



NEW ORLEANS
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POSTGAME NOTES AND QUOTES

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS ATLANTA FALCONS THURSDAY, NOV. 28, 2019 • MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- With the win, the Saints move to 10-2, giving them a double-digit win season for the 13th time in franchise history and the eighth time since **Sean Payton** became head coach in 2006. It is the second time in franchise history the club has had three consecutive winning seasons, joining the 2009-11 periods.
- The win improves New Orleans' all-time record against the Falcons in the regular season to 49-52 and a 2-1 record at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.
- The win gives New Orleans their sixth NFC South title and third consecutive matching Carolina (2013-2015).
- The Saints are the first team to win six NFC South titles since the division was realigned in 2002 surpassing Carolina's five NFC South titles.
- New Orleans also joins Carolina as the only two clubs in the division to accomplish both feats. Including two NFC West titles in 1991 and 2000, it is the franchise's eighth division title.
- With 136 career wins (regular season and postseason), Payton moves past **Mike McCarthy** and into a tie for 26th all-time in NFL record books with **Hank Stram**.
- The win improves Payton's record against Falcons Head Coach **Dan Quinn** to 6-4, giving him a winning record against 45 head coaches.
- New Orleans would improve to 5-1 on the road in 2019, giving them a winning road mark in consecutive seasons for the first time since the 2009-11 campaigns.
- Offensively, New Orleans racked up 279 yards with 184 passing yards and 95 rushing yards on the way to scoring 26 offensive points.
- QB **Drew Brees** started and completed 18-of-30 passes for 184 yards, one touchdown, and an 88.4 quarterback rating. Brees led the Saints on six scoring drives resulting in two touchdowns and four field goals.
- Brees' throwing score moves him back into a tie with **Tom Brady** for second all-time in touchdown passes. Brees also joins Brett Favre as only two quarterbacks in NFL history with over 10,000 pass attempts.
- Brees appeared in his 271st career-game, putting him in sole possession of 24th place on the NFL's all-time list for games past TE **Tony Gonzalez**.
- QB **Taysom Hill** started the game as a receiver and became the 16th Saint to record a receiving touchdown and a rushing touchdown in the same game. Hill also deflected Atlanta's first punt, setting up the Saints inside Falcons territory for their first score.
- Hill finished the game with two carries for 33 yards and a touchdown and two receptions for 12 yards and touchdown.
- TE **Jared Cook** led the team in receiving with 85 receiving yards on three receptions.
- WR **Michael Thomas** finished the game with six catches for 48 yards.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** led the team in rushing with 61 yards on 11 carries. Kamara also caught 4 passes for 23 yards.
- With 61 rushing yards tonight, Kamara became the fourth NFL running back to have 2,000 yards rushing and 2,000 receiving in their first three seasons, joining **Christian McCaffrey, Roger Craig and Herschel Walker**.
- The Saint's defense tied a franchise record with nine sacks of Falcon's quarterback **Matt Ryan**, their first such game since a 28-10 win at Atlanta in 2001.
- The Saint's defense also held Atlanta to 18 points and forced three Falcons turnovers.
- New Orleans has not given up 100 rushing yards to an individual player in 38 regular season and postseason contests.
- Cornerbacks **Marshon Lattimore** and **Eli Apple** each led the team in tackles with nine.
- FS **Marcus Williams** recorded a season high seven tackles.
- SS **Vonn Bell** totaled four tackles and added his fifth fumble recovery of the season. Bell's five fumble recoveries are the most by a Saint since S Sammy Knight recorded five in 2001.

- DE **Cameron Jordan** played in his 140th career game today, moving past DE **Will Smith** for sole possession of 19th on the club's all-time games played list.
- Jordan recorded career high four takedowns today and now has his third consecutive double-digit sack season and fifth overall. He joins **Rickey Jackson** (6), **Wayne Martin** and **Pat Swilling** (5) as the fourth Saint with double-digit takedown campaigns and also joins that trio as only the fourth with three consecutive double-digit seasons. Only Martin has accomplished the feat four times. With 85 career sacks, Jordan has surpassed Martin for second (82.5) on the club's all-time list on sacks.
- With his four sacks today, Jordan has now set a new career high with 13.5 sacks. His 18 sacks against Atlanta are the most against a single opponent.
- DB **C.J. Gardner Johnson** and DT **Shy Tuttle** both recorded their first career interceptions, picking off Ryan.
- DE **Marcus Davenport** tied a career high with two takedowns and set a career high with two forced fumbles. Davenport also added four solo tackles.
- DE **Trey Hendrickson**, DT **Sheldon Rankins** and LB **Craig Robertson** all recorded sacks. Rankins also played in his 50th career game today.
- Playing in his 170th career game, P **Thomas Morstead** punted four times for 194 yards (48.5 avg.) and one inside the 20-yard line.
- K **Wil Lutz** made four-of-four field goals from 22, 47, 42 and 45 yards respectively. Lutz was also two-of-two on extra points.
- With 14 points today, Lutz moved past **Doug Brien** for third place on the club's all-time list in scoring. Lutz now has 519 career points.
- The Saints extended their streak to 284 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 and fourth overall.