

## **POSTGAME NOTES AND QUOTES**

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## NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS NEW YORK GIANTS SUNDAY, SEPT. 30, 2018 • METLIFE STADIUM SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- With the win, New Orleans Saints start the regular season 3-1, giving them their first road win at the Giants since a 30-7 win at Giants Stadium on December 24, 2006. Their first time New Orleans started 2-0 on the road since the 2013 season. The Saints return to action on Monday Night Football in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome when they face the Washington Redskins. The game will air on ESPN at 7:15 p.m. CT.
- The Saints win improved New Orleans' all-time regular season record against the Giants to 14-16.
- Today's win gave the franchise their first win at MetLife Stadium, making it the 54<sup>th</sup> road facility that the Saints would have posted a win at.
- The Saints currently have a streak of 260 regular season games without having been shut out, dating back to a 26-20 win at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on September 6, 2002 at Raymond James Stadium, the longest running streak in the National Football League.
- Payton has 114 career victories (regular season and postseason), putting him in sole possession for 38th all-time with Don Coryell (St. Louis Cardinals, 1973-77 and San Diego Chargers, 1978-86).
- Today's win on Sunday by Head Coach Sean Payton against Pat Shurmur marked the 57<sup>th</sup> head coach that he has posted a win against.
- Among active head coach and quarterback tandems, the Saints duo of Payton and Brees have recorded 108 regular season wins together. With their next respective victories, the duos would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famers Chuck Noll and Terry Bradshaw for the third-most wins by a head coach and quarterback tandem in NFL history.
- The 97 yards surrender in the first half is the lowest amount of yards given up in a half, since 11/5/17 vs. Tampa Bay.
- QB Drew Brees completed 18-of-32 passes for a total of 217 yards. Brees played in his 253rd career game today moving him into a tie for 40th place overall with Julius Peppers, whose Carolina Panthers do not play this weekend on a bye. Today marked Brees' 252nd career start. Only Brett Favre (298), Peyton Manning (265) and New England's Tom Brady (254) have started more games. Today's win improved Brees' record as a starter against New York to 6-2.
- Today's game marked the first time in Brees' career that he has not thrown an interception in five straight games. XX pass attempts.
- QB **Taysom Hill** converted a fake punt for a first down by throwing to ball to CB **Justin Hardee** for a 10-yard gain. Hill finished with 28 yards on four carries.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** rushed for 134 yards on nineteen carries and three rushing touchdowns, giving him his third multiple rushing touchdown game in his career, second in 2018 and the first time in his career with three rushing touchdowns tying a franchise high in single game rushing touchdown. Kamara also finished with five catches for 47 yards.

- WR **Michael Thomas** finished with four catches for 47 receiving yards. With four receptions today, Thomas set a new NFL record with 42 receptions through the first four games, surpassing Wes Welker (40).
- TE Josh Hill led the Saints offense in receiving yards with 63 on three catches.
- T **Terron Armstead** started his 50th career regular season game today.
- DE **Cameron Jordan** played in his 116<sup>th</sup> consecutive regular season game today and overall, the second-longest games played streak for defensive ends behind Peppers. Jordan started his 101<sup>st</sup> consecutive game.
- DE **Tyeler Davison** recorded his first sack of the season, forcing a fumble recovered by DE **Taylor Stallworth**.
- LB **Demario Davis** played in his 100th career game today. Davis led the Saints defense in tackles with eleven (nine solo). Davis now has 704 tackles in his career. Davis recorded two sacks, including the Saints first sack of the game and his first of the season. Davis has two multiple sack games in his career the last time he accomplished this feat was in 2014.
- CB **P.J. Williams** created the Saints first takeaway of the game with a forced fumble, recovered by CB **Marshon Lattimore** for a 35-yard return.
- For the first time in his career, K **Wil Lutz** completed four field goals in the first half with a 42-yard field goal, a 34-yard field goal, a 37-yard field goal and a 26-yard field goal. Lutz tied a career in total points scored with 14. Lutz has 313 career points, becoming the tenth Saint with 300 career points. With his 14 points today, he surpassed Jimmy Graham and Joe Horn for eighth on the club's all-time career points list.
- The last time the Saints kicked four field goals in the first half of a game was K Morten Andersen vs. Philadelphia 12/26/93.
- P **Thomas Morstead** punted two times for 95 total yards (47.5 avg.) with a long of 51 yards. Morstead played in his 146th career game today, putting him in a tie for 14th place on the club's all-time games played list with wide receiver Marques Colston (2006-15).