

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**VS.****NEW ORLEANS SAINTS****SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018 – 3:40 PM (CST)****MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME – NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

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**THE MATCHUP**

Following a first-round bye after clinching the number one postseason seed in the NFC, the New Orleans Saints (13-3) host the Philadelphia Eagles (10-7) in the Divisional Playoffs at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. Sunday's game marks the first time the club will host an NFL Divisional Playoff as a top-two seed since the 2009 season.

The Saints enter the contest following a banner 2018 campaign under Head Coach **Sean Payton**. During a 13-3 campaign, the Saints had a 13-3 record, with a ten game winning streak.

New Orleans closed the regular season with the league's No. 6-ranked rushing offense and the second-ranked rushing defense, with a club-record five players selected to the *Associated Press* All-Pro team. QB **Drew Brees** was selected as a second-team All-Pro and as the NFC starter in the Pro Bowl, breaking his own NFL record for completion percentage and leading the NFL with a career-high 115.7 passer rating. LT **Terron Armstead**, who protected Brees' blind side, joined the quarterback as both an All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection. RT **Ryan Ramczyk** was an All-Pro, while C **Max Unger** was selected to the Pro Bowl.

Brees was far from alone in creating the offensive fireworks for the Saints, as WR **Michael Thomas** was selected first-team All-Pro and as a Pro Bowl starter after recording a league-best and club-record 125 receptions for a team-record 1,405 yards and nine touchdowns, enjoying the most prolific pass-catching season ever for a Saint. The New Orleans running game was once again led by **Mark Ingram II** and **Alvin Kamara**, who combined for 1,538 rushing yards, 102 receptions for 879 yards and 25 total touchdowns.

On defense, DE **Cameron Jordan** was voted to his fourth Pro Bowl and his second straight year as an All-Pro after posting his fourth double-digit sack season with 12 takedowns. DT **Sheldon Rankins** provided a solid complement to Jordan on the interior when he posted eight sacks.

LB **Demario Davis**, a key free agent acquisition, emerged as a leader of the defense, leading the team with 110 tackles, five sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Philadelphia enters Sunday's game after a 16-15 win over the Chicago Bears in the NFC Wild Card Playoff at Soldier Field. The Saints and the Eagles met Nov. 18, a 48-7 New Orleans win. The Eagles lead the regular season series 16-12, while the Saints have a 2-1 postseason edge.

THE COACHES

Saints Head Coach **Sean Payton** has posted a 125-79 overall record (.613), including a 7-5 postseason mark (.583) after the franchise had won only one playoff game prior to his arrival. Payton holds both the club's top win total and winning percentage. He 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 among the most accomplished within the NFL. Only the New England Patriots' Bill Belichick (2000) has been with the his team longer. Payton is also one of just seven active coaches to lead a team to a Super Bowl victory. The others are Belichick, the Seattle Seahawks' Pete Carroll, the Oakland Raiders' Jon Gruden (Tampa Bay in 2002), the Baltimore Ravens' John Harbaugh, the Philadelphia Eagles' Doug Pederson and the Pittsburgh Steelers' Mike Tomlin. The 2018 Saints edition posted a 13-3 regular season record and secured the NFC's number one seed for the postseason. A franchise-record five players were selected to the *Associated Press* All-Pro team. New Orleans' ten-game winning streak was the second-longest in club history and the longest streak in the NFL this season. The streak only sits behind in club record books, New Orleans' 13-0 start under Payton in 2009, the season when they captured Super Bowl XLIV. The 2017 Saints squad yielded an 11-5 regular season record, producing their first playoff berth since 2013, behind a squad led by quarterback Drew Brees offensively and defensive end 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 running back Alvin Kamara and cornerback 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 December 29, 1963 in San Mateo, Calif., and raised in Naperville, Ill., Payton has a daughter, Meghan and a son, Connor.

Doug Pederson was named head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles on January 18, 2016, after having served as the Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator (2013-15). In 2018, Pederson helped the Eagles win their last four games to reach the playoffs and then defeat the Chicago Bears in the NFC Wild Card round. In just his second season as an NFL head coach, Pederson led the Eagles to a 13-3 regular-season record, an NFC East title, the No. 1 seed in the NFC playoffs and to victory in Super Bowl LII against the New England Patriots. As a first-year head coach with the Eagles in 2016, Pederson helped develop rookie quarterback Carson Wentz, who set a team and all-time NFL rookie record with 379 completions. Under Pederson's direction, Wentz also posted franchise rookie records in pass attempts, passing yards and passing touchdowns. Pederson, who enjoyed a 12-year playing career in the NFL, began his pro coaching career in Philadelphia where he served under Andy Reid as an offensive quality control coach (2009-2010) and quarterbacks coach (2011-12). Pederson attended Northeast Louisiana, where he was a three-year starter at quarterback and graduated with a B.B.A. in business management. A 12-year NFL veteran, he played quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, Eagles and Cleveland Browns. Pederson served as a backup quarterback for the Packers when the team won Super Bowl XXXI. Began coaching as head coach at Calvary Baptist Academy (Shreveport, LA).

2018 NEW ORLEANS – PHILADELPHIA STATISTICAL COMPARISON

2018 Regular Season National Football League Rankings

	<u>Saints</u>	<u>Eagles</u>
Record	13-3	9-7
Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	31.5 (3)	22.9 (17t)
Opp. Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	22.1 (14)	21.8 (21)
Total Off. (NFL Rank)	379.2 (8)	365.3 (11)
Rushing Off. (NFL Rank)	126.6 (6)	98.1 (4)
Passing Off. (NFL Rank)	252.6 (12)	267.2(17t)
Total Def. (NFL Rank)	349.1 (14)	366.2 (17)
Rushing Def. (NFL Rank)	80.2 (2)	96.9 (10)
Passing Def. (NFL Rank)	268.9 (29)	269.3 (21)
Kickoff Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	24.3 (10)	22.0 (16)
Punt Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	6.5 (24)	6.5 (19)
Turnover Margin (NFL Rank)	+8 (7)	-6 (25)
Penalties	94	100
Penalty Yards	939	852
Opp. Penalties	85	115
Opp. Penalty Yards	814	995

SERIES HISTORY

The Saints and Eagles first met on Nov. 5, 1967, with New Orleans posting a 31-24 victory at Tulane Stadium. It was the first win in franchise history, coming in Week eight of the Saints' inaugural season. The Saints are 9-7 in games played in New Orleans in the regular season and 1-1 in the playoffs. The Saints have a 12-16 regular season record and a 2-1 mark in the postseason vs. the Eagles.

12 of the games in the series counting both the regular season and the playoffs have been decided by a touchdown or less, with seven decided by three points or less:

Date	Score	Site	Att.
11/5/67	W, 31-24	Tulane Stad.	59,596
11/19/67	L, 21-48	Franklin Field	60,751
12/8/68	L, 7-29	Franklin Field	57,128
10/26/69	L, 10-13	Franklin Field	60,568
11/30/69	W, 26-17	Tulane Stad.	72,805
10/29/72	W, 21-3	Tulane Stad.	65,664
10/27/74	W, 14-10	Tulane Stad.	64,257
11/6/77	L, 7-28	Veterans Stad.	53,482
9/17/78	L, 17-24	Superdome	49,242
9/16/79	L, 14-26	Superdome	54,212
11/9/80	L, 21-34	Superdome	44,340
10/11/81	L, 14-31	Superdome	52,728
12/11/83	W, 20-17 ot	Veterans Stad.	45,182
10/6/85	W, 23-21	Superdome	56,364
9/20/87	L, 17-27	Veterans Stad.	57,485
12/18/89	W, 30-20	Superdome	59,218
10/13/91	W, 13-6	Veterans Stad.	64,224
9/6/92	L, 13-15	Veterans Stad.	63,513
1/3/93*	L, 20-36	Superdome	68,893
12/26/93	L, 26-37	Veterans Stad.	50,085
10/1/95	L, 10-15	Superdome	43,938
9/24/00	L, 7-21	Superdome	64,900
11/23/03	L, 20-33	Linc. Fin. Fld.	67,802
10/15/06	W, 27-24	Superdome	68,269
1/13/07 \$	W, 27-24	Superdome	70,001
12/23/07	L, 23-38	Superdome	70,011
9/20/09	W, 48-22	Linc. Fin. Fld.	69,144

11/5/12	W, 28-13	MB Superdome 73,099
*1/4/14	W, 26-24	Linc. Fin. Fld. 69,144
10/11/15	L, 17-39	Linc. Fin. Fld. 69,296
11/18/18	W, 48-7	MB Superdome 73,042
* NFC Wild Card Playoff		
\$ NFC Divisional Playoff		

LAST POSTSEASON MEETING

NFC Wild Card Playoff: New Orleans Saints 26, Philadelphia Eagles 24; January 4, 2014 @ Lincoln Financial Field – After kicker **Shayne Graham's** 32-yard field goal went through the uprights as time expired, the New Orleans Saints had advanced to the second round of the playoffs and had recorded their first postseason road win in franchise history.

The New Orleans rushing attack led the way with 185 yards, keyed by running back **Mark Ingram's** 97 yards on the ground. Making his first career postseason appearance, Ingram also ran for a touchdown and had three receptions for 17 yards.

After a scoreless first quarter, New Orleans jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a field goal, but Philadelphia struck on a ten-yard touchdown pass. The Saints went into halftime with a 7-6 deficit after Graham hit his second field goal as time expired at the end of the half.

After New Orleans forced a three-and-out to open the second half, Ingram got loose for an 18-yard run and two plays later, quarterback **Drew Brees** connected with wide receiver **Lance Moore** for a 24-yard touchdown to give the Saints a 13-7 advantage. Ingram put the Saints further ahead 20-7 on a four-yard touchdown run later in the third quarter. Philadelphia running back **LeSean McCoy** matched it with a one-yard touchdown run at the end of the third quarter to bring them back to within six.

The clubs traded field goals at the start of the fourth quarter, but then Philadelphia took a 24-23 lead with 4:54 remaining in the game on a touchdown.

With the season on the line, running back **Darren Sproles** returned the game's final kickoff 39 yards and an additional 15 yards were added on a horse collar tackle penalty to set the Saints up at the Philadelphia 48-yard line. The Saints ate up all the clock on a drive that consisted of eight runs and one pass, setting up the game-winner by Graham as time expired.

SAINTS-EAGLES CONNECTIONS

Saints Head Coach **Sean Payton** spent part of his childhood in the Philadelphia area and served on the Eagles coaching staff from **1997-98** as their quarterbacks coach...Saints Offensive Assistant **Joseph Brady** served as a graduate assistant at Penn State from 2015-16...New Orleans Senior Defensive Assistant **Peter Giunta** served as defensive backs coach of the Eagles from 1991-94 and also served on staffs at Penn State from 1981-83 and at Lehigh from 1988-90...Eagles safety **Malcolm Jenkins** was a first round draft pick of the Saints in 2009 and played for New Orleans for five seasons from 2009-13. Jenkins and Saints safety **Kurt Coleman**, who was a seventh round draft pick of the Eagles in 2010 and played for Philadelphia for four seasons, were college teammates at Ohio State...Philadelphia running back **Darren Sproles** played for the Saints from 2011-13. In addition to being teammates in New Orleans, quarterback **Drew Brees** and Sproles played together in 2005 in San Diego with eagles Tight Ends Coach **Justin Peelle**...Eagles Head Coach **Doug Pederson** was a three-year starter at Northeast Louisiana and began his coaching career at Calvary Baptist Academy in Shreveport...Saints wide receiver **Keith Kirkwood** prepped at Neuptune (N.J.) HS, where he played only one year of football and then played in 44 games with 30 starts at Temple from 2015-17, finishing his college career with 103 receptions for 1,638 yards (15.9 avg.) and 16 touchdowns...New Orleans cornerback **P.J. Williams** and Philadelphia defensive tackle **Tim Jernigan** patrolled the same Florida State defense...Saints tight end **Benjamin Watson** and Jernigan were teammates in Baltimore in 2016...Saints Guard/Tackle **Andrus Peat** and Eagles Tight End **Zach Ertz** were college teammates at Stanford...Saints running back **Mark Ingram**'s father **Mark Ingram Sr.**, played for the Eagles in his final National Football League season in 1996...Brees and Philadelphia quarterback **Nick Foles** both prepped at Westlake (Austin, Texas) HS, making them only the second duo of Super Bowl winning quarterbacks from the same high school joining Eli and Peyton Manning (Newman HS in New Orleans)...Philadelphia Linebackers Coach **Ken Flajole** served as the Saints secondary coach in 2012...Philadelphia Wide Receivers Coach **Gunter Brewer** is a Columbus, Miss. Native who served as an assistant at Northeast Mississippi in 1995...Saints Linebackers Coach **Mike Nolan** and Eagles Special Teams Coordinator **Dave Fipp** served on the same staff at Miami in 2011...Saints Senior Offensive Assistant/Wide Receivers **Curtis Johnson** tutored Eagles wide receiver **Alshon Jeffery** in Chicago in 2016...New Orleans Vice President of Football Administration **Khari Harley** served as an administrative intern in Philadelphia from 2001-02...Eagles cornerback **Jalen Mills** played at LSU...Philadelphia Director of Player Personnel **Andy Weidl** was a member of the Saints player personnel department from 2000-05...Saints

Sponsorship Coordinator **Kaitlin Donahoe**'s father, **Tom Donahoe**, serves as Senior Player Personnel Advisor of the Eagles...Philadelphia running back **Boston Scott** prepped at Zachary HS, played at Louisiana Tech and was selected by New Orleans in the sixth round of the 2018 NFL Draft, spending time on the Saints practice squad before being signed to the Eagles active roster. Nolan and Philadelphia Offensive Coordinator **Mike Groh** served on the same New York Jets staff in 2000...New Orleans Special Teams Coordinator **Bradford Banta** served on Philadelphia Defensive Coordinator **Jim Schwartz**'s staff in Detroit from 2009-13...Saints Quarterbacks Coach **Joe Lombardi** served as an assistant Bucknell in 2000 and at Mercyhurst from 2002-05...New Orleans Assistant Offensive Line Coach **Brendan Nugent** and Eagles assistant wide receivers coach **Carson Welch** served on the same Chicago staff from 2013-14...Saints Area Scout **Jon Sandusky** played safety at Penn State from 1996-99 and served nine years in the Philadelphia player personnel department...New Orleans Area Scout **Joey Vitt**'s grew up in the Philadelphia area, when his father Joe Vitt coached linebackers for the Eagles from 1995-98.

POSTSEASON SERIES FAST FACTS

Saints' Largest Margin of Victory: 3 points, Saints won 27-24 on 1/13/07 at Superdome.

Eagles' Largest Margin of Victory: 16 points, Eagles won 36-20 on 1/3/93 at Superdome.

Current Series Streak: Two games for New Orleans, 1/13/07— present.

Saints' Longest Win Streak: Two games, 1/13/07 - present.

Eagles' Longest Win Streak: One game, 1/3/93.

Most Points by Saints in a Game: 27 points, Saints won 27-24 on 1/13/07 at Superdome.

Most Points by Eagles in a Game: 36 points, Eagles won 36-20 on 1/3/93 at Superdome.

Most Combined Points (Both Teams): 56 points, Eagles won 36-20 on 1/3/93 at Superdome.

Fewest Points by Saints in a Game: 20 points, Eagles won 36-20 on 1/3/93 at the Superdome.

Fewest Points by Eagles in a Game: 24 points (two times), Saints won 27-24 on 1/13/07 at Superdome and Saints won 26-24 on 1/4/14 at Lincoln Financial Field.

Fewest Combined Points (Both Teams): 50 points, Saints won 26-24 on 1/4/14 at Lincoln Financial Field.

HONORS

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

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

Completed 39-of-49 passes for 396 yards, two touchdowns and two rushing TDs tying his single-game career high. Became the only player to have 350 passing yards, three TD passes, two rushing TDs and zero interceptions in a contest. With 396 yards passing, Brees recorded his 104th 300-yard game as a Saint, 111th overall. With his career-high tying 39 completions, Brees surpassed Brett Favre (6,300) and is now the NFL's all-time leader in completions.

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

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

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

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

Lutz drilled 10-of-11 field goals, all 11 PAT attempts and had 17 of his kickoffs sail into the end zone for touchbacks as he led the NFL in scoring (41 points) through Week Four. Lutz has made his last eight field goal attempts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Williams' third quarter 45-yard interception return for a touchdown, the first touchdown of his NFL career, gave New Orleans a 27-13 lead in the contest. This is Williams' first NFC Defensive Player of the Week award the second by a Saint this season, joining LB Demario Davis in Week 4. It is the first time two different Saints defenders have captured the honor since 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FORD TOUGH/NFL.COM OFFENSIVE LINE OF THE WEEK WEEK 10: SAINTS OFFENSIVE LINE

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

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

HONORS**NFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER: QB DREW BREES**

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

**NFC SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK
WEEK 14: QB TAYSOM HILL****New Orleans Saints 28, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 14 @
Raymond James Stadium, Dec. 9, 2018**

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

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

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

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

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

PRO BOWL

T Terron Armstead, QB Drew Brees, DE Cameron Jordan, WR Michael Thomas and C Max Unger

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

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

S Steve Gleason

TRANSACTIONS**JULY**

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

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

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

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

AUGUST

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 – Waived CB **De’Vante Harris**.

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

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER

1 – Waived QB **J.T. Barrett**, LBs **Jayrone Elliott** and **KeShun Freeman**, TE **Garrett Griffin**, DT **Woodrow Hamilton IV**, DB **Natrell Jamerson**, DE **Alex Jenkins**, LBs **Colton Jumper** and **Hau’oli Kikaha**, WR **Keith Kirkwood**, OL **Rick Leonard**, WR **Tanner McEvoy**, DL **Henry Mondeaux**, DB **Kamrin Moore**, DE **Al-Quadin Muhammad**, DB **Linden Stephens**, G **Andrew Tiller**, OL **Landon Turner**, RB **Jonathan Williams**, OL **Nate Wozniak** and TE **Deon Yelder**. Waived/injured DB **Sharrod Neasman**. Terminated G **Don Barclay**, DT **Jason Bromley**, WR **Michael Floyd**, DE **George Johnson**, G **Josh LeRibeus**, DB **Robert Nelson Jr.**, OL **Michael Ola**, TE **John Phillips**, QB **Tom Savage**, WR **Brandon Tate** and CB **Marcus Williams**.

TRANSACTIONS

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 – Terminated practice squad contract of DT **Woodrow Hamilton** and signed DT **Thomas Laulile** to the practice squad.

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

OCTOBER

1 – Suspension of RB **Mark Ingram** lifted by commissioner (club has roster exemption).

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

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

OCTOBER

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER

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

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

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

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

13 – Waived S **J.T. Gray**.

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

TRANSACTIONS

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DECEMBER

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

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

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

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

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JANUARY

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

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GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1: Tampa Bay Buccaneers 48, Saints 40; September 9, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome – The Saints' 2018 regular season got off to a disappointing start as the Buccaneers took a 48-40 victory at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, dropping their opener for the fifth consecutive season.

Trailing by 24 points in the fourth quarter, the Saints rallied behind a pair of **Alvin Kamara** touchdowns, a one-yard rushing score and a seven-yard pass from QB **Drew Brees**,

The Saints converted two-point plays on both touchdowns. But Tampa was able to run out the clock to claim the road victory.

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

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

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

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

WEEK 2: Saints 21, Cleveland Browns 18; September 16, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome – The Saints earned their first win of 2018 with a 21-18 come-from-behind victory over Cleveland at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in what would be the start of a winning streak that extended to ten games. New Orleans also avoided having to dig themselves out of an 0-2 start for the first time since 2013.

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

To open up the second half of play, the Cleveland defense forced a three-and-out on New Orleans. Browns QB **Tyrod Taylor** then led Cleveland on a 12-play, 79-yard drive that ended with a one-yard touchdown run by RB **Carlos Hyde** to take a 12-3 lead following a missed extra point attempt.

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

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WEEK 3: Saints 43, Atlanta Falcons 37; September 23, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Stadium – The Saints improved to 2-1 with this overtime victory at Atlanta, with QB **Drew Brees** becoming the NFL's completions leader, passing for 396 yards, tossing three TDs and running for two more, one a fourth quarter seven-yard rush, the second a dramatic quarterback sneak to end overtime. RB **Alvin Kamara** and WR **Michael Thomas** also had monster performances, backed by a stout offensive line, DE **Cameron Jordan** had two sacks and special teams made a significant contribution with a blocked punt. The win would be the first of what would end up being a season sweep for New Orleans.

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

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

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

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

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

Thomas had ten receptions for 129 yards. Kamara had a

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

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

The Giants scored on their first offensive drive, taking a 7-0 lead on a two-yard TD connection between QB **Eli Manning** and WR **Sterling Shepard**. When the Saints got the ball back, QB **Drew Brees** engineered a 15-play, 51-yard drive that ended with a **Wil Lutz** 42-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter, the first of four successful kicks in the quarter to give the Saints a 12-7 halftime lead. The Saints defense then proceeded to clamp down on the Giants as they allowed only 65 rushing yards, fumbles were forced by DT **Tyeler Davison** and CB **P.J. Williams** and recovered by CB Marshon Lattimore and DL Taylor Stallworth, while Manning was sacked three times, the defense allowing him to average only 5.3 yards per attempt.

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

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

- The Saints held the Giants to 299 net yards, the first time this season they held an opponent to under 300 yards. They surrendered only 44 yards rushing to Giants RB **Saquon Barkley**.

- With a career-high 134 yards rushing and 181 total yards from scrimmage, Kamara had the third back-to-back 180-yard games by a Saint, joining RBs **Rueben Mayes** (1986-two straight) and **Deuce McAllister** (2003-three straight).

- The victory improved New Orleans' all-time record vs. New York to 14-16, giving the Saints their first win at MetLife Stadium in four tries against the Giants (2012, 2016 and 2018) and Jets (2013).

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WEEK 5: Saints 43, Washington Redskins 19; October 8, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome – The Saints won their fourth consecutive game in a standout Monday night performance on both offense and defense, which saw Drew Brees become the NFL's all-time passing yardage leader.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Orleans jumped out to a 7-0 first quarter lead after QB Drew Brees found RB Alvin Kamara on a three-yard pass, which was then matched by Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins completing a one-yard TD to WR Stefon Diggs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEEK 10: New Orleans Saints 51, Cincinnati Bengals 14; November 11, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome –

On a day where New Orleans scored 51 points and ran up 509 total net yards, the Saints got the ball first and Michael Thomas ended a 15-play, 75-yard drive with a seven-yard touchdown reception from Drew Brees. Cincinnati answered with a two-yard touchdown pass from Andy Dalton to John Ross.

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

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

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

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

WEEK 11: New Orleans Saints 48, Philadelphia Eagles 7; November 18, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome –

The Saints posted an impressive home victory for their ninth straight win behind the powerful running of Mark Ingram and Alvin Kamara, the arm of Drew Brees, the hands of Tre'Quan Smith and a season-high three interceptions.

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

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

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

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

The Saints harassed Philadelphia QB Carson Wentz, recording three sacks and three picks. Lattimore had a team-best four solo tackles to go with the pick and two passes defended. S Chris Banjo tripled his career interception total to three with two picks. DE Alex Okafor, LB Craig Robertson and DT Sheldon Rankins each picked up one sack apiece.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

However, the New Orleans defense would respond in the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the start of the second quarter, Tampa Bay had advanced to the Saints 20-yard line, but DE Cameron Jordan sacked Winston for an eight-yard loss and Buccaneers K Cairo Santos missed the 36-yard field goal attempt. Saints K Will Lutz drilled a 30-yard field goal on the ensuing possession. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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

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

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

- Jordan had a standout performance with four tackles and two sacks, recording two takedowns for the third consecutive game, upping his career total to 71.5, fourth in club record books.
- A key defensive play to hold Tampa Bay scoreless in the second half was when Lattimore picked off Winston in the end zone in the next to last play of the game, the second consecutive week an opponent was held scoreless in the final two periods.
- Brees completed 24-of-31 passes for 201 yards with a touchdown, and interception and the quarterback sneak for a touchdown, giving him a career-high four rushing TDs for 2018, while WR Michael Thomas had 11 grabs for 98 yards as his 298 receptions through his first 44 games are the most by an NFL player through his first three seasons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Orleans got the ball coming out the half and Kamara ended a 11-play, 75-yard drive with a one-yard rushing touchdown. Pittsburgh answered on the next drive though with Roethlisberger completing a three-yard touchdown to WR Antonio Brown, followed by a New Orleans punt and a 20-yard TD pass to Brown to give the Steelers a 28-24 edge. Hill would be selected as NFC Special Teams Player of the Week.

Following a Saints three-and-out that spanned into the fourth quarter, New Orleans S Kurt Coleman forced Steelers RB Stevan Ridley to fumble on a third-and-two situation, with DE Alex Okafor recovering. However New Orleans' momentum was stopped when a 50-yard field goal attempt by Lutz was blocked. On Pittsburgh's next possession, LB Craig Robertson successfully snuffed out a fake punt attempt to give the Saints the ball back at the Pittsburgh 46. On a fourth-and-two, Steelers CB Joe Haden was assessed a pass interference infraction, giving the Saints new life. The next game-turning play was a 25-yard completion from Brees to Ginn on third-and-20. Two plays later, the signal-caller completed a two-yard touchdown to WR Michael Thomas to give the Saints the 31-28 lead. Pittsburgh got the ball back and Roethlisberger led the Steelers to the New Orleans 42 after an illegal contact penalty assessed to LB Alex Anzalone with 41 seconds left, but on a completion to Steelers WR JuJu Smith-Schuster, DT Sheldon Rankins stripped the ball and it was recovered by LB Demario Davis to preserve the win

- New Orleans took down Roethlisberger three times to up their sack total for the season to 49, which would tie the season-best for a Sean Payton-coached team.
- For the sixth consecutive contest, the Saints held an op-

ponent scoreless in the fourth quarter.

- Brees completed 27-of-39 passes for 326 yards with one touchdown, zero interceptions and a 103.2 passer rating. Not playing in the season finale, Brees would finish the season with an NFL-record 74.4 completion percentage. Thomas had 11 grabs for 109 yards and the fourth-quarter go-ahead touchdown.

WEEK 17: Carolina Panthers 33, New Orleans Saints 14; December 30, 2018 @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome – With a large number of the Saints' starters watching from the sidelines for most of the contest because the club had already clinched the NFC's number one seed in the playoffs, the Saints ended their regular season 13-3 after the loss in the 2018 finale.

QB Drew Brees did not play in a contest for only the third time as a Saint, as fellow starters such as T Terron Armstead, T Jermon Bushrod, WR Ted Ginn Jr., T Ryan Ramczyk and G Larry Warford also sat out.

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

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

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

HOW DO YOU SAY IT**New Orleans Saints Pronunciation Guide**

LB Alex **Anzalone** (anne-zuh-LOAN-ee)
 T **Terron** Armstead (ter-RON)
 LB Vince **Biegel** (BEE-gull)
 QB **Taysom** Hill (Tay-Sum)
 RB Alvin **Kamara** (kuh-Mare-Uh)
 DE Alex **Okafor** (OH-kuh-for)
 DT David **Onyemata** (Un-ye-mah-tah)
 T/G **Andrus Peat** (ANN-druss PEET)
 T Ryan **Ramczyk** (RAM-check)
 WR **Tre'Quan** Smith (Tray-Kwan)
 LB **Manti Te'o** (MAN-tie TAY-oh)
 Senior Defensive Asst. Peter **Giunta** (GEN-ta).
 Offensive Line Coach Dan **Roushar** (ROW-shar).

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

POSTSEASON

Jan. 13	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	3:40 p.m.
Jan. 27	NFC Championship	TBD
Feb. 3	Super Bowl LIII	TBD

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS POSTSEASON SUMMARY

The Saints earned their first championship with a 31-17 win over Indianapolis in Super Bowl XLIV and have an 8-10 overall record in the postseason. The 2018 season marks the 12th time overall and seventh time under Head Coach **Sean Payton** that the Saints have qualified for the post-season. The Saints have enjoyed their greatest postseason success in the Payton era with a 7-5 record (.583).

Below is a list of New Orleans' all-time playoff results, with Sean Payton's postseason appearances in bold. Overall, the Saints have faced 11 different teams in the postseason and have a winning record against six of those opponents and have a losing record versus five teams. New Orleans will also be looking for their seventh consecutive post-season road win, dating back to their 31-28 win over the Rams on Dec. 30, 2000, the franchise's first playoff win:

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

2018 SAINTS EXPERIENCE IN THE PLAYOFFS

Below is a rundown of the playoff experience by the 53-man roster of the 2018 New Orleans Saints. 34 players

have appeared in a Saints playoff game while eight have also appeared in playoff games with other teams:

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE AS SAINTS (34)

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

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

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

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

2 games (25) - S **Chris Banjo**, S **Vonn Bell**, CB **Ken Crawley**, DT **Tyeler Davison**, WR **Ted Ginn Jr.**, DB **Justin Hardee**, DE **Trey Hendrickson**, QB **Taysom Hill**, RB **Alvin Kamara**, CB **Marshon Lattimore**, WR **Tommy Lee Lewis**, FB **Zach Line**, K **Will Lutz**, DT **David Onyemata**, T **Ryan Ramczyk**, DT **Sheldon Rankins**, LB **Craig Robertson**, LB **Manti Te'o**, WR **Michael Thomas**, C **Max Unger**, G **Larry Warford**, TE **Benjamin Watson**, S **Marcus Williams**, CB **P.J. Williams**, LS **Zach Wood**.

1 game (2) - WR **Austin Carr**, G/T **Andrus Peat**

SAINTS WITH POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE ON OTHER TEAMS (16)

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 games (2) - DB **Josh Robinson** (Minnesota), LB **Manti Te'o** (San Diego)

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

SAINTS WITH NO POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE (11)

LB **Alex Anzalone**, TE **Dan Arnold**, LB **Vince Biegel**, C/G **Will Clapp**, WR **Simmie Cobbs Jr.**, DE **Marcus Davenport**, LB **Demario Davis**, WR **Keith Kirkwood**, WR **Tre'Quan Smith**, DL **Taylor Stallworth**, C **Cameron Tom**.

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SAINTS NAME 2018 CAPTAINS

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

FAMILY TIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tackle/Guard Andrus Peat - Father, Todd, played six National Football League seasons with the Phoenix Cardinals and the Los Angeles Raiders.

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

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

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

COACHES IN THE NFL

Seven members of the 2018 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 Colts in 1994 out of the University of Southern California and played in 156 career games, primarily a long snapper and tight end with the Colts, New York Jets, Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills

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

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

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

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

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

HONORING TOM BENSON

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

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

2018 PRACTICE SQUAD

The following players make up the Saints practice squad:

Player	Pos.	School	Exp.
Henry Mondeaux	DL	Oregon	R
Chris Campbell	DB	Penn State	R
J.T. Gray	DB	Mississippi State	R
Garrett Griffin	TE	Air Force	2
Tomasi Laulile	DT	Brigham Young	R
Arthur Maulet	CB	Memphis	2
Darnell Sankey	LB	Sacramento State	2
Isaiah Williams	OL	Akron	1
Nate Wozniak	OL	Minnesota	R
Shane Wynn	WR	Indiana	3

MY HOMETOWN

Saints players come from 20 different states, Washington

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

WINNING STREAKS

After losing the 2018 opener, New Orleans won ten straight games. Under Sean Payton, the Saints have put together two winning streaks of at least ten games, including the club's ten-game run from September 16-November 22. Below is a list of the franchise's winning streaks of at least nine games:

Sept. 13-Dec. 13, 2009—13 games

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

Oct. 18-Dec. 27, 1987—9 games

Dec. 23, 1990-Oct. 20, 1991—9 games

DOUBLE DIGIT WINS

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

ROSTER FACTS AND FIGURES

Oldest Saints player: QB Drew Brees, 39, 1/15/79

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

Most Seasons as a Saint: QB Drew Brees - 13

Most NFL seasons: QB Drew Brees, 18

Most consecutive starts: DE Cameron Jordan, 113

Most consecutive games played: DE Cameron Jordan, 128

Most playoff experience: QB Drew Brees, 13 games

Heaviest Saint: G Larry Warford, 317

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

Shortest Saint: WR Tommylee Lewis, 5-7

Former first round draft picks: 11 - CB Eli Apple, QB Teddy Bridgewater, DE Marcus Davenport, WR Ted Ginn Jr., DE Cameron Jordan, RB Mark Ingram II CB Marshon Lattimore, T/G Andrus Peat, T Ryan Ramczyk, DT Sheldon Rankins, TE Benjamin Watson.

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Pro Bowlers: 12 - T Terron Armstead, QB Drew Brees, T/ G Jermon Bushrod, QB Teddy Bridgewater, RB Mark Ingram II, DE Cameron Jordan, RB Alvin Kamara, CB Marshon Lattimore, P Thomas Morstead, WR Michael Thomas, C Max Unger, G Larry Warford

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

College with the most Saints: Ohio State - 6

IN THE NFC SOUTH

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

REGULAR SEASON RECORDS OF NFC SOUTH TEAMS SINCE 2006

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

ROAD WARRIORS

Since 2006, the Saints have the fourth-best road record in the NFL at 57-47 (.548). The Saints finished the 2018 regular season 7-1 on the road with a winning road mark for the first time since 2011 and the best road mark in the NFL. It matches the best road record in franchise history with the 7-1 marks in 2000 and 2009.

NFL REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2006

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

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

NFL REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2009

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

TOP 2018 NFL REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS

Team	Record
1t. New Orleans	7-1
1t. LA Chargers	7-1
3. LA Rams	6-2

DOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE

Since 2008, the New Orleans Saints have posted a 62-25 home record, ranked fifth in the National Football League, including a 6-2 record in 2018 with their first scheduled playoff contest to take place in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

NFL REGULAR SEASON HOME RECORDS SINCE 2008

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

TIME OF POSSESSION LEADER

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

2018 NFL TIME OF POSSESSION AVERAGE LEADERS

<u>Team</u>	<u>TOP</u>
1. Bal.	32:17
2. Phi.	32:03
3. NO	31:39
4. Det.	31:24
5. Sea.	31:23

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PAYTON'S PLACE AMONG HEAD COACHES

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

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

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

Payton the highest winning percentage (.613) and most wins (125) among the 16 Saints head coaches, also tied for 32nd all-time in NFL record books.

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

SEAN PAYTON YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACHING BREAKDOWN

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

TOP THREE WINNINGEST NEW ORLEANS SAINTS HEAD COACHES

(REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)

Coach	W	L	Pct.
Sean Payton	125	79	.613
Jim Mora	93	78	.544
Jim Haslett	46	52	.469

Payton's 125 career wins (regular season/postseason) since 2006 ranks fourth among active NFL coaches, third among current NFC coaches and his winning percentage since 2006 is fifth among current coaches.

WINNING PERCENTAGES AMONG ACTIVE NFL COACHES SINCE 2006

(Min. 50 games)

Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
Bill Belichick	178	54	0	.767
Mike Tomlin	132	73	1	.643
Doug Pederson	33	19	0	.635
Pete Carroll	98	60	1	.620
Sean Payton	125	79	0	.613
John Harbaugh	114	78	0	.594

WINNINGEST ACTIVE NFL COACHES SINCE 2006

(Min. 50 games)

Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
Bill Belichick	178	54	0	.767
Mike Tomlin	132	73	1	.643
Andy Reid	129	90	1	.589
Sean Payton	125	79	0	.613
John Harbaugh	114	78	0	.594

NFC SOUTH COACHES RECORDS IN DIVISION PLAY

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

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

PAYTON'S REGULAR SEASON RECORD VS. NFC SOUTH TEAMS

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

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PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY SEAN PAYTON

Sean Payton has coached 25 players who've earned 50 Pro Bowl selections as a head coach and assistant with the Saints, Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, including five selections in 2018 (T Terron Armstead, QB Drew Brees, DE Cameron Jordan, WR Michael Thomas and C Max Unger).

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

Pos.	Player	Pro Bowls	Years
G	Larry Allen	1	2005
T	Terron Armstead	1	2018
QB	Drew Brees	11	2006, 08--14, 16-18
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	4	2013, 2015, 2017-18
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	2	2017-18
LB	Jonathan Vilma	2	2009-10
C	Max Unger	1	2018
G	Larry Warford	1	2017
TE	Jason Witten	1	2005

THE SAINTS WHEN

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

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

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

THE SAINTS IN 2018 WHEN? (REGULAR SEASON)

Leading After First Quarter.....	6-0
Tied After First Quarter.....	5-0
Leading at Halftime.....	9-0
Leading After Third Quarter.....	8-0
Saints Score First.....	7-1
Opponent Scores First.....	6-2
Saints 200+ Yards Passing.....	9-1
Saints Have 100+ Yards Rushing.....	10-1
Recording 0 Takeaways.....	2-2
+ 3 Turnover Margin.....	2-0
+ 2 Turnover Margin.....	2-0
+1 Turnover Margin.....	3-1
Recording 1 Takeaway.....	2-0
Even Turnover Margin.....	3-0
Defense Has 3+ Sacks.....	11-1
Indoors.....	8-2
Outdoors.....	5-1
At Home.....	6-2
On The Road.....	7-1
On Artificial Turf.....	10-3
On Natural Grass.....	2-0
Scoring 20 Or More Points.....	12-1
Allowing 20 Or Fewer Points.....	9-1
Committing Zero Turnovers.....	4-0

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

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

BUCKING THE ODDS

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

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

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

WINNING HEAD COACH-QB COMBINATION

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

WINNINGEST HEAD COACH-STARTING QB DUOS IN NFL HISTORY

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

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

MOST STARTS BY HEAD COACH-QUARTERBACK DUO

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

IN THE NFL

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

REGULAR SEASON RECORDS IN THE NFL SINCE 2006

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

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TEAM NOTES**CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE-IN THE NFL**

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

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON RECORDS SINCE 2009

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

POINTS PER GAME

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

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON POINTS PER GAME LEADERS SINCE 2006

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

2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR POINTS PER GAME LEADERS

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

2018 NFL SECOND QUARTER SCORING LEADERS

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

2018 NFL FOURTH QUARTER SCORING LEADERS

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

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

TEAMS TO SCORE 45+ POINTS IN THREE STRAIGHT GAMES IN A SINGLE SEASON**2018 New Orleans Saints - Nov. 4-18**

2007 New England Patriots - Oct. 14-28

1968 Cleveland Browns - Nov. 17-Dec. 1

1941 Chicago Bears - Oct. 5-19

NEARLY UNBEATABLE AT 30

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

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

2006: 6-1

2007: 5-0

2008: 6-2

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

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

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

2012: 6-2

2013: 6-0

2014: 4-1

2015: 3-1

2016: 6-3

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

2018: 9-1

TEAM NOTES

SAINTS BY THE NUMBERS

0 – Number of turnovers by Saints in 2009 postseason, when they went 3-0 and captured Super Bowl XLIV.

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

7 – Division Championships

370 – Franchise wins (regular season and postseason)

10 – Pro Football Hall of Famers

10 – Number of postseason appearances, including 2018.

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

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

52 – The club is in its 52nd season of play.

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

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

125 – Games won by Head Coach Sean Payton (regular season and postseason), ranked first in club history and tied for 32nd in NFL record books with Jim Mora.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

810 – Career tackles by linebacker Demario Davis.

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

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

44 – Seasons at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

FIRST ROUND FOCUS

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

SAINTS FIRST ROUND PLAYERS

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

TURNOVER RATIO LEADER

In 2018, the Saints were ranked seventh in the NFL in takeaway/giveaway ratio at +8.

2018 NFL TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL LEADERS

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

OFFENSIVE NOTES

DOMINATING OFFENSE

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

NFL TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS SINCE 2006

(NET YARDS PER GAME)

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

YARDAGE RAMPAGE

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

TOP 5 SAINTS TOTAL NET YARDAGE GAMES

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

RUN GAME PRODUCTIVITY

After ranking fifth in the National Football League in rushing in 2017, the Saints rank among the run game leaders in 2018 at sixth.

2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RUSHING YARDS PER GAME LEADERS

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

KEEPING DRIVES GOING

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

THIRD DOWN CONVERSION LEADERS SINCE 2006

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

FIRST DOWNS

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

NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS SINCE 2006

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

NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS IN 2018

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

THROUGH THE AIR

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

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE NET PASSING YARDS PER GAME SINCE 2006

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

OFFENSIVE NOTES

YARDS AFTER THE CATCH

Since 2006, the Saints rank first in the NFL in yards after the catch (29,865).

YARDS AFTER THE CATCH SINCE 2006

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

FOUR DOWN TERRITORY

Since 2006, the Saints are ranked second in the National Football League in fourth down conversion rate, converting 120-of-209 attempts (57.4 Pct.). In 2017, New Orleans converted 12-of-15 third down attempts (80.0%), best in the NFL and finished ranked second in 2018 converting 13-of-16 (81.3%)

FOURTH DOWN CONVERSION RATE SINCE 2006

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

FOURTH DOWN CONVERSION RATE IN 2018

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

THE TRIPLETS

RBs Mark Ingram II (1,540), Alvin Kamara (1,554) and WR Michael Thomas (1,245) were the only NFL trio in 2017 to each be over 1,100 total yards from scrimmage.

SAINTS TRIOS WITH 1,000 YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

1. 4,339 - 2017, Running back Mark Ingram (1,540), running back Alvin Kamara (1,554) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (1,245)

2. 4,071 - 2001, Wide receiver Joe Horn (1,269), wide receiver Willie Jackson (1,046) and running back Ricky Williams (1,756)

3. 3,702 - 2016, Wide receiver Brandin Cooks (1,203), run-

ning back Mark Ingram II (1,362) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (1,137)

4. 3,600 - 2006, Running back Reggie Bush (1,307), WR Marques Colston (1,038) and running back Deuce McAllister (1,255)

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

2017 NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS

	Rush	Rec.	Tot.
1. Le'Veon Bell, Pit.	74	31	105
2. Todd Gurley, LA Rams	66	32	98
3. Melvin Gordon, LAC	58	22	80
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

2018 NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS

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

OFFENSIVE NOTES

HOLDING THE LINE

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

SACKS ALLOWED FROM 2006-PRESENT

Rk. Team	Sacks
1. New Orleans	314
2. Indianapolis	373
3. New York Giants	377

FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED IN 2018

Rk. Team	Sacks
1. Indianapolis	18
2. New Orleans	20
3. New England	21

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

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 54 regular season games for New Orleans and four postseason contests and received his first Pro Bowl and *Associated Press* All-Pro selections in 2018, having opened ten contests.

T/G Jermon Bushrod - A fourth round selection in the 2007 NFL Draft out of Towson, Bushrod developed into a starting left tackle by his third season and opened 62 regular season contests at left tackle. Bushrod returns to serve as a top backup off the bench. He filled in for an injured Bushrod seamlessly in a Nov. 11 win at Cincinnati for three quarters and then opened the next five games.

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 and 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 first

three seasons, Peat has played in 53 games with 48 starts, opening a contest at every position except center. In 2018, Peat continued to progress, opening 12 contests at left guard and one at left tackle.

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

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

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

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

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 guard and center. Blocking for 1,000-yard rushers in each of his three college seasons, Clapp settled in at center in 2017, where he was a first-team All-SEC selection and a Rimington Trophy finalist. Clapp made his first career start at left guard in the regular season finale.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

DEFENSIVE DRAFTS

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

LB Alex Anzalone, Florida (D3b-17) - A 6-3, 241 lb. linebacker, Anzalone showcased plenty of potential at Florida. As a senior in 2016, he started the first eight contests for the Gators until a broken forearm prematurely ended his final campaign in Gainesville. Despite the 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 made an immediate impact as a starter on the outside from day one in 2017 where he recorded 14 tackles, one sack and one pass defended for being placed on Injured Reserve in Week Five. Anzalone played in all 16 regular season games and started seven contests on the inside and the outside in 2018, filling up the stat sheet by posting 61 tackles (45 solo), one interception, two sacks, two passes defended and two forced fumbles.

S Vonn Bell, Ohio State (D2b-16) - Selected in the second round (61st overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft, Bell was a consensus All-American and one of the top rated defensive backs in the NFL Draft. As a senior, the Rossville, Ga. native was a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist after recording 65 tackles and adding two interceptions, one brought back for a touchdown, one fumble recovery and 11 passes defended. Bell has translated that collegiate success to the NFL with ease in his first three seasons, appearing in 48 games with 32 starts and filling up the stat sheet with 262 tackles (176 solo), 6.5 sacks, ten passes defended, five forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. In 2018, he led the Saints secondary with 86 stops.

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

DT Tyeler Davison, Fresno State (D5b-15) - This run-stopping widebody lineman played in 53 career games at

Fresno State from 2011-14 and made 28.5 stops for a loss and 14.5 sacks. After moving into the starting lineup in 2016, in 2018, Davison's played an important role in the middle on a defense ranked second in opponent yards per game and opponent yards per carry, posting 26 stops, two sacks, a pass defended and a forced fumble.

DE Trey Hendrickson, Florida Atlantic (D3c-17) - This 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. In his first season as a pro the rotational pass rusher appeared in 14 regular season games posting 14 tackles (eight solo), two sacks for 15 yards lost, two passes defended and one forced fumble.

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

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

DT Sheldon Rankins, Louisville (D1-16) - Selected 12th overall in the first round of the 2016 NFL Draft, the Georgia native played in 46 games along the line at Louisville from 2012-15, producing 133 total tackles (72 solo), 31.5 tackles for loss and 18 sacks. On Nov. 12, 2017, Rankins recorded his first career interception. In the week 15 win vs. Atlanta, he closed out the contest with a sack. Rankins added his first career postseason takedown. In 2018, Rankins is ranked second on the Saints with eight sacks, posting 42 stops and a forced fumble. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

DEFENSIVE NOTES

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S Marcus Williams, Utah (D2-17) - A three-year starter at Utah, Williams was twice named All-Pac 12 and earned second-team All-American as a junior before declaring for the NFL Draft. In 2016, he tied for second in the conference with five interceptions, despite missing two games due to injury. The defender boasts a dangerous mix of speed, fluidity, and instinct that allows him to read offenses and make breaks on the ball. His athleticism showed in his rookie season in 2017 as he made 70 tackles, four interceptions and six passes defended in 15 regular season games, adding ten more stops (seven solo) and another pick in two postseason contests. In 2018, he posted 55 tackles (45 solo), two interceptions for 100 yards, three passes defended, a forced fumble/fumble recovery and two special teams stops.

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

RUSH DEFENSE

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

FEWEST RUSHES OF 10+ YARDS SURRENDERED

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

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

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OPPONENT RUSHING YARDS PER CARRY LEADERS IN 2018

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

In total rush defense, the Saints have gave up only 80.2 net yards per game in 2018, ranked second in the NFL after giving up 129.4 per game in 2017.

OPPONENT RUSHING YARDS PER GAME LEADERS IN 2018

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

STOPPING THE RUN

The Saints have produced their most impressive run-stopping effort in several seasons. Until Nov. 11, the club had not surrendered 100 rushing yards to an opponent since the season opener vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 10. The Saints had not held an opponent to under this marking point for seven consecutive games since the 2007 season. Below are the longest streaks in franchise history that the defense has gone without surrendering 100 yards. New Orleans has not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 21 straight games, surpassing the prior franchise record set in the final 13 games of the 2016 season and the longest current running streak in the NFL.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SURRENDERING 100 YARDS RUSHING

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

DEFENSIVE NOTES

SACK ATTACK

After finishing tied for seventh in the NFL with 42 sacks in 2017, the Saints finished the regular season tied for fifth with 49 in 2018, tied with the 2013 team for the most by a team with Sean Payton as head coach and tied for tenth in club record books.

SACKS BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2018

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

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

JUST KICKING IT

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

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

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

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2018 FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS

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

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS MADE IN TEAM HISTORY

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

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON GAMES WITH A FIELD GOAL IN NFL HISTORY

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

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 ten seasons, he has a gross average of 46.9 on 570 punts with a 41.4 net and 199 punts inside the 20-yard line, while also booming 259 kickoffs in the end zone for touchbacks. Morstead is tied for 11th on the club's all-time games played list with 158 regular season appearances and his consistency carried over to the 2018 regular season, where he averaged a 46.4 gross punting average, a career-high and league-best 43.2 net punting average, with 15 dropped inside-the-20-yard line.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

HIGHEST CAREER NET PUNTING AVERAGE IN 2018

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

HIGHEST CAREER NET PUNTING AVERAGE IN NFL HISTORY

(Min. 250 punts, recorded since 1976)

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

SWISS ARMY KNIFE

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

COVERAGE/BLOCK UNITS

New Orleans' coverage units have been led the past two seasons by Hill, safety **Chris Banjo** and defensive back **Justin Hardee**. Hardee led the team with nine stops and a blocked punt recovered for a touchdown as a rookie in 2017 and Banjo finished with eight tackles and a forced fumble. In 2018, Hardee led the team in the regular season with a career-high ten stops, with Hill is ranked second with six stops apiece. Defensive end **Alex Okafor** also made a game-changing play at Atlanta, Sept. 23, when his third quarter blocked punt that was recovered by linebacker **Craig Robertson** at the Falcons 16-yard line, set up a subsequent New Orleans touchdown. Robertson also made a big play in the November 4 win over Los Angeles

when he stopped rams holder Johnny Hecker short of the first down marker on a fake field goal attempt. He did the same December 23 vs. Pittsburgh in a crucial fourth quarter situation to snuff out a fake punt attempt. New Orleans' punt coverage unit finished the regular season ranked third in the National Football League, surrendering only 5.0 yards per return. The 60 punt return yards given up by the coverage units were the lowest in club record books, the lowest total in the NFL in 2018 and the fifth-lowest total since the 16-game schedule started in 1978.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PUNT COVERAGE LEADERS IN 2018

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

FEWEST OPPONENT PUNT RETURN YARDS IN AS SINGLE-SEASON SINCE 1978

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

* Strike season, only nine games played

QUARTERBACKS

DREW BREES

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

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

QUARTERBACKS

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

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

- Brees has posted a 125-78 regular season mark in games he has started since signing with the Saints in 2006. In Week 15 of the 2016 season, Brees earned his 100th regular season victory in a Saints uniform. Including his seven playoff victories, his 132 total wins as a member of the Saints make him the winningest quarterback in team history and the NFL's second-winningest signal-caller since 2006.

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

- The Saints have been led six times in the postseason with their seventh starting on Sunday vs. Philadelphia behind Brees, who in the playoffs, has started all 13 games he has appeared in, 12 as a member of the Saints. He's completed 354-of-537 passes (65.9 pct.) for 4,209 yards, 29 TD passes, nine interceptions and a 101.6 rating, while posting a 7-6 mark, 7-5 as the starting signal-caller for the Saints since 2006.

BY THE NUMBERS

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

5 – NFL-record number of seasons (2008, 2011-13, 2016) that Brees has thrown for over 5,000 yards.

6 – NFL-record number of regular season contests where Brees has thrown five touchdowns and zero interceptions.

7 – League-record number of times Brees has led the league in passing, including in 2016 (5,208). Also the career-high and NFL-record tying number of touchdown passes he threw against the New York Giants on Nov. 1, 2015

8 – NFL-record number of times Brees reached the 350-yard passing mark in 2011. He's reached it four times in 2018, including 363 yards vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 18.

9 – NFL-record stretch of consecutive games with at least 300 yards passing, which he's accomplished twice. Brees' nine-game winning streak (11/24/08-9/30/13) as a starter on Monday Night Football is tied for second all-time. In the postseason, Brees' passing yardage (3,915) and completions (329) numbers both rank ninth in NFL record books.

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

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

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

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

BY THE NUMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

81 – Players who have caught a pass from Brees in the regular season, including himself off of deflections.

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

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

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

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

125 – Club-record regular season wins as a starter since signing with the club in 2006, making him the second-winningest signal-caller in the NFL and most in the NFC over that period. Including the playoffs, Brees has compiled a 132-85 record as the Saints' starter.

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

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

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

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

BY THE NUMBERS

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

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

363 – The highest passing yardage total that Brees has thrown for against this week's opponent, Philadelphia, in New Orleans' Nov. 18 48-7 win at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

440 – Touchdown passes as a Saint, ranked first in club records and in the National Football during this time period. With 520 career touchdown passes, he's ranked second all-time behind Manning, having surpassed Brett Favre for second with a second quarter 17-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Michael Thomas in the November 11 win at Cincinnati.

5,461 – Completions since signing with the Saints in 2006, the National Football League's highest total over this 13-season period, including 27 in Sunday's victory over Pittsburgh.

6,586 – Career completions total, ranked first in the NFL. Brees set the record on September 23 at Atlanta with a 17-yard completion to wide receiver Michael Thomas.

62,089 – In the Nov. 18 win vs. Philadelphia, Brees eclipsed 61,000 passing yards in his Saints career and now has 62,089.

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

WINNING QB

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

WINS BY STARTING QUARTERBACKS SINCE 2006

(REGULAR SEASON)

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

Since 2006, Brees has engineered 39 regular season drives in the fourth quarter or overtime for a touchdown or a field goal to lead the Saints to victory from a deficit or tie, first in the NFL since 2006. Brees had his 39th fourth quarter/OT game-winning drive on Sunday at Pittsburgh in a ten-play, 46-yard drive in the fourth quarter that ended with a two-yard touchdown pass to WR Michael Thomas.

GAME-WINNING DRIVES SINCE 2006

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

RATING SUCCESS

With 109 regular season contests (min. 10 attempts) with a passer rating of at least 100 since 2006, Brees is first in the NFL over this period. The Saints have an 86-23 (.789) mark in these games where he's reached the century mark. In the 2018 regular season, Brees posted a 100 passer rating in ten of 15 games.

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

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

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

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

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

RATING SUCCESS

With a 97.7 career passer rating, Drew Brees has the third-best rating of all-time in NFL record books. His 100.7 postseason passer rating is ranked fifth.

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

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

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

TOP THREE NFL PASSER RATINGS IN 2018

Rating	Quarterback
115.7	Drew Brees
113.8	Patrick Mahomes
110.9	Russell Wilson

PINPOINT PASSER

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

ALL-TIME COMPLETION PERCENTAGE LEADERS

(min. 1,500 atts.)

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

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

SINGLE-SEASON COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

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

2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMPLETION PERCENTAGE LEADERS

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

COMPLETIONS LEADER

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

NFL CAREER COMPLETIONS LEADERS

Completions	Quarterback
6,586	Drew Brees
6,300	Brett Favre
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 SEASON IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY

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

YARDAGE LEADER

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

ALL-TIME NFL PASSING YARDAGE TOTALS

(REGULAR SEASON)

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

YARDAGE LEADER

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

PASSING YARDS IN A NFL SEASON

Rk. Quarterback	Year	Yards
1. Peyton Manning, Den.	2013	5,477
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. Patrick Mahones, KC	2018	5,097
8. Dan Marino, Mia.	1984	5,084
9. Drew Brees, NO	2008	5,069
10. 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 NFL PASSING YARDAGE TITLE LEADERS

Seasons	Quarterback
7	Drew Brees
5	Sonny Jurgensen
5	Dan Marino

74,437 BY THE NUMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

team in the fewest contests in NFL history.

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

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

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

12 STRAIGHT OF 4,000

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

FIVE OR MORE CONSECUTIVE 4,000-YARD PASSING SEASONS

Rk. QB	No.	Years
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

16 OF 400

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

CAREER GAMES WITH 400-PLUS YARDS PASSING

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

15 3,000 YARD SEASONS

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

MOST 3,000 YARD PASSING SEASONS

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

PRO BOWL LEADER

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

SAINTS ALL-TIME PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

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

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE QUARTERBACK PRO BOWL SELECTIONS SINCE 2006

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

TOP OF THE CHARTS

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

**TOP TEN SAINTS PASSING YARDAGE DAYS
(Regular Season and Postseason)**

Yds.	Quarterback	Att.	Cmp.	Opp.	Date
510	Drew Brees	52	30	vs. Cin.	11/19/06
	Drew Brees	50	39	vs. NYG	11/1/15
466	Drew Brees	43	33	vs. Det.*	1/7/12
465	Drew Brees	49	34	vs. Car	10/16/16

Yds.	Quarterback	Att.	Cmp.	Opp.	Date
462	Drew Brees	63	40	@ SF&	1/14/12
446	Drew Brees	53	37	@ Dal.	12/23/12
446	Drew Brees	54	35	@ GB	9/30/12
445	Drew Brees	49	35	vs. Jax.	11/4/07
441	Aaron Brooks	48	30	vs. Den.	12/3/00
439	Drew Brees	45	37	vs. TB	9/9/18

* NFC Wild Card Playoff

& NFC Divisional Playoff

54 STRAIGHT WITH A TD

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TD PASS

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

MULTIPLE TD GAMES

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

MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TD PASSES ALL-TIME

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

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

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TD PASSES SINCE 2006

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

FIVE TD GAMES

Brees' 10 five-touchdown pass games is first in the National Football League.

REGULAR SEASON GAMES IN NFL HISTORY WITH FIVE-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES

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

4+ TD GAMES

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

GAMES WITH FOUR-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES

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

11 STRAIGHT OF 25

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

TEN OR MORE STRAIGHT 25 TOUCHDOWN PASS SEASONS

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

13 OF 25 OR MORE

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

MOST SEASONS WITH 25 OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES

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

30 TD SEASONS

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

FIVE OR MORE STRAIGHT 30 TOUCHDOWN PASS SEASONS

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

MOST SEASONS WITH 30 OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES

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

115 OF 300

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

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

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

61 OF 350

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

350 YARD PASSING GAMES ALL-TIME

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

TOUCHDOWN LEADER

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

ALL-TIME NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSING TD TOTALS

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

TOUCHDOWN TARGETS

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

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
5t. Michael Thomas (2016-)	23
5t. Antonio Gates (2003-05)	23
7. Brandin Cooks (2014-2016)	20
8. Devery Henderson (2006-12)	17
9. Darren Sproles (2011-13)	16
10t. Reggie Bush (2006-10)	12
10t. Pierre Thomas (2007-14)	12
10t. Benjamin Watson (2013-15, 18-)	12

Brees' 29 career touchdown passes in the postseason have gone to 17 different players, 15 of them Saints teammates, four currently on the 53-man roster. Ahead is a list of the postseason recipients of multiple touchdowns by Brees:

DREW BREES' POSTSEASON MULTIPLE TD PASS TARGETS**(POSTSEASON)**

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

RUNNING BACKS**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 2017 NFL Draft out of the University of Tennessee, Kamara enjoyed an outstanding rookie campaign. He ranked first on the club and sixth in the NFL in total yards from scrimmage (1,554), second on the team in rushing and receiving, carrying 120 times for 728 yards (6.1 avg.) with eight TDs and a two-point conversion, catching 81 passes for 826 yards (10.2 avg.) with five TDs and a kickoff return for a TD for a club rookie record 14 total scores, tied for second in the NFL with teammate Mark Ingram. Kamara finished the regular season ranked first in the NFL in yards per carry.

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

FAMOUS COMPANY

With eight rushing touchdowns and five receiving touchdowns as a rookie in 2017, running back Alvin Kamara was one of only four rookies in National Football League 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 a return touchdown.

ALVIN TIME

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

MOST RECEPTIONS BY RB-NFL (2017)

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

In 2018, Kamara's 81 receptions in 15 games played in after sitting out the regular season finale were ranked fourth in the NFL among runners.

MOST RECEPTIONS BY RB-NFL (2018)

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

Kamara 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 was 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

Kamara's 1,554 total yards from scrimmage ranked sixth in the NFL, second among rookies and was the second-highest all-time total by a Saints rookie.

SAINTS ROOKIE 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

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

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

2017 NFL 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

2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

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

ALVIN TIME**SAINTS SINGLE SEASON TOUCHDOWN LEADERS**

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

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

2018 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

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

SAINTS SINGLE SEASON RUSHING TD LEADERS

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

In 2018, he carried 194 times for a club-best 883 yards (4.6 avg.) with a franchise-record 14 touchdowns and caught 81 passes for 709 yards and four TDs to tie for the club record with 18 scores, Kamara finished the regular season ranked seven in the NFL in total yards from scrimmage (1,592).

2018 TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE LEADERS

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

ROUSING START

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

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS SINGLE-GAME TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

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

BACK TO BACK

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

CONSECUTIVE 180-TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE GAMES BY A SAINT

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

MARK INGRAM II

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

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

• In the postseason, Ingram has carried 47 times for 193 yards (4.1 avg.) with one touchdown, needing 23 yards to become the franchise's all-time leading runner in the playoffs. He actually did a the bulk of his postseason damage against Sunday's opponent, Philadelphia. On January 4, 2014, in the NFC Wild Card Playoff, Ingram carried 18 times for 97 yards with one touchdown to help New Orleans to the franchise's first road playoff victory.

INGRAM'S BIG DAYS

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

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

games since 2003 with 27 carries for 120 yards.

- **November 30, 2014 at Pittsburgh** - Rushed 23 times for 122 yards (5.3 avg.) with a season-long 31-yard carry.
- **October 25, 2015 at Indianapolis** - Carried 14 times for 143 yards (10.2 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **November 6, 2016 at San Francisco** - Carried 15 times for 158 yards (10.5 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **November 27, 2016 vs. Los Angeles Rams** - Carried 14 times for 146 yards (10.4 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **January 1, 2017 at Atlanta** - Carried 20 times for 103 yards (5.2 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **October 15, 2017 vs. Detroit** - Carried 25 times for 114 yards (4.6 avg.) with two touchdowns.
- **October 22, 2017 at Green Bay** - Carried 22 times for 105 yards (4.8 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **November 19, 2017 vs. Washington** - Carried 11 times for 105 yards (12.2 avg.) with one touchdown.
- **November 11, 2018 at Cincinnati** - Carried 13 times for 104 yards.
- **November 18, 2018 vs. Philadelphia** - Carried 16 times for 103 yards (6.4 avg.) with one touchdown, including a season-long 38-yard rush on New Orleans' first play from scrimmage.

RUSHING LEADER

New Orleans Saints running back Mark Ingram II finished the 2018 regular season ranked second on the club's all-time rushing yardage list, 89 yards short of being the club's all-time leader.

ALL-TIME NEW ORLEANS SAINTS RUSHING YARDS LIST

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

RUSHING LEADER

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

ALL-TIME SAINTS RUSHING AVG. LEADERS

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

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

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RUSHING AVERAGE LEADERS SINCE 2015

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

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

SAINTS ALL-TIME RUSHING FIRST DOWNS LEADERS

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

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

SAINTS TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE LEADERS

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

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

2017 NFL RUSHING LEADERS

Player	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
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

2017 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

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

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

SAINTS ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

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

DOUBLE TROUBLE

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

2017 NFL YARDS PER CARRY LEADERS

Player, Team	Att.	Yards	YPC.
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

DOUBLE TROUBLE

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

2017 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 3,094 combined total yards from scrimmage gave them the second-most prolific combined total for a running back duo (min. 1,200 yards per back), since the 16-game era began in 1978.

TOP 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 the NFL in touchdowns (Kamara-14 and Ingram-12).

2017 NFL 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

WIDE RECEIVERS**MICHAEL THOMAS**

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

2017 NFL RECEIVING LEADERS

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

RECORD-BREAKING 2018

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

SAINTS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING LEADERS

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

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

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING YARDAGE TOTALS

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

RECEIVING LEADER

Thomas finished the regular season with a league-high 125 receptions for 1,405 yards and nine touchdowns, leading the club in all three major receiving categories, breaking his own club record for receptions and setting the team record for receiving yards. The receptions total was the fifth-biggest total in NFL history

2018 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECEIVING LEADERS

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

TOP FIVE ALL-TIME NFL SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING TOTALS

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

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

RECEPTIONS THROUGH FIRST THREE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASONS

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

TRE'QUAN SMITH

• A talented rookie wideout, who was selected by New Orleans in the third round of the draft out of Central Florida, the 6-1, 210-pounder emerged as one of the Knights' top weapons from 2015-17 and was a key figure in the emergence of their program. During that period, he caught 168 passes for 2,748 yards (16.4 avg.) with 22 touchdowns. In his final campaign for the 13-0 Knights in 2017, Smith ap-

peared in and started all 13 games and hauled in 54 receptions for 1,082 yards (19.9 avg.) and 13 touchdowns, his first 1,000-yard receiving season. Working his way into the club's wideout rotation, Smith has posted 28 receptions for 427 yards with five touchdowns following a November 18 breakout performance vs. Philadelphia with ten grabs for 157 yards and one touchdown. His receiving grab total ranked second on the club.

TED GINN JR.

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

• In the 2018 regular season, Ginn posted 17 receptions for 209 yards and two touchdowns, also rushing three times for 26 yards. Spending the bulk of the season on Injured Reserve, Ginn returned to the lineup on December 23 vs. Pittsburgh and had five grabs for 74 yards. He saved his best for last though with a fourth quarter third down 25-yard grab on New Orleans' game-winning drive.

KEITH KIRKWOOD

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

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, Watson again leads the team at the position at age 38. The former University of Georgia standout and 15-year NFL veteran who originally entered the league as a first round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 2004 (32nd overall) has career totals of 530 receptions for 5,885 yards (11.1 avg.) with 46 touchdowns in 195 games with 136 starts.

- Watson played in all 16 games with four starts in the 2018 regular season and led the club's tight ends with 35 receptions for 400 yards (11.4 avg.) with two touchdowns to rank third on the club in receiving. He brings valuable postseason experience to the table for New Orleans having played in 11 games with nine starts for the Patriots and New Orleans, totaling 21 receptions for 222 yards (10.6 avg.) and three touchdowns.

CLIMBING THE CHARTS

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

RECEPTIONS BY TIGHT ENDS, NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY

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

DEFENSIVE ENDS

CAMERON JORDAN

- New Orleans' first choice in the 2011 NFL Draft (24th overall) out of California, Jordan is enjoying another standout season in 2018, recording 48 tackles (37 solo), a team-leading 12 sacks, six passes defensed, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery as he was selected to his fourth Pro Bowl and a second-team AP All-Pro selection. With 71.5 sacks in eight seasons, Jordan's fourth on the Saints

career sack list. Jordan's also proven to be one of the NFL's best run defenders, as well as being known for generating pressure on quarterbacks that doesn't always show up on the stat sheet, with him playing a lead role in a run defense ranked second in the NFL in opponent rushing yards per game and in opponent yards per rush.

CLIMBING THE CHARTS

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

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

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

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

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL SINCE OCTOBER 26, 2014

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

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

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL SINCE 2017

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

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

MOST SACKS IN THE NFC IN 2018

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

Jordan has posted 71.5 career sacks and over the past eight seasons is only the second player, joining J.J. Watt to have 70 takedowns and 35 passes defended. During this time, the Saints own a 34-15 regular season record when he corrals a signal-caller, and a 15-2 mark in a multi-sack performance in the regular season. He also leads the club in the postseason with an additional 3.5 takedowns.

CAMERON JORDAN'S MULTIPLE SACK GAMES

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

DURABLE DEFENDER

With 128 consecutive regular season games played and 113 consecutive starts in having never missed a contest in his eight-year NFL career, Jordan's one of the league's most durable defensive ends. He has also played in all six of New Orleans' postseason games with five starts that have taken place during his tenure.

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

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

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

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON GAMES STARTED BY SAINTS PLAYERS

Rk.	Saint	Dates	No.
1.	Wayne Martin	(9/19/91-1/2/99)	144
2.	Jahri Evans	(9/10/06-9/15/13)	114
3.	Cameron Jordan	(1/2/12-)	113

ALEX OKAFOR

• Selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the fourth round of the 2013 NFL Draft, Okafor joined the Saints in 2017 as an unrestricted free agent, where he has added valuable depth on the defensive line. Okafor has appeared in 67 games with 50 starts in six years, collecting 22 sacks, an interception, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, ten passes defended and a blocked punt. In 2017, he had 37 tackles (26 solo), 4.5 sacks to tie for second behind Jordan, four passes defended and two forced fumbles. Recovered from an Achilles injury suffered in Week 11, Okafor re-signed in the offseason opened the 2018 season opener as a productive counterpart opposite Jordan and has posted 35 tackles (25 solo), four sacks, one pass defended, one fumble recovery and one blocked punt in starting all 16 contests for the 13-3 Saints.

MARCUS DAVENPORT

- Trading up to the 14th spot in the 2018 NFL Draft, the Saints addressed the line and the pass rush with this gifted pass rusher, only the second draft choice ever from Texas-San Antonio. During four college seasons, Davenport notched totals of 186 tackles (97 solo), 22 sacks, 38 tackles for loss, six forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one returned for a touchdown and eight passes defended, finishing his career as the school's all-time leader for stops for loss, takedowns and quarterback hurries (21). In 13 regular season games, Davenport posted 21 tackles (12 solo), 4.5 sacks, two passes defended and one forced fumble.

DEFENSIVE TACKLES**TYELER DAVISON**

- This former fifth round draft pick has been a vital part of the Saints defensive line since being selected in 2015 (154th overall). The Fresno State product has followed up his first three seasons with an even more productive campaign in 2018, helping the defense tied for fifth in the NFL in sacks and rank second in run defense. In 14 regular season games with 12 starts, he made 26 tackles (eight solo), two sacks, one pass defended and one forced fumble, being a run-stopping force as well as helping shed blockers to create sacks. Overall in four seasons, the disruptive defensive tackle has 113 tackles (58 solo), 3.5 sacks, three pass deflections and three forced fumbles.

SHELDON RANKINS

- The third defensive lineman selected in the 2016 NFL Draft out of Louisville, Sheldon Rankins started all 16 games in 2017 posting 26 tackles (16 solo), two sacks for loss of 13 yards, one interception, one pass defended and one forced fumble. He helped a defensive unit that went from 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 in 2016. In 2018, Rankins had a career-high 42 tackles (26 solo), a forced fumble and a career-best eight sacks to rank second on the club and tied for sixth in the National Football League among defensive tackles, while the Orleans pass rush increased its sack total to 49, tied for fifth in the league.

MOST SACKS BY NFL DEFENSIVE TACKLES IN 2018

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Aaron Donald, LAR	20.5
2.	DeForest Buckner, SF	12
3t.	Jarran Reed, Sea.	10.5
3t.	Fletcher Cox, Phi.	10.5
5.	Geno Atkins, Cin.	10
6t.	Sheldon Rankins, NO	8
6t.	Jonathan Allen, Was.	8
6t.	Cameron Heyward, Pit.	8

DAVID ONYEMATA

- A fourth round selection out of Manitoba in 2016, Onyemata teams with Davison and Rankins to form a solid front in the interior. In 48 games with ten starts, he's posted 113 career tackles, 6.5 sacks, two passes defended and two forced fumbles. In 16 games with four starts in 2018, Onyemata posted 36 tackles, in helping with a run defense ranked second in the NFL, while adding a career-high 4.5 sacks and one forced fumble and one pass defended.

LINEBACKERS

Key free agent acquisitions in both 2017 and 2018 combined with an extra year of growth for younger players have rendered the Saints linebacking corps a hard-hitting squad with a solid mix of both youth and experience.

ALEX ANZALONE

- One of three third round picks in 2017, Anzalone came to the Saints after a solid career at Florida. In his rookie season, Anzalone started four games before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury and posted 16 tackles, a sack and a pass defended. In 16 games with seven starts in 2018, he's posted 61 tackles (45 solo), two sacks, one interception, two passes defended and two forced fumbles.

DEMARIO DAVIS

- This dependable and sure-tackling defender joined the Saints after a breakout 2017, where he started 16 games for the Jets. Davis enjoyed his best season, posting a team-high and career-high 165 tackles (112 solo), a career-best five sacks, tied for second in the inside linebackers, three passes defended and a fumble recovery. For his career, the Brandon, Miss. native has appeared in 112 games with 98 starts for the Jets (2012-15, 2017), Cleveland (2016) and Saints, recording 770 tackles (503 solo), 18.5 sacks, an interception, 21 passes defended, three forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries and 24 special team stops.

- In 2018, Davis opened all 16 regular season contests at the weakside position and led the team with 110 stops (74 solo), five sacks to lead the linebacker corps, four passes defended, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. Davis' abilities to diagnose and tackle have played a key role in New Orleans ranking second in the National Football League in opponent rushing yards per game and opponent rushing yards per play. With eight tackles on December 17 at Carolina, Davis reached the century mark in stops for the fifth time in his career and his first time as a Saint as he looks forward to participating in the postseason for the first time in January.

A.J. KLEIN

- Signed as an unrestricted free agent from Carolina in 2017, where he spent his first four seasons, Klein's played a significant role in the linebacker rotation. Opening 12 games on the strongside in his first season with the club, Klein had 54 tackles (37 solo), two sacks, five passes defended and one forced fumble. In 16 regular contests with 15 starts in 2018, he posted a career-high 71 tackles (44 solo), one interception, two sacks, three passes defended and two fumble recoveries, playing a key role in a run defense ranked second in the NFL in opponent yards per rush and opponent rushing yards per game. Klein will make his Saints postseason debut on Sunday.

CORNERBACKS

MARSHON LATTIMORE

- Selected by the Saints in the first round (11th overall) of the 2017 NFL Draft out of Ohio State, Lattimore captured a starting position in training camp and started all 13 games he appeared in. He totaled 53 tackles (44 solo), a forced fumble, one fumble recovery, five interceptions for 85 yards and 18 passes defended, as he became the youngest Saint (21 years old) ever selected to the Pro Bowl and was selected as the *Associated Press* NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year.

- In 2018, Lattimore opened up all 16 regular season contests and posted 59 tackles (49 solo), two interceptions to tie for the team lead, a team-high 12 passes defended, a club-best four forced fumbles, which is tied for sixth in the National Football League and three fumble recoveries, returned for 91 yards, lead the team in takeaways and tied for second in the NFL in defensive fumble recoveries, the highest total among defensive backs.

MOST DEFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERIES IN 2018

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Allen Bailey, KC	4
2t.	Marshon Lattimore, NO	3
2t.	Matt Milano, Buf.	3
2t.	Jadaveon Clowney, Hou.	3
2t.	Vonn Miller, Den.	3
2t.	Justin Houston, KC	3

OUT OF THE MARSH

Lattimore came through for the defense at the New York Giants (9/30). He made a big play in the second quarter when he picked up a fumble forced by his teammate P.J. Williams and returned it to the New York 11-yard line 37 yards. He finished adding four solo tackles for his effort. Lattimore was also assigned to Giants standout WR Odell Beckham Jr. , who averaged only 8.6 yards per catch.

In the Oct. 28 win at Minnesota, Lattimore picked up a fumble deep in Saints territory and returned it 54 yards to set up a touchdown before halftime that gave New Orleans the lead for good.

In the November 8 win at Philadelphia, Lattimore recorded his first pick of the 2018 season in the first quarter of the 48-7 win.

In a Thanksgiving night win vs. Atlanta, Lattimore stripped Falcons WR Calvin Ridley at the New Orleans three-yard line, saving a touchdown and ensuring the Saints' tenth straight victory.

Lattimore recorded a fumble recovery on November 29 at Dallas, snuffing out a potential Cowboys scoring drive.

In The December 9 win at Tampa Bay, Lattimore closed out the win on the next to last play of the game by picking off Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston in the end zone.

ELI APPLE

- The tenth overall pick of the New York Giants in the 2016 NFL Draft out of Ohio State and a former teammate in the Buckeyes defensive backfield with Lattimore and Vonn Bell, since being acquired by New Orleans, Bell has made a positive impact in the Saints secondary. In the ten games Apple's started, the Black and Gold have surrendered 20 or fewer points seven times with six consecutive contests of giving up 17 or fewer points and he's picked up two interceptions, including one in the end zone at the end of the first half of the December 17 win at Carolina and a fumble recovery.

SAFETIES

forced fumble and a fumble recovery on Thanksgiving night vs. Atlanta.

MARCUS WILLIAMS

- After being selected in the second round of the 2017 NFL Draft (42nd overall) out of Utah, this ball-hawking safety had an excellent rookie campaign starting all 15 games he appeared in posting 70 tackles (56 solo), four interceptions and six passes defended. Williams led rookie safeties in interceptions and was second in tackles and passes defended, including two picks in the regular season finale. He also posted his first career postseason interception, which was the only pick made by a rookie in the playoffs. Williams has built on an impressive rookie season as one of the centerpieces of one of the National Football League's youngest defensive backfields, tying for the club lead with two picks in 2018 and with a fumble recovery on Thanksgiving night vs. Atlanta. Overall, he's opened all 16 games and posted 55 tackles, a sack, three passes defended and a forced fumble to go with his takeaways.

KURT COLEMAN

- This smart, versatile veteran safety brings experience and a wealth of knowledge to a young secondary. A seventh round pick (244th overall) of the Eagles in the 2010 NFL Draft out of Ohio State, after spending his first five seasons in Philadelphia and Kansas City, Coleman recorded 11 interceptions over three seasons in Carolina. Overall, he's appeared in 132 regular season games with 83 starts, posting 527 tackles, two sacks, 21 interceptions, two returns for TDs, 29 passes defended, five forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 35 special teams stops. In 2018, he played in all 16 games with nine starts and posted 30 stops (20 solo) and added a key fourth quarter forced fumble in the December 23 win over Pittsburgh.

VONN BELL

- Bell left onlookers impressed with his 2016 rookie campaign. Playing in every game with 14 starts, he totaled 98 tackles (59 solo), second on the team, four passes defended, a sack, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery. Selected in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft (61st overall), Bell was a consensus first-team All-American as a junior at Ohio State. In 2017, he played in all 16 games with ten starts and posted a team-high 78 tackles (57 solo), 4.5 sacks, tied for second on the club and lead defensive backs, two passes defended, two forced fumbles and five special teams stops. He led the Saints with 17 postseason stops and added a key takedown late in the NFC Wild Card Playoff win vs. Carolina. In 2018, he led the secondary with 86 tackles (60 solo), one sack, three passes defended, one

HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT

2006 (1)

FREE AGENTS

QB **Drew Brees** (UFA-SD)

2009 (1)

DRAFT

P **Thomas Morstead** (5)

2011 (2)

DRAFT

DE **Cameron Jordan** (1a)

RB **Mark Ingram** (1b)

2013 (2)

DRAFT:

T **Terron Armstead** (3a)

FREE AGENTS:

TE **Josh Hill** (Rookie FA)

2015 (4)

DRAFT:

T **Andrus Peat** (1a)

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

DT **Tyeler Davison** (5b)

TRADE:

C **Max Unger** (Sea.)

2016 (9)

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)

WR **Tommy Lee Lewis** (Rookie FA)

K **Wil Lutz** (FA)

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

2017 (17)

DRAFT:

CB **Marshon Lattimore** (1a)

T **Ryan Ramczyk** (1b)

S **Marcus Williams** (2)

RB **Alvin Kamara** (3a)

LB **Alex Anzalone** (3b)

DE **Trey Hendrickson** (3c)

FREE AGENTS:

TE **Dan Arnold** (Rookie FA)

DB **Justin Hardee** (FA)

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

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

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

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

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

C **Cameron Tom** (Rookie FA)

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

LS **Zach Wood** (FA)

WAIVERS:

WR **Austin Carr** (NE)

QB **Taysom Hill** (GB)

HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT (CONT.)

2018 (17)

DRAFT:

DE **Marcus Davenport** (1)

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

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

FREE AGENTS:

LB **Vince Biegel** (FA)

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

WR **Simmie Cobbs Jr.** (Rookie FA)

S **Kurt Coleman** (FA)

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

WR **Keith Kirkwood** (Rookie FA)

T **Derek Newton** (FA)

CB **Josh Robinson** (FA)

DL **Taylor Stallworth** (Rookie FA)

RB **Dwayne Washington** (FA)

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

TRADE:

CB **Eli Apple** (NYG)

QB **Teddy Bridgewater** (NYJ)

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25 ELI APPLE CB

HEIGHT: 6-1 WEIGHT: 203

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE

JOINED SAINTS: TR-18 (NYG)

NFL EXPERIENCE: 3

BORN: 8/9/95

NFL CAREER – Apple joins the Saints following a midseason trade from the Giants and is expected to contribute to the team on both defense and on special teams. Since entering the NFL in 2016, Apple has appeared in 30 regular season games with 23 starts recording 120 tackles (102 solo), one interception, 20 passes defensed, one forced fumble and five fumble recoveries, as well as two stops and one fumble recovery on special teams.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Acquired by New Orleans from the New York Giants in exchange for a fourth round draft pick in 2019 and a seventh round draft choice in 2020, 10/23/18; Signed by the Giants to four-year contract, 5/6/10; Selected by the Giants in the first round (tenth overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft.

2018 – Apple started all five games he played in for the Giants, recording 22 tackles (20 solo), five passes defensed and recording a fumble recovery at Atlanta, Oct. 22.

2017 – Played in all 11 games with seven starts for Giants and recorded 49 tackles (41 solo) for the second consecutive season, eight passes defensed and two fumble recoveries...Set a career-high when he tallied nine tackles (seven solo) vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 17. **2016** – Played in all 14 regular season games with 11 starts and opened the NFC Wild Card Contest at Green Bay for the Giants... Started seven games at left cornerback and four as an extra defensive back in the regular season and was an extra defensive back in the postseason game...Finished the regular season with 49 tackles (41 solo), seven passes defensed, one interception, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries on defense, and two tackles and a fumble recovery on special teams...At Los Angeles Rams in London, Oct. 23, forced the first fumble of career and added three tackles...Made his first career interception when he picked off a Ben Roethlisberger pass intended for Eli Rogers with 44 seconds remaining in the third quarter at Pittsburgh, Dec. 4. Also got his first fumble recovery when he fell on a ball that Jonathan Casillas had dislodged from Le'Veon Bell midway through the third quarter. Apple was the first

Giants player with an interception and a fumble recovery in the same game since defensive end Kerry Wynn did it in St. Louis on Dec. 21, 2014. He also had five tackles (four solo)...Posted seven tackles (including a season-high six solo) vs. New Orleans, Sept. 18...Made NFL debut with four solo tackles at Dallas, Sept. 11.

COLLEGE – Played in 28 games with 27 starts at Ohio State (2014-15)...Finished with 86 tackles (56 solo), including 7.5 stops for losses, 22 passes defensed (18 pass breakups and four interceptions)...Named 2nd-team All-Big Ten in 2015 by the league's coaches, and a freshman All-America in 2014 after a season in which he had 53 tackles, and was among the Top 10 in the Big Ten with 13 passes defensed...In 2015, started all 13 games at cornerback and had 33 tackles (23 solo), including two for losses and nine passes defensed (eight breakups and one interception)...In 2014, played in 15 games with 14 starts in Ohio State's national championship season...Finished the season as one of the top 10 tackles on the team with 53, including 5.5 tackles for losses, and had 13 passes defensed (10 breakups, three interceptions)...Recorded first collegiate interception vs. Virginia Tech, and also had picks vs. Maryland and in Collee Football Playoff national championship game vs. Oregon...Intercepted Marcus Mariota's final throw as a collegian; only the 4th interception thrown by the Heisman Trophy winner all season...Majored in sports industry.

PERSONAL – Attended Eastern (Voorhees, N.J.) HS...As a senior, played both sides of the ball...Playing cornerback, had 45 tackles, two interceptions and 17 pass deflections. Also forced three fumbles and blocked a kick...Doubled as wide receiver, and had 39 receptions for 770 yards and four TDs...Represented New York Police Department during the NFL's "My Cause My Cleats" Week 13 initiative in 2017...Served as a Play 60 Ambassador adopting Garfield Middle School in Garfield, N.J., motivating the students every week for a month to get active and play outside... Partnered with Americares and travelled to Puerto Rico on a 3-day trip to deliver aid and medical supplies to areas affected.

59 VINCE BIEGEL LB

HEIGHT: 6-3

WEIGHT: 246

COLLEGE: WISCONSIN

JOINED SAINTS: FA-18

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2018 – Promoted to the Saints active roster prior to the week three contest at Atlanta after spending the offseason and preseason with the Packers. **2017** – Missed the first seven contest of the season on the Physically Unable to Perform list. Appeared in nine games for the Packers in 2017, recording 10 tackles (three solo), one tackle for loss and tied for second on team with six special teams tackles.

COLLEGE – Matched Wisconsin's school record by playing in 54 games, including 40 starts and ranked No. 7 all-time in school records with 21.5 sacks and ranked No. 10 with 39.5 tackles for loss...Also recorded 191 tackles (117 solo), five passes defensed, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries...Named second team All-Big Ten (coaches) and third-team All-Big Ten (media) after starting all 12 games he played in as senior...Graduated with bachelor's degree in life sciences communication. Dec., 2016 and was a four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection.

PERSONAL –As a senior was named All-America by US Army, *USA Today* and *Parade* while also being honored as the Gatorade Wisconsin Player of the Year... Lettered in football (four years), hockey (two years) and track and field (four years) at Lincoln (Wi.) HS...Top ranked player in Wisconsin by ESPN and Rivals after finishing career with 425 tackles, 27 sacks, 10 interceptions, 10 forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries and four defensive touchdowns...Given name Vincent James Biegel...Born in Marshfield, Wis...Father, Rocky, played LB at BYU from 1988-92 and wrestled in 1992...Father was also a two-time state-champion wrestler for Wisconsin Rapids, going undefeated as a senior (winning every match by fall)...Uncle, T.D. Biegel, played FB at BYU from 1989-93, and grandfather, Ken Biegel, played LB and G at UW-Eau Claire before becoming a decorated high school coach enshrined in the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and Wisconsin Football Coaches Association halls of fame...Brother, Hayden, played for Wisconsin from 2013-15...Family owns and operates a cranberry marsh, which he worked in...Interned with Merrill Lynch during summers of 2015 and 2016...Has volunteered at children's hospitals and for Special Olympics...Residence: Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

5 TEDDY BRIDGEWATER QB

HEIGHT: 6-2

WEIGHT: 215

COLLEGE: LOUISVILLE

NFL EXPERIENCE: 5

JOINED SAINTS: TR-18 (NYJ)

BORN: 11/10/92

NFL CAREER – Originally drafted by the Vikings in the first round of the 2014 NFL Draft (32nd overall) out of Louisville, Bridgewater brings starting experience to the Saints quarterback room in a trade with the New York Jets, who signed him in the offseason. The Miami native returned to the field in Week 15 last season after missing the previous 30 regular season games with an injury suffered in practice during the 2016 preseason. He has posted career numbers of 6,150 yards passing, 28 touchdowns and 22 interceptions, while completing 64.7% of his passes for an 86.3 passer rating in 30 career games (28 starts). Bridgewater has added four touchdowns on the ground and three total two-point conversions (one rushing, two passing).

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Acquired by Saints from Jets, 8/29/18; Signed by Jets (UFA-MIN), 3/18/18; Activated from Reserve/PUP by Vikings, 11/8/17; Placed on Reserve/PUP by Vikings, 9/2/17; Placed on Injured Reserve by Vikings, 9/1/16; Signed four-year contract with Vikings, 5/20/14; Selected by the Vikings in the first round (32nd overall) of the 2014 NFL Draft.

HONORS – 2016: Ed Block Courage Award Winner (Minnesota team winner); **2015:** Pro Bowl **2014:** Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Year; *PFWA* All-Rookie Team; Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week (Weeks 4 and 13).

2018 -.Completed 28-of-38 passes (73.7%) for 316 yards with two touchdown throws, one interception and a 104.7 passer rating in the preseason for the Jets, prior to being acquired by the Saints. **2017**-. Returned to the field, Dec. 15 vs. Cincinnati for the first time since the 2015 postseason, throwing two passes over the final three drives in his final season with Vikings...Spent the first ten weeks on the Reserve/PUP list and did not play in six of the final seven weeks...Declared inactive for both postseason contests. **2016** - Received the Ed Block Courage Award in a voted by his teammates after missing the entire season due to a knee injury suffered in practice leading into the preseason finale. **2015** - Selected to the Pro Bowl after a season that saw him start all 16 regular season games, going 11-5 and capturing a division title...Finished the season 9-3, including a three-game winning streak at the end of the season...

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2014 - Earned Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Year and named PFWA All-Rookie after starting 12 games...Four of his six wins were fourth-quarter comebacks...Completed 259-of-402 passes for 2,919 yards, 14 TDs, 12 interceptions and an 85.2 rating...Added 209 yards and a rushing TD...Led all qualified rookies in completion percentage and rating, completing 72.1% of his passes for a 103.0 rating over the final five weeks...Dec. 21 at Miami, posted a rating of 114.1, his third of 100+ on the season after completing 73.1% of his passes for 259 yards and two TDs...Dec. 14 at Detroit, threw for 300 yards for the second consecutive week after completing 31-of-41 passes (75.6%), as the completions and completion percentage were season-highs...Dec. 7, vs. Jets, ended the game with an 87-yard TD pass to Jarius Wright after a Jets punt pinned him inside his 10-yard line...Finished with 309 yards passing, his second 300+ yard performance of the season. Nov. 30 vs. Carolina, named Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week after matching his season high of two TD passes...Nov. 23 vs. Green Bay, established single-season high with two TD passes...Nov. 2 vs. Washington, engineered a fourth-quarter comeback for the second-consecutive week as he completed six-of-nine passes for 69 yards in twice putting the team ahead in the fourth quarter...Oct. 26 at Tampa Bay, earned first career road win after orchestrating a nine-play, 61-yard drive over the final 2:02 to set up a 38-yard field goal to force overtime...Oct. 19 at Buffalo, connected with Cordarrelle Patterson on a four-yard TD pass, the first of his career...Sept. 28 vs. Atlanta, earned Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week in his first career start after outscoring opponent 14-0 in the fourth quarter. Threw for season-high 317 yards, the most by a MIN rookie in their first start. Scored the first touchdown of his career, a second quarter 13-yard rushing TD and connected with Rhett Ellison for a two-point conversion...Sept. 21 at New Orleans, Made NFL debut after entering game in second quarter for an injured Matt Cassel. Completed 12-of-20 passes for 150 yards.

COLLEGE – Won back-to-back Big East Conference titles (2011-2012) and led Louisville to three bowl appearances, winning two - the Sugar Bowl over fourth-ranked Florida to cap the 2012 season and the Russell Athletic Bowl over Miami in 2013, his last college game...In his last two seasons, guided Cardinals to a 23-3 record...In only three seasons, left the school tied for the team record with 27 wins (27-9 as starter)...Set school record with a 68.4% completion percentage and threw only 24 interceptions in 1,142 attempts...In final season (2013), named second-team All-

AAC, 2012 Big East Offensive Player of the Year as team won second straight Big East title...Named 2013 Sugar Bowl MVP win over #4-ranked Florida, 33-23...Earned bachelor's degree in sports administration Dec. 2013.

PERSONAL – Three-year starter at QB for Northwestern (Miami, Fla.) HS...The second-ranked dual-threat quarterback in the country by Rivals.com as senior...Selected to US Army All-American Bowl...Guided team to Class 6A state semi as a senior...Set Dade County record with seven TD passes in a game vs. Hialeah-Miami Lakes...Mother, Rose Murphy, is a breast cancer survivor...Served as the Grand Marshall of the 2015 Kentucky Derby and gave the "Riders Up" command at the start of the race...Honored as a Distinguished Alumni by Louisville in 2015...Enjoys photography as a hobby.

15 SIMMIE COBBS JR. WR

HEIGHT: 6-3 WEIGHT: 220

COLLEGE: INDIANA

JOINED SAINTS: FA-18

NFL EXPERIENCE: R

BORN: 8/25/95

NFL CAREER – Cobbs is a rookie who spent the first 14 weeks of the 2018 season on the Redskins practice squad before joining the Saints for the stretch run...Played collegiately at Indiana, appearing in 38 contests from 2014-17...Gained 1,990 yards and scored 12 receiving TDs on 139 career receptions... Was a first-team All-Big Ten selection as a redshirt junior in 2017 and was IU's Offensive Player of the Year. Led his team in receptions (72), receiving yards (841) and receiving TDs (eight), ranking second, fourth and tied for sixth in the conference in those categories, respectively... Received a medical redshirt in 2016... Caught team-leading 60 passes for 1,035 yards and four TDs as sophomore in 2015. Named All-Big Ten honorable mention after becoming only the sixth player in school history to eclipse 1,000 receiving yards in a season...Majored in liberal studies.

PERSONAL – Attended Oak Park and River Forest H.S. in Oak Park, Ill., where he was a 2013 all-state selection... Named the team's all-purpose most valuable player... Was a threeyear letter-winner in football in addition to competing on the school's basketball team...Born Aug. 25, 1995.

PLAYER BIOS NOT IN MEDIA GUIDE**77 DEREK NEWTON T****HEIGHT: 6-6 WEIGHT: 315****COLLEGE: ARKANSAS STATE****NFL EXPERIENCE: 7****JOINED SAINTS: FA-18****BORN: 11/16/87**

NFL CAREER – Originally drafted by the Houston Texans in the seventh round of the 2011 NFL Draft (214th overall), Derek Newton joined the Saints active roster near the end of the 2018 regular season. The seven-year veteran has shown the versatility to play both guard and tackle on the offensive line. After appearing in 82 games and starting 68 for Houston, Newton comes to New Orleans after battling a career threatening injury and looks to add depth and versatility to one of the leagues strongest units.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Re-signed by the Saints, 12/27/2018; Waived by New Orleans, 12/20/18; Signed by Saints, 12/11/18; Released by Houston, 4/12/18; Activated from Reserve/PUP by Houston, 2/5/18; Placed on Reserve/PUP by Houston, 5/12/17; Placed on Injured Reserve by Houston, 10/26/16; Re-signed by Houston to five-year contract extension, 3/9/15; Signed by Houston to four-year contract, 07/31/11; Selected in the seventh round (214st overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft by Houston.

2017 – Missed season with two torn patellar tendons. **2016** – Started all six games he appeared in at RT before suffering season ending knee injuries in week seven against Denver, Oct. 24. **2015** – Started all 16 regular season games and one postseason contest...Started at RT vs. Kansas City, Sept. 13....Started at LG at Carolina, Sept. 20. Started at RT in Weeks 3-5 and Weeks 10-17...Started at RG in Weeks 6-7...Played right and left tackle in Week 8...Recovered a fumble in Week 14 vs. New England, Dec. 13, and Week 15 at Indianapolis, Dec. 20...Started at RT in Wild Card Game vs. Kansas City, Jan. 9. **2014** – Started all 16 games at RT for the second time in his career...Started at right tackle and moved inside to RG vs. Baltimore...Dec. 21, in Week 16 after Brandon Brooks left with an injury. **2013** – Started all 16 games at RT for the first time in his career...Blocked for an offense that produced 449 yards at Chargers, Sept. 9...Helped pave the way for 172 yards on the ground vs. Tennessee, Sep. 15...Blocked for an offense that produced 476 yards vs. Seattle, Sept. 29...Blocked for an offense that produced a season-high

483 yards vs. Indianapolis Nov. 3...Helped pave the way for a ground game that produced a team-record four rushing TDs vs. New England, Dec. 1. **2012** – Started all 14 games he appeared in and both postseason contests at RT...Made the first start of his NFL career in opener vs. Miami, Sept. 9...Part of a line that cleared the way for the Texans to rush for 216 yards and three TDs while not allowing a sack at Jacksonville, Sept. 17...Helped provide protection for QB Matt Schaub, enabling him to tie a career-high with four TD passes at Denver, Sept. 23...Helped RB Arian Foster rush for 152 yards and a touchdown at N.Y. Jets, Oct. 8...Part of an offense that set a team record by scoring 43 points vs. Baltimore, Oct. 21...Helped Foster go over 100 yards for the fourth time in 2012 as he gained 111 yards on 24 carries and scored a TD vs. Buffalo, Nov. 4...Part of an offense that set a club record with 653 yards and tied team scoring record with 43 points vs. Jacksonville, Nov 18, and put up another 501 yards at Detroit...Inactive at Tennessee, Dec. 2, and at New England, Dec. 10...Paved the way for Foster to rush for 140 yards while not allowing a sack in AFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Cincinnati, 1/5/13...Paved the way for Foster to rush for 90 yards in the AFC Divisional Playoff at New England, 1/13/13. **2011** – Played in 14 games, primarily on special teams, after being inactive for the first two games. Made his NFL debut in week 3 at New Orleans, Sept 25. Made postseason debut on special teams in AFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Cincinnati, 1/7/12.

COLLEGE - Played two seasons (2009-10) at Arkansas State after redshirting the 2008 campaign. Transferred to ASU from Hinds Community College in Raymond, Miss., where he played the 2006 and 2007 seasons. Earned first-team All-Sun Belt accolades after starting all 12 games at right tackle in 2010. Garnered second-team All-SBC honors in 2009 and received the Gary Withrow Award, given to the Red Wolves' most outstanding offensive lineman. Was the only lineman on the team to start every game in 2009 and helped lead the Red Wolves to 21 rushing touchdowns. Paved the way for three different ASU players rushing for over 100 yards in at least one game. Was part of ASU's line that helped the offense gain its most yards of total offense (484) against an FBS opponent since the 2007 season. Redshirted in 2008. First Team All-State selection at Hinds Community College. Played in the Mississippi Junior College All-Star Game.

PERSONAL - Helped lead Hinds Agricultural High School to a 10-0 regular-season record as a senior, earning All-Metro and All-District honors. Named Most Improved Player as a senior.

PLAYER BIOS NOT IN MEDIA GUIDE**32 JOSH ROBINSON CB****HEIGHT: 5-10 WEIGHT: 200****COLLEGE: CENTRAL FLORIDA****NFL EXPERIENCE: 7****JOINED SAINTS: FA-18****BORN: 1/8/93**

NFL CAREER – Signed by the Saints, Oct. 4, Robinson spent four seasons with the Vikings from 2012-15 before signing with the Buccaneers in 2016. He played in 74 career games, with 21 starts, totaling 146 tackles, three tackles for loss, 15 passes defended, five interceptions and a forced fumble, along with 27 special teams stops and a forced fumble on special teams. Robinson also played in two postseason contests for the Vikings, registering two tackles and two special teams stops.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by Saints, 10/4/18; Contract terminated by Tampa Bay, 9/1/18; Re-signed by Tampa Bay to a two-year contract, 3/13/17; Signed to a one-year contract by Tampa Bay (UFA-Min.), 3/14/16; Activated from Reserve/PUP by Minnesota, 11/11/15; Placed on Reserve/PUP list by Minnesota, 8/31/15; Placed on injured reserve by Minnesota, 12/14/13; Signed to a four-year contract by Minnesota, 7/25/12; Selected by Minnesota in the third round (66th overall) of the 2012 NFL Draft.

2017 – Elected as a Special Teams Captain by Bucs teammates. Played in 11 games, recording five tackles and a forced fumble on special teams. Played 13 snaps on special teams in opening win over Chicago, Sept. 17...Recorded a forced fumble on a kickoff return in finale vs. New Orleans, Dec. 31. **2016** – Played in all 16 games and recorded career-high 16 special teams tackles, posting two stops vs. Chicago, Nov. 13, at Kansas City, Nov. 20 and at Dallas, Dec. 18. **2016** – After starting on Reserve/PUP, played in five regular season games and posted two special teams tackles and added two solo defensive stops and a coverage tackle in NFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Seattle, 1/10/16. **2014** – Played in all 16 games, making five starts...second on team in interceptions (career-high three) and passes defended (career-high 13)...Jumped a Shaun Hill pass on Week 1 at St. Louis (9/7) for first pick of season...Career-high three passes defended vs. Atlanta (9/28), while snagging second interception of season late in game...Tied career-high with eight solo tackles at Chicago (11/16)...Third interception of season came vs. Carolina

(11/30) and Cam Newton. **2013** – Started at LCB in first ten games... Placed on injured reserve, Dec. 14 (chest). Inactive for games at Green Bay, Nov. 24, vs. Chicago, Dec. 1 and at Baltimore, Dec. 8...Left game at Seattle, Nov. 17 (sternum)...Started opener at Detroit Sept. 8, notching four tackles, a QB hurry and forced fumble...Notched career-high 12 tackles vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 29 vs. Pittsburgh at London... Had eight tackles and two passes defended vs. Green Bay, Oct. 27. **2012** – Started six games in debut season, the second-most by a Vikings rookie defender behind Harrison Smith...Snared two of INTs, tied for second-most by a Viking...Saw action in all 16 games and the Wild Card playoff at Green Bay (1/5/13)... Grabbed first career interception off Alex Smith vs. San Francisco (9/23) and notched a 24-yard return...Started first career game at Detroit (9/30)...Had second career interception vs. Chicago (12/9), returning the ball 44 yards to set up an Adrian Peterson touchdown run. Saw spot duty as a kickoff return man, taking back three for 61 yards on season vs. Green Bay (12/30) in regular season finale...Started at Detroit and next week vs. Tennessee, Oct. 7, at Seattle, Nov. 14 and in three straight games at Green Bay, Dec. 2, vs. Chicago, Dec. 9 and at St. Louis, Dec. 16...Started in place of Chris Cook when he spent six weeks on injured reserve before returning to lineup at Houston (12/23)...Had season-high eight tackles in first career start at Detroit, Sept. 30 with seven solo stops...Tied a season-high seven solos the following week vs. Tennessee, Oct. 7...Played in first career playoff game at Green Bay, 1/5/13.

COLLEGE – Started 35-of-38 games at Central Florida from 2009-11, totaling 176 tackles, 36 passes defended, 10 interceptions (147 return yards, two touchdowns), two fumble recoveries (56 return yards, one touchdown) and one forced fumble...Earned first-team All-Conference USA as a junior and sophomore, while being named second-team All-CUSA as a true freshman. His 10 interceptions were tied for fifth in UCF history. Notched 15 passes defended as a junior (2011), tied for the second-most in a single season in school history. Recorded six interceptions as a true freshman (2009), setting a freshman record and tying for the second-most in a season in team history.

PERSONAL – Attended Plantation (Fla.) HS...Selected to participate in the Dade-Broward All-Star Game...Born Joshua Robinson on Jan. 8, 1991 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

27 DWAYNE WASHINGTON RB**HEIGHT: 6-1 WEIGHT: 223**

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CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Promoted by Saints to active roster from practice squad, 9/28/18; Signed by Saints to practice squad, 9/2/18; Waived by Lions, 9/1/18; Signed by Lions to four-year contract, 5/6/16; Selected by Lions in the seventh round (236th overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft.

2017 – Carried 20 times for 44 yards and caught two passes for 14 yards in five games. Appeared in Week 8 contest vs. Pittsburgh (10/29), compiling 12 yards on six carries and hauling in one pass for four yards. **2016** – Appeared in his first career game, scoring his first career touchdown on a 1-yard rush in Week 1 at Indianapolis (9/11). Carried four times for 31 yards in Week 2 vs. Tennessee (9/18), with a long of 28. Rushed for 38 yards and a long of nine in Week 3 at Green Bay (9/25). In Week 9 at Minnesota (11/6) rushed for 26 yards with a long of eight in the Lions' 22-16 overtime victory. In Week 12 vs. Minnesota on Thanksgiving (11/24), rushed for 19 yards with a long of eight on five attempts. In Week 13 at New Orleans (12/4), rushed for 21 yards on seven attempts with a long of five. Also caught two passes for a career-high 19 yards, including a career-high 11-yard reception before leaving the game early due to an ankle injury. Made his first career start in Week 14 vs. Chicago (12/11), rushing for a career-high 64 yards on a career-high 16 attempts with a long of 12. Also recorded one reception for 10 yards in the Lions' 20-17 victory. Started for the second consecutive game in Week 15 at New York Giants (12/18). Led the team in rushing yards with 31 yards on 14 attempts and a long of 12. Also caught two passes for nine yards. In Week 16 at Dallas (12/26), rushed for 22 yards on seven attempts with a long of nine. Also recorded one reception for four yards.

COLLEGE – Even though he only played three seasons for the Huskies, Washington displayed a rare blend of size and speed while averaging six yards per carry on 266 rushing attempts for 1,311 yards and 17 touchdowns in his career.

PERSONAL - Finished his senior season at Gahr (Calif.) High School with 66 catches for 1,338 yards and 15 touchdowns. Was also a sprinter and long-jumper in track for the Gladiators.