

CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-3)

VS.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (2-3)

REGULAR SEASON GAME #6

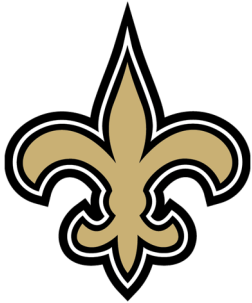
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022 – 12:00 P.M. (CST)

CAESARS SUPERDOME – NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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THE MATCHUP

Following a 39-32 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday that was aided by a combination of timely plays on offense, defense and special teams, the New Orleans Saints will attempt to get on their first winning streak of the season and look to put themselves in position to potentially move into a first place tie in the NFC South, when they host the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday at Noon (CT).

New Orleans left the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Sunday in a contest that wasn't in hand until RB **Alvin Kamara** grinded out a first down on a carry for ten yards after the two minute warning, snapping a three-game losing streak.

TE **Taysom Hill** enjoyed the most productive performance of his career Sunday, as he carried nine times for 112 yards (12.4 avg.) with a career-high three touchdowns, tossed a 22-yard touchdown, recovered a fumble on special teams and returned three kickoffs for 69 yards.

The Saints run game powered by Hill and Kamara enjoyed a productive day, as they ran for 235 yards on 48 carries (4.9 avg.). Kamara carried 23 times for 103 yards (4.5 avg.) and added six receptions for 91 yards (15.2 avg.), including a career-long 54-yard grab in the passing game, for 194 total yards from scrimmage. Hill is ranked

first in the NFL in yards per carry (10.9) and tied for fourth in the league with five rushing touchdowns.

QB **Andy Dalton** started for the second consecutive game in place of an injured **Jameis Winston** and continued to steady the ship in his absence, completing 16-of-24 passes for 187 yards with one touchdown, one interception and an 86.6 rating. In a contest that featured six lead changes and saw the Seahawks take a 32-31 lead with 6:54 left on a 69-yard rushing touchdown by RB **Kenneth Walker**, New Orleans got the ball back and after two Kamara runs, Hill broke multiple tackles on a run play where he went a career-long 60-yards to the end zone. RB **Mark Ingram II** then successfully converted the two-point conversion to give New Orleans a 39-32 lead that they would hold.

While the Saints defense faced an explosive offense, they continued their success on third down, as they allowed the Seahawks to convert only one-of-nine attempts and forced a field goal the only time Seattle reached the red zone. New Orleans is first in the league in opponent third down conversion rate (29.9%) and tied for second in the NFL in opponent red zone touchdown percentage (33.3%). LB **Pete Werner** had seven tackles and a forced fumble to raise his NFL-best solo tackle total to 36.

THE HEAD COACHES

Dennis Allen was hired as the 17th head coach in New Orleans Saints history on February 8, 2022. Now in his 27th 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 succeeds 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 two years, effectively synchronizing with the team's offensive and special teams units to produce five consecutive winning seasons (2017-present) and four straight division titles and playoff berths (2017-20). 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.

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.

Zac Taylor is in his fourth season as head coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, after being named the 10th head coach in team history on Feb. 4, 2019. In 2021, his third season as head coach, Taylor led Cincinnati to a 10-7 record, an AFC North title, AFC conference championship and berth in Super Bowl LVI. Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18. Los Angeles won the NFC West in 2018 and advanced to Super Bowl LIII against the New England Patriots. Taylor broke into NFL coaching in 2012 with the Miami Dolphins as assistant quarterbacks coach. He was elevated to quarterbacks coach from 2013-15. He spent the final five games of 2015 as the Dolphins' interim offen-

sive coordinator and primary playcaller. Career record: 21-36-1.

Background: Taylor played quarterback at Wake Forest (2002-03), Butler County (Kan.) Community College (2004) and Nebraska (2005-06). In his senior season of 2006, Taylor was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year after passing for 3,197 yards and leading the Cornhuskers to a 9-3 record, an appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017. He joined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a college free agent following the 2007 NFL Draft, but was waived prior to the start of training camp. Later that year, he joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League, where he spent one season (did not play). Taylor coached collegiately at Texas A&M (2008-11) and Cincinnati (2016).

Personal: Taylor was born on May 10, 1983, in Norman, Okla. He earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Nebraska in 2006. He and his wife, Sarah, have four children — Brooks, Luke, Emma Claire and Milly. Sarah Taylor is the daughter of former Green Bay Packers and Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman. Taylor's father, Sherwood, was a defensive back and captain at Oklahoma (1976-79). Sherwood Taylor later served as an assistant coach at Oklahoma and Kansas State. Taylor's brother, Press, played quarterback at Marshall and is currently the offensive coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

2022 SAINTS - BENGALS

STATISTICAL COMPARISON

League Rankings

	Saints	Bengals
Record	2-3	2-3
Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	19.8 (12t)	21.6 (16t)
Opp. Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	25.6 (26t)	17.8 (8)
Total Off. (NFL Rank)	379.0 (7)	335.6 (22)
Rushing Off. (NFL Rank)	136.2 (10)	91.8 (25)
Passing Off. (NFL Rank)	242.8 (14)	243.8 (12)
Total Def. (NFL Rank)	341.8 (16)	327.0 (13)
Rushing Def. (NFL Rank)	130.0 (24)	99.6 (7)
Passing Def. (NFL Rank)	211.8 (12)	227.4 (18)
Kickoff Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	21.8 (17)	27.0 (3)
Punt Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	7.1 (22)	10.8 (8)
Turnover Margin (NFL Rank)	-8 (32)	+1 (9t)
Penalties	40	26
Penalty Yards	376	186
Opp. Penalties	37	29
Opp. Penalty Yards	316	248

SERIES HISTORY

The Saints-Bengals series is tied 7-7 entering Sunday's matchup. The teams first faced off in 1970, as the Saints lost 26-6 at Cincinnati. They did not meet again for five years, when the two teams christened the Superdome for the first regular season game, a 21-0 Bengals win. Three years later, the Saints recorded their first win against Cincinnati, a 17-7 home win, which was also the final victory for Saints signal-caller Archie Manning at the Superdome. The two clubs split their next meetings, while the Saints won the next three. The Bengals then captured three straight until New Orleans broke the skid in 2010 with a 34-30 victory at Paul Brown Stadium when QB Drew Brees became the franchise's all-time passing yardage leader. The Bengals defeated the Saints 27-10 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on November 16, 2014 and the Saints returned the favor with a 51-14 thrashing at Paul Brown Stadium on November 11, 2018 in what was their biggest winning margin in a road contest in club history. Five of the games in the series have been decided by a touchdown or less. A look back at the results between the Saints and Bengals in the previous 14 meetings between the clubs:

Date	Site	Score	Att.
11/29/70	Cincinnati	L, 6-26	59,432
9/28/75	New Orleans	L, 0-21	52,531
9/24/78	Cincinnati	W, 20-18	40,455
10/25/81	New Orleans	W, 17-7	46,336
12/9/84	New Orleans	L, 21-24	40,855
12/20/87	Cincinnati	W, 41-24	43,424
11/4/90	Cincinnati	W, 21-7	60,067
1/2/94	New Orleans	W, 20-13	58,036
9/15/96	Cincinnati	L, 15-30	45,412
12/22/02	Cincinnati	L, 13-20	43,544
11/19/06	New Orleans	L, 16-31	68,001
12/5/10	Cincinnati	W, 34-30	60,067
11/16/14	New Orleans	L, 10-27	73,073
11/11/18	Cincinnati	W, 51-14	52,492

SUPERLATIVES

RUSHING YARDAGE

RB Craig Heyward – 122 yards on 19 carries, @ Riverfront Stadium, Nov. 4, 1990.

- RB Chris Ivory – 117 yards on 15 carries, @ Paul Brown-

Stadium, Dec. 5, 2010.

- RB Rueben Mayes – 115 yards on 30 carries, @ Riverfront Stadium, Nov. 4, 1990.
- RB George Rogers – 113 yards on 31 carries, @ Riverfront Stadium, Oct. 25, 1981.
- **RB Mark Ingram II – 104 yards on 13 carries (8.0 avg.), @ Paul Brown Stadium, Nov. 11, 2018.**

PASSING YARDAGE

- QB Drew Brees – 510 yards (club record) on 37 of 52 attempts, @ the Superdome, Nov. 19, 2006.
- QB Dave Wilson – 325 yards on 20 of 32 attempts, @ Riverfront Stadium, Dec. 9, 1984.
- QB Drew Brees – 313 yards on 24 of 29 attempts, @ Paul Brown Stadium, Dec. 5, 2010.

RECEIVING YARDAGE

- WR Devery Henderson – 169 yards on nine catches, @ the Superdome, Nov. 19, 2006.
- WR Danny Abramowicz – 165 yards on eight catches, @ Riverfront Stadium, Nov. 29, 1970.
- WR Michael Haynes – 156 yards on five catches, @ Riverfront Stadium, Sept. 15, 1996.
- WR Eric Martin – 120 yards on five catches, @ the Superdome, Jan. 2, 1994.
- WR Donte' Stallworth – 111 yards on six catches, @ Paul Brown Stadium, Dec. 22, 2002.
- WR Robert Meachem – 106 yards on three catches, @ Paul Brown Stadium, Dec. 5, 2010.
- TE Hoby Brenner – 101 yards on three catches, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Nov. 29, 1970.

SAINTS-BENGALS CONNECTIONS

QB **Andy Dalton** was a second round draft pick of the Bengals in 2011 and played for Cincinnati from 2011-19. Dalton took over the starting quarterback position immediately for the Bengals and for nine seasons, completed 2757-of-4449 passes for 31,594 yards with 204 touchdowns, only 118 interceptions and an 87.5 passer rating. He stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in career passer rating, 300-yard passing games (28), completions and touchdown passes. Dalton led the Bengals to the playoffs in his first five seasons...TE **Nick Vannett** prepped at Westerville (Ohio) Central HS and played at Ohio State...Bengals CB **Eli Apple** and S **Vonn Bell**, both of whom played for the Saints and New Orleans OL **Wyatt Davis**, LB **Pete Werner**, CBs **Marshon Lattimore** and **Bradley Roby** and WRs **Chris Olave** and **Michael Thomas** also played for the Buckeyes...Bengals DE **Sam Hubbard** also played for the Buckeyes with Thomas, Lattimore, Bell and Apple...New Orleans Senior Offensive Assistant **Bob Bicknell** served as Bengals wide receivers coach from 2018-19...Bengals QB **Joe Burrow** and WR **Ja'Marr Chase** were college teammates at LSU and members of the team's 2019 National Championship team. Chase prepped at Archbishop Rummel HS. Thomas and Burrow were previously teammates at Ohio State...Cincinnati T **La'el Collins** prepped at Redemptorist (Baton Rouge) HS and played at Louisiana State University with New Orleans WR **Jarvis Landry** and S **Tyrann Mathieu**...Mathieu was tutored by Cincinnati Linebackers Coach **James Betcher** when he served as defensive coordinator in Arizona from 2015-17...Cincinnati WR **Trent Taylor** prepped at Evangel (Shreveport) Christian Academy and then starred at Louisiana Tech, where he finished his college career with a school-record 327 receptions for 4,179 yards and 32 touchdowns...Cincinnati DE **Trey Hendrickson** played for New Orleans from 2017-20, recording 13.5 sacks in 2020 as he was a PFWA All-NFL selection...Assistant Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator **Darren Rizzi** and Bengals Head Coach **Zac Taylor** served, Defensive Coordinator **Lou Anarumo** and Senior Defensive Assistant **Mark Duffner** served on the same Miami Dolphins staff. Rizzi tutored Bengals assistant linebackers coach **Jordan Kovacs** on special teams in Miami from 2013-15, Bengals safety special teams ace **Michel Thomas** from 2013-17 and Bengals CB **Jalen Davis** in the same capacity with the Dolphins in 2018. Landry and Thomas were teammates in Miami from 2013-17. Roby and Thomas were teammates in Houston in 2020...New Orleans WR **Tre'Quan Smith** was tutored by Bengals Wide Receivers Coach Troy Walters when he served as offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach at UCF from 2016-17...Bengals Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator **Frank Pollack** served on Saints Head Coach **Dennis Allen**'s coaching staff in Oakland in 2012...Bengals Defensive Line Coach **Marion Hobby** served as defensive ends coach in New Orleans from 2006-07. Hobby also served as defensive tackles/strength and conditioning coach at Louisiana-Lafayette from 1996-97 and served on Saints Offensive Line Coach **Doug Marrone**'s coaching staff in Jacksonville from 2017-18 when Marrone was head coach of the Jaguars...Saints Assistant Offensive Line Coach **Zach Strief** prepped at Milford (Ohio) HS...Asst. Strength and Conditioning Coach **Charles Byrd** coached at Miami from 2006-07...T **Landon Young** is a

Lexington, Ky. Native who played at Kentucky...Run Game Coordinator/Tight Ends Coach **Dan Roushar** served as offensive line coach at the University of Cincinnati from 2005-06...Strength and Conditioning Coach **Rob Wenning** is a Coldwater, Ohio native who played at the University of Findlay and served an internship at Ohio State from 2007-08...G/C **Cesar Ruiz** and Bengals RB **Chris Evans** were college teammates at Michigan from 2017-18 and Ruiz later played with Bengals S **Daxton Hill** at Ann Arbor in 2019...Bengals CB **Mike Hilton** played at the University of Mississippi from 2012-15...C/G **Erik McCoy** blocked for Cincinnati RB **Trayveon Williams** at Texas A&M from 2016-18 as he broke the single-season school record for rushing yards their final season together...Bengals WR **Stanley Morgan Jr.** prepped at St. Augustine HS...Bengals WR **Mike Thomas** played at Southern Mississippi...New Orleans QB **Jameis Winston** and DB **Justin Evans** played with Bengals G **Alex Cappa** in Tampa Bay...T/G **James Hurst** and RB **Mark Ingram** played with Bengals TE **Hayden Hurst** in Baltimore. Ingram and Roby played with Bengals G **Max Scharping** in Houston...New Orleans Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach **Ryan Nielsen** tutored both Saints DT **Kentavious Street** and Bengals DT **B.J. Hill** when they were teammates at North Carolina State. Street and Hill also played with Bengals LB **Germain Pratt** with the Wolfpack...Bengals DE **Cameron Sample** played at Tulane University from 2017-20...New Orleans DE **Carl Granderson** and Bengals LB **Logan Wilson** were college teammates at Wyoming.

LAST MEETING

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

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

New Orleans moved into the second quarter successfully completing a six-play, 75-yard drive that was capped by a 28-yard touchdown on a screen pass from Drew Brees to **Mark Ingram**. The New Orleans defense forced a punt and on the Saints' next drive **Alvin Kamara** rushed for a four-yard score. After a three-and-out, a 23-yard completion from Brees to **Dan Arnold** set up a one-yard touchdown run for Kamara. Following an interception by **Marcus Williams** returned for 78 yards, Brees tossed a 17-yard touchdown to Thomas on the last play of the first half to give the Saints a 35-7 lead.

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

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

GAME SUMMARIES

Week 1: Saints 27, Falcons 26; September 11, 2022 @ Mercedes-Benz Stadium – A new coach. A bunch of guys coming back from injuries. A 16-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

None of it flustered the New Orleans Saints, who pulled off a stunning comeback Sunday.

Wil Lutz kicked a 51-yard field goal with 19 seconds remaining after Jameis Winston guided a pair of lightning-quick touchdown drives, giving the Saints a 27-26 victory over the Atlanta Falcons in Dennis Allen's coaching debut. "It was exciting," Winston said with a smile. "We've just got to find a way to get there quicker."

After struggling offensively through most of the season opener, the Saints finally found their rhythm.

Winston threw for 269 yards after going down last season on Halloween with a knee injury. Michael Thomas hauled in a pair of fourth-quarter TD passes in his first game since the 2020 season, having missed an entire campaign with complications from an ankle injury.

And Lutz delivered at the end, showing he's fully recovered from a core issue that kept him out for all of 2021.

"I'm happy with our resilience," Winston said. "We never gave up."

Winston hooked up with Thomas on touchdown passes of 3 and 9 yards. The Saints converted a 2-point try, but failed on the other, leaving the Falcons clinging to a 26-24 lead.

New Orleans got the ball back one more time, taking over at its own 20 with 48 seconds remaining and no timeouts. No problem.

Winston connected on a 40-yard pass to Jarvis Landry and a 17-yarder to Juwan Johnson to set up Lutz's winning field goal.

A personal foul on the Saints gave the Falcons a chance to pull out the victory, but Younghoe Koo's 63-yard field goal attempt was blocked as the clock ran out.

It was a stirring start to the Allen era.

Sean Payton, who coached the team for 15 years and led New Orleans to its lone Super Bowl title, surprisingly stepped down after last season.

His defensive coordinator got the job, even though Allen's first head coaching stint resulted in a record of 8-28 with the Raiders in 2012-14. Make it 9-28.

"I hope they're not all like that," Allen said. "Look, our team is tough and gritty. That's what I love about 'em. That's exactly the way they played in this game. It wasn't perfect. We've got a ton of things to clean up."

The Falcons, who have seemingly never recovered from squandering a 28-3 lead in the 2017 Super Bowl, added

another meltdown to their resume in their first game of the post-Matt Ryan era.

Falcons RB Cordarrelle Patterson rushed for a career-high 120 yards, including a 5-yard scoring burst, and Marcus Mariota made his first start since 2019 as Ryan's replacement.

Mariota threw for 215 yards and added 72 on the ground, highlight by a 2-yard touchdown run.

But in the end, the Falcons let what seemed like a sure victory get away.

"You guys wrote our obituary back in May and you'll continue to write our obituary," second-year coach Arthur Smith grumbled to reporters. "Who cares? We've got 16 games to learn from this and get better."

Winston was sacked four times by a team with a league-low 18 sacks in 2021. He passed for just 24 yards in the first half, but made all the throws when it really counted. Landry had seven catches for 114 yards, and Thomas finished with five catches for 57 yards.

"It was a blessing to be back out there with the guys," said Thomas, who had an NFL-record 149 receptions in 2019 but was playing just his eighth game since then.

SECOND CHANCE

Lutz was kicking himself after his first field goal attempt from 44 yards hit the left upright.

He bounced back to make a 49-yarder before connecting on the game-winner.

"Obviously, coming off a miss is tough," Lutz said. "But that's what we signed up to do. I'm grateful the defense gave me a chance to get back out there and the offense put me in position to make the kick. It feels really good."

PROMISING STARTS

Both teams got plenty of production from their first-round rookie receivers. Drake London, the No. 8 overall selection, led the Falcons with five catches for 74 yards.

Chris Olave, the No. 11 choice by the Saints, had three receptions for 41 yards and hauled in another catch on New Orleans' successful 2-point conversion.

Week 2: Buccaneers 20, Saints 10; September 18, 2022 @ Caesars Superdome – The New Orleans Saints may have been in position to break Tampa Bay.

Or, maybe not, because it's impossible to say definitively what "may" have happened if "this" or "that" had been successful or unsuccessful. All that is known for sure is what actually did happen.

And what happened for the Saints, in a 20-10 loss to Tampa Bay Sunday in the Caesars Superdome, was this: A golden opportunity was lost in the third quarter, one which reverberated and raised the "what if" temperature by an extra 100 degrees in a game where points were at a premium due to the stinginess of two high-level defenses.

On the drive after Tampa Bay tied the score at 3 with a 47-yard field goal, New Orleans opened its next drive at its 25 after a touchback. And the Saints went about constructing their most balanced and effective drive of the game, a mix of three passes (for 25 yards) and five runs (for 30 yards) that pushed New Orleans to first-and-10 from the Tampa Bay 20-yard line with 1:19 left in the quarter.

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GAME SUMMARIES

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But with the Saints in scoring position, and touchdowns scarce among the two combatants, New Orleans couldn't throw what undoubtedly would have amounted to an offensive haymaker.

RB Mark Ingram II took the handoff off left guard, manipulated his way through heavy traffic and as he anticipated contact, covered the football with both hands.

It wasn't enough.

As S Logan Ryan and LB Lavonte David converged for the tackle, Ryan attacked the ball and executed a perfect punch-out at the 11-yard line. When LB Carl Nassib recovered at the 10, New Orleans went from the possibility of a lead-taking field goal and, perhaps, backbreaking touchdown, to an empty red zone trip and a score that remained 3-3.

With 71 seconds remaining in the third quarter, there remained sufficient time and opportunity for the Saints to rebound from the turnover and win the game. But the lost fumble was a heavy blow for the offense, which didn't again operate with that kind of rhythm and balance down the stretch.

Week 3: Panthers 22, Saints 14; September 25, 2022 @ Bank of America Stadium – The Saints have identified their biggest enemy and unfortunately it hasn't been any of the three opponents they've faced so far in 2022.

In a 22-14 loss to Carolina at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, which dropped the Saints' record to 1-2 as they prepare for next week's game against Minnesota in London, New Orleans again did things that are difficult to overcome for teams in search of victory.

They don't have to be reminded of it. The examples were sprinkled through all three units against the Panthers. New Orleans failed to score until the fourth quarter. On New Orleans' second possession of the first quarter, Panthers OLB **Frankie Luvu** stripped the ball from Saints RB **Alvin Kamara** and it was picked up by DE **Marques Haynes Sr.** 44 yards for a touchdown.

New Orleans still struggled offensively through the second quarter, as they were forced to punt two more times, victimized by penalties on each possession. But after Panthers K **Eddy Piniero** made a 48-yard field goal, New Orleans moved the ball to the Panthers 11-yard line, where QB **Jameis Winston** connected with rookie WR **Chris Olave** on a 49-yard completion. However Panthers DE **Henry Anderson** blocked a 30-yard field goal attempt and the Panthers held a 13-0 halftime lead

New Orleans opened the third quarter with a 14-play, drive where New Orleans advanced to the Carolina 30-yard line, but K **Wil Lutz** missed a 48-yard field goal attempt. The Saints finally responded on a possession that spanned the third and fourth quarters as Winston led the team on a 10-play, 89-yard drive capped off by a five-yard **Mark Ingram II** touchdown run.

On the second play of Carolina's ensuing possession, QB **Baker Mayfield** connected with Panthers WR **Laviska Shenault Jr.** on a short pass that turned into a 67-yard touchdown that gave the Panthers a 19-7 edge with 12:06 left in the fourth quarter.

Week 4: Minnesota Vikings 28, Saints 25; October 2, 2022 @ Tottenham Hotspur Stadium – LONDON

Justin Jefferson bounced back from two quiet games and Greg Joseph made amends for a missed extra point.

The Vikings star receiver scored a touchdown and beat Marshon Lattimore on a 39-yard reception to set up Joseph's 47-yard field goal with 24 seconds left and Minnesota hung on for a 28-25 win over New Orleans on Sunday at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Many of the Vikings (3-1), though, thought they were headed to overtime when Saints kicker Wil Lutz lined up for his 61-yard tying attempt. And why not? Lutz had hit a 60-yarder on their previous possession.

This one had the distance but hit the left upright and then the crossbar before bouncing out as time expired.

"When it left his foot I thought it was going in," Vikings coach Kevin O'Connell said. "It felt like that thing had a real good chance to go through and obviously a couple of bounces later we're able to walk off as the winning team." Joseph's go-ahead kick came after he had missed an extra point earlier in the quarter after Jefferson ran it in from 3 yards with 4:15 left in the fourth quarter.

The missed kick left the Vikings with a 25-22 lead.

The Saints then had an eight-play drive and Lutz made a 60-yard field goal with 1:51 left to tie the game for the Saints (1-3), who have lost three straight games.

"I thought they were both in," Lutz said. "I hit them both on the screws. The second one just moved a little more left. So kind of shocked it didn't bounce in."

Jefferson had 10 receptions for 147 yards after being limited to a total of nine receptions and 62 yards in the past two games. He was pleased to finally see some single coverage.

"Lattimore pretty much followed me the whole game, pretty much was a one-on-one battle the majority of the game," Jefferson said. "I was telling (O'Connell) the whole game we should throw it up, give me a chance to go up and make a big play."

Joseph was 5 for 5 on field goals as the Vikings squandered multiple scoring chances, but still held off a New Orleans team that played without key starters including QB Jameis Winston and RB Alvin Kamara.

Kirk Cousins completed 25 of 38 passes for 273 yards with a touchdown and an interception. The Vikings under O'Connell are off to their best start since going 4-0 in 2016.

The Saints arrived early in the week to acclimate to the time difference but their losing streak is now at three games under coach Dennis Allen.

"We still have to find a way to not hurt ourselves with penalties and the turnovers, and that's got to change," Allen said.

Down 16-7, Saints backup quarterback Andy Dalton led two scoring drives to help New Orleans take 22-19 lead. Saints tight end/quarterback Taysom Hill took a direct snap and ran it in from 2 yards for the go-ahead score in the fourth quarter and Dalton found a wide-open Jarvis Landry for the 2-point conversion.

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Dalton completed 20 of 28 passes for 236 yards and a touchdown.

After the Saints cut Minnesota's lead to 16-14 on Latavius Murray's 1-yard run late in the third quarter, the Vikings drove again and Joseph made it 19-14 with a 46-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings led 13-7 and had first-and-goal on the 3 after Jefferson's 41-yard reception in the third quarter, but were pushed back by a delay of game penalty. Cousins then threw short to Adam Thielen instead of going to a wide-open Jefferson in the back of the end zone.

One play earlier, Cousins threw behind Jefferson in the end zone and the receiver couldn't hold on.

SLOW START

The Saints began slowly again despite emphasizing a quick start all week. Alexander Mattison weaved through traffic for a 15-yard touchdown reception on Minnesota's opening drive.

The Saints had no first downs in the first quarter, but safety Tyrann Mathieu intercepted a pass and Dalton then drove the Saints 60 yards and found Chris Olave for a 4-yard touchdown pass — the rookie's first NFL touchdown — to make it 7-7 early in the second quarter.

The Vikings squandered two good opportunities deep in Saints territory late in the second quarter. Tight end Johnny Mundt dropped a short pass on a third-and-1 from the 10 and Minnesota opted for a field goal.

On the next possession, Dalton fumbled on a strip-sack by Za'Darius Smith and Dalvin Tomlinson to give the Vikings the ball on the 20. They again settled for 3 points after an incompleteness and a false start penalty. Joseph's 36-yard field goal gave the Vikings a 13-7 lead going into halftime.

Week 5: Saints 39, Seahawks 32; October 9, 2022 @ Caesars Superdome – Don't ask New Orleans Saints tight end Taysom Hill what position he really plays.

"Look, I just work here and do what they ask," the 32-year-old Hill said with a grin after one of the most memorable days of his unconventional, six-year, NFL career.

Hill ran for three touchdowns, including a 60-yarder in the fourth quarter, and threw for another score, and New Orleans snapped a three-game skid with a 39-32 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday.

"My mindset is that, 'Man, I'm going to take advantage of every opportunity,'" Hill said. "I felt like I was going to get more opportunities this week and so I did my part to make sure I was prepared."

Hill completed the only pass he's attempted this season for a 22-yard score to fellow tight end Adam Trautman. His other running TDs went for 8 and 9 yards.

In past seasons, Hill has been a backup and fill-in starter at QB, but also has lined up at a variety of skill positions and played on special teams. This season, he's remained a special teams regular and has had the bulk of his production on offense intermittently lining up under center for

designed QB runs — even though he's listed at a tight end.

Against the Seahawks, he rushed for 112 yards on nine carries.

"His performance today, it's hard to match — all the stuff that he can do and all the stuff he was able to do to help us," said Saints quarterback Andy Dalton, who started his second straight game for the injured Jameis Winston. "He's special."

Alvin Kamara returned from his rib injury and provided New Orleans (2-3) a boost with 103 yards rushing and 91 yards receiving, highlighted by his 54-yard gain on a screen pass.

"We really wanted to get him going and there's a lot of explosive plays from him," said Dalton, who completed 16 of 24 passes for 187 yards with one TD pass and one interception.

The game was marked by big plays and dramatic momentum swings. There were six lead changes, five touchdowns that spanned 35 or more yards and even 56-yard field goals by each team.

Geno Smith's exceptional first season as starter for Seattle (2-3) continued, but was not enough to overcome a defense that has allowed at least 27 points four times, including 39 or more twice.

"We had our chances and all kinds of opportunities to get it done and too many things went wrong," said Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said, who noted his particular displeasure with New Orleans' 235 yards rushing on a day when the Saints' passing game was bound to be hampered by the absences of receivers Michael Thomas (foot) and Jarvis Landry (ankle).

"We knew their offense was going to be built around Alvin Kamara and Taysom Hill," Carroll said. "They ran it down our throat and that's unacceptable."

Smith passed for 268 yards and three scores, hitting DK Metcalf for a 50-yard TD and Tyler Lockett for touchdowns of 35 and 40 yards.

The Seahawks took a 32-31 lead when Kenneth Walker rushed for a 69-yard TD. But the Saints went back in front for good on Hill's long run shortly after.

"We know that we have a talented roster and we just made some silly mistakes that caused us to lose some football games," Hill said, lavishing praise on the offensive line. "This was a game where everybody was playing really well and we were doing the right things."

RARE PERFORMANCE

Hill is just the third NFL player since 1970 to rush for 100 yards and three TDs while also passing for a score in a game, according to ESPN Stats and Information. The others were LaDainian Tomlinson in 2005 and Miami's Ronnie Brown in 2008. Hill also became the first Saints since Archie Manning in 1977 to rush for three TDs and pass for one in a game.

TRANSACTIONS

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PLAYERS

LB	Zack Baun (BONN)
WR	Marquez Callaway (mar-QWEZ)
LB	Demario Davis (duh-MAR-ee-oh)
OL	Yasir Durant (YAH-seer)
LB	Kaden Elliss (Kay-den)
WR/RS	Deonte Harty (deo-on-tay)
RB	Alvin Kamara (kuh-Mare-Uh)
DE	Tanoh Kpassagnon (tawn-oh pass-N-yo)
QB	Jake Luton (Loo-ten)
S	Tyrann Mathieu (ty-REN MATH-you)
WR	Chris Olave (O-lav-ae)
DL	David Onyemata (Un-ye-mah-tah)
T	Andrus Peat (ann-druss pete)
T	Ryan Ramczyk (RAM-check)
CB	Alontae Taylor (Alon-tay)
TE	Adam Trautman (Trout-man)

COACHES

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

Secondary Coach Kris **Richard** (Ri-SHARD).

Tight Ends/Run Game Coordinator Dan **Roushar** (ROW-shar).

Assistant Offensive Line Coach Zach **Strief** (Streef)

TRANSACTIONS (July 19 —)

July

19 – Signed CB **Alontae Taylor** to a four-year contract.

21 – Placed DE **Marcus Davenport** and WR **Michael Thomas** on the active/physically unable to perform list.

26 – Signed RB **Malcolm Brown**, C **Nick Martin** and DE **Scott Patchan** and waived DB **Jordan Miller**, **Derek Schweiger** P **Daniel Whelan**.

30 – Activated DE **Tanoh Kpassagnon** from Non-Football Illness list.

August

1 – Activated LB **Pete Werner** from Non-Football Injury.

3 – Signed TE **Christopher Herndon** and waived TE **Branndon Dillon**.

5 – Signed LB **Kiko Alonso** and placed DB **Smoke Monday** on Injured Reserve.

6 – Placed LB **Kiko Alonso** on Reserve/Retired and placed

T **Gerald Hawkins** on Injured Reserve. Signed CB **Quenton Meeks**

8 – Signed DB **Jordan Brown** LB **Chase Hansen**. Waived/Injured CB **Dylan Mabin**.

9 – Signed DL **T.J. Carter**, and placed LB **D'Marco Jackson** and DB **Dylan Mabin** on Injured Reserve.

11 – Signed DB **Brian Allen**, QB **K.J. Costello** and DB **Jack Koerner**, placed DB **Bryce Thompson** on Injured Reserve and terminated the contracts of RB **Malcolm Brown** and DT **Jaleel Johnson**.

12 – Reached an injury settlement with DB **Dylan Mabin**.

15 – Signed LB **Jon Bostic** and DE **Niko Lalos**, re-signed DT **Jaleel Johnson**, waived/injured DBs **Jordan Brown** and **Isaiah Pryor**, waived DL **T.J. Carter**, DB **Jack Koerner**, DE **Scott Patchan**, K **John Parker Romo** and WR **Easop Winston Jr.**, reached an injury settlement with DB **Bryce Thompson** and placed T **Ethan Greenidge** on Injured Reserve.

17 – Awarded T **Derrick Kelly** off waivers from the New York Jets and placed DT **Jaleel Johnson** on Injured Reserve.

18 – Re-signed OL **Derek Schweiger** and waived/injured OL **Sage Doxtater**.

19 – Re-signed K **John Parker Romo** and placed OLs **Sage Doxtater** and **Forrest Lamp** on Injured Reserve.

21 – Waived K **John Parker Romo**, RB **Devine Ozigbo** and QB **K.J. Costello**.

23 – Reached an injury settlement with DB **Jordan Brown**. Placed WR **Kevin White** on Injured Reserve. Waived/Injury Settlement OL **Sage Doxtater**.

24 – Reached injury settlement with OL **Jerald Hawkins**.

27 – Reached an injury settlement with WR **Kevin White**.

28 – Waived DL **Josh Black**, DB **Quenton Meeks**, RB **Abram Smith**, OL **Khalique Washington**, T **Derrick Kelly II** and DB **Brian Allen**.

30 – Waived QB **Ian Book**, WR **Dai'Jean Dixon**, DBs **DaMarcus Fields** and **Vincent Gray**, LB **Chase Hansen**, DT **Jordan Jackson**, TE **Lucas Krull**, DE **Niko Lalos**, WR **Kirk Merritt**, OL **Derek Schweiger**, LB **Nephi Sewell** and WR **Rashid Shaheed**. Terminated contract of G/C **Josh Andrews**, LB **Jon Bostic**, DE **Taco Charlton**, TE **J.P. Holtz**, C **Nick Martin** and LB **Eric Wilson**. Traded DB **C.J. Gardner-Johnson** and a future consideration to Philadelphia in exchange for future considerations. Placed DL **Albert Huggins** on Injured Reserve. Placed WR **Kawaan Baker** on Reserve/Suspended By Commissioner.

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TRANSACTIONS *(July 19 —)*

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31 – Agreed to terms on practice squad contracts with G/C **Josh Andrews**, DE **Taco Charlton**, WR **Dai’Jean Dixon**, DBs **DaMarcus Fields** and **Vincent Gray**, LB **Chase Hansen**, TE **J.P. Holtz**, DT **Jordan Jackson**, TE **Lucas Krull**, C **Nick Martin**, WR **Kirk Merritt**, DT **Christian Ringo**, LB **Nephi Sewell**, WR **Rashid Shaheed** and LB **Eric Wilson**. Terminated contract of RB **Dwayne Washington**. Awarded OL **Tanner Owen** off waivers from Buffalo.

September

1 – Re-signed RB **Dwayne Washington**, placed T **Trevor Penning** and DL **Malcolm Roach** on Injured Reserve and signed G **Drew Desjarlais** to the practice squad.

6 – Signed LB **Chase Hansen** to active roster from practice squad and signed QB **Jake Luton** to the practice squad.

8 – Signed G **Wyatt Davis** to the active roster from the Giants practice squad, waived/non-football illness T **Tanner Owen** and waived LB **Isaiah Pryor** from Injured Reserve. Agreed to terms with C/G **Erik McCoy** on a five-year contract extension.

10 – Elevated DT **Christian Ringo** to the active roster (standard elevation). Signed T **Tanner Owen** to the practice squad.

12 – Terminated practice squad contract of T **Tanner Owen**.

13 – Signed DB **Tre Swilling** and RB **Latavius Murray** to the practice squad. Terminated practice squad contract of WR **Dai’Jean Dixon**.

17 – Elevated DT **Christian Ringo** to the active roster (standard elevation).

20 – Signed OL **Yasir Durant** to the practice squad. Terminated practice squad contract of OL **Drew Desjarlais**. C **Nick Harris** terminated practice squad contract (signed with Washington).

24 – Placed CB **Alontae Taylor** on Injured Reserve. Elevated DB **DaMarcus Fields** off practice squad (standard).

28 – Signed WR **Keith Kirkwood** to the practice squad and signed DB **DaMarcus Fields** to the active roster off the practice squad.

October

1 – Signed QB **Jake Luton** to the active roster off the practice squad, waived FB **Adam Prentice** and elevated prac-

tice squad RB **Latavius Murray** and TE **J.P. Holtz** to the active roster (standard).

4 – Terminated practice squad contract of DB **Tre Swilling**, re-signed FB **Adam Prentice** to the practice squad and signed DB **Jordan Brown** and CB **Chris Harris Jr.** to the practice squad. Waived DB **DaMarcus Fields**. RB **Latavius Murray** (signed with Denver) and LB **Eric Wilson** (signed with Green Bay) terminated practice squad contracts.

5 – Signed TE **J.P. Holtz** to the active roster off the practice squad and signed DB **Bryce Thompson** and WR **Kevin White** to the practice squad.

8 – Signed DB **Bryce Thompson** to the active roster off the practice squad and elevated (standard) CB **Chris Harris Jr.** and WR **Keith Kirkwood** to the practice squad. Activated DL **Malcolm Roach** from Injured Reserve, placed DB **P.J. Williams** on Injured Reserve and waived RB **Tony Jones Jr.**

HONORS

NFL OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER: WR CHRIS OLAVE

In three contests in the month of September, Olave finished with 17 receptions for 268 yards in addition to one successful two-point conversion grab, leading league rookies in receiving yardage for the first month of the former Ohio State standout’s career.

2022 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 13	@ Houston Texans	L, 13-17
Aug. 19	@ Green Bay Packers	L, 10-20
Aug. 26	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	W, 27-10

REGULAR SEASON

Date	Opponent	TIME/NETWORK
Sept. 11	ATLANTA FALCONS	W, 27-26
Sept. 18	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	L, 10-20
Sept. 25	@ Carolina Panthers	L, 14-22
Oct. 2	MINNESOTA VIKINGS (London)	L, 25-28
Oct. 9	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	W, 39-32
Oct. 16	CINCINNATI BENGALS	NOON/CBS
Oct. 20	@ Arizona Cardinals	7:15/Amazon
Oct. 30	LAS VEGAS RAIDERS	NOON/CBS
Nov. 7	BALTIMORE RAVENS	7:15/ESPN
Date	Opponent	TIME/NETWORK
Nov. 13	@ Pittsburgh Steelers	Noon/FOX
Nov. 20	LOS ANGELES RAMS	NOON/FOX
Nov. 27	@ San Francisco 49ers	3:25/FOX
Dec. 5	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers	7:15/ESPN
Dec. 11	BYE	
Dec. 17/18	ATLANTA FALCONS	TBD/TBD
Dec. 24	@ Cleveland Browns	Noon/FOX
Jan. 1	@ Philadelphia Eagles	Noon/FOX
Jan. 7/8	CAROLINA PANTHERS	TBD/TBD

TEAM NOTES

FAMILY TIES

Numerous Saints players, coaches and administrators are not the only members of their families to make a name for themselves in pro football. 19 Saints roster players, coaches or front office staff have relatives who have played, coached or served in the front office in the NFL.

Head Coach Dennis Allen - Late father, Grady Allen, played linebacker for the Atlanta Falcons from 1968-72.

Offensive Coordinator Pete Carmichael - Late father, Pete, served as an assistant coach from 1994-2003 with the Jacksonville Jaguars (1994-99), Cleveland Browns (2000) and Chicago Bears (2002-03).

Offensive Assistant D.J. Williams - Father, Doug Williams, is a veteran of Washington's front office, who won Super Bowl XXII as their starting quarterback, the pinnacle of a storied 12-year pro football career, which includes him being in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Ring of Honor, also working in the Buccaneers front office.

Vice President/Asst. General Manager-College Personnel Jeff Ireland – Stepson of Chiefs Hall of Fame linebacker/center E.J. Holub. Grandson of Philadelphia Eagles running back and Chicago Bears personnel exec. Jim Parmer.

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

Linebacker Demario Davis - Late cousin Steve McNair was a former standout quarterback for the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans (1995-2005) and Ravens (2006-07).

Guard Wyatt Davis - Grandfather, Willie was a Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive end for Cleveland and Green Bay.

Linebacker Kaden Elliss - Father, Luther was a former first round draft pick of the Lions in 1995 and played ten years in the NFL and was selected to two Pro Bowls. Younger brother Christian is currently on the Eagles practice squad.

Linebacker Chase Hansen - Uncle, Bruce, played for New England in 1987.

Tight end Taysom Hill - Brother-in-law, David Nixon played linebacker and on special teams for the Oakland Raiders (2009), Houston Texans (2010) and St. Louis Rams (2010-11).

Defensive End Cameron Jordan - Father, Steve, had a prolific 13-year career at tight end for the Minnesota Vikings, with six Pro Bowl selections, being inducted into their Ring of Honor.

Tight End Juwan Johnson - Brother George, played defensive end for eight years in the National Football League with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Minnesota Vikings, Detroit Lions and Saints.

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

Wide Receiver Michael Thomas - Uncle, Keyshawn Johnson, is a former wide receiver who was the first overall pick in the 1996 NFL Draft by the New York Jets, spending 11 seasons in the National Football League with the Jets, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dallas Cowboys and Carolina Panthers, earning three Pro Bowls and the Super Bowl XXXVII title.

Defensive Tackle Shy Tuttle - Uncle, Perry Tuttle played wide receiver on Clemson's national championship team in 1981, who was a first round pick of the Buffalo Bills in 1982 and then played three National Football League seasons with the Bills, Atlanta Falcons and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Linebacker Pete Werner - Father, Greg, played nine games for the New York Jets in 1989 and went to training camp with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1990.

Senior Scouting Consultant Scott Campbell - Late father, Marion, played for the San Francisco 49ers (1954-55) and Philadelphia Eagles (1956-61) as one of the league's last two-way players along the line as a two-time Pro Bowl selection and first-team All-Pro (1960), was a defensive assistant with the New England Patriots (1962-63), this week's opponent, the Minnesota Vikings (1964-66), Los Angeles Rams (1967-68), Eagles (1977-82) and Atlanta Falcons (1969-74) and former head coach of the Eagles (1983-85) and Falcons (1987-89).

Area Scout Joey Vitt - Father, Joe Vitt, is a longtime National Football League assistant coach, who served as assistant head coach/linebackers of the Saints from 2006-16 and also had coaching stints with the Seattle Seahawks, Colts, Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams, Kansas City Chiefs and Jets.

Combine Scout Matt Phillips - Father, Ted is the president/CEO of the Chicago Bears.

ROSTER FACTS AND FIGURES

Oldest Saints player: Quarterback Andy Dalton, 34, 10/29/87

Youngest Saint: Wide Receiver Chris Olave, 22, 6/27/00

Most Seasons as a Saint: Defensive End Cameron Jor-

dan - 11

Most NFL seasons: Jordan, Running Back Mark Ingram II and Dalton - 12

Most consecutive starts: Center/Guard Cesar Ruiz, 36

Consecutive games played: Longsnapper Zach Wood, 84

Most playoff experience: Jordan and Safety Tyrann Mathieu, 11 games

Heaviest Saint: Tackle Landon Young, 321

Tallest Saint: Young, 6-7

Shortest Saint: Wide receiver/return specialist Deonte Harty, 5-6.

Former first round draft picks: 10 – Jordan, Ingram, defensive end Marcus Davenport, cornerback Marshon Lattimore, Olave, tackle Ryan Ramczyk, cornerback Bradley Roby, Ruiz, defensive end Payton Turner and quarterback Jameis Winston.

Pro Bowlers: 12 – Dalton, defensive back J.T. Gray (special teams), Ingram, Jenkins, Jordan, running back Alvin Kamara, Lattimore, wide receiver Jarvis Landry, Mathieu, wide receiver Michael Thomas and Winston.

College with the most Saints: Ohio State—7 (guard Wyatt Davis, Olave, Lattimore, Thomas, Roby, Tight End Nick Vannett and linebacker Pete Werner).

MY HOMETOWN

New Orleans Saints players come from 21 states and Nigeria. Of the players on the team's roster, Texas (quarterback Andy Dalton, longsnapper Zach Wood, center/guard Erik McCoy, defensive ends Marcus Davenport and Payton Turner and cornerback Paulson Adebo) and California (wide receivers Chris Olave and Michael Thomas, running back Dwayne Washington, safety Daniel Sorensen, guard/tackle Wyatt Davis and defensive end Carl Granderson) claims the most with six apiece.

NEXT WEEK

The New Orleans Saints will have a quick turnaround as they will travel to State Farm Stadium to play the Arizona Cardinals on Thursday Night Football. The contest will mark the first of three currently scheduled prime time contests for New Orleans and will also mark their debut on the Amazon Prime Video broadcast package.

TEAM NOTES

COACHES IN THE NFL

Six members of the 2022 Saints coaching staff have prior playing experience in the National Football League.

Offensive Line Coach **Doug Marrone** - Played for the Miami Dolphins in 1987 and the Saints in 1989.

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

Defensive Assistant **Sterling Moore** - enjoyed a seven-year NFL career with the Saints (2016-17), Buccaneers (2015), Dallas Cowboys (2012-14) and New England Patriots (2011-12), starting 31-of-75 career games, while accumulating 185 tackles, six interceptions, 41 passes defended, eight forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries. In his first season in New Orleans in 2016, Moore appeared in 13 games with 12 starts and registered a career-best 55 tackles (47 solo), two interceptions, a team-leading and career-high 14 passes defended and a forced fumble.

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Secondary Coach **Kris Richard** - A third-round draft pick (85th overall) of the Seattle Seahawks in 2002, Richard played in 38 games at cornerback and on special teams with the Seahawks from 2002-04 before finishing his playing career with the San Francisco 49ers in 2005.

Asst. Offensive Line Coach **Zach Strief** - Originally entered the NFL as a seventh round draft pick of the Saints in 2006 and played for the team for 12 seasons, playing in 158 games with 93 starts, opening 87 contests at right tackle and serving as an offensive team captain five times.

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

ROAD WARRIORS

Since 2006, the Saints have the best road record in the NFC, second-best in the NFL at 77-54 (.588). In 2021, New Orleans finished 6-3 on the road, winning a seventh away from the Caesars Superdome when the season opening win vs. Green Bay was relocated to Jacksonville due to Hurricane Ida. The Black and Gold posted a road winning record for the fourth consecutive season for the

first time in franchise history, winning at least six road tilts in all four of the campaigns.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2006

Team	Record
1. New England	87-44
2. New Orleans	77-54
3. Dallas	72-57
4. Pittsburgh	70-59-1

Since 2009, with a 65-42 (.608) road mark, the Saints have the best record in the NFC and second-best in the National Football League.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2009

Team	Record
1. New England	67-40
2. New Orleans	65-42
3. Dallas	59-47
4. Pittsburgh	57-49-1

Since 2018, with a 27-8 (.771) road mark, the Saints have the best road record away in the National Football League away from the Caesars Superdome.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2018

Team	Record
1. New Orleans	27-8
2. Kansas City	26-8
3. L.A. Rams	23-12
4. Baltimore	22-12
5. Seattle	20-15

FIVE IN A ROW

New Orleans has had five winning seasons in a row all resulting in playoff berths, going 11-5 in 2017, 13-3 in 2018 and 2019, 12-4 in 2020 and 9-8 in 2021. The Saints have joined the Kansas City Chiefs (nine) and Los Angeles Rams (five) as only the third NFL team currently with five consecutive winning seasons.

TEAM NOTES

DOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE

Since 2008, the Saints have posted a 78-35 home record, fifth in the NFL. New Orleans enjoyed four consecutive winning seasons at home from 2017-20 for the second time joining 2008-11.

NFL REGULAR SEASON HOME RECORDS SINCE 2008

Team	Record
1. New England	91-21
2. Green Bay	87-24-2
3. Pittsburgh	82-32-1
4. Baltimore	81-34
5. New Orleans	78-35

OPPONENT POINTS PER GAME

Under the leadership of Dennis Allen, who served as defensive coordinator in 2021, prior to being promoted to head coach in the offseason, New Orleans finished the season ranked first in the NFC and fourth in the NFL in opponent scoring, as one of only four teams to surrender an average of fewer than 20 points per game.

2021 NFL OPPONENT POINTS PER GAME LEADERS

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. Buffalo	289	17.0
2. New England	303	17.8
3. Denver	322	18.9
4. New Orleans	335	19.7
5. Tampa Bay	353	20.8

ROSTER ROLL CALL

On the 53-player Saints roster as of October 8, 40 were on the active roster, a reserve list or the practice squad at the end of the 2021 season. Among newcomers, the roster includes four unrestricted free agents, five veteran free agents, one draft pick and one rookie free agent.

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

HIGHER EDUCATION

37 colleges and universities are represented on the Saints' 53-man roster. Of that total, eight are represented by multiple Saints, seven from Ohio State, four from Tennessee and two from Florida, Stanford, LSU, Brigham Young, Oregon and Texas A&M.

IN THE NFL

The Saints have the second-best regular season record in the NFC and have the fourth-best in the NFL since 2006.

NFL REGULAR SEASON RECORDS SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	193	69	0	.737
Green Bay Packers	169	91	2	.649
Pittsburgh Steelers	163	97	2	.626
New Orleans Saints	161	101	0	.615
Baltimore Ravens	158	104	0	.603
Indianapolis Colts	155	106	1	.594

Since 2009, New Orleans' 136-78 regular season record is second in the NFC and third in the NFL.

NFL REGULAR SEASON RECORDS SINCE 2009

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	153	61	0	.715
Green Bay Packers	141	71	2	.664
New Orleans Saints	136	78	0	.636
Pittsburgh Steelers	134	78	2	.631
Baltimore Ravens	129	85	0	.603

POINTS PER GAME

Since 2006, the Saints have averaged 27.6 points per game (7,220 points) in 262 games, second in the NFL. Since 2006, they've scored 20 or more points in 203 contests (77.5%) and 30 or more in 118 (45.0%).

NFL POINTS PER GAME LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. New England	7,422	28.3
2. New Orleans	7,220	27.6
3. Green Bay	6,828	26.1

TEAM NOTES

FOURTH QUARTER SCORING

In 2021, New Orleans finished the season ranked fourth in the NFL in fourth quarter scoring. This trend continued in Week One at Atlanta, when a 17-point surge in the fourth quarter to come back from a 26-10 deficit was tied with Carolina and Indianapolis for the highest final period point total of the week for kickoff week. New Orleans is ranked second in fourth quarter scoring in 2022

2021 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE POINTS PER GAME LEADERS

(FOURTH QUARTER)

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. LA Chargers	181	10.6
2. Pittsburgh	169	9.9
3. New England	165	9.7
4. New Orleans	162	9.5
5. Buffalo	151	8.9

2021 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE POINTS PER GAME LEADERS

(FOURTH QUARTER)

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. New York Jets	58	11.6
2. New Orleans	57	11.4
3. Arizona	56	11.2
4. Atlanta	48	9.6
5. Detroit	43	8.6
6. Cleveland	39	7.8

BUCKING THE ODDS

The Saints have a long tradition of finding players as free agents signed after the draft that make an impact. Several play key roles.

WR/RS **Deonte Harty** finished ranked second on the team with 570 receiving yards on 36 catches (team-best 15.8 avg., seventh in the NFL), while leading the club in kickoff return average (23.8 avg.) and punt return average (9.5 avg.) in 2021.

WR **Marquez Callaway** led the team in 2021 in two of four major receiving categories with a club-best 46 receptions for a team-high 698 yards (15.2 avg., ranked tenth in the

NFL) and a club-best six TD grabs as the team's only offensive skill player to play in all 17 games. In 2022, Callaway has six grabs for 62 yards and has returned three punts for 25 yards.

DE **Carl Granderson** played in 15 games in 2021 with three starts and posted 24 tackles and three sacks. Sept. 25 at Carolina, he picked up his first takedown of 2022, splitting a sack with J.T. Gray.

Punter **Blake Gillikin** enjoyed an October 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 has a 41.4 net average.

DB **J.T. Gray** led the NFL with 19 special teams stops (league-best 16 solo) and this season was voted by his teammates as the club's special teams captain and was selected to the Pro Bowl as a starter and as a first-team *Associated Press* All Pro. In 2022, he leads the team with and is tied for second in the NFL with six coverage stops.

TE **Juwan Johnson** led his position group with four touchdown receptions in 2021, converting to the position after playing in college and starting his Black and Gold career in 2020 as a wideout. In 2022, he leads his position group in receiving with ten grabs for 129 yards.

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's started one game at left guard.

DT **Shy Tuttle** joined the club in 2019 as an undrafted free agent and has played in 47 regular season games with 20 starts, posting 53 tackles, two sacks, one interception, seven passes defensed, one forced fumble and one recovery for one of the league's top run defenses. In 2021, Tuttle played in all 17 games with 15 starts and finished with a career-high 48 tackles, three passes defensed, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery in the season finale at Atlanta. In 2022, through the first three games, Tuttle leads the defensive line with 21 tackles, a split sack and a pass defense.

DB **Bryce Thompson** was signed by New Orleans after the 2021 NFL Draft out of Texas Tech, where he appeared in 32 games with 28 starts totaling 102 tackles, eight interceptions, 18 passes defensed, two sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. After spending the bulk of his rookie season on the practice squad, Thompson competed for a roster spot in 2022 training camp and after battling injuries was signed to the active roster on Saturday, where he contributed on coverage units the following day in the victory over Seattle.

TEAM NOTES

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

(ON 53-MAN ROSTER THROUGH WEEK FIVE)

PLAYER, SCHOOL	SEASON
DB J.T. Gray, Mississippi State	2018
WR/RS Deonte Harris, Assumption	2019
DT Shy Tuttle, Tennessee	2019
DE Carl Granderson, Wyoming	2019
LB Chase Hansen, Utah	2019
P Blake Gillikin, Penn State	2020
TE Juwan Johnson, Oregon	2020
WR Marquez Callaway, Tennessee	2020
DB Bryce Thompson, Tennessee	2021
OL Calvin Throckmorton, Oregon	2020
OL Lewis Kidd, Montana State	2022

SAINTS BY THE NUMBERS

0 – Number of points surrendered by New Orleans in the December 19, 2021 9-0 win at Tampa Bay, when Dennis Allen handled head coaching duties, the Saints' first shut-out since 2017.

1 – The club's final NFL ranking in opponent yards per rush (3.7) in 2021.

2 – Number of Heisman Trophy-winning players currently on the team (RB Mark Ingram II and QB Jameis Winston).

3 – The number of times in 2021 when New Orleans didn't surrender a touchdown. Also the number of points surrendered by New Orleans in the season-opening 38-3 win over Green Bay.

4 – In the season-opening win at Atlanta, Dennis Allen became the fourth Saints head coach to win his Black and Gold debut. Also New Orleans' final National Football League ranking in opponent points per game and opponent rushing yards per game and the number of Saints Pro Bowl selections in 2021.

5 – Number of special teams tackles by LB Andrew Dowell, Dec. 19, 2021 at Tampa Bay, the most in the National Football League in 2021. Also the number of consecutive Pro Bowl selections by defensive end Cameron Jordan.

6 – In Week Three in 2021, when Dowell blocked a punt at New England, it was the first time in six seasons that the

Patriots had a punt blocked against them. Also the number of double digit sack seasons by Jordan, tied for the most in franchise history with Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker Rickey Jackson.

7 – Ring of Honor members, including LB Sam Mills who was inducted posthumously on Dec. 2, 2021 at halftime and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer to join former Saints teammates in K Morten Andersen, Jackson and T William Roaf. Also the number of Pro Bowl selections by Jordan, the most in club history by a defensive player and tied for second in club record books.

8.5 – The number of sacks by Jordan in the last three games in 2021, the most in the NFL over that period.

9 – Division championships. Also the career-high number of sacks by Defensive End Marcus Davenport in 2021.

11 – Number of Pro Football Hall of Famers.

408 – Franchise wins (Regular season/postseason combined).

14 – Number of postseason berths.

19 – With rookie CB Paulson Adebó's second quarter interception in his NFL debut, Sept. 12, 2021 vs. Green Bay, he became the first Saint in 19 years to record a pick in his NFL debut after LB James Allen, had a game-winning pick in overtime in the September 8, 2002 season-opening 26-20 victory at Tampa Bay. Also the number of special teams tackles by DB J.T. Gray in 2021, which led the NFL.

29 – P Blake Gillikin's 29 punts inside-the-20-yard line in 2021 was ranked fourth in the NFL, tied for the club record with Thomas Morstead in 2019.

33 – Number of years the club was owned by Tom Benson, who passed away in 2018.

48 – The club enters its 48th season at the Caesars Superdome.

56 – The club enters its 56th season of play.

84,728 – Largest home crowd (United States), a November 3, 1968 contest vs. Dallas played at Tulane Stadium.

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

110 – Career sacks by Jordan, second in team records and ranked 24th in National Football League, having surpassed Greg Townsend with 1.5 sacks in Sunday's win over Seattle in the Caesars Superdome. With three sacks, Jordan would tie Sean Jones for 23rd all-time. Jordan needs five sacks in 2022 to tie franchise leader Rickey Jackson and 5.5 to become the team's new leader.

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12.5 – With 12.5 sacks in 2021, sixth double-digit total in his career, Jordan finished tied for seventh in the NFL despite missing one contest under COVID-19 protocols.

12 – With three sacks against Atlanta, Nov. 22, 2020, upping his all-time total against the club to 21, Jordan became only the 12th player in NFL history to have 20 sacks against an opponent. Jordan now has 23 takedowns against the Falcons.

13.5 – With a sack against Carolina on Sept. 25, Jordan now has 13.5 career sacks against the Panthers and double-digit totals against all three NFC South division opponents.

15 – With one sack against Tampa Bay on October 31, 2021, Jordan became the 15th National Football League player with at least 15 takedowns against two different teams. Jordan has 17 sacks against the Buccaneers, the second-most against an opponent.

15.5 – 2019 Sack total by Jordan, ranked third in the National Football League. It is tied for the fourth-highest total in franchise history.

25 – After the January 2, 2022 3.5-sack performance against Carolina, the number of career multi-sack games by Jordan, second in club record books behind Jackson (27).

43 – Number of players sacked by Jordan in his career after he dropped Panthers signal-caller Baker Mayfield on Sept. 25. On Sunday vs. Cincinnati, he will be looking to make Bengals QB Joe Burrow, the 44th player he has sacked

1,136 – Career tackles by linebacker Demario Davis.

105 – Team-leading 2021 tackle total by Davis, as he became the first Saint since safety Roman Harper (2008-12) to have four straight seasons at the century mark and the only Saint joining Joe Federspiel to have four straight seasons exceeding 100 stops.

209 – In the season opening win against Atlanta, New Orleans came from 16 points behind in the fourth quarter for the victory for the first time in franchise history, the 209th time, they were 16 points or more behind in a fourth quarter.

2022 SCHEDULE BY THE NUMBERS

0 – Number of Sunday Night Football games on this year's schedule for the Saints, who had played in one SNF contest each of the past four years. The Saints have three prime-time games this year, one on Thursday Night Football (Oct. 20 at Arizona and two on Monday Night Football (Nov. 7

against Baltimore at the Caesars Superdome and December 5 at Tampa Bay).

3 – Number of consecutive years the Saints will have played a prime-time contest at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. This will be the first time the Saints have played the same opponent on the road in prime-time in three consecutive seasons. On November 8, 2020, the Saints won at Tampa Bay on Sunday Night Football, 38-3 and on December 19, 2021, the Black and Gold posted a 9-0 shutout at the Buccaneers. This year's game is scheduled on Monday Night Football on December 5. Also with the October 2 loss at London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium against the Minnesota Vikings, this was the third time New Orleans played a regular season game in London.

4 – The number of consecutive opponents, the Saints will play with a .500 record or better in 2021 from November 13-December 5, three on the road. The Saints will start the stretch at Pittsburgh (9-7-1) on November 13, host the defending Super Bowl Champion Los Angeles Rams (12-5) on November 20, play at the San Francisco 49ers (10-7) on November 27 and play at Tampa Bay (13-4) on Monday Night Football on December 5.

6 – Road games the Saints are scheduled to play in outdoor stadiums (in Tampa, Carolina, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Cleveland and Philadelphia), as well as Sunday's loss to the Vikings which was played in London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Arizona's State Farm Stadium and Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium are retractable roof venues.

8 – The number of years since the Saints have played the Bengals and Ravens at home and the Steelers and Browns on the Road. In 2014, the Saints lost 26-24 at Cleveland, 27-10 vs. the Bengals, 34-27 to the Ravens on Monday Night Football and beat the Steelers 35-32 at Heinz Field.

9 – Times the Saints, including this year's season-opening win, have opened the Saints against the Falcons. Also the number of games against playoff teams in 2022. In addition to their NFC South matchups, the Saints will face the NFC West (Rams, Cardinals, Seahawks, 49ers) and the AFC North (Steelers, Ravens, Bengals, Browns) in addition to the Philadelphia Eagles, Vikings and Las Vegas Raiders. Playoff opponents include the Buccaneers (2) starting this Sunday, Bengals, Cardinals, Raiders, Steelers, Rams, 49ers and Eagles.

10 – Number of Saints games that are scheduled to begin at noon CT on Sunday this season. With the date and time of the Week 15 and Week 18 contests to be finalized later in the season, the exceptions are last Sunday's 8:30 a.m. CT contest vs. the Vikings (2:30 p.m. in London), prime-time contests against the Cardinals, Ravens and Buccaneers and a 3:25 contest at the 49ers.

TEAM NOTES

PRIME TIME POWER

Since 2006, the Saints have the fourth-best record in prime time contests.

TOP FOUR NFL PRIME TIME RECORDS SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Seattle Seahawks	37	17	1	.682
New England Patriots	47	24	0	.662
Pittsburgh Steelers	47	28	0	.627
New Orleans Saints	38	23	0	.623

New Orleans has been even more dominating at home on prime time, posting a 24-10 mark since 2006, fifth in the NFL over that period.

TOP NFL HOME PRIME TIME RECORDS SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Baltimore Ravens	18	3	0	.857
Seattle Seahawks	26	6	0	.813
Pittsburgh Steelers	27	8	0	.771
New England Patriots	24	8	0	.750
New Orleans Saints	24	10	0	.706

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

A spot on the practice squad is another avenue to eventually get onto the active roster and have the opportunity to contribute. Below is an overview of players on the club's roster with extensive practice squad experience.

Running back **Dwayne Washington** participated on the Saints practice squad briefly in 2018 after spending most of the 2016 and 2017 seasons on Detroit's active roster. Through development, the tailback, in addition to his running skills, has developed into a core special teams player with 11 stops, to have a career-high seven for 2021.

Tight end **Juwan Johnson** was signed by New Orleans out of Oregon, where he spent his graduate transfer season following the 2020 NFL Draft as a wideout. Recording four receptions for 39 yards seven contests, Johnson spent the majority of the season on the practice squad. Converted to tight end in 2021 and leading the position group with four touchdowns, Johnson's took advantage of his frame and participation in his first full offseason strength and conditioning program in 2022 and leads the tight ends group with ten receptions for 119 yards.

After spending the last six weeks of the 2019 season and the first 16 weeks of the 2020 campaign on the team's practice squad, linebacker **Andrew Dowell** was elevated to the club's active roster for the regular season finale at Carolina. In two preseason games in 2021, he posted five tackles, one forced fumbles and two coverage spots to secure a regular season roster spot. In Week 3 at New England, Dowell recorded the first blocked punt that an opponent had against the Patriots since the 2015 season. Dowell's five special teams tackles on December 19 at Tampa Bay was the highest single-game total in the NFL in 2021 and he finished the season tied for fifth in the league with 14 coverage stops.

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 *Associated Press* 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 leads the team with six special special teams stops in 2022, tied for second in the NFL.

Originally a sixth round draft pick of the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2020 out of Washington State, quarterback **Jake Luton** started three games as a rookie in 2020 and split time before the Seahawks practice squad and active roster in 2021 before spending the final six weeks of the season on the Dolphins practice squad. After spending the 2022 preseason with the Jaguars, Luton joined the Saints practice squad at the start of the regular season and was signed to the active roster on October 1.

Originally signing as an undrafted free agent with Kansas City in 2014 out of BYU, safety **Daniel Sorensen** spent the first half of his rookie season on the Chiefs practice squad before being elevated to the active roster at midseason where he contributed with seven tackles. Sorensen has played in 113 games with 41 starts, posting 379 tackles, 4.5 sacks, 12 interceptions, four returned for touchdowns, 33 passes defensed, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, 31 coverage stops, one special teams fumble recovery and one blocked field goal. Sorensen has on defensive tackle and two special teams stops in 2022

A converted quarterback from college who ended up playing both safety and linebacker at Utah, **Chase Hansen** was originally signed by New Orleans as a free agent after the 2019 NFL Draft. After splitting the bulk of the 2021 season between the practice squad and the active roster where he recorded one special teams tackle in three games, Hansen has recorded two coverage stops in 2022.

TEAM NOTES

SAINTS TEAM CAPTAINS

In a player vote, running back Alvin Kamara and tackle Ryan Ramczyk were added as offensive team captains, with the other four returning captains re-elected following the departure in free agency of left tackle Terron Armstead and the retirement of safety Malcolm Jenkins. Defensive end Cameron Jordan's the team's longest tenured captain (2015). Defensive back J.T. Gray (special teams), linebacker Demario Davis and quarterback Jameis Winston round out the group.

2022 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS TEAM CAPTAINS

Offense	Defense	Special Teams
QB Jameis Winston	LB Demario Davis	DB J.T. Gray
RB Alvin Kamara	DE Cameron Jordan	
T Ryan Ramczyk		

SAINTS IN 2022 WHEN?

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

PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY DENNIS ALLEN

Allen's coached ten players who've earned 21 Pro Bowl selections as head coach, coordinator and position coach, two who are currently with the club.

PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY ALLEN AS A HEAD COACH, COORDINATOR OR POSITION COACH

Pos.	Player	Pro Bowls	Years
CB	Champ Bailey	1	2011
S	Brian Dawkins	1	2011
DE	Elvis Dumervil	1	2011
S	Roman Harper	2	2009-10
DE	Cameron Jordan	6	2015, 2017-21
CB	Marshon Lattimore	4	2017, 2019-21
OLB	Von Miller	1	2011
FB	Marcel Reece	3	2012-14
S	Darren Sharper	1	2009
DE	Will Smith	1	2006

OFFENSIVE NOTES

DOMINATING OFFENSE

Since 2006, the Saints have been the NFL's top offense, averaging 392.1 total net yards per game.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New Orleans	102,737	392.1
2. New England	99,077	378.2
3. Philadelphia	96,740	369.2

THROUGH THE AIR

New Orleans' 279.7 net passing yards per game lead the National Football League since 2006.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE NET PASSING YARDS PER GAME SINCE 2006

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New Orleans	73,293	279.7
2. LA Chargers	67,449	257.4
2. New England	67,255	256.7

OFFENSIVE NOTES

YARDAGE RAMPAGE

Since 2006, the Saints have racked up the team's top nine highest single-game net yardage totals. Prior to 2006, New Orleans had only reached 500 yards in seven games. Since then, they've met the mark in 29 contests.

TOP NINE SAINTS TOTAL NET YARDAGE GAMES

Rk.	Opponent	Yds.	Rush	Pass	Date
1.	vs. Dallas	625	242	383	11/10/13
2.	vs. Carolina	617	208	409	1/1/12
3.	vs. NYG	608	103	505	11/1/15
4.	vs. Cin.	595	91	504	11/19/06
5.	vs. Min.	583	264	319	12/25/20
6.	vs. NYG	577	205	172	11/28/11
7.	at Min.	573	161	412	12/18/11
8.	at SF	571	248	323	11/6/16
9.	at Dal.	562	116	446	12/23/12

KEEPING DRIVES GOING

The Saints have converted a National Football League-best 45.3 of their third down attempts in the regular season since 2006.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIRD DOWN PCT. LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Made	Att.	Pct.
1. New Orleans	1,542	3,400	45.4
2. L.A. Chargers	1,471	3,387	43.4
3. Indianapolis	1,480	3,423	43.2

FIRST DOWNS

The Saints' 5,857 first downs since 2006 are ranked first in the NFC and second in the National Football League.

NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Tot.	Rush	Pass	Pen
1. New England	5,949	1,953	3,459	537
2. New Orleans	5,857	1,715	3,743	399
3. Indianapolis	5,525	1,614	3,389	522

FOUR DOWN TERRITORY

Since 2006, the Saints are third in the NFL in fourth down conversion rate, converting 148-of-261 attempts (56.7).

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOURTH DOWN PCT. LEADERS SINCE 2006

Rk.	Team	Conv./Att.	Pct.
1.	New England Patriots	154/256	60.2
2.	Cincinnati Bengals	149/258	57.8
3.	New Orleans Saints	148/261	56.7

HOLDING THE LINE

Since 2006 the Saints have allowed the fewest sacks in the NFL, surrendering only 418 takedowns.

SACKS ALLOWED IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FROM 2006-PRESENT

Rk.	Team	Sacks
1.	New Orleans	419
2.	Indianapolis	479
3.	New England	486

Ahead is a synopsis of several returning players and newcomers through the draft and free agency to the 2022 Saints offensive line:

Tackle/Guard James Hurst - An eight-year NFL veteran who was signed as a free agent from Baltimore in 2020, Hurst has 124 career regular season appearances with 69 starts at three different positions on the inside and outside. His versatility came in handy in 2020, as he started two contests at left tackle and one at left guard and the Saints gained over 200 yards rushing each time. In 2021, Hurst moved into the lineup for eight games at left tackle in place of an injured Armstead, two at left guard in place of an injured Andrus Peat and three at right tackle for an injured Ryan Ramczyk, starting contests at three different positions. Hurst has started the first five games at left tackle.

Right Tackle Ryan Ramczyk - The Black and Gold used their second first round selection in the 2017 NFL Draft to snag Ramczyk out of Wisconsin, one of the best linemen in the entire draft. After opening all 16 games and both post-season contests in 2017 and being selected as a PFWA All-Rookie, he has been selected as an AP All-Pro selection three times since.

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Center/Guard Erik McCoy - New Orleans traded up in the second round of the 2019 NFL Draft to select this standout from Texas A&M, who was a three-year starter, anchoring the middle of the Aggies line. In 2018, he was a team captain who paved the way for the SEC's leading rusher and in 2019 was the first Saint in franchise history to start at center in Week One, opening all 16 regular season contests. McCoy opened all 16 contests and both postseason games in 2020 for the NFL's sixth-ranked rushing offense. McCoy started 13 contests at center in 2021. Prior to the Week One season opener at Atlanta, McCoy agreed to a five-year contract extension with the Saints.

Guard/Center Cesar Ruiz - The hard-working, talented and intelligent lineman is a perfect fit for New Orleans' culture with the 24th pick in the 2020 NFL Draft out of Michigan. The three-year letterman played in 36 games in college, starting his last 31 including the final 26 at center, earning All-Big Ten in 2019. Ruiz settled in at right guard in the last 15 games, with nine starts, as well as both post-season contests. When McCoy suffered a lower leg injury in the first quarter of the 2021 season-opening win over Green Bay, Ruiz transitioned over to his natural position, where the Saints did not give up a sack and started four contests in the middle. He returned to right guard on Oct. 25 at Seattle and was the only lineman in 2021 to not miss a start. The 36 consecutive starts along the offensive line for Ruiz is the longest current streak for a Saint.

Tackle/Guard Andrus Peat - A first round selection (13th overall) in the 2015 NFL Draft out of Stanford, Peat was considered one of the top college linemen in 2014. In his first eight seasons, he's played in 87 regular season games with 82 starts, opening a contest at every position except center. In 2020, he opened 13 contests at left guard as he was part of the NFC Pro squad for the third consecutive season. In 2021, he opened the first six contests, where New Orleans got off to a 4-2 start before suffering a season-ending pectoral injury. In his return to to the starting lineup in the 2022 season opener in Atlanta, New Orleans rushed for 151 yards. On Sunday vs. Seattle, Peat was part of an effort where the Saints gained 235 rushing yards.

Tackle Landon Young - A mainstay at left tackle for his entire college career at Kentucky, Young played in 49 contests with 30 starts in his college career. The Lexington, Ky. native was selected by New Orleans in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft and held up to the competition in training camp to snare a roster spot. Young opened one contest at right tackle in 2021 and serves as Ramczyk's backup on the right side, while also playing jumbo tight end.

Offensive Lineman Calvin Throckmorton - This 6-5, 309 pound former four-year starter on the Oregon line was signed as an undrafted free agent in 2020, possessing the flexibility to play all five positions along the offensive line. After spending his rookie season on the practice squad, Throckmorton increased strength in the 2021 offseason and made strides in training camp. In his NFL debut in the 2021 season opening-win, Throckmorton was called to play right guard following a lower leg injury to McCoy in the first quarter, subsequently starting four contests. He then moved into left guard, Oct. 25 at Seattle following a shoulder injury to Andrus Peat and opened the last ten. Throckmorton started the Week Four contest at left guard while Peat recovered from a concussion.

IN THE RED ZONE

Through five games in 2022, New Orleans is ranked first in the NFC and second in the NFL in red zone touchdown percentage (80.0%) after reaching the end zone on all three trips Sunday vs. Seattle.

2022 NFL RED ZONE TD PCT. LEADERS

Team	Driv.	Pts.	TD	TD%
1. Tennessee	13	87	12	92.3
2. New Orleans	15	88	12	80.0
2. Kansas City	23	126	18	78.3

DEFENSIVE NOTES

DEFENSIVE DRAFTS

Over the last eight drafts from 2015-22, the New Orleans Saints have shown a commitment to defense, spending 21-of-33 picks on that side of the ball. With nine picks in 2015, the Saints picked six defensive players, the most taken since New Orleans chose nine in a 12-round selection meeting in 1990. Below is an overview of the defensive players selected by New Orleans from 2015-22 currently with the club:

Cornerback Paulson Adebbo, Stanford (D3-21) - Selected in the third round (76th overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft out of Stanford, Adebbo finished his college career playing in 22 games with 21 starts and recording 97 tackles, 34 passes defended and eight interceptions, earning All-Pac-12 in 2018 and 2019. He started in the opener and became the first Saint to record an interception in his NFL debut since 2002. With three picks on the season, he became only the fifth Saints rookie to reach that level. Overall, he posted 63 tackles (54 solo), three picks and eight passes defended. After missing the first two contests of 2022 with an ankle injury, Adebbo has posted 16 tackles (14 solo).

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Linebacker Zack Baun, Wisconsin (D3a-20) - Selected in the third round (74th overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft out of the Wisconsin, Baun finished his college career with 154 tackles, 15 sacks, two interceptions, one returned for a TD, six passes defended, three forced fumbles and a recovery. The Saints were attracted to his playmaking ability Baun finished with eight coverage stops in 2021, adding 22 defensive stops (16 solo) and a return of a blocked field goal. In 2022, he has recorded two coverage stops, while also providing reliable depth at multiple linebacker positions.

Defensive End Marcus Davenport, Texas-San Antonio (D1-18) - Davenport joined the Saints with the 14th overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft after showing potential and production as a pass rusher at Texas-San Antonio. In four seasons, Davenport posted 22 sacks, including 8.5 in 2017 when he captured Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year. Davenport's strength on the line is a valuable asset for the Saints front, posting six sacks in 13 games in 2019. Davenport finished second on the team with a career-high nine sacks and added a club-best three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery in 11 games with nine starts in 2021, despite missing six games.

Linebacker Kaden Elliss, Idaho (D7-19) - New Orleans selected this four-year starter from Idaho to compete at both linebacker and contribute on special teams. The Salt Lake City native finished his college career with 288 stops 47 tackles for loss and 17 sacks. After missing the bulk of his rookie year with a knee injury, Elliss showed promise with five stops on coverage units in 2020 and in 2021, his progress continued with 13 stops, one sack, one fumble recovery and one special teams tackle. In 2022, Elliss has posted ten defensive tackles, one pass defense and two special teams stops.

Cornerback Marshon Lattimore, Ohio State (D1a-17) - The 11th overall selection in the 2017 NFL draft out of Ohio State and the first corner taken possesses all the traits of a lockdown defender. With his agile, fluid style, Lattimore has the ability to shut down the best wide receivers. In 2017, he finished with 53 stops, five picks, to lead NFL rookies and the Saints, tying a team rookie record, a club-best 18 passes defended, a forced fumble and a recovery. Lattimore was the first Saints corner selected to the Pro Bowl since 1995 and selected as AP Defensive Rookie of the Year. His five takeaways in 2018 led the team, adding two more picks in the NFC Divisional Playoff win. In 2021, he was named the Week Six NFC Defensive Player of the Week, recording a career-high six passes defenses at Washington, the league's highest total since 2017, reaching the Pro Bowl for the fourth time. He fin-

ished with 68 tackles (53 solo), three picks, a career-high and league-best 19 passes defended and a fumble recovery to lead the team with four takeaways.

Defensive Tackle David Onyemata, Manitoba (D4-16) - Possessing a unique combination of size and speed, this Nigeria native had an impressive rookie year after becoming the first player from the University of Manitoba to be drafted into the NFL. Despite being new to football, the 2016 fourth round draft pick became a critical member on the interior of the Saints defensive front in 2017, playing in all 16 games with six starts, making 40 tackles and two sacks. Overall in his career, he has played in 91 contests with 53 starts, posting 222 stops, 18 sacks, one interception, five passes defended, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries. In 2021, Onyemata started all 11 games he played in and posted 34 tackles, two sacks for a loss of 17 yards and one fumble recovery. On Sunday, Onyemata recorded a key fumble recovery to power a touchdown drive.

Defensive End Payton Turner, Houston (D1-21) - Selected 28th overall in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft, the Texas native comes off a senior campaign where he posted 10.5 tackles for loss and five sacks in only five contests. During his four collegiate seasons, Turner notched career totals of 115 tackles (68 solo), ten sacks, 25 tackles for loss, one interception, one forced fumble, ten passes defended and one blocked punt. After having his rookie campaign cut short by a shoulder injury, Turner came back strong in the 2022 season opener at Atlanta with his blocked field goal on the last play of the game securing a dramatic come-from behind 27-26 victory for New Orleans.

Linebacker Pete Werner, Ohio State (D2-21) - New Orleans selected this three-year starter from Ohio State to compete at the linebacker position. The Indianapolis, Ind. native finished his college career playing in 47 career games with 35 starts, recording 185 tackles (111 solo), 16 stops for loss, four sacks, 11 passes defended, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. Werner helped power the Buckeyes to the College Football Playoff championship game as a senior in 2020, when he was voted by Big Ten coaches as a first-team All-Conference selection and a Butkus Award semifinalist, posting 54 tackles, 2.5 stops for loss, one sack and two forced fumbles. Werner made his first career start in Week Three and on Oct. 3 vs. the New York Giants had ten tackles. Leading the team with 13 stops in Week 6 at the Washington Football Team, Werner became the first Saints rookie since 2015 to have back-to-back performances of double-digit stops. He finished his rookie campaign with 59 defensive tackles (33 solo) and three special teams stops on the season. In 2022, Werner, currently leads the New Orleans defense with 47 stops (NFL-leading 36 solo), two forced fumbles, a pass defense and a coverage tackle.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

IN THE NFL

The New Orleans defense has made great strides in all areas after Head Coach Dennis Allen became defensive coordinator midway through the 2015 campaign. The Saints' 304 first downs surrendered in 2021 were the second-lowest in the National Football League with their 84 rushing first downs lowest in the NFC and second-lowest in the NFL. In 2022, the Black and Gold have given up the league's third-fewest first downs.

NFL OPPONENT FIRST DOWN LEADERS IN 2021

Team	Tot.	Rush	Pass	Pen
1. Buffalo	285	108	138	39
2. New Orleans	304	84	185	35
3. New England	308	111	176	21
4. Carolina	311	112	170	29
5. Denver	312	99	192	21

2021 NFL OPP. RUSHING FIRST DOWNS

Team	Opp. Rush First Downs
1. Bal.	81
2. NO	84
3. Ten.	90

NFL OPPONENT FIRST DOWN LEADERS IN 2022

Team	Tot.	Rush	Pass	Pen
1. San Francisco	79	21	48	10
2. L.A. Rams	86	29	54	3
3. New Orleans	89	28	45	16

IN THE RED ZONE

The Saints' 43.5% opponent red zone touchdown percentage in 2021 was ranked first in the league. New Orleans is tied for second in 2022 (33.3%)

2021 NFL OPPONENT RED ZONE TD PCT. LEADERS

Team	Driv.	Pts.	TD	TD%
1. New Orleans	46	194	20	43.5
2. New England	48	196	23	47.9
3. Denver	42	183	21	50.0

2022 NFL OPPONENT RED ZONE TD PCT. LEADERS

Team	Driv.	Pts.	TD	TD%
1. Denver	11	42	3	27.3
2t. New Orleans	12	45	4	33.3
2t. Dallas	9	31	3	33.3

DRIVE STOPPER

The Saints have allowed opponents to convert only 29.9% of their third down attempts, ranked first in the NFC and second in the NFL after allowing Seattle to convert only one-of-nine third attempts on Sunday.

2022 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OPPONENT THIRD DOWN PCT. LEADERS

Team	Made	Att.	Pct.
1. Tennessee	59	16	27.1
2. New Orleans	67	20	29.9
3. San Francisco	70	21	30.0

STOPPING THE RUN

In rush defense, the Saints gave up only 80.2 net yards per game in 2018. The 2019 Saints finished fourth in the NFL in opponent rushing yards per game (91.3). 2018-19 marked only the second time they did so in back-to-back seasons in franchise history, joining the 1986-1987 teams. The 2020 Saints were fourth in the NFL in opponent rushing yards per game and opponent rushing yards per carry.

The Saints continued to effectively stop the run in 2021. New Orleans ranked fourth in opponent rushing yards per game (93.5) and first in opponent yards per rush (3.7).

2021 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OPP. RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Team	Opp. Rush Yards/Game
1. Bal.	84.5
2. Ten.	84.6
3. TB	92.5
4. NO	93.5

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DEFENSIVE NOTES

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2021 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OPP. RUSHING YARDS PER PLAY

Team	Opp. Rush Yards/Play
1. NO	3.7
2. Sea.	3.80

New Orleans has ranked first in opponent rushing yards per game and second in opponent yards per rush since 2017

2017- NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OPP. RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Team	Opp. Rush Yards/Game
1. NO	96.2
2. Bal.	96.7
3. TB	98.7

2017- NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OPP. RUSHING YARDS PER PLAY

Team	Opp. Rush Yards/Play
1. Ind.	3.98
2. NO	4.00
3. SF	4.00

The Saints have stopped the run impressively since 2017. In seven straight games in 2018, they didn't surrender 100 rushing yards to an opponent for the first time since 2007 had a seven-game run in 2020. In 2021, the Saints didn't give up 100 yards rushing in their last four contests. Below are the longest streaks in team history the defense has gone without surrendering 100 yards. Between 2017-20 they didn't allow a 100-yard rusher in a 55 straight games (regular season/postseason), the longest streak in NFL history. In holding Buccaneers TB Ronald Jones to nine yards on Nov. 8, New Orleans' efforts produced dominant results as his rushing total was the lowest for a leading rusher for an opponent during the streak. Keeping San Francisco RB Jerrick McKinnon to 18 carries for 33 yards (1.8 avg.), New Orleans set the NFL record for the longest streak of keeping individual rushers under 100. After the last streak ended, New Orleans again had the longest current NFL streak of not surrendering a 100-yard rusher until the 2022 opener when 120 rushing yards were given up to

Atlanta RB Cordarelle Patterson. New Orleans got back to their run-stopping ways in Week Two vs. Tampa Bay, when they gave up only 72 yards rushing on 30 carries (2.4 avg.) with zero touchdowns.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SURRENDERING 100 YARDS RUSHING

Time Period	Games
1. 10/1/89-12/10/89	11
t2. 10/25/20-12/13/20	7
t2. 9/17/18-11/4/18	7
t2. 9/16/07-10/28/07	7
t2. 9/1/91-10/20/91	7

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT ALLOWING A 100-YARD RUSHER (REG. SEASON/POSTSEASON)

1. New Orleans Saints (2017-2020): 55
2. Dallas Cowboys (1972-76): 51
3. Baltimore Ravens (1998-2001): 50

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SACK ATTACK

Since the first of five consecutive winning seasons in 2017, New Orleans' 243 sacks rank third in the NFL.

SACKS FROM 2017-

Team	Sacks
1. Pittsburgh	283
2. Los Angeles Rams	252
3. New Orleans	243

BALANCED PRODUCTION

Since 2017, the New Orleans Saints are the only team in the NFL to rank in the top five in both run defense (first in opponent rushing yards per game) and sacks cumulatively over the five season-plus period.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

Deonte Harty has made an impact on New Orleans' return game since being picked up an undrafted free agent in 2019. Harris was signed following the NFL Draft out of NCAA Division II Assumption College, where he finished his college career as one of the most prolific returners in NCAA history. In the final game of his college career, he set the NCAA-All Division record for career combined return TDs (14).

In 2019, Harty brought back 36 punts for 338 yards (9.4 avg.), ranked first in the NFC and fourth in the National Football in punt return average, ranked second among rookies, following a 53-yard runback for a touchdown in the first quarter of the September 22 33-27 win at this week's opponent, Seattle.

He also returned 24 kickoffs for 644 yards (26.8 avg.), second in the NFC and third in the NFL and has recorded one special teams stop. On offense Harty carried twice for 18 yards (9.0 avg.) and caught six passes for 24 yards.

Harris is the first player signed by New Orleans as an undrafted rookie following the draft to be selected to the Pro Bowl in that first season.

Overall, Harty's 25.4 kickoff return average ranks fourth in Saints club records, while his 9.8 punt return average ranks sixth. He's also added 64 receptions for 793 yards (12.4 avg.) with four touchdowns to serve as an offensive threat.

Blake Gillikin was signed by New Orleans following the 2020 NFL Draft after a college career at Penn State, where he finished tied for second on the Nittany Lions' career gross punting average charts (43.03). After spending his rookie season on Injured Reserve, Gillikin had a 42.0 net punting average, eighth in the league and 29 inside-the-20 yard line, third in the NFL and tying the single-season club record. Gillikin enjoyed a breakout performance in Week 5, where he had three punts drop inside-the-three-yard line at Washington, flipping the field position battle and becoming the first punter since at least 2000 to have three punts of 53-plus yards downed inside the three-yard line. In the Oct. 31 win over Tampa Bay, Gillikin punted at a 48.0 net clip and had a career-best 63-yard punt, helping him earn October's NFC Special Teams Player of the Month.

2021 NFL PUNTS INSIDE THE 20-YARD LINE LEADERS

Rk. Player, Team	Inside 20
1. Michael Dickson, Sea.	40
2. Cam Johnston, Hou.	37
3. Blake Gillikin, NO	29

SAINTS PUNTS INSIDE THE 20-YARD LINE LEADERS

(single-season since 1976)

Rk. Player, Year	Net Avg.
1t. Blake Gillikin, 2021	29
1t. Thomas Morstead, 2019	29
3t. Mitch Berger, 2005	28
3t. Mitch Berger, 2003	28
3t. Mitch Berger, 2004	28

In 2022, Gillikin has again made the field position game a strength for New Orleans, averaging 48.3 gross yards per punt and 41.4 net yards per punt.

COVERAGE UNITS

New Orleans' coverage and block units in 2022 will be led by linebackers **Zack Baun**, **Andrew Dowell** and **Kaden Elliss**, defensive back **J.T. Gray**, linebacker **Chase Hansen**, safety **Daniel Sorensen** and running back **Dwayne Washington**.

One of the club's two third round draft picks in 2020, Baun, a former Wisconsin standout, embraced work on the club's coverage units in 2020 with three stops. On Sept. 19 at Carolina, he made an adept play by returning a blocked field goal and was ranked fourth on the team with eight stops. After posting eight stops in 2021, Baun ranks among leaders with three coverage tackles in 2022.

After spending the bulk of the 2019 and 2020 season on the Saints practice squad, Dowell recorded his first career blocked punt on September 26 at New England. He ranked second on the team with 14 stops and was tied for fifth in the NFL after having a career-high five tackles (four solo) on December 19 at Tampa Bay, the highest single-game total in the National Football League in 2021.

A seventh round draft pick of New Orleans in 2019, Elliss' blue collar mentality fit in with the coverage units with four stops in both 2020 and 2021, currently ranking among leaders with two special teams stops in 2022 to go with ten tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

Sorensen's a ninth-year NFL veteran who signed with New Orleans as an unrestricted free agent from Kansas City, where he spent the first eight seasons of his career, posting 29 coverage stops, one special teams fumble recovery and one blocked field goal to go with 378 defensive tackles, 4.5 sacks, 12 interceptions, 33 passes defended, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries. Sorensen picked up the first two coverage tackles of his Saints career on Sept. 25 at Carolina.

Signed by the Saints after the 2018 NFL Draft out of Mississippi State, Gray enjoyed a banner campaign in 2021, emerging as one of the league's elite players on special teams. Voted by his teammates as the club's special teams captain for the first time, Gray led the NFL with 19 tackles in 16 games and added three defensive stops as he was selected as a Pro Bowl starter and as the team's only first-team *Associated Press* All-Pro. Playing in 56 career games, Gray has career totals of 50 special teams stops, one blocked punt, three fumble recoveries and eight defensive tackles, 1.5 sacks and one pass defended, being ranked first on the team with six coverage stops, which are tied for second in the NFL.

2021 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES LEADERS

Rk. Player/Team	Tackles
1. J.T. Gray, NO	19
2. Ashton Dulin, Ind.	17
3t. Nick Bellore, Sea.	15
3t. Cody Davis, NE	15
5t. Andrew Dowell, NO	14
5t. Henry Black, GB	14
5t. Nick Niemann, LAC	14
5t. Derek Watt, Pit.	14

2021 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOLO SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES LEADERS

Rk. Player/Team	Solo Tackles
1. J.T. Gray, NO	16
2. Ashton Dulin, Ind.	12
3. Henry Black, GB	11

Gray is tied for second in the league in 2022 with his six stops.

2022 NFL SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES LEADERS

Rk. Player/Team	Tackles
1. M.J. Stewart, Hou.	8
2t. J.T. Gray, NO	6
Seven others tied at 6	

Originally signed by New Orleans as an undrafted free agent out of Utah in 2019, Hansen spent the bulk of the 2020 and 2021 seasons on the practice squad sprinkled with active roster appearances. In 2022, he rejoined the Black and Gold in training camp and secured a roster spot, using his instincts from playing both safety and linebacker for the Utes to record two stops on coverage, while also providing valuable depth at linebacker.

Originally a seventh round draft pick of the Detroit Lions in 2016, since being promoted to the Saints active roster from the practice squad at the start of the 2018 season, the former University of Washington standout has become a core special teamer for New Orleans. Washington has recorded 15 stops, deflected a punt and recovered a blocked punt, posting a career-best seven stops in 2021. Pressed into tailback duty on Sept. 18 vs. Tampa Bay as well, Washington responded with four carries for 18 yards, including a key third down conversion in the third quarter.

Kicker **Wil Lutz** went undrafted in 2016, joining the Ravens for training camp. Prior to the start of the regular season, Lutz joined the Black and Gold. Lutz has kicked in 85 games, converting 147-of-173 field goal attempts (85.0 percent) and 263-of-270 PATs (97.4 percent). He's recorded 332 touchbacks, the sixth-most in the NFL since 2016 despite missing the 2021 campaign with an abdominal injury. His 84.9 percent field goal percentage is best among kickers in team history. Until the 2018 regular season finale, he'd kicked a field goal in a club-record 36 consecutive games, second-longest streak in NFL history. In scoring three points on December 6, 2020 at Atlanta to reach 101, Lutz joined Pro Football Hall of Famer Morten Andersen (1985-89) as only the second Saint to score at least 100 points in five consecutive seasons, Lutz doing it in the first five years of his career. Lutz returned to the field with an immediate impact in the season-opening win at Atlanta on Sept. 11, drilling a 51-yard game winning field goal through the uprights with 19 seconds remaining to help secure a 27-26 victory for the Saints. In the past two contests, Lutz has drilled 60- and 56-yard kicks.

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LONGEST FIELD GOALS IN SAINTS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Game	Length
1.	Tom Dempsey	11/8/70 vs. Det.	63
2t.	Wil Lutz	10/2/22 vs. Min.	60
2t.	Morten Andersen	10/27/91 vs. Chi.	60

With his first field goal on October 20, 2019 at Chicago, Lutz set the NFL record for consecutive road field goals.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A FIELD GOAL ON THE ROAD IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Years	Cons. Kicks
1.	Wil Lutz	2017-2019	35
2.	Rian Lindell	2006-09	34
3t.	Norm Johnson	1994-96	33
3t.	Kai Forbath	2014-17	33

In 2018, Lutz made 28-of-30 field goal attempts, including a club-record 26 straight at one point, 52-of-53 PAT attempts and recorded 64 touchbacks. He ranked second in the NFL in scoring with 134 points, his field goal accuracy ranked third in the league and 52 PATs ranked second.

NFL 2018 FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS

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

From 2019-20, Lutz drilled 29 consecutive field goals.

MOST CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS MADE IN TEAM HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Date	Cons.
1.	Wil Lutz	10/27/19-11/1/20	29
2.	Wil Lutz	9/23/18-12/23/18	26
3.	Morten Andersen	11/1/92-9/12/93	25

The 36 consecutive games where Lutz had kicked a field goal ended with no attempts in the 2018 season finale vs. Carolina as the second-longest streak in NFL history.

CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON GAMES WITH A FIELD GOAL

Rk.	Player	Years	Cons. Games
1.	Matt Stover	1999-2001	38
2.	Wil Lutz	2016-2018	36
3.	Fred Cox	1968-70	31

Since entering the National Football League in 2016, Lutz ranks among leaders in scoring despite missing the entire 2021 campaign. In Sunday's win over Seattle, Lutz joined Andersen and John Carney as only the third player in club history with 700 career points.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCORING LEADERS SINCE 2016

Player	Points
1. Justin Tucker	873
2. Greg Zuerlein	768
3. Matt Prater	741
4. Wil Lutz	704
5. Chris Boswell	697

In 2019, Lutz drilled 32-of-36 field goal attempts, ranked third in the league in kicks converted and ranks first in the NFC and second in the National Football League in scoring with a career-high 144 points, including two game-winners as time expired. He is now the single-season record holder for field goals in Saints history and was selected to his first Pro Bowl, the first Black and Gold kicker to be selected to the league's all-star game since Morten Andersen in 1992. Lutz's 32 field goals, including 17 straight kicks are a club record.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS SINGLE-SEASON FIELD GOAL LEADERS

Saint, Year	FG
1. Wil Lutz, 2019	32
2t. Wil Lutz, 2017	31
2t. John Carney, 2002	31
2t. Morten Andersen, 1985	31