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**NFC Divisional Playoff  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. New Orleans Saints**

**WHAT TO LOOK FOR**

- If the Saints defeat the Buccaneers today, they would move on to the NFC Championship game for the fourth time in franchise history, the second time in three seasons, travelling to Lambeau Field to face the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, January 24 at 2:05 CT with the contest scheduled to be nationally televised on FOX (WVUE-FOX 8 locally).
- A Saints win would improve their overall postseason record to 11-12 and their home postseason mark to 9-5.
- A Saints win would make Tampa Bay the ninth team the franchise would have a win against in the postseason, and improve their overall record against the Buccaneers to 38-21, giving them a three-game “sweep”, the only other being when they swept the Carolina Panthers in the regular season in 2017 and then captured a 31-26 NFC Wild Card Playoff win on January 7, 2018. A win would improve New Orleans’ record in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome against them to 20-11, 11-5 since Sean Payton became head coach.
- A Saints win would improve Head Coach Payton’s postseason record to 10-7 and his home mark to 8-2.
- A Saints win over the Buccaneers would improve New Orleans’ record to 4-4 in the divisional round and improve Payton’s record in the divisional round to 4-3.
- A Saints win on Sunday by Payton would make Buccaneers Head Coach Bruce Arians the tenth coach for him to have a victory against in the postseason, giving him a winning mark against ten of the 15 coaches he’s faced off against in the postseason.
- A Saints win on Sunday by Payton would give him ten postseason wins, tying him for 15th all-time in NFL record books with Bill Walsh, George Seifert, Mike McCarthy and Bud Grant.
- A Saints win on Sunday by Payton would give him 153 total wins and put him in a tie for 23<sup>rd</sup> all-time in wins for NFL head coaches with Steve Owen.
- Quarterback **Drew Brees** has 462 career completions in the postseason, ranked fifth

all-time in NFL postseason records, needing eight to move into fourth past Ben Roethlisberger and 20 to move into third past Brett Favre.

- Brees, who has thrown at least one touchdown pass in 17 consecutive postseason games, all of the playoff games he's played in, dating back to January 8, 2005 as a member of the Chargers vs. the Jets, needs a touchdown pass on Sunday to tie Tom Brady (18 consecutive playoff games from 1/19/14-1/20/19) for the second-longest such streak in postseason history behind Favre's 20 (12/31/95-1/24/10).
- Brees has 745 completions against today's opponent, Tampa Bay in 30 regular season games, third against an opponent. With 16 today (combined regular season and postseason), the Buccaneers would move into second for an opponent and with 28 completions, Tampa Bay would surpass Atlanta for the opponent Brees would have the most completions against.
- Brees and wide receiver **Michael Thomas** have connected four times in the postseason for touchdowns, putting the wideout tied for first in club record books with Marques Colston, Devery Henderson and Willie Jackson. With one today, he would become the club's all-time leader. His total touchdown total is tied for second with running back **Alvin Kamara** and several other players. With one touchdown by either Thomas or Kamara, one of them would move into a tie for first with Reggie Bush and with two by one of them, they would become the club's recordholder. Thomas' 43 grabs are ranked second. With seven, he would join Marques Colston (58) as only the second Saint with 50 postseason grabs. Thomas' 566 receiving yards and total yards from scrimmage rank second behind Colston's 788. With 34 yards, he would join Colston as only the second Saint with 600 in both categories. Thomas has two 100-yard receiving games in the postseason. With 100 yards receiving today, he would tie Colston for the most 100-yard receiving games in club record books.
- Defensive End **Cameron Jordan** has 5.5 postseason sacks, ranked first in club record books. With a takedown on Sunday of Buccaneers signal-caller **Tom Brady**, he would be the sixth signal-caller to drop in the postseason.
- Running back **Alvin Kamara** has 272 rushing yards in the postseason, ranked second in club record books. With six rushing yards today, he will surpass Mark Ingram and move into first. Kamara has 30 postseason receptions, ranked fourth in club record books first among Saints running backs. With two grabs, he would surpass wide receiver Devery Henderson to move in third in club record books. Kamara's 254 postseason receiving yards ranked eighth in club record books. With 14, he would surpass Jackson to move into seventh. With 33, he would surpass RB Reggie Bush to move into sixth and also become the leader in receiving yards among running backs. With 40 yards, he would surpass wide receiver Robert Meachem and move into fifth. With 54, he would surpass WR Ted Ginn Jr. and move into fourth. Kamara's six rushes of 10+ yards are ranked third in club postseason record books. With one, he will move into a tie for first with Bush and Ingram and with two, will become the club's all-time leader in big plays rushing.

- Cornerback **Marshon Lattimore** has two interceptions in the postseason. With his next interception, he would move into a tie for first with Jabari Greer for the club's postseason lead in picks.