst		Sks	Yds/Lst
NFC	46.5	322.0	AFC	12	73
NFC South	28	199.5	AFC North	4	13
NFC West	6.5	41.5	AFC East	3	27
NFC North	4	29	AFC South	3	22
NFC East	7	43	AFC West	2	11

**BY TEAM**

	Sks	Yds/Lst		Sks	Yds/Lst
Atlanta	14	66	Green Bay	2	15
Tampa Bay	9.5	70.5	Min.	2	12
Carolina	8	74	Ind.	2	11
Philadelphia	3	21	Cle.	2	11
Detroit	3	19	Dal.	2	10
LA Rams	3	29	Denver	1	4
Arizona	3	23	NE	1	5
SF	2.5	13.5	NYG	1	6
Washington	2	16	Pittsburgh	1	0
Chargers	2	13	Buffalo	1	13
Miami	2	19	Chicago	0.5	4.5

**BY QUARTERBACK**

	Sks	Yds/Lst		Sks	Yds/Lst
Matt Ryan	14	66	Josh McCown	1.5	9
Cam Newton	8	76	Roethlisberger	1	0
Jameis Winston	7	59.5	Thad Lewis	1	13
Josh Freeman	3	23	Ryan Tannehill	1	9
M. Stafford	3	19	Tom Brady	1	5
Jared Goff	3	29	Philip Rivers	1	7
Carson Palmer	3	23	T. Bridgewater	1	7
Josh Freeman	3	23	Eli Manning	1	6
Colin Kaepernick	2.5	13.5	Trevor Semian	1	4
Aaron Rodgers	2	15	Jay Cutler	1	10
Andrew Luck	2	12	Sam Bradford	1	5
Tyrod Taylor	2	11	Andy Dalton	1	2
Dak Prescott	2	10	Mitch Trubisky	0.5	4.5

Since Week Eight 2014, Jordan's played among the National Football League's elite defensive ends. He's ranked seventh in the NFL since Oct. 26, 2014 with 49 sacks.

**MOST SACKS IN THE NFL SINCE OCTOBER 26, 2014**

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Aaron Donald, LAR	57.5
2.	Chandler Jones, NE-Ari.	55
3.	Von Miller, Den.	54
4.	Ryan Kerrigan, Was.	53.5
5.	Khalil Mack, Oak.-Chi.	53
6.	J.J. Watt, Hou.	50.5
7.	<b>Cameron Jordan, NO</b>	<b>49.0</b>

Jordan's 25 sacks since 2017 is tied for fourth in the NFL

**MOST SACKS IN THE NFL SINCE 2017**

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Aaron Donald, LAR	31.5
2.	Chandler Jones, Ari.	30
3.	Ryan Kerrigan, Was.	26
4t.	<b>Cameron Jordan, NO</b>	<b>25</b>
4t.	Calais Campbell, Jax.	25
4t.	DeMarcus Lawrence, Dal.	25

Jordan's 12 takedowns in 2018 were tied for 14th in the NFL and eighth in the NFC.

**MOST SACKS IN THE NFC IN 2018**

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Aaron Donald, LAR	20.5
2..	Danielle Hunter, Min.	14.5
3.	Frank Clark, Sea.	14.0
4t.	Chandler Jones, Ari.	13
4t.	Ryan Kerrigan, Was.	13
6t.	Khalil Mack, Chi.	12.5
6t.	Jason Pierre-Paul, TB	12.5
8t.	<b>Cameron Jordan, NO</b>	<b>12</b>
8t.	DeForest, Buckner, SF	12

Jordan has posted 71.5 career sacks and over the past eight seasons is only the second player, joining J.J. Watt to have 70 takedowns and 35 passes defended. During this time, the Saints own a 34-15 regular season record when he corrals a signal-caller, and a 15-2 mark in a multi-sack performance in the regular season. He also leads the club in the postseason with an additional 4.5 takedowns.

**CAMERON JORDAN'S MULTIPLE SACK GAMES**

Date	Opp.	Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yards
11/5/12	vs. Phi.	3	3	3	3	21
9/22/13	vs. Arz.	7	3	4	2	14
11/21/13	@ Atl.	7	3	4	2.5	10.5
12/8/13	vs. Car.	5	3	2	2	19
10/26/14	vs. GB	4	3	1	2	15
12/28/14	@ TB	6	4	2	1.5	9
10/15/15	vs. Atl.	7	6	1	3	12
10/25/15	@ Ind.	3	2	1	2	12
10/15/17	vs. Det.	5	4	1	2	12
11/5/17	vs. TB	7	5	2	1.5	9
11/26/17	@ LAR	4	4	0	2	20
12/24/17	vs. Atl.	3	3	0	2	10
9/16/18	vs. Cle.	2	2	0	2	11
9/23/18	at Atl.	5	4	1	2	8
11/22/18	vs. Atl.	4	4	0	2	9
11/29/18	@ Dal.	7	3	4	2	10
12/9/18	@ TB.	4	4	0	2	21

**DURABLE DEFENDER**

With 128 consecutive regular season games played and 113 consecutive starts in having never missed a contest in his eight-year NFL career, Jordan's one of the league's most durable defensive ends. He has also played in all eight of New Orleans' postseason games with seven starts that have taken place during his tenure. With Julius Peppers announcing his retirement, Jordan will become the consecutive games played leader at his position in 2019.

**MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON GAMES PLAYED AMONG ACTIVE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DEFENSIVE ENDS**

Rk.	Defensive End	Team	No.
1.	Julius Peppers	Car.	176
<b>2.</b>	<b>Cameron Jordan</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>128</b>
3.	Jerry Hughes	Buf.	113

**MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON GAMES STARTED AMONG ACTIVE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DEFENSIVE ENDS**

Rk.	Defensive End	Team	No.
<b>1.</b>	<b>Cameron Jordan</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>113</b>
2.	Carlos Dunlap	Cin.	84

**MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON GAMES STARTED BY SAINTS PLAYERS**

Rk.	Saint	Dates	No.
1.	Wayne Martin	(9/19/91-1/2/99)	144
2.	Jahri Evans	(9/10/06-9/15/13)	114
<b>3.</b>	<b>Cameron Jordan</b>	<b>(1/2/12-)</b>	<b>113</b>

**ALEX OKAFOR**

• Selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the fourth round of the 2013 NFL Draft, Okafor joined the Saints in 2017 as an unrestricted free agent, where he has added valuable depth on the defensive line. Okafor has appeared in 67 games with 50 starts in six years, collecting 22 sacks, an interception, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, ten passes defended and a blocked punt. In 2017, he had 37 tackles (26 solo), 4.5 sacks to tie for second behind Jordan, four passes defended and two forced fumbles. Recovered from an Achilles injury suffered in Week 11, Okafor resigned in the offseason opened the 2018 season opener as a productive counterpart opposite Jordan and has posted 35 tackles (25 solo), four sacks, one pass defended, one fumble recovery and one blocked punt in starting all 16 contests for the 13-3 Saints.

**MARCUS DAVENPORT**

• Trading up to the 14<sup>th</sup> spot in the 2018 NFL Draft, the Saints addressed the line and the pass rush with this gifted pass rusher, only the second draft choice ever from Texas-San Antonio. During four college seasons, Davenport notched totals of 186 tackles (97 solo), 22 sacks, 38 tackles for loss, six forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one returned for a touchdown and eight passes defended, finishing his career as the school's all-time leader for stops for loss, takedowns and quarterback hurries (21). In 13 regular season games, Davenport posted 21 tackles (12 solo), 4.5 sacks, two passes defended and one forced fumble.

## DEFENSIVE TACKLES

### TYELER DAVISON

- This former fifth round draft pick has been a vital part of the Saints defensive line since being selected in 2015 (154th overall). The Fresno State product has followed up his first three seasons with an even more productive campaign in 2018, helping the defense tied for fifth in the NFL in sacks and rank second in run defense. In 14 regular season games with 12 starts, he made 26 tackles (eight solo), two sacks, one pass defended and one forced fumble, being a run-stopping force as well as helping shed blockers to create sacks. Overall in four seasons, the disruptive defensive tackle has 113 tackles (58 solo), 3.5 sacks, three pass deflections and three forced fumbles.

### SHELDON RANKINS

- The third defensive lineman selected in the 2016 NFL Draft out of Louisville, Sheldon Rankins started all 16 games in 2017 posting 26 tackles (16 solo), two sacks for loss of 13 yards, one interception, one pass defended and one forced fumble. He helped a defensive unit that went from 31<sup>st</sup> in the NFL, allowing 28.4 points per game in 2016 to allowing 20.4 points per game in 2017, good for tenth in the league. In his first full season after missing seven contests as a rookie, Rankins' ability to rush the passer from the inside as well as take on double teams proved beneficial in 2017 helping the defense post 42 sacks, ranking seventh in the league, compared to only 30 in 2016. In 2018, Rankins had a career-high 42 tackles (26 solo), a forced fumble and a career-best eight sacks to rank second on the club and tied for sixth in the National Football League among defensive tackles, while the Orleans pass rush increased its sack total to 49, tied for fifth in the league.

### MOST SACKS BY NFL DEFENSIVE TACKLES IN 2018

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Aaron Donald, LAR	20.5
2.	DeForest Buckner, SF	12
3t.	Jarran Reed, Sea.	10.5
3t.	Fletcher Cox, Phi.	10.5
5.	Geno Atkins, Cin.	10
<b>6t.</b>	<b>Sheldon Rankins, NO</b>	<b>8</b>
6t.	Jonathan Allen, Was.	8
6t.	Cameron Heyward, Pit.	8

### DAVID ONYEMATA

- A fourth round selection out of Manitoba in 2016, Onyemata teams with Davison and Rankins to form a solid front in the interior. In 48 games with ten starts, he's posted 113 career tackles, 6.5 sacks, two passes defended and two forced fumbles. In 16 games with four starts in 2018, Onyemata posted 36 tackles, in helping with a run defense ranked second in the NFL, while adding a career-high 4.5 sacks and one forced fumble and one pass defended.

## LINEBACKERS

Key free agent acquisitions in both 2017 and 2018 combined with an extra year of growth for younger players have rendered the Saints linebacking corps a hard-hitting squad with a solid mix of both youth and experience.

### ALEX ANZALONE

- One of three third round picks in 2017, Anzalone came to the Saints after a solid career at Florida. In his rookie season, Anzalone started four games before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury and posted 16 tackles, a sack and a pass defended. In 16 games with seven starts in 2018, he posted 61 tackles (45 solo), two sacks, one interception, two passes defended and two forced fumbles.

### DEMARIO DAVIS

- This dependable and sure-tackling defender joined the Saints after a breakout 2017, where he started 16 games for the Jets. Davis enjoyed his best season, posting a team-high and career-high 165 tackles (112 solo), a career-best five sacks, tied for second in the inside linebackers, three passes defended and a fumble recovery. For his career, the Brandon, Miss. native has appeared in 112 games with 98 starts for the Jets (2012-15, 2017), Cleveland (2016) and Saints, recording 770 tackles (503 solo), 18.5 sacks, an interception, 21 passes defended, three forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries and 24 special team stops.

- In 2018, Davis opened all 16 regular season contests at the weakside position and led the team with 110 stops (74 solo), five sacks to lead the linebacker corps, four passes defended, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. Davis' abilities to diagnose and tackle have played a key role in New Orleans ranking second in the National Football League in opponent rushing yards per game and opponent rushing yards per play. Davis led New Orleans in the post-season with 22 tackles (15 solo), a one-yard interception return and one pass defended.

**A.J. KLEIN**

• Signed as an unrestricted free agent from Carolina in 2017, where he spent his first four seasons, Klein's played a significant role in the linebacker rotation. Opening 12 games on the strongside in his first season with the club, Klein had 54 tackles (37 solo), two sacks, five passes defended and one forced fumble. In 16 regular contests with 15 starts in 2018, he posted a career-high 72 tackles (44 solo), one interception, two sacks, three passes defended and two fumble recoveries, playing a key role in a run defense ranked second in the NFL in opponent yards per rush and opponent rushing yards per game.

**CORNERBACKS**

**MARSHON LATTIMORE**

• Selected by the Saints in the first round (11<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2017 NFL Draft out of Ohio State, Lattimore captured a starting position in training camp and started all 13 games he appeared in. He totaled 53 tackles (44 solo), a forced fumble, one fumble recovery, five interceptions for 85 yards and 18 passes defended, as he became the youngest Saint (21 years old) ever selected to the Pro Bowl and was selected as the *Associated Press* NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year.

• In 2018, Lattimore opened up all 16 regular season contests and posted 59 tackles (49 solo), two interceptions to tie for the team lead, a team-high 12 passes defended, a club-best four forced fumbles, which is tied for sixth in the National Football League and three fumble recoveries, returned for 91 yards, lead the team in takeaways and tied for second in the NFL in defensive fumble recoveries, the highest total among defensive backs.

**MOST DEFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERIES IN THE NFL IN 2018**

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Allen Bailey, KC	4
2t.	Marshon Lattimore, NO	3
2t.	Matt Milano, Buf.	3
2t.	Jadaveon Clowney, Hou.	3
2t.	Vonn Miller, Den.	3
2t.	Justin Houston, KC	3

**OUT OF THE MARSH**

Lattimore came through for the defense at the New York Giants (9/30). He made a big play in the second quarter when he picked up a fumble forced by his teammate P.J. Williams and returned it to the New York 11-yard line 37 yards. He finished adding four solo tackles for his effort. Lattimore was also assigned to Giants standout WR Odell Beckham Jr. , who averaged only 8.6 yards per catch.

In the Oct. 28 win at Minnesota, Lattimore picked up a fumble deep in Saints territory and returned it 54 yards to set up a touchdown before halftime that gave New Orleans the lead for good.

In the November 8 win at Philadelphia, Lattimore recorded his first pick of the 2018 season in the first quarter of the 48 -7 win.

In a Thanksgiving night win vs. Atlanta, Lattimore stripped Falcons WR Calvin Ridley at the New Orleans three-yard line, saving a touchdown and ensuring the Saints' tenth straight victory.

Lattimore recorded a fumble recovery on November 29 at Dallas, snuffing out a potential Cowboys scoring drive.

In The December 9 win at Tampa Bay, Lattimore closed out the win on the next to last play of the game by picking off Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston in the end zone.

**POSTSEASON PICKS**

In the NFC Divisional Playoff, Lattimore recorded two interceptions in the club's 20-14 victory. This marked the third multiple interception game in Saints playoff history.

**SAINTS POSTSEASON MULTI-INTERCEPTION GAMES**

Player	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Marshon Lattimore, 1/13/19	2	14	7.0	0
Sammy Knight, 12/30/00	2	56	28.0	0
Jabari Greer, 1/7/12	2	17	8.5	0

**ELI APPLE**

• The tenth overall pick of the Giants in the 2016 NFL Draft out of Ohio State and a former teammate in the Buckeyes defensive backfield with Lattimore and Vonn Bell, since being acquired by New Orleans, Bell has made a positive impact in the Saints secondary. In the ten games Apple's started, the Black and Gold surrendered 20 or fewer points seven times with six consecutive contests of giving up 17 or fewer points and hes picked up two interceptions, including one in the end zone at the end of the first half of the December 17 win at Carolina and a fumble recovery.

## SAFETIES

### MARCUS WILLIAMS

- After being selected in the second round of the 2017 NFL Draft (42<sup>nd</sup> overall) out of Utah, this ball-hawking safety had an excellent rookie campaign starting all 15 games he appeared in posting 70 tackles (56 solo), four interceptions and six passes defended. Williams led rookie safeties in interceptions and was second in tackles and passes defended, including two picks in the regular season finale. He also posted his first career postseason interception, which was the only pick made by a rookie in the playoffs. Williams built on an impressive rookie season as one of the centerpieces of one of the NFL's youngest defensive backfields, tying for the club lead with two picks in 2018 and with a fumble recovery on Thanksgiving vs. Atlanta. Overall, he opened all 16 games and posted 55 tackles, a sack/forced fumble/recovery and three passes defended.

### KURT COLEMAN

- This smart, versatile veteran safety brings experience and a wealth of knowledge to a young secondary. A seventh round pick (244<sup>th</sup> overall) of the Eagles in the 2010 NFL Draft out of Ohio State, after spending his first five seasons in Philadelphia and Kansas City, Coleman recorded 11 interceptions over three seasons in Carolina. Overall, he's played in 132 regular season games with 83 starts, posting 527 tackles, two sacks, 21 interceptions, two returns for TDs, 29 passes defended, five forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 35 special teams stops. In 2018, he played in all 16 games with nine starts and posted 30 stops (20 solo) and added a key fourth quarter forced fumble in the December 23 win over Pittsburgh.

### VONN BELL

- Bell left onlookers impressed with his 2016 rookie campaign. Playing in every game with 14 starts, he totaled 98 tackles (59 solo), second on the team, four passes defended, a sack, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery. Selected in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft (61<sup>st</sup> overall), Bell was a consensus first-team All-American as a junior at Ohio State. In 2017, he played in all 16 games with 10 starts and posted a team-high 78 tackles (57 solo), 4.5 sacks, tied for second on the club and lead defensive backs, two passes defended, two forced fumbles and five special teams stops. He led the Saints with 17 playoff stops and added a key takedown late in the NFC Wild Card win vs. Carolina. In 2018, he led the secondary with 87 tackles (61 solo), a sack, three passes defended, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery on Thanksgiving night vs. Atlanta.



## ***HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT***

### **2006** (1)

#### **FREE AGENTS**

QB **Drew Brees** (UFA-SD)

### **2009** (1)

#### **DRAFT**

P **Thomas Morstead** (5)

### **2011** (2)

#### **DRAFT**

DE **Cameron Jordan** (1a)

RB **Mark Ingram** (1b)

### **2013** (2)

#### **DRAFT:**

T **Terron Armstead** (3a)

#### **FREE AGENTS:**

TE **Josh Hill** (Rookie FA)

### **2015** (4)

#### **DRAFT:**

T **Andrus Peat** (1a)

CB **P.J. Williams** (3b)

DT **Tyler Davison** (5b)

#### **TRADE:**

C **Max Unger** (Sea.)

### **2016** (9)

#### **DRAFT:**

WR **Michael Thomas** (2a)

S **Vonn Bell** (2b)

DT **David Onyemata** (4)

#### **FREE AGENTS:**

S **Chris Banjo** (FA)

CB **Ken Crawley** (Rookie FA)

TE **Garrett Griffin** (Rookie FA)

WR **Tommy Lee Lewis** (Rookie FA)

K **Wil Lutz** (FA)

LB **Craig Robertson** (UFA-Cle.)

### **2017** (17)

#### **DRAFT:**

CB **Marshon Lattimore** (1a)

T **Ryan Ramczyk** (1b)

S **Marcus Williams** (2)

RB **Alvin Kamara** (3a)

LB **Alex Anzalone** (3b)

DE **Trey Hendrickson** (3c)

#### **FREE AGENTS:**

TE **Dan Arnold** (Rookie FA)

DB **Justin Hardee** (FA)

WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** (UFA-Car.)

LB **A.J. Klein** (UFA-Car.)

FB **Zach Line** (UFA-Min.)

DE **Alex Okafor** (UFA-Ari.)

LB **Manti Te'o** (UFA-SD)

C **Cameron Tom** (Rookie FA)

G **Larry Warford** (UFA-Det.)

LS **Zach Wood** (FA)

#### **WAIVERS:**

WR **Austin Carr** (NE)

QB **Taysom Hill** (GB)

## ***HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT (CONT.)***

**2018** (17)

**DRAFT:**

DE **Marcus Davenport** (1)

WR **Tre'Quan Smith** (3)

C/G **Will Clapp** (7)

**FREE AGENTS:**

LB **Vince Biegel** (FA)

T **Jermon Bushrod** (UFA-Mia.)

S **Kurt Coleman** (FA)

LB **Demario Davis** (UFA-NYJ)

WR **Keith Kirkwood** (Rookie FA)

T **Derek Newton** (FA)

CB **Josh Robinson** (FA)

DL **Taylor Stallworth** (Rookie FA)

DT **Tyrunn Walker** (FA)

RB **Dwayne Washington** (FA)

TE **Benjamin Watson** (UFA-Bal.)

**TRADE:**

CB **Eli Apple** (NYG)

QB **Teddy Bridgewater** (NYJ)

## PLAYER BIOS NOT IN MEDIA GUIDE

**25 ELI APPLE CB**

**HEIGHT: 6-1    WEIGHT: 203**

**COLLEGE: OHIO STATE**

**JOINED SAINTS: TR-18 (NYG)**

**NFL EXPERIENCE: 3**

**BORN: 8/9/95**

**NFL CAREER** – Eli Apple joins the Saints following a midseason trade from the New York Giants and is expected to contribute to the team on defense. Since entering the NFL in 2016, Apple has appeared in 30 regular season games with 23 starts recording 120 tackles (102 solo), one interception, 20 passes defended, one forced fumble and five fumble recoveries, as well as two stops and one fumble recovery on special teams.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** – Acquired by the New Orleans Saints from the New York Giants in exchange for a fourth round draft pick in 2019 and a seventh round draft choice in 2020, 10/23/18; Signed by the Giants to a four-year contract, 5/6/10; Selected by the Giants in the first round (tenth overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft.

**2018** – Apple started all five games he played in for the Giants, recording 22 tackles (20 solo), five passes defended and recording a fumble recovery at Atlanta, Oct. 22.

**2017** – Played in all 11 games with seven starts for the Giants and recorded 49 tackles (41 solo) for the second consecutive season, eight passes defended and two fumble recoveries...Set a career-high when he tallied nine tackles (seven solo) vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 17. **2016** – Played in all 14 regular season games with 11 starts and opened the NFC Wild Card Playoff Contest at Green Bay for the Giants...Started seven games at left cornerback and four as an extra defensive back in the regular season and was an extra defensive back in the postseason game...Finished the regular season with 49 tackles (41 solo), seven passes defended, one interception, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries on defense, and two tackles and a fumble recovery on special teams...At the Los Angeles Rams in London, Oct. 23, forced the first fumble of career and added three tackles...Made his first career interception when he picked off a Ben Roethlisberger pass intended for wide receiver Eli Rogers with 44 seconds remaining in the third quarter at Pittsburgh, Dec. 4. Also got his first career fumble recovery when he fell on a ball that linebacker Jonathan Casillas had dislodged from running back Le'Veon Bell midway through the third quarter. Apple was the first

Giants player with an interception and a fumble recovery in the same game since defensive end Kerry Wynn did it in St. Louis on December 21, 2014. He also had five tackles (four solo)...Posted seven tackles (including a season-high six solo) vs. New Orleans, Sept. 18...Made his National Football League regular season debut with four solo tackles at Dallas, Sept. 11.

**COLLEGE** – Played in 28 games with 27 starts in two seasons at Ohio State (2014-15)...Finished with 86 tackles (56 solo), including 7.5 stops for losses, 22 passes defended (18 pass breakups and four interceptions)...Named second-team All-Big Ten in 2015 by the league's coaches, and a freshman All-America in 2014 after a season in which he had 53 tackles, and was among the Top Ten in the Big Ten with 13 passes defended...In 2015, started all 13 games at cornerback and had 33 tackles (23 solo), including two for losses and nine passes defended (eight breakups and one interception)...In 2014, played in 15 games with 14 starts in Ohio State's national championship season...Finished the season as one of the top ten tacklers on the team with 53 stops, including 5.5 tackles for losses, and had 13 passes defended (ten breakups, three interceptions)...Recorded his first collegiate interception vs. Virginia Tech, and also had picks vs. Maryland and in College Football Playoff national championship game vs. Oregon...Intercepted Marcus Mariota's final throw as a collegian; only the fourth interception thrown by the Heisman Trophy winner all season...Majored in sports industry.

**PERSONAL** – Attended Eastern (Voorhees, N.J.) HS...As a senior, played both sides of the ball...Playing cornerback, had 45 tackles, two interceptions and 17 pass deflections. Also forced three fumbles and blocked a kick...Doubled as wide receiver, and had 39 receptions for 770 yards and four touchdowns...Represented New York Police Department during the National Football League's "My Cause My Cleats" Week 13 initiative in 2017...Served as a Play 60 Ambassador adopting Garfield Middle School in Garfield, N.J., motivating the students every week for a month to get active and play outside...Partnered with Americares and travelled to Puerto Rico on a 3-day trip to deliver aid and medical supplies to areas affected.

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### 59 VINCE BIEGEL LB

HEIGHT: 6-3

WEIGHT: 246

COLLEGE: WISCONSIN

JOINED SAINTS: FA-18

NFL EXPERIENCE: 2

BORN: 7/2/1993

**NFL CAREER** – Originally selected by the Green Bay Packers in the fourth round of the 2017 NFL Draft (108<sup>th</sup> overall), Vince Biegel joined the Saints practice squad before the start of the 2018 regular season. In 2017, he appeared in nine games for the Packers posting 13 tackles (eight solo), one tackle for loss and six special teams stops. Biegel looks to add depth to the Saints linebacking core and brings valuable experience on special teams.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** – Promoted to the Saints active roster, 9/21/18; Signed to the Saints practice squad, 9/2/18; Released by Green Bay, 9/1/18; Activated from Physically Unable to Perform list by Green Bay, 11/3/17; Placed on Physically Unable to Perform List by Green Bay, 9/2/2017; Signed a four-year rookie contract with Green Bay, 5/31/2017; Selected by the Green Bay Packers in the fourth round (108th overall) of the 2017 NFL Draft.

**2018** – Promoted to the Saints active roster prior to the week three contest at Atlanta after spending the offseason and preseason with the Packers. **2017** – Missed the first seven contest of the season on the Physically Unable to Perform list. Appeared in nine games for the Packers in 2017, recording 10 tackles (three solo), one tackle for loss and tied for second on team with six special teams tackles.

**COLLEGE** – Matched Wisconsin's school record by playing in 54 games, including 40 starts and ranked No. 7 all-time in school records with 21.5 sacks and ranked No. 10 with 39.5 tackles for loss...Also recorded 191 tackles (117 solo), five passes defensed, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries...Named second team All-Big Ten (coaches) and third-team All-Big Ten (media) after starting all 12 games he played in as senior...Graduated with bachelor's degree in life sciences communication. Dec., 2016 and was a four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection.

**PERSONAL** –As a senior was named All-America by US Army, *USA Today* and *Parade* while also being honored as the Gatorade Wisconsin Player of the Year... Lettered in football (four years), hockey (two years) and track and field (four years) at Lincoln High School...Was the top ranked player in Wisconsin by ESPN and Rivals after finishing his career with 425 tackles, 27 sacks, 10 interceptions, 10 forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries and four defensive touchdowns...Given name Vincent James Biegel...Born in Marshfield, Wis...His father, Rocky, played linebacker at BYU from 1988-92 and wrestled in 1992...His father was also a two-time state-champion wrestler for Wisconsin Rapids, going undefeated as a senior (winning every match by fall)...His uncle, T.D. Biegel, played fullback at BYU from 1989-93, and his grandfather, Ken Biegel, played linebacker and offensive guard at UW-Eau Claire before becoming a decorated high school coach enshrined in the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and Wisconsin Football Coaches Association halls of fame...Brother, Hayden, played for Wisconsin from 2013-15...Family owns and operates a cranberry marsh, which he worked in...Interned with Merrill Lynch during summers of 2015 and 2016...Has volunteered at children's hospitals and for Special Olympics...Residence: Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

### 5 TEDDY BRIDGEWATER QB

HEIGHT: 6-2

WEIGHT: 215

COLLEGE: LOUISVILLE

NFL EXPERIENCE: 5

JOINED SAINTS: TR-18 (NYJ)

BORN: 11/10/92

**NFL CAREER** – Originally drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in the first round of the 2014 NFL Draft (32nd overall) out of Louisville, Bridgewater brings starting experience to the Saints quarterback room in a trade with the New York Jets, who signed him in the offseason. The Miami native returned to the field in Week 15 last season after missing the previous 30 regular season games with an injury suffered in practice during the 2016 preseason. He has posted career numbers of 6,150 yards passing, 28 touchdowns and 22 interceptions, while completing 64.7% of his passes for an 86.3 passer rating in 30 career games (28 starts). Bridgewater has added four touchdowns on the ground and three total two-point conversions (one rushing, two passing). **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** – Acquired by Saints from Jets, 8/29/18; Signed by Jets (UFA-MIN), 3/18/18; Activated from Reserve/PUP by Vikings, 11/8/17; Placed on Reserve/PUP by Vikings, 9/2/17; Placed on Injured Reserve by Vikings, 9/1/16; Signed four-year contract with Vikings, 5/20/14; Selected by the Vikings in the first round (32nd overall) of the 2014 NFL Draft.

**HONORS – 2016:** Ed Block Courage Award Winner (Minnesota team winner); **2015:** Pro Bowl **2014:** Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Year; *PFWA* All-Rookie Team; Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week (Weeks 4 and 13).

**2018** -. Completed 28-of-38 passes (73.7%) for 316 yards with two TDs, one interception and a 104.7 rating in the preseason for Jets, prior to being acquired by the Saints. **2017**-. Returned to the field, Dec. 15 vs. Cincinnati after suffering a serious knee injury prior to the start of the 2016 regular season, throwing two passes over the final three drives in final season with Vikings... Spent first ten weeks on the Reserve/PUP list and didn't play in six of the final seven weeks. **2016** - Received the Ed Block Courage Award in a vote by his teammates after missing the entire season due to a knee injury suffered in practice leading into the preseason finale. **2015** - Selected to the Pro Bowl after starting all 16 games, going 11-5 and capturing an NFC North division title... Finished season 9-3, including a three-game winning streak at end of season... Increased his completion percentage (65.3%), passing yards (3,231) and rating (88.7) from rookie season, decreasing his interceptions (12 to nine) despite starting four more games... Added 192 yards and three scores rushing. Made postseason debut in NFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Seattle, 1/10/16 and completed 70.8% of his passes for 146 yards... Dec. 20 vs. Chicago, established single-game best with an 85.0% completion percentage, 154.4 rating and four TDs... Added a rushing TD in becoming just the seventh different player with at least four passing touchdowns and a rushing TD since 2011... Dec. 10 at Arizona, completed 69.4% of passes for 335 yards and a 108.0 rating... Nov. 1 at Chicago, led two scoring drives over the final 4:55 to turn a seven-point deficit into a three-point win. Completed six-of-seven passes for 106 yards, including a 40-yard TD to Stefon Diggs and a 35-yard completion to Charles Johnson to set up game-winning field goal two plays later... Oct. 25 at Detroit, completed over 70% of his passes for 316 yards and a 118.3 rating. **2014** - Earned NFL Rookie of the Year and named

*PFWA* All-Rookie after starting 12 of 13 games... Four of his six wins as a starter were fourth quarter comebacks... Completed 259-of-402 passes for 2,919 yards, 14 touchdowns, 12 interceptions and an 85.2 rating... Added 209 yards and a rushing TD... Led qualified rookies in completion percentage and rating, completing 72.1% of his passes for a 103.0 rating the final five weeks... Dec. 21 at Miami, posted a 114.1 rating, his third of 100+ on the season after completing 73.1% of his passes for 259 yards and two TDs... Dec. 14 at Detroit, threw for 300 yards for second consecutive week after completing 31-of-41 passes (75.6%), as both the completions and completion percentage were season-highs... Dec. 7, vs. Jets, ended game with an 87-yard TD pass to WR Jarius Wright after a Jets punt pinned him inside his ten-yard line... Finished with 309 yards passing, his second 300+ yard performance. Nov. 30 vs. Carolina, named Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week after matching his season high of two TD passes in the 18-point win... Nov. 23 vs. Green Bay posted two TD passes... Nov. 2 vs. Washington, engineered fourth-quarter comeback for second-consecutive week as he completed six-of-nine passes for 69 yards in twice putting team ahead in the fourth quarter... Oct. 26 at Tampa Bay, earned first road win of career after orchestrating a nine-play, 61-yard drive over the final 2:02 in regulation to set up a 38-yard field goal to force overtime... Oct. 19 at Buffalo, connected with WR Cordarrelle Patterson on a four-yard TD pass, the first of his career... Sept. 28 vs. Atlanta, earned Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week honors in his first career start after outscoring opponent 14-0 in the fourth quarter. Threw for a season-high 317 yards, the most by a MIN rookie in their first start. Scored the first touchdown of his career, a 13-yard rushing score in the second quarter and connected with tight end Rhett Ellison for two-point conversion... Sept. 21 at New Orleans, Made his NFL debut after entering the game in the second quarter for an injured. Matt Cassel. Completed 12-of-20 passes for 150 yards.

**COLLEGE** – Won back-to-back Big East Conference titles (2011-2012) and led Louisville to three bowl appearances, winning two - the 2012 Allstate Sugar Bowl over fourth-ranked Florida and the 2013 Russell Athletic Bowl over Miami... In last two seasons, guided Cardinals to a 23-3 record... In only three seasons, left the school tied for team record with 27 wins (27-9 as starter)... Set school record with a 68.4% completion percentage and threw only 24 interceptions... In last season (2013), named second-team All-ACC, 2012 Big East Offensive Player of the Year as team won second straight Big East title... Named MVP of 2013 Sugar Bowl win over Florida... Earned bachelor's degree sports administration in Dec. 2013.

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HEIGHT: 6-6 WEIGHT: 315

COLLEGE: ARKANSAS STATE

NFL EXPERIENCE: 7

JOINED SAINTS: FA-18

BORN: 11/16/87

**NFL CAREER** – Originally drafted by the Houston Texans in the seventh round of the 2011 NFL Draft (214<sup>th</sup> overall), Derek Newton joined the Saints active roster near the end of the 2018 regular season. The seven-year veteran has shown the versatility to play both guard and tackle on the offensive line. After appearing in 82 games and starting 68 for Houston, Newton comes to New Orleans after battling a career threatening injury and looks to add depth and versatility to one of the leagues strongest units.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** – Re-signed by the New Orleans Saints, 12/27/2018; Waived by New Orleans, 12/20/18; Signed by Saints, 12/11/18; Released by the Houston Texans, 4/12/18; Activated from Reserve/PUP by Houston, 2/5/18; Placed on Reserve/ PUP by Houston, 5/12/17; Placed on Injured Reserve by Houston, 10/26/16; Re-signed by Houston to five-year contract extension, 3/9/15; Signed by Houston to four-year contract, 07/31/11; Selected in the seventh round (214<sup>st</sup> overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft by Houston.

**2017** – Missed entire season recovering from two torn patellar tendons. **2016** – Started all six games he appeared in at RT before suffering season-ending knee injuries in week seven against Denver, Oct. 24. **2015** – Started all 16 regular season games and one postseason contest...Started at RT vs. Kansas City, Sept. 13....Started at LG at Carolina, Sept. 20. Started at RT in Weeks 3-5 and Weeks 10-17...Started at RG in Weeks 6-7...Played RT and LT in Week 8...Recovered a fumble in Week 14 vs. New England, Dec. 13, and Week 15 at Indianapolis, Dec. 20...Started at RT in Wild Card Game vs. Kansas City, Jan. 9. **2014** – Started all 16 games at RT for second time in career...Started at RT and moved inside to RG vs. Baltimore...Dec. 21, in Week 16 after Brandon Brooks left with an injury. **2013** – Started all 16 games at RT for the first time...Blocked for an offense that produced 449 yards at Chargers, Sept. 9...Helped pave the way for 172 yards on rushing vs. Tennessee, Sep. 15...Blocked for an offense that produced 476 yards vs. Seattle, Sept. 29...Blocked for

an offense that produced a season-high 483 yards vs. Indianapolis Nov. 3...Helped pave the way for a ground game that produced a team-record four rushing TDs vs. New England, Dec. 1. **2012** – Started all 14 games he appeared in and both postseason contests at RT...Made first start of NFL career in opener vs. Miami, Sept. 9...Part of a line that cleared the way for the Texans to rush for 216 yards and three TDs while not allowing a sack at Jacksonville, Sept. 17...Helped provide protection for Matt Schaub, enabling him to tie a career-high with four TD passes at Denver, Sept. 23...Helped Arian Foster rush for 152 yards and a touchdown at N.Y. Jets, Oct. 8...Part of an offense that set a team record by scoring 43 points vs. Baltimore, Oct. 21...Helped Foster go over 100 yards for the fourth time in 2012 as he gained 111 yards on 24 carries and scored a TD vs. Buffalo, Nov. 4...Part of an offense that set a club record with 653 yards and tied team scoring record with 43 points vs. Jacksonville, Nov 18, and put up another 501 yards at Detroit...Paved the way for Foster to rush for 140 yards while not allowing a sack in AFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Cincinnati, 1/5/13...Paved the way for Foster to rush for 90 yards in AFC Divisional Playoff at New England, 1/13/13. **2011** – Played in 14 games, primarily on special teams, after being inactive for first two games. Made NFL debut at Saints, Sept 25. Made postseason debut on special teams in AFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Cincinnati, 1/7/12.

**COLLEGE** - Played two seasons (2009-10) at Arkansas State after redshirting the 2008 campaign. Transferred from Hinds Community College in Raymond, Miss., where he played from 2006-2007. Earned first-team All-Sun Belt accolades after starting all 12 games at RT in 2010. Garnered second-team All-SBC honors in 2009 and received the Gary Withrow Award, given to the Red Wolves' most outstanding lineman. Was the only lineman on the team to start every game in 2009 and helped lead the Red Wolves to 21 rushing touchdowns. Paved the way for three different ASU players rushing for over 100 yards in at least one game. Part of ASU's line that helped the offense gain its most yards of total offense (484) against an FBS opponent since the 2007 season. Redshirted in 2008. First Team All-State selection at Hinds Community College. Played in the Mississippi Junior College All-Star Game.

**PERSONAL** - Helped lead Hinds Agricultural HS to a 10-0 regular-season record as senior, earning All-Metro and All-District. Named Most Improved Player as a senior.

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**32 JOSH ROBINSON CB**

**HEIGHT: 5-10 WEIGHT: 200**

**COLLEGE: CENTRAL FLORIDA**

**NFL EXPERIENCE: 7**

**JOINED SAINTS: FA-18**

**BORN: 1/8/93**

**NFL CAREER** – Signed by the Saints, Oct. 4, Robinson spent four seasons with the Vikings from 2012-15 before signing with the Buccaneers in 2016. He played in 74 career games, with 21 starts, totaling 146 tackles, three tackles for loss, 15 passes defended, five interceptions and a forced fumble, along with 27 special teams stops and a forced fumble on special teams. Robinson also played in two postseason contests for the Vikings, registering two tackles and two special teams stops.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** – Signed by Saints, 10/4/18; Contract terminated by Tampa Bay, 9/1/18; Re-signed by Tampa Bay to a two-year contract, 3/13/17; Signed to a one-year contract by Tampa Bay (UFA-Min.), 3/14/16; Activated from Reserve/PUP by Minnesota, 11/11/15; Placed on Reserve/PUP list by Minnesota, 8/31/15; Placed on injured reserve by Minnesota, 12/14/13; Signed to a four-year contract by Minnesota, 7/25/12; Selected by Minnesota in the third round (66<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2012 NFL Draft.

**2017** – Elected as a Special Teams Captain by Bucs teammates. Played in 11 games, recording five tackles and a forced fumble on special teams. Played 13 snaps on special teams in opening win over Chicago, Sept. 17...Recorded a forced fumble on a kickoff return in finale vs. New Orleans, Dec. 31. **2016** – Played in all 16 games and recorded career-high 16 special teams tackles, posting two stops vs. Chicago, Nov. 13, at Kansas City, Nov. 20 and at Dallas, Dec. 18. **2015** – After starting on Reserve/PUP, played in five regular season games and posted two special teams tackles and added two solo defensive stops and a coverage tackle in NFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Seattle, 1/10/16. **2014** – Played in all 16 games, making five starts...second on team in interceptions (career-high three) and passes defended (career-high 13)...Jumped a Shaun Hill pass on Week 1 at St. Louis (9/7) for first pick of season...Career-high three passes defended vs. Atlanta (9/28), while snagging second interception of season late in game...Tied career-high with eight solo tackles at Chicago (11/16)...Third interception of season came vs. Carolina

(11/30) and Cam Newton. **2013** – Started at LCB in first ten games... Placed on injured reserve, Dec. 14 (chest). Inactive for games at Green Bay, Nov. 24, vs. Chicago, Dec. 1 and at Baltimore, Dec. 8...Left game at Seattle, Nov. 17 (sternum)...Started opener at Detroit Sept. 8, notching four tackles, a QB hurry and forced fumble...Notched career-high 12 tackles vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 29 vs. Pittsburgh at London... Had eight tackles and two passes defended vs. Green Bay, Oct. 27. **2012** – Started six games in debut season, the second-most by a Vikings rookie defender behind Harrison Smith...Snared two of INTs, tied for second-most by a Viking...Saw action in all 16 games and the Wild Card playoff at Green Bay (1/5/13)... Grabbed first career interception off Alex Smith vs. San Francisco (9/23) and notched a 24-yard return...Started first career game at Detroit (9/30)...Had second career interception vs. Chicago (12/9), returning the ball 44 yards to set up an Adrian Peterson touchdown run. Saw spot duty as a kickoff return man, taking back three for 61 yards on season vs. Green Bay (12/30) in regular season finale...Started at Detroit and next week vs. Tennessee, Oct. 7, at Seattle, Nov. 14 and in three straight games at Green Bay, Dec. 2, vs. Chicago, Dec. 9 and at St. Louis, Dec. 16...Started in place of Chris Cook when he spent six weeks on injured reserve before returning to lineup at Houston (12/23)...Had season-high eight tackles in first career start at Detroit, Sept. 30 with seven solo stops...Tied a season-high seven solos the following week vs. Tennessee, Oct. 7...Played in first career playoff game at Green Bay, 1/5/13.

**COLLEGE** – Started 35-of-38 games at Central Florida from 2009-11, totaling 176 tackles, 36 passes defended, 10 interceptions (147 return yards, two touchdowns), two fumble recoveries (56 return yards, one touchdown) and one forced fumble...Earned first-team All-Conference USA as a junior and sophomore, while being named second-team All-CUSA as a true freshman. His 10 interceptions were tied for fifth in UCF history. Notched 15 passes defended as a junior (2011), tied for the second-most in a single season in school history. Recorded six interceptions as a true freshman (2009), setting a freshman record and tying for the second-most in a season in team history.

**PERSONAL** – Attended Plantation (Fla.) HS...Selected to participate in the Dade-Broward All-Star Game...Born Joshua Robinson on Jan. 8, 1991 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**COLLEGE: WASHINGTON**

**JOINED SAINTS: FA-18**

**NFL EXPERIENCE: 3**

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**97 TYRUNN WALKER DT**

**HEIGHT: 6-3 WEIGHT: 310**

**COLLEGE: TULSA**

**JOINED SAINTS: FA-19**

**NFL EXPERIENCE: 6**

**BORN: 3/18/90**

**NFL CAREER** – Originally signed as an undrafted free agent out of Tulsa in 2012 by New Orleans, Tyrunn Walker saw his first game action in 2013 while appearing in seven contests and playing on defense and special teams. After spending the entire 2012 season on the Saints active roster, the New Iberia native was able to post 12 tackles (five solo), one sack and one pass defense in 2013 as the club returned to the playoffs. Walker has played in 58 games for New Orleans, Detroit and the Los Angeles Rams, starting 17 of those contests and has recorded 53 career tackles, including 4.5 total sacks.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** – Signed by the New Orleans Saints, 1/16/19. Released by the Buffalo Bills, 9/1/18. Signed by Buffalo, 8/12/18. Re-signed by the Los Angeles Rams, 8/23/17. Released by the Rams, 6/22/17. Signed by the Rams, 3/23/17 (UFA-Det.); Signed a one-year extension with the Detroit Lions, 3/4/16. Signed by Detroit to a one-year contract, 3/12/15. Signed by New Orleans as an undrafted free agent, 4/30/12.

**2017** – Played in all 16 contests in his final season with the Los Angeles Rams, starting in four contests. Tied a career-high with 15 total tackles (eight solo), including one sack... In the NFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Atlanta, posted three tackles and one stop for loss. **2016** – Saw action in 15 games in his final season with the Detroit Lions, starting eight of those contests, recording 15 tackles (four solo), including four TFL's...In the NFC Wild Card Playoff contest, posted one assisted tackle. **2015** – Started four games in his first season in Detroit, recording five total tackles (four solo). **2014** – Appeared in all 16 games in his third season with the Saints, starting once recording and 14 tackles and 2.5 sacks. **2013** – Played in seven contests in the New Orleans defensive line rotation and also seeing action on special teams and posted 12 stops (five solo), one sack and one pass defense...Declared inactive in week two and in Weeks 5-11 (knee)...Recorded a career-high five tackles (two solo) and his first career sack when he dropped Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill vs. Miami, Sept. 30. **2012** – Spent the entire season on the Saints 53-man roster and was an inactive for 15 contests...Active, but did not play at Atlanta, Nov. 29.

**COLLEGE** – Started his college career at Jones County (Miss.) Junior College before transferring to Tulsa...Started all 26 games in two seasons for the Golden Hurricane and finished his college career with 84 tackles, 25.5 stops for a

loss, 13.5 sacks, 11 passes defended, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries...As a senior in 2011, recorded 41 tackles, 13.5 for a loss, eight sacks, eight passes defended, three forced fumbles and two blocked kicks...As a junior in 2010, registered 43 tackles, 12 for a loss, 5.5 sacks, three passes defended, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble...Exercise Sport Science Major..

**PERSONAL** – Prepped at Westgate (New Iberia, La.) HS, where he helped team win the Class 5A state championship, earning first-team all-district...Made 64 tackles, including 24 stops for a loss senior season...Born March 18, 1990.

**27 DWAYNE WASHINGTON RB**

**HEIGHT: 6-1 WEIGHT: 223**

**COLLEGE: WASHINGTON**

**JOINED SAINTS: FA-18**

**NFL EXPERIENCE: 3**

**BORN: 4/24/94**

**NFL CAREER** – Drafted by the Detroit Lions in the seventh round (236 overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft out of the University of Washington, Dwayne Washington joined the Saints practice squad at the start of the 2018 season. Elevated to the active roster, he provides size and quickness in the Saints' versatile stable of running backs.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** – Promoted by New Orleans Saints to active roster from practice squad, 9/28/18; Signed by Saints to practice squad, 9/2/18; Waived by Lions, 9/1/18; Signed by Lions to four-year contract, 5/6/16; Selected by Lions in the seventh round (236th overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft.

**2017** – Carried 20 times for 44 yards and caught two passes for 14 yards in five games. Appeared in Week 8 contest vs. Pittsburgh (10/29), compiling 12 yards on six carries and hauling in one pass for four yards.

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. **2016** – Appeared in his first career game, scoring his first career touchdown on a 1-yard rush in Week 1 at Indianapolis (9/11). Carried four times for 31 yards in Week 2 vs. Tennessee (9/18), with a long of 28. Rushed for 38 yards and a long of nine in Week 3 at Green Bay (9/25). In Week 9 at Minnesota (11/6) rushed for 26 yards with a long of eight in the Lions' 22-16 overtime victory. In Week 12 vs. Minnesota on Thanksgiving (11/24), rushed for 19 yards with a long of eight on five attempts. In Week 13 at New Orleans (12/4), rushed for 21 yards on seven attempts with a long of five. Also caught two passes for a career-high 19 yards, including a career-high 11-yard reception before leaving the game early due to an ankle injury. Made his first career start in Week 14 vs. Chicago (12/11), rushing for a career-high 64 yards on a career-high 16 attempts with a long of 12. Also recorded one reception for 10 yards in the Lions' 20-17 victory. Started for the second consecutive game in Week 15 at New York Giants (12/18). Led the team in rushing yards with 31 yards on 14 attempts and a long of 12. Also caught two passes for nine yards. In Week 16 at Dallas (12/26), rushed for 22 yards on seven attempts with a long of nine. Also recorded one reception for four yards.

**COLLEGE** – Even though he only played three seasons for the Huskies, Washington displayed a rare blend of size and speed while averaging six yards per carry on 266 rushing attempts for 1,311 yards and 17 touchdowns in his career.

**PERSONAL** - Finished his senior season at Gahr (Calif.) High School with 66 catches for 1,338 yards and 15 touchdowns. Was also a sprinter and long-jumper in track for the Gladiators.