



Chicago Bears at New Orleans Saints 1.10.21

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- If the Saints defeat the Bears, they would move on to the NFC Divisional Playoff to be played at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on a date to be announced later in the evening on either January 16 or 17.
- A Saints win would improve their overall postseason record to 10-12 and their home postseason mark to 8-5.
- A Saints win would improve New Orleans' postseason record against the Bears to 1-2, making Chicago the eighth team the eighth team they would have a postseason win against, and their overall record to 18-15. A win would improve New Orleans' record in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome (regular season and postseason) against them to 8-3, 3-0 since Sean Payton became head coach.
- A Saints win would improve Payton's postseason record to 9-7, home mark to 7-2.
- A Saints win over the Bears would make Chicago the fourth team, they would have two wins against in the 2020 season (regular season and postseason) following their NFC South sweep, joining Atlanta, Carolina and Tampa Bay. The only seasons that the Saints had multiple wins against three opponents (regular season and postseason) were 2000, 2006 and 2011, never having multiple victories against four.
- A Saints win on Sunday by Payton would make Bears Head Coach Matt Nagy the ninth coach for him to have a victory against in the postseason, giving him a winning mark against nine of the 14 head coaches he has faced off against in the postseason.
- A Saints win on Sunday would give the Saints a 5-6 record in the Wild Card round, 4-3 at home and give Payton a 4-2 mark in the Wild Card round, 3-1 at home.
- A Saints win on Sunday by Payton would give him nine postseason wins, tying him for 19th all-time in NFL record books with Vince Lombardi, Jimmy Johnson, John Madden and Tony Dungy.
- Quarterback **Drew Brees** has 434 career completions in the postseason, ranked fifth all-time in NFL postseason records, needing 27 to move into fourth past Joe Montana.

- Brees and wide receiver **Michael Thomas** have connected three times in the postseason for touchdowns, putting the wideout tied for fourth in club record books with Jimmy Graham, who will be playing for Chicago today. With one scoring grab he would move into a tie for first with Marques Colston, Devery Henderson and Willie Jackson and with two would become the club's all-time leader. His total touchdown total is tied for sixth with running back **Alvin Kamara**. With one touchdown by either Thomas or Kamara, one of them would move into a tie for second and with two, he would move into a tie with Reggie Bush for first all-time in postseason touchdowns. Thomas' 38 grabs are ranked second. With two, he would join Marques Colston (58) as only the second Saint with 40 postseason grabs. Thomas' 493 receiving yards and total yards from scrimmage rank second behind Colston's 788. With seven yards, he would join Colston as only the second Saint with 500 in both categories. Thomas has two 100-yard receiving games in the postseason. With 100 yards receiving today, he would tie Colston for the most 100-yard receiving games in club record books.

- Defensive End **Cameron Jordan** has 5.5 postseason sacks, ranked first in club record books. With a takedown on Sunday of Bears signal-caller **Mitchell Trubisky**, he would be the sixth signal-caller to drop in the postseason.

- Running back **Alvin Kamara** has 173 rushing yards in the postseason, ranked fourth in club record books. With 28 yards, he would surpass Reggie Bush and move into third, with 43, he would surpass Pierre Thomas and move into second and with 105, he would surpass Mark Ingram and move into first.. Kamara's two rushing touchdowns in the postseason are tied for first with three other Saints, needing one to become the club's postseason leader. Kamara has 28 postseason receptions, tied for fourth in club record books with Darren Sproles and first among Saints running backs. With his first grab Sunday, he would become the club's record holder in catches among running backs and take over fourth overall. With four grabs, he would surpass wide receiver Devery Henderson to move in third in club record books. Kamara's 237 postseason receiving yards ranked eighth in club record books. With 31, he would surpass WR Willie Jackson to move into seventh. With 50, he would surpass running back Reggie Bush to move into sixth and also become the leader in receiving yards among running backs. With 57 yards, he would surpass wide receiver Robert Meachem and move into fifth. With 71, he would surpass wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. and move into fourth. Kamara's 410 postseason yards from scrimmage are fifth in club history, needing 52 to surpass Henderson to move into fourth and 77 to surpass Bush and move into third, first among Saints running backs.

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

- Kicker **Wil Lutz** has 13 extra points in the postseason, second in club record books behind kicker Garrett Hartley, needing three to surpass Hartley.