



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 • MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME
SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- With the win, the Saints open the 2020 season 1-0 and win their season opener in consecutive years for the first time since 2008-10. New Orleans returns to action on Monday, September 21st when they take on the Las Vegas Raiders in the first NFL game ever played in Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, NV. Kickoff is set for 7:15pm CT.
- With the win, New Orleans' all-time record against Tampa Bay improves to 36-21 and improves to 20-11 in games played in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.
- Offensively, the Saints amassed 271 yards of total offense, including 82 yards rushing and 189 yards receiving. Defensively, the Saints held Tampa Bay QB Tom Brady to a 78.4 passer rating, recording two interceptions and three sacks.
- For HC **Sean Payton**, the opening day victory is the 7th of his career and evens his season opener record at 7-7. The victory also improves Payton's record in home openers improves to 9-5.
- With this win, Payton's record against Tampa Bay improves to 17-10 and 9-5 in home games against the Buccaneers. Payton's record against Tampa Bay HC Bruce Arians improves to 5-1.
- Beginning his 20th NFL season and 15th in New Orleans, QB **Drew Brees** became the NFL's all-time leader in pass attempts, surpassing Brett Favre's 10,169 attempts. Brees finished the game with 30 pass attempts, moving to 10,191 for his career.
- Brees finished the game with 160 yards on 18-for-30 passing and two touchdowns. With his two touchdown passes today, Brees surpasses Peyton Manning for second-most multi-touchdown games in his career, with 166. Brees has now thrown for at least two touchdowns in nine of his 15 season openers with the Saints.
- TE **Jared Cook** led the Saints with 80 receiving yards on five receptions. Cook's 46-yard fourth quarter reception was the Saints' longest completion of the game, and he set up a five-yard touchdown pass from Brees to WR Emmanuel Sanders.
- In his first game with the Saints, WR **Emmanuel Sanders** became the 70th different player to catch a touchdown pass from Brees. Sanders finished the game with three receptions for 15 yards and the touchdown reception. Sanders has now recorded a touchdown reception in each of his last three season openers.
- CB **Janoris Jenkins** recorded a 36-yard interception return for a touchdown with 13:22 to play in the third quarter, the eighth of his career. Jenkins' eight career interceptions returned for a touchdown is tied for eighth all time with Eric Allen, Ronde Barber, and Charles Tillman. Jenkins added nine tackles and one pass defense.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** finished with 16 rushing yards on 12 attempts and 51 receiving yards on 5 receptions, adding both a rushing and receiving touchdown. Kamara recorded his 14th career multi-touchdown game and fourth such game against Tampa Bay, the most of any opponent.
- Kamara's rushing touchdown was the 28th of his career and moves him into a tie with Chuck Muncie and Pierre Thomas for fourth in the club record books. Kamara now has 40 career touchdowns, which surpasses Lance Moore for ninth in team history.
- QB **Taysom Hill** recorded positive yards rushing, passing, and receiving for the third time in his career, finishing with 13 rushing yards on three attempts, 38 passing yards on one-for-one passing, and 14 receiving yards on one reception. The two previous games in which Hill recorded positive yards in all three categories were on December 22, 2019 in a 38-28 victory at Tennessee and on November 10, 2019 in a 26-9 loss against Atlanta.
- S **Marcus Williams** recorded his 11th career interception, picking off a Brady pass intended for Mike Evans with 11:06 to play in the second quarter. Williams, who

recorded an interception in the Saints' season opener for the second consecutive season, added one tackle and one pass defense.

- CB **CJ Gardner-Johnson** led New Orleans with and finished with a career-high 10 tackles. Gardner-Johnson also recorded a pass defense.
- WR **Michael Thomas** matched a career low with three receptions, finishing the game with 17 yards receiving. The last game in which Thomas recorded three receptions came on October 15, 2017 in a 52-38 victory over Detroit.
- The Saints defense recorded three sacks in the game, one each for DE **Trey Hendrickson**, LB **Demario Davis**, and DE **Carl Granderson**.
- In his first game with New Orleans, DE **Margus Hunt** blocked a second quarter 54-yard field goal attempt by K Ryan Succup. The blocked field goal was the fifth of Hunt's career, after finishing second in NCAA history with 17 blocked kicks and setting an NCAA record with 10 blocked field goals during his career at SMU.
- RB **Latavius Murray** finished with a team leading 48 yards rushing on 15 attempts, the most rushing attempts Murray has recorded in any of his six career season openers.
- P **Thomas Morstead** played in his 175th career game, moving into a tie with TE Hoby Brenner for eighth on the club's all-time games played list. Morstead punted six times in the game, with five punts downed inside the 20 and recorded one kickoff, which was muffed by Tampa Bay and recovered by WR **Bennie Fowler**.
- K **Wil Lutz** converted all of his attempts, making field goals of 29 and 21 yards and going four-for-four on extra point attempts. Lutz also recorded 6 touchbacks off kickoffs, reaching 251 for his career.
- Playing in his 145th consecutive game, DE **Cameron Jordan** recorded four tackles, one tackle for loss, and one quarterback hit. Jordan's 145 consecutive games played is good for second in club record books, surpassing Wayne Martin and Kevin Houser, both with streaks of 144 games.
- New Orleans opens their NFC South slate 1-0. The Saints have qualified for the postseason in six out of their last seven seasons in which they opened their NFC South schedule with a victory.
- The Saints extend their streak to 289 regular season games without being shut out, the longest such running streak in the NFL and fourth longest all-time. The streak dates back to September 6, 2002 when New Orleans defeated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 26-20 at Raymond James Stadium.