



PRESEASON GAME #2
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (1-0)
AT
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS (1-0)
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THE MATCHUP

Looking to build on the momentum of a 26-24 fourth quarter come-from-behind win in their 2023 preseason opener at the Caesars Superdome, the Saints will travel to Los Angeles for two days of joint practices before taking on the Chargers at SoFi Stadium Sunday.

The Saints and Chargers have met ten times in the preseason with New Orleans holding a 6-4 edge and 13 times in the regular season with Los Angeles leading the series 7-6.

New Orleans captured their preseason opener against the defending champion Kansas City Chiefs with persistence and several bright spots in all three phases. It was the Saints' first victory to open a preseason since a 24-20 win at Jacksonville on August 9, 2018.

QB **Derek Carr** started and played just one drive, but was efficient in his debut as a Saint, completing six-of-eight passes for 70 yards and a touchdown with a 140.6 passer rating, as New Orleans drove down the field on a crisp 12-play, 80-yard drive. **Jameis Winston** relieved Carr and played the remainder of the first half, completing 11-of-13 passes for 92 yards and a touchdown. Rookie fourth round pick out of Fresno State, **Jake Haener**, made his NFL debut and played the entire second half. He complet-

ed 10-of-17 passes for 105 yards and a fourth quarter touchdown to fuel the comeback from a 24-17 deficit.

New Orleans' rushing attack was led by **Jamaal Williams** and **Ellis Merriweather**. Williams and Merriweather each had a game-high nine carries. Williams ran for 28 yards in the first half while Merriweather saw majority of his work in the second half, adding 24 yards on the ground while also catching two passes for 17 yards including a critical two-yard touchdown with 1:25 remaining to cut the Chiefs' lead to just one. Rookie WR **A.T. Perry**, the club's sixth round pick out of Wake Forest, paced the passing game with a game-high six catches for a club-best 70 yards, including his first NFL touchdown on a 29-yard pass from Winston with 5:07 left in the first quarter.

Defensively, New Orleans held the Chiefs to just 81 yards rushing and recorded two interceptions. LB **Ryan Connelly** led the club with four tackles and a pass defensed, while LB **Zack Baun** added three tackles and one sack. DB **Ugo Amadi** recorded a second quarter interception off a pass tipped by CB **Alontae Taylor**. The play of the day came with 1:04 left in the contest on an interception by DE **Kyle Phillips** on third down in Chiefs territory with the Saints trailing 24-23, helping set up a game-winning 31-yard field goal by rookie K **Blake Grupe** as time expired.

THE COACHES

Dennis Allen was hired as the 17th head coach in New Orleans Saints history on February 8, 2022. Now in his 28th year coaching and 21st in the NFL, Allen has spent 13 seasons in New Orleans in two separate stints, including the six-and-a-half campaigns (2015-21) as the team's defensive coordinator prior to being promoted to head coach. He succeeded Sean Payton, who coached the team for 16 seasons, including the 2009 campaign, when Allen was secondary coach and ended with the Super Bowl XLIV championship. When Allen took control of a Black and Gold defense in Week 11 of the 2015 season that was ranked 32nd both in opponent net yards per game and opponent points per game, he methodically molded a unit that has finished in the top 10 in both categories each of the last three years. From 2017 to the present, New Orleans is the only defense in the NFL to rank in the top five in the National Football League in both opponent rushing yards per game and sacks.

In his first year as head coach of the Saints, Allen guided New Orleans through the challenge of significant injuries at several positions to win three of their last four games after a Week 14 bye and give up 20 or fewer points in the final eight contests of the season, ten points apiece in the final three.

Before rejoining the Saints coaching staff in 2015, Allen served as head coach of the Oakland Raiders from 2012-14 and as defensive coordinator of the Denver Broncos in 2011. Prior to his first stint in New Orleans from 2006-10, Allen was also an assistant with the Atlanta Falcons from 2002-05, where he received his NFL coaching start.

Allen played safety at Texas A&M from 1992-95, where he started the final 21 games of his college career before being signed as an undrafted free agent by the Buffalo Bills in 1996. Prior to entering the National Football League coaching ranks in 2002, Allen served as a graduate assistant at his alma mater from 1996-99 and as secondary coach at the University of Tulsa from 2000-2001. He earned a bachelor of business administration degree and a master's in kinesiology from Texas A&M.

Raised in Hurst, Texas, Allen and his wife Alisson, have a daughter, Layla and a son, Garrison.

Brandon Staley was named the 17th head coach in franchise history on Jan. 17, 2021. He has led the Bolts to a 19-16 record in two years, including 10 wins and a post-season berth in 2022. In those two seasons, Staley coached seven players to an eight combined Pro Bowls. Down the stretch in 2022, Staley's defense was among the NFL's best, ranking No. 3 in total defense (284.8 total net yards allowed per game) over the final five weeks of the regular season. On the year, the Bolts had the best third-

and-short defense in the NFL, allowing conversions on just 48.6 percent on third-and-1 and third-and-2 situations. He brought an aggressive style to the Chargers organization in 2021, as the Bolts led the NFL with 22 fourth-down conversions and seven two-point conversions. The offensive unit also scored 181 fourth-quarter points, good for the second-most in a season in NFL history. Staley called a defense that led the NFL with 11 strip-sacks and paced the AFC with 19 forced fumbles. In his first season as head coach. In his first season as head coach, six Chargers were selected to the Pro Bowl, including five that were tabbed as starters. As defensive coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams in 2020, Staley directed the NFL's No. 1-ranked total defense, pass defense and scoring defense. Staley's unit also ranked as the league's third-best run defense in 2020. Prior to the Rams, Staley spent one season as outside linebackers coach with the Denver Broncos (2019) after two seasons in the same capacity for the Chicago Bears (2017-18). Staley guided Broncos OLB Von Miller and Bears OLB Khalil Mack to Pro Bowl honors during their time together, as Mack earned first-team *Associated Press* All-Pro recognition in his lone season with Staley. Staley also guided OLB Bradley Chubb to PFWA All-Rookie Team honors following the 2019 campaign with the Broncos.

SERIES HISTORY

The Saints and Chargers have played 13 times in the regular season, with San Diego leading the series 7-6, but New Orleans winning the last four matchups. Most recently, the Saints defeated the Chargers 30-27 on October 12, 2020 in a Sunday Night Football contest at the Superdome, when QB **Drew Brees** successfully executed a nine-play, 48-yard drive that ended with a 36-yard field goal by K **Wil Lutz** and on a fourth and six play, CB **Marshon Lattimore** tackled Chargers WR **Mike Williams** at the Los Angeles 49-yard line, one yard short of the first down marker to end the contest.

The Saints lead the preseason series with the Chargers 6-4, having won their last three contests.

The last time the two teams met in exhibition play was on August 26, 2022, a Saints 27-10 win at the Caesars Superdome. In the contest, QB **Jameis Winston** started by completing all four of his passing attempts for 59 yards. RB **Mark Ingram II** rushed for a pair of short yardage touchdowns in the first quarter to give New Orleans a 14-0 lead. On special teams, Lutz made two field goals for the Saints, a 47-yarder as time expired in the first half and a 29-yarder with 2:29 left in the contest. Defensively, New Orleans allowed Los Angeles to gain only 64 yards rushing on 19 carries (3.4 avg.)

SAINTS-CHARGERS CONNECTIONS

New Orleans RB **Jamaal Williams** prepped at Summit (Fontana, Calif.) HS. Jamaal Williams and Los Angeles DL **Nick Williams** were teammates in Detroit in 2021. Saints TE **J.P. Holtz** and Nick Williams were teammates in Chicago in 2019. New Orleans LB **Jaylon Smith**, Chargers DL **David Moad** and Nick Williams were teammates with the New York Giants in 2022...Saints RB **Kendre Miller** and Chargers WR **Derius Davis**, a product of West Feliciana (St. Francisville, La.) HS, WR **Quentin Johnson** and QB **Max Duggan** were college teammates at TCU as the Horned Frogs advanced to the College Football Playoff Championship game this past season...New Orleans Bill Walsh Fellowship Coaching Intern **La'Roi Glover** is a San Diego native who prepped at Point Loma High School and was a four-year starter at San Diego State. Glover served as the Chargers assistant defensive line coach from 2019-20...New Orleans OL **Storm Norton** played for the Chargers from 2020-22 and appeared in 35 games with 18 starts at left guard and right tackle. Prior to playing for the Chargers, Norton played for the Los Angeles Wildcats of the XFL...Chargers Quarterbacks Coach **Doug Nussmeier** was a fourth round draft pick of the Saints in 1994 and played for the Black and Gold from 1994-97...Saints WR **Lynn Bowden Jr.**, QB **Derek Carr**, S **Johnathan Abram**, WR **Bryan Edwards** and TE **Foster Moreau** played with Chargers WR **Deelan Doss** with the Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders from 2019-20. Edwards and Chargers OL **Zack Bailey** were college teammates at South Carolina...Raiders WR **John Hightower** played at Hinds (Miss.) Community College...Saints OL **Calvin Throckmorton**, TE **Juwan Johnson** and Los Angeles QB **Justin Herbert** and TE **Hunter Kampmoyer** were college teammates at Oregon...New Orleans DE **Kyle Phillips**, CB **Alontae Taylor** and Los Angeles WR **Joshua Palmer** were college teammates at Tennessee...New Orleans Secondary Coach **Marcus Robertson** prepped at John Muir (Pasadena, Calif.) HS and is a member of the Pasadena Sports Hall of Fame...Saints WR **Michael Thomas** prepped at Oaks Christian (Westlake Village, Calif.) HS and Taft Charter (Woodland Hills, Calif. HS. Thomas, Saints CB **Bradley Roby** and Chargers OLB **Joey Bosa** and C **Corey Linsley** were college teammates at Ohio State. Bosa also played with Saints CB **Marshon Lattimore** with the Buccaneers...New Orleans Tight Ends Coach **Clancy Barone** and Chargers Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach **Jay Rodgers** served on the same coaching staffs in Chicago and Denver. Rodgers also served as a graduate assistant at Louisiana State University from 2001-02. Barone and Saints Defensive Coordinator **Joe Woods** also served on the same coaching staff with Chargers Assistant Special Teams Coach **Chris Gould** in Denver...Los Angeles K **Dustin Hopkins** spent the end of the 2014 season on the Saints practice squad and went to training camp with the Black and Gold in 2015. Saints QB **Jameis Winston** and Hopkins were teammates at Florida State in 2012. Saints Offensive Line Coach **Doug Marrone** was head coach of the Buffalo Bills when Hopkins was a member of the Bills in 2013 and went to training camp with them in 2014...Chargers TE **Gerald Everett** played at South Alabama from 2015-16...New Orleans C/G **Cesar Ruiz** and Chargers TE **Tre' McKitty** were high school teammates at IMG (Bradenton, Fl.) Academy. Ruiz, Saints OL **Chuck**

Filiaga and Chargers LB **Carlo Kemp** were college teammates at Michigan...Saints DE **Cameron Jordan** was a college teammate of Los Angeles WR **Keenan Allen** at the University of California in 2010...Saints WR **Chris Olave** prepped at Mission Hills (San Marcos, Calif.) HS after transferring from Eastlake (Chula Vista, Calif.) HS...New Orleans WR/RS **Rashid Shaheed** prepped at Mt. Carmel (San Diego, Calif.) HS...New Orleans OL **Nick Saldiveri** and Los Angeles TE **Stone Smartt** were college teammates at Old Dominion...Los Angeles DB **Kemon Hall** went to training camp with the Saints in 2020...Saints QB **Taysom Hill** and Jamaal Williams played with Los Angeles CB **Michael Davis** at Brigham Young...Saints Head Coach **Dennis Allen** tutored Chargers LB **Khalil Mack** and Carr as rookies in 2014 as head coach of the Oakland Raiders, with the duo being his top two picks in the NFL Draft that spring. Holtz, Saints TE **Jimmy Graham** and Mack were teammates with the Chicago Bears...Saints DE **Niko Lalos** and Los Angeles T **Matt Kaskey** were college teammates at Dartmouth...Los Angeles Offensive Line Coach **Brendan Nugent** served on the New Orleans coaching staff from 2015-21...Chargers C **Will Clapp** prepped at Brother Martin HS, played at LSU and was a seventh round draft pick of the Saints in 2018, playing for the club for his first four NFL seasons...Los Angeles Offensive Assistant **Pat White** prepped at Daphne, (Al.) HS and served as quarterbacks coach at Alcorn State from 2018-19...Los Angeles Outside Linebackers Coach **Giff Smith** served as defensive line coach at Tulane from 1999-2003.

2022 NEW ORLEANS-LOS ANGELES FINAL STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	<u>Saints</u>	<u>Chargers</u>
League Rankings		
Record	7-10	10-7
Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	19.4 (22)	23.0 (13)
Opp. Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	20.3 (9)	22.6 (21t)
Total Off. (NFL Rank)	333.8 (19)	359.3 (9)
Rushing Off. (NFL Rank)	116.6 (19)	89.6 (30)
Passing Off. (NFL Rank)	217.2 (16)	269.6 (3)
Total Def. (NFL Rank)	314.8 (5)	346.1 (20)
Rushing Def. (NFL Rank)	130.5 (24)	145.8 (28)
Passing Def. (NFL Rank)	184.4 (2)	200.4 (7)
Kickoff Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	22.0 (9)	19.0 (30)
Punt Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	9.0 (19)	11.7 (3)
Turnover Margin (NFL Rank)	-11 (8t)	+5 (7t)
Penalties	99	81
Penalty Yards	841	635
Opp. Penalties	92	80
Opp. Penalty Yards	798	762

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

SAINTS PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS

DB	Ugo Amadi (ooh-go uh-MAH-dee)
LB	Zack Baun (BONN)
DT	Bryan Breesee (bruh-ZEE)
LB	Demario Davis (duh-MAR-ee-oh)
G	Chuck Filiagna (Philly-UNG-ah)
K	Blake Grupe (grew-pee)
RB	Alvin Kamara (kuh-Mare-Uh)
DE	Tanoh Kpassagnon (tawn-oh pass-N-yo)
DE	Niko Lalos (NEE-ko LAY-los)
S	Tyrann Mathieu (ty-REN MATH-you)
WR	Chris Olave (O-lav-ae)
T	Andrus Peat (ann-druss pete)
OL	Alex Pihlstrom (PILL-strum)
T	Ryan Ramczyk (RAM-check)
DT	Khalen Saunders (KAH-len)
LB	Nephi Sewell (KNEE-fy soo-ul)
CB	Alontae Taylor (Alon-tay)
WR	Rashid Shaheed (rah-SHEED)
TE	Isaac Yiadam (YEAH-dum)

COACHES

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

PRESEASON SUMMARIES

Preseason Week One: Saints 26, Kansas City Chiefs 24, August 13, 2023 at Caesars Superdome - The New Orleans Saints won their preseason opener against the Kansas City Chiefs Sunday afternoon- a 26-24 comeback victory. The coaching staff was able to see starters play for the first time, including new quarterback, **Derek Carr**.

Carr was efficient in his lone drive of the contest, completing six of eight passes for 70 yards and a four-yard touchdown pass to WR **Keith Kirkwood**.

Jameis Winston relieved Carr for the rest of the first half and continued to move the ball downfield. Winston finished 11-of-13 for 92 yards with a 121.8 passer rating and had the longest play of the day, a 29-yard touchdown pass to rookie wideout **A.T. Perry**.

Saints fourth round draft pick **Jake Haener** played the entire second half, while completing 10-of-17 passes for 105 yards and a two-yard touchdown pass to **Ellis Merriweather** late in the fourth quarter to fuel the Saints comeback.

Defensive back **Ugo Amadi** had a big interception in the second quarter, but the play of the day was made by defensive end **Kyle Phillips**. With just 1:04 left in the game and the Saints trailing 24-23, Phillips intercepted quarterback **Chris Oladokun** deep in Chiefs territory, setting up a game-winning 31-yard field goal as time expired by rookie

kicker **Blake Grupe**.

Outside of **Demario Davis**, all other Saints defensive starters played in the contest, including veterans, **Cam Jordan**, **Tyrann Mathieu**, and **Marshon Lattimore**. Linebackers **Ryan Connelly** and **Zack Baun** led the second unit on defense, as Connelly had four tackles and a sack. Offensively, wideout **Michael Thomas** returned to game action for the first time since week three of last season, while newly signed running back, **Jamaal Williams**, made his debut for the Black and Gold totaling nine carries for a team-high 28 yards. Rookie wideout **A.T. Perry** led Saints pass catchers with six catches for 70 yards and a score.

TEAM NOTES

ROSTER ROLL CALL

Of the 90 players currently on the Saints' roster, 50 were on the active roster, a reserve list or the practice squad at the end of the 2022 season. The roster also includes five unrestricted free agents (safety **Johnathan Abram**, cornerback **Lonnie Johnson Jr.**, running back **Jamaal Williams**, tackle **Storm Norton** and defensive tackle **Nathan Shephard**), 19 veteran free agents, six draft choices and 13 rookie free agents.

Of the 90 players, 63 have less than four years of previous National Football League experience, including 20 players who are in their first training camp. The following is a breakdown of New Orleans' training camp roster by years of experience (year entering): 13 years-2, 12 years-1, 11 years-1, 10 years-3, 9 years-4, 8 years-2, 7 years-9, 6 years-5, 5 years-9, 4 years-10, 3 years-9, 2 years-9, 1 year-7, rookies-19.

HIGHER EDUCATION

65 different colleges and universities are represented on the Saints' training camp roster. Of that total, 20 are represented by multiple Saints, led by seven players from Ohio State.

MY HOMETOWN

Saints Players come from 29 different states, as well as Canada and Australia. Of the 90 players currently on the team's roster, the state which claims the most members is California with ten.

BUCKING THE ODDS

The Saints have a long tradition of finding players as free agents signed after the draft that make an impact or development through use of the practice squad. Several Saints on the roster play key roles on offense, defense and special teams that the club developed. This trends for the competition battles in training camp/preseason

Wide receiver/return specialist **Rashid Shaheed** came to New Orleans as an undrafted free agent out of Weber State after being one of the all-time best Division FCS returners and after spending the first five weeks on the practice squad, made a quick impact, Oct. 16 vs. Cincinnati with a 44-yard rushing touchdown. He followed that up with a 53-yard touchdown reception on Oct. 20 at Arizona to become the only Saint to score a touchdown in each of his first two offensive touches. In the December 18 win over

Atlanta, he finished with three receptions for 95 yards, with a 68-yard touchdown grab from Taysom Hill, the longest play from scrimmage of the season for New Orleans and the fifth-longest receiving TD by a Saints rookie all-time. On the Christmas Eve win at Cleveland in challenging conditions, Shaheed led the team in receiving with four grabs for 41 yards. In the January 1 victory at Philadelphia, he led the team in receiving for the third consecutive week, posting six receptions for 79 yards, including a 58-yard grab to set up a field goal. Overall, he carried four times for 57 yards with a 44-yard touchdown, caught 28 passes for 488 yards (17.4 avg.) with two TDs, returned 20 punts for 193 yards (9.7 avg.) and returned 14 kickoffs for 320 yards (22.9 avg.).

LONGEST SAINTS ROOKIE RECEIVING TDS

Rk.	Rookie, Game	Yds.
1.	Marques Colston, 10/1/06 at Car.	86t
2.	Kenny Stills, 12/29/13 vs. TB	76t
3.	Reggie Bush, 12/3/06 vs. SF	74
4.	Kenny Stills, 10/27/13 vs. Buf.	69t
5.	Rashid Shaheed, 12/18/22 vs. Atl.	68t

Tight end **Juwan Johnson** led his position group with four touchdown receptions in 2021, converting to the position after playing wide receiver in college and starting his Black and Gold career in 2020 as a wideout on the team's practice squad after signing as an undrafted free agent from Oregon. In 2022, he led his position group in receiving with 42 grabs for 508 yards with a club-best and career-high seven receiving touchdowns, tied for third at the position in the National Football League. On Jan. 1 at Philadelphia, Johnson tied his career-high in receiving with five grabs for 62 yards. Johnson leads the Saints with 11 receiving touchdowns over the past two seasons, while being tied for sixth among league tight ends..

NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN LEADERS AMONG TIGHT ENDS IN 2022

Rk.	Tight End	No.
1.	Travis Kelce, KC	12
2.	George Kittle, SF	11
3t.	Juwan Johnson, NO	7
3t.	Cole Kmet, Chi.	7

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TEAM NOTES

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Defensive end **Carl Granderson** played in 15 games in 2021 with three starts and posted 24 tackles and three sacks. In 2022, he posted 53 stops (30 solo) and a career-high 5.5 sacks, recovering the first fumble of his career on December 5 at Tampa Bay. In the Christmas Eve win at Cleveland, Granderson, sacked Browns QB Deshaun Watson at the Saints 22-yard line on fourth down with 19 seconds left in the fourth quarter to secure the win. The following week on Jan. 1 at Philadelphia, he posted two stops, 1.5 sacks, one stop for loss and two quarterback hits, as Granderson posted at least half a takedown in three consecutive weeks for the first time in his career.

Punter **Blake Gillikin** enjoyed an October, 2021 where he was selected as NFC Special Teams Player of the Month. He finished his first season in 2021 with punting duties ranked third in the league with 29 punts dropped inside the 20-yard line. In 2022, he had a 41.5 net average with a club-record (NFL did not track statistic before 1976) 32 dropped inside the 20. His performances in outdoor conditions in the final two road games helped New Orleans win the field position battle in victories. Gillikin had a successful afternoon in challenging conditions on Christmas Eve at Cleveland, when he punted six times for 254 yards with a 42.3 gross punting average, a 26.5 net and dropped two inside-the-20 in a contest where field position was tantamount. On Jan. 1 at Philadelphia, a career-high five of Gillikin's six punts fell inside the 20.

After splitting his rookie season in 2018 between the practice squad and active roster, defensive back **J.T. Gray** enjoyed a breakthrough campaign in 2019, when he was selected AP second-team All-Pro when he recorded 16 special teams tackles, one blocked punt and one coverage fumble recovery. In 2021, he was selected as a first-team All-Pro and to his first career Pro Bowl (starter), when he led the NFL with 19 special teams tackles (league-leading 16 solo). Gray led the team with 12 special teams stops in 2022, despite missing three games with a hamstring injury, the third time in four seasons, he has led New Orleans in coverage tackles. Overall, he has posted four defensive stops, 2.5 sacks, 56 special teams tackles and three coverage fumble recoveries.

Offensive Lineman **Calvin Throckmorton** was one of two Saints linemen to play in all 17 games in his second season in 2021, starting four at right guard and the last nine contests at left guard. In 2022, he played in 14 games with six starts, three at left guard and three at right guard.

POSITION BY POSITION

PREVIEW

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS (3) - Returner: Jameis Winston. **Veteran addition:** Derek Carr (FA). **Draft choices/Undrafted rookies:** Jake Haener (D-4). **Departures from 2022:** Andy Dalton **WORTH NOTING:** Since being selected in the second round (36th overall) of the 2014 NFL Draft by the Raiders, Carr has started all 142 regular season games that he has played in, completing 3,201-of-4,958 passes (64.6 percent) with 217 touchdown passes and a 91.8 passer rating, while adding 845 rushing yards and six touchdowns. Since 2014, he ranks fourth in the NFL in passing yardage, seventh in passing touchdowns and his 3,201 completions through the first nine campaigns rank second in NFL history. Carr was also selected to four Pro Bowl Games (2015-2017,2022). He brings nine years of experience with the Las Vegas Raiders to the Saints. Carr set numerous team passing records including the franchise's career passing yardage, touchdown pass marks and single-season mark in passing yards (4,804 in 2021). He is the only signal caller in Raiders' history with multiple seasons reaching the 4,000 mark. He also holds franchise records from his Raiders tenure for multiple-touchdown games (69), contests with a passer rating of at least 100.0 (47) and 300-yard passing performances (33). Jameis Winston enters his fourth year with the team. Since signing with the team in 2020, he has started ten contests. Haener, a fourth round draft pick out of Fresno State, left the school as their all-time leader in completion percentage.

RUNNING BACKS (7) - Returners: FB Adam Prentice, RB Kirk Merritt, RB Alvin Kamara. **Veteran additions:** RB **Darrel Williams** (FA), RB Jamaal Williams (UFA-Det.), FB Jake Bargas (FA). **Draft choices/Rookie free agents:** RB Kendre Miller (D-3), RB Ellis Merriweather (FA). **Departures from 2022:** RB Mark Ingram, RB Dwayne Washington and RB David Johnson. **WORTH NOTING:** The backfield duo of Kamara and Williams is new since Williams signed with the Saints during free agency. Williams signed with New Orleans after he had his best season by far of his NFL career with the Detroit Lions, as he led the National Football League and set a Lions single-season franchise record for rushing touchdowns with 17 last year. Through 17 games and nine starts for Detroit, Williams added on 262 attempts for 1,066 rushing yards and 12 receptions for 73 yards, producing the first 1,000 yard rushing season of his career and the first for a Lion since 2013. Meanwhile, Kamara has been one of the most dynamic playmakers the NFL has ever seen since being drafted by New Orleans in 2017. The former University of Tennessee standout has racked up the second-most rushing touchdowns (49) and third-most rushing yards in Saints history in just six seasons. He is also a force to be reckoned with in the passing game as well.

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POSITION BY POSITION PREVIEW

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Since entering the league, Kamara is second in receptions totals (430) and second in receiving yardage (3,753) among running backs. He also became the fastest running back in NFL history to get to 3,000 rush yards and 3,000 receiving yards.

The Saints added rookie Kendre Miller out of TCU when they selected him with the 71st pick (third round) at the 2023 NFL Draft.

Merriweather rushed for 24 yards and had a receiving touchdown in the season opener. Williams joined the team following the first preseason contest, with the Westbank native and former LSU standout possessing abilities in both the running game and the passing game. Prentice, the incumbent and Bargas, a newcomer, compete at the fullback position.

WIDE RECEIVERS (11) - Returners: Tre'Quan Smith, Chris Olave, Michael Thomas, Kawaan Baker, Keith Kirkwood, Rashid Shaheed. **Veteran additions:** Bryan Edwards (FA), Lynn Bowden Jr. (FA), Jontre Kirkin (FA). **Draft choices/Undrafted rookies:** A.T. Perry (D-6), Shaq Davis (FA). **Departures from 2022:** Jarvis Landry, Marquez Callaway, Kevin White, Deonte Harty. **WORTH NOTING:** The wide receiver room saw an influx of talent in the offseason. After rookies Olave and Shaheed led the offensive charge following injuries, New Orleans added to the room in free agency and the draft. Washington is an extremely skillful and elusive deep ball threat who can bring some veteran experience in the slot of out wide. Through five NFL seasons with Pittsburgh (2018-21) and Dallas (2022), Washington has accumulated 114 receptions for 1,629 yards and 11 touchdowns. The Saints selected Perry with the 195th overall pick in this year's draft out of Wake Forest. New Orleans traded up to get the four-year letterman, as he accumulated 81 receptions for 1,096 yards with 11 touchdowns in 2022. In his NFL debut on Sunday vs. Kansas City, Perry finished with a game-high six receptions for a club-best 70 yards, including a first quarter 29-yard touchdown grab from Winston.

In Thomas' first five campaigns, he recorded 510 receptions for 5,950 yards and 32 touchdowns, the most grabs by a player in NFL history in his first five seasons, reaching the milestone in an NFL record 69 games. In just three games in 2022, he recorded 16 receptions for 171 yards (10.7 avg) with three touchdowns before suffering a season-ending toe injury. The 2019 NFL Offensive Player of the Year has extreme faith in his abilities, following an ardent rehabilitation process the last three years from ankle and toe injuries. .

Olave led the way last season and made an immediate impact to garner PFWA All-Rookie honors. He appeared in 15 games with nine starts, finishing with season totals of a team-high 72 catches for a club-best 1,042 yards (team-best 14.5 avg.) and four touchdowns. Olave joined Thom-

as (2016) and Marques Colston (2006) as only the third Saint to cross the 1,000-yard threshold in their rookie seasons. Even though Olave was spectacular last season for the Saints, he too missed two games, one to a concussion in week five and another one due to a hamstring issue in week 15. With a stellar rookie season under his belt in New Orleans and an offseason, where he gained muscle without sacrificing speed, Olave will look to do even more in the Saints passing attack in 2023.

Shaheed burst onto the scene in New Orleans in 2022 after being on the practice squad until mid-October, scoring on his first two offensive touches. Playing in 12 games and starting in six of them, he caught 28 passes for 488 yards (17.4 avg.) and two scores and carried four times for 57 yards and one touchdown. The pairing of Shaheed and Olave carried the load for the wideouts as the season progressed. Not only did he shine at receiver, but he also put up impressive performances as a return specialist. Shaheed returned 20 punts for 193 yards (9.7 avg.) and 14 kicks for 320 yards (22.9 avg.).

TIGHT ENDS (6) - Returners: Taysom Hill, J.P. Holtz, Juwan Johnson, Lucas Krull. **Offseason veteran additions:** Jimmy Graham (FA), Jesse James (FA), Foster Moreau (FA). **Departures from 2022:** Adam Trautman. **WORTH NOTING:** Jimmy Graham re-signed with New Orleans at the start of training camp bringing one of the National Football League's most-accomplished tight ends of all-time back to where he began his career for a return engagement.

Hill played multiple positions and led the team with seven rushing touchdowns, adding two touchdown receptions, throwing for two and rushing for 575 yards

The tight end position was led last season by Juwan Johnson, who established himself as a prime red zone target. The New Jersey native had a breakout season in 2022, playing in 16 games and starting 12 of them, finishing with 42 receptions for 508 yards and a team-best seven touchdown grabs, which was tied for third among NFL tight ends. Johnson was an important piece to the offense in 2022, and he hopes to build off of last season's stellar performance.

Moreau spent his previous five seasons in the National Football League on the Raiders with Carr as his quarterback. In his last season with the Raiders in 2022, he played in 15 games with fourteen starts, setting career highs in receptions (33) and receiving yards (420) while also adding two touchdowns in the mix. For his career, Moreau has appeared in 61 regular season games with 34 starts and has recorded 91 receptions for 1,107 yards (12.2 avg.) with 12 touchdowns. He has also posted at least 30 catches in each of the last two campaigns. The New Orleans native and former Louisiana State University and Jesuit High School standout has quick feet with a steady pair of hands, and he is ready to re-ignite the connection with Carr in New Orleans.

OFFENSIVE LINE (16) - Returners: C/G Cesar Ruiz, OL Lewis Kidd, T Landon Young, T Trevor Penning, T Ryan Ramczyk, G/T James Hurst, T/G Andrus Peat, OL Calvin Throckmorton, G/C Erik McCoy. **Offseason veteran additions:** G Chuck Filiaga (Wai.), G Tommy Kraemer (FA), T Storm Norton (UFA-LAC), G Max Garcia (FA). **Draft choices/Undrafted rookies:** OL Nick Saldiveri (D-4a), OL Alex Pihlstrom (FA), OL Mark Evans II (FA). **Departures from 2022:** G/C Josh Andrews, T Ethan Greenidge. **WORTH NOTING:** Due to injuries in 2022, Offensive Line Coach Doug Marrone had to navigate nine different starting combinations. Ruiz has flexibility, as he has opened games at both right guard and center in 2022. The club's first round draft pick in 2020 has settled into the right guard position, where his 46 consecutive games started from 2020 through Week 15 of the 2022 campaign was the club's longest streak at the time. Flanking the right side of the line alongside Ruiz is right tackle Ramczyk, a three-time All-Pro. Peat returns to New Orleans after starting 11 games at left guard in 2022. Erik McCoy will be a stable force again in the middle. James Hurst opened all 16 contests he played in 2022, 15 at left tackle, possessing the flexibility to play every position except center. A toe injury in the preseason stunted Penning's progress as a rookie, but he opened the season finale at left tackle and preseason opener, where he is competing in training camp. Throckmorton also provided important depth on the interior in 2022, playing in 14 games with six starts at guard. Young can play both tackle positions and also has worked at guard in training camp.

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE (13) - Returners: DE Tanoh Kpassagnon, DE Cameron Jordan, DE Carl Granderson, DL Malcolm Roach, DE Payton Turner. **Offseason veteran additions:** DE Niko Lalos (FA), DE Kyle Phillips (FA), DT Nathan Shepherd (UFA-NYJ), DT Jack Heflin (FA), DT Khalen Saunders (UFA-KC). **Draft choices/Rookie free agents:** DT Bryan Bresee (D-1), DE Isaiah Foskey (D-2), DL Jerron Cage (FA). **Departures from 2022:** DE Marcus Davenport, DT Shy Tuttle, DE Jabari Zuniga, DT David Onyemata, DT Kentavious Street. **WORTH NOTING:** The Saints continue to rely on Cameron Jordan for productivity and he continues to deliver, signing a two-year contract extension in training cap. Jordan recorded a club-best 8.5 sacks last season, just enough total (115.5) to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer (115) for the most in franchise history. He is the first defensive lineman in team record books and second Saint overall to record at least 7.5 sacks in nine different seasons, and Jordan's 11 consecutive seasons of at least 7.5 takedowns is the current longest streak in the NFL. Jordan joined Reggie White and John Randle as only the third player to do so in at least 11 straight seasons since takedowns became an official statistic in 1982. Carl Granderson had a career year in 2022, as he played in 16 games and started four of them along the edge, recording career-highs in tackles (53) and solo stops (30), while adding 5.5 sacks. Providing depth along the edges will be Tanoh Kpassagnon, Payton Turner and 2023 second round draft choice Foskey, where he set the Notre Dame career record for sacks.

On the interior of the line, new faces rule the position as

they look to replace the two starters of last season. Former New York Jet Nathan Shepherd, former Kansas City Chief Khalen Saunders and first round draft selection Bryan Bresee headline the interior. Saunders played in a career-high 16 games in 2022 and posted career-highs in tackles (48), sacks (3.5) and stops for loss (three) in his final season in Kansas City, where they captured Super Bowl LVII. The former Clemson standout in Bresee was the fourth defensive tackle off the NFL Draft board and the 29th overall pick. The Saints brought back an important depth piece in DT Malcolm Roach. The Baton Rouge native appeared in 13 games with three starts and recorded a career-high 26 tackles (14 solo) and his first career sack.

LINEBACKERS (10) - Returners: Pete Werner, Ty Summers, Nephi Sewell, D'Marco Jackson, Zack Baun, Demario Davis. **Veteran additions:** Ryan Connelly (FA), Jaylon Smith (FA). **Draft choices/Undrafted rookies:** Nick Anderson (FA). **Departures from 2022:** Kaden Elliss, Chase Hansen. **WORTH NOTING:** The linebacker group is headlined by Davis. He started and played in all 17 games last season as only the second Saint to accomplish the feat. He has racked up at least 100 tackles in each of the last five seasons for New Orleans, leading the defense to a top-five mark in opponent rushing yards allowed per game in four of the last five seasons. Davis has been selected as an AP All-Pro the last four seasons and he got his first Pro Bowl nod last season. Entering his 11th NFL season, Davis will serve as a veteran presence in a room that includes third-year starter Pete Werner, Zack Baun and several players competing for roster spots.

A second round pick in 2021, Werner has found his groove in New Orleans. He made an immediate impact on defense and special teams. In 2022, he appeared in 12 games with 11 starts, recording 79 tackles (55 solo), three passes defensed, two forced fumbles and one special teams stop as New Orleans ranked fifth in total defense. Baun returns for his fourth year in New Orleans out of Wisconsin and has made a large impact on special teams, with a career-high of eight special teams stops in 2022. A college defensive end, he showed his pass rush abilities with a sack in the preseason opener. Connelly, possessing the ability to contribute on both defense and special teams, led the Saints with four tackles to go with one pass defense and one special teams stop in the season-opening win over Kansas City. Smith, a former Notre Dame who signed prior to the preseason opener, has appeared in 87 regular season games with 69 starts for Dallas (2016-21), the Green Bay Packers (2021) and the New York Giants (2021-22), recording 704 tackles (470 solo), 11 sacks, two interceptions, six forced fumbles and six fumble recoveries, including one returned for a touchdown.

DEFENSIVE BACKS (16) - Returners: CB Alontae Taylor, Marcus Maye, CB Bradley Roby, CB Marshon Lattimore, CB Isaac Yiaom, CB Paulson Adebayo, S Tyrann Mathieu, S Smoke Monday, DB J.T. Gray. **Offseason veteran additions:** DB Lonnie Johnson Jr. (UFA-Ten.), S Ugo Amadi (FA), S Johnathan Abram (UFA-Sea.), DB Troy Pride (FA). **Draft choices/Undrafted rookies:** DB Jordan Howden (D-5), DB Anthony Johnson (FA), DB Adrian Frye (FA). **Departures from 2022:** CB Chris Harris Jr., P.J. Williams. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

WORTH NOTING: The Saints secondary should continue to be a great asset. As a collective, they helped as the team finish second in the NFL last season in opponent net passing yards per game. They are returning both starting safeties in Tyrann Mathieu and Marcus Maye, as well as the cornerback group of Paulson Adebo, Lattimore, Bradley Roby and Alontae Taylor. Lattimore has been nothing short of special over his first six years in the league, becoming one of the league's elite corners. Last season, he missed ten games due to injury, but is back and looking forward to stymieing opponents with his agile feet and never-ending tenacity. On the opposite side, Adebo and Taylor are competing for the starting outside job. In 13 games with 12 starts last season, Adebo recorded 60 tackles and seven passes defended. Taylor enjoyed a splendid rookie season, last year, out of Tennessee, recording 45 stops and a club-best 11 passes defended. The club looks forward to a healthy Maye to pair with Mathieu after he was completing his recovery from a ruptured Achilles in 2022 and also missed time with several nagging injuries. Mathieu showed out in his return to his home state. The New Orleans native and LSU standout was one of only two players who started every game for New Orleans and he tallied a career-high 91 tackles (team-leading 64 solo), one sack, three stops for loss, eight passes defended, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a team-high three interceptions. Amadi displays versatility on defense at multiple positions, recording an interception in the preseason opener and also had 19 career special teams tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS

SPECIALISTS (4) - Returners: LS Zach Wood, K Wil Lutz, P Blake Gillikin. **Draft choices/Undrafted rookies:** K Blake Grupe (FA), P Lou Hedley (FA). **WORTH NOTING:** The specialist group from 2022 remains intact. Lutz, who is the franchise's all-time second-leading scorer, and undrafted rookie, Grupe, compete at kicker. Since being picked up at the end of the 2017 preseason, Wood has handled long-snapping duties flawlessly for six seasons and was rewarded with a four-year contract extension at the start of training camp. Gillikin has been a weapon in the field position game with his strong leg, outstanding placement abilities and booming kickoffs. In 2022, he punted 77 times for 3,571 yards with a 41.6 net average and 32 pinned inside the 20-yard line, a franchise record. Grupe booted a 31-yard game-winning field goal in Sunday's 26-24 preseason-opening win over Kansas City.

TRANSACTIONS (July 20—)**JULY**

20 – Waived C/G **Billy Price**.

25 – Signed TE **Jimmy Graham**, C/G **Max Garcia** and G **Trai Turner** to one-year contracts and waived TE **Miller Forristall** and G **Koda Martin**.

28 – Signed LS **Zach Wood** to a four-year contract extension.

30 – Re-signed G **Koda Martin** and placed DE **Jabari Zuniga** on Reserve/Retired.

31 – Signed DE **Kyle Phillips**. Placed G **Trai Turner** on Injured Reserve.

AUGUST

2 – Signed G **Tommy Kraemer** and was awarded G **Chuck Filiaga** off waivers from Green Bay. Placed LB **Andrew Dowell** on Injured Reserve.

3 – Placed T **Scott Lashley** on Injured Reserve.

4 – Re-signed DE **Cameron Jordan** to a two-year contract extension.

6 – Signed WR **Jontre Kirklin** and placed RB **Eno Benjamin** on Injured Reserve.

9 – Signed TE **J.P. Holtz** and waived/injured G **Koda Martin**.

10 – Placed G **Koda Martin** on Injured Reserve.

11 – Signed LB **Jaylon Smith** and terminated contract of WR **Keke Coutee**.

13 – Reached an injury settlement with G **Koda Martin**.

15 – Signed RB **Darrel Williams** and terminated contract of WR **James Washington**.

SAINTS/NFL DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Aug. 16-17	Joint practices at Los Angeles Chargers
Aug. 20	Preseason Week Two: Saints at Chargers
Aug. 23-24	Joint practices with Houston Texans at Ochsner Sports Performance Center
Aug. 26	2023 preseason finale: Saints vs. Texans
Aug. 29	Roster reduction to 53 players
Aug. 30	After 11:00 a.m. CST, clubs may establish a practice squad of 16 players.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sept. 10	2023 season opener vs. Titans, 12 p.m.

2023 SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Network</u>
PRESEASON		
Aug. 13	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	W, 26-24
Aug. 20	@ Los Angeles Chargers	6:05/CST/FOX 8
Aug. 27	HOUSTON TEXANS	7:00/FOX
REGULAR SEASON		
Sept. 10	TENNESSEE TITANS	Noon/CBS
Sept. 18	@ Carolina Panthers	6:15/ESPN
Sept. 23	@ Green Bay Packers	Noon/FOX
Oct. 1	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	Noon/FOX
Oct. 8	@ New England Patriots	Noon/CBS
Oct. 15	@ Houston Texans	Noon/FOX
Oct. 19	JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	7:15/Amazon
Oct. 29	@ Houston Texans	Noon/FOX
Nov. 5	CHICAGO BEARS	Noon/CBS
Nov. 12	@ Minnesota Vikings	Noon/FOX
Nov. 19	BYE	
Nov. 26	@ Atlanta Falcons	Noon/FOX
Dec. 3	DETROIT LIONS	Noon/FOX
Dec. 10	CAROLINA PANTHERS	Noon/FOX
Dec. 17	NEW YORK GIANTS	Noon/FOX
Dec. 21	@ Los Angeles Rams	7:15/Amazon
Dec. 31	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers	NOON/FOX
Jan. 6-7*	ATLANTA FALCONS	TBD

* Date, time and broadcasting TV network of contest to be announced.

HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT

• 2011

DRAFT

DE **Cameron Jordan** (1a)

• 2015

DRAFT

T **Andrus Peat** (1a)

• 2016

DRAFT

WR **Michael Thomas** (2a)

FREE AGENTS

K **Wil Lutz** (FA)

• 2017

DRAFT

CB **Marshawn Lattimore** (1a)

T **Ryan Ramczyk** (1b)

RB **Alvin Kamara** (3a)

FREE AGENTS

LS **Zach Wood** (FA)

WAIVERS

QB **Taysom Hill** (GB)

• 2018

DRAFT

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

FREE AGENTS

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

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

• 2019

DRAFT

C **Erik McCoy** (2)

FREE AGENTS

DE **Carl Granderson** (Rookie FA)

DT **Shy Tuttle** (Rookie FA)

• 2020

DRAFT

C/G **Cesar Ruiz** (1)

LB **Zack Baun** (3a)

FREE AGENTS

P **Blake Gillikin** (Rookie FA)

OL **James Hurst** (FA)

TE **Juwan Johnson** (Rookie FA)

DL **Malcolm Roach** (Rookie FA)

OL **Calvin Throckmorton** (Rookie FA)

QB **Jameis Winston** (UFA-TB)

• 2021

DRAFT

DE **Payton Turner** (1)

LB **Pete Werner** (2)

CB **Paulson Adebo** (3)

T **Landon Young** (6)

FREE AGENTS

DE **Tanoh Kpassagnon** (UFA-KC)

TRADES

CB **Bradley Roby** (Hou.)

WAIVERS

FB **Adam Prentice** (Den.)

• 2022

DRAFT

WR **Chris Olave** (1a)

T **Trevor Penning** (1b)

CB **Alontae Taylor** (2)

LB **D'Marco Jackson** (5)

FREE AGENTS

WR **Kawaan Baker** (FA)

DT **Prince Emili** (FA)

TE **J.P. Holtz** (FA)

OL **Lewis Kidd** (Rookie FA)

WR **Keith Kirkwood** (FA)

TE **Lucas Krull** (Rookie FA)

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HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT (Cont. From Previous Page)

• 2022

FREE AGENTS

S **Tyrann Mathieu** (FA)
 S **Marcus Maye** (UFA-NYJ)
 WR **Kirk Merritt** (FA)
 S **Smoke Monday** (Rookie FA)
 LR **Nephi Sewell** (Rookie FA)
 WR/RS **Rashid Shaheed** (Rookie FA)
 LB **Ty Summers** (FA)
 CB **Isaac Yiadom** (FA)

• 2023

DRAFT

DT **Bryan Bresee** (1)
 DE **Isaiah Foskey** (2)
 RB **Kendre Miller** (3)
 OL **Nick Saldiveri** (4a)
 QB **Jake Haener** (4b)
 DB **Jordan Howden** (5)
 WR **A.T. Perry** (6)

FREE AGENTS

S **Johnathan Abram** (UFA-Sea.)
 S **Ugo Amadi** (FA)
 LB **Nick Anderson** (Rookie FA)
 FB **Jake Bargas** (FA)
 WR **Lynn Bowden Jr.** (FA)
 DL **Jerron Cage** (Rookie FA)
 QB **Derek Carr** (FA)
 LB **Ryan Connelly** (FA)
 WR **Keke Coutee** (FA)
 WR **Shaq Davis** (Rookie FA)
 WR **Bryan Edwards** (FA)
 OL **Mark Evans II** (Rookie FA)
 DB **Adrian Frye** (Rookie FA)
 G/C **Max Garcia** (FA)
 TE **Jimmy Graham** (FA)
 K **Blake Grupe** (Rookie FA)
 P **Lou Hedley** (Rookie FA)

DL **Jack Heflin** (FA)
 TE **Jesse James** (FA)
 DB **Anthony Johnson** (Rookie FA)
 DB **Lonnie Johnson Jr.** (UFA-Ten.)
 WR **Jontre Kirklin** (FA)
 G **Tommy Kraemer** (FA)
 DE **Nike Lalos** (FA)
 RB **Ellis Merriweather** (FA)
 TE **Foster Moreau** (FA)
 T **Storm Norton** (UFA-LAC)
 OL **Nike Lalos** (FA)
 LB **Anthony Orji** (Rookie FA)
 OL **Alex Pihlstrom** (Rookie FA)
 DE **Kyle Phillips** (FA)
 DB **Troy Pride** (FA)
 DT **Khalen Saunders** (UFA-KC)
 DT **Nathan Shepherd** (UFA-NYJ)
 LB **Jaylon Smith** (FA)
 RB **Darrel Williams** (FA)
 RB **Jamaal Williams** (UFA-Det.)
WAIVERS
 G **Chuck Filiaga** (GB)

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MINNESOTA (6-6, 321)

NFL Experience: R

Awarded off waivers to the New Orleans Saints from Green Bay, 5/2/23...Waived by Green Bay Packers, 8/1/23...Signed by Green Bay as an undrafted free agent, 5/1/23...Appeared in 52 career games in college at Michigan (2017-21) and Minnesota (2022) with eight starts at left guard and 16 at right guard...Completed college career, when he started all 13 games for the Gophers at RG, blocking for an offense that rushed for 2,698 yards and 33 touchdowns...Earned All-Big Ten third-team (coaches)... In 2021, his final season at Michigan, started at RG against Western Michigan, Northwestern and at Nebraska started at left guard at Maryland...Played snaps at RG against Washington and Rutgers and saw action at LG against Northern Illinois and at Wisconsin...Took snaps at right guard against Iowa in the Big Ten Championship Game...In 2020, started all six games at LG in COVID-19 abbreviated season...Contributed at G and on special teams in first two seasons on field...2017 graduate of Aledo (Texas) HS...Helped lead Aledo to the 2016 Texas Division II Class 5A State Championship. As a senior, led an offensive line that helped the offense produce 3,851 yards through the air and 4,656 yards on the ground, blocking for two 1,000-yard rushers, in 16 games. In six playoff games, Aledo rushed for 1,698 yards (7.5 ypc.), as well as throwing for 1,165 yards...Played in 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl and inaugural Polynesian Bowl...Named Texas Class 5A second-team All-State in 2015 and 2016...Named *USA Today* All-USA Texas first-team as a senior...Selected to the Class 5A All-State second-team in 2016.

73 MAX GARCIA G/C

HEIGHT: 6-4 WEIGHT: 309

COLLEGE: FLORIDA

JOINED SAINTS: FA-23

NFL EXPERIENCE: 9

BORN: 10/9/91

NFL CAREER – Garcia has played in 105 regular-season games with 59 starts and in 4 postseason games with one start and was a member of the Broncos team that won Super Bowl 50 in his rookie season after he was selected by Denver in the fourth round of the NFL Draft out of Florida. This versatile lineman has started 46 games at right guard, nine at left guard and four at center in the regular season with his lone playoff start coming at right guard, allowing him to compete at all three interior positions after signing with New Orleans at the start of training camp. In 2022, he appeared in 12 games with seven starts at right guard for Arizona.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by the New Orleans Saints to a one-year contract, 7/25/23; Signed off the Gi-

ants' practice squad by the Arizona Cardinals, 9/10/22; Signed to the Giants practice squad, 9/2/22; Released by the Giants, 8/31/22; Signed by the Giants to a one-year contract (UFA-Arz.), 3/28/22; Re-signed by Arizona to a one-year contract, 3/25/21; Re-signed by Arizona to a one-year contract, 3/24/20; Activated by Arizona off PUPL, 11/6/19; Placed by Arizona on PUPL, 8/31/19; Signed by the Cardinals to a one-year contract (UFA-Den.), 3/14/19; Placed by Denver on Injured Reserve, 11/20/18; Signed by the Broncos to a four-year contract, 5/13/15; Selected by the Broncos in the fourth round (133rd overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft.

2022 – Spent the season with the Cardinals after being signed off the Giants' practice squad in week one. Appeared in 12 games with five starts at right guard and two at left guard, allowing only one sack...Received first start of season in Thursday Night victory vs. New Orleans, Oct. 22, when Cardinals rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns. **2021** – Appeared in 15 games for Arizona with 11 starts, including seven at right guard and four at center. Opened NFC Wild Card Playoff loss at Los Angeles Rams at right guard, 1/17/22. **2020** – Appeared in 14 games for the Cardinals, seeing the majority of his snaps on special teams. **2019** – Appeared in seven games for Arizona after starting the season on PUP from a knee injury the prior season, seeing the majority of his snaps on special teams. **2018** – Saw action in nine games for the Denver Broncos, starting his last four appearances, allowing only one sack...Suffered a season-ending knee injury vs. Houston, Nov. 4. **2017** – Played and started all 16 games for Broncos at right guard. **2016** – Played and started all 16 games at left guard for Denver. **2015** – Played in 16 games for Denver in his rookie campaign, making five starts, including the last three regular season contests at left guard. Played in all three postseason contests.

COLLEGE – Began his collegiate career at Maryland before transferring to University of Florida...Played in 39 games with 37 starts at the two schools...Started at left tackle, guard and center...In 2014, voted second-team All-SEC after starting all 13 games at center following off-season transition from tackle to left guard...Twice named SEC Lineman of the week...In his first season with Florida in 2013, started all 12 games and saw action at both left tackle and guard...Redshirted in 2012...Started 12 games at left tackle for Maryland in 2011...Majored in Family, Youth and Community Sciences.

PERSONAL – Attended Norcross (Ga.) HS, where he was named honorable mention Class 5A All-Georgia as a senior...Also competed in the shot put and discus events and traveled to Australia in the summer of 2009 to compete in a World Track meet.

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80 JIMMY GRAHAM TE

HEIGHT: 6-7 WEIGHT: 265

COLLEGE: MIAMI (Fla.)

JOINED SAINTS: FA-23

NFL EXPERIENCE: 13

BORN: 11/24/86

NFL CAREER – New Orleans' third round draft choice in 2010 after playing four years of basketball and just one year of football at the University of Miami (Fla.). Graham broke out in his second year with the Saints totaling 99 catches for 1,310 yards with 11 touchdowns and went on to lead the team in receiving for four consecutive seasons. Graham's production has been among the top 10 in NFL history at the tight end position in all three major categories: receptions, yards, and receiving touchdowns. Graham posts career totals of 713 receptions, 8,506 yards, and 85 touchdowns. His 85 receiving touchdowns rank 4th all time among NFL tight ends, while his 51 touchdowns as a Saint rank 2nd in franchise history. He and Kansas City's Travis Kelce are the only two tight ends in NFL history to have multiple seasons of 1200- plus receiving yards and 10-plus receiving touchdowns. Graham returns to New Orleans, the location of his most personal and team success, after playing in seven campaigns with three other teams.

HONORS – **2020:** Team nominee for Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year; **2017:** Pro Bowl; **2016:** Pro Bowl; **2014:** Pro Bowl; **2013:** Pro Bowl; First-team AP All-Pro; All-Pro (CBSSports.com, ESPN.com, *Sports Illustrated* and *The Sporting News*); PFWA All-NFL and All-NFC; NFC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 3); NFC Offensive Player of the Month (September). **2012:** NFC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 10); **2011:** Pro Bowl starter; Second-team *Associated Press* All-Pro; *Pro Football Weekly*/PFWA All-NFC; Ed Block Courage Award (Saints recipient).

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed to a one-year contract by the Saints, 7/25/23; Signed to a two-year contract with the Bears, 3/18/20; Released by the Packers, 3/12/2020; Signed to a three-year contract with the Packers (UFA-Sea.), 3/16/18; Placed by Seahawks on Injured Reserve, 11/30/15; Traded to the Seahawks in exchange for C Max Unger and a first round draft pick, 3/10 2015; Re-signed to a four-year contract by the Saints, 7/15/14; Designated franchise player by New Orleans, 3/3/14; Agreed to terms on a four-year contract with New Orleans, 7/28/10; Selected by the Saints in the third round (95th overall) of the 2010 NFL Draft.

2021 - Appeared in 15 games with six starts totaling 14 receptions for 167 yards (11.9 avg.) and three touchdowns in second season in Chicago... Caught a season-long 28-yard pass at Pittsburgh, Nov. 8... Recorded a season-high 34 yards on two receptions and a touchdown against Detroit, Nov. 25... Posted two receptions for 30 yards and a touchdown in a win at Seattle, Dec. 26. **2020** - Appeared in all 16 games with 15 starts in his first season with Chicago; led the Bears with eight receiving touchdowns and was third on the team with 50 receptions for 456 yards... Walter

Payton Man of the Year team nominee... Hauled in a season-high six catches for 60 yards and two touchdowns at Atlanta, Sept. 27... Posted six catches for 55 yards and a touchdown at Tennessee, Nov. 8... Recorded a season-high 69 yards on four receptions, including a season-long 30 yard reception to go along with two touchdowns at Jacksonville, Dec. 27. The two TD receptions marked his 17th career multi-touchdown game. Reeled in two passes for 25 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown reception in the NFC Wild Card Playoff loss at New Orleans, 1/10/21. **2019** - Appeared in all 16 games with ten starts in his final season with Green Bay Packers racking up 38 receptions for 447 yards (11.8 avg.) and three touchdowns... Posted a season-high six catches for 61 yards and a touchdown vs Philadelphia, Sept. 26... Recorded four catches for 65 yards and a touchdown against Detroit, Oct. 14... Played in both playoff games: Caught 3 passes for 49 yards in a divisional round victory against Seattle, 1/12/20... Had four receptions for 59 yards, including a long catch of 42 yards, in NFC Championship at San Francisco, 1/19/20. **2018** - Appeared in all 16 games with 12 starts in his first season with the Packers. Second on team with 55 receptions for 636 yards and two touchdowns... Recorded the ninth-most receiving yards and catches among NFL tight ends. Led the team in receiving with 95 yards on six catches against Minnesota, Sept. 16... Posted a season-high 104 yards on five receptions vs. San Francisco, Oct. 15, his first 100 yard receiving game since Nov. 7, 2016, against Buffalo when he was with Seattle; Season-high 54 yard grab at the end of the first quarter... Hauled in a season high eight receptions for 50 yards against Arizona, Dec. 2. **2017** - Played in all 16 games with 10 starts posting 57 receptions for 527 yards and 10 touchdowns in final season in Seattle... Led all NFL tight ends in TD receptions and earned fifth Pro Bowl selection... All 10 of his receiving touchdowns came inside the red zone, most in league... Recorded a season-high 72 yards on seven catches at Tennessee, Sept. 24... Hauled in two touchdowns on six receptions at Arizona, Nov. 9... Tied season-high with seven catches for 58 yards and one touchdown against Atlanta, Nov. 20. **2016** - Appeared in all 16 games with 15 starts, setting Seattle tight end records with 65 receptions for 923 yards... ranked No. 1 among NFL tight ends in yards per catch with a career-high 14.2 average and No. 3 in receiving yards... Tied for second among NFL tight ends with three games of 100-plus receiving yards... Was selected to his fourth career Pro Bowl... Started both playoff games totaling six receptions for 59 yards and a touchdown... Recorded six catches for 100 yards and a TD against San Francisco, Sept. 25... Eclipsed the 100-yard mark for the second straight game reeling in game highs with six catches and 113 yards at New York Jets, Oct. 2... Led the Seahawks with six receptions for 89 yards against Atlanta, Oct. 16... Posted a season-high eight catches for 103 yards and two touchdowns vs. Buffalo, Nov. 7, becoming the first TE in team history with eight-plus catches, 100-plus yards, and two TD catches in a game... Hauled in six passes for 63 yards and touchdown against Carolina, Dec. 4. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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2015 – Started all 11 games he appeared in; his first season with the Seahawks was cut short (knee)...Caught 48 passes for 605 yards and two TDs...Recorded six receptions for 51 yards and one TD in Seahawks debut at St. Louis, Sept. 13...Led team with seven receptions for 83 yards and a touchdown against Chicago, Sept. 27...Posted season-high eight catches and tied franchise single-game record for a TE with 140 yards receiving vs. Carolina, Oct. 18...Team highs with seven receptions for 75 yards at Dallas, Nov. 1...Tied for second on team with four catches for 75 yards including a 36-yard reception against Pittsburgh, Nov. 29. **2014** – Appeared in all 16 games with 13 starts for Saints. Led team in receiving for the fourth consecutive season and finished second in the NFL in receiving among tight ends with 85 catches for 889 yards and 10 touchdowns. Led team with eight receptions for 82 yards in opener at Atlanta, Sept. 7...Tied career-high with 10 receptions for 118 yards and two TDs at Cleveland, Sept. 14. Was his 10th multiple touchdown game and his 13th career game with over 100 yards...Posted team-high eight receptions for game-high 86 yards and a TD at Dallas, Sept. 28...Finished second on team with five receptions for 59 yards and a 22-yard TD vs. Green Bay, Oct. 26...Posted game-highs with seven receptions for 83 yards with one TD at Carolina, Oct. 30...Led team and tied a career-high with 10 receptions for 76 yards and two TDs vs. San Francisco, Nov. 9...Hauled in six receptions for 47 yards and two TD grabs vs. Baltimore, Nov. 24...Tied for team lead with five receptions for a game-high 87 yards at Chicago, Dec. 15...Tied for team lead with six receptions for 53 yards and one TD vs. Atlanta, Dec. 21. Recorded 51st career touchdown, gaining sole possession of second place on team's all-time list. Became first Saint to have three seasons with double-digit touchdown receptions...Started and led team with a game-high six receptions for 54 yards in finale win at Tampa Bay, Dec. 28. **2013** – Enjoyed one of the most prolific campaigns for a tight end in NFL history, leading the team in receiving for the third consecutive season with 86 receptions for 1,215 yards (14.1 avg.) with a team-record 16 touchdowns, the second-highest receiving TD total for a tight end all-time, which led the NFL in scoring grabs and ranked second in scoring among non-kickers...Led tight ends in virtually every receiving category, while overall, ranked 13th in the NFL in receptions, 15th in receiving yardage and tied for 11th in third down receptions (25)...Also tied club record for 100-yard receiving games (6), which was tied for most in NFL record books for a tight end...Started and hauled in four receptions for 45 yards and a TD in opening victory vs. Atlanta, Sept. 8...

Started and finished with ten receptions for career-high 179 yards with one TD at Tampa Bay, Sept. 15...Started and caught nine passes for a game-high 134 yards and two TDs vs. Arizona, Sept. 22, earning NFC Offensive Player of the Week for first time...Capped month by hauling in four passes for 100 yards and two TDs as he became the first tight end to be named NFC Offensive Player of the Month, as his 413 receiving yards over the final three games of the month is tied with Shannon Sharpe (1996) and Dave Kocourek (1961) for highest total by a tight end in a three-game span...At Chicago, Oct. 6, hauled in ten receptions for 135 yards (13.5 avg.), as he tied NFL-record streak of four consecutive games with over 100-yards receiving by a tight end. 548 receiving yards during streak were the most by a tight end over any four-game span in a single season...Caught three passes for 37 yards and two TDs vs. Buffalo, Oct. 27...Started and posted nine receptions for 116 yards with two TD grabs to lead team in catches, yardage and TDs at New York Jets, Nov. 3...Caught five passes for 59 yards vs. Dallas, Nov. 10, as he became club's all-time leader in receiving among tight ends...Started and caught a team-leading six passes for 41 yards vs. San Francisco, Nov. 17...Started and led team in receiving, catching five passes for 100 yards, including a 44-yard TD at Atlanta, Nov. 21. With sixth 100-yard receiving game of the season, tied a franchise record and also tied the NFL single-season mark for a tight end (Tony Gonzalez – 2000, 04)...Led team in receiving with 42 yards, while hauling in one TD to set a team-record with 12 scores on the season at Seattle, Dec. 2...Had six receptions for 58 yards with two TDs, also surpassing the 1,000 yards receiving mark for the second time in three seasons vs. Carolina, Dec. 8...Started and tied for the team receiving lead with five grabs for 73 yards, including a five-yard TD grab at Carolina, Dec. 22...Started and caught five passes for 71 yards and one TD in regular season finale vs. Tampa Bay, Dec. 29...Played in both post-season contests with one start and recorded four receptions for 52 yards (13.0 avg.). **2012** – Played in 15 games with nine starts and led Saints in receiving with 85 receptions for 982 yards with nine TDs. Finished third on team in receiving yardage and second in TD receptions. Tied for 13th in the NFL in receiving, third at his position. Among tight ends, yardage total ranked second and touchdown total tied for second. With at least one touchdown in the first three games, carrying over from the last three contests of 2011, Graham's six-game streak of touchdown receptions set a team record, while he tied for the longest streak in touchdowns. The six-game touchdown reception streak is tied for the second-longest among tight ends since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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2012 - In opener vs. Washington, Sept. 9, started and tied for team-lead with six receptions for 85 yards (14.2 avg.) with one TD...Started at Carolina, Sept. 16 and caught seven passes for 71 yards with one TD...Started and hauled in four receptions for 16 yards with one TD vs. Kansas City, Sept. 23...Made seven receptions for 76 yards at Green Bay, Sept. 30...Inactive (ankle) at Tampa Bay, Oct. 21...Returned to lineup at Denver, Oct. 28 and made five receptions for 63 yards with one TD...Vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 5, led team with eight receptions for 72 yards and one TD...Enjoyed most explosive game of career to date vs. Atlanta, Nov. 11, when he caught seven passes for 146 yards (20.9 avg.) and tied career-best with two touchdowns. Yardage total was the highest by a Saints tight end in a single game. Named NFC Offensive Player of the Week for first time...Started and led the team in receptions with six catches for 29 yards and one TD at Oakland, Nov. 18...Caught four passes for 59 yards (14.8 avg.) at Atlanta, Nov. 29...Finished with five receptions for 56 yards at N.Y. Giants, Dec. 9...Started and recorded five receptions for 69 yards (13.8 avg.) vs. Tampa Bay, Dec. 16...Hauled in seven passes for 88 yards at Dallas, Dec. 23, but his biggest play was when he recovered a fumble by teammate Marques Colston in overtime that set up the game-winning field goal...In finale vs. Carolina, Dec. 30, led team in receiving with nine catches for 115 yards and a TD. **2011** - Enjoyed the most prolific season by a TE in franchise history to date in all categories. Played in all 16 games with 11 starts, leading team in catches, yardage and scoring grabs with a then-club record 99 receptions for 1,310 yards (13.2 avg.) with 11 touchdowns as he was selected a Pro Bowl starter, second-team AP All-Pro and the team winner of the Ed Block Courage Award. Receiving touchdown total was tied for first in club record books at the time. Yardage total ranked fourth. Yardage total was ranked second all-time in NFL history for tight ends, while receptions total tied for third and scoring grab total was then tied for eighth. Also set team record for a tight end with seven or more receptions in seven games and at least six in 10 contests and set a club mark for all Saints by having at least 50 yards receiving in 14 games (now tied with Michael Thomas-2019). Contributed to an offense that produced an NFL-record 7,474 net yards and club record 416 first downs...In postseason, finished with 12 receptions for 158 yards (16.6 avg.) with a team-best three TDs...In NFL opener at Green Bay, Sept. 8, had four receptions for 56 yards, including a fourth quarter five-yard TD grab...Finished with six receptions for 79 yards (13.2 avg.) in home opener vs. Chicago, Sept. 18...Had first career 100-yard game, when he finished with four grabs for a team-best 100 yards (25.0 avg.) with a TD vs. Houston, Sept. 25. Fourth quarter 27-yard scoring grab ignited a 23-point fourth quarter...Set career-highs in catches (has equaled four additional times), yardage (since broken) and receiving long at Jacksonville, Oct. 2, when he grabbed ten balls for 132 yards (13.2 avg.), including a 59-yard grab, with one TD...Became first Saints tight end to have three

straight 100-yard games when he led New Orleans in receiving and yardage with eight grabs for 129 yards at Carolina, Oct. 9...Became the first Saint and only the second tight end since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger to have four straight games of 100 yards receiving when he had seven grabs for a game-high 124 yards at Tampa Bay, Oct. 16. This capped a four-game period where Graham had 29 receptions for 485 yards with two TDs...Caught two TDs as part of six receptions for 54 yards vs. Indianapolis, Oct. 23, his second career multiple-TD game...Finished with seven receptions for 82 yards, including a second quarter 21-yard scoring grab at Atlanta, Nov. 13...Had his second two-TD performance of the season and third of his career to date as he tied for the team lead with eight catches for 84 yards vs. New York Giants, Nov. 28...Caught eight passes for 89 yards on Sunday night vs. Detroit, Dec. 4, to become the first Saints tight end to surpass 1,000 yards receiving...Posted five receptions for 55 yards at Tennessee, Dec. 11...Shook off an early fumble to record seven receptions for 70 yards with a second quarter one-yard TD at Minnesota, Dec. 18...Had four receptions for 42 yards, including a second quarter nine-yard TD near the end of the first half to give New Orleans a 21-10 halftime lead vs. Atlanta, Dec. 26. It was the tenth TD grab of the season for Graham, giving him the club record for a tight end...Vs. Carolina, 1/1/12, Graham had eight receptions for 97 yards and a TD. For a brief moment, Graham held the NFL record for receiving yards in a season by a TE (1,310) before New England's Rob Gronkowski caught a 23-yard pass in the final two minutes at Buffalo to up his season total to 1,327...In NFL postseason debut in the NFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Detroit, Graham's third quarter three-yard TD grab opened up a 24-14 lead. Tied for team lead in receiving with seven catches for 55 yards. Reception total was the highest by a Saints TE in a postseason contest...In the NFC Divisional Playoff at San Francisco, Graham finished with five receptions for 103 yards with two TDs, the latter two being franchise playoff records for a TE. Graham's 66-yard fourth quarter scoring reception, the longest for a Saints TE in a postseason contest, had given New Orleans a lead with under two minutes left...In the Pro Bowl, Graham finished with five receptions for 74 yards, including a second quarter two-yard TD pass from Drew Brees. **2010** - Appeared in 15 games with five starts and had 31 receptions for 356 yards with five TDs...Added a three-yard rush and a special teams tackle...Reception and yardage total third all-time among Saints rookie tight ends and receiving TD total second...Caught four of his TDs in a three-week span from weeks 15-17...Recorded one special teams stop and made an athletic play to save a ball on a punt from going out of bounds that was recovered by LS Jason Kyle to set up a TD vs. Atlanta, Sept. 26...Converted a third down with a three-yard rush vs. Carolina, Oct. 3...Made first career start in two-TE set at Arizona, Oct. 10...Made first career catch, an 11-yard grab at Tampa Bay, Oct. 17...Caught four passes for 38 yards and recovered a fumble on a Saints punt return and advanced ball 20 yards vs. Cleveland, Oct. 24...Started and had three receptions for 49 yards, including his first career TD, a 19-yard grab, at Carolina, Nov. 7 **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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2010 cont. Filled in for an injured Jeremy Shockey and had five receptions for 72 yards vs. Seattle, Nov. 21... Caught three passes for 72 yards, including a career-long 52-yard grab to set up a field goal before halftime at Cincinnati, Dec. 5...Had five receptions for 29 yards, including 18-yard and one-yard TD grabs in first multiple-score game at Baltimore, Dec. 19...Started in three-TE set and had game-winning six-yard TD with 3:24 left on Monday night at Atlanta, Dec. 27...Started and had two receptions for 15 yards, including a four-yard TD in regular season finale vs. Tampa Bay, 1/2/11, before departing with an ankle injury that would cause him to miss playoff game.

COLLEGE – Appeared in 13 games with one start in a multiple-tight end set in only season of college football for the University of Miami and made 17 receptions for 213 yards (12.5 avg.) with five TDs...Appeared in 120 games with 39 starts for UM basketball team as a four-year letter-winner and averaged 4.2 points per game and 4.2 rebounds per game, while his 104 blocked shots ranked eighth in school history when he finished his career...Two-time Academic All-ACC...Earned a business degree with a double major in marketing and management.

PERSONAL – Attended Charis Preparatory (Goldsboro, N.C.) Academy, where he played basketball, football, baseball and tennis...On the hardwood, earned All-American honorable mention from *Street & Smith Magazine*, in addition to garnering All-State and conference and team Most Valuable Player honors...As a senior, averaged 20.7 points, 13.8 rebounds and 4.6 blocks per game... During his junior season, grabbed 15.1 rebounds and scored an average of 18.2 points per game...Earned his pilot's license in 2012; has earned several ratings and flies aerobatics, seaplanes and helicopters...The only two NFL games Graham had ever attended prior to being drafted by the Saints was a New Orleans-Oakland contest at the Superdome on Oct. 12, 2008 and Super Bowl XLIV... Featured in a television program on USA Network in 2012 titled "NFL Characters Unite", where he mentors a New Orleans teenager in need...Hosted a youth football camp at the Tulane campus in 2012...A former foster child, has provided both financial and in-person support to Boys Town Louisiana...Supported Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and the Toys for Tots program.

86 J.P. HOLTZ TE

HEIGHT: 6-3

WEIGHT: 240

COLLEGE: PITTSBURGH

JOINED SAINTS: FA-22

NFL EXPERIENCE: 5

BORN: 8/28/93

NFL CAREER – Originally signed by Cleveland as an undrafted free agent in 2016 out of Pittsburgh, Holtz's versa-

tility in the run game, passing game and on special teams has carved out a solid career for him. He has played in 50 games with ten starts, recording seven receptions for 91 yards and 11 coverage stops. After playing in six games with two starts and contributing both in the blocking game and on special teams for New Orleans in 2022, Holtz re-signed with the Black and Gold in 2023 training camp.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Re-signed by Saints, 8/9/23; Elevated to Saints active roster, 1/7/23; Signed to Saints practice squad, 11/23/22; Waived by New Orleans, 11/19/22; Signed to Saints active roster from practice squad, 10/5/22; Elevated to Saints active roster (standard), 10/1/22; Signed by Saints to practice squad, 8/31/22; Waived by Saints, 8/30/22; Signed by Saints, 4/5/22; Re-signed by Chicago, 4/17/20; Awarded to Chicago from Washington off waivers, 9/11/19; Waived by Washington, 9/10/19; Signed by Washington to active roster, 9/7/19; Signed to Washington practice squad, 9/1/19; Waived by Washington, 8/31/19; Signed to Washington active roster, 12/29/18; Signed to Washington practice squad, 9/5/18; Waived by Washington, 9/1/18; Signed by Washington, 8/11/18; Practice squad contract terminated by Browns, 10/10/17; Signed to Browns practice squad, 9/3/17; Waived by Browns, 9/2/17; Signed by Cleveland to a reserve/future contract, 1/2/17; Signed to Cleveland practice squad, 12/20/16; Waived by Cleveland, 9/3/16; Signed by Cleveland Browns as an undrafted free agent, 5/5/16.

2022 – Played in six games with two starts for New Orleans, contributing on offense and special teams...Started vs. Seattle, Oct. 9, when team rushed for a season-high 235 yards. **2021** – Played in 13 games in final season in Chicago and recorded four special teams stops. Posted a special teams stop vs. Detroit, Oct. 3...Finished with a coverage tackle in Thanksgiving win at Detroit, Nov. 25. **2020** – Played in all 16 games with one start; started and lined up at FB in Week One win at Detroit...Saw action as a reserve and on special teams in every other game; recorded four special teams stops, including career-high two vs. Detroit, Dec. 6. **2019** – Appeared in one game as a reserve for Washington before being waived and claimed by Chicago...Played in 14 games (seven starts) for Bears, catching seven passes for 91 yards...Caught season-high three passes for 56 yards, including a career-long 30-yarder, in Week 14 victory over Dallas. **2018** – After spending the first 16 weeks on the Washington practice squad, signed to 53-man roster in Week 17. **2017** – After going to training camp with Cleveland, spent the first five weeks on their practice squad. **2016** – After going to training camp with the Browns, signed to the practice squad on Dec. 20.

COLLEGE – In four seasons for the Panthers from 2012-15, Holtz posted 81 receptions for 931 yards and 11 touchdowns. As a senior in 2015, he posted 24 grabs for 350 yards (14.6 avg.) with four scoring grabs...Majored in administration of justice. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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PERSONAL – One of the WPIAL's most versatile and highly recruited players at Shaler (Pittsburgh, Pa.) Area HS...Contributed at no fewer than five different positions during his varsity career, including RB, WR, TE, LB and P...Played QB as freshman...Considered one of the country's top TE prospects...Rated nation's No. 10 TE by Scout...As a senior, rushed for 337 yards on 72 carries, caught 19 passes for 332 yards and scored 15 TDs...Pennsylvania Football News All-Class AAAA...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22"...*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* "Terrific 25"...Led Shaler to WPIAL Class AAAA playoffs as senior...Four-year football and basketball letterman...Played C on basketball team and helped Shaler to 20-2 regular-season mark, WPIAL Section 3 title and PIAA Class AAAA playoffs as senior...John Paul Holtz was born Aug. 28, 1993...Brother, Rob, played football at the College of Wooster...Father, Bob played football at California University of Pennsylvania...Mother played volleyball and softball at Robert Morris University.

85 JONTRE KIRKLIN WR

LOUISIANA STATE (6-0, 184)

NFL EXPERIENCE: 1

Signed by Saints, 8/6/23...Practice squad contract terminated by Cardinals, 9/6/22...Signed to Cardinals practice squad, 8/31/22...Waived by Cardinals...Signed by Arizona Cardinals, 5/13/22...Had three receptions for 23 yards with a club best two touchdowns in the 2022 preseason. In four games for XFL's Houston Roughnecks in 2023, he posted 15 receptions for 253 yards and four touchdowns...Played 57 games with three starts over five seasons (2017-21) with the Tigers as a WR, QB and DB. He finished his collegiate career with 20 receptions for 313 yards and three touchdowns, added 13 carries for 67 yards and also threw for 138 yards and three touchdowns on 7-of-11 (63.6%) passing...During his super senior season in 2021, played in nine games, including starting at QB in LSU's Texas Bowl matchup vs. Kansas State. Added ten tackles on defense and had three kick returns for 38 yards. Played WR in eight games, hauling in four passes for 49 yards...As senior in 2020, played 10 games (two starts) and set career highs in receptions (13), receiving yards (184) and TD receptions (3)...Part of LSU's 2019 National Championship squad, when he played 14 games...As a sophomore in 2018, played on offense (WR), defense (DB) and excelled on special teams...Earned a Sports Administration degree...A standout QB at Litcher (La.) HS, where he helped lead the Bulldogs to consecutive Class 3A state championships (2015-16) as a junior and senior. Accumulated over 5,000 passing yards and added 1,700 rushing during his sophomore and junior seasons, accounting for 92 total touchdowns during that span. Finished his prep career with 147 TDs, over 7,500 passing yards and 3,000 rushing yards. Voted to the 2016 All-State Class 3A Offensive Team by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association and was a finalist for the Warrick Dunn Award, recognizing

productivity on the field while displaying high-character, unselfishness and sportsmanship.

62 TOMMY KRAEMER G

HEIGHT: 6-6 WEIGHT: 316

COLLEGE: NOTRE DAME

JOINED SAINTS: FA-23

NFL EXPERIENCE: 3

BORN: 4/16/98

NFL CAREER – Kraemer was originally signed by the Detroit Lions as a rookie free agent in 2021, out of Notre Dame. The Cincinnati native played in nine games with three starts for the Lions in 2021 (two at right guard, one at left guard) and did not allow a sack. He did not see any game action in 2022 after suffering a season-ending back injury in training camp.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by the New Orleans Saints, 8/2/23; Placed by the Detroit Lions on Injured Reserve (back), 9/15/22; Re-signed to a one-year contract with the Lions, 3/18/22; Signed to the Lions active roster, 11/23/21; Elevated off the Lions practice squad, 11/20/21; Signed to the Lions practice squad, 11/4/21; Waived by Detroit, 11/2/21; Signed to the active roster by Detroit practice squad, 10/27/21; Signed to the Lions practice squad, 9/16/21; Waived by Detroit, 9/14/21; Signed to the Lions active roster, 9/11/21; Signed to the Lions practice squad, 9/1/21; Waived by Detroit, 8/31/21; Signed by Detroit as an undrafted free agent, 5/14/21.

2022 – Spent the 2022 season on Injured Reserve (back).

2021 – Appeared in nine games for Detroit with three starts (two at right guard, one at left guard). Kraemer did not allow a sack in his rookie campaign with the Lions.

COLLEGE – Played four seasons for the Fighting Irish (2017-20), starting 39-of-43 games played (27 starts at right guard and 12 starts at right tackle). He helped the Irish earn two trips to the College Football Playoff semifinals in his career. As a graduate student, Kraemer was selected 2020 first-team All-ACC and third-team *Associated Press* All-American...Part of an offensive line that won the 2017 Joe Moore Award (NCAA's best offensive line) and helped the Irish rank seventh in the FBS with an average of 269.3 rushing yards per game...Graduated with a bachelor's management consulting.

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PERSONAL – Played at Elder (Cincinnati, Ohio) HS and was named the 2015 Gatorade Ohio Player of the Year, becoming the first offensive lineman to win the award since 2006. Selected to participate in the 2015 U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas and the 2015 Nike “Opening” camp in Beaverton, Ore.

91 KYLE PHILLIPS DE
HEIGHT: 6-4 WEIGHT: 277
COLLEGE: TENNESSEE
JOINED SAINTS: FA-23
NFL EXPERIENCE: 4
BORN: 10/20/95

NFL CAREER – Phillips was originally signed by the New York Jets as a rookie free agent in 2019, out of Tennessee. The Nashville native played in 29 games with eight starts for the Jets (2019-21) and has career totals of 68 tackles (44 solo), 2.5 sacks, 23 stops for loss and a pass defense. In 2019, Phillips snared a roster spot out of the preseason and played in 15 games with four starts. He recorded 42 tackles, including a team-leading 18 for loss (coaches stats) and finished tied for seventh in the league among all rookies to go with 1.5 sacks. In 2021, Phillips returned to action from a season-ending ankle injury that required surgery suffered at midseason in 2020 and finished with 15 tackles, one sack and two stops for loss.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by the New Orleans Saints, 7/31/23; Activated by the Jets off Reserve/Non-Football Injury (COVID-19), 1/6/22; Placed by the Jets on Reserve/Non-Football Injury (COVID-19), 1/2/22; Activated off PUP, 11/17/21; Placed by the Jets on PUP, 8/31/21; Placed by the Jets on Injured Reserve (ankle), 10/28/20; Signed by New York Jets as undrafted free agent, 5/10/19.

2021 – Appeared in seven games for Jets with one start, recording 15 tackles with a stop for loss and a sack... Dropped Taysom Hill for a nine-yard loss vs. New Orleans, Dec. 12, to go with three tackles (two solo). **2020** – Appeared in seven games for the Jets, recording 11 tackles with three stops for loss. Week Seven ankle injury sidelined Phillips for rest of season. **2019** – Appeared in 15 games for the Jets with four starts, recording 42 tackles (31 solo), 1.5 sacks and a pass defense. Became one of two undrafted rookies to start at least four games for Jets. Had team-leading 18 tackles for loss.

COLLEGE – In his four years at Tennessee, Phillips ap-

peared in 41 games with 21 starts on the defensive line and recorded 114 total tackles, including 16 for loss, 8.0 sacks, nine passes defended, one interception returned for a touchdown and one forced and recovered fumble during that time...As senior (2018), posted career-best 56 tackles and finished second on team in sacks (five) and tackles for loss (eight) after appearing in all 12 games and added four passes defended, a forced fumble, a recovered fumble and a blocked kick...Three-time Academic All-SEC selection was named a semifinalist for the second annual Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Award following his senior year, presented to a Division I football player that demonstrates leadership, sportsmanship and integrity on and off the field. Additionally, Phillips took part in a 13-day study abroad trip to Vietnam after he was inducted into the 2016-17 VOLEaders Academy Class...Graduated with a degree in Communication Studies.

PERSONAL – Attended Hillsboro (Nashville, Tenn.) HS, where as a senior he recorded 58 tackles (22.5 for loss) with 13 sacks and was named All-Midstate as well as one of *The Tennessean's* "Dandy Dozen"...Four-star recruit and played in the 2015 All-American Bowl...Mother, Theresa, served as athletic director of Tennessee State from 2002-19, previously serving as their women's basketball coach from 1989-2000 after a playing career at Vanderbilt...In his time with Jets, Was selected by the Jets equipment staff as the 2019 Bill Hampton Award winner, which is given annually to a Jets rookie who displays the most friendly, courteous, and neat behavior in the locker room.

59 JAYLON SMITH LB

HEIGHT: 6-2 WEIGHT: 243
COLLEGE: NOTRE DAME
NFL EXPERIENCE: 8
JOINED SAINTS: FA-23
BORN: 6/14/95

NFL CAREER – Originally selected as a second round draft pick by Dallas in 2016, Smith provides experience and depth to the Saints linebacker corps. In seven seasons with the Cowboys (2016-21), Green Bay Packers (2021) and New York Giants (2021-22), the Fort Wayne, Ind. native has appeared in 87 regular season games with 69 starts and recorded 704 tackles (470 solo), 11 sacks for losses of 67.5 yards, two interceptions, 21 passes defended, six forced fumbles and six fumble recoveries, including one brought back for a touchdown. He's started all four postseason games he's appeared in, posting 37 tackles and a pass defense. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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CAREER TRANSACTIONS – Signed by Saints, 8/11/23; Signed to Giants active roster, 10/1/22; Signed to Giants practice squad, 9/20/22; Signed to Giants active roster, 12/20/21; Elevated to Giants active roster (COVID-19 replacement), 12/18/21; Signed to Giants practice squad, 12/17/21; Contract terminated by Packers, 11/2/21; Signed by Green Bay Packers, 10/7/21; Contract terminated by Cowboys, 10/6/21; Re-signed to a five-year contract extension by Cowboys, 8/20/19; Placed by Dallas on Injured Reserve, 12/13/16; Reinstated from reserve/Non-Football Injury by Dallas, 12/12/16; Placed by Dallas on Reserve/Non-Football Injury, 8/30/16; Signed by the Cowboys to a four-year contract, 5/20/16; Selected by the Cowboys in the second round (34th overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft.

HONORS – 2019: Pro Bowl.

2022 – Appeared in 13 regular season games with 11 starts for the Giants and recorded 88 tackles (46 solo), a sack and a fumble recovery. In two playoff contests, led Giants with 21 tackles, second in postseason play in the NFL through the first two weeks. **2021** – Played in ten games with four starts for Cowboys, Packers and Giants, tallying 39 tackles (25 solo), a sack and a pass defense... Dropped Andy Dalton for a nine-yard loss, at Chicago, 1/2/22, adding seven tackles (five solo). **2020** – Started all 16 games for third consecutive season for Dallas and led defense in tackles (161) for second straight campaign. Also led the defense in tackles nine times. Was the first Dallas defender to top 150 stops in three straight seasons since Bradie James did it from 2008-10... Selected as a defensive captain for Week One and had 12 tackles (third on the defense) at the L.A. Rams, Sept. 13... Played in his 50th career game and finished against Atlanta, Sept. 20, with ten tackles, one stop for loss and a pass breakup... Topped 500 career tackles, finishing with eight against Pittsburgh, Nov. 8... With six tackles on Thanksgiving vs. Washington, Nov. 26, topped 100 stops for third straight season... At Baltimore, Dec. 8, made 50th career start and led the team with a season-high 13 tackles, before logging 13 stops the next week at Cincinnati, Dec. 13. **2019** – Started all 16 games for second straight season and led team with a career-best 168 tackles. Earned a Pro Bowl spot as an injury replacement. Selected as a team captain... Tied career-high with a team-best 14 tackles in win at Washington, Sept. 15... Started 25th career game and led the team with 11 tackles with a pressure and a forced fumble against Miami, Sept. 22... Reached 300 career tackles, finishing with nine against Green Bay, Oct. 6, then tied career-high with 14 stops in consecutive games – at NY Giants, Nov. 4 and against Minnesota, Nov. 10... Reached 100 tackles on year after leading team with 11 at

Detroit, Nov. 17... Again tied career-best 14 stops on Thanksgiving Day vs. Buffalo, Nov. 28... Reached 400 career tackles with 10 at Philadelphia, Dec. 22... Picked off first career pass to go with three breakups, nine tackles, a hurry and a stop for loss in finale against Washington, Dec. 29. **2018** – Played in all 16 games (second time), starting all 16 for the first, and finished second on team with 150 tackles, adding 4.0 sacks (fourth), five tackles for loss (second), 13 hurries (fifth), two fumble recoveries (tied for first) and two forced fumbles (tied for first)... Logged 11 tackles in home opener against the N.Y. Giants, Sept. 16, then had 10 tackles, a sack and two hurries at Seattle, Sept. 23... Reached 200 career tackles after leading the team with 10 vs. New Orleans, Nov. 29, then had a season-high and career-high tying 14 tackles with s pressure, at Indianapolis, Dec. 16... Had his first career TD on a 69-yard rumble recovery and was second on the team with 13 tackles along with two breakups in the NFC East-clinching win against Tampa Bay, Dec. 23... Made postseason debut against Seattle, 1/5/19 and had seven tackles, a QB hurry and a pass defense. **2017** – Returned to field after spending 2016 rehabbing a knee injury suffered in college and notched 99 tackles (second on defense), one sack, four tackles for losses, four quarterback pressures, two passes defended and two forced fumbles... Selected as team's Ed Block Courage Award winner for his efforts as role model of inspiration, sportsmanship and courage... Made NFL debut at middle linebacker and second on team with nine tackles and a forced fumble in opener against N.Y. Giants, Sept. 10... Led team with career-high 14 stops at Denver, Sept. 17, then had his first career sack on which he forced a fumble, to go with seven tackles in win at San Francisco, Oct. 22... At Atlanta, Nov. 12, had two tackles one for loss and a pressure... Started against Washington, Nov. 30, and placed second on the team with nine tackles. **2017** – Spent the season on Reserve/NFI after suffering a knee injury in the Fiesta Bowl – his last collegiate game.

COLLEGE – Consensus All-American and Butkus Award winner as the best collegiate defensive player and team captain during a junior season in which he started all 13 games and led team in tackles (114), pass breakups (five), fumble recoveries (two) and ranked third in tackles for loss (9.5), along with a sack, six hurries and a forced fumble... Finished year as a Butkus Award finalist and Bednarik Award semifinalist as sophomore after starting all 13 games and leading the Irish in total tackles (112), tackles for loss (nine), tied for second with 3.5 sacks, forced a fumble, recorded two breakups and seven pressures... Started all 13 games at outside linebacker as a freshman and ranked third on the squad with 67 total tackles, second on the team with 6.5 tackles for loss and added one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, one interception, one quarterback hurry and three pass breakups... Earned his degree in film, television and theater from Notre Dame in the spring of 2019. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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PERSONAL – Helped Bishop Luers (Fort Wayne, Ind.) HS to four straight Indiana Class 2A state titles as a linebacker and running back as a three-time first-team All-State selection and was winner of the 2012 Butkus Award presented by *Pro Football Weekly* to the top high school linebacker in the country and a first-team linebacker on the *Parade* prep All-American squad. Finished his senior season with 1,265 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns on 176 attempts to go with 10 receptions for 66 yards and two more touchdowns – adding 72 tackles, 19.5 tackles for loss, 8.0 sacks, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and seven pass deflections on defense.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (as of 8/16/23)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown
24	Abram, Johnathan	S	6-0	205	10/25/96	5	Mississippi State	Columbia, Miss.
29	Adebo, Paulson	CB	6-1	192	7/3/99	3	Stanford	Mansfield, Texas
0	Amadi, Ugo	S	5-9	201	5/16/97	5	Oregon	Nashville, Tenn.
40	Anderson, Nick	LB	5-11	230	1/27/00	R	Tulane	Vicksburg, Miss.
15	Baker, Kawaan	WR	6-1	215	8/24/98	1	South Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.
47	Bargas, Jake	FB	6-2	250	11/28/96	1	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.
53	Baun, Zack	LB	6-3	225	12/30/96	4	Wisconsin	Brown Deer, Wis.
84	Bowden Jr., Lynn	WR	6-1	204	10/14/97	3	Kentucky	Warren, Ohio
90	Bresee, Bryan	DT	6-5	305	10/6/01	R	Clemson	Damascus, Md.
77	Cage, Jerron	DL	6-2	305	11/25/98	R	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio
4	Carr, Derek	QB	6-3	215	3/28/91	10	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.
43	Connelly, Ryan	LB	6-2	234	10/3/95	4	Wisconsin	Eden Prairie, Minn.
56	Davis, Demario	LB	6-2	248	1/11/89	12	Arkansas State	Brandon, Miss.
88	Davis, Shaq	WR	6-5	215	2/8/00	R	South Carolina State	Summerville, S.C.
11	Edwards, Bryan	WR	6-3	215	11/13/98	4	South Carolina	Conway, S.C.
57	Emili, Prince	DT	6-2	300	9/18/98	1	Pennsylvania	Clarkstown, N.Y.
68	Evans II, Mark	OL	6-4	295	10/11/99	R	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Houston, Texas
61	Filiaga, Chuck	G	6-6	321	2/22/98	R	Minnesota	Aledo, Texas
55	Foskey, Isaiah	DE	6-5	265	10/30/00	R	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.
44	Frye, Adrian	DB	6-0	205	1/21/99	R	Texas Tech	Houston, Texas
73	Garcia, Max	G	6-4	309	11/9/91	9	Florida	Norcross, Ga.
5	Gillikin, Blake	P	6-2	196	1/21/98	4	Penn State	Atlanta, Ga.
80	Graham, Jimmy	TE	6-7	265	10/24/86	13	Miami (Fla.)	Goldsboro, N.C.
96	Granderson, Carl	DE	6-5	261	12/18/96	5	Wyoming	Sacramento, Calif.
48	Gray, J.T.	DB	6-0	202	1/18/96	6	Mississippi State	Clarksdale, Miss.
19	Grupe, Blake	K	5-7	156	11/5/98	R	Notre Dame	Sedalia, Mo.
14	Haener, Jake	QB	6-1	200	3/10/99	R	Fresno State	Danville, Calif.
39	Hedley, Lou	P	6-4	220	6/27/93	R	Miami (Fla.)	Mandurah, Au.
95	Heflin, Jack	DT	6-3	304	3/8/98	2	Iowa	Prophetstown, Ill.
7	Hill, Taysom	TE	6-2	221	8/23/90	7	Brigham Young	Pocatello, Idaho
86	Holtz, J.P.	TE	6-3	255	8/28/93	5	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Penn.
31	Howden, Jordan	DB	6-0	209	5/14/00	R	Minnesota	San Diego, Calif.
74	Hurst, James	OL	6-5	310	12/17/91	10	North Carolina	Plainfield, Ind.
52	Jackson, D'Marco	LB	6-1	233	7/20/98	2	Appalachian State	Spartanburg, S.C.
81	James, Jesse	TE	6-7	261	6/4/94	9	Penn State	Glassport, Penn.
36	Johnson, Anthony	DB	6-2	205	6/12/99	R	Virginia	Hollywood, Fla.
28	Johnson Jr., Lonnie	CB	6-2	213	11/4/95	5	Kentucky	Gary, Ind.
83	Johnson, Juwan	TE	6-4	231	9/13/96	4	Oregon	Glassboro, N.J.
94	Jordan, Cameron	DE	6-4	287	7/10/89	13	California	Chandler, Ariz.
41	Kamara, Alvin	RB	5-10	215	7/25/95	7	Tennessee	Atlanta, Ga.
66	Kidd, Lewis	OL	6-6	311	9/15/97	2	Montana State	Minneapolis, Minn.
85	Kirklin, Jontre	WR	6-0	184	10/9/98	1	LSU	Lutcher, La.
18	Kirkwood, Keith	WR	6-3	210	12/26/94	4	Temple	Neptune Township, N.J.
92	Kpassagnon, Tanoh	DE	6-7	289	6/14/94	7	Villanova	Ambler, Pa.
62	Kraemer, Tommy	G	6-6	316	4/16/98	3	Notre Dame	Cincinnati, Ohio
87	Krull, Lucas	TE	6-6	260	7/11/98	1	Pittsburgh	Shawnee, Kan.
54	Lalos, Niko	DE	6-5	269	6/25/97	2	Dartmouth	Akron, Ohio
23	Lattimore, Marshon	CB	6-0	192	5/20/96	7	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio
3	Lutz, Wil	K	5-11	184	7/7/94	8	Georgia State	Newnan, Ga.
32	Mathieu, Tyrann	S	5-9	190	5/13/92	11	LSU	New Orleans, La.
6	Maye, Marcus	S	6-0	207	3/9/93	7	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.
78	McCoy, Erik	C/G	6-4	303	8/27/97	5	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas
33	Merritt, Kirk	RB	6-1	214	1/5/97	1	Arkansas State	Destrehan, La.
35	Merriweather, Ellis	RB	6-2	225	4/7/99	R	Massachusetts	Alpharetta, Ga.
25	Miller, Kendre	RB	6-0	220	6/11/02	R	TCU	Mount Enterprise, Texas
38	Monday, Smoke	S	6-3	199	2/19/00	2	Auburn	Atlanta, Ga.
82	Moreau, Foster	TE	6-4	250	5/6/97	5	LSU	New Orleans, La.
72	Norton, Storm	T	6-7	317	5/16/94	4	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio
12	Olave, Chris	WR	6-0	187	6/27/00	2	Ohio State	San Marcos, Calif.
58	Orji, Anfernee	LB	6-2	230	10/6/00	R	Vanderbilt	Rockwall, Texas
75	Peat, Andrus	G/T	6-7	316	11/4/93	9	Stanford	Tempe, Ariz
70	Penning, Trevor	OT	6-7	325	5/15/99	2	Northern Iowa	Mason City, Iowa
17	Perry, A.T.	WR	6-5	205	10/26/99	R	Wake Forest	Lake Worth, Fla.
91	Phillips, Kyle	DE	6-4	277	5/5/97	4	Tennessee	Nashville, Tenn.
65	Pihlstrom, Alex	OL	6-6	305	4/28/99	R	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
46	Prentice, Adam	FB	6-0	245	1/16/97	3	South Carolina	Clovis, Calif.
37	Pride, Troy	DB	5-11	193	1/19/98	3	Notre Dame	Greer, S.C.
71	Ramczyk, Ryan	T	6-6	314	4/22/94	7	Wisconsin	Stevens Point, Wis.
97	Roach, Malcolm	DL	6-3	290	6/9/98	4	Texas	Baton Rouge, La.
21	Roby, Bradley	CB	5-11	194	5/1/92	10	Ohio State	Suwanee, Ga.
51	Ruiz, Cesar	C/G	6-4	316	6/14/99	4	Michigan	Camden, N.J.
64	Saldiveri, Nick	OL	6-6	316	8/14/00	R	Old Dominion	Monroe, N.C.
99	Saunders, Khalen	DT	6-0	324	8/9/96	5	Western Illinois	St. Louis, Mo.
45	Sewell, Nephi	LB	6-0	228	12/19/98	1	Utah	St. George, Utah
22	Shaheed, Rashid	WR/RS	6-0	180	8/31/98	2	Weber State	San Diego, Calif.
93	Shepherd, Nathan	DT	6-4	315	10/9/93	6	Fort Hays State	Ajax, Ontario, Canada
59	Smith, Jaylon	LB	6-2	240	6/14/95	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.
10	Smith, Tre'Quan	WR	6-2	210	1/7/96	6	Central Florida	Delray Beach, Fla.
42	Summers, Ty	LB	6-1	241	12/31/95	5	TCU	San Antonio, Texas
1	Taylor, Alontae	CB	6-1	199	12/3/98	2	Tennessee	Manchester, Tenn.
13	Thomas, Michael	WR	6-3	212	3/3/93	8	Ohio State	Woodland Hills, Calif.
76	Throckmorton, Calvin	OL	6-5	309	8/16/96	3	Oregon	Bellevue, Wash.
98	Turner, Payton	DE	6-6	270	1/7/99	3	Houston	Houston, Texas
20	Werner, Pete	LB	6-3	242	6/5/98	3	Ohio State	Indianapolis, Ind.
34	Williams, Darrel	RB	5-11	224	4/15/95	6	LSU	Marrero, La.
30	Williams, Jamaal	RB	6-0	224	4/3/95	7	Brigham Young	Fontana, Calif.
2	Winston, Jameis	QB	6-4	231	1/6/94	9	Florida State	Hueytown, Ala.
49	Wood, Zach	LS	6-3	255	1/10/93	7	Southern Methodist	Rowlett, Texas
27	Yiandom, Isaac	CB	6-1	188	2/20/96	6	Boston College	Worcester, Mass.
67	Young, Landon	T	6-7	321	8/21/97	3	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.

Players on Active Roster: (90)

Reserve/Injured: (4)

26	Benjamin, Eno	RB	5-9	207	4/13/99	3	Arizona State	Wylie, Texas
50	Dowell, Andrew	LB	6-1	225	11/16/96	4	Michigan State	Lakewood, Ohio
61	Lashley, Scott	T	6-7	315	7/13/98	R	Mississippi State	West Point, Miss.
59	Turner, Trai	G	6-3	320	6/14/93	9	LSU	New Orleans, La.

HEAD COACH: DENNIS ALLEN. Assistants: Clancy Barone(Tight Ends), **Bob Bicknell** (Senior Offensive Assistant), **Kodi Burns** (Wide Receivers), **Kevin Carberry** (Assistant Offensive Line), **Pete Carmichael** (Offensive Coordinator), **Ronald Curry** (Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks), **Jahri Evans** (Offensive Assistant), **Phil Galiano** (Assistant Special Teams), **Matt Giordano** (Defensive Assistant), **Peter Giunta** (Senior Defensive Assistant), **Todd Grantham** (Defensive Line), **Adam Gristick** (Defensive Assistant), **Michael Hodges** (Linebackers), **Doug Marrone** (Offensive Line), **Mike Martinez** (Assistant to the Head Coach), **Kevin Petry** (Offensive Assistant), **Darren Rizzi** (Assistant Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator), **Marcus Robertson** (Secondary), **Joel Thomas** (Running Backs), **Jordan Traylor** (Offensive Assistant), **D.J. Williams** (Offensive Assistant), **Joe Woods** (Defensive Coordinator), **Brian Young** (Pass Rush Specialist).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS NUMERICAL ROSTER (as of 8/16/23)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown	How Acquired	GP	GS	DNP	IA
0	Ugo Amadi	S	5-9	201	26	5	Oregon	Nashville, Tenn.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
1	Alontae Taylor	CB	6-1	199	24	2	Tennessee	Manchester, Tenn.	D2-22	0	0	0	0
2	Jameis Winston	QB	6-4	231	29	9	Florida State	Hueytown, Ala.	UFA-20 (TB)	0	0	0	0
3	Wil Lutz	K	5-11	184	29	8	Georgia State	Newnan, Ga.	FA-16	0	0	0	0
4	Derek Carr	QB	6-3	215	32	10	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
5	Blake Gillikin	P	6-2	196	25	4	Penn State	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-20	0	0	0	0
6	Marcus Maye	S	6-0	207	30	7	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	UFA-22 (NYJ)	0	0	0	0
7	Taysom Hill	TE	6-2	221	33	7	Brigham Young	Pocatello, Idaho	WAI-17 (GB)	0	0	0	0
10	Tre'Quan Smith	WR	6-2	210	27	6	Central Florida	Delray Beach, Fla.	D3-18	0	0	0	0
11	Bryan Edwards	WR	6-3	215	24	4	South Carolina	Conway, S.C.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
12	Chris Olave	WR	6-0	187	23	2	Ohio State	San Marcos, Calif.	D1a-22	0	0	0	0
13	Michael Thomas	WR	6-3	212	30	8	Ohio State	Woodland Hills, Calif.	D2a-16	0	0	0	0
14	Jake Haener	QB	6-1	200	24	R	Fresno State	Danville, Calif.	D4b-23	0	0	0	0
15	Kawaan Baker	WR	6-1	198	24	1	South Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-22	0	0	0	0
17	A.T. Perry	WR	6-6	205	23	R	Wake Forest	Lake Worth, Fla.	D6-23	0	0	0	0
18	Keith Kirkwood	WR	6-3	210	28	4	Temple	Neptune Township, N.J.	FA-22	0	0	0	0
19	Blake Grube	K	5-7	156	24	R	Notre Dame	Sedalia, Mo.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
20	Pete Werner	LB	6-3	242	25	3	Ohio State	Indianapolis, Ind.	D2-21	0	0	0	0
21	Bradley Roby	CB	5-11	194	31	10	Ohio State	Suwanee, Ga.	TR-21 (HOU)	0	0	0	0
22	Rashid Shaheed	WR/RS	6-0	180	24	2	Weber State	San Diego, Calif.	FA-22	0	0	0	0
23	Marshon Lattimore	CB	6-0	192	27	7	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio	D1a-17	0	0	0	0
24	Johnathan Abram	S	6-0	205	26	5	Mississippi State	Columbia, Miss.	UFA-23 (SEA)	0	0	0	0
25	Kendre Miller	RB	6-0	220	21	R	TCU	Mount Enterprise, Texas	D3-23	0	0	0	0
27	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	188	27	6	Boston College	Worcester, Mass.	FA-22	0	0	0	0
28	Lonnie Johnson Jr.	CB	6-2	213	27	5	Kentucky	Gary, Ind.	UFA-23 (TEN)	0	0	0	0
29	Paulson Adebbo	CB	6-1	192	24	3	Stanford	Mansfield, Texas	D3-21	0	0	0	0
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	28	7	Brigham Young	Fontana, Calif.	UFA-23 (DET)	0	0	0	0
31	Jordan Howden	DB	6-0	209	23	R	Minnesota	San Diego, Calif.	D5-23	0	0	0	0
32	Tyrann Mathieu	S	5-9	190	31	11	LSU	New Orleans, La.	UFA-22 (KC)	0	0	0	0
33	Kirk Merritt	RB	6-1	214	26	1	Arkansas State	Destrehan, La.	FA-21	0	0	0	0
34	Darrel Williams	RB	5-11	224	28	6	LSU	Marrero, La.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
35	Ellis Merriweather	RB	6-2	225	24	R	Massachusetts	Alpharetta, Ga.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
36	Anthony Johnson	DB	6-2	205	24	R	Virginia	Hollywood, Fla.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
37	Troy Pride	DB	5-11	193	25	3	Notre Dame	Greer, S.C.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
38	Smoke Monday	S	6-3	199	23	2	Auburn	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-22	0	0	0	0
39	Lou Hedley	P	6-4	220	30	R	Miami (Fla.)	Mandurah, Au.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
40	Nick Anderson	LB	5-11	230	23	R	Tulane	Vicksburg, Miss.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
41	Alvin Kamara	RB	5-10	215	28	7	Tennessee	Atlanta, Ga.	D3a-17	0	0	0	0
42	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	27	5	TCU	San Antonio, Texas	FA-22	0	0	0	0
43	Ryan Connelly	LB	6-2	234	27	4	Wisconsin	Eden Prairie, Minn.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
44	Adrian Frye	DB	6-0	205	24	R	Texas Tech	Houston, Texas	FA-23	0	0	0	0
45	Nephi Sewell	LB	6-0	228	24	1	Utah	St. George, Utah	FA-22	0	0	0	0
46	Adam Prentice	FB	6-0	245	26	3	South Carolina	Clovis, Calif.	WAI-21 (DEN)	0	0	0	0
47	Jake Bargas	FB	6-2	250	26	1	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
48	J.T. Gray	DB	6-0	202	27	6	Mississippi State	Clarksdale, Miss.	FA-18	0	0	0	0
49	Zach Wood	LS	6-3	255	30	7	Southern Methodist	Rowlett, Texas	FA-17	0	0	0	0
51	Cesar Ruiz	C/G	6-4	316	24	4	Michigan	Camden, N.J.	D1-20	0	0	0	0
52	D'Marco Jackson	LB	6'1	233	25	2	Appalachian State	Spartanburg, S.C.	D5-22	0	0	0	0
53	Zack Baun	LB	6-3	225	26	4	Wisconsin	Brown Deer, Wis.	D3a-20	0	0	0	0
54	Niko Lalos	DE	6-5	269	26	2	Dartmouth	Akron, Ohio	FA-23	0	0	0	0
55	Isaiah Foskey	DE	6-5	265	22	R	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.	D2-23	0	0	0	0
56	Demario Davis	LB	6-2	248	34	12	Arkansas State	Brandon, Miss.	UFA-18 (NYJ)	0	0	0	0
57	Prince Emilii	DT	6-2	300	24	1	Pennsylvania	Clarkstown, N.Y.	FA-22	0	0	0	0
58	Anfernee Orji	LB	6-2	230	22	R	Vanderbilt	Rockwall, Texas	FA-23	0	0	0	0
59	Jaylon Smith	LB	6-2	240	28	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
61	Chuck Filiaga	G	6-6	321	25	R	Minnesota	Aledo, Texas	FA-23	0	0	0	0
62	Tommy Kraemer	G	6-6	316	25	3	Notre Dame	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA-23	0	0	0	0
64	Nick Saldiveri	OL	6-6	316	23	R	Old Dominion	Monroe, N.C.	D4a-23	0	0	0	0
65	Alex Pihlstrom	OL	6-6	305	24	R	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
66	Lewis Kidd	OL	6-6	311	25	2	Montana State	Minneapolis, Minn.	FA-22	0	0	0	0
67	Landon Young	T	6-7	321	26	3	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	D6-21	0	0	0	0
68	Mark Evans II	OL	6-4	295	23	R	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Houston, Texas	FA-23	0	0	0	0
70	Trevor Penning	OT	6-7	325	24	2	Northern Iowa	Mason City, Iowa	D1b-22	0	0	0	0
71	Ryan Ramczyk	T	6-6	314	29	7	Wisconsin	Stevens Point, Wis.	D1b-17	0	0	0	0
72	Storm Norton	T	6-7	317	29	4	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	UFA-23 (LAC)	0	0	0	0
73	Max Garcia	G	6-4	309	31	9	Florida	Norcross, Ga.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
74	James Hurst	OL	6-5	310	31	10	North Carolina	Plainfield, Ind.	FA-20	0	0	0	0
75	Andrus Peat	G/T	6-7	316	29	9	Stanford	Tempe, Ariz.	D1a-15	0	0	0	0
76	Calvin Throckmorton	OL	6-5	309	27	3	Oregon	Bellevue, Wash.	FA-20	0	0	0	0
77	Jerron Cage	DL	6-2	305	24	R	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA-23	0	0	0	0
78	Erik McCoy	C/G	6-4	303	25	5	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas	D2-19	0	0	0	0
80	Jimmy Graham	TE	6-7	265	36	13	Miami (Fla.)	Goldsboro, N.C.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
81	Jesse James	TE	6-7	261	29	9	Penn State	Glassport, Penn.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
82	Foster Moreau	TE	6-4	250	26	5	LSU	New Orleans, La.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
83	Juwan Johnson	TE	6-4	231	26	4	Oregon	Glassboro, N.J.	FA-20	0	0	0	0
84	Lynn Bowden Jr.	WR	6-1	204	25	3	Kentucky	Warren, Ohio	FA-23	0	0	0	0
85	Jontre Kirklind	WR	6-0	184	24	1	LSU	Lutcher, La.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
86	J.P. Holtz	TE	6-3	255	29	5	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Penn.	UFA-22 (CHI)	6	2	0	1
87	Lucas Krull	TE	6-6	260	25	1	Pittsburgh	Shawnee, Kan.	FA-22	0	0	0	0
88	Shaq Davis	WR	6-5	215	23	R	South Carolina State	Summerville, S.C.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
90	Bryan Bresee	DT	6-5	305	21	R	Clemson	Damascus, Md.	D1-23	0	0	0	0
91	Kyle Phillips	DE	6-4	277	26	4	Tennessee	Nashville, Tenn.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
92	Tanoh Kpassagnon	DE	6-7	289	29	6	Villanova	Ambler, Pa.	UFA-21 (KC)	0	0	0	0
93	Nathan Shepherd	DT	6-4	315	29	6	Fort Hays State	Ajax, Ontario, Canada	UFA-23 (NYJ)	0	0	0	0
94	Cameron Jordan	DE	6-4	287	34	13	California	Chandler, Ariz.	D1a-11	0	0	0	0
95	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	304	25	2	Iowa	Prophetstown, Ill.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
96	Carl Granderson	DE	6-5	261	26	5	Wyoming	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-19	0	0	0	0
97	Malcolm Roach	DL	6-3	290	25	4	Texas	Baton Rouge, La.	FA-20	0	0	0	0
98	Payton Turner	DE	6-6	270	24	3	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1-21	0	0	0	0
99	Khalen Saunders	DT	6-0	324	27	5	Western Illinois	St. Louis, Mo.	UFA-23 (KC)	0	0	0	0

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Reserve/Injured: (4)

26	Eno Benjamin	RB	5-9	207	24	3	Arizona State	Wylie, Texas	WAI-22 (HOU)	0	0	0	0
50	Andrew Dowell	LB	6-1	225	26	4	Michigan State	Lakewood, Ohio	FA-19	0	0	0	0
59	Trai Turner	G	6-3	320	30	9	LSU	New Orleans, La.	FA-23	0	0	0	0
61	Scott Lashley	T	6-7	315	25	R	Mississippi State	West Point, Miss.	FA-23	0	0	0	0

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS EXPERIENCE ROSTER (as of 8/16/23)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown
80	Jimmy Graham	TE	6-7	265	10/24/86	13	Miami (Fla.)	Goldsboro, N.C.
94	Cameron Jordan	DE	6-4	287	7/10/89	13	California	Chandler, Ariz.
56	Demario Davis	LB	6-2	248	1/11/89	12	Arkansas State	Brandon, Miss.
32	Tyrann Mathieu	S	5-9	190	5/13/92	11	LSU	New Orleans, La.
4	Derek Carr	QB	6-3	215	3/28/91	10	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.
74	James Hurst	OL	6-5	310	12/17/91	10	North Carolina	Plainfield, Ind.
21	Bradley Roby	CB	5-11	194	5/1/92	10	Ohio State	Suwanee, Ga.
73	Max Garcia	G	6-4	309	11/9/91	9	Florida	Norcross, Ga.
81	Jesse James	TE	6-7	261	6/4/94	9	Penn State	Glassport, Penn.
75	Andrus Peat	G/T	6-7	316	1/14/93	9	Stanford	Tempe, Ariz.
2	Jameis Winston	QB	6-4	231	1/6/94	9	Florida State	Hueytown, Ala.
3	Will Lutz	K	5-11	184	7/7/94	8	Georgia State	Newnan, Ga.
13	Michael Thomas	WR	6-3	212	3/3/93	8	Ohio State	Woodland Hills, Calif.
7	Taysom Hill	TE	6-2	221	8/23/90	7	Brigham Young	Pocatello, Idaho
41	Alvin Kamara	RB	5-10	215	7/25/95	7	Tennessee	Atlanta, Ga.
92	Tanoh Kpassagnon	DE	6-7	289	6/14/94	7	Villanova	Ambler, Pa.
23	Marshon Lattimore	CB	6-0	192	5/20/96	7	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio
6	Marcus Maye	S	6-0	207	3/9/93	7	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.
71	Ryan Ramczyk	T	6-6	314	4/22/94	7	Wisconsin	Stevens Point, Wis.
59	Jaylon Smith	LB	6-2	240	6/14/95	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	4/3/95	7	Brigham Young	Fontana, Calif.
49	Zach Wood	LS	6-3	255	1/10/93	7	Southern Methodist	Rowlett, Texas
48	J.T. Gray	DB	6-0	202	1/18/96	6	Mississippi State	Clarksdale, Miss.
93	Nathan Shepherd	DT	6-4	315	10/9/93	6	Fort Hays State	Ajax, Ontario, Canada
10	Tre'Quan Smith	WR	6-2	210	1/7/96	6	Central Florida	Delray Beach, Fla.
34	Darrel Williams	RB	5-11	224	4/15/95	6	LSU	Marrero, La.
27	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	188	2/20/96	6	Boston College	Worcester, Mass.
24	Johnathan Abram	S	6-0	205	10/25/96	5	Mississippi State	Columbia, Miss.
0	Ugo Amadi	S	5-9	201	5/16/97	5	Oregon	Nashville, Tenn.
96	Carl Granderson	DE	6-5	261	12/18/96	5	Wyoming	Sacramento, Calif.
86	J.P. Holtz	TE	6-3	255	8/28/93	5	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Penn.
78	Erik McCoy	C/G	6-4	303	8/27/97	5	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas
82	Foster Moreau	TE	6-4	250	5/6/97	5	LSU	New Orleans, La.
28	Lonnie Johnson Jr.	CB	6-2	213	11/4/95	5	Kentucky	Gary, Ind.
99	Khalen Saunders	DT	6-0	324	8/9/96	5	Western Illinois	St. Louis, Mo.
42	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	12/31/95	5	TCU	San Antonio, Texas
53	Zack Baun	LB	6-3	225	12/30/96	4	Wisconsin	Brown Deer, Wis.
43	Ryan Connelly	LB	6-2	234	10/3/95	4	Wisconsin	Eden Prairie, Minn.
11	Bryan Edwards	WR	6-3	215	11/13/98	4	South Carolina	Conway, S.C.
5	Blake Gillikin	P	6-2	196	1/21/98	4	Penn State	Atlanta, Ga.
83	Juwan Johnson	TE	6-4	231	9/13/96	4	Oregon	Glassboro, N.J.
18	Keith Kirkwood	WR	6-3	210	12/26/94	4	Temple	Neptune Township, N.J.
72	Storm Norton	T	6-7	317	5/16/94	4	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio
91	Kyle Phillips	DE	6-4	277	5/5/97	4	Tennessee	Nashville, Tenn.
97	Malcolm Roach	DL	6-3	290	6/9/98	4	Texas	Baton Rouge, La.
51	Cesar Ruiz	C/G	6-4	316	6/14/99	4	Michigan	Camden, N.J.
29	Paulson Adebode	CB	6-1	192	7/3/99	3	Stanford	Mansfield, Texas
84	Lynn Bowden Jr.	WR	6-1	204	10/14/97	3	Kentucky	Warren, Ohio
62	Tommy Kraemer	G	6-6	316	4/16/98	3	Notre Dame	Cincinnati, Ohio
46	Adam Prentice	FB	6-0	245	1/16/97	3	South Carolina	Clovis, Calif.
37	Troy Pride	DB	5-11	193	1/19/98	3	Notre Dame	Greer, S.C.
76	Calvin Throckmorton	OL	6-5	309	8/16/96	3	Oregon	Bellevue, Wash.
98	Payton Turner	DE	6-6	270	1/7/99	3	Houston	Houston, Texas
20	Pete Werner	LB	6-3	242	6/5/98	3	Ohio State	Indianapolis, Ind.
67	Landon Young	T	6-7	321	8/21/97	3	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.
95	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	304	3/8/98	2	Iowa	Prophetstown, Ill.
52	D'Marco Jackson	LB	6-1	233	7/20/98	2	Appalachian State	Spartanburg, S.C.
66	Lewis Kidd	OL	6-6	311	9/15/97	2	Montana State	Minneapolis, Minn.
54	Niko Lalos	DE	6-5	269	6/25/97	2	Dartmouth	Akron, Ohio
38	Smoke Monday	S	6-3	199	2/19/00	2	Auburn	Atlanta, Ga.
12	Chris Olave	WR	6-0	187	6/27/00	2	Ohio State	San Marcos, Calif.
70	Trevor Penning	OT	6-7	325	5/15/99	2	Northern Iowa	Mason City, Iowa
22	Rashid Shaheed	WR/RS	6-0	180	8/31/98	2	Weber State	San Diego, Calif.
1	Alontae Taylor	CB	6-1	199	12/3/98	2	Tennessee	Manchester, Tenn.
15	Kawaan Baker	WR	6-1	215	8/24/98	1	South Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.
47	Jake Bargas	FB	6-2	250	11/28/96	1	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.
57	Prince Emili	DT	6-2	300	9/18/98	1	Pennsylvania	Clarkstown, N.Y.
85	Jontre Kirklin	WR	6-0	184	10/9/98	1	LSU	Lutcher, La.
87	Lucas Krull	TE	6-6	260	7/11/98	1	Pittsburgh	Shawnee, Kan.
33	Kirk Merritt	RB	6-1	214	1/5/97	1	Arkansas State	Destrehan, La.
45	Nephi Sewell	LB	6-0	228	12/19/98	1	Utah	St. George, Utah
40	Nick Anderson	LB	5-11	230	1/27/00	R	Tulane	Vicksburg, Miss.
90	Bryan Bresee	DT	6-5	305	10/6/01	R	Clemson	Damascus, Md.
77	Jerron Cage	DL	6-2	305	11/25/98	R	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio
88	Shaq Davis	WR	6-5	215	2/8/00	R	South Carolina State	Summerville, S.C.
68	Mark Evans II	OL	6-4	295	10/11/99	R	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Houston, Texas
61	Chuck Fillaga	G	6-6	321	2/22/98	R	Minnesota	Aledo, Texas
55	Isaiah Foskey	DE	6-5	265	10/30/00	R	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.
44	Adrian Frye	DB	6-0	205	1/21/99	R	Texas Tech	Houston, Texas
19	Blake Grupe	K	5-7	156	11/5/98	R	Notre Dame	Sedalia, Mo.
39	Lou Hedley	P	6-4	220	6/27/93	R	Miami (Fla.)	Mandurah, Au.
14	Jake Haener	QB	6-1	200	3/10/99	R	Fresno State	Danville, Calif.
31	Jordan Howden	DB	6-0	209	5/14/00	R	Minnesota	San Diego, Calif.
36	Anthony Johnson	DB	6-2	205	6/12/99	R	Virginia	Hollywood, Fla.
35	Ellis Merriweather	RB	6-2	225	4/7/99	R	Massachusetts	Alpharetta, Ga.
25	Kendre Miller	RB	6-0	220	6/11/02	R	TCU	Mount Enterprise, Texas
58	Anfernee Orji	LB	6-2	230	10/6/00	R	Vanderbilt	Rockwall, Texas
17	A.T. Perry	WR	6-5	205	10/26/99	R	Wake Forest	Lake Worth, Fla.
65	Alex Pihlstrom	OL	6-6	305	4/28/99	R	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
64	Nick Saldiveri	OL	6-6	316	8/14/00	R	Old Dominion	Monroe, N.C.

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59	Trai Turner	G	6-3	320	6/14/93	9	LSU	New Orleans, La.
50	Andrew Dowell	LB	6-1	225	11/16/96	4	Michigan State	Lakewood, Ohio
26	Eno Benjamin	RB	5-9	207	4/13/99	3	Arizona State	Wylie, Texas
61	Scott Lashley	T	6-7	315	7/13/98	R	Mississippi State	West Point, Miss.

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS AGE ROSTER (as of 8/16/23)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown	How Acquired
80	Jimmy Graham	TE	6-7	265	36	13	Miami (Fla.)	Goldsboro, N.C.	FA-23
56	Demario Davis	LB	6-2	248	34	12	Arkansas State	Brandon, Miss.	UFA-18 (NYJ)
94	Cameron Jordan	DE	6-4	287	34	13	California	Chandler, Ariz.	D1a-11
7	Taysom Hill	TE	6-2	221	33	7	Brigham Young	Pocatello, Idaho	WAI-17 (GB)
4	Derek Carr	QB	6-3	215	32	10	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.	FA-23
73	Max Garcia	G	6-4	309	31	9	Florida	Norcross, Ga.	FA-23
74	James Hurst	OL	6-5	310	31	10	North Carolina	Plainfield, Ind.	FA-20
21	Bradley Roby	CB	5-11	194	31	10	Ohio State	Suwanee, Ga.	TR-21 (HOU)
32	Tyrann Mathieu	S	5-9	190	31	11	LSU	New Orleans, La.	UFA-22 (KC)
49	Zach Wood	LS	6-3	255	30	7	Southern Methodist	Rowlett, Texas	FA-17
13	Michael Thomas	WR	6-3	212	30	8	Ohio State	Woodland Hills, Calif.	D2a-16
6	Marcus Maye	S	6-0	207	30	7	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	UFA-22 (NYJ)
39	Lou Hedley	P	6-4	220	30	R	Miami (Fla.)	Mandurah, Au.	FA-23
86	J.P. Holtz	TE	6-3	255	29	5	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Penn.	UFA-22 (CHI)
73	Nathan Shepherd	DT	6-4	315	29	6	Fort Hays State	Ajax, Ontario, Canada	UFA-23 (NYJ)
25	Andrus Peat	G/T	6-7	316	29	9	Stanford	Tempe, Ariz.	D1a-15
2	James Winston	QB	6-4	231	29	9	Florida State	Hueytown, Ala.	UFA-20 (TB)
71	Ryan Ranczyk	T	6-6	314	29	7	Wisconsin	Stevens Point, Wis.	D1b-17
72	Storm Norton	T	6-7	317	29	4	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	UFA-23 (LAC)
81	Jesse James	TE	6-7	261	29	9	Penn State	Glassport, Penn.	FA-23
92	Tanoh Kpassagnon	DE	6-7	289	29	7	Villanova	Ambler, Pa.	UFA-21 (KC)
3	Will Lutz	K	5-11	184	29	8	Georgia State	Newnan, Ga.	FA-16
18	Keith Kirkwood	WR	6-3	210	28	4	Temple	Neptune Township, N.J.	FA-22
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	28	7	Brigham Young	Fontana, Calif.	UFA-23 (DET)
34	Darrel Williams	RB	5-11	224	28	6	LSU	Marrero, La.	FA-23
59	Jaylon Smith	LB	6-2	240	28	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	FA-23
41	Alvin Kamara	RB	5-10	215	28	7	Tennessee	Atlanta, Ga.	D3a-17
43	Ryan Connelly	LB	6-2	234	27	4	Wisconsin	Eden Prairie, Minn.	FA-23
28	Lonnie Johnson Jr.	CB	6-2	213	27	5	Kentucky	Gary, Ind.	UFA-23 (TEN)
42	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	27	5	TCU	San Antonio, Texas	FA-22
10	Tre'Quan Smith	WR	6-2	210	27	6	Central Florida	Delray Beach, Fla.	D3-18
48	J.T. Gray	DB	6-0	202	27	6	Mississippi State	Clarksdale, Miss.	FA-18
27	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	188	27	6	Boston College	Worcester, Mass.	FA-22
23	Marshon Lattimore	CB	6-0	192	27	7	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio	D1a-17
99	Khalen Saunders	DT	6-0	324	27	5	Western Illinois	St. Louis, Mo.	UFA-23 (KC)
76	Calvin Throckmorton	OL	6-5	309	27	3	Oregon	Bellevue, Wash.	FA-20
83	Juwana Johnson	TE	6-4	231	26	4	Oregon	Glassboro, N.J.	FA-20
24	Johnathan Abram	S	6-0	205	26	5	Mississippi State	Columbia, Miss.	UFA-23 (SEA)
47	Jake Bargas	FB	6-2	250	26	1	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	FA-23
96	Carl Granderson	DE	6-5	261	26	5	Wyoming	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-19
53	Zack Baun	LB	6-3	225	26	4	Wisconsin	Brown Deer, Wis.	D3a-20
33	Kirk Merritt	RB	6-1	214	26	1	Arkansas State	Destrehan, La.	FA-21 (DEN)
46	Adam Prentice	FB	6-0	245	26	3	South Carolina	Clovis, Calif.	WAI-21 (DEN)
91	Kyle Phillips	DE	6-4	277	26	4	Tennessee	Nashville, Tenn.	FA-23
82	Foster Moreau	TE	6-4	250	26	5	LSU	New Orleans, La.	FA-23
0	Ugo Amadi	S	5-9	201	26	5	Oregon	Nashville, Tenn.	FA-23
54	Niko Lalos	DE	6-5	269	26	2	Dartmouth	Akron, Ohio	FA-23
67	Landon Young	T	6-7	321	26	3	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	D6-21
78	Erik McCoy	C/G	6-4	303	25	5	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas	D2-19
66	Lewis Kidd	OL	6-6	311	25	2	Montana State	Minneapolis, Minn.	FA-22
84	Lynn Bowden Jr.	WR	6-1	204	25	3	Kentucky	Warren, Ohio	FA-23
37	Troy Pride	DB	5-11	193	25	3	Notre Dame	Greer, S.C.	FA-23
5	Blake Gillikin	P	6-2	196	25	4	Penn State	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-20
61	Chuck Filaga	G	6-6	321	25	R	Minnesota	Aliso, Texas	FA-23
95	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	304	25	2	Iowa	Prophetstown, Ill.	FA-23
62	Tommy Kraemer	G	6-6	316	25	3	Notre Dame	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA-23
20	Pete Werner	LB	6-3	242	25	3	Ohio State	Indianapolis, Ind.	D2-21
97	Malcolm Roach	DL	6-3	290	25	4	Texas	Baton Rouge, La.	FA-20
87	Lucas Krull	TE	6-6	260	25	1	Pittsburgh	Shawnee, Kan.	FA-22
52	D'Marco Jackson	LB	6-1	233	25	2	Appalachian State	Spartanburg, S.C.	D5-22
15	Kawaan Baker	WR	6-1	198	24	1	South Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-22
22	Rashid Shaheed	WR/RS	6-0	180	24	2	Weber State	San Diego, Calif.	FA-22
57	Prince Emili	DT	6-2	300	24	1	Pennsylvania	Clarkstown, N.Y.	FA-22
85	Jontre KirklIn	WR	6-0	184	24	1	LSU	Lutcher, La.	FA-23
19	Blake Grupe	K	5-7	156	24	R	Notre Dame	Sedalia, Mo.	FA-23
11	Bryan Edwards	WR	6-3	215	24	4	South Carolina	Conway, S.C.	FA-23
77	Jerron Cage	DL	6-2	305	24	R	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA-23
1	Alontae Taylor	CB	6-1	199	24	2	Tennessee	Manchester, Tenn.	D2-22
45	Nephi Sewell	LB	6-0	228	24	1	Utah	St. George, Utah	FA-22
98	Payton Turner	DE	6-6	270	24	3	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1-21
44	Adrian Frye	DB	6-0	205	24	R	Texas Tech	Houston, Texas	FA-23
14	Jake Haener	QB	6-1	200	24	R	Fresno State	Danville, Calif.	D4b-23
35	Ellis Merriweather	RB	6-2	225	24	R	Massachusetts	Alpharetta, Ga.	FA-23
65	Alex Pihlstrom	OL	6-6	305	24	R	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	FA-23
70	Trevor Penning	OT	6-7	325	24	2	Northern Iowa	Mason City, Iowa	D1b-22
36	Anthony Johnson	DB	6-2	205	24	R	Virginia	Hollywood, Fla.	FA-23
51	Cesar Ruiz	C/G	6-4	316	24	4	Michigan	Camden, N.J.	D1-20
29	Paulson Adebbo	CB	6-1	192	24	3	Stanford	Mansfield, Texas	D3-21
68	Mark Evans II	OL	6-4	295	23	R	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Houston, Texas	FA-23
17	A.T. Perry	WR	6-6	205	23	R	Wake Forest	Lake Worth, Fla.	D6-23
40	Nick Anderson	LB	5-11	230	23	R	Tulane	Vicksburg, Miss.	FA-23
88	Shaq Davis	WR	6-5	215	23	R	South Carolina State	Summerville, S.C.	FA-23
38	Smoke Monday	S	6-3	199	23	2	Auburn	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-22
31	Jordan Howden	DB	6-0	209	23	R	Minnesota	San Diego, Calif.	D5-23
12	Chris Olave	WR	6-0	187	23	2	Ohio State	San Marcos, Calif.	D1a-22
64	Nick Saldiveri	OL	6-6	316	23	R	Old Dominion	Monroe, N.C.	D4a-23
58	Anfernee Orji	LB	6-2	230	22	R	Vanderbilt	Rockwall, Texas	FA-23
55	Isalah Foskey	DE	6-5	265	22	R	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.	D2-23
90	Bryan Bresee	DT	6-5	305	21	R	Clemson	Damascus, Md.	D1-23
25	Kendre Miller	RB	6-0	220	21	R	TCU	Mount Enterprise, Texas	D3-23

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50	Andrew Dowell	LB	6-1	225	26	4	Michigan State	Lakewood, Ohio	FA-19
61	Scott Lashley	T	6-7	315	25	R	Mississippi State	West Point, Miss.	FA-23
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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS POSITIONAL ROSTER (as of 8/16/23)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	HS Hometown	How Acquired
QUARTERBACKS (3)									
2	Jameis Winston	QB	6-4	231	29	9	Florida State	Hueytown, Ala.	UFA-20 (TB)
4	Derek Carr	QB	6-3	215	32	10	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.	FA-23
14	Jake Haener	QB	6-1	200	24	R	Fresno State	Danville, Calif.	D4b-23
RUNNING BACKS (8)									
25	Kendre Miller	RB	6-0	220	21	R	TCU	Mount Enterprise, Texas	D3-23
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	28	7	Brigham Young	Fontana, Calif.	UFA-23 (DET)
33	Kirk Merritt	WR	6-1	214	26	1	Arkansas State	Destrehan, La.	FA-21
34	Darrel Williams	RB	5-11	224	28	6	LSU	Marrero, La.	FA-23
35	Ellis Merriweather	RB	6-2	225	24	R	Massachusetts	Alpharetta, Ga.	FA-23
41	Alvin Kamara	RB	5-10	215	28	7	Tennessee	Atlanta, Ga.	D3a-17
46	Adam Prentice	FB	6-0	245	26	3	South Carolina	Clovis, Calif.	WAI-21 (DEN)
47	Jake Bargas	FB	6-2	250	26	1	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	FA-23
WIDE RECEIVERS (11)									
10	Tre'Quan Smith	WR	6-2	210	27	6	Central Florida	Delray Beach, Fla.	D3-18
11	Bryan Edwards	WR	6-3	215	24	4	South Carolina	Conway, S.C.	FA-23
12	Chris Olave	WR	6-0	187	23	2	Ohio State	San Marcos, Calif.	D1a-22
13	Michael Thomas	WR	6-3	212	30	8	Ohio State	Woodland Hills, Calif.	D2a-16
15	Kawaan Baker	WR	6-1	198	24	1	South Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-22
17	A.T. Perry	WR	6-6	205	23	R	Wake Forest	Lake Worth, Fla.	D6-23
18	Keith Kirkwood	WR	6-3	210	26	4	Temple	Neptune Township, N.J.	FA-22
22	Rashid Shaheed	WR/RS	6-0	180	24	2	Weber State	San Diego, Calif.	FA-22
84	Lynn Bowden Jr.	WR	6-1	204	25	3	Kentucky	Warren, Ohio	FA-23
85	Jontre Kirklin	WR	6-0	184	24	1	LSU	Lutcher, La.	FA-23
88	Shaq Davis	WR	215	180	23	R	South Carolina State	Summerville, S.C.	FA-23
TIGHT ENDS (7)									
7	Taysom Hill	TE	6-2	221	33	7	Brigham Young	Pocatello, Idaho	WAI-17 (GB)
80	Jimmy Graham	TE	6-7	265	36	13	Miami (Fla.)	Goldsboro, N.C.	FA-23
81	Jesse James	TE	6-7	261	29	9	Penn State	Glassport, Penn.	FA-23
82	Foster Moreau	TE	6-4	250	26	5	LSU	New Orleans, La.	FA-23
83	Juwan Johnson	TE	6-4	231	26	4	Oregon	Glassboro, N.J.	FA-20
86	J.P. Holtz	TE	6-3	255	29	5	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Penn.	UFA-22 (CHI)
87	Lucas Krull	TE	6-6	260	25	1	Pittsburgh	Shawnee, Kan.	FA-22
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (16)									
51	Cesar Ruiz	C/G	6-4	316	24	4	Michigan	Camden, N.J.	D1-20
61	Chuck Filiaga	G	6-6	321	25	R	Minnesota	Aledo, Texas	FA-23
62	Tommy Kraemer	G	6-6	316	25	3	Notre Dame	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA-23
64	Nick Saldiveri	OL	6-6	316	23	R	Old Dominion	Monroe, N.C.	D4a-23
65	Alex Pihlstrom	OL	6-6	305	24	R	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	FA-23
66	Lewis Kidd	OL	6-6	311	25	2	Montana State	Minneapolis, Minn.	FA-22
67	Landon Young	T	6-7	321	26	3	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	D6-21
68	Mark Evans II	OL	6-4	295	23	R	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Houston, Texas	FA-23
70	Trevor Penning	OT	6-7	325	24	2	Northern Iowa	Mason City, Iowa	D1b-22
71	Ryan Ramczyk	T	6-6	314	29	7	Wisconsin	Stevens Point, Wis.	D1b-17
72	Storm Norton	T	6-7	317	29	4	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	UFA-23 (LAC)
73	Max Garcia	G	6-4	309	31	9	Florida	Norcross, Ga.	FA-23
74	James Hurst	OL	6-5	310	31	10	North Carolina	Plainfield, Ind.	FA-20
75	Andrus Peat	G/T	6-7	316	29	9	Stanford	Tempe, Ariz.	D1a-15
76	Calvin Throckmorton	OL	6-5	309	27	3	Oregon	Bellevue, Wash.	FA-20
78	Erik McCoy	C/G	6-4	303	25	5	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas	D2-19
SPECIALISTS (5)									
3	Wil Lutz	K	5-11	184	29	8	Georgia State	Newnan, Ga.	FA-16
5	Blake Gillikin	P	6-2	196	25	4	Penn State	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-20
19	Blake Grupe	K	5-7	156	24	R	Notre Dame	Sedalia, Mo.	FA-23
39	Lou Hedley	P	6-4	220	30	R	Miami (Fla.)	Mandurah, Au.	FA-23
49	Zach Wood	LS	6-3	255	30	7	Southern Methodist	Rowlett, Texas	FA-17
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN (14)									
54	Niko Lalos	DE	6-5	269	26	2	Dartmouth	Akron, Ohio	FA-23
55	Isaiah Foskey	DE	6-5	265	22	R	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.	D2-23
57	Prince Emili	DT	6-2	300	24	1	Pennsylvania	Clarkstown, N.Y.	FA-22
77	Jerron Cage	DL	6-2	305	24	R	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA-23
90	Bryan Bresee	DT	6-5	305	21	R	Clemson	Damascus, Md.	D1-23
91	Kyle Phillips	DE	6-4	277	26	4	Tennessee	Nashville, Tenn.	FA-23
92	Tanoh Kpassagnon	DE	6-7	289	29	7	Villanova	Ambler, Pa.	UFA-21 (KC)
93	Nathan Shepherd	DT	6-4	315	29	6	Fort Hays State	Ajax, Ontario, Canada	UFA-23 (NYJ)
94	Cameron Jordan	DE	6-4	287	34	13	California	Chandler, Ariz.	D1a-11
95	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	304	25	2	Iowa	Prophetstown, Ill.	FA-23
96	Carl Granderson	DE	6-5	261	26	5	Wyoming	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-19
97	Malcolm Roach	DL	6-3	290	25	4	Texas	Baton Rouge, La.	FA-20
98	Payton Turner	DE	6-6	270	24	3	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1-21
99	Khalel Saunders	DT	6-0	324	27	5	Western Illinois	St. Louis, Mo.	UFA-23 (KC)
LINEBACKERS (10)									
20	Pete Werner	LB	6-3	242	25	3	Ohio State	Indianapolis, Ind.	D2-21
40	Nick Anderson	LB	5-11	230	23	R	Tulane	Vicksburg, Miss.	FA-23
42	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	27	5	TCU	San Antonio, Texas	FA-22
43	Ryan Connelly	LB	6-2	234	27	4	Wisconsin	Eden Prairie, Minn.	FA-23
45	Nephi Sewell	LB	6-0	228	24	1	Utah	St. George, Utah	FA-22
52	D'Marco Jackson	LB	6-1	233	25	2	Appalachian State	Spartanburg, S.C.	D5-22
53	Zack Baun	LB	6-3	225	26	4	Wisconsin	Brown Deer, Wis.	D3a-20
56	Demario Davis	LB	6-2	248	34	12	Arkansas State	Brandon, Miss.	UFA-18 (NYJ)
58	Anfernee Orji	LB	6-2	230	22	R	Vanderbilt	Rockwall, Texas	FA-23
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0	Ugo Amadi	S	5-9	201	31	5	Oregon	Nashville, Tenn.	FA-23
1	Alontae Taylor	CB	6-1	199	24	2	Tennessee	Manchester, Tenn.	D2-22
6	Marcus Maye	S	6-0	207	30	7	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	UFA-22 (NYJ)
21	Bradley Roby	CB	5-11	194	31	10	Ohio State	Suwanee, Ga.	TR-21 (HOU)
23	Marshon Lattimore	CB	6-0	192	27	7	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio	D1a-17
24	Johnathan Abram	S	6-0	205	26	5	Mississippi State	Columbia, Miss.	UFA-23 (SEA)
27	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	188	27	6	Boston College	Worcester, Mass.	FA-22
28	Lonnie Johnson Jr.	CB	6-2	213	27	5	Kentucky	Gary, Ind.	UFA-23 (TEN)
29	Paulson Adebo	CB	6-1	192	24	3	Stanford	Mansfield, Texas	D3-21
31	Jordan Howden	DB	6-0	209	23	R	Minnesota	San Diego, Calif.	D5-23
32	Tyrann Mathieu	S	5-9	190	31	11	LSU	New Orleans, La.	UFA-22 (KC)
36	Anthony Johnson	DB	6-2	205	24	R	Virginia	Hollywood, Fla.	FA-23
37	Troy Pride	DB	5-11	193	25	3	Notre Dame	Greer, S.C.	FA-23
38	Smoke Monday	S	6-3	199	23	2	Auburn	Atlanta, Ga.	FA-22
44	Adrian Frye	DB	6-0	205	24	R	Texas Tech	Houston, Texas	FA-23
48	J.T. Gray	DB	6-0	202	27	6	Mississippi State	Clarksdale, Miss.	FA-18
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New Orleans Saints Unofficial Depth Chart (as of 8/16/23)

OFFENSE

WR	13 Michael Thomas		22 Rashid Shaheed	18 Keith Kirkwood	11 Bryan Edwards	17 A.T. Perry	88 Shaq Davis
LT	70 Trevor Penning		67 Landon Young	66 Lewis Kidd			
LG	75 Andrus Peat	or	64 Nick Saldiveri	62 Tommy Kraemer			
	74 James Hurst						
C	78 Erik McCoy		73 Max Garcia	65 Alex Pihlstrom			
RG	51 Cesar Ruiz		76 Calvin Throckmorton	68 Mark Evans II	61 Chuck Filiaga		
RT	71 Ryan Ramczyk		72 Storm Norton				
TE	83 Juwan Johnson	or	82 Foster Moreau	80 Jimmy Graham	81 Jesse James	87 Lucas Krull	86 J.P. Holtz
	7 Taysom Hill						
WR	12 Chris Olave		10 TreQuan Smith	15 Kawaan Baker	84 Lynn Bowden Jr.	85 Jontre Kirkin	
QB	4 Derek Carr		2 Jameis Winston	14 Jake Haener			
RB	41 Alvin Kamara		30 Jamaal Williams	25 Kendre Miller	34 Darrel Williams	33 Kirk Merritt	35 Ellis Merriweather
FB	46 Adam Prentice		47 Jake Bargas				

DEFENSE

RDE	96 Carl Granderson		98 Payton Turner	55 Isaiah Foskey			
DT	99 Khalel Saunders		97 Malcolm Roach	57 Prince Emili	77 Jerron Cage		
DT	93 Nathan Shepherd		90 Bryan Bresee	95 Jack Heflin			
LDE	94 Cameron Jordan		92 Tanoh Kpassagnon	54 Niko Lalos	91 Kyle Phillips		
WILL	20 Pete Werner		45 Nephi Sewell	58 Anfernee Orij			
MLB	56 Demario Davis		52 D'Marco Jackson	59 Jaylon Smith	42 Ty Summers	40 Nick Anderson	
SAM	53 Zack Baun		43 Ryan Connelly				
LCB	29 Paulson Adebo	or	27 Isaac Yiadom	37 Troy Pride	36 Anthony Johnson		
	1 Alontae Taylor						
SS	6 Marcus Maye		24 Johnathan Abram	48 J.T. Gray	31 Jordan Howden		
FS	32 Tyrann Mathieu		28 Lonnie Johnson Jr.	38 Smoke Monday	0 Ugo Amadi		
RCB	23 Marshon Lattimore		21 Bradley Roby	44 Adrian Frye			

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	5 Blake Gillikin	39 Lou Hedley
K	3 Wil Lutz	19 Blake Grupe
KO	3 Wil Lutz	19 Blake Grupe
LS	49 Zach Wood	
H	4 Blake Gillikin	39 Lou Hedley
PR	22 Rashid Shaheed	
KR	22 Rashid Shaheed	

PRONUNCIATIONS:

PLAYERS

DB **Ugo Amadi** (ooh-go uh-MAH-dee)
 LB **Zack Baun** (BONN)
 DT **Bryan Bresee** (bruh-ZEE)
 LB **Demario Davis** (duh-MAR-ee-oh)
 G **Chuck Filiaga** (Philly-UNG-ah)
 K **Blake Grupe** (grew-pee)
 RB **Alvin Kamara** (kuh-Mare-Uh)
 DE **Tanoh Kpassagnon** (tawn-oh pass-N-yo)
 S **Tyrann Mathieu** (Ty-run MATH-you)
 WR **Chris Olave** (O-lav-ae)
 T **Andrus Peat** (ann-druss pete)
 DT **Khalel Saunders** (KAH-len)
 LB **Nephi Sewell** (KNEE-fy soo-ul)
 WR **Rashid Shaheed** (rah-SHEED)
 CB **Alontae Taylor** (Alon-tay)
 CB **Isaac Yiadom** (YEAH-dum)

COACHES

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

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Start Time: 1:02 PM CDT

at Caesars Superdome, New Orleans, LA

Game Day Weather

Temp: 91° F (32.8° C) Humidity: 67%, Wind: W 7 mph

Closed Stadium on UBU Speed Series S5 Turf

Outdoor Weather: Sunny and Hot

Officials

Referee: Martin, Clay (19)	Umpire: Carter II, James (183)	Down Judge: Bryan, Fred (11)
Line Judge: Bradley, Greg (98)	Field Judge: Ramsey III, Alonzo (80)	Side Judge: Hawkshaw, Dave (107)
Back Judge: Wilson, Greg (119)	Replay Official: Matoren, Brian (0)	

Lineups

Kansas City Chiefs			New Orleans Saints				
Offense		Defense	Offense		Defense		
WR 11	M.Valdes-Scantling	DT 91	D.Nnadi	WR 13	M.Thomas	DE 96	C.Granderson
WR 24	S.Moore	DE 56	G.Karlaftis	WR 12	C.Olave	DT 99	K.Saunders
TE 87	T.Kelce	DE 96	D.Wise	LT 70	T.Penning	DT 93	N.Shepherd
LT 79	D.Smith	DE 90	C.Omenihu	LG 74	J.Hurst	LDE 94	C.Jordan
LG 62	J.Thuney	LB 50	W.Gay	C 78	E.McCoy	WILL 20	P.Werner
C 52	C.Humphrey	LB 32	N.Bolton	RG 51	C.Ruiz	LB 45	N.Sewell
RG 65	T.Smith	LB 54	L.Chenail	RT 71	R.Ramczyk	LCB 29	P.Adebo
RT 74	J.Taylor	CB 22	T.McDuffie	TE 82	F.Moreau	SS 6	M.Maye
WR 84	Ju.Watson	CB 35	Ja.Watson	TE 83	J.Johnson	FS 32	T.Mathieu
QB 15	P.Mahomes	S 20	J.Reid	QB 4	D.Carr	RCB 23	M.Lattimore
RB 25	C.Edwards-Helaire	S 6	B.Cook	RB 41	A.Kamara	CB 21	B.Roby

Substitutions

RB 1 J.McKinnon, CB 2 J.Williams, WR 4 R.Rice, P 5 T.Townsend, QB 6 C.Oladokun, K 7 H.Butker, WR 8 J.Ross, QB 9 B.Gabbert, CB 12 K.Hailassie, QB 12 S.Buechele, WR 13 T.Fryfogle, WR 14 C.Powell, WR 17 R.James, S 21 M.Edwards, LB 23 D.Tranquill, DB 26 D.Bush, DB 27 C.Conner, WR 27 N.Remigio, CB 29 L.Jackson, RB 29 L.Perine, DB 30 D.Bootle, CB 31 N.Jones, RB 34 D.Prince, CB 39 R.Taylor, WR/RB 39 J.Ealy, CB 40 E.Boye-Doe, LS 41 J.Winchester, CB 42 A.Witherstone, TE 42 I.Gathings, LB 43 J.Cochrane, LB 44 Ca.Jones, S 46 I.Norman, S 47 A.Cook, LB 48 C.Christiansen, TE 49 M.Bushman, DE 53 B.Thompson, DE 57 T.Jones, DE 59 J.Kaindoh, OT 60 S.Gutierrez, C 61 A.Reiter, OL 64 W.Morris, OL 66 M.Caliendo, G 67 J.Carvin, C 68 A.Hardy, DT 70 C.Williams, NT 71 D.Shelton, OT 72 C.Godrick, G 73 N.Allegretti, T 75 D.Kinnard, T 76 P.Wanogho, T 77 L.Niang, TE 80 K.Blanton, TE 81 B.Bell, WR 82 I.Smith-Marsette, TE 83 N.Gray, WR 85 T.Scott, WR 89 K.Crawford, DT 92 P.Hoskins, DT 93 M.Dickerson, DE 94 M.Herring, DE 97 F.Anudike-Uzomah, DT 99 K.Coburn

Did Not Play

RB 10 I.Pacheco, WR 19 K.Toney, CB 38 L.Sneed, DE 51 M.Danna, TE 88 J.Fortson, DT 95 C.Jones, DT 98 T.Wharton

Not Active

Substitutions

S 0 U.Amadi, CB 1 A.Taylor, QB 2 J.Winston, K 3 W.Lutz, P 5 B.Gillikin, TE 7 T.Hill, WR 11 B.Edwards, QB 14 J.Haener, WR 15 K.Baker, WR 17 A.Perry, WR 18 K.Kirkwood, K 19 B.Grupe, S 24 J.Abram, RB 25 K.Miller, CB 27 I.Yiadam, CB 28 L.Johnson, RB 30 J.Williams, DB 31 J.Howden, RB 35 E.Merriweather, DB 36 A.Johnson, DB 37 T.Pride, S 38 S.Monday, P 39 L.Hedley, LB 40 N.Anderson, LB 42 T.Summers, LB 43 R.Connelly, DB 44 A.Frye, FB 46 A.Prentice, RB 47 J.Bargas, DB 48 J.Gray, LS 49 Z.Wood, LB 52 D.Jackson, LB 53 Z.Baun, DE 54 N.Lalos, DE 55 I.Foskey, DT 57 P.Emili, LB 58 A.Orji, G 61 C.Filiaga, G 62 T.Kraemer, OL 64 N.Saldiveri, OL 65 A.Pihlstrom, OL 66 L.Kidd, OT 68 M.Evans, T 72 S.Norton, G 73 M.Garcia, OL 76 C.Throckmorton, DL 77 J.Cage, TE 80 J.Graham, WR 84 L.Bowden, WR 85 J.Kirklint, TE 86 J.Holtz, WR 88 S.Davis, WR 89 J.Washington, DT 90 B.Bresee, DE 91 K.Phillips, DE 92 T.Kpassagnon, DT 95 J.Heflin, DL 97 M.Roach, DE 98 P.Turner

Did Not Play

WR 10 T.Smith, WR/RS 22 R.Shaheed, WR 33 K.Merritt, LB 56 D.Davis, LB 59 J.Smith, T 67 L.Young, G/T 75 A.Peat, TE 81 J.James, TE 87 L.Krull

Not Active

Field Goals (made () & missed)

H.Butker	(36)	B.Grupe	(31)
		W.Lutz	(36)

		1	2	3	4	OT	Total
VISITOR:	Kansas City Chiefs	0	7	14	3	0	24
HOME:	New Orleans Saints	14	3	0	9	0	26

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Saints	1	9:36	K.Kirkwood 4 yd. pass from D.Carr (W.Lutz kick) (12-80, 5:24)	0	7

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Saints	1	4:59	A.Perry 29 yd. pass from J.Winston (W.Lutz kick) (4-48, 1:47)	0	14
Saints	2	13:45	W.Lutz 36 yd. Field Goal (9-30, 4:33)	0	17
Chiefs	2	8:26	R.James 1 yd. pass from B.Gabbert (H.Butker kick) (4-50, 1:41)	7	17
Chiefs	3	6:02	J.Ross 15 yd. pass from S.Buechele (H.Butker kick) (5-54, 2:10)	14	17
Chiefs	3	0:00	K.Crawford 8 yd. pass from S.Buechele (H.Butker kick) (9-78, 3:40)	21	17
Chiefs	4	6:17	H.Butker 36 yd. Field Goal (13-72, 5:58)	24	17
Saints	4	1:20	E.Merriweather 2 yd. pass from J.Haener (run failed) (6-76, 2:02)	24	23
Saints	4	0:00	B.Grupe 31 yd. Field Goal (4-9, 0:58)	24	26
Paid Attendance: 70,028				Time: 3:06	

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8/13/2023 at Caesars Superdome

Final Individual Statistics

Kansas City Chiefs

New Orleans Saints

RUSHING							RUSHING						
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		
C.Oladokun	1	30	30.0	30	0	J.Williams	9	28	3.1	8	0		
L.Perine	6	24	4.0	11	0	E.Merriweather	9	24	2.7	5	0		
D.Prince	4	14	3.5	5	0	A.Kamara	3	14	4.7	12	0		
C.Edwards-Helaire	3	7	2.3	4	0	J.Winston	2	14	7.0	7	0		
P.Mahomes	1	5	5.0	5	0	J.Haener	1	8	8.0	8	0		
J.Ealy	1	3	3.0	3	0	K.Miller	4	5	1.3	2	0		
B.Bell	1	0	0.0	0	0								
Total	17	83	4.9	30	0	Total	28	93	3.3	12	0		

PASSING										PASSING							
	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT		ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
S.Buechele	18	11	155	1/9	2	24	1	102.8	J.Haener	17	10	105	0/0	1	24	1	71.9
C.Oladokun	12	5	52	1/9	0	22	1	20.1	J.Winston	13	11	92	3/28	1	29	0	121.8
B.Gabbert	8	4	59	0/0	1	43	0	114.1	D.Carr	8	6	70	0/0	1	18	0	140.6
P.Mahomes	2	2	15	0/0	0	13	0	97.9									
Total	40	22	281	2/18	3	43	2	81.4	Total	38	27	267	3/28	3	29	1	105.9

PASS RECEIVING								PASS RECEIVING							
	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		
N.Remigio	6	4	71	17.8	24	0	A.Perry	6	6	70	11.7	29	1		
C.Powell	3	3	42	14.0	17	0	B.Edwards	5	3	37	12.3	19	0		
R.Rice	4	3	30	10.0	13	0	K.Baker	4	2	30	15.0	24	0		
R.James	3	2	44	22.0	43	1	J.Johnson	2	2	29	14.5	18	0		
J.Ross	5	2	29	14.5	15	1	A.Kamara	2	2	21	10.5	17	0		
K.Crawford	3	2	27	13.5	19	1	S.Davis	2	2	20	10.0	18	0		
C.Edwards-Helaire	2	2	15	7.5	13	0	E.Merriweather	3	2	17	8.5	15	1		
J.Ealy	4	2	10	5.0	7	0	M.Thomas	2	1	16	16.0	16	0		
N.Gray	2	1	11	11.0	11	0	J.Graham	1	1	10	10.0	10	0		
I.Smith-Marsette	2	1	2	2.0	2	0	J.Kirklin	1	1	5	5.0	5	0		
L.Perine	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	K.Kirkwood	1	1	4	4.0	4	1		
M.Bushman	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	L.Bowden	3	1	3	3.0	3	0		
T.Fryfogle	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	T.Hill	1	1	2	2.0	2	0		
K.Blanton	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	J.Bargas	1	1	2	2.0	2	0		
							K.Miller	1	1	1	1.0	1	0		
							J.Washington	2	0	0	0.0	0	0		
							C.Olave	1	0	0	0.0	0	0		
Total	40	22	281	12.8	43	3	Total	38	27	267	9.9	29	3		

INTERCEPTIONS							INTERCEPTIONS					
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
K.Hailassie	1	0	0.0	0	0	K.Phillips	1	5	5.0	5	0	
						U.Amadi	1	4	4.0	4	0	
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0	Total	2	9	4.5	5	0	

PUNTING								PUNTING							
	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG		NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG
T.Townsend	5	214	42.8	36.8	0	0	58	L.Hedley	4	158	39.5	37.8	0	1	42
								B.Gillikin	3	114	38.0	35.3	0	1	47
Total	5	214	42.8	36.8	0	0	58	Total	7	272	38.9	36.7	0	2	47

PUNT RETURNS								PUNT RETURNS						
	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD		NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD	
N.Remigio	2	7	3.5	1	7	0	L.Bowden	2	30	15.0	0	22	0	
I.Smith-Marsette	1	8	8.0	0	8	0	[DOWNED]	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	
[DOWNED]	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	[OUT OF BOUNDS]	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	
[OUT OF BOUNDS]	2	0	0.0	0	0	0								
Total	3	15	5.0	1	8	0	Total	2	30	15.0	0	22	0	

KICKOFF RETURNS								KICKOFF RETURNS						
	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD		NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD	
D.Prince	2	36	18.0	0	20	0	J.Kirklin	3	72	24.0	0	27	0	
R.James	1	31	31.0	0	31	0	L.Bowden	1	20	20.0	0	20	0	
N.Remigio	1	21	21.0	0	21	0	K.Miller	1	16	16.0	0	16	0	
I.Smith-Marsette	1	6	6.0	0	6	0								

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Final Team Statistics

	Visitor Chiefs	Home Saints
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	17	21
By Rushing	2	4
By Passing	14	15
By Penalty	1	2
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	5-13-38.5%	7-16-43.8%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-1-0.0%	0-0-0.0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	346	332
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	59	69
Average gain per offensive play	5.9	4.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	83	93
Total Rushing Plays	17	28
Average gain per rushing play	4.9	3.3
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	0-0	2-3
NET YARDS PASSING	263	239
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	2-18	3-28
Gross yards passing	281	267
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	40-22-2	38-27-1
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	6.3	5.8
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	5-1-0	5-2-0
PUNTS Number and Average	5-42.8	7-38.9
Had Blocked	0	0
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
Net Punting Average	36.8	36.7
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	15	39
No. and Yards Punt Returns	3-15	2-30
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	5-94	5-108
No. and Yards Interception Returns	1-0	2-9
PENALTIES Number and Yards	7-61	9-79
FUMBLES Number and Lost	1-0	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	3	3
Rushing	0	0
Passing	3	3
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	3-3	2-3
Kicking Made-Attempts	3-3	2-2
Rushing Made-Attempts	0-0	0-1
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	1-1	2-2
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	3-4-75%	2-4-50%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	1-1-100%	2-2-100%
SAFETIES	0	0
FINAL SCORE	24	26
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:46	33:14

Ball Possession And Drive Chart

Kansas City Chiefs

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	9:36	6:46	2:50	Kickoff	KC 24	6	24	0	24	1	KC 48	Downs
2	4:59	3:18	1:41	Kickoff	KC 6	3	7	0	7	0	KC 13	Punt
3	13:45	12:37	1:08	Kickoff	KC 28	3	0	0	0	0	KC 28	Punt
4	10:07	8:26	1:41	Punt	50	4	55	-5	50	3	* NO 1	Touchdown
5	2:00	1:37	0:23	Punt	KC 20	2	13	0	13	1	KC 33	Interception
6	0:39	0:00	0:39	Punt	KC 5	1	4	0	4	0	KC 5	End of Half
7	15:00	11:57	3:03	Kickoff	KC 11	5	18	0	18	1	KC 29	Punt
8	10:44	8:40	2:04	Punt	KC 20	3	18	-10	8	0	KC 28	Punt
9	8:12	6:02	2:10	Interception	KC 46	5	54	0	54	3	* NO 15	Touchdown
10	3:40	0:00	3:40	Punt	KC 22	9	72	6	78	5	* NO 8	Touchdown
11	12:15	6:17	5:58	Punt	KC 10	13	74	-2	72	3	* NO 18	Field Goal
12	4:29	3:22	1:07	Punt	KC 35	3	5	0	5	0	KC 40	Punt
13	1:20	0:58	0:22	Kickoff	KC 31	3	2	0	2	0	KC 33	Interception

(308) Average KC 24

New Orleans Saints

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	15:00	9:36	5:24	Kickoff	NO 20	12	85	-5	80	6	* KC 4	Touchdown
2	6:46	4:59	1:47	Downs	KC 48	4	48	0	48	2	KC 29	Touchdown
3	3:18	13:45	4:33	Punt	KC 47	9	40	-10	30	2	* KC 17	Field Goal
4	12:37	10:07	2:30	Punt	NO 22	5	5	0	5	1	NO 27	Punt
5	8:26	2:00	6:26	Kickoff	NO 29	9	22	-10	12	2	NO 41	Punt
6	1:37	0:39	0:58	Interception	KC 38	3	-7	0	-7	0	KC 45	Punt
7	11:57	10:44	1:13	Punt	NO 33	3	7	0	7	0	NO 40	Punt
8	8:40	8:12	0:28	Punt	NO 46	3	0	-8	-8	0	NO 38	Interception
9	6:02	3:40	2:22	Kickoff	NO 10	6	27	0	27	1	NO 37	Punt
10	15:00	12:15	2:45	Kickoff	NO 24	4	31	0	31	1	KC 45	Punt
11	6:17	4:29	1:48	Kickoff	NO 23	3	17	-10	7	0	NO 30	Punt
12	3:22	1:20	2:02	Punt	NO 24	6	48	28	76	6	* KC 2	Touchdown
13	0:58	0:00	0:58	Interception	KC 22	4	9	0	9	0	* KC 13	Field Goal

(476) Average NO 37

* inside opponent's 20

Time of Possession by Quarter

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Visitor Kansas City Chiefs	4:31	3:51	10:57	7:27		26:46
Home New Orleans Saints	10:29	11:09	4:03	7:33		33:14

Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average

Chiefs: 5 - KC 20

Saints: 5 - NO 21

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Final Defensive Statistics

Kansas City Chiefs	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	Q	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
C.Christiansen	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Tranquill	3	2	5	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Boye-Doe	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Hailassie	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ca.Jones	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Bolton	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Jackson	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Chenal	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Cook	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Bootle	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.McDuffie	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Conner	1	1	2	1	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Shelton	1	1	2	1	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Reid	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Cook	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Omenihu	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.Gay	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Williams	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Dickerson	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I.Norman	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Cochrane	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Wise	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ja.Watson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.Karlaftis	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Bush	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Coburn	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Jones	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Witherstone	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F.Anudike-Uzomah	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Edwards	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Taylor	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Herring	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Ross	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Winchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Bushman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
L.Perine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
C.Oladokun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	42	29	71	3	28	5	6	1	4	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1

TKL = Tackle AST = Assist COMB = Combined QH=QB Hit IN = Interception PD = Pass Defense FF = Forced Fumble FR = Fumble Recovery

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First Half Summary

PERIOD SCORES

Chiefs 0 7 = 7
 Saints 14 3 = 17

TIME OF POSSESSION

Chiefs 8:22
 Saints 21:38

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Saints	1	9:36	K.Kirkwood 4 yd. pass from D.Carr (W.Lutz kick) (12-80, 5:24)	0	7
Saints	1	4:59	A.Perry 29 yd. pass from J.Winston (W.Lutz kick) (4-48, 1:47)	0	14
Saints	2	13:45	W.Lutz 36 yd. Field Goal (9-30, 4:33)	0	17
Chiefs	2	8:26	R.James 1 yd. pass from B.Gabbert (H.Butker kick) (4-50, 1:41)	7	17

	Kansas City Chiefs	New Orleans Saints
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	5	13
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	0 - 5 - 0	3 - 10 - 0
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-3-0.0%	5-9-55.6%
TOTAL NET YARDS	103	193
Total Offensive Plays	19	41
NET YARDS RUSHING	16	59
NET YARDS PASSING	87	134
Gross Yards Passing	87	162
Times thrown-yards lost attempting to pass	0-0	3-28
Pass Attempts-Completions-Had Intercepted	12 - 7 - 1	21 - 17 - 0
Punts-Number and Average	2 - 46.0	3 - 38.0
Penalties-Number and Yards	2 - 11	4 - 35
Fumbles-Number and Lost	0 - 0	0 - 0
Red Zone Efficiency	1-1-100%	1-2-50%
Average Drive Start	KC 22	NO 40

Kansas City Chiefs

New Orleans Saints

RUSHING						RUSHING					
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
C.Edwards-Helaire	3	7	2.3	4	0	J.Williams	9	28	3.1	8	0
P.Mahomes	1	5	5.0	5	0	A.Kamara	3	14	4.7	12	0
D.Prince	2	4	2.0	4	0	J.Winston	2	14	7.0	7	0
B.Bell	1	0	0.0	0	0	K.Miller	3	3	1.0	2	0
Total	7	16	2.3	5	0	Total	17	59	3.5	12	0

PASSING									PASSING								
	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT		ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
B.Gabbert	8	4	59	0/0	1	43	0	114.1	J.Winston	13	11	92	3/28	1	29	0	121.8
P.Mahomes	2	2	15	0/0	0	13	0	97.9	D.Carr	8	6	70	0/0	1	18	0	140.6
S.Buechele	2	1	13	0/0	0	13	1	31.2	Total	21	17	162	3/28	2	29	0	130.6
Total	12	7	87	0/0	1	43	1	74.0									

PASS RECEIVING							PASS RECEIVING						
	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
R.James	3	2	44	22.0	43	1	A.Perry	6	6	70	11.7	29	1
R.Rice	3	2	17	8.5	13	0	J.Johnson	2	2	29	14.5	18	0
C.Edwards-Helaire	2	2	15	7.5	13	0	A.Kamara	2	2	21	10.5	17	0
N.Gray	2	1	11	11.0	11	0	M.Thomas	2	1	16	16.0	16	0
L.Perine	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	J.Graham	1	1	10	10.0	10	0
J.Ross	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	K.Baker	1	1	6	6.0	6	0
							K.Kirkwood	1	1	4	4.0	4	1
							L.Bowden	3	1	3	3.0	3	0
							T.Hill	1	1	2	2.0	2	0
							K.Miller	1	1	1	1.0	1	0
							C.Olave	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	12	7	87	12.4	43	1	Total	21	17	162	9.5	29	2

Kansas City Chiefs

Regular Defensive Plays

Special Teams

Misc

First Quarter

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Play By Play

NO wins toss, elects to Receive, and KC elects to defend the South goal.

H.Butker kicks 51 yards from KC 35 to NO 14. K.Miller to NO 35 for 21 yards (J.Ross).

PENALTY on NO-D.Jackson, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at NO 30.

New Orleans Saints at 15:00, (1st play from scrimmage 14:55)

- 1-10-NO 20 (14:55) D.Carr pass incomplete short right to C.Olave.
- 2-10-NO 20 (14:52) A.Kamara right guard to NO 32 for 12 yards (Ja.Watson, J.Reid). R1
- 1-10-NO 32 (14:21) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass short middle to J.Johnson to 50 for 18 yards (B.Cook; N.Bolton). P2
- 1-10-50 (13:45) A.Kamara left guard to KC 46 for 4 yards (T.McDuffie).
- 2-6-KC 46 (13:20) A.Kamara left tackle to KC 48 for -2 yards (C.Omenihu).
- 3-8-KC 48 (12:43) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass short right to J.Johnson to KC 37 for 11 yards (J.Reid). P3
- 1-10-KC 37 (12:06) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass short left to A.Kamara to KC 33 for 4 yards (N.Bolton; W.Gay).
- 2-6-KC 33 (11:32) *PENALTY on NO-T.Penning, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at KC 33 - No Play.*
- 2-11-KC 38 (11:23) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass deep middle to M.Thomas to KC 22 for 16 yards (T.McDuffie). P4
- 1-10-KC 22 (10:51) J.Williams right guard to KC 21 for 1 yard (C.Omenihu; N.Bolton).
- 2-9-KC 21 (10:21) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass short right to A.Kamara pushed ob at KC 4 for 17 yards (B.Cook). P5
- 1-4-KC 4 (9:45) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass incomplete short left to M.Thomas.
- 2-4-KC 4 (9:41) **D.Carr pass short right to K.Kirkwood for 4 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** P6

Timeout at 09:36.

W.Lutz extra point is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-B.Gillikin.

KC 0 NO 7, 12 plays, 80 yards, 5:24 drive, 5:24 elapsed

B.Grupe kicks 61 yards from NO 35 to KC 4. D.Prince to KC 24 for 20 yards (D.Jackson).

Kansas City Chiefs at 9:36, (1st play from scrimmage 9:32)

- 1-10-KC 24 (9:32) (Shotgun) P.Mahomes pass short right to C.Edwards-Helaire to KC 26 for 2 yards (T.Mathieu).
- 2-8-KC 26 (9:01) P.Mahomes pass short right to C.Edwards-Helaire pushed ob at KC 39 for 13 yards (Z.Baun). P1
- 1-10-KC 39 (8:35) C.Edwards-Helaire right tackle to KC 43 for 4 yards (P.Werner; C.Jordan).
- 2-6-KC 43 (8:01) C.Edwards-Helaire left tackle to KC 43 for no gain (P.Adebo; K.Saunders).
- 3-6-KC 43 (7:18) (Shotgun) P.Mahomes scrambles up the middle to KC 48 for 5 yards (B.Roby).
- 4-1-KC 48 (6:51) (Shotgun) Direct snap to B.Bell. B.Bell up the middle to KC 48 for no gain (P.Werner; Z.Baun).

Timeout at 06:46.

New Orleans Saints at 6:46

- 1-10-KC 48 (6:46) 2-J.Winston in at QB. J.Winston pass short left to A.Perry to KC 34 for 14 yards (N.Bolton). P7
 - 1-10-KC 34 (6:14) J.Williams right guard to KC 31 for 3 yards (W.Gay).
 - 2-7-KC 31 (5:42) (Shotgun) J.Williams right guard to KC 29 for 2 yards (G.Karlaftis).
 - 3-5-KC 29 (5:07) **(Shotgun) J.Winston pass deep left to A.Perry for 29 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** P8
- W.Lutz extra point is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-B.Gillikin.

Timeout at 04:59.

KC 0 NO 14, 4 plays, 48 yards, 1:47 drive, 10:01 elapsed

B.Grupe kicks 69 yards from NO 35 to KC -4. D.Prince to KC 13 for 17 yards (T.Summers).

PENALTY on KC-M.Bushman, Illegal Block Above the Waist, 6 yards, enforced at KC 12.

Kansas City Chiefs at 4:59, (1st play from scrimmage 4:53)

- 1-10-KC 6 (4:53) 9-B.Gabbert in at QB. (Shotgun) B.Gabbert pass right to R.Rice to KC 10 for 4 yards (P.Adebo).
- 2-6-KC 10 (4:15) (Shotgun) C.Edwards-Helaire right end to KC 13 for 3 yards (C.Granderson; K.Saunders).
- 3-3-KC 13 (3:31) (Shotgun) B.Gabbert pass incomplete short left to N.Gray (M.Maye).
- 4-3-KC 13 (3:27) T.Townsend punts 34 yards to KC 47, Center-J.Winchester, out of bounds.

Timeout at 03:18.

New Orleans Saints at 3:18

- 1-10-KC 47 (3:18) J.Williams right tackle to KC 39 for 8 yards (C.Conner; K.Hailassie).
- 2-2-KC 39 (2:39) J.Williams right guard to KC 35 for 4 yards (J.Cochrane; D.Shelton). R9
- 1-10-KC 35 (2:04) J.Williams left guard to KC 31 for 4 yards (K.Hailassie).
- 2-6-KC 31 (1:32) J.Williams right guard to KC 27 for 4 yards (D.Tranquill).

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3-2-KC 27 (1:10) (No Huddle) J.Winston right end to KC 20 for 7 yards (D.Tranquill).

1-10-KC 20 (:34) K.Miller left guard to KC 17 for 3 yards (D.Tranquill).

PENALTY on NO-M.Garcia, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at KC 20 - No Play.

1-20-KC 30 (:13) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass short right to J.Graham to KC 20 for 10 yards (E.Boye-Doe).

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Kansas City Chiefs	0	4:31	0	1	0	1	0/2	0/1
New Orleans Saints	14	10:29	3	7	0	10	3/3	0/0

Second Quarter

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Play By Play

New Orleans Saints continued.

- 2-10-KC 20 (15:00) (Shotgun) J.Williams right guard to KC 17 for 3 yards (L.Chenal).
- 3-7-KC 17 (14:31) K.Miller left end to KC 17 for no gain (L.Chenal).
- 4-7-KC 17 (13:50) **W.Lutz 36 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-B.Gillikin.**

Timeout at 13:45.

KC 0 NO 17, 9 plays, 30 yards, 4:33 drive, 1:15 elapsed

B.Grupe kicks 68 yards from NO 35 to KC -3. R.James to KC 28 for 31 yards (R.Connelly).

Kansas City Chiefs at 13:45, (1st play from scrimmage 13:40)

- 1-10-KC 28 (13:40) (Shotgun) D.Prince right end to KC 28 for no gain (T.Kpassagnon).
- 2-10-KC 28 (12:59) (Shotgun) B.Gabbert pass incomplete short left to R.Rice.
- 3-10-KC 28 (12:53) (Shotgun) B.Gabbert pass incomplete short left to L.Perine (L.Johnson) [P.Turner].
- 4-10-KC 28 (12:48) T.Townsend punts 58 yards to NO 14, Center-J.Winchester. L.Bowden to NO 22 for 8 yards (Ca.Jones; D.Bootle).

Timeout at 12:37.

New Orleans Saints at 12:37

- 1-10-NO 22 (12:37) J.Winston pass short middle to A.Perry to NO 24 for 2 yards (L.Chenal).
- 2-8-NO 24 (12:03) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass short right to A.Perry to NO 37 for 13 yards (E.Boye-Doe). P11
- 1-10-NO 37 (11:29) J.Williams left guard to NO 36 for -1 yards (D.Wise).
- 2-11-NO 36 (10:56) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass incomplete short left to L.Bowden [D.Wise].
- 3-11-NO 36 (10:52) (Shotgun) J.Winston sacked at NO 27 for -9 yards (C.Conner).
- 4-20-NO 27 (10:14) B.Gillikin punts 23 yards to 50, Center-Z.Wood, out of bounds.

Kansas City Chiefs at 10:07

- 1-10-50 (10:07) (Shotgun) *PENALTY on KC-R.Rice, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at 50 - No Play.*
 - 1-15-KC 45 (10:07) (Shotgun) B.Gabbert pass deep left to R.James to NO 12 for 43 yards (A.Taylor). P2
 - 1-10-NO 12 (9:20) (Shotgun) B.Gabbert pass incomplete short right to R.James.
 - 2-10-NO 12 (9:15) (Shotgun) B.Gabbert pass short middle to N.Gray to NO 1 for 11 yards (N.Sewell; M.Roach). P3
 - 1-1-NO 1 (8:31) (Shotgun) **B.Gabbert pass short left to R.James for 1 yard, TOUCHDOWN.** P4
- H.Butker extra point is GOOD, Center-J.Winchester, Holder-T.Townsend.

Timeout at 08:26.

KC 7 NO 17, 4 plays, 50 yards, 1:41 drive, 6:34 elapsed

H.Butker kicks 63 yards from KC 35 to NO 2. J.Kirklin to NO 29 for 27 yards (D.Bootle).

New Orleans Saints at 8:26, (1st play from scrimmage 8:18)

- 1-10-NO 29 (8:18) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass short right to K.Miller to NO 30 for 1 yard (J.Cochrane; D.Tranquill).
- 2-9-NO 30 (7:44) J.Winston scrambles right end to NO 37 for 7 yards (C.Christiansen).
- 3-2-NO 37 (7:04) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass short right to T.Hill to NO 39 for 2 yards (D.Tranquill; C.Christiansen). P12
- 1-10-NO 39 (6:36) (No Huddle) J.Winston pass short right to A.Perry to NO 45 for 6 yards (E.Boye-Doe).
- 2-4-NO 45 (6:00) K.Miller right end to NO 47 for 2 yards (C.Williams).
- 3-2-NO 47 (5:19) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass short middle to L.Bowden to 50 for 3 yards (D.Bush). P13
- 1-10-50 (4:40) K.Miller left end to 50 for no gain (M.Edwards).
- PENALTY on NO-N.Saldiveri, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at 50 - No Play.*
- 1-20-NO 40 (4:21) (Shotgun) J.Winston sacked at NO 29 for -11 yards (D.Shelton).
- 2-31-NO 29 (3:41) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass short left to K.Baker to NO 35 for 6 yards (K.Hailassie).
- 3-25-NO 35 (3:01) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass short right to A.Perry to NO 41 for 6 yards (M.Edwards; E.Boye-Doe).
- 4-19-NO 41 (2:23) B.Gillikin punts 51 yards to KC 8, Center-Z.Wood. I.Smith-Marsette to KC 14 for 6 yards (T.Summers).
- Penalty on KC-N.Jones, Illegal Block Above the Waist, offsetting, enforced at NO 41 - No Play.*
- Penalty on NO-J.Howden, Player Out of Bounds on Kick, offsetting.*
- 4-19-NO 41 (2:11) B.Gillikin punts 47 yards to KC 12, Center-Z.Wood. I.Smith-Marsette pushed ob at KC 20 for 8 yards (N.Sewell).

Two-Minute Warning

Kansas City Chiefs at 2:00

- 1-10-KC 20 (2:00) 12-S.Buchele in at QB. (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short left to R.Rice to KC 33 for 13 yards (J.Abram). P5
- 1-10-KC 33 (1:40) (No Huddle, Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short right intended for J.Ross INTERCEPTED by U.Amadi (A.Taylor) at KC 42. U.Amadi to KC 38 for 4 yards (M.Bushman).

New Orleans Saints at 1:37

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- 1-10-KC 38 (1:37) (Shotgun) K.Miller left guard to KC 37 for 1 yard (F.Anudike-Uzomah; C.Williams).
- 2-9-KC 37 (1:01) (Shotgun) J.Winston sacked at KC 45 for -8 yards (D.Tranquill).
Timeout #1 by NO at 00:55.
- 3-17-KC 45 (:55) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass incomplete short middle to L.Bowden (C.Conner) [M.Herring].
- 4-17-KC 45 (:49) B.Gillikin punts 40 yards to KC 5, impetus ends at KC 1, Center-Z.Wood, downed by NO-J.Howden.

Kansas City Chiefs at 0:39

- 1-10-KC 5 (:39) D.Prince left end to KC 9 for 4 yards (D.Jackson; P.Turner).

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Kansas City Chiefs	7	3:51	0	4	0	4	0/1	0/0
New Orleans Saints	17	11:09	0	3	0	3	2/6	0/0

Third Quarter

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Play By Play

KC elects to Receive, and NO elects to defend the South goal.

B.Grupe kicks 60 yards from NO 35 to KC 5. I.Smith-Marssette to KC 11 for 6 yards (A.Orji; J.Howden).

Kansas City Chiefs at 15:00, (1st play from scrimmage 14:55)

- 1-10-KC 11 (14:55) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short right to C.Powell to KC 19 for 8 yards (A.Taylor).
 2-2-KC 19 (14:18) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short left to J.Ross to KC 33 for 14 yards (L.Johnson).
 1-10-KC 33 (13:40) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass incomplete short right to J.Ross.
 2-10-KC 33 (13:36) (Shotgun) D.Prince right guard to KC 38 for 5 yards (D.Jackson).
 3-5-KC 38 (12:52) (Shotgun) S.Buechele sacked at KC 29 for -9 yards (Z.Baun).
 4-14-KC 29 (12:07) T.Townsend punts 38 yards to NO 33, Center-J.Winchester, downed by KC-Ca.Jones.

Timeout at 11:57.

New Orleans Saints at 11:57

- 1-10-NO 33 (11:57) 14-J.Haener in at QB. K.Miller right tackle to NO 35 for 2 yards (K.Coburn).
 2-8-NO 35 (11:24) E.Merriweather left tackle to NO 40 for 5 yards (C.Christiansen; K.Hailassie).
 3-3-NO 40 (10:56) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass incomplete short right to B.Edwards.
 4-3-NO 40 (10:50) L.Hedley punts 40 yards to KC 20, Center-Z.Wood, out of bounds.

Timeout at 10:44.

Kansas City Chiefs at 10:44

- 1-10-KC 20 (10:44) D.Prince left guard to KC 25 for 5 yards (R.Connelly; P.Turner).
 2-5-KC 25 (10:07) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short middle to M.Bushman to KC 43 for 18 yards (D.Jackson).
PENALTY on KC-M.Bushman, Offensive Pass Interference, 10 yards, enforced at KC 25 - No Play.
 2-15-KC 15 (9:43) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short left to R.Rice to KC 28 for 13 yards (R.Connelly).
 3-2-KC 28 (9:00) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass incomplete short middle to M.Bushman (R.Connelly).
 4-2-KC 28 (8:56) T.Townsend punts 48 yards to NO 24, Center-J.Winchester. L.Bowden to NO 46 for 22 yards (J.Winchester).

Timeout at 08:40.

New Orleans Saints at 8:40

- 1-10-NO 46 (8:40) J.Haener pass incomplete deep left to J.Washington.
 2-10-NO 46 (8:35) E.Merriweather right guard to KC 41 for 13 yards (M.Dickerson).
PENALTY on NO-J.Graham, Offensive Holding, 8 yards, enforced at NO 46.
 2-18-NO 38 (8:18) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass deep left intended for J.Washington INTERCEPTED by K.Hailassie at KC 46. K.Hailassie to KC 46 for no gain.

Kansas City Chiefs at 8:12

- 1-10-KC 46 (8:12) S.Buechele pass incomplete short right to J.Ross.
 2-10-KC 46 (8:07) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short left to C.Powell to NO 37 for 17 yards (I.Yiadam; M.Roach).
 1-10-NO 37 (7:29) (Shotgun) L.Perine left end to NO 32 for 5 yards (T.Pride; R.Connelly).
 2-5-NO 32 (6:53) S.Buechele pass deep right to C.Powell to NO 15 for 17 yards (I.Yiadam).
 1-10-NO 15 (6:08) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short middle to J.Ross for 15 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
 H.Butker extra point is GOOD, Center-J.Winchester, Holder-T.Townsend.

Timeout at 06:02.

KC 14 NO 17, 5 plays, 54 yards, 2:10 drive, 8:58 elapsed

H.Butker kicks 65 yards from KC 35 to NO 0. L.Bowden to NO 20 for 20 yards (R.Rice).

PENALTY on NO-J.Kirklin, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at NO 20.

New Orleans Saints at 6:02, (1st play from scrimmage 5:57)

- 1-10-NO 10 (5:57) E.Merriweather left guard to NO 11 for 1 yard (D.Bootle).
 2-9-NO 11 (5:30) J.Haener pass short right to B.Edwards pushed ob at NO 14 for 3 yards (L.Jackson).
 3-6-NO 14 (4:51) J.Haener pass deep left to B.Edwards to NO 33 for 19 yards (D.Bootle).
Penalty on KC-D.Bootle, Defensive Pass Interference, declined.
 1-10-NO 33 (4:32) E.Merriweather left guard to NO 37 for 4 yards (C.Christiansen).
 2-6-NO 37 (4:01) J.Haener pass incomplete deep left to K.Baker.
 3-6-NO 37 (3:56) J.Haener pass incomplete short left to K.Baker [F.Anudike-Uzomah].
 4-6-NO 37 (3:50) L.Hedley punts 41 yards to KC 22, Center-Z.Wood. N.Remigio to KC 22 for no gain (U.Amadi).

Kansas City Chiefs at 3:40

P6

P7

P8

P9

P14

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1-10-KC 22 (3:40) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short right to K.Crawford to KC 41 for 19 yards (J.Gray). P10

1-10-KC 41 (3:08) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass incomplete short right to K.Blanton (A.Johnson).
PENALTY on KC-W.Morris, Ineligible Downfield Pass, 5 yards, enforced at KC 41 - No Play.

1-15-KC 36 (3:02) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass incomplete short right to J.Ealy (J.Gray).

2-15-KC 36 (2:55) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass incomplete short left to K.Crawford.
PENALTY on NO-T.Pride, Defensive Pass Interference, 11 yards, enforced at KC 36 - No Play. X11

1-10-KC 47 (2:50) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass incomplete deep right to K.Crawford.

2-10-KC 47 (2:44) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short left to J.Ealy to NO 46 for 7 yards (T.Pride).

3-3-NO 46 (1:58) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass deep left to N.Remigio pushed ob at NO 22 for 24 yards (J.Gray). P12

1-10-NO 22 (1:23) L.Perine left end pushed ob at NO 11 for 11 yards (J.Howden). R13

1-10-NO 11 (:49) L.Perine right end to NO 8 for 3 yards (A.Orji).

2-7-NO 8 (:10) S.Buechele pass incomplete short right to J.Ealy.

3-7-NO 8 (:03) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short left to K.Crawford for 8 yards, TOUCHDOWN. P14
 H.Butker extra point is GOOD, Center-J.Winchester, Holder-T.Townsend.

KC 21 NO 17, 9 plays, 78 yards, 1 penalty, 3:40 drive, 15:00 elapsed

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Kansas City Chiefs	21	10:57	1	7	1	9	2/4	0/0
New Orleans Saints	17	4:03	0	1	0	1	1/3	0/0

Fourth Quarter

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Play By Play

New Orleans Saints continued.

H.Butker kicks 64 yards from KC 35 to NO 1. J.Kirklin to NO 24 for 23 yards (L.Jackson).

New Orleans Saints at 15:00, (1st play from scrimmage 14:55)

1-10-NO 24 (14:55) J.Haener pass deep right to K.Baker pushed ob at NO 48 for 24 yards (A.Cook). P15

1-10-NO 48 (14:22) E.Merriweather right guard to 50 for 2 yards (Ca.Jones, M.Dickerson).

2-8-50 (13:46) E.Merriweather right end to KC 47 for 3 yards (L.Jackson).

3-5-KC 47 (13:09) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass short left to S.Davis to KC 45 for 2 yards (N.Jones).

4-3-KC 45 (12:23) L.Hedley punts 35 yards to KC 10, Center-Z.Wood, fair catch by N.Remigio.

Timeout at 12:15.

Kansas City Chiefs at 12:15

1-10-KC 10 (12:15) 6-C.Oladokun in at QB. C.Oladokun pass incomplete short left to M.Bushman (N.Lalos).

2-10-KC 10 (12:09) J.Ealy right end to KC 10 for no gain (S.Monday; R.Connelly).

PENALTY on NO-J.Cage, Defensive Offside, 5 yards, enforced at KC 10 - No Play.

2-5-KC 15 (11:52) (Shotgun) J.Ealy right end to KC 17 for 2 yards (R.Connelly).

PENALTY on KC-C.Godrick, Offensive Holding, 7 yards, enforced at KC 15 - No Play.

2-12-KC 8 (11:27) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass incomplete short right to N.Remigio.

3-12-KC 8 (11:23) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass deep right to N.Remigio to KC 27 for 19 yards (S.Monday). P15

1-10-KC 27 (10:45) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass short left to N.Remigio to KC 33 for 6 yards (J.Howden).

2-4-KC 33 (10:05) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun sacked at KC 24 for -9 yards (T.Summers).

3-13-KC 24 (9:21) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass deep middle to N.Remigio to KC 46 for 22 yards (S.Monday). P16

1-10-KC 46 (8:38) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass incomplete deep left to T.Fryfogle.

2-10-KC 46 (8:33) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass incomplete short right to K.Blanton.

3-10-KC 46 (8:27) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun scrambles up the middle to NO 24 for 30 yards (U.Amadi). R17

1-10-NO 24 (7:43) (Shotgun) J.Ealy right guard to NO 21 for 3 yards (T.Summers).

2-7-NO 21 (7:03) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass short right to J.Ealy pushed ob at NO 18 for 3 yards (A.Orji).

3-4-NO 18 (6:26) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass incomplete short middle to N.Remigio (U.Amadi).

4-4-NO 18 **(6:22) H.Butker 36 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Winchester, Holder-T.Townsend.**

Timeout at 06:17.

KC 24 NO 17, 13 plays, 72 yards, 1 penalty, 5:58 drive, 8:43 elapsed

H.Butker kicks 64 yards from KC 35 to NO 1. J.Kirklin to NO 23 for 22 yards (T.Jones).

New Orleans Saints at 6:17, (1st play from scrimmage 6:11)

1-10-NO 23 (6:11) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass short right to J.Bargas to NO 25 for 2 yards (L.Jackson).

2-8-NO 25 (5:43) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass short middle to E.Merriweather to NO 31 for 6 yards (C.Christiansen).

PENALTY on NO-M.Evans, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at NO 25 - No Play.

2-18-NO 15 (5:19) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass short left to B.Edwards to NO 30 for 15 yards (A.Witherstone).

3-3-NO 30 (4:45) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass incomplete short right to B.Edwards (L.Jackson).

4-3-NO 30 (4:39) L.Hedley punts 42 yards to KC 28, Center-Z.Wood. N.Remigio to KC 35 for 7 yards (L.Bowden; N.Anderson).

Timeout at 04:29.

Timeout #1 by KC at 04:29.

Kansas City Chiefs at 4:29

1-10-KC 35 (4:29) (Shotgun) L.Perine right guard to KC 38 for 3 yards (K.Phillips, N.Anderson).

2-7-KC 38 (3:44) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass incomplete short left to I.Smith-Marsette.

3-7-KC 38 (3:39) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass short left to I.Smith-Marsette to KC 40 for 2 yards (T.Pride).

Timeout #1 by NO at 03:32.

4-5-KC 40 (3:32) T.Townsend punts 36 yards to NO 24, Center-J.Winchester, downed by KC-I.Norman.

New Orleans Saints at 3:22

1-10-NO 24 (3:22) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass deep left to S.Davis to NO 42 for 18 yards (A.Cook). P16

*PENALTY on KC-B.Thompson, Roughing the Passer, 15 yards, enforced at NO 42. X17*1-10-KC 43 (3:12) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass incomplete short right to E.Merriweather (T.Jones).

2-10-KC 43 (3:09) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass short right to J.Kirklin to KC 38 for 5 yards (C.Christiansen; R.Taylor).

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3-5-KC 38 (2:37) (Shotgun) J.Haener scrambles right end to KC 30 for 8 yards (Ca.Jones). R18

Two-Minute Warning

1-10-KC 30 (2:00) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass short middle to E.Merriweather to KC 15 for 15 yards (I.Norman; C.Christiansen). P19

1-10-KC 15 (1:30) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass incomplete short left to S.Davis.
PENALTY on KC-R.Taylor, Defensive Pass Interference, 13 yards, enforced at KC 15 - No Play. X20

1-2-KC 2 (1:25) **J.Haener pass short right to E.Merriweather for 2 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** P21

TWO-POINT CONVERSION ATTEMPT. J.Haener rushes up the middle. ATTEMPT FAILS.

Penalty on NO-J.Haener, Illegal Motion, declined.

KC 24 NO 23, 6 plays, 76 yards, 2 penalties, 2:02 drive, 13:40 elapsed

B.Grupe kicks 55 yards from NO 35 to KC 10. N.Remigio to KC 31 for 21 yards (N.Sewell).

Kansas City Chiefs at 1:20, (1st play from scrimmage 1:13)

1-10-KC 31 (1:13) C.Oladokun to KC 30 for -1 yards. FUMBLES, and recovers at KC 30. C.Oladokun to KC 27 for -3 yards. Handoff to L.Perine to KC 33 for 6 yards (A.Orji).
 Timeout #2 by NO at 01:08.

2-8-KC 33 (1:08) L.Perine left end to KC 33 for no gain (R.Connelly).
 Timeout #3 by NO at 01:04.

3-8-KC 33 (1:04) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass short right intended for L.Perine INTERCEPTED by K.Phillips at KC 27. K.Phillips to KC 22 for 5 yards (L.Perine).

New Orleans Saints at 0:58

1-10-KC 22 (:58) E.Merriweather right guard to KC 20 for 2 yards (Ca.Jones; C.Christiansen).
 Timeout #2 by KC at 00:52.

2-8-KC 20 (:52) E.Merriweather left guard to KC 15 for 5 yards (A.Cook).
 Timeout #3 by KC at 00:47.

3-3-KC 15 (:47) E.Merriweather right tackle to KC 13 for 2 yards (I.Norman, Ca.Jones).

4-1-KC 13 (:02) **B.Grupe 31 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-B.Gillikin.**

KC 24 NO 26, 4 plays, 9 yards, 0:58 drive, 15:00 elapsed

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Kansas City Chiefs	24	7:27	1	2	0	3	3/6	0/0
New Orleans Saints	26	7:33	1	4	2	7	1/4	0/0

Miscellaneous Statistics Report

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Ten Longest Plays for Kansas City Chiefs

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
43	2	1-15-KC 45	(10:07) (Shotgun) B.Gabbert pass deep left to R.James to NO 12 for 43 yards (A.Taylor).
30	4	3-10-KC 46	(8:27) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun scrambles up the middle to NO 24 for 30 yards (U.Amadi).
24	3	3-3-NO 46	(1:58) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass deep left to N.Remigio pushed ob at NO 22 for 24 yards (J.Gray).
22	4	3-13-KC 24	(9:21) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass deep middle to N.Remigio to KC 46 for 22 yards (S.Monday).
19	3	1-10-KC 22	(3:40) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short right to K.Crawford to KC 41 for 19 yards (J.Gray).
19	4	3-12-KC 8	(11:23) (Shotgun) C.Oladokun pass deep right to N.Remigio to KC 27 for 19 yards (S.Monday).
17	3	2-10-KC 46	(8:07) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short left to C.Powell to NO 37 for 17 yards (I.Yiadam; M.Roach).
17	3	2-5-NO 32	(6:53) S.Buechele pass deep right to C.Powell to NO 15 for 17 yards (I.Yiadam).
15	3	1-10-NO 15	(6:08) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short middle to J.Ross for 15 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
14	3	2-2-KC 19	(14:18) (Shotgun) S.Buechele pass short left to J.Ross to KC 33 for 14 yards (L.Johnson).

Ten Longest Plays for New Orleans Saints

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
33	4	1-10-NO 24	(3:22) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass deep left to S.Davis to NO 42 for 18 yards (A.Cook).
29	1	3-5-KC 29	(5:07) (Shotgun) J.Winston pass deep left to A.Perry for 29 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
24	4	1-10-NO 24	(14:55) J.Haener pass deep right to K.Baker pushed ob at NO 48 for 24 yards (A.Cook).
19	3	3-6-NO 14	(4:51) J.Haener pass deep left to B.Edwards to NO 33 for 19 yards (D.Bootle).
18	1	1-10-NO 32	(14:21) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass short middle to J.Johnson to 50 for 18 yards (B.Cook; N.Bolton).
17	1	2-9-KC 21	(10:21) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass short right to A.Kamara pushed ob at KC 4 for 17 yards (B.Cook).
16	1	2-11-KC 38	(11:23) (Shotgun) D.Carr pass deep middle to M.Thomas to KC 22 for 16 yards (T.McDuffie).
15	4	2-18-NO 15	(5:19) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass short left to B.Edwards to NO 30 for 15 yards (A.Witherstone).
15	4	1-10-KC 30	(2:00) (Shotgun) J.Haener pass short middle to E.Merriweather to KC 15 for 15 yards (I.Norman; C.Christiansen).
14	1	1-10-KC 48	(6:46) 2-J.Winston in at QB. J.Winston pass short left to A.Perry to KC 34 for 14 yards (N.Bolton).

Touchdown Scoring Information

		Offense	Defense	Special Teams
VISITOR	Kansas City Chiefs	3	0	0
HOME	New Orleans Saints	3	0	0

Player Scoring Information

Club	Player	TD	Rush TD	Rec TD	KO TD	Punt TD	Int TD	Fum TD	Misc TD	FG	XP	2Pt Rush	2Pt Rec	Sfty	Points
KC	R.James	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
KC	J.Ross	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
KC	K.Crawford	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
KC	H.Butker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	6
NO	A.Perry	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
NO	E.Merriweather	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
NO	K.Kirkwood	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
NO	W.Lutz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	5
NO	B.Grupe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3

Possession Detail

	First Half		Second Half		Game	
	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home
Largest Lead	0	17	7	3	7	17
Drives Leading	0	5	3	3	3	8
Time of Possession Leading	0:00	16:14	7:27	4:03	7:27	20:17
Largest Deficit	-17	0	-3	-7	-17	-7
Drives Trailing	6	0	4	4	10	4
Time of Possession Trailing	8:22	0:00	10:57	7:33	19:19	7:33
Times Score Tied Up		0		0		0
Lead Changes		1		2		3



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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS VS. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
SUNDAY, AUG. 13, 2023 • CAESARS SUPERDOME
SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- New Orleans moves to 1-0 in the preseason after their opening victory against the Chiefs in the Caesars Superdome. The Saints return to action on Sunday, Aug. 20 when they play the Los Angeles Chargers at SoFi Stadium following two days of joint practice on Thursday and Friday. Kickoff is set for 6:05 p.m. CST. The game will be aired regionally on the Gray Television network of stations in the Gulf Coast (WVUE FOX 8 in the New Orleans area).
- Attendance at the Caesars Superdome was 70,028.
- The victory was New Orleans' first victory to open a preseason since a 24-20 win at Jacksonville on August 9, 2018.
- QB **Derek Carr**, S **Tyrann Mathieu**, WR **Michael Thomas**, DE **Cameron Jordan**, and K **Wil Lutz** served as the team captains
- The Saints tallied 21 first downs in the contest compared to 17 for the Chiefs.
- DB **Ugo Amadi** and DE **Kyle Phillips** each recorded interceptions, Phillips' helping set up the game-winning 31-yard field goal by K **Blake Grupe**
- New Orleans converted 7-of-16 (43.8%) third-down attempts.
- Defensively, the Saints held Kansas City to 5-of-13 (38.5%) on third down conversions.
- The passing attack was key for New Orleans as the quarterback room combined to complete an efficient 27-of-38 passes (71.1%) for 267 yards and three touchdowns, **Derek Carr**, **Jameis Winston** and **Jake Haener** each tossing scores.
- DB **Ugo Amadi** recorded a second-quarter interception off a pass tipped by CB **Alontae Taylor** from Chiefs QB **Shane Buechele**. Amadi finished the game with two tackles.
- LB **Ryan Connelly** led the team with four tackles and one pass defensed.
- LB **Zach Baun** added three tackles including a sack in the third quarter
- Phillips intercepted Chiefs QB **Chris Oladokun** on a third down with 1:04 remaining in the fourth quarter to help fuel the Saints' come-from-behind victory.
- Carr led a 12-play 80-yard drive to open the game, capped off by a four-yard touchdown pass to WR **Keith Kirkwood**. Carr completed six-of-eight passes for 70 yards and a touchdown in his lone drive of action.
- The touchdown pass from Carr to Kirkwood was the second time the Saints scored on their first offensive drive of a preseason game since the 2012 Hall of Fame Game against the Arizona Cardinals, when Mark Ingram scored a one-yard rushing touchdown. In the 2022 preseason opener at Houston, RB **Dwayne Washington** caught a nine-yard touchdown pass from QB **Andy Dalton** on New Orleans' first drive.
- QB **Jameis Winston** took over for the remainder of the first half and completed 11-of-13 passes for 92 yards and a touchdown with a 121.8 passer rating. QB **Jake Haener** played the entire second half totaling 105 yards and completing 10-of-17 passes. He added his first career touchdown pass on a two-yard score to RB **Ellis Merriweather** as part of a 76-yard drive late in the fourth quarter.

- RB **Jamaal Williams** led the Saints in rushing with 28 yards and tied a team-high nine carries with Merriweather (24 yards).
- WR **A.T. Perry** made his first NFL catch on a pass from Winston for a 14-yard gain with 6:46 remaining in the first quarter and later caught a 29-yard touchdown. Perry led the team with six catches for a team-high 70 yards and a touchdown.
- WR **Lynn Bowden Jr.** had the longest punt return of the day with an explosive 22-yard return in the third quarter. He also added one assisted special teams stop.
- LB **Ty Summers** finished with two solo tackles, one sack and one special teams stop.
- In making his Saints debut, Tulane graduate and rookie LB **Nick Anderson** had one assisted tackle and one assisted special teams stop.
- LB **Nephi Sewell** recorded one assisted tackle and led the team with two special teams stops.
- P **Blake Gillikin** punted three times for 114 yards (38.0 avg.) and had a team-long 47 yard boot.
- K **Wil Lutz** made his lone field goal attempt of 36 yards and made both of his extra points. Grupe added the game-winning field goal from 31 yards out as time expired.



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(Opening Statement) “It’s good to get a win. I thought our first units, both offensively and defensively, really came out strong and played well. It was good to see the offense (on the) first drive of the game take it right down the field 11 plays and get a touchdown. Obviously with a few new pieces it was good to see Derek [Carr] out there. It was good to see Mike [Thomas] get a catch across the middle, so there were some good things that happened there. The second series offensively again we were able to take the ball downfield and get points. And honestly, I thought it went downhill from there. I don’t think we executed well for a good chunk of the game until obviously there at the end with the two-minute drive and then we get the takeaway at the end of the game to seal it. Kind of the same thing on defense. I thought initially we started out strong. We got a couple of stops with the first unit which was good. And then (later), when we gave up the deep ball, that kind of changed the momentum of the game. In the second half, I just thought we made too many mistakes. Mistakes that will end up costing us games. But like I said, I am glad we got the win. This league is all about winning, so winning in the preseason is important and I am glad our guys were able to do that. It was nice to see [Blake] Grupe get a chance to get to kick in that situation and be able to knock it through.”

(On what he liked about QB Derek Carr) “I thought he was in control, poise, threw it to the open guy. Kind of the way you want your quarterback to operate the offense. He did a nice job stepping up into the pocket a couple of times, so I thought overall it was a good experience.”

(On if CB Alontae Taylor’s evaluation is the same working in the slot and outside cornerback) “I would say they are two different evaluations. I think overall Alontae’s had a really good camp. I think he’s still getting used to playing inside in the slot – and that’s part of the deal with growing up and playing in our league. If everyone is just an outside corner, somebody has to go inside, and so he is going in there and getting some work. He will keep learning from his mistakes and will get better from it.”

(On A.T. Perry’s play) “It was good to see. I thought he stepped up and caught the ball well. I don’t like him reaching for the goal line there at the end on his first touchdown, but it was good. He made a couple of contested catches and I thought he was able to run down the field, put his foot in the ground and come back and create some separation. I thought he played well.”

(On the play of the younger guys) “We had some young guys score their first NFL touchdowns; we had some guys kick their first NFL field goal. So, it was good to see some of those young guys make some plays. Certainly, we are in a race to improve from now to week two and we have a few days before we get on a plane and head out to L.A. and get some work in against the Chargers, so we still have a lot of things to improve on.”

(On his thoughts on QB Jake Haener): “Early on I thought he was a little erratic, but I thought as he settled down, he got better. He has a little moxie to him and when the game was on the line, he got us down the field and put points on the board. It was disappointing on the two-point play that we snapped the ball early and don’t get a chance to at least try to execute in that situation. I thought that was my one takeaway is that we had too many self-inflicted wounds – not with the first groups, but as we got into the second and third waves, we had some self-inflicted wounds that we have to clean up.”

(On forcing turnovers): “We have talked a lot about taking the ball away and we got two of them today. I think takeaways are contagious. When you start getting them, they tend to come in bunches, so everything is about the ball and we have to continue to emphasize that as a coaching staff and make sure our guys understand the importance of the ball, both protecting it and trying to take it away.”

(On how the team won) “You know it’s a preseason game, and when we didn’t get the two-point conversion, we could have said let’s get out of here and save our pads a little bit. But, I thought it was important for us to take the timeouts. We figured if we got them three-and-out and they had to punt the ball back to us, we’d get the ball with about 15-20 seconds left and maybe we could get ourselves in long field goal range and see if (Blake) Grupe could hit a long one. Our guys on defense made a play and you never know when those plays are going to come so you just have to keep playing.”



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(Opening Statement): “As far as injuries go, Nic Jones fractured a couple of fingers there. We will see how he does. (Anthony) Witherstone hurt his toe, his big toe. We have to see how that also does when we get back. All in all, it was good to get a game in. The ones – we have to pick up the tempo there on both sides of the ball. Not good enough. We have some things to work on there. It was good to get the young guys in. I thought they actually played pretty well, the twos and the threes. Some good things from really all of the different positions. They all come back after being left in a deficit and bring ourselves back in the game. You can’t finish it. You can’t finish with a mistake. That’s a terrible way to end the thing. Looks like the Saints have a good football team. We have to make sure we get our stuff taken care of.”

(On rookie Justyn Ross’ performance): “Yeah, you know before I comment, I want to take a look at the tape. In general, I thought the guys did a decent job. I know he had the touchdown. That was a good play, that play. As a whole I have to see all the work they did.”

(On Justyn Ross playing for the first time in two years): “That’s the good part of the story, and he came out healthy. That’s a positive thing.”

(On Patrick Mahomes’ sideline leadership): “Some of the guys were a little flat in the beginning. You can’t do that. When you come to work, you need to come to work ready to go.”

(On the 4th-and-1 sneak): “After looking at it on the replay, we probably should have gone to the left and not the right. They ended up pinching on that side, the left side, and we probably could have gone in that direction. We’re trying to get where we can do that. We can’t work on that in camp live. You get good work on it here. It didn’t work. That was the bottom line. We have to go back to the drawing board on it.”

(On his thoughts on Richie James) “Again, I have to look at the whole work, but he had a beautiful catch there, a couple of them. That’s a good job by him. He’s a good football player. We know that. He’s got a good feel for things.”

(On rookies Felix Anudike-Uzomah and Rashee Rice): “That’s so valuable for them. They’re two guys who need that – the speed of this, live, the whole deal – and not just a handful of reps, putting a series together. I think that was good for both of them. Again, I have to evaluate off of the tape. We’re going to look at it. There are going to be some corrections. I thought for the most part they held their own and did a decent job there. I’ll take a peek at that.”

(On if he has any idea of the severity of Nic Jones’ injury): “No, I don’t. I’ll know more here in the next day or so. We know it’s broken. Some you can just cast up. Other ones, you have to have surgery on it. We’ll see where that goes.”

(On the touchdown pass by Shane Buechele): “It was a good escape. That escape was good. The throw was good. The catch was good. All around that was a pretty good play. Glad he had a chance to get one in the end zone there.”



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QB Derek Carr

(On how the first drive felt) "Felt good. Felt efficient. It was nice to get a couple of situations in the third down, get some red zone, and all that stuff because, again, they don't tell us like how much we're going to play and all that. So to get a couple of situations in there and then throughout the game to talk through things with Pete (Carmichael) in certain situations and things like that in a game type scenario. It was good. It was a lot of fun. Loved being on this side of things in the dome. I can get used to this place it's a lot of fun."

(On why he liked playing in the game as a starting quarterback) "When I woke up this morning, everything was new to me. Where's pregame meal? I followed Erik McCoy in and I was like, "bro, I don't know where to go to park." He was like "follow me." As soon as I got in here, Reg (Reggie Stone) was showing me everything like everything there is in the locker room and I was like, "alright, where's the shower? Where's the snacks?" Everything was new. For me to get out there more importantly and play football in the stadium, this time when it wasn't loud, we can operate and do those kinds of things. It was important to me to do that no matter how old I am and how many years I've played the NFL, to do it with a new group, all new receivers and for everyone to be in there and playing, I think is a mark of this team that any chance we can get to go out there and coach (Allen) will let us, we just want to compete and play."

(On Keith Kirkwood) "Keith Kirkwood was someone...We had three lifting groups and we'd always lift at 6:30 group and at 6am. I'd be like whoever wants to meet me there, I'll be there at 6:00 a.m. to throw these new routes and these kinds of things and Keith was there every single time. After practice, I always run extra, Keith, as you guys see, he is always right there next to me running extra with me. If we don't see each other we make sure that we check in "did you do it?" I think that it's his hard work and his determination. He's a veteran player. He understands what it takes. I'm just really proud of him. To be able to get a touchdown, I know it was preseason game but they still all feel good."

(On what he could have done better today) "We had a false start. I will look at that and I always put false starts on myself. Was there something in the communication process that I did not do, right? Everyone wants to look at the jersey number that they put it on, but I have a lot to do with that too. I have to look at that. I'll always try and put those on me. Because I'm always trying to deflect from those guys as much as I can because, again, if there's a way that I can help us be better, that's all I'm looking to do. I'll check in with those guys, especially after we watch it. Especially with what kind of play it was and what we were trying to do. Is there something there that I could have done better to help them out."

(On the offensive line) "When we have those five guys out there in practice all together. Sometimes some guys are limited and things like that. But when they're all five out there, it's like wow, this is pretty impressive, man. That's the first thing I told him when we came off field, I was like "I got to go through reads and make decisions, play quarterback, I appreciate it fellas." Because those guys man, they did a great job on that. It is one drive, but it is okay to get excited about, it's professional football. I think those guys are really good players. We'll watch the film and there's going to be things that they'll want to fix and that I'll want to fix but just playing the game and being able to see things and all that, I thought they did a great job."

(On getting the ball to so many skill players on this team) "Hopefully our skill guys just continue to understand one guy may have 10 catches in the game and you may have two, and that may happen for two weeks and then boom, you are going to have 12. We have to be able to play that way and play selflessly. I believe we have a group that will do that. Because boom, everybody is catching the ball. Bam, bam, bam, you know first play is for Chris (Olave), then we got A.K. (Alvin Kamara), then we find Juwan (Johnson), then we find Mike (Thomas) then we...everyone is touching it and then all sudden Keith gets a touchdown. So everyone did the cardio and Keith got the reward. Hopefully our guys understand that that's just how we're going to have to play if we want to do the things that we want to do. Because if we can be, you know if we can do that and spread it out evenly..."

(On if he was anxious) "I was very excited. No anxiety. I've been doing this like a decade. That is when I look in the mirror sometimes and I see the gray hairs it does feel like a decade but it does not feel like it goes so fast. But the nerves just...You're not nervous anymore. You just want to go out

there and execute and play at a high level. I was really excited and... I will tell you what, I was really excited when we turned left right here and started coming down and the lights were off and they started playing a little music and I was like "oh yeah, now it is time." So that got the juices flowing. But I tried my best. I am an emotional, excited person. I try my best to stay like this so don't throw the first one into the stands. It's hard not getting excited coming out to that intro."

(On completing the few passes under pressure) "I was happy because usually some teams won't blitz in the preseason. They won't or if they do it's just someone off the slot, it's just easy stuff and they walked up in there double A's, double mugs another time, they gave us different looks all game. And for my drive, it was nice to get someone man someone blitzing me I was fired up that now I get to move and work on my stuff in a live scenario, and it was a great pickup. It was satisfying because those are the realest reps it gets, like they can hit me out there. For our guys to be able to, with that in their mind, do their jobs and execute, everyone, most time you can do the physical part but the mental side to make the right point and make the right calls and pick them up and do all that and everyone do their assignments. Everyone gets excited about the skill players and the points but it doesn't happen until we do that part right first. And so I was really proud of that."

(On Jake Haener) "Jake Haener? I was proud of him. When he came off after the interception, I said "you know who else threw a pick in their first preseason game?" He started laughing and I was like "just keep cutting it loose, man. There's a long half, we're going to win this thing." And I didn't know we'd win it the way that we did. But I was really proud of him. And he's going (to) be a good player for a long time. Because he works really hard and he cares. And he's good. So (I'm) really proud of him. And the more reps he gets he'll just keep getting better."

(On what it was like for his family seeing him play) "I haven't gotten to talk to them too much, just a little bit before I walked in here. It was... for them putting on black and gold for the first time, it was probably a little weird because when I put that uniform on and I went in the mirror I was like... Jake walked up, he's like, "that looks weird." He said... I was like "I know, I've been in the same place for nine years." But it may look weird, but it felt right. I told D.A. (Dennis Allen) that earlier this week. I just feel refreshed and I feel rejuvenated and to put that uniform on and come out and be a Saint. It felt really good. I know my wife was excited about today and my three boys... My little girl she don't care. She was yelling "touchdown Raiders" the other day. I was like, we have to fix that. But my three boys, they were so fired up. I got to see them before the game it was really cool for me. They were on the field. Those are memories that we'll have forever. I am sure that they're going to know more about this game than I will. They will know all those things and so I am sure when I see them, they will be really excited."

(On AT Perry) "I think it's good for... I mean it's the National Football League. It's not easy out there. It's one thing to watch it from one point of view, but when you're in it, in full speed game live reps where they can hit you and all those kind of stuff, you got to read it right and make the right decisions. For him to go out there and play the way he did, I'm so proud of him. But for all the young guys, I thought that they... whether they started slow or started fast I thought everyone just settled in and just started playing football. That's what the preseason is for, for everyone to just get... knock the rust off, all those things, things you've been working on in camp, doing it in the live game. And for them to see like, "oh, man, that does work" or man "what coach was telling me was right." A lot of that was happening today. I was really proud of him. He was featured today. He was getting the ball a lot so it was good."

(On the win and how many players chipped in) "I mean, throughout the season it's going to take everybody in the building to win. And if we are all pushing the same direction, we'll be able to do it. And for the young guys to get in there... The camaraderie, the confidence that they will have now that... Man, the young guys, the third group went in there and they got the ball back for each other, they went down and scored and they knocked the field goal. I mean what that does for their confidence is unbelievable. That only helps our whole team be better. I think, especially the way that we won, I think it's only a good thing. But like D.A. said, whether it's regular season or preseason, we don't care. If we're strapping it on, you're going out there. You're not going out there to try and lose and be okay with it. We're going out there to win and we were happy we were able to do that."

(On if Drew Brees gave him advice) "No, we laughed about a couple of things, that maybe our defense may know our plays and things in practice and all that kind of stuff. But we didn't talk about this. I think... I've been playing for a while. If I was a young guy, there are certain questions I'd ask him and asked him beforehand and all that kind of stuff, but they're certain things now that he's not like "you Okay, you ready to go for the first" He doesn't have to do that kind of thing. But we're able to talk about just how big of an impact the things that he said to me ended up with me being here and everything, I told him everything that he said to me, they have proven it. What you said is what they are doing. I think just from that relational standpoint took us to another level because everything he said was true and they've proven it. Mickey (Loomis) and everybody's proved it so far."

(On if he could hear the crowd when they announced him) "Yeah, that was cool. They were loud, that was awesome. And I think there was some Chiefs fans yelling at me too."



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DT Khalen Saunders

(On his first game at the Caesars Superdome) "Oh man it was amazing. Obviously coming out seeing the lights in the stands and stuff look like you looking off into space. All black and seeing black and gold, it was definitely a spectacle coming out of that tunnel and we hadn't even like do the introductions or anything, we just came out and it was the energy. So I can't... I want to see how they get when you introduced Demario (Davis), I want to see how that gets. It was a great experience, it was fun."

(On how it was lining up against his former team) "Also fun. It really felt like practice. It just really... I felt like I saw a lot of plays that I'm used to seeing. I was out there calling out some stuff and kind of cheating a little bit but not cheating because I know them. But it was fun, getting to talk to those guys too before and after the game. Because, like I said in my introductory press conference here, I'm a big team guy. I'm going to treat them...treat those guys like my brothers. I still talk to those guys daily and so it was good to kind of reconnect with them and share sentiments and all of that stuff like that. But they also know who I am and they know that I'm a team guy so they know I take the Saints seriously and it's not like no, "man I wish I can be back." Like no, I love y'all to death but I'm a Saint. So that's how it is now and it was a good experience and it was a good competition."

(On the opening defensive effort) "I think that's how we need to play the rest of this year. I think that, especially with a higher team offense like that, if you can get some stops like that early, you're going to get those guys punting the ball pretty early. First two series and stuff (like) getting clutch fourth down stops and stuff like that. That's all the makings of a top-five defense. I think that we have to see our offense too. Those first two drives going out there and scoring back to back. that's the...what else do you look for in a good team? You're getting stops, you're getting clutch fourth down stops and you're going down and dropping the ball and putting it in the end zone. I think that we have the makings of a championship team and it's just a matter of us to prove that right or wrong which we will prove right."

(On the snap count and if he wanted more reps) "Absolutely. Absolutely. That's the competitor, the football player in all of us. Don't nobody wants to just be done completely playing, especially when you getting some tackles and getting back into it finally, like, oh, man, this how football feel. And then you get taken out. But obviously this opportunity... this is not our time, this is not my time. This is an opportunity for the younger guys. This is obviously for me just to sharpen my skills and polish up and get ready for the season. But one thing that I will say that I've learned over my career so far is it's not about your first team. It's about those guys who's given those guys a break. Those guys are coming in there should never be a drop off. And that's one thing I preach to the guys, the younger guys, the rookies, and just the guys on you know behind me is like, "Man when 99 comes off the field..."

(Malcolm) Roach...I love playing with Roach because there's no drop off at all. And I kind of relay that to the younger guys and I'm like, yo, y'all got to... when me and Roach not on there, it should look like me and Roach on there. That's just kind of our mentality and mindset."

(On the late interception by Kyle Phillips) "Oh, man, obviously anytime a lineman can get to get their hand on the ball it's going to be the highlight of the day. And beyond just having an interception it's the fact of when he had it, that was like the most clutch thing I have seen in the league for a while. Everybody gets on him and (are) patting him on the back and stuff. But I just told him like, "Man, you must be living right. You must be prayed it up or something the right way to fall into that (interception) in the late (part of) game." Everybody congratulated him, telling him good job. He is been having a good camp in general. We brought him on a little later (in training camp), because he wasn't here at the start. He's picked up really well, been attacking each day showing great pass rush, showing great ability, just as you guys seen or tracking that ball. I know I was happy for him. Obviously, everybody was happy for him. I just told him like, hey...I told all the young guys this is your resume, and your film is your resume. Put it all on film, so it's nothing left to question and I think he did a great job of that."

(On following Erik McCoy to the Dome) "Oh, yeah. From the hotel. He waited for me. I'm not going to say the street's name because I'm going to screw it up. But he was down there, I pulled out and I waved to him and he was like, "alright, come on." Then I follow him all the way to my parking spot. First time for everybody."

(On how Drew Brees was almost late to his first game at the Dome) "They did tell me that story and that's why I specifically made sure I had someone to follow and who better than your center?"



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S Ugo Amadi

(On his interception): "I knew what was coming based on the formation. I knew not to break too soon. We practice that every day. It was one of those tipped balls and I came down with it."

(On making a play like that in the preseason) "It's just the beginning for me. Those plays mean a lot to a defense. Coaches, the team and fans love the guys who get the ball. They just love those type of people and that's what I want to mean to this team."

(On what the coaches said after the pick) "They just said to keep going."

(On doing a little bit of everything) "I've been doing it all my whole career. The more you can do, the more the team will like you. I take pride in being a little Swiss army knife."

QB Jameis Winston

(On how he felt out there today): "It felt great. It's always nice to get a victory."

(On the touchdown pass) "(A.T. Perry) won on a great one-on-one matchup, made a heck of play and got in the end zone."

(On what he saw out of Jake Haener) "I saw tenacity and the will to win. He led us back and we got a nice victory."

(On A.T. Perry) "He is a big target. He has a great release game and strong hands."

(On getting the win today) "Every win matters for this city and this team. For us to go out on top like that against the defending World Champions for the first game of the year is a tremendous confidence booster. I'm just happy that we got that win."

TE Juwan Johnson

(On the first drive) "I go out there and see Chris (Olave) out there and Mike (Thomas) and (Alvin Kamara), I get excited and I know the things that we can do. All of us collectively has to stay healthy. I don't feel like a lot of teams can stop us. That's just the mindset that we have. We are not being arrogant or cocky, but I've seen these guys work. I've been seeing it for the last month. I know what we can do. I just go out there."

(On Jimmy Graham making that catch) "Like I've told you guys all camp, I've really looked to and leaned on him this whole camp. To see him have a reception and lower the shoulder, there he is. It is just exciting to see him out there. We are all out there just having fun. The tight end room is exciting. You have Foster (Moreau). He is a great player. He has been doing really well for us. Taysom (Hill) is out there getting his nose dirty and doing his thing, Jimmy being that guy who everyone looks up to. It's really good to have a room like that and it's been fun."

DT Nathan Shepherd

(On the first couple of drives) "The offense did their job. They came out swinging. The defense were able to hold up. I'm really happy how special teams responded. I think they did a good job (also)."

(On the fourth and short) "It was a quick snap with a little bit indirection. It was a misdirection on the offensive part of the ball, but we got a stop and at the end of the day that all that matters."

(On if he likes the ball coming his way in that situation) "Truth be told we got some great players all across the line. Our strength is our versatility. Wherever the ball goes we are going to have a great opportunity to stop it."

(On how the first string defensive linemen played) "It is a great place to start from. We definitely have a lot of things to work on. If we can get three and outs consistently and put their offense in less favorable positions, then we are going to have a better outcome at the end of the day."

RB Ellis Merriweather

(On if he works on his balance) “Yes. Not specifically the balance, but my whole lower body especially my quads, my glutes and my hips so that I can be flexible and stronger. You have Alvin (Kamara) who is in the room and he is a gymnast when it comes to balance and mobility. I’m blessed to be able to learn from the best.”

(On if the touchdown was designed to go to him) “Yes, I’m the first option on that. No play fake. Just get to the pylon and make sure you catch the ball.”

(On his thoughts on that play) “I knew it was coming to me. Coach (Joel) Thomas said I’ve seen you from day one and I know that you have it in you. Just go out there and show everyone. He said I’ve believed in you since day one. Just go ahead and do it. I was a rookie minicamp invite (tryout). I did not get drafted. I didn’t get a signing bonus. Every day I go in there with my head down and ready to work and show them that I deserve to be out here. God is good and I was finally able to do that today.

QB Jake Haener

(On how good the last drive felt for him) “Obviously, you come out and want to do a really good job on offense. First game in the preseason as a rookie, there is some miscommunication and some things that don’t go your way. I think playing this position you have to do a really good job of having a short term memory. You hear from people to stay with it, but I think it’s just staying positive, staying focused, staying task oriented and taking it one play at a time. We found a way to get it done.”

(On feeling comfortable under pressure in second half) “I felt comfortable that last drive. The previous few drives, I think we did a good job of communicating, getting the plan and getting into the flow of the game. It was great to get out there, get my feet wet and orchestrate something leaving people wanting more.”

(On if that situation takes out a lot of the thinking) “Yes, I always try to play in flow state. I try to play with that react mindset. I try to breathe and I try to tell myself that I belong in these moments. You just want to go out and execute at a high level when your team needs it and the game is on the line.”



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Quarterback Shane Buechele

(On the touchdown pass to Kekoa Crawford) “Just a little scramble drill, and the guys did a good job of working for me. (It was) just playing football, man, just playing football. And, I have a good example in front of me where I get to watch him (Patrick Mahomes) make plays. Kekoa Crawford made a great play on that catch. It was just playing football.”

(On the touchdown to Justyn Ross) “That was awesome. Seeing the smile on his face after he caught that ball was the best part. He did a great job of running the route and just executing the play. I was happy for him. It was awesome...He did a great job of executing and both of us being on the same page. After that, we were all excited about seeing the smile on his face, seeing all of the hard work that he’s put in from all of his injuries. (It) was tough times for him, so for him to be out on the field, trusting his ability and executing was awesome. It was good to see.”

(On Mahomes being excited on the sideline and the message for the second half) “Coming out that second half, the message was “energy”. We needed to have better energy on the sideline and field. We were able to put together a couple of drives where we were able to score. It was kind of cool. It is always fun to have those guys be pumped up and have energy on the sideline. That was the message going out in the second half...(that was the message) from him (Mahomes) and Coach (Andy) Reid (was to) just have energy, go out and try to win a ball game.”

(On what that means to see the veteran players excited) “Just having those guys, those vets, when they are happy for you and jumping around, it’s always fun seeing them on the sideline having fun. When they’re happy for us, it makes it easy for us to be happy for them.”

(On what he saw from the starters) “There was just a lot of energy. They did a really good job of just playing with energy (and) playing within the system. Some of us, that’s the only time that we get to go out there and play. We always preach to just do your job. You don’t have to go out and do anything different, anything extra. Just do your job, play within the system, and we put together a couple of really good jobs where we had to go down and score. It was fun, a lot of fun.”

Safety Justin Reid

(On the first preseason game) “It was fun. I got to go out there and make a couple of tackles. (There’s) a lot to learn from. (We’ve) got to start faster with the first group out there. I think there are a lot of things to build on. We got to see the young guys come and fight back. (There was) a lot of good things that they put on tape. (It was a) wild way that the game ended, a failed two-point conversion and an interception. It’s preseason. The most important thing is that some guys got some experience and got some tape on that we can continue to build from and learn from in training camp and get ready for the regular season.”

(on being excited for the younger players today on the field) “We wanted to juice them up. We want them to be confident. We would love for everybody to make the team. That, unfortunately, isn’t how it works in the NFL. There’s going to be cuts. We want everybody to go out there and put good tape out there so that even if you don’t make the team here, you still have an opportunity somewhere else. There are some guys who took advantage of some opportunities out there. (They need to) keep their heads high, keep them playing hard, playing fast, making plays. They did a lot of good things.”