

ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-0)**VS.****NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (1-0)****FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018 – 7:00 PM (CST)****MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME – NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

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**THE MATCHUP**

Looking to build on the momentum of a 24-20 fourth quarter come-from-behind win at the Jacksonville Jaguars in the 2018 preseason opener for both clubs, the New Orleans Saints will host the Arizona Cardinals for their home opener Friday night at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

The Saints and Cardinals have met five times in the preseason with New Orleans holding a 5-0 edge, 29 times in the regular season with the Cardinals holding a 15-14 series advantage, and the Black and Gold capturing a 45-14 NFC Divisional Playoff win at the Superdome on January 16, 2010.

New Orleans captured their preseason opener based on persistence and several bright spots on offense, defense and special teams. It was new Orleans' first victory to open a preseason since a 26-24 win at the St. Louis Rams on August 8, 2014.

With quarterback **Drew Brees** not seeing action in the contest at TIAA Bank Field, **Tom Savage** received the start and played the majority of the first half, completing 10-of-14 passes for 70 yards. **Taysom Hill** relieved Savage near the end of the first half and completed eight-of-nine passes for 72 yards and rushed seven-times for a club-best 52 yards (7.4 avg.) with a 100.0 passer rating and a fourth quarter three-yard touchdown run to start New Orleans' comeback from a 20-10 deficit.

In addition to Hill's dual-threat performance, the New Orleans run game was also powered by running backs **Mark Ingram II** and **Jonathan Williams**. Ingram tied the

game at 10-10 midway through the second quarter with a two-yard rushing touchdown. Williams, in seeing the bulk of his action in the fourth quarter in his first preseason as a Saint, carried four times for 26 yards (6.5 avg.) with a four-yard rushing touchdown with 2:55 remaining in the contest to give New Orleans the 24-20 lead they would hold onto. Rookie wide receiver **Tre'Quan Smith**, the club's third round draft pick out of Central Florida, paced the passing game with a club best four receptions for a team-high 48 yards.

Defensively, New Orleans surrendered only 72 rushing yards to the Jaguars, while putting pressure on their quarterbacks with six sacks in a performance that featured several big plays from defenders competing to earn spots on the opening day 53-man roster. Linebacker **Jayrone Elliott** led the club with 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles, while defensive lineman **Devaroe Lawrence** added two takedowns and three quarterback hits. Rookie defensive lineman **Taylor Stallworth's** fourth quarter fumble recovery set up the drive that produced Williams' go-ahead rushing touchdown and also added a sack on Jacksonville's final drive which was unsuccessful, to help preserve a Saints victory.

On special teams, kicker **Wil Lutz** drilled a 45-yard field goal and punter **Thomas Morstead** had a 43.0 net punting average. With the kickoff return spot one of the most compelling positional battles of training camp, WR **Brandon Tate** brought back a 36-yard kickoff, while rookie RB **Boston Scott** had a 35-yard runback as the duo combined to average 27.4 yards per return.

THE COACHES

New Orleans Saints Head Coach **Sean Payton** has posted a 112-76 overall record (.596), including a 7-5 post-season mark (.583) after the franchise had won only one playoff game prior to his arrival. Payton holds the club's top win total and winning percentage for a head coach. Payton enters the 2018 campaign and continues to represent the Saints as the model of stability not only within the NFC South, as he is the longest tenured head coach within the division, but also within the National Football League. Only New England's Bill Belichick (2000), Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis (2003) and Green Bay's Mike McCarthy (hired one week prior to Payton in 2006) have been with their teams longer. Payton is also one of just eight active coaches to lead a team to a Super Bowl victory. The others are New England's Bill Belichick, Seattle's Pete Carroll, Oakland's Jon Gruden (Tampa Bay in 2002), Baltimore's John Harbaugh, Packers Mike McCarthy, Philadelphia's Doug Pederson and Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin. The 2017 Saints yielded an 11-5 regular season record, producing their first playoff berth since 2013, behind a squad led by QB Drew Brees offensively and DE Cameron Jordan defensively, this team featured seven players selected to the Pro Bowl, tied for the most in club history and four draft picks selected to the *PFWA* All-Rookie Team, two more than any other club. With RB Alvin Kamara and CB Marshon Lattimore, the 2017 Saints were the first team to have both the *Associated Press* NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and Defensive Rookie of the Year since 1967. The Saints defense saw improvement in virtually every major statistical category. New Orleans moved up ten spots in total defense, including from 32nd to 15th against the pass. After ranking 31st in opponent points per game in 2016, New Orleans moved up to tenth in 2017, surrendering only 20.4 points per game. Payton earned a bachelor's degree in communications at Eastern Illinois, where as a quarterback he had 10,665 passing yards, at the time the third-highest total in NCAA Division I-AA history. Payton was inducted into the Eastern Illinois Hall of Fame in September of 2000 and had his jersey retired in a ceremony in September of 2010. He received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater in 2013. Payton was born Dec. 29, 1963 in San Mateo, Calif., and raised in Naperville, Ill., Payton has a daughter, Meghan and a son, Connor.

Steve Wilks became a NFL head coach for the first time when he was hired by the Arizona Cardinals on January 22, 2018. Wilks came to Arizona after spending the past six seasons with the Carolina Panthers, including last year as defensive coordinator. He started in Carolina in 2012 as the Panthers defensive backs coach for three seasons before adding the title of assistant head coach for two years (2015-16). Carolina finished in the top 10 in total de-

fense in five of Wilks' six seasons with the team and advanced to the playoffs four times. Last year as defensive coordinator, Wilks helped the Panthers go from 21st overall in total defense in 2016 to seventh in the league in 2017. In 2015, the Panthers played in Super Bowl 50 and led the NFL in interceptions (24), takeaways (39) and turnover differential (+20). Prior to working in Carolina, Wilks coached with the Chicago Bears (2006-08) and San Diego Chargers (2009-2011). In his tenure with Chicago, the Bears led the NFL in 2006 with 44 takeaways and advanced to Super Bowl XLI. In San Diego in 2010, Wilks helped the Chargers lead the NFL in total defense and pass defense. Wilks had one-year stints as the defensive backs coach at Illinois State (2000) and his alma mater, Appalachian State (2001), before working as the co-defensive coordinator at East Tennessee State in 2002. He then went to Bowling Green as defensive backs coach in 2003 before working at Notre Dame (2004) and the University of Washington (2005) in the same capacity. The Charlotte, N.C. native played defensive back at Appalachian State (1987-91), finishing his career with 103 tackles, four interceptions and four blocked kicks. He attended training camp with the Seattle Seahawks in 1992 and played defensive back and wide receiver for the Arena Football League's Charlotte Rage in 1993.

2017 NEW ORLEANS-ARIZONA

FINAL STATISTICAL COMPARISON

2017 Final Regular Season National Football League Rankings

	<u>Saints</u>	<u>Cardinals</u>
Record	11-5	8-8
Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	28.0 (4)	18.4 (25)
Opp. Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	21.2 (14)	22.6 (19)
Total Off. (NFL Rank)	391.2 (2)	314.1 (22)
Rushing Off. (NFL Rank)	129.4 (5)	86.6 (30)
Passing Off. (NFL Rank)	261.8 (5)	227.5 (15)
Total Def. (NFL Rank)	336.5 (17)	310.9 (6)
Rushing Def. (NFL Rank)	111.7 (16)	89.6 (6)
Passing Def. (NFL Rank)	224.8 (15)	221.3 (14)
Kickoff Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	24.6 (4)	20.4 (22)
Punt Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	10.4 (7)	7.0 (22)
Turnover Margin (NFL Rank)	+7 (9t)	-4 (23t)
Penalties	105	110
Penalty Yards	962	880
Opp. Penalties	114	129
Opp. Penalty Yards	898	1,128

LAST MEETING

New Orleans Saints 48, Arizona Cardinals 41; December 18, 2016 @ University of Phoenix Stadium – After a two-game struggle on offense in the final month of the 2016 season, New Orleans was able to sustain drives and couple that with explosive plays down the field, to put together their most complete game on offense in several weeks in the club's first regular season victory at University of Phoenix Stadium in their third attempt.

The Saints would have to overcome an early mistake as on Arizona's first drive, running back **Kerwyn Williams** took a direct snap and took it 49 yards for the score, giving the Cardinals the early 7-0 advantage. On New Orleans' ensuing drive, the offense went 56 yards over 14 plays but a sack of quarterback **Drew Brees** on first down would hurt the drive. kicker **Wil Lutz** would hit his first of two field goals on the day, this one from 37 yards out. The Saints would take advantage of a wide receiver **Larry Fitzgerald** fumble on the next Cardinals drive, with defensive end **Paul Kruger** forcing it and linebacker **Craig Robertson** recovering the ball at the Arizona 30-yard line. Brees would find running back **Travaris Cadet** for the ten-yard touchdown, giving New Orleans their first lead at 10-7.

However, after Brees was sacked by Cardinals linebacker **Markus Golden** on the Saints' next possession, he would fumble and defensive tackle **Calais Campbell** would scoop the ball and take it 53 yards for the defensive touchdown. New Orleans would answer with wide receiver **Brandin Cooks** breaking coverage downfield and catching a 65-yard touchdown. After forcing an Arizona punt, Cooks would again make the Cardinals defense pay, this time on a 45-yard touchdown. Before the half, Arizona quarterback **Carson Palmer** would lead the Cardinals offense on an eight-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a 10-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver **J.J. Nelson** to bring the score to 24-20.

After trading possessions to start the second half, New Orleans would go on a 14-play, 68-yard drive that culminated in a 39-yard Lutz field goal to bring the Saints lead to seven. Arizona would quickly answer with running back **David Johnson** scoring his first of two touchdowns on the day, this one from the Saints two-yard line. Not to be outdone, running back **Tim Hightower** scored his first of two touchdowns on the day on the following Saints possession, a three-yard score. Arizona would once again tie the ballgame with Palmer orchestrating a seven-play, 75-yard drive that ended with another Johnson rushing score. In a game full of lead changes, Brees and the New Orleans offense would go on a seven-play, 75-yard drive of their own with Brees connecting with wide receiver **Michael Thomas** on a four-yard touchdown, reclaiming the lead for good at 41-34.

On the next Cardinals possession, rookie safety **Vonn Bell** would cause a fumble that would be recovered by fellow rookie cornerback **Ken Crawley**, paving the way for Hightower's second rushing score.

Brees finished the day completing 37-of-48 passes for 389 yards, four touchdowns, zero interceptions and a 127.9 passer rating, setting season-highs in completions and attempts and tying the season best for scoring throws. Cooks finished with seven receptions for 186 yards and two scoring grabs.

SERIES HISTORY

The Saints and Cardinals have played 29 times in the regular season, with the Saints trailing 14-15, following a 48-41 victory at University of Phoenix Stadium on December 18, 2016. The Saints have also captured the only post-season meeting, a 45-14 win on January 16, 2010 in the NFC Divisional Playoff. The Cardinals won the first three games in the series, including both played in 1968 when they were in the NFL Century division. The Saints won their first game against the Cardinals on Nov. 2, 1969, 51-42 at Busch Stadium. The game still stands as the most points between two clubs in team history. The clubs combined for 80 points on Oct. 23, 1977 at St. Louis in a 49-31 Cardinals win. In another memorable contest, the Saints beat the Cardinals 14-0 on Dec. 8, 1974 in the team's final contest played at Tulane Stadium. In the 2016 matchup, the Saints got their first win at University of Phoenix Stadium in three tries.

In the preseason, the Saints have a 5-0 edge over the Cardinals, the only preseason opponent they have an undefeated record against. The Saints and the Cardinals have played their five different preseason contests in five different venues. On August 12, 1967, they defeated the then-St. Louis franchise 23-14 in a contest played in Shreveport. On August 9, 1980, New Orleans defeated St. Louis 17-13 at the Superdome. On August 12, 1988, the Saints defeated the Cardinals 33-28 at Sun Devil Stadium in their first season in Arizona. On August 7, 2008, the Saints routed the Cardinals 24-10 at University of Phoenix Stadium. In their most recent preseason meeting, the Saints defeated the Cardinals 17-10 in the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio on August 5, 2012.

SAINTS-CARDINALS CONNECTIONS

New Orleans Assistant Special Teams Coach **Kevin O'Dea** served as the special teams coordinator for the Cardinals from 2004-05. O'Dea also coached alongside Cardinals Head Coach **Steve Wilks** in 2006 and 2007 for the Chicago Bears. Saints S **Kurt Coleman** played for Wilks from 2014-17 when he served as secondary coach (2014-16) and defensive coordinator (2017) in Carolina...Cardinals Offensive Coordinator **Mike McCoy** was the San Diego Chargers' Head Coach in 2013-2016 when Saints LB **Manti Te'o**, was the second-round pick to the Chargers in the 2013 draft. Te'o also played at Notre Dame with Cardinals TE **Troy Niklas** from 2100-2012. Saints Linebackers Coach **Mike Nolan** served on McCoy's Chargers staff in 2015. Saints Defensive Coordinator **Dennis Allen** and McCoy were defensive and offensive coordinators for Denver in 2011. Saints DE **Cameron Jordan** prepped at Chandler (Ariz.) HS...New Orleans DT **Tyler Davison** prepped at Desert Mountain (Scottsdale, Ariz.) HS...Saints T/G **Andrus Peat** prepped at Corona del Sol (Tempe, Ariz.) HS and his father Todd, played for the Cardinals from 1987-89. New Orleans DT **Jay Bromley** and G **Andrew Tiller** were teammates with Arizona DE **Chandler Jones** and G **Justin Pugh** at Syracuse...Cardinals CB **Patrick Peterson** played at LSU from 2008-2010 ... Saints RB **Boston Scott** and Cardinals LB **Vontarius Dora** played together at Louisiana Tech during the 2014 and 2015 seasons. Arizona RB **Sherman Badie** was prepped at John Curtis Christian and played for Tulane. During the 2013-2015 seasons, Badie was coached by Saints Senior Offensive Assistant/Wide Receivers **Curtis Johnson**, who was the head coach for Tulane at the time...Saints Senior Defensive Assistant **Peter Giunta** coached alongside Cardinals Defensive Coordinator **Al Holcomb** and Defensive Backs Coach **David Merritt, Sr.** for the New York Giants. Saints LB **A.J. Klein** played for Holcomb in Carolina from 2013-16 when he served as the linebackers coach...In 2001, Merritt also coached for the New York Jets while Saints Secondary Coach **Aaron Glenn** finished his final year playing for the Jets...Nolan was the head coach for the San Francisco 49ers where Arizona Cardinals Special Teams Coordinator **Jeff Rodgers** coached in 2005-2008 under Nolan...New Orleans QB **Drew Brees** and Rodgers were high school teammates at Austin Westlake HS...In 2000, Arizona Bill Bidwill Fellowship/ Running Backs Coach **Terry Allen** played for the Saints....In 2015, Nolan coached alongside Cardinals Sr. Assistant/ Defensive Line Coach **Don Johnson** with the San Diego Chargers...Arizona Offensive Line Coach **Ray Brown** played for the Detroit Lions from 2002-2003 with Saints Special Teams Coordinator **Bradford Banta** serving as a TE/LS...Cardinals Assistant Secondary Coach **Charlie Harbison** was defensive backs coach at LSU from 2001-02 and co-defensive coordinator/secondary at Louisiana Lafayette from 2015-17...Cardinals QB **Sam Bradford** and Saints WR **Michael Floyd** were teammates in Minnesota in 2017...New Orleans DB **Robert Nelson** played at Arizona State from 2012-13...Arizona C **Josh Allen** played at Louisiana-Monroe, where he was

teammates with Nelson...Saints S **Kurt Coleman**, WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** and LB **A.J. Klein** played with Cardinals CB **Bene Benwikere** and P **Andy Lee** at Carolina...New Orleans LB **Craig Robertson** and Lee were teammates in Cleveland in 2015...New Orleans G **Larry Warford** and Cardinals LB **Josh Bynes** were teammates with Detroit from 2014-16...Saints DL **Devaroe Lawrence** and Cardinals S **Rudy Ford** were college teammates at Auburn...New Orleans LB **Alex Anzalone** and Arizona OL **D.J. Humphries** were college teammates at Florida...Saints CB **Ken Crawley** and Cardinals OL **Daniel Munyer** were college teammates at Colorado...Arizona DT **Robert Nkemdiche** played at Mississippi, where he was teammates with New Orleans DT **Woodrow Hamilton IV**.

TRANSACTIONS (July 18 —)

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 and 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**.

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2018 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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PRESEASON

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result/Time</u>
Aug. 9	@Jacksonville Jaguars	W, 24-20
Aug. 17	ARIZONA CARDINALS	7:00PM/FOX 8
Aug. 25	@Los Angeles Chargers	7:00PM/CBS
Aug. 30	LOS ANGELES RAMS	7:00PM/FOX 8

REGULAR SEASON

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Network</u>
Sept. 9	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	12:00PM FOX
Sept. 16	CLEVELAND BROWNS	12:00PM/FOX
Sept. 23	@Atlanta Falcons	12:00PM/FOX
Sept. 30	@New York Giants	3:25PM/CBS
Oct. 8	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	7:15PM/ESPN
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Oct. 21	@Baltimore Ravens	3:05PM/FOX
Oct. 28	@Minnesota Vikings	7:20PM/NBC
Nov. 4	LOS ANGELES RAMS	3:25PM/FOX
Nov. 11	@Cincinnati Bengals	12:00PM/FOX
Nov. 18	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	12:00PM/FOX
Nov. 22	ATLANTA FALCONS	7:20PM/NBC
Nov. 29	@Dallas Cowboys	7:20PM/FOX/NFLN
Dec. 9	@Tampa Bay Buccaneers	12:00PM/FOX
Dec. 17	@Carolina Panthers	7:15PM/ESPN
Dec. 23	PITTSBURGH STEELERS	3:25PM/CBS
Dec. 30	CAROLINA PANTHERS	12:00PM/FOX

POSTSEASON

Jan. 5/6	NFC Wild Card Playoff	TBD
Jan. 12-13	NFC Divisional Playoff	TBD
Jan. 27	NFC Championship	TBD
Feb. 3	Super Bowl LIII	TBD

PRESEASON SUMMARIES

Week 1: Saints 24, Jacksonville Jaguars; August 9, 2018 @ TIAA BANK FIELD – Jacksonville, Fla. - The New Orleans Saints won their preseason opener against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Thursday night - a 24-20 comeback victory - but more importantly the coaching staff got long looks at the two players competing to be Drew Brees' backup at quarterback, Tom Savage and Taysom Hill.

Savage started the game and played every offensive snap in the first half except for the final one and completed 10 of 14 passes for 70 yards while leading the Saints to their first touchdown, a 2-yard run by Mark Ingram.

Hill played most of the second half and almost did more damage with his legs than his right arm as he ran seven times for 52 yards while completing 8 of 9 passes for 72 yards. Hill played with the reserve offensive line and several times was forced to quickly scramble rather than go through his reads. He scored on a 3-yard run midway through the fourth quarter, a called run for the quarterback out of BYU.

Rookie J.T. Barrett IV came on late and following linebacker Jayrone Elliott's forced fumble that was recovered by Taylor Stallworth led the Saints on a short game-winning drive. Running back Jonathan Williams scored the winning points with a 4-yard run with 2:55 to play.

Brees was just one of several high-profile Saints players who sat out the preseason contest, with Cameron Jordan and first-round pick Marcus Davenport being two other prominent DNPs. But the Saints played starting tailbacks Ingram and Alvin Kamara, star wide receiver Michael Thomas and star cornerback Marshon Lattimore among other first-string players.

Receiver Brandon Tate had a 37-yard return in the first half, defensive end Mitch Loewen was active on the second-team defense and defensive tackle Devaroe Lawrence had two sacks. Elliott also had another second strip-sack in the final minutes, finishing with 2.5 sacks. Third-round pick Tre'Quan Smith had a nice debut with four receptions for 48 yards.

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

New Orleans Saints Pronunciation Guide

T	Terron Armstead (ter-RON)
LB	Jayrone Elliott (jay-RONE)
TE	Michael Hoomanawanui (HO-oh-mah-nah-wah-noo-wee)
RB	Alvin Kamara (kuh-Mare-Uh)
G/C	Senio Kelemete (SENN-ee-oh KEL-uh-MET-tay)
LB	Hau'oli Kikaha (ha-OH-lee key-KAH-hah)
DL	Devaroe Lawrence (DEV-ah-row)
DL	Mitchell Loewen (LAY-ven)
G	Josh LeRibeus (luh-REE-bus)
DE	Al-Quadin Muhammad (ahl-kwah-DEEN)
DB	Sharrod Neasman (Shu-rod Niece-man)
DT	David Onyemata (Un-ye-mah-tah)
T/G	Andrus Peat (ANN-druss PEET)
T	Ryan Ramczyk (RAM-check)
LB	Nate Stupar (STEW-par)
LB	Manti Te'o (MAN-tie TAY-oh)

Senior Defensive Asst. Peter **Giunta** (GEN-ta).

TEAM NOTES

FAMILY TIES

Numerous Saints players, coaches and administrators are not the only members of their families to make a name for themselves in pro football. No fewer than 18 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 - Father, Grady, played linebacker for the Atlanta Falcons from 1968-72.

Offensive Coordinator Pete Carmichael - 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 son of legendary NFL head coach Vince Lombardi, who led both the Green Bay Packers and Washington Redskins.

Secondary Coach Aaron Glenn - Younger brother, Jason, was a linebacker and sixth-round draft pick of the Detroit 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 San Francisco 49ers from 1968 to 1975 and was the head coach of the Saints from 1978 to 1980.

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 exec. Jim Parmer.

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

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

RB Trey Edmunds - Father, Ferrell Jr., enjoyed a seven-year career as a tight end with Miami and Seattle and was selected to two Pro Bowls. Brothers Tremaine and Terrell were both selected in the first round of the 2018 NFL Draft. Tremaine was selected by the Bills (16th Overall) and Terrell was selected by the Steelers (28th Overall).

DB De'Vante Harris - Father, Rod, was a wide receiver, playing three seasons in the NFL and spending the 1989 season with New Orleans where he would appear in 11 games, handling the club's kickoff and punt return duties.

RB Mark Ingram II - Father, Mark Ingram Sr., was a 10-year NFL veteran who played for the New York Giants, Miami, Green Bay and Philadelphia.

DE Cameron Jordan - Father, Steve, had a 13-year career as a tight end with the Minnesota Vikings, with six Pro Bowl selections.

T/G Andrus Peat - Father, Todd, played six NFL seasons with the Phoenix Cardinals and the Los Angeles Raiders.

LB Nate Stupar - Older brother, Jonathan, played two seasons in the NFL from 2009-10, while his uncle, Jeff Hostetler, won two Super Bowl titles with the New York Giants, as part of a 12-year career in the league.

WR Michael Thomas - Uncle, Keyshawn Johnson, is a former wide receiver, spending 11 seasons in the NFL with the New York Jets, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dallas Cowboys and Carolina Panthers, earning three Pro Bowls and the Super Bowl XXXVII title.

OL Landon Turner - Uncle, Jim Braxton, was a fullback for the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins in the 1970s.

Area Scout Scott Campbell - Father, Marion was former head coach of the Atlanta Falcons.

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

TEAM NOTES

COACHES IN THE NFL

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

Head Coach **Sean Payton** - Played 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 Southern California and played in 156 career games, primarily as both a long snapper and tight end with Indianapolis, the New York Jets, the Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills.

Assistant Head Coach/Tight Ends **Dan Campbell** - A third round draft pick (79th overall) of the New York Giants in 1999 out of Texas A&M, who went on to appear in 114 games with 75 starts for New York, Dallas and Detroit, where he caught 91 passes for 934 yards and 11 touchdowns.

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

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

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

Pass Rush Specialist **Brian Young** - Young played in the NFL from 2000-08 with the St. Louis Rams for his first four seasons, who originally selected him in the fifth round of the 2000 NFL Draft (139th overall) out of UTEP and for his final five with the Saints, appearing in 124 career games and recording 22.5 sacks and eight fumble recoveries.

IN THE NFC SOUTH

The New Orleans Saints have the best record among NFC South teams since 2006, a period where they've won four division titles including in 2017, tied with Carolina (four) for the most during that time. They've posted a 42-30 mark within the NFC South since 2006.

REGULAR SEASON RECORDS OF NFC SOUTH TEAMS SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New Orleans Saints	112	80	0	.583
Atlanta Falcons	105	87	0	.547
Carolina Panthers	102	89	1	.534
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	72	120	0	.375

ROAD WARRIORS

Since 2006, the New Orleans Saints have the seventh-best road record in the NFL at 50-46 (.521). Since 2009, with a 38-34 (.528) regular season road mark, the Saints have the fifth-best road winning percentage after finishing 4-4 on the road in 2017, including a four-game winning streak.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2006

Team	Record
1. New England	70-26
2. Dallas	57-39
3. Pittsburgh	54-42
4t. Green Bay	52-44
4t. Philadelphia	52-44
6. Indianapolis	51-45
7. New Orleans	50-46

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2009

Team	Record
1. New England	49-23
2. Pittsburgh	42-30
3. Dallas	42-30
4. Green Bay	39-33
5. New Orleans	38-34
6. Denver	37-35

TEAM NOTES

DOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE

Since 2008, the Saints have posted a 56-24 home record, fifth in the NFL, including a 7-1 mark in 2017.

NFL REGULAR SEASON HOME RECORDS SINCE 2008

Team	Record
1. New England	68-12
2. Green Bay	59-20-1
3. Baltimore	59-21
4. Pittsburgh	59-21
5. New Orleans	56-24

PAYTON'S PLACE AMONG HEAD COACHES

Sean Payton has had an impressive run as head coach of the New Orleans Saints for 12 seasons.

- The Saints clinched the 2017 NFC South title, earning their fourth division title under Payton after winning only two prior to his hiring.
- Payton the highest winning percentage (.596) and most wins (112) among the 16 Saints head coaches, also ranked 40th all-time in NFL record books.
- Payton is the first coach in franchise history with double-digit win totals in six seasons.

SEAN PAYTON YEAR-BY-YEAR 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)
TOTAL	105-71	7-5

TOP THREE WINNINGEST NEW ORLEANS SAINTS HEAD COACHES IN THE REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON COMBINED

Coach	W	L	Pct.
Sean Payton	112	76	.596
Jim Mora	93	78	.544
Jim Haslett	46	52	.469

Sean Payton's 112 career wins in both the regular season and postseason ranks fifth among active National Football League coaches and his winning percentage is ranked sixth.

WINNINGEST ACTIVE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE COACHES SINCE 2006

(REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)

Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
Bill Belichick	167	49	0	.773
Mike Tomlin	123	67	0	.647
Pete Carroll	88	53	1	.623
Mike McCarthy	131	79	1	.623
Mike Zimmer	40	27	0	.597
Sean Payton	112	76	0	.596
John Harbaugh	104	74	0	.584

NFC SOUTH COACHES REGULAR SEASON RECORDS IN DIVISION PLAY

Sean Payton currently has the most regular season divisional wins by NFC South coaches in division play since being hired by New Orleans in 2006.

Coach	W	L	Pct.
Sean Payton	39	27	.591
Ron Rivera	23	19	.548
Dan Quinn	11	7	.611
Dirk Koetter	5	7	.417

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

Below is a breakdown of Sean Payton's regular season record against the NFC South since 2006 when he was hired. Including a 31-26 win in the 2017 NFC Wild Card Playoff vs. the Carolina Panthers, Payton has a winning record against all three NFC South teams.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	15	7	.682
Tampa Bay	13	9	.591
Carolina	11	11	.500

TEAM NOTES

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

Leading After First Quarter.....	61-16
Leading at Halftime.....	87-13
Leading After Third Quarter.....	86-11
Saints Score First.....	61-21
Saints 200+ Yards Passing.....	94-64
Opponent Under 200 Yards Passing.....	44-19
Saints Have 100+ Yards Rushing.....	71-23
Forcing 3+ Turnovers.....	29-6
Defense Has 3+ Sacks.....	48-19
Indoors.....	68-44
Outdoors.....	36-28
At Home.....	58-30
On The Road.....	47-41
On Artificial Turf.....	74-46
Scoring 20 Or More Points.....	99-41
Allowing 20 Or Fewer Points.....	64-7
Committing Zero Turnovers.....	35-5

THE SAINTS IN 2017 WHEN? (REGULAR SEASON)

Leading After First Quarter.....	7-1
Tied After First Quarter.....	2-2
Leading at Halftime.....	9-1
Leading After Third Quarter.....	10-2
Saints Score First.....	7-2
Saints 200+ Yards Passing.....	9-5
Opponent Under 200 Yards Passing.....	8-0
Saints Have 100+ Yards Rushing.....	9-1
Forcing 3+ Turnovers.....	2-2
Defense Has 3+ Sacks.....	5-1
Indoors.....	7-3
Outdoors.....	4-2
At Home.....	7-1
On The Road.....	4-4
On Artificial Turf.....	9-3
On Natural Grass.....	2-2
Scoring 20 Or More Points.....	11-3
Allowing 20 Or Fewer Points.....	8-1
Committing Zero Turnovers.....	2-3

PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY SEAN PAYTON

Saints Head Coach Sean Payton has coached 23 players who've earned 45 Pro Bowl selections as a head coach and assistant with the Saints, Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, including seven selections in 2017 (quarterback Drew Brees, running back Mark Ingram II, DE

Cameron Jordan, running back Alvin Kamara, cornerback Marshon Lattimore, wide receiver Michael Thomas and guard Larry Warford), tied for the most in team history in 2009.

PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY SEAN PAYTON AS A HEAD COACH AND ASSISTANT

Pos.	Player	Pro Bowls	Years
G	Larry Allen	1	2005
QB	Drew Brees	10	2006, 08--14, 16-17
T	Jammal Brown	2	2006, 08
T	Jermon Bushrod	1	2011
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
RB	Mark Ingram II	2	2014, 2017
DE	Cameron Jordan	3	2013, 2015, 2017
RB	Alvin Kamara	1	2017
CB	Marshon Lattimore	1	2017
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
WR	Michael Thomas	1	2017
LB	Jonathan Vilma	2	2009-10
G	Larry Warford	1	2017
TE	Jason Witten	1	2005

COACH/QB DUO

Under Sean Payton, Drew Brees has started 172 regular season games, third-most starts among championship head coach/QB duos:

CHAMPIONSHIP HEAD COACH/QUARTERBACK DUO MOST STARTS TOGETHER IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY

Rk.	HC/QB, Team	Starts
1.	Bill Belichick/Tom Brady, NE	249
2.	Tom Coughlin/Eli Manning, NYG	181
3.	Sean Payton/Drew Brees, NO	172

TEAM NOTES

BUCKING THE ODDS

Below is the list of the 28 undrafted rookies who were signed by the Saints as free agents following the NFL Draft since 2006 who have earned opening day roster spots:

YEAR PLAYER

- 2006** P Steve Weatherford
- 2007** QB Tyler Palko, RB Pierre Thomas
- 2008** LB Jo-Lonn Dunbar
- 2009** LB Jonathan Casillas, WB Rod Harper
- 2010** OLB Junior Galette, RB Chris Ivory
- 2011** S Isa Abdul-Quddus
- 2012** RB Travaris Cadet, DE Tyrunn Walker
- 2013** DE Glenn Foster, TE Josh Hill, C/G Tim Lelito, ILB Kevin Reddick, RB Khiry Robinson, CB Rod Sweeting
- 2014** CB Brian Dixon, OLB Kasim Edeballi
- 2015** DE Tavaris Barnes, DT Kaleb Eulls, DE Bobby Richardson
- 2016** DB Ken Crawley, DB De’Vante Harris, DB Erik Harris, K Wil Lutz, WR Tommylee Lewis, OL Landon Turner
- 2017** RB Trey Edmunds

IN THE NFL

After posting an 11-5 record in 2017 and capturing the NFC South title for the first time since the 2011 campaign, the New Orleans Saints have the second-best regular season record in the NFC and are tied for the fifth-best mark in the National Football League since 2006. Since 2009, their 87-57 record’s ranked fourth.

REGULAR SEASON RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	151	41	0	.786
Pittsburgh Steelers	124	68	0	.646
Green Bay Packers	121	70	1	.633
Indianapolis Colts	116	76	0	.604
New Orleans Saints	112	80	0	.583
Baltimore Ravens	112	80	0	.583

REGULAR SEASON RECORDS IN THE NFL SINCE 2009

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	112	32	0	.778
Green Bay Packers	94	49	1	.656
Pittsburgh Steelers	94	50	0	.653
New Orleans Saints	87	57	0	.604
Seattle Seahawks	84	58	1	.587

POINTS PER GAME

Since 2006, the Saints have averaged 27.6 points per game (5,297 points) in 192 regular season games, second in the NFL. Since 2006, they’ve scored 20 or more points in 152 contests (79.2%) and 30 or more in 84 (43.8%). Four of the team’s top six single-game point totals have occurred since 2006. In 2017, the Saints finished fourth in the NFL in scoring, averaging 28.0 points per game.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE POINTS PER GAME LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. New England	5,675	29.6
2. New Orleans	5,297	27.6
3. Green Bay	5,020	26.1

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE POINTS PER GAME LEADERS IN 2017

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. LA Rams	479	29.9
2. New England	458	28.6
3. Philadelphia	457	28.6
4. New Orleans	448	28.0
5. Jacksonville	417	26.1

SINGLE-GAME POINTS SCORED IN SAINTS HISTORY

Rk.	Opponent	Pts.	Date
1.	vs. Indianapolis	62	10/23/11
2t.	vs. Detroit	52	10/15/17
2t.	vs. NYG	52	11/1/15
3t.	vs. Green Bay	51	11/24/08
3t.	at St. Louis	51	11/2/69
3t.	at Seattle	51	11/21/76

TEAM NOTES

SCORING MARGIN

In 2017, New Orleans ranked sixth in the NFL in scoring margin, scoring 122 more points than their opponents.

2017 NFL LEADERS, SCORING MARGIN

Team	G	Pts.	Opp.	Diff.
Philadelphia Eagles	16	457	295	162
New England Patriots	16	458	296	162
Jacksonville Jaguars	16	417	268	149
Los Angeles Rams	16	478	329	149
Minnesota Vikings	16	382	252	130
New Orleans Saints	16	448	326	122

SECOND HALF SCORING MARGIN

In 2017, the Saints jumped even further ahead in the second half of their contests while stopping opponents, ranked second in the National Football League in second half/overtime point differential in the regular season.

2017 NFL, SECOND HALF/OT SCORING MARGIN

Team	G	Pts.	Opp.	Diff.
Seattle Seahawks	16	241	154	87
New Orleans Saints	16	226	160	66
Jacksonville Jaguars	16	220	157	63
Los Angeles Rams	16	198	141	57
Philadelphia Eagles	16	233	166	57

NEARLY UNBEATABLE AT 30

The 31-26 NFC Wild Card Playoff win over Carolina was the seventh game in which the Saints scored 30 points in 2017, winners in all of them. Overall, during Payton's tenure as head coach, the Saints have a 71-11 record (86.6%) in games where they've scored at least 30 points.

30-POINT GAMES BY SEASON (2006-11, 13-17)

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)

2013: 6-0

2014: 4-1

2015: 3-1

2016: 6-3

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

SAINTS BY THE NUMBERS

1 – Super Bowl appearances and Championships

2 – NFC Championship appearances

6 – Division Championships

357 – Franchise wins including regular season and postseason

10 – Pro Football Hall of Famers

4 – Ring of Honor members

51 – Saints Hall of Famers

51 – The club just finished its 51st season.

84,728 – Largest home crowd (United States) in franchise history, a November 3, 1968 contest vs. the Dallas Cowboys.

73,373 – Largest crowd at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, a November 24, 2014 Monday Night Football Contest vs. the Baltimore Ravens.

112 – Games won by Head Coach Sean Payton (regular season and postseason), ranked first in club history and 40th in NFL record books.

6,222 – Number of completions by quarterback Drew Brees, ranked second in NFL record books.

70,445 – Number of career passing yards by Brees third in NFL record books.

488 – Number of career touchdown passes by Brees, tied for third in NFL record books.

5,362 – Number of rushing yards by running back Mark Ingram II, second in franchise history.

1,540 – Total yards from scrimmage by Ingram in 2017.

59.5 – Number of sacks by defensive end Cameron Jordan, fifth in franchise record books.

86 – Team-high number of points scored by rookie running back Alvin Kamara in 2017.

1,554 – Team-high yards from scrimmage by Kamara.

196 – Number of receptions in his first two seasons by wide receiver Michael Thomas, an NFL Record.

512 – Number of career tackles by linebacker Craig Robertson.

44 – Seasons at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, which opened in 1975.

TEAM NOTES

PASSER RATING DIFFERENTIAL

Combining outstanding play from Drew Brees and an improved defense, the Saints ranked second in the NFL in passer rating differential in the 2017 regular season.

2017 LEADERS, PASSER RATING DIFFERENTIAL

Team	Rtg.	Opp.	Diff.
1. Minnesota	99.1	73.0	26.1
2. New Orleans	103.9	79.0	24.9
3. LA Rams	98.3	78.4	19.9
4. Kansas City	100.8	81.5	19.3
5. Philadelphia	97.6	79.5	18.1

OFFENSIVE NOTES

DOMINATING OFFENSE

Since 2006, when Payton arrived as head coach, the New Orleans Saints have been the NFL's top ranked offense (404.1 ypg.). In 2017, New Orleans finished ranked second in the NFL (391.2 ypg.).

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS SINCE 2006

(NET YARDS PER GAME)

Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New Orleans	77,593	404.1
2. New England	74,145	386.2
3. Philadelphia	71,551	372.7

The Saints finished 2017 ranked second in the NFL in net yards per game (391.2).

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS IN 2017

(NET YARDS PER GAME)

Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New England	6,307	394.2
2. New Orleans	6,259	391.2
3. Pittsburgh	6,047	377.9

YARDAGE RAMPAGE

Since 2006, the New Orleans Saints have racked up the team's eight 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 24 games.

TOP EIGHT NEW ORLEANS 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
6.	vs. Minnesota	573	161	412	12/18/11
7.	vs. SF	571	248	323	11/6/16
8.	vs. Dallas	562	116	446	12/23/12

KEEPING DRIVES GOING

The Saints have converted an NFL-best 46.7 of their third down attempts in the regular season since 2006.

THIRD DOWN CONVERSION LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Made	Att.	Pct.
1. New Orleans	1,183	2,533	46.7
2. New England	1,123	2,548	44.1
3. Indianapolis	1,101	2,526	43.6
4. LA Chargers	1,089	2,502	43.5
5. Atlanta	1,106	2,579	42.9

FIRST DOWNS

The Saints rank first in the NFC and second in the NFL with 4,359 first downs in the regular season since 2006, including a league-best 2,884 first downs passing. The Saints led the NFL with 395 first downs in 2016 and their 314 in 2017 are ranked sixth.

NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Tot.	Rush	Pass	Pen
1. New England	4,456	1,390	2,663	403
2. New Orleans	4,359	1,187	2,884	288
3. Indianapolis	3,995	1,078	2,550	367

OFFENSIVE NOTES

THROUGH THE AIR

Each season since 2006, the Saints have ranked in the NFL's top five in passing, averaging 296.1 net yards per game to lead the league during the period. In 2017, the Saints again finished fifth in the NFL rankings in passing offense, averaging 317.1 net passing yards per game.

NFL NET PASSING YARDS PER GAME SINCE 2006

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New Orleans	56,849	296.1
2. New England	51,250	266.9
3. Green Bay	48,617	253.2

2017 NFL NET PASSING YARDS PER GAME

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. LA Chargers	4,431	276.9
2. New England	4,418	276.1
3. Pittsburgh	4,380	273.8
4. Tampa Bay	4,366	272.9
5. New Orleans	4,189	261.8

YARDS AFTER THE CATCH

Since 2006, the Saints rank first in the NFL in yards after the catch (27,962). In 2014, New Orleans ranked first in the NFL in 2017 with 2,401 yards after the catch with rookie running back Alvin Kamara ranked second in the NFL (705).

YARDS AFTER THE CATCH BY NFL TEAMS SINCE 2006

Team	YAC
1. NO	27,962
2. NE	26,363
3. GB	25,269

YARDS AFTER THE CATCH BY NFL TEAMS IN 2017

Team	YAC
1. NO	2,401
2. KC	2,214
3. Det.	2,160

KEEPING DRIVES GOING

The New Orleans Saints have converted a National Football League-best 46.7 of their third down attempts since Sean Payton became head coach in 2006. They will look to improve in 2018 on their uncharacteristic 37.6 third down conversion rate that they posted in 2017.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIRD DOWN CONVERSION RATE LEADERS SINCE 2006

Rk. Team	Made	Att.	Pct.
1. New Orleans	1,183	2,533	46.7
2. New England	1,123	2,548	44.1
3. Indianapolis	1,101	2,526	43.6

FOUR DOWN TERRITORY

Since 2006, the New Orleans Saints are ranked second in the conference and fourth in the National Football League in fourth down conversion rate, converting 107-of-193 attempts (55.4 Pct.). In 2017, New Orleans successfully converted 12-of-15 third down attempts (80.0%), best in the NFL.

FOURTH DOWN CONVERSION RATE

IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SINCE 2006

Rk. Team	Conv./Att.	Pct.
1. New England Patriots	120/190	63.2
2. Cincinnati Bengals	93/161	57.8
3. Dallas Cowboys	89/155	57.4
4. New Orleans Saints	107/193	55.4
5. Philadelphia Eagles	106/195	54.4

FOURTH DOWN CONVERSION RATE

IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 2017

Rk. Team	Conv./Att.	Pct.
1. New Orleans Saints	12/15	80.0
2. Jacksonville Jaguars	10/13	76.9
3. Philadelphia Eagles	17/26	65.4

OFFENSIVE NOTES

RUN GAME RESURGENCE

After rushing for 100 yards as a team only once in their first four games in 2017, the Saints went for over 100 yards in each of their next eight contests in which they went 7-1.

After averaging 108.9 yards per game rushing in 2016, the Saints averaged 129.4 yards rushing per game in 2017, ranked fifth in the NFL.

The emergence of the Saints running attack over the final three months of the season was largely aided by the ability and performance of Mark Ingram II and Alvin Kamara. The tailback duo combined for 250 carries for 1852 yards (7.4 avg.) and 20 touchdowns. With Ingram leading the team in rushing (career-high 1,124) and rushing touchdowns (career-high 12) for the fourth straight season, and Kamara (6.1) leading the National Football League in yards per carry. The Saints finished the 2017 season with an NFL-best 23 rushing touchdowns, the second-highest team total behind 28 in 1979.

2017 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. Jacksonville	2,262	141.4
2. Dallas	2,170	135.6
3. Philadelphia	2,115	132.2
4. Carolina	2,102	131.4
5. New Orleans	2,070	129.4

THE TRIPLETS

Ingram (1,540), Kamara (1,554) and WR Michael Thomas (1,245) were the only trio from a team in 2017 to each be over 1,100 total yards from scrimmage. In fact it is only the fourth time in franchise history that three Saints have at least 1,000 total yards from scrimmage in the same season.

SAINTS TRIOS WITH 1,000 TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE (Ranked in total Yards)

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

The trio of Ingram, Kamara and Thomas all finished the regular season in the top 10 in the National Football League for first downs.

2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 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
4t. Alvin Kamara, NO	40	38	78
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
9. Michael Thomas, NO	0	70	70
10t. Mark Ingram, NO	50	19	69
10t. DeAndre Hopkins, Hou.	0	69	69

HOLDING THE LINE

Since 2006, the New Orleans Saints have allowed the fewest sacks in the National Football League, surrendering only 294 takedowns in 192 regular season games and 20 in 2017, the second-lowest total in the league.

SACKS ALLOWED BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS FROM 2006-

Rk. Team	Sacks
1. New Orleans	294
2. New York Giants	330
3. Indianapolis	355

FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2017

Rk. Team	Sacks
1. LA Chargers	18
2. New Orleans	20
3t. Pittsburgh	21
3t. Atlanta	24
3t. Jacksonville	24

OFFENSIVE NOTES

HOLDING THE LINE

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

LT 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 46 regular season games for New Orleans, returning to action in week six in 2017 after missing the first four contests with a shoulder. Armstead has also opened four postseason contests.

T/G 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 for the Cardinal, anchoring the left side of an offensive line ranked 18th nationally in fewest tackles for loss allowed (4.62/game) and 42nd in fewest sacks allowed (1.77/game), blocking for an offense that averaged 158.8 yards per game on the ground. Peat was named a first-team All-American by ESPN.com, *The Sporting News* and SI.com and received second-team honors from the *Associated Press*. In his rookie campaign, Peat saw action in 12 contests with eight starts, being inserted into several offensive packages, including two starts at left tackle in place of an injured Armstead. In 2016, Peat took a massive step forward, starting 15 contests at left guard, left tackles and as an extra tight end and blocking for the most productive offense in the NFL (426.0 ypg.), also opening the NFC Divisional Playoff at left guard. Headed into his fourth season, Peat now possesses both a veteran's experience and youthful athleticism, making him key to the Saints' future success.

T Ryan Ramczyk - The Black and Gold used their second first round selection in the 2017 NFL Draft to snag Ramczyk, viewed by many as one of the best offensive linemen in the entire draft. The 6-6, 314 lb. tackle moved from Division III Wisconsin-Stevens Point to the University of Wisconsin, and in just one season with the Badgers, he flourished. Ramczyk started all 14 games in 2016 and was a consensus All-American, blocking for an offense that gained 203.1 rushing yards per game and allowing just a single sack. Ramczyk figures to make an immediate impact in year two in holding down the right side following the retirement of RT Zach Strief after opening all 16 games and both postseason contests in 2017 and being selected as a PFWA All-Rookie.

C Max Unger - After being acquired by the Saints via trade in the 2015 offseason, Max Unger has anchored the middle of the New Orleans line for the past three seasons, starting all 47 contests he's appeared in at center and serving as a team captain in 2016 and 2017. Originally a second round draft pick of the Seattle Seahawks in 2009, Unger has been named a first-team All-Pro by the *Associated Press* in 2012 and is a two-time Pro Bowler. The Hawaii native has opened all 114 games he has played in since 2009.

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

G Josh LeRibeus - A third-round pick by Washington in 2012, LeRibeus had played in 28 games with 12 starts as well as two additional postseason appearances. In signing with the Saints in the offseason, LeRibeus appeared in all 16 regular season games and both postseason contests as a valuable backup at left guard and also contributing as a lead blocker.

G Andrew Tiller - This fourth-year offensive lineman returns to New Orleans after originally entering the NFL as a sixth-round selection (179th overall) by the Saints in the 2012 NFL Draft. After his first stop with the Saints, he had practice squad stints with the Chargers, Packers and Chiefs. He has appeared in 28 games with 14 starts for the San Francisco 49ers. Tiller has the experience and versatility to play both guard positions along the offensive line.

T Rick Leonard - A two-year starter at right tackle at Florida State after transitioning from defensive end, Leonard excelled in both pass protection and run-blocking as he opened 19 games out of 37 games played. Leonard, who can play both tackle and guard, will compete for a roster spot in training camp.

C/G Will Clapp - A technically proficient player, who through the combination of size, strength and intelligence, was a three-year starter on the LSU offensive line, starting all 36 games that he appeared in (13 at center, 12 at left guard, 11 at right guard), earning first-team All-SEC honors at both guard and center. Blocking for 1,000-yard rushers in each of his three-seasons in Baton Rouge, Clapp settled in at center in 2017, where he was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection and a Rimington Trophy finalist, the position where the New Orleans native will start to see work, while also contributing at guard.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

DEFENSIVE DRAFT

Over the NFL Drafts from 2015-17, New Orleans has shown a commitment to improving the defense, spending 14-of-21 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 2015-17 on the 53-man roster:

Linebacker Alex Anzalone, Florida (D3b-17) - A 6-3, 241 lb. linebacker, Anzalone showcased plenty of potential at Florida. As a senior, he started the first eight games for the Gators until a broken forearm ended his campaign. Despite the shortened season, Anzalone still ranked third on the team with 53 tackles and racked up three sacks and one fumble recovery. The three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient plays with both physicality and intelligence and has made an immediate impact as a starter on the outside from day one where he recorded 14 tackles, one sack and one pass defended for being placed on Injured Reserve in Week Five.

Safety Vonn Bell, Ohio State (D2b-16) - Selected by New Orleans 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. During his 2016 rookie season, Bell translated that collegiate success to the NFL with ease, starting 14 games and finishing second on the team with 98 tackles (59 solo) and first on the team with two forced fumbles. In 2017, Bell played in all 16 games with ten starts and had a team-high 78 tackles (57 solo), 4.5 sacks, to tie for second on the team, two passes defended, two forced fumbles and five special teams tackles. In the postseason, he led the team with 17 tackles and one sack.

Defensive Tackle Tyeler Davison, Fresno State (D5b-15) - This run-stopping widebody defensive lineman played in 53 career games at Fresno State from 2011-14 and made 28.5 stops for a loss and 14.5 sacks. After moving into the starting lineup in 2016, Davison has continued to improve, with his 31 tackles (21 solo), one pass defended and two forced fumbles not showing his true value as a run-stopper. In the postseason, he added nine tackles and one sack.

Defensive End Trey Hendrickson, Florida Atlantic (D3c-17) - This former third round draft choice in the 2017 NFL Draft (103rd overall) out of Florida Atlantic brought his raw talent, size, strength and speed to a youthful Saints defensive line that saw vast statistical improvements as a unit in

2017. In his first season as a pro the rotational pass rusher appeared in 12 regular season games posting 13 tackles (seven solo), two sacks for 15 yards lost, two passes defended and one forced fumble. The Central Florida native missed the final three regular season games due to an ankle injury, but was able to play in both postseason contests gaining valuable playoff experience.

Linebacker Hau'oli Kikaha, Washington (D2-15) - New Orleans' second round pick (44th overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft, Kikaha made an immediate impact on the Saints defense, starting the first six games of his rookie campaign and 10 overall, while playing in 15 games. He recorded 56 tackles (41 solo), four sacks, one pass defended, four forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and three special teams stops. His four takedowns tied for the sixth-most in the NFL among rookies, while he finished tied for second in the league in forced fumbles, the lone rookie with four. Suffering a knee injury in the Saints offseason program in 2016 that would sideline him the whole season, the former University of Washington standout returned to form in 2017 and finished fourth on the team with four takedowns.

Cornerback Marshon Lattimore, Ohio State (D1a-17) - The 11th overall selection in the 2017 NFL draft and the first cornerback taken, Lattimore possesses all the traits of a lockdown defender. In 2016 at Ohio State, he was named first team All-Big Ten after recording four interceptions during the year. With his agile, fluid style of play, Lattimore has the ability to shut down even 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 in Week One. In October, he became the first Saints rookie since 2000 to capture the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month award, when he had 16 tackles, two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown, five passes defended and one fumble recovery and also captured the award for his performance in December. For the regular season, he finished with 53 stops, five picks, to lead all NFL rookies and lead the Saints, tying a team rookie record, a club-best 18 passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Lattimore was the first New Orleans cornerback selected to the Pro Bowl since 1995 and was selected as a consensus Defensive Rookie of the Year.

Defensive End Al-Quadin Muhammad, Miami (Fla.) (D6-17) - Muhammad joined the Saints in 2017 after showing potential as a pass rusher during his college career at the University of Miami. In 2015 he notched 54 tackles, third on the squad, while leading the team in tackles for loss and sacks with 8.5 and five, respectively. He also forced a fumble and broke up one pass. Muhammad's strength on the line should be a valuable asset for the Saints front in the future, competing for a spot in the defensive line rotation in 2018 after leading the team in quarterback takedowns in the 2017 preseason.

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DEFENSIVE NOTES

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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 extraordinarily new to football, the fourth round pick appeared in all 16 games in 2016, notching 32 tackles on the year. Now with experience under his belt, Onyemata became a critical member on the interior of the Saints defensive front as an important member of its defensive tackle rotation, playing in all 16 games for the second consecutive season with six starts, making 40 tackles and two sacks, while adding three more stops in the postseason.

Defensive Tackle Sheldon Rankins, Louisville (D1-16) - Selected by New Orleans 12th overall in the first round of the 2016 NFL Draft, the Covington, Ga. native played in 46 games along the defensive line at Louisville from 2012-15, producing 133 total tackles (72 solo), 31.5 tackles for loss and 18 sacks during his collegiate career. A broken leg delayed his National Football League debut last season until Week Nine, but he made the most of his limited action, still finishing tied for third on the club with four 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. In the NFC Divisional Playoff at Minnesota, Rankins added his first career postseason quarterback takedown.

Safety Marcus Williams, Utah (D2-17) - A three-year starter at the University of Utah, Williams was twice named an All-Pac 12 selection and earned second-team All-American honors as a junior before declaring for the NFL Draft. In 2016, he tied for second in the conference with five interceptions, even after missing two games due to injury. The defender boasts a dangerous mix of speed, fluidity, and instinct that allows him to read the offense and make breaks on the ball. His athleticism was on display as he made 70 tackles, four interceptions and six passes defended in the regular season, adding ten more stops (seven solo) and another quarterback takedown in two postseason contests.

Cornerback P.J. Williams, Florida State (D3b-15) - One of the most gifted athletes among the Black and Gold, Williams' career was limited in the beginning by missing all but two games in his first two seasons with various injuries, but 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 the 2017 regular season in 16 games with six starts, while adding five more stops and two passes defended in the playoffs.

SACK ATTACK

In 2017, while the improvement in the New Orleans defense can be credited to the defensive line, linebackers and secondary as a group, the Saints finished the regular season tied for seventh in the National Football League with 42 sacks. They continued with their successful, relentless pass rush by recording six takedowns in only two postseason contests.

SACKS BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2017

Team	Sacks
1. Pit.	56
2. Jax.	55
3. Car.	50
4. LA Rams	48
5t. LA Chargers	43
5t. Ten.	43
7t. NO	42
7t. NE	42
7t. Chi.	42

PICK CITY

In 2017, an opportunistic Saints defense snared 20 interceptions in the regular season, two for touchdowns led by rookie cornerback and Pro Bowl selection Marshon Lattimore's five picks with one for a score as he was selected as *Associated Press* Defensive Rookie of the Year. It was the third most picks in 2017 in the National Football League after recording only nine apiece in both the 2015 and 2016 campaigns.

INTERCEPTIONS BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2017

Rk. Team	Interceptions
1. Baltimore	22
2. Jacksonville	21
3. New Orleans	20

DEFENSIVE NOTES

SCORING DEFENSE

After ranking 31st in the NFL in 2016, giving up 28.4 points per game, New Orleans rose in the rankings to rank tenth in 2017, they have given up an average of 20.4 points per game.

OPPONENT POINTS PER GAME BY NFL TEAMS IN 2017

Team	Points/Game
1. Min.	15.8
2. Jax.	16.8
3. LA Chargers	17.0
4. Phi.	18.5
5. NE	18.5
6. Bal.	18.9
7. Pit.	19.3
8. Atl.	19.7
10. NO	20.4
11. Car.	20.4

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 the role of starting kicker. Lutz enters 2018 having previously kicked in 32 games, converting 59-of-70 field goal attempts (84.3 percent) and 96-of-100 PATS (96.0 percent). He has also recorded 107 touchbacks on 180 career kickoffs through the conclusion of the 2017 season. Entering the 2018 campaign, his 84.3 percent field goal percentage was best among kickers with at least 50 made field goals in team history.

P **Thomas Morstead** was the first punter drafted by the Saints since 1984. The club's fifth round draft choice (164th 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 nine years, he has a gross average of 47.0 on 527 punts with a 41.3 net and 184 punts inside the 20-yard line, while also booming 259 kickoffs in the end zone for

touchbacks. During the 2017 season, Morstead tied Joel Hilgenberg for 17th on the Saints all-time games played list and ranked sixth in the NFL in net punting average (42.2)

RETURN TO SENDER

WR **Tommy Lee Lewis** has found an important role on special teams, returning the majority of punts for the Black and Gold in 2016. He averaged 11.4 yards per return that season and brought back 14 punts for an 8.2 average in 2017 as he competes for the role in 2018 training camp. Last year, RB **Alvin Kamara** recorded a 106-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in Week 17 at Tampa Bay was the longest play in team history. Below are the three-longest kickoff returns in club records:

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS IN SAINTS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Yards	Year
1.	Alvin Kamara	106t	2017
2.	Eric Guliford	102t	1997
3.	Mel Gray	101t	1986

QUARTERBACKS

DREW BREES

- Since signing with the Saints as an unrestricted free agent in 2006 from the San Diego Chargers, QB Drew Brees has thrown for 4,000 or more yards each season, became the only NFL signal-caller to throw for 5,000 yards five different times and ranked at or near the top in every passing category, both in single-seasons and over the 12-year period, breaking virtually every club passing record.

- Brees once again kept up the pace in 2017, leading New Orleans to an 11-5 record, the NFC South title and the NFC Divisional Playoff round, completing 386-of-536 passes (72.0%) for 4,334 yards with 23 touchdown passes, eight interceptions and a 103.9 passer rating, adding two rushing touchdowns. He set an NFL record in completion percentage, ranked first in completions, second in passer rating, third in fourth quarter passer rating (117.6) and fourth in passing yardage.

- Since first signing with New Orleans in 2006 and playing in 190 regular season games, ranked third in club record books, Brees leads the NFL with 58,097 passing yards, 408 touchdown passes, 7,485 attempts, 5,097 completions, a 68.1% completion percentage, 102 games with at least 300 yards passing, 15 with at least 400 yards passing, 444 completions of 25 yards or more and stands at third in the league with a 99.6 passer rating. He did not throw an interception through the first four games of the season for the first time.

- Brees has been selected to play in a team-record ten Pro Bowls as a Saint, with 11 overall berths in the National Football League's all-star game, twice as a starter, including a selection in 2017. His seven consecutive selections (2008-14) as a Saint is tied for first in club history with Pro Football Hall of Fame T William Roaf.
- Brees has posted a 112-78 regular season mark in games he's started since joining the Saints in 2006. In Week 15 of 2016, Brees earned his 100th regular season victory in a Saints uniform. Including his seven playoff victories, his 119 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 17-year National Football League career during which he has appeared in 249 regular season games, ranked sixth in National Football League record books for signal-callers, with 248 starts, Brees has completed 6,222-of-9,294 passes (66.9%) for 70,445 yards, 488 touchdown passes and a 96.7 passer rating. He's stands as the National Football League's all-time most accurate passer, is ranked second in completions, third in passing yardage, tied with Tom Brady for third in touchdowns and ranked sixth in rating.
- The Saints are led in the postseason behind the arm of Brees, who in the playoffs, has started all 13 games he has appeared in, 12 as a member of the Saints. He has completed 354-of-537 passes (65.9 pct.) for 4,209 yards, 29 touchdowns, nine interceptions and a 101.6 passer rating, while posting a 7-6 mark, 7-5 as starting signal-caller for the Saints from 2006-present..

BY THE NUMBERS

- 3** – NFC Offensive Player of the Month awards won by Brees in his 11-year career in Black and Gold, the most monthly awards won by a Saints player in team history.
- 4** – Brees, Dan Marino (Miami in 1984 and 1986) Peyton Manning (Denver in 2013 and Indianapolis in 2014), and Aaron Rodgers (Green Bay in 2011 and 2016) are the only four players to throw for 40 or more touchdowns twice. Also, the NFL-record number of consecutive games that Brees threw for 350 yards in 2011. In 2017, Brees didn't throw an interception through the first four games of 2017, the first time that he'd done so in his 17-year NFL career.
- 5** – NFL-record number of seasons (2008, 2011-13, 2016) that Brees has thrown for over 5,000 yards.
- 7** – The NFL-record number of regular season contests where Brees has thrown five touchdowns and zero interceptions. Also the league-record number of times Brees has led the league in passing, including in 2016 (5,208).
- 8** – The National Football League-record number of times Brees reached the 350-yard passing mark in 2011.
- 9** – NFL league-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. Also, the team record number of seasons that Brees has been selected to the Pro Bowl. Also, the number of seasons overall and NFL-record consecutive campaigns (2008-16) that Brees has thrown for at least 30 touchdowns.
- 10** – In the postseason, Brees' passing yardage (3,915) and completions (329) numbers both rank tenth in National Football League 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). Including once with San Diego in 2004, the number of times Brees has been selected to the Pro Bowl. He was selected for the team-record tenth time as a Saint in 2017.
- 12** – Number of seasons Brees thrown 25 or more touchdowns, third in NFL record books behind Tom Brady (13) and Manning (16). Also the number of seasons, all consecutive that Brees has tossed for at least 4,000 yards.
- 14** – After tossing for 246 yards on Nov. 26 at the Los Angeles Rams, 2017 became Brees' 14th consecutive season with 3,000 yards passing, a feat surpassed only by Brett Favre (18). Also, with 13 300-yard games in 2011, Brees set the National Football League single-season record, surpassing the one he previously tied with 10 in 2008.
- 15** – In 2017, Brees became only the fourth player in NFL record books to have 15 3,000-yard passing seasons, joining Brett Favre (18), Peyton Manning (16), and currently tied with Brady (15). 15 is also the NFL-record number of regular season contests where Brees has thrown for at least 400 yards.
- 18** – On Nov. 12 at Buffalo, Brees scored on a seven-yard rush, recording the 18th rushing touchdown of his career.
- 20** – 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 San Diego, his 22 conference Player of the Week awards rank third all-time in National Football League record books behind Brady (28) and Manning (27).
- 31** – 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 two in 2017. Also the number regular season contests by Brees with at least four touchdown passes, ranked second all-time behind Manning (35).

BREES BY THE NUMBERS

45 – Consecutive regular season contests between 2012-15 with at least one touchdown pass, fifth-best in league history. The streak ended on 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 TD-free outing at Atlanta.

56 – NFL-record number of games with at least 30 completions, ahead of Manning (38).

57 – Also, the NFL-record number of consecutive regular season contests where Brees threw at least 20 completions until Oct. 13, 2013 at New England.

61 – Players that Brees' 488 career touchdown passes have gone to. Dec. 31, at Tampa Bay, Zach Line became the 61st player and the 46th Saint to catch a TD from Brees.

66.9 – Career completion percentage, ranked first in National Football League record books.

67.8 – Team-record completion percentage as a Saint, ranked first in the NFL during this 12-season period.

72.0 – Completion percentage in the 2017 season by Brees that set an NFL record.

99 – Games by Brees as a Saint where he's posted a rating of 100 or more (min. 10 attempts) owning a 77-22 record in these contests. Overall, in his 17-year career, he's reached the milestone 114 times.

101.5 – Career passer rating indoors during the regular season, fourth in the NFL All-time.

102 – 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 109 times, ahead of Manning (93) for the most all-time.

112 – 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 118-82 record as the Saints' starter.

148 – Regular season games Brees has with two or more touchdown passes in his 17-year career, the second-most by an active player behind Brady (156). Since signing with the Saints in 2006, Brees has 123 contests with multiple touchdown passes, first in the NFL.

205 – Oct. 4, 2015 vs. Dallas, with an 80-yard TD pass to RB C.J. Spiller, Brees reached 400 touchdowns in his 205th career game, the quickest a player's reached 400

TDs, eclipsing the record previously held by Manning (209).

231 – Regular season TD passes at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the most by a player at a specific stadium.

240 – Games it took Brees to reach 6,000 career completions, which occurred, Oct. 29 vs. Chicago, doing so 19 games sooner than Manning.

408 – Touchdown passes as a Saint, ranked first in club records and in the NFL during this time period. With 488 career touchdowns, he's tied for third all-time with Brady behind Favre and Manning.

5,097 – Completions since 2006, the NFL's highest total over this 12-season period.

58,097 – In the October 15 win over Detroit, Brees eclipsed 55,000 passing yards as a Saint.

70,445 – On Dec. 24, 2017 vs. Atlanta, Brees eclipsed 70,000 career passing yards on a 12-yard completion to Mark Ingram, becoming just the third player to reach the mark and the fastest. Brees now has 70,445 career passing yards.

WINNING QB

Brees has posted a 112-78 regular season record since 2006, second among quarterbacks and first in the NFC. On his 17-year NFL career, he has 142 wins as a starter.

WINS BY NFL STARTING QUARTERBACKS SINCE 2006

(REGULAR SEASON)

1. Tom Brady	138
2. Drew Brees	112
3. Peyton Manning	107

BREES COMEBACKS

Since 2006, Brees has engineered 31 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, third in the NFL since 2006. Brees has engineered three more in the playoffs. Overall, Brees has 37 career regular season game-winning drives to his credit.

GAME-WINNING DRIVES SINCE 2006

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Matt Ryan, Atl.	35
2. Eli Manning, NYG	32
3. Drew Brees, NO	31

RATING SUCCESS

With 99 regular season contests (min. 10 attempts) with a passer rating of at least 100 since 2006, including seven times in 2017, Brees is first in the National Football League over this period. The Saints have a 77-22 (.778) mark in these games.

**GAMES WITH A 100+ PASSER RATING SINCE 2006
(min. 10 att.)**

Rk.	Quarterback	No.
1.	Drew Brees, NO	99
2.	Tom Brady, NE	89
3.	Aaron Rodgers, GB	80

With a 96.7 career passer rating, Drew Brees has the sixth-best rating of all-time in National Football League record books.

TOP 10 CAREER PASSER RATINGS (Min. 1500 Att.)

Rating	Quarterback
103.8	Aaron Rodgers
98.8	Russell Wilson
97.6	Tom Brady
97.1	Tony Romo
96.8	Steve Young
96.7	Drew Brees
96.5	Peyton Manning
94.8	Philip Rivers
94.0	Ben Roethlisberger
93.7	Kurt Warner

Brees' 103.9 passer rating ranked second in the National Football League in 2017 and first in the NFC and was the seventh time he surpassed the century mark. Brees reached the century mark in 11 regular season contests, tying his career-best in 2011 and also in one postseason contest.

TOP THREE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSER RATINGS IN 2017

Rating	Quarterback
104.7	Alex Smith
103.9	Drew Brees
102.8	Tom Brady

PINPOINT PASSER

Brees' 66.9 percent career completion percentage is ranked first in NFL records. He's completed a club record 67.9 percent of his passes since coming to the Saints in 2006.

NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS IN COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (min. 1,500 atts.)

Quarterback	Years	Comp. %
1. Drew Brees	2001-	66.9 (6,222-9,294)
2. Chad Pennington	2000-10	66.0 (1,632-2,471)
3. Kurt Warner	1998-2009	65.5 (2,666-4,070)

Brees' 72.0% completion percentage in 2009, set a single season NFL record. It was the eighth time he finished with a completion percentage of at least 68 percent, with 2017 marking the fifth consecutive one he did so.

NFL SINGLE-SEASON COMPLETION PERCENTAGE LEADERS

Quarterback	Team	Comp. %
1. Drew Brees (2017)	NO	72.0 (386-536)
2. Sam Bradford (2016)	Min.	71.6 (295-552)
3. Drew Brees (2011)	NO	71.2 (468-657)

COMPLETIONS LEADER

With 6,222 career regular season completions, Brees is ranked second all-time in NFL records. With 79 completions in 2018, he will become the league's all-time leader

ALL-TIME NFL COMPLETIONS LEADERS

Completions	Quarterback
6,300	Brett Favre
6,222	Drew Brees
6,125	Peyton Manning

Brees has the top three and six of the top eight marks for completions in a season.

MOST COMPLETIONS IN A NFL SEASON

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

YARDAGE LEADER

With 70,445 career passing yards in the regular season, Drew Brees is currently ranked first among active passers and third all-time. With 1,394 passing yards in 2018, he would surpass Brett Favre for second place. With 1,495 he would tie Peyton Manning for first and with 1,496, he would take first place over.

ALL-TIME NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSING YARDAGE TOTALS

Yards	QB	Teams
71,940	Peyton Manning	Ind./Den.
71,838	Brett Favre	GB/NYJ/Min.
70,445	Drew Brees	SD/NO
66,159	Tom Brady	New England
61,361	Dan Marino	Miami

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

MOST PASSING YARDS IN AN NFL SEASON

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

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

ALL-TIME PASSING YARDAGE TITLE LEADERS

Seasons	Quarterback
7	Drew Brees
5	Sonny Jurgensen
5	Dan Marino

70,445 BY THE NUMBERS

1 – The first completion of Brees' career, for a seven-yard gain to running back Terrell Fletcher, as a member of the Chargers in his National Football League debut on November 4, 2001 vs. Kansas City.

78 – The number of players who have caught a pass from Brees, including himself off of deflections.

30,000 – Brees reached 30,000 yards passing on a 12-yard completion to wide receiver Devery Henderson at Atlanta, December 13, 2009.

40,000 – Brees reached 40,000 yards passing on a 16-yard throw to wide receiver Marques Colston at Minnesota, December 18, 2011.

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

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

60,000 – On his 27-yard touchdown throw to wide receiver Brandin Cooks on December 21, 2015 against Detroit, Brees eclipsed 60,000 passing yards for his career, becoming just the fourth player to reach the mark.

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

12 STRAIGHT OF 4,000

Drew Brees is the only signal-caller in National Football League record books to throw for 4,000 yards in 12 consecutive seasons, which he has done every campaign since signing with New Orleans in 2006.

FIVE OR MORE CONSECUTIVE 4,000-YARD PASSING SEASONS

Rk.	QB	No.	Years
1.	Drew Brees	12	2006-17
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.
1t. Drew Brees	3	2011-13
1t. Brett Favre	3	1995-97
1t. Peyton Manning	3	2012-14

15 OF 400

Brees has thrown for 400 yards in an NFL-best 15 regular season games, all as a Saint.

CAREER GAMES WITH 400-PLUS YARDS PASSING

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	15
2. Peyton Manning	14
3. Dan Marino	13

14 3,000 YARD SEASONS

Brees is one of just four players with 14 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
3t. Drew Brees	14
3t. Tom Brady	14

PRO BOWL LEADER

With ten 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 12-year period than Brees, who is tied with Tom Brady.

SAINTS ALL-TIME PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

Rk. Saint	Pro Bowl Selections
1. Drew Brees	10
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	10
1t. Tom Brady	10

TOP OF THE CHARTS

Drew Brees has posted the nine of the top ten regular season passing yardage totals in team history. He has also put up two of the top four postseason yardage totals in NFL record books.

TOP TEN NEW ORLEANS SAINTS PASSING YARDAGE DAYS

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
465	Drew Brees	49	34	vs. Car	10/16/16
446	Drew Brees	53	37	@ Dal.	12/23/12
446	Drew Brees	54	35	@ GB	9/30/12
445	Drew Brees	49	35	vs. Jac	11/4/07
441	Aaron Brooks	48	30	vs. Den.	12/3/00
423	Drew Brees	42	28	vs. Oak.	9/11/16
422	Drew Brees	58	31	@Atl.	11/9/08
421	Drew Brees	48	31	@Den.	9/21/08

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 at Houston.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN 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

Drew Brees' 123 contests with more than one touchdown pass since 2006 leads the National Football League during that period.

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TOUCHDOWN PASSES SINCE 2006

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	123
2. Tom Brady	115
3. Philip Rivers	113

Brees' 148 career games with at least two touchdown passes is fourth in NFL record books all-time.

MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TOUCHDOWN PASSES ALL-TIME

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Peyton Manning	164
2. Brett Favre	159
3. Tom Brady	157
4. Drew Brees	148

FIVE TD GAMES

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

GAMES IN NFL HISTORY WITH FIVE-PLUS TDS

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

4+ TD GAMES

Brees' 32 games with at least four scoring throws are ranked second all-time.

GAMES WITH FOUR-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Peyton Manning	35
2. Drew Brees	32
3. Tom Brady	28

11 STRAIGHT OF 25

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

10 OR MORE STRAIGHT 25 TD PASS SEASONS

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

12 OF 25 OR MORE

New Orleans Saints QB Drew Brees is ranked third in National Football League record books for the most seasons of 25 or more touchdown passes (12).

MOST SEASONS WITH 25 OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Peyton Manning	16
2. Tom Brady	13
3. Drew Brees	12

NINE STRAIGHT OF 30

Drew Brees is the first quarterback in National Football League record books to throw for 30 touchdowns in eight straight seasons.

FIVE OR MORE STRAIGHT 30 TOUCHDOWN PASS SEASONS

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

NINE OF 30+

Drew Brees is tied for first in National Football League record books for the most seasons of 30 or more touchdown passes.

MOST SEASONS WITH 30 OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES

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

109 OF 300

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees' 109 300-yard passing games in the regular season ranks first all-time in NFL record books.

300-YARD PASSING GAMES ALL-TIME

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	109
2. Peyton Manning	93
3. Tom Brady	81

57 OF 350

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees' 56 games of 350-yards or more passing ranks first in the National Football League all-time.

MOST GAMES WITH 350 OR MORE PASSING YARDS ALL-TIME

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	57
2. Tom Brady	42
3. Peyton Manning	35

TOUCHDOWN LEADER

With 488 career touchdown passes, New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees is tied for third all-time in the National Football League.

ALL-TIME NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSING TOUCHDOWN TOTALS

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

TOUCHDOWN TARGETS

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees' 488 career touchdown passes in the regular season have gone to 61 different players, 46 of them Saints teammates, ten currently on the 53-man roster after he hit fullback Zach Line for a score in the fourth quarter of the regular season finale at Tampa Bay on December 31, 2017. Ahead is a list of the top ten recipients of touchdowns by Brees:

DREW BREES' TOP TEN ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN 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
5. Antonio Gates (2003-05)	23
6. Brandin Cooks (2014-2016)	20
7. Devery Henderson (2006-12)	17
8. Darren Sproles (2011-13)	16
9. Michael Thomas (2016-)	14
10t. Reggie Bush (2006-10)	12
10t. Pierre Thomas (2007-14)	12

RUNNING BACKS

MARK INGRAM II

• A 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, he ranks second in club record books with 5,362 yards rushing, second with 44 rushing touchdowns and eighth with 48 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.

INGRAM'S BIG DAYS

New Orleans Saints RB Mark Ingram has reached 100 rushing yards 13 times over his Saints career, including four times in 2017 New Orleans has posted a 11-2 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 TD.

INGRAM'S BIG DAYS

- **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 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 12, 2017 at Buffalo** - Carried 21 times for 131 yards (4.7 avg.) with a career-high three touchdowns.
- **November 19, 2017 vs. Washington** - Carried 11 times for 134 yards (12.2 avg.) with a 36-yard touchdown.

RUSHING LEADER

Following back-to-back seasons of 1,000 rushing yards, including a career-high 1,124 in 2017, Ingram is currently ranked second on the club's all-time rushing yardage list.

ALL-TIME NEW ORLEANS SAINTS RUSHING LIST

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Deuce McAllister	1,429	6,096	4.3	49
2. Mark Ingram	1,183	5,362	4.5	44
3. George Rogers	995	4,267	4.3	23

In seven seasons, he's averaged 4.5 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
2. Mark Ingram	1,183	5,362	4.5	44
3. Chuck Muncie	788	3,393	4.3	28

Ingram's 266 rushing first downs is second in club records with his 50 rushing first downs in 2017 ninth in the NFL.

SAINTS ALL-TIME RUSHING FIRST DOWNS LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Deuce McAllister (2001-09)	292
2.	Mark Ingram (2011-)	266
3.	Pierre Thomas (2007-14)	201

Ingram's 1,601 yards after the catch ranks fifth among Saints running backs in club record books

SAINTS RBs YARDS AFTER THE CATCH LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Pierre Thomas (2007-14)	3,084
2.	Reggie Bush (2006-10)	2,027
3.	Darren Sproles (2011-13)	1,949
5.	Deuce McAllister (2001-09)	1,856
6.	Mark Ingram (2011-)	1,601

Ingram's career-high 1,540 total yards from scrimmage in 2017, ranked seventh in the NFL, have moved him into fifth place in club record books with 6,790 for his career.

ALL-TIME NEW ORLEANS SAINTS 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
5. Mark Ingram	6,790	5,362	1,428

Ingram's yards rushing ranks fifth in the NFL, while he is ranked 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
5. Mark Ingram	230	1,124	4.9	12
6. Jordan Howard	276	1,122	4.2	9

CLIMBING THE CHARTS

2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RUSHING TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Todd Gurley, LA Rams	13
2.	Mark Ingram, NO	12

Ingram's rushing totals over the past two seasons ranks sixth in the NFL.

NFL RUSHING YARDAGE LEADERS SINCE 2016

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Ezekiel Elliott	564	2,614	4.6	22
1. Le'Veon Bell	582	2,559	4.4	16
3. Jordan Howard	528	2,435	4.6	15
4. LeSean McCoy	521	2,405	4.6	19
5. Todd Gurley	557	2,190	3.9	19
6. Mark Ingram	435	2,167	5.0	18
7. Jay Ajayi	468	2,145	4.6	9

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

NFL RUSHING AVG. LEADERS SINCE 2015 (Min. 300 att.)

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Mark Ingram	601	2,936	4.9	24
2. Cam Newton	361	1,749	4.84	21
3. Bilal Powell	379	1,807	4.77	9

ALVIN KAMARA

- A talented runner and receiver with a 5-10, 215-pound frame who was selected by the Saints in the third round of the 2016 NFL Draft out of the Tennessee, Alvin Kamara is 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, while 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 Ingram. Kamara finished the regular season ranked first in the NFL in yards per carry. In the

postseason, Kamara added 188 all purpose yards and two more touchdowns. He was selected to the Pro Bowl, as an *Associated Press* second team All-Pro at the Flex position and was named *The Sporting News* NFL Rookie of the Year and the *AP* Offensive Rookie of the Year.

FAMOUS COMPANY

With eight rushing touchdowns and five receiving touchdowns, Kamara is one of only four rookies in NFL record books to have at least five rushing touchdowns and five receiving touchdowns, joining three Pro Football Hall of Famers in Doak Walker (1950), Charley Taylor (1964) and Gale Sayers (1964). Adding in his kickoff return touchdown, Kamara joined Sayers as the only rookie with at least eight rushing touchdowns, five receiving scores and one return touchdown.

ALVIN TIME

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

MOST RECEPTIONS BY RB-NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (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

Kamara had 27 "big play" runs (runs of 10+ yards) on the season on 120 carries. His 22.5 "big play" percentage was the best in the NFL (minimum 100 carries).

2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE BIG PLAY RUNS PERCENTAGE LEADERS

Player (Team)	Att.	10+	10+%
1. Alvin Kamara, NO	120	27	22.5
2. Matt Breida, SF	105	17	16.2
3. Cam Newton, Car.	139	20	14.4

Kamara's 705 yards after the catch in 2017 ranked second in the NFL

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

ALVIN TIME

Kamara had an impressive inaugural season with the Saints, hitting stride starting in Week Three of the season and helping to fuel a rushing attack that ranked fifth in the NFL, while leading the club with 1,554 total yards from scrimmage. Kamara's total yards from scrimmage ranked sixth in the NFL, second among rookies and was the second-highest all-time total by a Saints rookie.

ALL-TIME SAINTS ROOKIE TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE TOTALS

Saint	Year	Total Yds.	Rush	Receive
1. George Rogers, 1981	1,800	1,674	126	
2. Alvin Kamara, 2017	1,554	728	826	
3. Rueben Mayes, 1986	1,449	1,353	96	

Kamara averaged a league-best 6.1 yards per carry in 2017 which represents the second-highest season average in franchise history and the first time a Saint led the NFL in rushing average since Hokie Gajan averaged 6.0 yards per carry in 1984.

SINGLE-SEASON NEW ORLEANS SAINTS YARDS PER CARRY LEADERS

(MIN 75 ATT.)

Saint, Year	Att.	Yards	YPC.
1. Darren Sproles, 2017	87	603	6.9
2. Alvin Kamara, 2017	120	728	6.1
3. Hokie Gajan, 1984	102	615	6.0

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Not only did Alvin Kamara lead the National Football League in yards per carry in 2017, after ranking third in 2016, Ingram's finished fourth in 2017, giving New Orleans two players ranked in the top five.

2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE YARDS PER CARRY LEADERS

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

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.

2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 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
7. Alvin Kamara	1,554	728	826
8. Mark Ingram	1,540	1,124	416
9. Antonio Brown	1,533	0	1,533

Ingram and Kamara's combined 2,912 total yards from scrimmage give them the second-most prolific combined total for a running back duo (minimum 1,200 yards per running back), since the 16-game era began in 1978. Ingram and Kamara are the only duo in NFL history where both running backs each had at least 1,500 total yards from scrimmage.

TOP FIVE RUNNING BACK DUO TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE TOTALS SINCE 1978

Rk. Duo	No.
1. Harper/Payton, Chi.-1978	3,207
2. Ingram/Kamara, NO-2017	3,094
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 touchdowns.

2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

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

RUNNING BACKS

BOSTON SCOTT

- With their second sixth round selection in the 2018 NFL Draft, the New Orleans Saints addressed the running back position and return game with this tough and gifted athlete. The team will look to use his grit and speed to the advantage of matchups as he adapts to the pro game. Over the course of his career, Scott ran for 1,840 yards and 14 touchdowns on 288 attempts. After beginning his college career as a walk-on, Scott earned a scholarship. In addition to serving as a running back for the Bulldogs, Scott returned kicks on special teams, registering 633 yards on 29 returns over the course of his career.

JONATHAN WILLIAMS

- Productive as a rookie in Buffalo in spot duty on offense and on special teams as a rookie in 2016, Williams was signed as a free agent by New Orleans in Week 11 of 2017 off of the Broncos practice squad. As a rookie with the Bills, the Texas native played in 11 games and carried 27 times for 94 yards with a touchdown. In 2018, Williams will look to continue to immerse himself in the Saints offense and compete for a roster spot in the preseason, which started strong with a performance of four carries for 25 yards (6.5 avg.) and a fourth quarter go-ahead four-yard rushing touchdown in the preseason opener at Jacksonville.

TREY EDMUNDS

- In his rookie season, Edmunds played in all 16 regular season games and both postseason contests and recorded nine rushes for 48 yards (5.3 avg.) and a 41-yard touchdown, returned three kickoffs for 65 yards (21.7 avg.) and had seven special teams tackles. In 2018, this former undrafted free agent from Maryland looks to build on his contributions to the offense and special teams.

TERRANCE WEST

- Originally selected by Cleveland in the third round (94th overall) of the 2014 NFL Draft, West will compete in training camp for snaps. In 43 career games, West has started 23 contests and carried 465 times for 1,816 yards and 11 touchdowns, also catching 51 passes for 344 yards and two touchdowns. After being bothered by a calf injury in 2017, West will seek to return to the form he showed in Baltimore in 2016 as their full-time runner, when he carried 193 times for 774 yards (4.0 avg.) and five touchdowns, with 34 receptions for 236 yards and one scoring grab as he recorded statistical career-highs in most categories.

SHANE VEREEN

- Originally selected by the New England Patriots in the second round of the 2011 NFL Draft (56th overall) out of the University of California, this eighth-year running back brings a compact build, quickness and pass-catching ability to the Saints backfield after spending his first seven seasons with the Patriots and the New York Giants. Vereen has played in 79 career regular-season games with nine starts, and in seven postseason games with three starts. In the regular season he's rushed 356 times for 1,489 yards (4.2 avg.) and eight touchdowns, grabbed 221 receptions for 1,864 yards (8.4 avg.) and 11 touchdowns, and brought back 26 kickoff returns for 583 yards (22.4 avg.). In the postseason, he has 26 carries for 129 yards (5.0 avg.) and one touchdown and 32 catches for 324 yards and two touchdowns.

FB ZACH LINE

- First signed as an undrafted free agent by the Minnesota Vikings, where he spent four seasons, Line contributed to the club's fifth-ranked run game in 2017 after joining the club early in the regular season, as well as on special teams. He enters 2018 having played in 47 career regular season games with 14 starts and has carried 20 times for 53 yards and two touchdowns, as well as adding nine receptions for 111 yards and two TDs and three special teams tackles. In addition to carrying seven times for 28 yards and catching two passes for eight yards with one touchdown in the regular season, Line added a rushing touchdown in the NFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Carolina.

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 TDs to rank third in the NFL 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.

RECEIVING LEADER

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING LEADERS IN 2017

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

With 196 receptions in his first two regular seasons since being drafted by the Saints in 2016, Thomas has surpassed Cleveland's Jarvis Landry to become the NFL player with the most receptions after his first two seasons.

RECEPTIONS LEADERS THROUGH FIRST TWO NFL SEASONS

Player	Years	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Michael Thomas	2016-17	196	2,382	14
Jarvis Landry	2014-15	194	1,915	9

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 166 games with 71 starts over that period. In his long career marked by big play ability, he has accumulated 5,072 receiving yards off 362 catches (14.0 avg.), recording 29 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 has 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 post-season 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.

TRE'QUAN SMITH

- The club's third round draft pick in 2018, Smith is a talented wideout with a solid 6-1, 210-pound frame who emerged as one of Central Florida's top weapons over three seasons. From 2015-17, Smith caught 168 passes for 2,748 yards (16.4 avg.) with 22 touchdowns. In 2017, he hauled in 54 grabs for 1,082 yards and 13 touchdowns for the 13-0 Knights. In his NFL debut in Preseason Week One at Jacksonville, he snared four grabs for 48 yards.

TIGHT ENDS

BENJAMIN WATSON

- 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, Benjamin Watson forms a strong combination at the tight end position with Josh Hill and Michael Hoomanawanui. The former University of Georgia standout and 14-year NFL veteran who originally entered the NFL as a first round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 2004 has career totals of 495 receptions for 5,485 yards (11.1 avg.) with 42 touchdowns in 179 games with 132 starts. Watson has also played in 11 postseason games with nine starts and has added 21 receptions for 222 yards and three scoring grabs.

- In his season as the club's featured tight end in 2015, Watson opened all 16 games, where he posted 74 receptions for 825 yards and six touchdowns. He is coming off a season in Baltimore where he played in all 16 games with 12 starts and made 61 grabs for 522 yards and four touchdowns, leading the Ravens in receiving.

JOSH HILL

- Signed as an undrafted free agent from Idaho State in 2013, Josh Hill's development has been an asset to the position group, for whom he's played in 71 games with 32 starts, making 67 receptions for 614 yards and ten touchdowns, also chipping in 27 special teams tackles. In 2017, Hill appeared in all 16 games with 11 starts, logging 16 receptions for 125 yards and a touchdown and was particularly effective in the postseason where he made six grabs for 103 yards (17.2 avg.) with a scoring grab.

MICHAEL HOOMANAWANUI

- Brought to New Orleans in Week Four of the 2015 season after a trade with the New England Patriots, Hoomanawanui appeared in 12 games for the Black and Gold before spending the 2016 campaign on Injured Reserve. In his 12 games with the club in 2015, he recorded eight starts, 11 catches, 76 yards, and three touchdowns. He returned to action in 2017 in 14 games with ten starts to make six grabs for 52 yards and one TD and help spur the NFL's fifth-ranked run game. During his entire career, he has appeared in 87 games with 57 starts, recording 646 yards and eight total touchdowns on 57 catches.

DEFENSIVE ENDS

CAMERON JORDAN

• New Orleans' first choice in the 2011 NFL Draft (24th overall) out of California, Jordan enjoyed another standout season in 2017, recording 62 tackles, a career-high 13 sacks, one interception return for a touchdown, a career-high 11 passes defended and two forced fumbles. Jordan was selected to his third Pro Bowl and was a first-team AP All-Pro for the first time. With 59.5 sacks in seven seasons, Jordan is fifth 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.

JORDAN SACK NOTES

After recording 1.5 takedowns in the Nov. 5, 2017 win vs. Tampa Bay, Jordan inched to fifth place in club record books. Jordan also leads the club in the postseason all-time with an additional 3.5 takedowns.

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.	Will Smith, 2004-12	67.5
5.	Cameron Jordan, 2011-	59.5

Since Week Eight of the 2014 season, Jordan's played among the NFL's elite defensive ends. He's ranked fifth in the NFL since Oct. 26, 2014 with 37 sacks (regular season). In 2017, he finished the regular season tied for fourth in the league with 13 quarterback takedowns. Jordan is the only Saint to have at least 7.5 quarterback takedowns in six consecutive seasons, surpassing LB Rickey Jackson, who did so in five consecutive seasons from 1983-87.

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL SINCE OCTOBER 26, 2014

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Chandler Jones, NE-Ari.	42.0
2t.	Khalil Mack, Oak.	40.5
2t.	Ryan Kerrigan, Was.	40.5
4.	Von Miller, Den.	39.5
5t.	Cameron Jordan, NO	37.0
5t.	Aaron Donald, LA Rams	37.0
7.	Everson Griffen, Min.	36.5

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL IN 2017

(REGULAR SEASON)

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Chandler Jones, Ari.	17.0
2t.	Calais Campbell, Jax.	14.5
2t.	Demarcus Lawrence, Dal.	14.5
4t.	Cameron Jordan, NO	13.0
4t.	Everson Griffen, Min.	13.0
4t.	Ryan Kerrigan, Was.	13.0

Jordan's posted 59.5 sacks since he entered the National Football League as a first round draft pick in 2011 and over the past seven seasons is only the second player, joining Houston's J.J. Watt to have 55 takedowns and 35 passes defended. During this time, the Saints own a 29-14 record when he corrals a signal-caller, and they boast a 11-1 mark in a multi-sack performance in the regular season, including a career-high four multi-takedown games in 2017. They have a 2-1 mark in postseason games where he's had a sack.

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

DURABLE DEFENDER

With 112 consecutive games played and 97 consecutive starts, Jordan's one of the NFL's most durable defensive ends.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED AMONG ACTIVE NFL DEFENSIVE ENDS

Rk.	Defensive End	Team	No.
1.	Julius Peppers	Car.	160
2.	Cameron Jordan	NO	112
3.	Jerry Hughes	Buf.	99

CONSECUTIVE GAMES STARTED AMONG ACTIVE NFL DEFENSIVE ENDS

Rk.	Defensive End	Team	No.
1.	Cameron Jordan	NO	97
2.	Carlos Dunlap	Cin.	68
3.	Khalil Mack	Oak.	64

ALEX OKAFOR

- Selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the fourth round of the 2013 NFL Draft, Okafor joined the Saints in 2017 where he added valuable depth on the defensive line. Okafor has appeared in 53 games with 35 starts in five years, collecting 18 sacks, an interception, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, and nine passes defended. In 2017, he had 37 tackles (26 solo), 4.5 sacks to tie for second behind Jordan, four passes defended and two forced fumbles.

GEORGE JOHNSON

- Johnson, is a six-year NFL veteran who was added in Week 15 of the 2017 season to add depth to the Saints line. The six-year veteran has played in 44 games with four clubs, totaling 63 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one pass defended and three special teams tackles. In his first three regular season games as a Saint, he posted 2.5 sacks.

MARCUS DAVENPORT

- Trading up to the 14th spot in the 2018 NFL Draft, the Saints addressed the defensive line with this gifted pass rusher, only the second draft choice ever from Texas-San Antonio. During his four collegiate seasons, Davenport notched career 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).

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

TYELER DAVISON

- This former fifth round draft pick has been a vital part of the Saints defensive line since being drafted in the 2015 NFL Draft (154th overall). The Fresno State product followed up his first two seasons with an even more productive campaign in 2017, helping the defense post 42 sacks, ranking seventh in the league and allowing only 20.4 points per game, good for tenth in the NFL. In 2017, he started all 16 games posting 31 tackles (21 solo), one pass defended and two forced fumbles. Overall in three seasons, the disruptive defensive tackle has 86 tackles (50 solo), 1.5 sacks, two pass deflections and two forced fumbles. Davison looks to continue to grow as a member of a youthful and improving Saints defense line.

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 31st 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 takedowns in 2016.

DAVID ONYEMATA

- Onyemata was chosen with the team's fourth round pick (120th overall) in 2016 after a stellar career at the University of Manitoba of the CIS, becoming the first member of the Bisons program to be drafted. Over the course of his rookie campaign, Onyemata appeared in all 16 games and recorded 32 tackles (15 solo). In 2017, he took the next big step in his young career, playing in all 16 games with six starts and posting 38 tackles (18 solo), two sacks and one pass defended, while adding three more stops in two post-season contests.

LINEBACKERS

Key free agent acquisitions combined with an extra year of growth have rendered the 2018 Saints linebacking corps a hard-hitting squad with a solid mix of both youth and experience that looks to wreak havoc on opposing offenses this season.

CRAIG ROBERTSON

- In just his first year with the Saints, Robertson quickly became one of the most important members of the young defense. After four seasons with Cleveland, Robertson joined the Saints looking to contribute on defense and special teams, yet his production outpaced even the highest expectations. Starting 15 games, Robertson led the Saints with 131 tackles (100 solo), while adding a sack, four passes defensed, and interception, and two fumble recoveries. Robertson continued to be a leader for Saints defenders look to in 2017, as he returned to the starting lineup on the outside and was voted a team captain. In his first start of the season vs. Detroit, Oct. 15, 2017, he led the team with 11 tackles and had the sack, forced fumble and recovery all on the same play. In 2017 in 16 games with starts in the last 12 contests, he had 77 stops (50 solo) to rank second on the team, two sacks to lead the linebackers, two interceptions to also lead his position group, six passes defensed, the forced fumble/fumble recovery and a special teams fumble recovery. He added 14 stops in the postseason as well.

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 on the outside before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury and posted 16 tackles, one sack and one pass defensed.

NATE STUPAR

- Originally drafted by Oakland in the seventh round of the 2012 NFL Draft (230th overall), Stupar came to New Orleans as part of a revamped linebacker group in 2016. After three seasons spent with four teams, he found a home with the Black and Gold, appearing in all 16 games with 6 starts while setting or tying career-highs in all major categories. He finished the season with 62 tackles (38 solo), one sack, two passes defensed, an interception, two forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries. After missing most of the 2017 season after suffering a season-ending knee injury in Week Six, Stupar returns to augment the club's special teams units.

MANTI TE'O

- Coming to New Orleans as a free agent in 2017, Te'o used his four seasons in San Diego to become a talented, linebacker. A second round pick in 2013 out of Notre Dame where he finished second in the voting for the 2012 Heisman Trophy, In 2015, his third season in San Diego, he started all 12 games he appeared in, recording a career-high 83 tackles (63 solo), a half-sack, an interception, and a forced fumble. In 2017, he ranked among team leaders with 61 tackles (43 solo), three passes defensed and one fumble recovery and also opened both postseason contests, adding 15 tackles and one sack.

DEMARIO DAVIS

- This dependable and sure-tackling defender came to the New Orleans Saints after a breakout 2017 campaign, where he started all 16 games for the New York Jets. Davis enjoyed his best season as a pro posting a team-high and career-high 165 tackles (112 solo), a career-best five sacks, tied for second in the NFL among inside linebackers, three passes defensed and one fumble recovery. For his career, the Brandon, Miss. native has appeared in 96 games with 82 starts for the Jets (2012-15, 2017) and Cleveland Browns (2016), recording 660 tackles (429 solo), 13.5 sacks, one interception, 17 passes defensed, one forced fumble, four fumble recoveries and 24 special team stops.

A.J. KLEIN

- Signed as an unrestricted free agent from Carolina in 2017, where he spent his first four NFL seasons, Klein has taken over play-calling duties on defense for New Orleans. Opening 12 games on the strongside for the Saints in his first season with the club, Klein had 54 tackles (37 solo), two sacks, five passes defensed and one forced fumble.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

MARSHON LATTIMORE

- Selected by the Saints in the first round (11th overall) of the 2017 NFL Draft, Lattimore captured a starting position in training camp and started all 13 games he appeared in. He totaled 53 tackles (44 solo), one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, five interceptions for 85 yards and 18 passes defensed, 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, he looks to build on an impressive rookie campaign in his sophomore season in New Orleans.

NFL LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS IN 2017

Player	No.
1t. Darius Slay, Det.	8
1t. Kevin Byard, Ten.	8
3t. A.J. Bouye	6
3t. Eric Weddle, Bal.	6
5t. Marshon Lattimore, NO	5
5t. Antoine Bethea, Ari.	5
5t. Micah Hyde, Buf.	5
5t. Marcus Peters, KC	5
5t. Harrison Smith, Min.	5
5t. Tre Boston, LAC	5
5t. Jordan Poyer, Buf.	5

MARCUS WILLIAMS

• After being selected in the second round of the 2017 NFL Draft (42nd overall) out of the University 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 6 passes defensed. Williams led all rookie safeties in interceptions and was second for a rookie safety in total tackles and passes defensed, including two picks in the regular season finale. The talented safety posted his first career postseason interception, which was the only interception made by a rookie in the 2017 postseason. Williams looks to build on a great rookie season and continue to grow with one of the NFL’s best young defensive backfields heading into the 2018 season.

DEFENSIVE ROOKIE DUO

With five and four interceptions respectively as rookies in 2017, Marshon Lattimore and Marcus Williams finished ranked first and tied for second respectively in picks among first-year players, setting the stage for a promising Saints secondary in the future.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROOKIE LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS IN 2017

Rookie	No.
1. Marshon Lattimore, NO	5
2t. Tredavious White, Buf.	4
2t. Marcus Williams, NO	4

CHRIS BANJO

• Chris Banjo joined the Saints in Week 11 after beginning the 2016 season with the Green Bay Packers for whom he was a three-year contributor, to provide depth and competition at cornerback and on the special teams units and has made his mark in both areas in New Orleans. After originally participating in rookie minicamps with Oakland and Pittsburgh in 2012, the 5-foot-10-inch, 207-pounder has played in 60 games with two starts for the Packers and Saints, racking up 23 tackles (19 solo), one interception three passes defensed and one fumble recovery, while adding 49 coverage stops and a special teams forced fumble. In his first full season in New Orleans, he played in all 16 regular season games and made four tackles, one interception, one pass defensed, one fumble recovery and eight stops and one forced fumble on coverage and he also played in both postseason contests.

VONN BELL

• Bell left onlookers impressed with his 2016 rookie campaign, alerting the NFL to his arrival through his hard-hitting play. Appearing in every game with 14 starts, he totaled 98 tackles (59 solo) both of which were second on the team. He also added four passes defensed, a sack, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery. Drafted by New Orleans in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft (61st overall), Bell was a consensus first-team All-American, was voted First-team All-Big Ten and was also a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist following his junior season at Ohio State. In 2017, he appeared in all 16 games with ten starts in the regular season and posted a team-high 78 tackles (57 solo), 4.5 sacks, to tie for second on the club and lead defensive backs two passes defensed, two forced fumbles and five stops on special teams. Bell made his NFL debut in the 2017 NFC Wild Card Playoff win over Carolina and led the team with nine tackles, saving his best for last when he finished the Panthers’ hopes with a sack on fourth down late in the fourth quarter. He led Saints defenders with 17 stops in the postseason.

KEN CRAWLEY

• Originally signed as an undrafted free agent out of Colorado in 2016, Crawley took a significant step in his development in 2017, starting the final 15 regular season and postseason contests. In 2017, Crawley finished with 54 tackles, his first career interception and 17 passes defensed to rank second on the team in the regular season and added 13 stops and one pass defensed in the postseason.

SPECIAL TEAMS

P THOMAS MORSTEAD

- Morstead has established himself as one of the National Football League's top punters, where he's posted career club-best 47.0 gross and 41.3 net punting averages. In 2017 over 16 regular season games, he punted 60 times for 2,822 yards, putting 26 of his punts inside the 20-yard line, with two touchbacks. He has posted a 47.0 gross average, ranked eighth in the NFL with a net average of 42.2, ranked sixth in the league.

Morstead is the team's all-time leader in both gross and net punting averages. His career 41.3 net ranks second in NFL records since the statistic was first compiled in 1976.

HIGHEST CAREER NET PUNTING AVERAGE IN NFL HISTORY

(Min. 250 punts, recorded since 1976)

Rk.	Player, Team	Net Avg.
1.	Johnny Hekker, StL (2012-)	43.5
2.	Thomas Morstead, NO (2009-)	41.3
3.	Sam Martin, Det. (2013-)	41.1

FOLLOW THE LEADER

HIGHEST GROSS PUNTING AVG., SAINTS HISTORY

Rk.	Saint	Avg.
1.	Thomas Morstead, 2009-	47.0
2.	Mark Royals, 1997-98	45.8
3.	Mitch Berger, 2003-05	43.7

K WIL LUTZ

- Lutz made an immediate impact in his rookie season in 2016 after signing prior to Week One. He was named NFC Special Teams Player of the Week twice. Lutz was 28-of-34 on field goals and 49-of-50 on PATs in 2016, and was named to the PFWA All-Rookie team for his efforts.

- Lutz followed up with a strong sophomore campaign. In the regular season, he drilled 31-of-35 kicks, including four-of-five from 50 yards out, and with 47 PATs, finished seventh in the NFL in scoring among kickers with 140 points. Lutz's 31 field goals tied a club record shared by Morten Andersen (1985) and John Carney (2002). His career-high 58 touchbacks were ranked fifth in the league.

In a Week Three loss to the Atlanta Falcons in 2016, Lutz lined up for and converted a 57-yard field goal with no time remaining in the first half; that successful effort tied him for the third longest field goal in franchise history, behind only legends Tom Dempsey and Andersen.

LONGEST FIELD GOAL, SAINTS HISTORY

(REGULAR SEASON)

Rk.	Player	Date	Long
1.	Tom Dempsey	11/8/70	63
2.	Morten Andersen	10/27/91	60
3t.	Wil Lutz	9/26/16	57
3t.	Kai Forbath	11/29/15	57
5t.	Morten Andersen	12/26/93	56
5t.	Doug Brien	9/13/98	56

In the 2017 Wild Card Playoff Win over Carolina, Lutz boot-ed a 57-yard field goal in the third quarter that was tied for the third longest in NFL Postseason history after Panthers K Graham Gano had made a 58-yard kick at the end of the second quarter.

LONGEST FIELD GOAL IN POSTSEASON NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Date	Long
1t.	Graham Gano, Car.	1/7/18	58
1t.	Pete Stoyanovich, Mia.	1/5/91	58
3t.	Wil Lutz, NO	1/7/18	57
3t.	Mike Nugent, Cin.	1/4/15	57

On Sunday, September 17, 2017 vs. New England, Lutz's streak of 20 consecutive field goals, tied for second in club history ended. To close out the 2017 regular season, Lutz finished with a flourish making his final seven attempts.

MOST CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS MADE IN TEAM HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Dates	Cons.
1.	John Carney	10/6/02-11/16/03	22
2t.	Wil Lutz	11/27/16-9/17/17	20
2t.	Morten Andersen	10/25/87-11/6/88	20

HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT

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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 II** (1b)

2013 (2)

DRAFT:

T **Terron Armstead** (3a)

FREE AGENTS:

TE **Josh Hill** (Rookie FA)

2015 (6)

DRAFT:

T **Andrus Peat** (1a)

DE **Hau'oli Kikaha** (2)

CB **P.J. Williams** (3b)

DT **Tyler Davison** (5b)

TRADE:

TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** (NE)

C **Max Unger** (Sea.)

2016 (15)

DRAFT:

DT **Sheldon Rankins** (1)

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 **Tommylee Lewis** (Rookie FA)

DE **Mitchell Loewen** (Rookie FA)

K **Wil Lutz** (FA)

LB **Craig Robertson** (UFA-Cle.)

LB **Nathan Stupar** (FA)

OL **Landon Turner** (Rookie FA)

WAIVERS:

TE **John Phillips** (Den.)

2017 (27)

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)

DE **Al-Quadin Muhammad** (6)

FREE AGENTS:

WR **Dan Arnold** (Rookie FA)

RB **Trey Edmunds** (Rookie FA)

WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** (UFA-Car.)

DT **Woodrow Hamilton IV** (FA)

DB **Justin Hardee** (FA)

DE **George Johnson** (FA)

LB **A.J. Klein** (UFA-Car.)

DT **Devaroe Lawrence** (Rookie FA)

FB **Zach Line** (UFA-Min.)

G **Josh LeRibeus** (FA)

CB **Arthur Maulet** (Rookie FA)

DE **Alex Okafor** (UFA-Ari.)

LB **Manti Te'o** (UFA-SD)

C **Cameron Tom** (Rookie FA)

G **Larry Warford** (UFA-Det.)

RB **Jonathan Williams** (FA)

LS **Zach Wood** (FA)

WAIVERS:

WR **Austin Carr** (NE)

QB **Taysom Hill** (GB)

INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SQUAD:

HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT

DE **Alex Jenkins**

2018 (38)

DRAFT:

DE **Marcus Davenport** (1)

WR **Tre'Quan Smith** (3)

T **Rick Leonard** (4)

DB **Natrell Jamerson** (5)

DB **Kamrin Moore** (6a)

RB **Boston Scott** (6b)

C/G **Will Clapp** (7)

FREE AGENTS:

OL **Don Barclay** (UFA-Det.)

QB **J.T. Barrett IV** (Rookie FA)

DT **Jay Bromley** (UFA-NYG)

T **Jermon Bushrod** (UFA-Mia.)

S **Kurt Coleman** (FA)

LB **Demario Davis** (UFA-NYJ)

WR **Travin Dural** (Rookie FA)

LB **Jayrone Elliott** (FA)

WR **Michael Floyd** (UFA-Min.)

LB **KeShun Freeman** (Rookie FA)

DB **J.T. Gray** (Rookie FA)

WR **Josh Huff** (FA)

DB **Rickey Jefferson** (FA)

LB **Colton Jumper** (Rookie FA)

WR **Keith Kirkwood** (Rookie FA)

WR **Cameron Meredith** (RFA-Chi.)

DL **Henry Mondeaux** (Rookie FA)

DB **Robert Nelson** (FA)

OL **Michael Ola** (UFA-LAC)

CB **Patrick Robinson** (UFA-Phi.)

QB **Tom Savage** (UFA-Hou.)

DL **Taylor Stallworth** (Rookie FA)

DB **Linden Stephens** (Rookie FA)

WR **Brandon Tate** (UFA-Cin.)

G **Andrew Tiller** (FA)

TE **Benjamin Watson** (UFA-Bal.)

RB **Terrance West** (UFA-Bal.)

DB **Marcus Williams** (FA)

OL **Nate Wozniak** (Rookie FA)

TE **Deon Yelder** (Rookie FA)

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68 DON BARCLAY G

HEIGHT: 6-4 **WEIGHT:** 295

COLLEGE: WEST VIRGINIA

JOINED SAINTS: UFA-18 (DET)

NFL EXPERIENCE: 7

BORN: 4/18/89

NFL CAREER – The New Orleans Saints signed Barclay to give the club another versatile lineman with experience. Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Green Bay out of West Virginia in 2012, Barclay has appeared in 65 regular season games with 25 starts at both guard and tackle for Green Bay (2012-17) and Detroit (2017). He'll look to impress with his versatility and reliability as he competes for a swing position along the Saints offensive line.

Transaction History – Signed by the New Orleans Saints, 8/1/18; Placed on Injured Reserve by the Lions, 12/26/17; Signed by the Detroit Lions, 10/31/17; Released from Injured Reserve by the Green Bay Packers, 10/24/17; Placed by the Packers on Injured Reserve, 9/3/17; Re-signed by the Packers to one-year contract, 3/29/17; Re-signed by the Packers to one-year contract, 4/18/16; Re-signed by the Packers to one-year contract (RFA), 4/9/15; Placed by the Packers on Injured Reserve, 8/26/14; Signed by the Packers to a three-year contract as an undrafted free agent, 5/11/12.

2017 – Placed on Injured Reserve in Week 17 for Detroit after playing in three games with one start. **2016** – Played in all 16 games with one start for Green Bay... Appeared in all three postseason games... Vs. Chicago, Oct. 20, played 16 offensive snaps, taking over at RG for the second half's first two series' when T.J. Lang was sidelined... At Chicago, Dec. 18, played three snaps on offense and six on special teams, taking one snap at C for Corey Linsley and the final two at LG... Vs. Minnesota, Dec. 24, played last three snaps at RT... At Detroit, 1/1/17, played final three snaps at RT... At Atlanta, NFC Championship, 1/22/17, took over at LG, playing the final 50 snaps. Helped protect QB Aaron Rodgers as he threw for 287 yards and three TDs on 27-of-45. **2015** – Played in 16 games with five starts... Appeared in both playoff games... Vs. Seattle, Sept. 20, opened at RT in place of injured Bulaga, first start since 2013. Helped protect Rodgers as he connected on 25 of 33 passes for 249 yards and two TDs with no INTs for a 116.9 rating. Helped clear holes for RB James Starks as he racked up 95 yards on 20 carries (4.8 avg.)... Vs. Kansas City, Sept. 28, started at RT, helping to protect Rodgers as the line allowed just one sack. Matched up with Pro Bowl LB Justin Houston for much of game and didn't allow him to record a sack. Helped give Rodgers time to complete 24 of 35 passes for 333 yards and five TDs with no INTs, the fourth career game with five-plus TD passes, a team record... At 49ers, Oct 4, started at RT and helped the Packers rush for 162 yards and a TD on 33 attempts (4.9 avg.). It marked the

fourth straight 120-yard rushing effort by the Packers, the first time since 1971 that they'd cleared that mark in each of first four games... At Detroit, Dec. 3, started at RT in place of an injured Bulaga, helping to block for Rodgers as he threw for 273 yards and two TDs on 24-of-36 passing. **2014** – Suffered season-ending knee injury in preseason. **2013** – Started career-high 14 games at RT each game and vs. San Francisco in NFC Wild Card... Sidelined in Weeks 11-12 due to a knee injury sustained vs. Philadelphia in Week 10... Part of an offense that ranked No. 3 in the NFL with 6,404 yards of offense, second-most in team history, despite having four different starting QBs with Rodgers sidelined for seven games (collarbone)... Helped Green Bay finish in the top 10 in both rushing (No. 7) and passing (No. 6) for the first time since 2004... Blocked for Eddie Lacy as he rushed for 1,178 yards, most by a Packers rookie, on way to being selected to the Pro Bowl and being named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year... Vs. Washington, Sept. 15, helped offense amass 580 total yards, second-highest total in team history. Protected Rodgers as he tied team record with 480 passing yards and four TDs, on 34-of-42 passing. Also helped clear lanes for Starks to rush for 132 yards on 20 carries (6.6 avg.), making Starks and Rodgers the first pair of teammates in NFL history to surpass the 450-yard passing and 125-yard rushing plateaus in the same game... At Minnesota, Oct. 27, part of a dominant outing that saw Packers rack up 464 total yards with no punts and turnovers. Helped create holes for a running game that produced 182 yards and two TDs on 42 attempts (4.3 avg.)... At Dallas, Dec. 15, part of a blocking unit that cleared the way for a second-half comeback highlighted by five straight TD drives that helped erase a 26-3 deficit in 37-36 win, matching the biggest comeback in team history. Protected QB Matt Flynn as he completed 26 of 39 attempts for 299 yards and four TDs, with all four of the TD passes coming in the second half, a team record... At Chicago, Dec. 29, helped the offense rack up 473 yards in division-clinching win, highlighted by Rodgers' 318 passing yards and 160 rushing yards from the team on 34 attempts (4.7 avg.). **2012** – Played in all 16 regular-season games, the only Green Bay rookie on the offense to accomplish that feat... Started the final four regular-season games and both playoff contests at RT after appearing primarily on special teams the first 12... Vs. Chicago (Sept. 13): Played on special teams, appearing on kickoff returns and as part of placement protection. Had a role in the game's most memorable play, a fake field goal in the second quarter. On the play, he pulled from the left side of the line of scrimmage to serve as a lead blocker for TE Tom Crabtree, who was on the receiving end of a shovel pass from P Tim Masthay. Led Crabtree through the hole before helping Dietrich-Smith drive Bears S Chris Conte well away from the play and allowing Crabtree a clear path to the end zone for a 27-yard TD... Vs. Minnesota (Dec. 2): Saw the first action of his career from scrimmage when he came on in the second quarter at RT in relief of an injured Lang. Played in the remainder of the game, seeing action on 50 snaps and helping the offense produce points on three of five second-half possessions (two FGs, one TD). Started both postseason contests.

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COLLEGE – Started three years at LT for the Mountaineers...Tied a school record by playing in 52 career games, including 39 consecutive contests...Earned his degree in business management...Senior season (2011): Was a fourth-team All-America selection by Phil Steele's College Football and first-team All-Big East...Started all 13 contests and was part of a West Virginia offense that averaged 469.5 yards per game (No. 15 in the country), 362.5 passing yards per game (No. 5) and 37.6 points per game (No. 13)...Participated in 947 plays, a high for the offense...Recorded 50 knockdowns, or 3.8 per game...Blocked for QB Geno Smith, who threw for 4,385 yards (No. 4 in the country) and 31 TDs with just seven interceptions...Junior season (2010): Second-team All-Big East selection and started all 13 games...Recorded 45 knockdowns...Played a critical role for a Mountaineer offense that accumulated 400-plus yards of total offense in seven games...Sophomore season (2009): Started all 13 games and helped block for RB Noel Devine, who ranked No. 9 in nation with 1,465 rushing yards...Produced 64 knockdowns and was part of a line that helped the Mountaineers lead the Big East in rushing yards at 185.3 per game...Redshirt freshman season (2008): Played in nine games with one start.

PERSONAL – Last name is pronounced BAR-clay... Appeared in the movie Pitch Perfect 2 in 2015 with four of his teammates...Lettered three years as a left tackle and defensive end at Seneca Valley (Pa.) HS...Second-team All-State and was two-time All-Conference...Played two years of basketball...Community involvement: Participated in the Green Bay Packers Golf Invitational in Kohler, Wis... Donald Wayne Barclay IV was born on April 18, 1989 in Newport News, Va.

17 MICHAEL FLOYD WR
HEIGHT: 6-3 WEIGHT: 220
COLLEGE: NOTRE DAME
NFL EXPERIENCE: 7
JOINED SAINTS: UFA-18 (MIN)
BORN: 11/27/89

NFL CAREER – Floyd comes to New Orleans to compete for a roster spot with the former first round draft pick possessing a reputation for being able to spread the field. He's played in 89 career games with 48 starts, and has posted career totals of 256 receptions for 3,859 yards (15.1 avg.) with 24 touchdown grabs. Floyd will look to recapture the form that allowed him to catch 209 passes for 3,293 yards (15.8 avg.) and 19 touchdowns from 2012-15.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by Saints, 8/1/17; Signed to a one-year contract, by Minnesota, 5/10/17; Claimed by New England off of waivers from Arizona, 12/15/16; Waived by Arizona, 12/14/16; Signed by Arizona to a four-year contract, 6/11/12; Drafted by Cardinals in the first round (13th overall) of the 2012 NFL Draft.

2017 – Played in 11 regular games with one start for Minnesota and recorded 10 receptions for 78 yards. Also played in two postseason games and recorded no stats.
2016 – Saw time in 11 games and six starts with Arizona and two with New England, starting one during regular season...Started and played in one postseason contest with New England, facing Houston in AFC Divisional Playoff...Had 33 receptions with Arizona and four with New England in regular-season...Hauled in five TDs, four with Arizona and one with New England in regular-season finale vs. Miami...Released by Arizona on 12/14 and claimed by New England on 12/15...Had season-high 101 yards vs. San Francisco (11/13) on five receptions...Had consecutive games with season-high five catches vs. Seattle (10/23) and vs. San Francisco (11/13)...The game vs. Seattle (10/23) ended in a 6-6 tie...Played in first game as a Patriot vs. NY Jets (12/24) and caught one pass for six yards... Caught first TD as a Patriot in regular season finale at Miami (1/1/17), ending day with three catches for 36 yards and a TD on a 14-yard scoring pass from Tom Brady...Played in AFC Divisional Playoff game vs. Houston (1/14/17) and had a nine-yard catch... Was inactive for AFC Championship Game vs. Pittsburgh and Super Bowl LI vs. Atlanta. **2015** – Played in 15 regular season games and started six...Ranked third on the club with 52 catches and 849 yards and tied career-best with six TDs...Helped Arizona rank first in total offense in the National Football League for the first time in team history and set franchise records for points (489) and TDs (59)...Helped club go 13-3 to win NFC West and advance to NFC title game before falling on the road to Carolina...Had career-high five games with 100+ yards on the season to lead Arizona players...Started slowly during season while dealing with hand injury but posted 44 catches, 745 yards and all six TDs in the final 10 games of the season...Had all five games with 100+ yards in the final eight games he played on the season...Had season-high 113 yards and tied season-high with seven catches at Seattle (11/15) and had season-high two TDs on the day...Caught TDs in four consecutive games, at Pittsburgh (10/18), vs. Baltimore (10/26), at Cleveland (11/1) and at Seattle (11/15)...Reeled in a 60-yard TD strike at Cleveland (11/1), the second-longest score of his career...Missed first career game vs. Cincinnati (11/22) when he was sidelined with a hamstring injury...Had a postseason career-high two-TD day in NFC Divisional Round playoffs vs. Green Bay (1/16/16).

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2014 – Started 14 of the 16 regular season games he played in as the Cardinals went 11-5 and qualified for playoffs as a Wild Card entrant...Led the team with 841 receiving yards...His 17.9 yards per catch ranked second in the National Football League and he had 15 receptions of 20+ yards, including 5 touchdowns of 20+ yards...Notched first career multi-touchdown day with 2 scoring grabs vs. Detroit, Nov. 16...Set a career-high with eight catches and had season-high 153 yards in the regular season finale at San Francisco, Dec. 28 with touchdown catches of 20 and 41 yards...Caught a pass in his first career playoff contest, at Carolina, 1/3/15 in NFC Wild Card Playoff action. **2013** – Started all 16 games and had a breakout season with a career-high 65 catches and his first career 1,000-yard campaign with 1,041...Team went 10-6 but did not qualify for playoffs...Had his best day as a pro with six catches for career-high 193 yards at Jacksonville, Nov. 17, including a career-long 91-yard touchdown...The 91-yarder was the sixth-longest play from scrimmage in team history and the 193 yards were the seventh-best by a Cardinal...Had consecutive 100-yard days with 193 at Jacksonville, Nov. 17 and 104 vs. Indianapolis, Nov. 24 on a season-high seven catches...Posted games with 99 yards receiving at Philadelphia, Dec. 1 and 91 yards vs. San Francisco, Dec. 29. **2012** – Played in all 16 games, starting three in the final five contests...Ranked third on the team with 45 catches and 562 yards...Scored a touchdown on his first career catch, catching a deflection for an eight-yard score vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 23...Made first career start at New York Jets, Dec. 2...Wrapped up season with a career-best eight catches for 186 yards at San Francisco, Dec. 30, the fourth-best mark by a Cardinals rookie in a single game and the second-best mark by a National Football League rookie in 2012.

COLLEGE – Started 41 of his 43 career games at Notre Dame...Set school records with 271 catches for 3,686 yards and 37 touchdowns... Ended his tenure in South Bend with five school career records...Set a school mark with 17 career 100-yard games...Caught a pass in 42 of 43 games played...Named team Most Valuable Player as a senior and was a semi-finalist for Biletnikoff Award...Named a second-team All-America and set school record with 100 receptions and his 1,147 yards was the fourth-best mark by an Irish player...Started all 12 games as a junior and notched 79 catches for 1,025 yards and 12 touchdowns, the 79 catches ranked third on all-time Notre Dame list and the 12 touchdowns tied for fourth...Started the seven games he played as a sophomore in 2009, ranking second on the team with 44 catches for 795 yards and nine touch-

downs...Started 10 of the 11 games he played as a freshman in 2008 en route to setting Notre Dame freshman records with 48 catches, 719 yards and seven touchdowns...Came off the bench in 1st career game and caught 22-yard touchdown on his first career reception, marking the first time an Irish freshman scored in the season opener.

PERSONAL – Twice named the Gatorade Player of the Year in Minnesota, twice earned *Associated Press* Player of the Year and as a senior was first-team All-America by *USA Today* and *Parade* at Cretin-Derham Hall (St. Paul, Minn.) HS...Selected to play in the U.S. Army All-America Game following his senior year...Caught 59 passes for 1,247 yards and 17 touchdowns as senior...Had 63 catches for 1,240 yards and 16 TDs as junior...Standout in basketball ended with 1,380 points, just 86 points off the school record.

46 Rickey Jefferson DB

LSU (5-11, 208)

NFL Experience: 1

Re-signed by New Orleans, 8/5/18...Waived by New Orleans, 5/14/18...Signed by the New Orleans Saints to reserve/future contract, 1/8/18...Waived by Raiders, 9/2/17...Signed by Raiders as an undrafted free agent, 5/4/17... Played four years at LSU, playing in 37 games with 15 starts...Totaled 87 career tackles (48 solo), one sack, four interceptions and 12 passes defended...As senior in 2016, started first five games before missing remainder of season due to injury...Totaled 22 tackles (11 solo) and an interception...As junior, played in 12 games with nine starts...Recorded 36 tackles (21), three passes defended, a sack and an interception...As sophomore, played in all 13 games...Notched 23 tackles (13 solo) and tied for the team lead with two interceptions...As freshman, played in seven games with a start...Totaled six tackles (three) and two passes defended...Attended Destrehan (La.) HS, where he played both offense and defense...As a senior, totaled 36 receptions for 562 yards and five TDs at wide receiver...Named honorable mention Class 5A all-state by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association...Consensus four-star recruit...Ranked No. 185 overall and No. 23 among wide receivers by ESPN 300...In Louisiana, ranked No. 6 recruit by Rivals.com, No. 9 by ESPN.com and No. 11 by 247sports.com...Named a PrepStar Top-300 All-American...As a sophomore, rushed for 300 yards and three TDs on 35 carries...Also totaled 18 catches for 327 yards and four TDs.

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36 ROBERT NELSON JR. DB

HEIGHT: 5-9 WEIGHT: 175

COLLEGE: ARIZONA STATE

JOINED SAINTS: FA-18

NFL EXPERIENCE: 4

BORN: 2/16/90

NFL CAREER – This three-year NFL veteran will compete for a roster spot in the preseason on both defense and on special teams. Nelson comes to New Orleans after playing for the Cleveland Browns (2014), Houston Texas (2016) and New York Jets (2017). Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Cleveland out of Arizona State, Nelson has played in 20 career regular season games and has posted 13 tackles (one solo), one interception, two passes defended, one fumble recovery and 11 special teams tackles (nine solo).

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by New Orleans Saints, 8/12/18; Waived by Ravens, 6/12/18; Signed by Ravens to reserve/future contract, 1/11/18; Signed by Baltimore Ravens to practice squad, 12/26/17; Waived by Jets, 10/8/17; Signed by Jets from practice squad to active roster, 10/24/17; Signed by New York Jets to practice squad, 9/26/17; Practice squad contract terminated by Patriots, 9/25/17; Signed by New England Patriots to practice squad, 9/19/17; Waived by Texans, 9/2/17; Signed by Texans to active roster from practice squad, 10/13/16; Signed by Texans to practice squad, 9/4/16; Waived by Texans, 9/3/16; Signed by Houston Texans, 1/11/16; Signed by Cardinals to practice squad, 12/30/15; Waived by Cardinals, 12/1/15; Signed by Cardinals to active roster from practice squad, 10/22/15; Signed by Arizona Cardinals to practice squad, 9/8/15; Waived by Browns, 9/5/14; Signed by Cleveland Browns, 5/19/14.

2017 – Played in two games for the Jets and recorded four solo tackles vs Atlanta, Oct. 29. **2016** – In 11 games for Houston, posted nine tackles (eight solo) and added one interception, one fumble recovery, two passes defended and 11 special teams tackles...Had a fumble recovery vs. San Diego, Nov. 26. **2015** – Did not see any action despite splitting season between Cardinals practice squad and active roster. **2014** – Played in seven games, primarily on special teams for the Browns

COLLEGE – Registered 73 tackles, nine interceptions and two fumble recoveries in 27 games (14 starts) at Arizona State...Led the team in 2013 with six interceptions, including one interception-return touchdown...Started all 14 games, finishing with 57 tackles and 18 passes defended...Named PAC-12 Player of the Week for his performance against Oregon State (Nov. 16), which included two interceptions, one interception-return touchdown and a

blocked field goal...Played in 13 games as a junior and totaled 16 tackles, 16 passes defended and three interceptions...Redshirted in 2011 after transferring from University of Louisiana-Monroe...Totaled 55 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions, one interception-return TD and one sack as a sophomore at UL-Monroe...Played in five games as a true freshman, finishing with six tackles (five solo)...Majored in criminal justice/sociology at Arizona State.

PERSONAL - Given name is Robert Nelson Jr....Born in Lakeland, Fla...Got the nickname "Chevis" at a young age from his aunt...Became the legal guardian of his nephew, Shakiah Taylor, and moved him to Arizona during his junior year at ASU...Cousin, Ricky Barnum, was an offensive lineman and three-year letterman at the University of Michigan...Attended North Gwinnett (Ga.) High School, where he earned all-region accolades in three sports...Earned first-team all-region in football, leading his team to a 13-2 record and a berth in the state championship game...Also lettered in baseball, track and wrestling.

86 JOHN PHILLIPS TE

HEIGHT: 6-5 WEIGHT: 251

COLLEGE: VIRGINIA

JOINED SAINTS: WAI-16 (DEN)

NFL EXPERIENCE: 9

BORN: 6/11/1987

NFL CAREER – Phillips possesses the versatility to provide support in both the running game and passing game as well as on special teams. He joined New Orleans in Week 10 off of waivers from the Denver Broncos in 2016, going on to appear in eight games with four starts for the Saints in 2016, catching five passes for 32 yards. He played in one games for the club in 2017. Overall, in his career, he has appeared in 112 games with 39 starts, posting 55 receptions for 390 yards with five touchdowns.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Re-signed by Saints, 8/5/18; Re-signed by Saints, 1/3/18; Waived by Saints, 12/29/17; Re-signed by Saints, 12/19/17; Released by Saints, 9/8/17; Re-signed by New Orleans Saints to a one-year contract, 3/29/17; Claimed by Saints off of waivers from Denver Broncos, 11/7/16; Waived by Denver, 11/5/16 Signed by Denver to a one-year contract (UFA-SD), 7/28/16; Re-signed by San Diego Chargers, 9/10/15; Released by Chargers, 9/15/15; Placed on Injured Reserve by Chargers, 12/22/13; Signed by Chargers to three-year contract (UFA-DAL), 3/13/13; Placed by Dallas Cowboys on Injured Reserve, 8/31/10; Signed by Cowboys to four-year contract, 7/29/09; Selected by Cowboys in the sixth round (208th overall) of 2009 NFL Draft.

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2017 – Played in one game for New Orleans in the regular season and recorded no statistics. **2016** – Played in eight games with three starts for Denver and recorded five receptions for 40 yards with one touchdown...Over eight games with four starts for New Orleans, he caught five passes for 32 yards...Started for Denver at Cincinnati, Sept. 25 and recorded two receptions for nine yards, including one TD...Saw action on offense for Denver at San Diego, Oct. 13 and recorded three receptions for 31 yards... Awarded off of waivers to Saints, Nov. 7...Saw action on offense and special teams at Carolina, Nov. 17 and recorded a reception for 0 yards...Started in two-TE set and saw action on special teams at Tampa Bay, Dec. 11 and recorded a reception for a gain of eight yards...Saw action at TE and special teams at Arizona, Dec. 18, recording a nine-yard reception...Started and saw action on special teams vs. Tampa Bay, Dec. 24 and caught two passes for 15 yards. **2015** – Phillips started 5-of-16 games for San Diego, posting 10 catches for 69 yards (6.9 avg.) with one TD in addition to making five special teams stops...Matched career-high with four catches for 35 yards (8.8 avg.) at Minnesota, Sept. 27. **2014** – Phillips appeared in 16 games with one start for San Diego and recorded a career-best-tying 10 special teams stops...Caught a one-yard touchdown pass—his lone reception of the season—vs. Kansas City, Oct. 19...Tallied three special teams tackles, tying a career-high vs. Denver, Dec. 14. **2013** – Played in 15 games with six starts in first season with Chargers, finishing with four catches for 30 yards (7.5 avg.) and four special teams tackles...Suffered season-ending knee injury and placed on injured reserve on Dec. 22. **2012** – Started career-best nine games and saw action in all 16 contests in final season with Dallas...Caught eight passes for 55 yards (6.9 avg.) with a TD in addition to posting four special teams stops. **2011** – Opened seven-of-16 games for Dallas, notching career-bests in receptions (15) and yardage (101)...Added a career-best 10 special teams tackles...Forced one fumble on coverage at New England, Oct. 16...Hauled in a 12-yard touchdown reception vs. N.Y. Giants, Dec. 11...Tallied a career-best three special teams tackles at Washington, Dec. 20. **2010** – Phillips injured his knee in training camp in his second season in Dallas and spent the entire season on Injured Reserve. **2009** – Selected by Dallas in the sixth round (208th overall) of the 2009 NFL Draft, Phillips played 16 games with four starts and caught seven passes for 62 yards (8.9 avg.)...Appeared in Dallas' two postseason contests, catching a one-yard touchdown...Made NFL debut at Tampa Bay, Sept. 13...Started his first game at Philadelphia, Nov. 8...Caught a one-yard touchdown in Dallas' NFC Wild Card Game vs. Philadelphia, 1/9/10.

COLLEGE – Appeared in 49 games (32 starts) for the Virginia, finishing with 71 catches for 680 yards (9.6 avg.) with five TDs...Named to the All-ACC first-team as a senior after catching 49 passes for 395 yards (7.9 avg.) with two TDs...Caught 17 passes for 193 yards (11.4 avg.) with two TDs as a junior.

PERSONAL – Attended Bath County (Hot Springs, Va.) HS, where he was a two-time first-team All-State selection and was named the *Roanoke Times* Defensive Player of the Year as a senior...Finished his prep career with 87 receptions for 1,513 yards and 16 touchdowns in addition to posting 324 tackles and 42 sacks at defensive end...Named All-District in basketball and baseball...Played in charity softball game in 2016 hosted by former teammates Delvin Breaux and Chase Daniel to benefit Son of a Saint and Team Gleason and won Home Run Derby...Born on June 11, 1987, in Lowmoor, Va.

87 BRANDON TATE WR

HEIGHT: 6-1 WEIGHT: 195

COLLEGE: NORTH CAROLINA

JOINED SAINTS: UFA-18 (BUF)

NFL EXPERIENCE: 10

BORN: 10/5/87

NFL CAREER – This nine-year NFL veteran will compete for a roster spot in the preseason on both offense and on special teams. Tate comes to New Orleans after playing for the New England Patriots (2009-10), Cincinnati Bengals (2011-15) and Buffalo Bills (2016-17). Originally a third round draft pick (83rd overall) of the Patriots in 2009 out of North Carolina, Tate has played in 126 career regular season games with 20 starts and has caught 71 passes for 1,099 with seven touchdowns. He's also returned 200 punts for 1,909 yards (9.5 avg.) and one touchdown and brought back 247 kickoffs for 5,890 yards (23.8 avg.) and two touchdowns. In 2017 for the Bills, the Burlington, N.C. native played in 13 games with one start and posted six receptions for 81 yards and one touchdown and returned 20 punts for 193 yards (9.7 avg.) and 28 kickoffs for 548 yards.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by Saints, 8/1/18; Re-signed by Bills to a one-year contract, 3/20/17; Signed by Bills, 9/6/16; Released by Cincinnati Bengals, 8/30/16; Re-signed by Bengals to one-year contract extension, 3/4/16; Re-signed by Bengals to one-year contract, 4/1/15; Re-signed by Bengals to one-year contract, 3/11/14; Re-signed by Bengals to one-year contract, 3/25/13; Claimed off waivers by Bengals from New England Patriots, 9/4/11; Waived by Patriots, 9/3/11; Placed by Patriots on Reserve/Injured, 11/14/09; Activated by Patriots from Reserve/PUP, 10/24/09; Placed by Patriots on Reserve/PUP (knee), 8/31/09; Signed by Patriots, 7/23/09; Originally selected by Patriots in the third round (83rd overall) of the 2009 NFL Draft.

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HONORS – 2011: AFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week Eight).

2017 – For the Bills, played in 13 games with one start and posted six receptions for 81 yards and one touchdown and returned 20 punts for 193 yards (9.7 avg.) and 28 kickoffs for 548 yards. **2016** – In first season for Bills, played in 15 games with one start and carried three times for 48 yards with a career-long 30-yard rush, caught eight passes for 117 yards, returned 29 kickoffs for 662 yards (22.8 avg.) and 26 punts for 301 yards. **2015** – In final season in Cincinnati, played in Games 1-16 and in Wild Card playoff...Logged two receptions for 59 yards, including a 55-yard TD, 27 punt returns for 171 yards (8.0 average) and 18 KORs for 413 yards (22.5 average)...On Sept. 20 vs. San Diego, 17-yard PR to Chargers 38 set up a TD drive for a 24-13 lead...On Oct. 4 vs. Kansas City, made stellar 55-yard TD catch, with leaping grab near five-yard line and scramble into end zone after falling untouched to the turf...Also vs. Kansas City, downed a punt at Chiefs one-yard line...Had a 58-yard KOR, longest by Bengals of the season, on Nov. 22 at Arizona, helping set up TD drive in fourth quarter. **2014** – Played in Games 1-16, and in Wild Card playoff...Caught 17 passes for 193 yards with a TD, and also had three rushes for 21 yards...Averaged 22.1 yards on 18 KORs and 9.7 yards on 18 PRs...Started Games 5-7 at WR...One catch for 50 yards, on pass from WR Mohamed Sanu, on Sept. 14 vs. Atlanta...Started at WR and caught four-for-38 with a five-yard TD on Oct. 12 vs. Carolina, and had one rush for nine yards...On Dec. 14 at Cleveland, his 30-yard PR in second quarter set up a 36-yard TD drive...In playoff-clinching win, Dec. 22 vs. Denver, his 49-yard PR to Broncos 22 in the fourth quarter set up FG that put Bengals ahead to stay at 30-28. **2013** – Played in every game for the Bengals...Saw brief action on offense and had one catch for six yards...Averaged 26.1 yards on 35 kickoff returns and 9.3 yards on 36 punt returns...In overtime, Oct. 13 at Buffalo, set up the Bengals offense at the Bills 33-yard line with a 29-yard punt return, and three plays later, K Mike Nugent kicked a game-winning 43-yard field goal...On Oct. 27 vs. N.Y. Jets, his 71-yard kickoff return to the Jets 29-yard line set up a touchdown in a 49-8 win...Averaged 25.6 yards on five KORs in Wild Card playoff on 1-5-14 vs. San Diego. **2012** – Played in every Bengals game, logging 13 catches for 211 yards and one TD...Also played in Wild Card playoff...His 16.2-yards per-catch average led the team...Averaged 8.9 yards on 21 punt returns and 24.8 yards on 32 kickoff returns...Three-for-71 receiving in win Sept. 16 vs. Cleveland, including a 44-yard TD in the third quarter...On Oct. 14 at Cleveland, had 32-yard punt return that set up a TD...In playoff-clinching win on Dec. 23 at Pittsburgh, had a 23-yard gain to the Pittsburgh 24-yard line on a shovel pass in the second quarter, setting up a Cincinnati field goal. **2011** – Played in all 16 Bengals games, plus Wild Card playoff...Saw action primarily on special teams, averaging 10.6 yards on 51 punt returns (eighth in AFC), with one TD, and 23.8 yards (seventh in AFC) on 42 kickoff re-

turns...Named Week Eight AFC Special teams Player of the Week for performance Oct. 30 at Seattle, when his 186 total return yards included 56-yard punt return for a TD...On Dec. 18 at St. Louis, 56-yard punt return in the third quarter set up a Cincinnati TD for a 13-6 lead. **2010** – Led Patriots with an 18.0-yard reception average, catching 24 passes for 432 yards and three TDs...Ranked third in AFC and sixth in the NFL in kickoff return average, with a 25.8-yard average on 41 attempts...Returned a second-half kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown Sept. 12 vs. Bengals...Returned second-half kickoff 103 yards for TD Oct. 4 at Miami, second-longest KOR in Patriots history...Had three catches for 101 yards (career yardage high) on Oct. 31 vs. Minnesota, including 65-yard TD that was Patriots' longest scrimmage play of season...Two TD receptions in regular-season finale 1-2-11 vs. Miami, for 40 and 42 yards. **2009** – Third-round draft pick limited by injuries to two games...Played first game Oct. 25 against Tampa Bay, at London, and he had an 11-yard rush plus two KOR for 22.0 average.

COLLEGE – Left North Carolina with NCAA record for combined career punt and kickoff return yards (3523), despite missing the final seven games of 2008 senior season...Set Atlantic Coast Conference records for both career kickoff returns (109) and career kickoff return yards (2688)...In 2006 vs. Duke, became the ninth player in NCAA history to return a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns in same game...Communications major

PERSONAL - Attended Cummings (Burlington, N.C.) HS, where he was a three-year starter in football and basketball...Helped lead basketball team to a state title as a junior, playing guard...Played against Golden State Warriors' Steph Curry in AAU basketball...First job was working at Wendy's...Born October 5, 1987 in Burlington, N.C.

35 SHANE VEREEN RB
HEIGHT: 5-10 WEIGHT: 205
JOINED SAINTS: UFA-18 (NYG)
COLLEGE: CALIFORNIA
NFL EXPERIENCE: 7
BORN: 3/2/1989

NFL CAREER – Originally selected by the Patriots in the second round of the 2011 NFL Draft (56th overall) out of the California, this eighth-year running back brings a compact build, quickness and pass-catching ability to the Saints backfield after spending his first seven seasons with the Patriots (2011-14) and New York Giants (2015-17). Vereen has played in 79 regular-season games with nine starts, and in seven postseason games with three starts. In the regular season he's rushed 356 times for 1,489 yards (4.2 avg.) and eight touchdowns, grabbed 221 receptions for 1,864 yards (8.4 avg.) and 11 TDs, and brought back 26 kickoff returns for 583 yards (22.4 avg.). In the postseason, he has 26 carries for 129 yards (5.0 avg.) and one touchdown and 32 catches for 324 yards and two TDs.

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CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by the New Orleans Saints, 7/18/18; Placed on Injured Reserve by New York, 12/20/16; Placed on Injured Reserve-Designated to Return by New York, 9/27/16; Signed by the New York Giants to a three-year contract (UFA-NE), 3/11/15; Placed on Injured Reserve-Designated to Return by New England, 9/10/13; Signed by New England to a four-year contract, 8/2/11; Selected in the second round (56th overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots.

2017– Played in all 16 games for the New York Giants. Vereen finished with 164 rushing yards (45 carries) and 253 receiving yards (44 receptions). Also returned nine kickoffs for 196 yards. Played on offense and special teams and had a team-high nine receptions for 51 yards at Dallas, Sept. 10...Had one carry for five yards and two receptions for 18 yards at Philadelphia Sept. 24...Had five carries for 14 yards and one reception for 11 yards at Tampa Bay Oct. 1...Had three receptions for 14 yards vs. the Rams, Nov. 5. Also had two kickoff returns for 51 yards (25.5 avg.). **2016** – Played in five games with one start for the New York Giants, and was twice placed on Injured Reserve with a triceps injury. Finished the season with 33 rushing attempts for 158 yards (4.8 avg.) and one touchdown, and 11 catches for 94 yards...Had six carries for 38 yards and three receptions for 23 yards in the season opener at Dallas, Sept. 11...Followed with a season-high 14 attempts for 42 yards and three catches for 24 yards vs. New Orleans, Sept. 18...Started vs. Washington, Sept. 25, and had 11 carries for a season-high 67 yards, including a 1-yard run for the game's first touchdown, plus two catches for 28 yards. Tore his triceps in the game and was placed on Injured Reserve-Designated to Return, Sept. 27...Activated, Dec. 10 and returned to action vs. Dallas, Dec. 11 with a ten-yard reception...Contributed two carries for 11 yards and two catches for nine yards vs. Detroit Dec. 18, but re-injured his triceps...Placed on season-ending injured reserve on Dec. 20. **2015** – Played in all 16 games for the New York Giants and finished second on the team in rushing (260 yards on 61 carries), and receiving (59 catches for 494 yards and four touchdowns)...The three receiving totals were all career-highs...Only Tiki Barber had more receptions in a season than Vereen among New York running backs...Had at least one reception in 14 of 16 games...Carried three times for 14 yards and caught four passes for 45 yards in his Giants debut at Dallas, Sept. 13...Caught eight passes (for 76 yards) for the first of four times, and ran six times (a season-high he established in three games) for 19 yards vs. Atlanta, Sept. 20...Rushed for 23 yards on six attempts vs. Washington, Sept. 24...Caught eight passes for a season-high 86 yards, including a two-yard touchdown and a crucial 24-yarder on the game-winning drive, ran five times for 24 yards, and returned two kickoffs for 44 yards vs San Francisco, Oct. 11...Rushed for a season-high 56 yards on four carries and caught a six-yard pass vs. Dallas, Oct. 25...Had eight receptions for 60 yards, including a two-yard touchdown at New Orleans, Nov 1...Had four catches for 29 yards, including a four-yard score, and carried six times for 14 yards at Tampa Bay,

Nov. 8...Tied his season-high with eight receptions for 43 yards, including an eight-yard touchdown vs. Carolina, Dec. 20...Had six receptions for 72 yards, and four carries for 12 yards, vs. Philadelphia, 1/3/16. **2014** – Played in all 16 regular season games for the first time (with six starts) and in New England's three postseason games (two starts)...Was the team's second-leading rusher in the regular season, with 321 yards and 2 touchdowns on 96 carries...Also fourth on the team with 52 receptions, for 447 yards and three scores...The 52 catches were the most by a Patriots RB since Kevin Faulk (58-2008)...Vereen caught at least one pass in every game but one...Opened the season with 36 rushing yards, including a two-yard touchdown, on seven carries, plus five receptions for 35 yards at Miami, Sept. 7...Ran for a season-high 90 yards on 9 carries vs. Cincinnati on Oct. 5...Had a season-high total of 11 carries for 43 yards and caught five passes for 71 yards, including touchdowns of 49 and three yards, vs. the Jets, Oct. 16. It was his first regular season two-touchdown game, and his 49-yard touchdown reception on the fourth play of the game was the longest by a Patriots running back in Gillette Stadium history...Totaled 11 carries (for 29 yards) and added five catches for 38 yards, including a five-yard score, vs. Denver, Nov. 2...Posted a season-high eight catches for 48 yards vs. Detroit, Nov. 23...Scored on a three-yard run vs. Miami, Dec. 14...In the postseason, Vereen was second on the team with 18 receptions, for 144 yards, and with 21 rushing yards...Recorded four receptions for 39 yards and a six-yard rush in AFC Divisional Playoff vs. Baltimore, 1/10/15...Started in the AFC Championship vs. Indianapolis, 1/18/15 and caught three passes for 41 yards and rushed once for two yards...Started in Super Bowl XLIX vs. Seattle, 2/4/15 and finished with four carries for 13 yards and a game-high 11 receptions for 64 yards...Vereen's 11 receptions at the time were the most by a running back in Super Bowl history and tied for second-most by any player in Super Bowl history. **2013** – Played in eight regular season games with one start, missing most of the first half of the season after being placed on Injured Reserve/Designated for Return with a wrist injury suffered in the opener at Buffalo, Sept. 8. Rushed for 208 yards and a touchdown on 44 carries (4.7 avg.). Caught 47 passes for 427 yards and three touchdowns and also had three kickoff returns for 66 yards...Caught at least five passes in five games...Played in both postseason games with one start and had nine carries for 51 yards and added seven receptions for 75 yards...Rushed for a career-high 101 yards on 14 carries (7.2 avg.) and had seven catches for 58 yards at Buffalo...Returned from Injured Reserve/Designated for Return at Carolina, Nov. 18 and set a then career-high with eight receptions for 65 yards and had a seven-yard rush...Made his first start of season at Houston, Dec. 1 and totaled five receptions for 37 yards and a touchdown and added ten carries for 38 yards...Set team records for receptions (12) and receiving yards (153) by a running back vs. Cleveland, Dec 8. Also added three rushes for nine yards and a touchdown...Started for the first time in a post-season game and gained 93 total yards from scrimmage with five receptions for 59 yards and four carries for 34 yards in the AFC Championship at Denver, 1/19/14.

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2012 – Played in 13 regular-season games with one start... Inactive for first three games (foot)... Finished with 62 carries for 251 yards and three TDs, and totaled eight receptions for 149 yards and a TD... Played in two postseason contests and rushed for 57 yards and a TD on 11 carries and added seven receptions for 105 yards and two TDs... Scored a TD on a 1-yard run vs. Denver, Oct. 7, his only carry of the game... Made his first career start vs. Jets, Oct. 21 and rushed for 49 yards on eight carries and one 10-yard reception... Had seven carries for 22 yards and one touchdown at St. Louis, Oct. 28... Gained 40 yards and one touchdown on 11 carries vs. Indianapolis, Nov. 18... Totaled two receptions for 91 yards, including a career-long 83-yard touchdown catch in the 2nd quarter, at the Jets, Nov. 22... Tied a team postseason record with three touchdowns – runs of one and eight yards and a 33-yard reception – in an AFC Divisional Playoff vs. Houston, 1/13/13. Had five receptions for 83 yards and 7 rushes for 41 yards. **2011** – As rookie, played in five games... Inactive for nine regular season games and all three postseason contests – including Super Bowl XLVI vs. the Giants (hamstring)... Finished with 15 carries for 57 yards and a TD... Played on offense for the first time vs. Kansas City, Nov. 21 and rushed for 39 yards on eight carries (4.9 avg.), including a four-yard TD.

COLLEGE – - Played in 38 games with 19 starts at California, where he had 556 carries for 2,834 yards (5.1 avg.) and 29 touchdowns... Also had 74 receptions for 674 yards (9.1 avg.) and 6 scores, 24 kickoff returns for 551 yards (23.0 avg.) and two punt returns for ten yards... Totaled 210 points as a member of the Golden Bears... 29 touchdown runs tied for third on Cal's all-time list... In 2010, was an All-Pac-10 Conference second-team selection after starting all 12 games and leading team with 231 carries for 1,167 yards (5.1 avg.) and 13 touchdowns... In 2009, All-Pac-10 Conference honorable mention selection... Played in all 13 games and finished with 183 carries for 952 yards and 12 touchdowns, plus 25 catches for 244 yards and 2 TDs... In 2008, played in 13 games with three starts and carried 142 times for 715 yards and four touchdowns and caught 27 passes for 221 yards and another TD... In 2007, redshirted as true freshman... Graduated with a degree in media studies.

PERSONAL – Attended Valencia (Calif.) HS... Combined for over 6,000 career rushing and receiving yards with 89 touchdowns in three years... Recorded the fastest 100-meter dash time of any junior in Southern California during the 2006 track and field season. His best 100-meter time was 10.4 seconds and his best 200-meter time was 21.5... Was also a member of the basketball team and excelled in the classroom, holding a 4.0 grade point average... Vereen raised awareness for Children's Hospital Los Angeles David Stroud Fund by wearing custom-designed cleats during Week 13 of the 2017 season for the league-wide initiative "My Cause My Cleats"... Spent the summer of 2010 as an intern with Comcast SportsNet Bay Area... Mother, Venita,

played tennis at UNLV, while his father, Henry, played WR for the Rebels before being drafted in the ninth round of the 1979 NFL Draft by Tampa Bay... Henry accumulated 4,280 all-purpose yards at UNLV, still second-most in school history... Brother, Brock, was a safety who played for Chicago from 2014-15... Joined California's track and field squad for 2008-09 and finished 17th at the Pac-10 Outdoor Championships with a 100-meter time of 10.7 seconds... Born March 2, 1989 in Valencia, Calif.

25 MARCUS WILLIAMS DB
HEIGHT: 5-11 WEIGHT: 196
JOINED SAINTS: FA-18
COLLEGE: NORTH DAKOTA STATE
NFL EXPERIENCE: 5
BORN: 3/24/1991

NFL CAREER – Fifth-year defensive back has appeared in 49 games (14 starts), recording 106 tackles, 2.5 sacks, 27 passes defended, ten interceptions, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery throughout his NFL career.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by the New Orleans Saints, 8/12/18; Released by Arizona Cardinals, 5/21/18; Signed by Arizona to a one-year contract, 4/19/18; Claimed off of waivers by Houston Texans from New York Jets, 10/10/17; Re-signed by Jets to a one-year contract, 4/17/17, 9/27/16; Signed by Jets from practice squad, 10/28/14; Signed by Jets to practice squad, 9/25/14; Houston practice squad contract terminated, 9/23/14; Signed by Houston to practice squad, 9/1/14; Waived by Houston, 8/30/14; Signed by Houston, 5/16/14.

2017– Split season between Jets and Texans and posted 16 solo tackles, a two-yard interception return and four passes defended. **2016** – Started three games and tied a career-high in games played (13), registering 31 tackles (26 solo), a sack, two interceptions, five passes defended and one forced fumble For Jets. **(12/11 at SF)**... Recorded his first sack of the season when he brought down Colin Kaepernick on third down in Jets territory for a nine-yard loss... The sack created a 47-yard field-goal attempt that Phil Dawson failed to convert. **(10/23 vs. BLT)**... Posted a season-high two passes defended in the Jets 24-16 victory. **(10/17 at ARZ)**... Knocked the ball loose from WR Larry Fitzgerald, his first forced fumble of the season. **(10/9 at PIT)**... Notched a season-high and tied a career-high with eight tackles, including seven solo. **(9/15 at BUF)**... Registered his second interception in as many games when he picked off Tyrod Taylor's pass on third down during the first play of the fourth quarter... Finished the game with four tackles (three solo) and one pass defended. **(9/11 vs. CIN)**... Recorded the first takeaway of the season for the Jets when he picked off Andy Dalton on third down to end CIN's second drive... Finished with three tackles and one pass defended. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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2015 – Played in 13 games, making three total starts at both safety (for an injured Calvin Pryor) and cornerback...Led the team with a career-high six interceptions, the most picks by a Jet since 2009...Produced 21 tackles, ten passes defended as well as the first forced fumble and fumble recovery of his career...**(12/19 at DAL)**...Returned after missing the previous two weeks with a knee injury and picked off a Kellen Moore pass intended for WR Dez Bryant that was tipped by S Marcus Gilchrist with 36 seconds left in the fourth quarter to seal the victory, the third game this season he's recorded an interception. **(11/29 vs. MIA)**...Picked off Ryan Tannehill in the first quarter, returning it 21 yards and setting the Jets up for a 72-yard touchdown drive... The interception marks his second pick of Tannehill and his fifth on the season. **(11/22 at HST)**...Forced and recovered a T.J. Yates fumble after recording his first full sack for a loss of nine yards...The takeaway, his fifth of the season, helped set the Jets up for a scoring drive in the second quarter. **(11/8 vs. JAX)**...Recorded two interceptions of Blake Bortles, with his first coming off a pass that was broken up by CB Darelle Revis and his second in the fourth quarter that put a halt to final JAX drive of the game...Combined for the first half-sack of his career with **LB Lorenzo Mauldin** and finished the game with three tackles (two solo), three passes defended and one QB hit. **(10/4 at MIA)**... At Wembley Stadium in London, notched an interception of Tannehill intended for TE Jordan Cameron on the final MIA offensive play to preserve the 27-14 win. **(9/13 vs. CLV)**...Notched three tackles (all solo), two passes defended and an interception of Johnny Manziel intended for WR Brian Hartline...Returned the interception 18 yards to set up a touchdown and a 21-10 Jets lead. **2014** – Started the final eight games of the season after being promoted to the active roster in Week Nine...Tallied 38 tackles, one interception and finished tied for second on the team with seven passes defended. **(12/22 vs. NE)**...Recorded seven tackles (five solo), three passes defended and an interception of Tom Brady. **(11/9 PIT)**...Finished with four tackles and a pass defended at the goal line that was intercepted by S Jaiquawn Jarrett. **(11/2 at KC)**...Made his first career start and recorded eight tackles (six solo) and one pass defended.

COLLEGE – Three-time All-American at North Dakota State who was selected to play in the East-West Shrine Game...Set school record with 21 career interceptions and his seven interception returns for touchdown set an FCS record...Also returned a pair of kickoff returns for touchdowns during collegiate career.

PERSONAL – Attended Hopkins (Minn.) HS...Born on March 24, 1991.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (as of 8/13/15)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown
47	Anzalone, Alex	LB	6-3	241	9/22/94	2	Florida	Wyomissing, Pa.
72	Armstead, Terron	T	6-5	304	7/23/91	6	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Cahokia, Ill.
85	Arnold, Dan	TE	6-6	220	3/15/95	2	Wisconsin-Platteville	Fargo, N.D.
31	Banjo, Chris	S	5-10	207	2/26/90	5	Southern Methodist	Sugar Land, Texas
77	Barclay, Don	G	6-4	305	4/18/89	6	West Virginia	Harmony, Pa.
5	Barrett IV, J.T.	QB	6-2	220	1/23/95	R	Ohio State	Wichita Falls, Texas
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	205	12/12/94	3	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.
9	Brees, Drew	QB	6-0	209	1/15/79	18	Purdue	Austin, Texas
99	Bromley, Jay	DT	6-3	314	5/28/92	5	Syracuse	New York, N.Y.
74	Bushrod, Jermon	T	6-5	318	8/19/84	12	Towson	King George, Va.
80	Carr, Austin	WR	6-1	195	12/25/93	2	Northwestern	Benicia, Calif.
64	Clapp, Will	C	6-5	311	12/10/95	R	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.
29	Coleman, Kurt	S	5-11	208	4/1/88	9	Ohio State	Clayton, Ohio
20	Crawley, Ken	CB	6-1	180	2/8/93	3	Colorado	Washington, D.C.
92	Davenport, Marcus	DE	6-6	265	9/4/96	R	Texas-San-Antonio	San Antonio, Texas
56	Davis, Demario	LB	6-2	248	1/11/89	7	Arkansas State	Brandon, Miss.
95	Davison, Tyeler	DT	6-2	309	9/3/92	4	Fresno State	Scottsdale, Ariz.
33	Edmunds, Trey	RB	6-2	223	12/30/94	2	Maryland	Ringgold, Va.
55	Elliott, Jayrone	LB	6-3	255	11/11/91	4	Toledo	Cleveland, Ohio
17	Floyd, Michael	WR	6-3	220	11/27/89	7	Notre Dame	St. Paul, Minn.
59	Freeman, KeShun	LB	6-2	250	11/10/95	R	Georgia Tech	Hogansville, Ga.
19	Ginn Jr., Ted	WR	5-11	180	4/12/85	12	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio
48	Gray, J.T.	DB	6-0	202	1/18/96	R	Mississippi State	Clarksdale, Miss.
45	Griffin, Garrett	TE	6-4	240	3/4/94	2	Air Force	Louisburg, Kan.
96	Hamilton IV, Woodrow	DT	6-3	315	12/20/92	2	Mississippi	Raleigh, Miss.
34	Hardee, Justin	DB	6-1	200	2/7/94	2	Illinois	Cleveland, Ohio
91	Hendrickson, Trey	DE	6-4	270	12/5/94	2	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.
89	Hill, Josh	TE	6-5	250	5/21/90	6	Idaho State	Blackfoot, Idaho
7	Hill, Taysom	QB	6-2	221	8/23/90	2	Brigham Young	Pocatello, Idaho
84	Hoomanawanui, Michael	TE	6-4	265	7/4/88	9	Illinois	Bloomington, Ill.
15	Huff, Josh	WR	5-11	206	10/14/91	4	Oregon	Houston, Texas
22	Ingram II, Mark	RB	5-9	215	12/21/89	8	Alabama	Flint, Mich.
27	Jamerson, Natrell	DB	6-0	198	12/15/95	R	Wisconsin	Ocala, Fla.
46	Jefferson, Rickey	S	5-11	208	12/28/94	1	Louisiana State	Destrehan, La.
69d	Jenkins, Alex	DE	6-6	270	1/15/93	1	Incarnate Word	Bath, England
90	Johnson, George	DE	6-4	265	12/11/87	7	Rutgers	Glassboro, N.J.
94	Jordan, Cameron	DE	6-4	287	7/10/89	8	California	Chandler, Ariz.
58	Jumper, Colton	LB	6-2	229	11/26/94	R	Tennessee	Chattanooga, Tenn.
41	Kamara, Alvin	RB	5-10	215	7/25/95	2	Tennessee	Norcross, Ga.
44	Kikaha, Hau'oli	LB	6-3	246	7/24/92	4	Washington	Hau'ula, Hawaii
18	Kirkwood, Keith	WR	6-3	210	12/26/93	R	Temple	Neptune, N.J.
53	Klein, A.J.	LB	6-1	240	7/30/91	6	Iowa State	Kimberly, Wisc.
23	Lattimore, Marshon	CB	6-0	192	5/20/96	2	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio
68	Lawrence, Devaroe	DT	6-2	294	10/13/92	1	Auburn	Greenville, S.C.
73	Leonard, Rick	T	6-7	311	11/22/96	R	Florida State	Middletown, Md.
61	LeRibeus, Josh	G	6-2	315	7/2/89	6	Southern Methodist	Richardson, Texas
11	Lewis, Tommylee	WR	5-7	168	10/24/92	3	Northern Illinois	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
42	Line, Zach	FB	6-1	233	4/26/90	6	Southern Methodist	Oxford, Mich.
70	Loewen, Mitchell	DL	6-5	275	2/14/93	2	Arkansas	Lahaina, Hawaii
3	Lutz, Wil	K	5-11	184	7/7/94	3	Georgia State	Newnan, Ga.
37	Maulet, Arthur	CB	5-10	190	7/13/93	2	Memphis	Kenner, La.
81	Meredith, Cameron	WR	6-3	207	9/21/92	4	Illinois State	Westchester, Ill.
62	Mondeaux, Henry	DT	6-5	280	9/19/95	R	Oregon	Portland, Ore.
39	Moore, Kamrin	DB	5-11	200	10/1/96	R	Boston College	Arlington, Va.
6	Morstead, Thomas	P	6-4	235	3/8/86	10	Southern Methodist	Pearland, Texas
97	Muhammad, Al-Quadin	DE	6-4	250	3/28/95	2	Miami	Ramsey, N.J.
28	Neasman, Sharrod	DB	6-0	198	10/14/91	3	Florida Atlantic	Bradenton, Fla.
36d	Nelson Jr., Robert	DB	5-9	175	2/16/90	4	Arizona State	Suwanee, Ga.
57	Okafor, Alex	DE	6-4	261	2/8/91	6	Texas	Pflugerville, Texas
65	Ola, Michael	T	6-5	312	4/19/88	5	Hampton	Riverdale, Ga.
93	Onyemata, David	DT	6-4	300	11/13/92	3	Manitoba (Canada)	Lagos, Nigeria
75	Peat, Andrus	T/G	6-7	316	11/4/93	4	Stanford	Tempe, Ariz.
86	Phillips, John	TE	6-5	251	6/11/87	10	Virginia	Hot Springs, Va.
71	Ramczyk, Ryan	T	6-6	314	4/22/94	2	Wisconsin	Stevens Point, Wisc.
98	Rankins, Sheldon	DT	6-2	305	4/2/94	3	Louisville	Covington, Ga.
52	Robertson, Craig	LB	6-1	234	2/11/88	6	North Texas	Stafford, Texas
21	Robinson, Patrick	CB	5-11	191	9/7/87	9	Florida State	Miami, Fla.
12	Savage, Tom	QB	6-4	230	4/26/90	5	Pittsburgh	Springfield, Pa.
30	Scott, Boston	RB	5-6	203	4/27/95	R	Louisiana Tech	Zachary, La.
10	Smith, Tre'Quan	WR	6-2	210	1/7/96	R	Central Florida	Delray Beach, Fla.
76	Stallworth, Taylor	DT	6-2	305	8/18/95	R	South Carolina	Mobile, Ala.
40	Stephens, Linden	DB	6-0	193	3/21/95	R	Cincinnati	Euclid, Ohio
54	Stupar, Nate	LB	6-2	240	3/14/88	6	Penn State	State College, Pa.
87	Tate, Brandon	WR	6-1	195	10/5/87	10	North Carolina	Burlington, N.C.
51	Te'o, Manti	LB	6-1	241	1/26/91	6	Notre Dame	Honolulu, Hawaii
13	Thomas, Michael	WR	6-3	212	3/3/93	3	Ohio State	Woodland Hills, Calif.
66	Tiller, Andrew	G	6-4	324	3/13/89	4	Syracuse	New York, N.Y.
63	Tom, Cameron	C	6-4	300	6/21/95	2	Southern Mississippi	Baton Rouge, La.
78	Turner, Landon	OL	6-4	325	5/15/93	2	North Carolina	Harrisonburg, Va.
60	Unger, Max	C	6-5	305	4/14/86	10	Oregon	Kamuela, Hawaii
35	Veren, Shane	RB	5-10	205	3/2/89	8	California	Valencia, Calif.
67	Warford, Larry	G	6-3	317	6/18/91	6	Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.
82	Watson, Benjamin	TE	6-3	251	12/18/80	15	Georgia	Rock Hill, S.C.
38	West, Terrance	RB	5-10	225	1/28/91	5	Towson	Baltimore, Md.
32	Williams, Jonathan	RB	6-0	223	2/2/94	3	Arkansas	Allen, Texas
25	Williams, Marcus	CB	5-11	196	3/24/91	5	North Dakota State	Hopkins, Minn.
43	Williams, Marcus	S	6-1	195	9/8/96	2	Utah	Eastvale, Calif.
26	Williams, P.J.	CB	6-0	196	6/1/93	4	Florida State	Ocala, Fla.
49	Wood, Zach	LS	6-3	255	1/10/93	2	Southern Methodist	Rowlett, Texas
69o	Wozniak, Nate	OL	6-10	280	8/30/94	R	Minnesota	Greenwood, Ind.
83	Yelder, Deon	TE	6-4	255	3/6/95	R	Western Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.

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36o	Lasco, Daniel	RB	6-1	205	10/9/92	3	California	The Woodlands, Texas
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14	Dural, Travin	WR	6-2	207	11/19/93	1	Louisiana State	Breaux Bridge, La.
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New Orleans Saints Unofficial Depth Chart (8/13/18)

OFFENSE

WR	13 Michael Thomas	81 Cameron Meredith	11 Tommylee Lewis
		87 Brandon Tate	18 <u>Keith Kirkwood</u>
LT	72 Terron Armstead	74 Jermon Bushrod	69 <u>Nate Wozniak</u>
LG	75 Andrus Peat	61 Josh LeRibeus	77 Don Barclay
C	60 Max Unger	63 Cameron Tom	64 <u>Will Clapp</u>
RG	67 Larry Warford	78 Landon Turner	66 Andrew Tiller
RT	71 Ryan Ramczyk	65 Michael Ola	73 <u>Rick Leonard</u>
TE	82 Benjamin Watson	89 Josh Hill	84 Michael Hoomanawanui
		45 Garrett Griffin	83 <u>Deon Yelder</u>
		85 <u>Dan Arnold</u>	86 John Phillips
WR	19 Ted Ginn Jr.	10 <u>Tre'Quan Smith</u>	80 Austin Carr
		15 Josh Huff	17 Michael Floyd
QB	9 Drew Brees	12 Tom Savage	7 Taysom Hill
			5 <u>J.T. Barrett IV</u>
RB	22 Mark Ingram II/ 41 Alvin Kamara	35 Shane Vereen	38 Terrance West
FB	42 Zach Line	32 Jonathan Williams	30 <u>Boston Scott</u>
		33 Trey Edmunds	

DEFENSE

RDE	57 Alex Okafor	92 <u>Marcus Davenport</u>	97 Al-Quadin Muhammad
			69 Alex Jenkins
NT	95 Tyeler Davison	99 Jay Bromley	96 Woodrow Hamilton IV
			76 <u>Taylor Stallworth</u>
DT	98 Sheldon Rankins/ 93 David Onyemata	68 Devaroe Lawrence	62 <u>Henry Mondeaux</u>
LDE	94 Cameron Jordan	91 Trey Hendrickson	70 Mitchell Loewen
			90 George Johnson
WILL	56 Demario Davis	47 Alex Anzalone	58 <u>Colton Jumper</u>
MLB	51 Manti Te'o	52 Craig Robertson	54 Nate Stupar
SAM	53 A.J. Klein	44 Hau'oli Kikaha	55 Jayrone Elliott
			59 <u>KeShun Freeman</u>
LCB	20 Ken Crawley	26 P.J. Williams	37 Arthur Maulet
			25 Marcus Williams
SS	29 Kurt Coleman/ 24 Vonn Bell	28 Sharrod Neasman	48 <u>J.T. Gray</u>
FS	43 Marcus Williams	31 Chris Banjo	46 Rickey Jefferson
			39 <u>Kamrin Moore</u>
RCB	23 Marshon Lattimore	21 Patrick Robinson	36 Robert Nelson Jr.
		27 <u>Natrell Jamerson</u>	34 Justin Hardee
			40 <u>Linden Stephens</u>

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	6 Thomas Morstead		
K	3 Wil Lutz		
KO	3 Wil Lutz		
LS	49 Zach Wood		
H	6 Thomas Morstead	7 Taysom Hill	
PR	11 Tommylee Lewis	87 Brandon Tate	19 Ted Ginn Jr.
KR	11 Tommylee Lewis	87 Brandon Tate	41 Alvin Kamara

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Pronunciation Guide:

T Terron Armstead (ter-RON)
 G Don Barclay (BAR-clay)
 LB Jayrone Elliott (jay-RONE)
 TE Michael Hoomanawanui (HO-oh-mah-nah-wah-noo-wee)
 RB Alvin Kamara (Kuh-MARE-Uh)
 LB Hau'oli Kikaha (ha-OH-lee key-KAH-hah)
 DT Devaroe Lawrence (DEV-ah-row)
 DL Mitchell Loewen (LAY-ven)
 G Josh LeRibeus (luh-REE-bus)
 DE Al-Quadin Muhammad (ahl-Kwah-DEEN)
 DB Sharrod Neasman (Shu-rod Niece-man)
 DE Alex Okafor (OH-kuh-for)
 DT David Onyemata (un-ye-mah-tah)
 T/G Andrus Peat (an-druss pete)
 LB Manti Te'o (MAN-tie TE-O)

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS NUMERICAL ROSTER (as of 8/13/18)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acquired	GP	GS	DNP	IA
3	Wil Lutz	K	5-11	184	24	3	Georgia State	FA-16	0	0	0	0
5	J.T. Barrett IV	QB	6-2	220	23	R	Ohio State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
6	Thomas Morstead	P	6-4	235	32	10	Southern Methodist	D5-09	0	0	0	0
7	Taysom Hill	QB	6-2	221	27	2	Brigham Young	WAI-17 (GB)	0	0	0	0
9	Drew Brees	QB	6-0	209	39	18	Purdue	UFA-06 (SD)	0	0	0	0
10	Tre'Quan Smith	WR	6-2	210	22	R	Central Florida	D3-18	0	0	0	0
11	TommyLee Lewis	WR	5-7	168	25	3	Northern Illinois	FA-16	0	0	0	0
12	Tom Savage	QB	6-4	230	27	5	Pittsburgh	UFA-18 (Hou)	0	0	0	0
13	Michael Thomas	WR	6-3	212	25	3	Ohio State	D2a-16	0	0	0	0
15	Josh Huff	WR	5-11	206	26	4	Oregon	FA-18	0	0	0	0
17	Michael Floyd	WR	6-3	220	28	7	Notre Dame	UFA-18 (Minn)	0	0	0	0
18	Keith Kirkwood	WR	6-3	210	24	R	Temple	FA-18	0	0	0	0
19	Ted Ginn Jr.	WR	5-11	180	33	12	Ohio State	UFA-17 (Car)	0	0	0	0
20	Ken Crawley	CB	6-1	180	25	3	Colorado	FA-16	0	0	0	0
21	Patrick Robinson	CB	5-11	191	30	9	Florida State	UFA-18 (Phi)	0	0	0	0
22	Mark Ingram II	RB	5-9	215	28	8	Alabama	D1b-11	0	0	0	0
23	Marshon Lattimore	CB	6-0	192	22	2	Ohio State	D1a-17	0	0	0	0
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	23	3	Ohio State	D2b-16	0	0	0	0
25	Marcus Williams	CB	5-11	196	27	5	North Dakota State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
26	P.J. Williams	CB	6-0	196	25	4	Florida State	D3b-15	0	0	0	0
27	Natrell Jamerson	DB	6-0	198	22	R	Wisconsin	D5-18	0	0	0	0
28	Sharrad Neasman	DB	6-0	198	26	3	Florida Atlantic	FA-18	0	0	0	0
29	Kurt Coleman	S	5-11	208	29	9	Ohio State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
30	Boston Scott	RB	5-6	203	23	R	Louisiana Tech	D6b-18	0	0	0	0
31	Chris Banjo	S	5-10	207	28	5	Southern Methodist	FA-16	0	0	0	0
32	Jonathan Williams	RB	6-0	223	23	3	Arkansas	FA-17	0	0	0	0
33	Trey Edmunds	RB	6-2	223	23	2	Maryland	FA-17	0	0	0	0
34	Justin Hardee	DB	6-1	200	24	2	Illinois	FA-17	0	0	0	0
35	Shane Vereen	RB	5-10	205	29	8	California	FA-18	0	0	0	0
36d	Robert Nelson Jr.	DB	5-9	175	28	4	Arizona State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
37	Arthur Maulet	CB	5-10	190	25	2	Memphis	FA-17	0	0	0	0
38	Terrance West	RB	5-10	225	27	5	Towson	FA-18	0	0	0	0
39	Kamrin Moore	DB	5-11	200	21	R	Boston College	D6a-18	0	0	0	0
40	Linden Stephens	DB	6-0	193	23	R	Cincinnati	FA-18	0	0	0	0
41	Alvin Kamara	RB	5-10	215	23	2	Tennessee	D3a-17	0	0	0	0
42	Zach Line	FB	6-1	233	27	6	Southern Methodist	FA-17	0	0	0	0
43	Marcus Williams	S	6-1	195	21	2	Utah	D2-17	0	0	0	0
44	Hau'oli Kikaha	LB	6-3	246	26	4	Washington	D2-15	0	0	0	0
45	Garrett Griffin	TE	6-4	240	24	2	Air Force	FA-16	0	0	0	0
46	Ricker Jefferson	S	5-11	208	23	1	Louisiana State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
47	Alex Anzalone	LB	6-3	241	23	2	Florida	D3b-17	0	0	0	0
48	J.T. Gray	DB	6-0	202	22	R	Mississippi State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
49	Zach Wood	LS	6-3	255	24	2	Southern Methodist	FA-17	0	0	0	0
51	Manti Te'o	LB	6-1	241	27	6	Notre Dame	UFA-17 (SD)	0	0	0	0
52	Craig Robertson	LB	6-1	234	30	7	North Texas	UFA-16 (Cle)	0	0	0	0
53	A.J. Klein	LB	6-1	240	27	6	Iowa State	UFA-17 (Car)	0	0	0	0
54	Nate Stupar	LB	6-2	240	30	6	Penn State	FA-16	0	0	0	0
55	Jayrone Elliott	LB	6-3	255	26	4	Toledo	FA-18	0	0	0	0
56	Demario Davis	LB	6-2	248	29	7	Arkansas State	UFA-18 (NYJ)	0	0	0	0
57	Alex Okafor	DE	6-4	261	27	6	Texas	UFA-17 (Ari)	0	0	0	0
58	Colton Jumper	LB	6-2	229	23	R	Tennessee	FA-18	0	0	0	0
59	KeShun Freeman	LB	6-2	250	22	R	Georgie Tech	FA-18	0	0	0	0
60	Max Unger	C	6-5	305	32	10	Oregon	TR-15 (Sea)	0	0	0	0
61	Josh LeRibeus	G	6-2	315	28	6	Southern Methodist	FA-17	0	0	0	0
62	Henry Mondeaux	DT	6-5	280	24	R	Oregon	FA-18	0	0	0	0
63	Cameron Tom	C	6-4	300	23	2	Southern Mississippi	FA-17	0	0	0	0
64	Will Clapp	C	6-5	311	22	R	Louisiana State	D7-18	0	0	0	0
65	Michael Ola	T	6-5	312	30	5	Hampton	FA-18	0	0	0	0
66	Andrew Tiller	G	6-4	324	28	4	Syracuse	FA-18	0	0	0	0
67	Larry Warford	G	6-3	317	27	6	Kentucky	UFA-17 (Det)	0	0	0	0
68	Devaroe Lawrence	DT	6-2	294	25	1	Auburn	FA-17	0	0	0	0
69d	Alex Jenkins	DE	6-6	270	25	1	Incarnate Word	FA-17	0	0	0	0
69o	Nate Wozniak	OL	6-10	280	23	R	Minnesota	FA-18	0	0	0	0
70	Mitchell Loewen	DL	6-5	275	25	2	Arkansas	FA-16	0	0	0	0
71	Ryan Ramczyk	T	6-6	314	24	2	Wisconsin	D1b-17	0	0	0	0
72	Terron Armstead	T	6-5	304	27	6	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	D3a-13	0	0	0	0
73	Rick Leonard	T	6-7	311	21	R	Florida State	D4-18	0	0	0	0
74	Jermon Bushrod	T	6-5	318	33	12	Towson	UFA-18 (Mia)	0	0	0	0
75	Andrus Peat	T/G	6-7	316	24	4	Stanford	D1a-15	0	0	0	0
76	Taylor Stallworth	DT	6-2	305	22	R	South Carolina	FA-18	0	0	0	0
77	Don Barclay	G	6-4	305	29	6	West Virginia	FA-18	0	0	0	0
78	Landon Turner	OL	6-4	325	25	2	North Carolina	FA-16	0	0	0	0
80	Austin Carr	WR	6-1	195	23	2	Northwestern	WAI-17 (NE)	0	0	0	0
81	Cameron Meredith	WR	6-3	207	25	4	Illinois State	RFA-18 (Chi.)	0	0	0	0
82	Benjamin Watson	TE	6-3	251	37	15	Georgia	UFA-18 (Bal)	0	0	0	0
83	Deon Yelder	TE	6-4	255	23	R	Western Kentucky	FA-18	0	0	0	0
84	Michael Hoomanawanui	TE	6-4	265	30	9	Illinois	TR-15 (NE)	0	0	0	0
85	Dan Arnold	TE	6-6	220	23	2	Wisconsin-Platteville	FA-17	0	0	0	0
86	John Phillips	TE	6-5	251	31	10	Virginia	FA-17	0	0	0	0
87	Brandon Tate	WR	6-1	195	30	10	North Carolina	FA-18	0	0	0	0
89	Josh Hill	TE	6-5	250	28	6	Idaho State	FA-13	0	0	0	0
90	George Johnson	DE	6-4	265	30	7	Rutgers	FA-17	0	0	0	0
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	23	2	Florida Atlantic	D3c-17	0	0	0	0
92	Marcus Davenport	DE	6-6	265	21	R	Texas San-Antonio	D1-18	0	0	0	0
93	David Onyemata	DT	6-4	300	25	3	Manitoba (Canada)	D4-16	0	0	0	0
94	Cameron Jordan	DE	6-4	287	29	8	California	D1a-11	0	0	0	0
95	Tyler Davison	DT	6-2	309	25	4	Fresno State	D5b-15	0	0	0	0
96	Woodrow Hamilton IV	DT	6-3	315	25	2	Mississippi	FA-17	0	0	0	0
97	Al-Quadin Muhammad	DE	6-4	250	23	2	Miami	D6-17	0	0	0	0
98	Sheldon Rankins	DT	6-2	305	24	3	Louisville	D1-16	0	0	0	0
99	Jay Bromley	DT	6-3	314	25	5	Syracuse	FA-18	0	0	0	0

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36o	Daniel Lasco	RB	6-1	205	25	3	California	D7-16	0	0	0	0
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14	Travin Dural	WR	6-2	207	24	1	Louisiana State	FA-17	0	0	0	0
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New Orleans Saints 2018 Preseason Defensive Stats Through Game 1

Name	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Miscellaneous				
	TKL	AST	TOT	SACK	YDS	TFL	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR	
Loewen, Mitchell	6	0	6	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence, Devaroe	3	2	5	2	6	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawley, Ken	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elliott, Jayrone	3	1	4	2.5	14.5	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson, Patrick	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anzalone, Alex	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coleman, Kurt	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardee, Justin	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson, George	2	1	3	0.5	2.5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stallworth, Taylor	2	0	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davis, Demario	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, Marcus	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lattimore, Marshon	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, P.J.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stupar, Nate	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jumper, Colton	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stephens, Linden	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hendrickson, Trey	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maulet, Arthur	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banjo, Chris	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onyemata, Davis	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell, Vonn	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kikaha, Hau'oli	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harris, De'Vante	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gray, J.T.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamerson, Natrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson, Rickey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	52	4	56	6	30	6	9	1	3	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Defense: TKL: tackle, AST: assist, TOT: total, INT: interception, PD: pass defense, FF: forced fumble, FR: fumble recovery. Special Teams: BL: kicks blocked, RBL: return blocks (special teams coaches' stat).