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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
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- With the win, New Orleans Saints start the regular season 9-1, giving them their fourth-such win streak. The club had nine game winning streaks in 1987, 1990-91 and a 13-game winning streak to start the season in 2009.
- The Saints return to action on Thursday in Mercedes-Benz Superdome when they face the Atlanta Falcons. The game will be nationally televised on NBC at 7:20 p.m. CT.
- Today's win gave the Saints a 9-1 record through the first ten games, equaling a 9-1 start in 1991. The only better starts for the club would be their 13-0 start in 2009.
- With today's win the Saints recorded their 13th winning season in franchise history with seven having taken place under Head Coach Sean Payton.
- With the Saints win today, Eagles Head Coach Doug Pederson became the 60th head coach Payton has defeated in 13 seasons and the 50th coach he has at least a .500 record against.
- The Saints currently have a streak of 266 regular season games without having been shut out, dating back to a 26-20 win at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sept. 8, 2002 at Raymond James Stadium, the longest running streak in the NFL and the fifth-longest all-time.
- The New Orleans defense held the Eagles offense to only 15 total net yards through their first three possessions.
- Today's game marked the first time the Saints have scored at least 45 points in three consecutive games.
- Today's 41-point victory is the largest win against a defending Super Bowl champion in the Super Bowl era. It is also the first time the Saints have defeated a defending Super Bowl champion since a 17-14 win at Tampa Bay on Nov. 2, 2003.
- The Saints offense tallied a season-high 544 total net yards.
- The Saints defense allowed only 196 total net yards, 58 rushing and 138 passing.
- The Saints defense held the Eagles to 3-for-10 (30%) on third down.
- QB **Drew Brees** became the first Saint to play in 200 games for the club as he completed 22-of-30 passes for a total of 363 yards, four touchdowns and a 153.2 passer rating. Brees played in his 259th career game today, moving him into a tie for 33rd all-time in NFL record books with Lee Johnson and Jackie Slater. Brees has thrown for at least 25 touchdown passes in 12 seasons, the third-most in the NFL. With four touchdowns today, he joined Tom Brady in a tie for second all-time behind Peyton Manning. Brees played in his 200th game as a Saint today, the only player to do so in franchise history. Brees' three-yard TD pass to Austin Carr marked the 49th Saints player to record a touchdown catch from Brees. Brees has now thrown a touchdown to 64 players overall in his career. Today's game marked Brees' 34th four touchdown pass game and his 156th multi-touchdown game. Brees also has 114 300-yard games and 61 350-yard games. Brees also now has 23 career games with four touchdowns passes and zero interceptions, including two this season, surpassing New England's Tom Brady (22) for the most such games in NFL history.
- RB **Mark Ingram** played in his 100th career game today. Ingram finished the game with 103 yards on 16 carries with two touchdowns, posting his first back-to-back 100-yard performances since Oct. 15-22, 2017. Ingram has 53 career touchdowns, passing Jimmy Graham for fourth in the club record books, taking over sole possession of third place. Ingram has 324 career points, moving him past Hilliard for eighth place in the club's record books.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** finished the game with 71 yards rushing on thirteen carries and a 37-yard touchdown catch from Brees. Kamara, who had 826 receiving yards and 728 rushing yards as a rookie last season, with 37 receiving yards today, Kamara became the fourth player in NFL history with both 500 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards in each of his first two seasons, joining Edgerrin James, Herschel Walker and Abner Haynes. Kamara has also set a new career-high for touchdowns with 15, marking the third-highest single-season total in club history.
- WR **Michael Thomas** finished with one touchdown on four catches for 92 receiving yards. Thomas became the first player in Saints history to record 1,000 yards receiving in each of his first three seasons. With Thomas' one touchdown catch today, he moved into sole possession of 11th in the franchise book, moving past tight end Hoby Brenner with 22 career touchdowns.

- WR **Austin Carr** recorded his first career touchdown, hauling in a three-yard touchdown pass from Drew Brees.
- WR **Tre'Quan Smith** recorded his fourth touchdown as a Saint, hauling in a 15-yard touchdown pass from Brees. Smith finished with a career-high 157 yards on ten receptions.
- DE **Cameron Jordan** started in his 121st consecutive game on Sunday, having never missed a game, moving him into a tie with running back Fred McAfee for 29th on the club's all-time games played list.
- DE **Sheldon Rankins** recorded his sixth sack of the season, taking down Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz for a ten-yard loss.
- DE **Alex Okafor** recorded his third sack of the season.
- LB **Craig Robertson** recorded the Saints' third sack of the game, creating a five-yard loss.
- CB **Marshon Lattimore** recorded his first interception of the season, picking off Wentz in the first quarter. Lattimore led the Saints defense with four total tackles and two passes defended.
- S **Chris Banjo** recorded a career-high two interceptions. He finished with two passes defended, one special teams tackle and the two picks.
- K **Wil Lutz** nailed both field goal attempts and converted six extra points. Lutz recorded a franchise record 31st straight games with a field goal (18th straight made field goal). With 12 points today, Lutz has reached 100 points for a third consecutive season.
- P **Thomas Morstead** punted two times for 99 total yards (49.5 avg.) with a long of 50 yards. Morstead has played in 152 career games, moving him into 12th place in club record books.



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SAINTS HEAD COACH SEAN PAYTON

(Opening Statement) “It was a good win for us. We felt, coming in, this was going to be a tough game for a lot of reasons. It was the first time that we played a team this year coming off of a loss; part of that is coincidence. When you play the Super Bowl champion, and you play a team like that that’s backed in the corner a little bit, if you will, we felt they were, we knew that we were going to have to be ready. That was a concern all week. I’m proud of the way that our players answered the challenge. I thought that defensively we were outstanding. There will be some things that we have to clean up. We were efficient offensively. It was a good win for us. We will be on a short week here.”

(On if Eli Apple has settled in, allowing the defense to do more) “He is here for week four, so I don’t know that we can say that him settling in (has allowed our defense to do more). I think that we had a good plan going into this game. Certainly we had confidence, and we have to have confidence, in those guys outside. We will see the tape. We will have a chance to grade him.”

(On the play of the entire receiving corps) “There was a lot of doublers. There was a lot of one-double going on. It’s hard for you guys to see. When you are getting manned, of course they played a ton more man (defense) tonight than we had seen in two years. We had watched every film, you name it. (We watched film from) last season, the Super Bowl, this season, last postseason, the playoffs. Tonight was entirely different. That’s a credit to Michael Thomas and Alvin Kamara. Those guys got doubled. (There was) a bunch on Mike, which created opportunities for other players. Fortunately, we were able to hit on enough plays.”

(On if it is nice to see Mark Ingram II hitting his stride) “They are all hitting their stride. The O-line played well. That was another concern. They’ve (the Eagles) got a really good front. Those guys, I thought, blocked the run well. We scored early and often. I think that time of possession was key.”

(On the offensive efficiency of the team in recent weeks) “Well, it’s not just been the last two weeks; and, I’m not correcting you. I think part of it is that we returned a lot of veteran lineman. Your team starts with your O-line. That that permeates through the rest of your roster. We’ve been able to stay out of some third and longs. Tonight, we converted a few. The balance has helped us. Players are quickly getting up to speed. I like Tre’Quan (Smith) as a rookie. He’s learning fast. We received good production from a number of players tonight. We will keep working on trying to improve. I’m sure there will be some things that we’ll be upset about when we watch the tape. We don’t have a lot of time to go on, and yet have to make the corrections and get ready to play Atlanta in a short timeframe.”

(On if he will admit that the team is good) “Listen, you are what your record is, so I didn’t say that we weren’t pretty good. We are 9-1 right now and we have a lot of season left. I’m not downplaying what we’ve done. Those guys (the team) are in there (the locker room) playing music loud. Do you want me to smile more? I’ll smile more.”

(On Marshon Lattimore’s interception) “It was a spear-post. When your receiver crosses the field, you cut to the third. He (Carson Wentz) was a little bit late on the throw. He’s got the speed to get under it. It becomes a play like the free safety (made).”

(On how well Mark Ingram and Alvin Kamara play off of each other when they’re in the game) “We do that a lot in some pony sets and some volunteer packages. We’ve got a handful. The key is, early in the game, figuring out what you’re going to get personnel-wise defensively. How are they going to treat that package? How are they going to treat Taysom (Hill) in the game? (It’s) understanding what you are getting (from the defense) and not just saying that we are going to have fun putting them on the field. Are we going to get nickel; and how are they going to play it? That is part of the challenge each week.”

(On if he thought that the team could exploit the Eagles defense and run the ball) “We thought that they were a good run front. They play a lot of down-safety defense. Malcolm (Jenkins), I think the world of him. He is a tremendous player. I hate that he got out of here. That is probably as big of a mistake as we have made here in 13 years. He’s made up of all of the right things. He’s a tremendous competitor. They are a good run front. We did some things that, fortunately, we were able to break some runs and get some yardage. The backs did a good job and we blocked well.”

(On if playing home on Thursday is an advantage) “I don’t know. We charted Thursday night games, home and away. We don’t really focus on those types of things only because we can’t control them. It’s nice to play at home on a short week. We will try to rest our players up. The obvious thing is that the next week we play on Thursday, which we will try to put a normal seven-day schedule together. We just play them. I think the key for the next 24-48 hours is doing the right things rest-wise, getting these guys off of their feet and being smart.”



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(On points to turn around the game) “You know it’s hard, it’s tough when things started to spiral. I will tell you this the guys continued to battle and continued to fight. There’s a lot of resiliency among this group, even battling through some of the injuries and some of the loss of players today. But the mistakes that were made against good football teams, you just can’t do.”

(On where to go from here) “Where do we go from here? We come to work on Tuesday and we roll up our sleeves and we go to work. This group is committed to that and I’m excited for this next few games that we have coming up. Listen, we can only control what we can control and I tell these guys that all the time. We’re going to come to work on Tuesday and we’re going to prepare. We got the Giants coming to town and we’re excited for that opportunity.”

(On being surprised by the season) “I guess what is a little surprising is the amount of injuries that keep piling up and that’s something that you just- it’s hard each week to overcome. Again, it’s something that we put ourselves in this position, so it is a one game season each week. I trust every coach, every player, front office (staffer), we’re going to get this fixed. It starts with me. We have to do it in a hurry.”

(On talking to the team) “Basically what I said, I told them not to hang their head. I told them that we’re going to come to work this week and we got a great opportunity in front of us. We’re going to stay committed. I asked them, I’m going to lead this team and to follow me. To every man in there, they embraced that and understand that we’re held accountable to the way we played today. We’re going to look at the tape and fix the mistakes and get ready for New York (Giants).”

(On fear of spiraling after the loss) “There’s always that fear but I didn’t sense that with our group. Not at all. I walked around the locker room on the offensive and defensive side and to every man I told them, ‘Don’t hang your head. Let’s go.’ We’re obviously in a rough spot right here but I believe in those players and believe in those coaches and we’ll get it fixed.”

(On fourth down opportunities) “Yeah, I mean there were some opportunities to do that and elected to punt. Try to flip the field a little bit and get field position. I knew as the game went on that there was going to be some more opportunities to do that. Just didn’t get it done.”

(On if he was upset today that Saints kept the pedal down in the game through the start of the fourth quarter) “No, they should. We have to play ball. It is football. If they’re going to run it, then we have to tackle. If they’re going to throw it, then we have to defend it. Not at all. It’s football and I think if it was flipped the other way we would’ve done the same thing.”

(On Drew Brees and the Saints offense) “Obviously, they’re explosive. They’re dynamic. They are playing with a lot of continuity right now and they’re playing in sync. And obviously it starts with Drew and the way he handles the team and the offense. It’s hard to get to him, number one. The ball is out of his hand quite quickly. And you know as a person who’s played the position, and obviously having a passion for the sport, it’s pretty special to watch somebody like that perform.”

(On Carson Wentz’s ten-yard sack in the second quarter) “Well what happened, we had a shot play called down field and he was on Alshon’s (Jeffery) side. The safety actually rolled over the top and I think Wis (Stefen Wisniewski) just got beat inside and so the pressure was right on him real fast before he could get the ball out.”

(On the deep drop instead of quick throw) “It’s a three step drop out of the shotgun. So it’s fast. It’s just the protection broke down a little bit on that one.”

(On the message to his team being 'one game') "Exactly right, I'm not looking past this week at all. We obviously have to own this game today and own our jobs. We have to get better obviously. It's a one game at a time mentality and we can't look any further."

(On dealing with secondary injuries against Drew Brees) "It's tough. You put together, you piece it together. We brought guys up off the practice squad this week to elevate their play and get them in the game. It's hard when you're running against a Hall of Fame player in Drew and the weapons they have on offense. It's a difficult task but again, we're not going to hang our heads. We are going to keep fighting."

(On the damaging slow start) "Well that is the thing, you have to stay on the field and find ways to stay on the field. (The) First play of the game we had a negative rush there. I believe the second play was incomplete. We had third down on third and eleven, I mean it's just hard to start games that way. We shot our foot early and never really regained it back."

(On wide receiver confusion) "That starts with me and getting the personnel in the game and my communication with the assistant coaches on the sideline. We have a couple of personnel packages where really there's no running back on the field. We're trying to get that personnel on the field and it starts with me and we'll get better."

(On not finding a rhythm after slow start today) "I think it is just each man has to look at ourselves. We are just out of sync offensively, number one. We have to get back to some continuity. Whether it's quick throws, screens, and kind of get things going. Trying to get the run game established and playing teams like this you can get down games so fast early that you feel yourself having to maybe throw a little more to get yourself back into the game. We're going to take a look at it. We'll evaluate it and continue to work and get it fixed."

(On questioning effort) "No. Never once."

(On explaining urgency) "You can't press. You can't come out the game going, 'I'm going to try and make a play.' This game has enough plays to be made. The messaging to the team is the sense of urgency is this, when a play comes to you, just make the play. Just make the play. Carson (Wentz) if you get an opportunity, make the play. Alshon (Jeffery), you make a play; Malcolm (Jenkins) you make a play; Fletcher (Cox) you make a play. Sometimes you don't just go looking for them. When they come, make them. That's been the message and I felt like early we kind of had that rhythm. Again, we just have to focus on each play at a time."

(On Carson Wentz's interception) "No, it was the right place. The safety cut the deep cross and Nelly (Nelson Agholor) was on the post. It was the place to throw the ball."



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WR Michael Thomas

(On the teams' offense performance) "We just came out here and we did our job. We executed as a unit, we have been coached throughout the week real hard in preparation with real detail. I feel like we did our job and handled are business to help our team."

(On taking pride after a big win) "I mean, they were just in the way. They were the next team up and we just had to do what we had to do. Regardless of who it is, we just had to come out there and play Saints football."

(On the team's confidence level) "We just have to correct our mistakes as fast as possible. We have a short turnaround and we have to get better and move on to the next one."

(On Tre'Quan Smith's performance) "I am real proud of him, he came out there and stepped up and made some crucial catches. He did his job and he helped this offense. I am excited to see a young player come out there and be able to respond and be that guy. You know, just have fun and play the game we love. I am just proud to see him and watch his next steps."

(On his three straight 1,000 yard receiving seasons) "I mean, it was going to happen eventually right."

(On the advantage of playing at home for a short week) "We will find out going into Thursday, but wherever we are playing we are not really worried about homefield advantage."

RB Alvin Kamara

(On the short week coming up) "It is tough, it is cool. We are going to handle our business and get back (to work). Like you said, it is a short week, but we are professionals."

(On his touchdown reception on fourth down) "It was a good call and a good ball by Drew (Brees). We have to match up. Malcolm Jenkins was on me the whole game, but he didn't get to that one."

(On more players contributing to the offense) "I mean, that is what we talk about. Mark (Ingram) and I were talking about it on the sideline. When you got guys all around that are making plays, it is hard to stop us. Our offense is already explosive, but when guys you don't expect to make plays make plays it is fun."

RB Mark Ingram

(On the teams' offensive performance) "I think this is the best offense I've ever been a part of, by far. Everything we can do is different, we can use different personnel, give different people the ball. I think that this is definitely the best offense I have been a part of."

(On teams not wanting to give the ball back to the Saints offense and going for it on fourth down like Philadelphia today) "The defense did a great job, they do a great job standing the ball up on third and fourth down. We just keep getting better and better each week. We're just putting together complete games, offensively, defensively and on special teams. That is the main goal, be healthy and get our next game plan down and move on to the next one."

(On there still being a lot of time left in the regular season) "We haven't accomplished none of what we want to accomplish yet. We are in a good position, but we haven't accomplished anything that we want to yet. We are focused on us and getting better."

(On avoiding any letdowns) "Everyone wants to create this narrative that this is a trap game or a letdown, but we are not worried about that. We are trying to dissect this game, see what we have to get better at and get ready for next week. We're trying to ascend every week, we're trying to get better every week and that's the goal man. Just because we won nine straight does not mean we are guaranteed to win the Super Bowl, guaranteed to win a playoff game, (or) guaranteed to win the next

game. It doesn't matter. This league is tough and you have to be ready to score every week and that is something I think we have been doing a good job of."

DE Cameron Jordan

(On not overlooking any of the Saints opponents) "You have to, this is the NFL. Every team has their star player, every team has their star core. That was a strong wide receiver core we just played. I mean Alshon Jeffery and they brought in Golden Tate. You talk about Zach Ertz, who is one of the better tight ends that you are going to face. Their offensive line, they have Lane Johnson, who is a proven veteran. We had to get after them. I think we got after Carson Wentz early on, we got after him often and that is what we had the gameplan to do."

(On the Saints success, this season) "I mean, we have a gameplan and we've been executing it well. I still do not like the fact that they put seven points on the board through a 28-yard run. That's something we have to battle the whole game after that. There are things we can still get better from, there are still things that we can take away to get better on from a run perspective. I think they busted at least two or three runs for more than eight yards and that's saying a lot when they only ran it 12 times. I am not sure how many times, but at some point, they had to start chucking Hail Mary's. That's something we have to focus on."

(On staying level-headed this success) "We got up on them early, there is no room to be cocky. When you get up on somebody early, they have to take those shots and we made plays to our advantage. How many turnovers did we have today, four? Three? A lot. When they need to take those shots, there are opportunities that are created for you. It's up to us to focus on what's next. We have Julio Jones coming in the building, Calvin Ridley, Mohamed Sanu and Matt Ryan. When you talk about what Atlanta brings to the table and what they are capable of doing, this is something we cannot be cocky about, something we cannot be competent about. This is a team that knows us like we know them and we have to go get it."

DE Alex Okafor

(On his thoughts on the teams' defense) "It is just starting to come together. A lot of it we have to give to our offense obviously, because they make teams attack us differently, but we just take it upon ourselves to just be as stout as possible and it is finally starting to show."

(On how important turnovers have been for this defense recently) "We just put an emphasis on it every day at practice. We weren't getting them early, but that didn't slow us down at all in practice. We kept working the drills, kept putting an emphasis on it every week and now they come in bunches and it is starting to show."

(On the defense putting pressure on opposing offenses) "It works on all levels. (If) You get pressure, the quarterback will throw picks. (If) You cover, the quarterback gets sacked. It is just a nice balance that we have right now."



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QB DREW BREES

(On the offense being on a roll and momentum and confidence of the offense.)

“There’s still a process. Each and every week, the gameplan that the coaches work so hard to put together, the time that we need in practice to make sure that we are executing that plan to perfection. The time that I need with the receivers and the running backs and the tight ends. There’s just so much that goes into that. We don’t take that for granted. You don’t just snap your fingers and come out and play like that. A lot of time on task, and great effort, and great focus and attention to detail. We do come out with a lot of confidence because we know the amount of preparation that has gone into that. Each and every time we touch the ball, we feel like we’re going to the make plays, that we have in the gameplan. If all of a sudden adjustments need to be made, we know how to make those. We know where our matchups are. I think there’s just a lot of confidence that goes into each and every time we touch the ball what do we need to do to put points on the board this drive.”

(On if Drew is every surprised by the offenses efficiency.)

“One at a time. Honestly, there’s always another challenge. Every time we step on the field, we understand that we are going to have to earn it. We have to go out and earn the victory. We have to go out there and earn that amount of points within the framework of understanding what’s winning football. When you take care of the football, when you convert third downs, when maximize your opportunities in the red zone, that is winning football. Control the ball, control time of possession. If we just continue to create the sense of urgency each and every week on making sure we accomplish those things then good things will happen.”

(On Drew’s chemistry with Tre’Quan Smith.)

“Obviously, this was a huge night for him. I think, especially early on, it became evident that Philly really wanted to take away Michael Thomas to the point where it was two guys running around the field with him everywhere. The same with Alvin (Kamara) for the most part. That was opportunities for some of these other guys to get touches and matchups. They all made the most of it. Tre’quan (Smith), (Keith) Kirkwood, Austin Carr, our tight ends. I feel like everybody came up with some big plays and big catches in the game today.”

(On if this offense is better than the 2009 and 2011 offenses.)

“I don’t want to compare. We had some great runs during those times too. Right now, with the amount of weapons and our ability to run the ball really effectively with our two backs, getting them the ball in space in the passing game as well in addition to all the guys we have to throw to at the tight end and wide receiver position. Obviously, that feels good, but it all starts up front. That group up front is playing so well together, regardless of who is in the lineup. Jermon Bushrod stepped in and did a tremendous job at left tackle today and then throughout the second half we were interchanging guards quite a bit. All those guys really stepped up and played well.”

(On the offense being able to avoid starting flat and gaining steam each week.)

“We focus on the little things that I’ve been talking about. Our execution, the tempo at which we play, getting in and out of the huddle, up and down, playing fast, making good decisions. If you have positive plays, good things happen.”



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QB Carson Wentz

(On his thoughts on today's game) "I've played a lot of football games in my career and this is one of the worst losses I've ever been a part of and yes it's frustrating. It's frustrating all the way around. Offensively, defensively, special teams. We just got beat. And instead we have to be better and it starts with me. Especially offensively. To get that thing going earlier. Early and often. We've talked about it all the time and some guys haven't been able to get it fixed. Yes, this is definitely a frustrating one today, but at the end of the day, we're going to get out of here, we're going to watch this film, and we're going to go play a couple NFC East opponents here and see what we're made of."

(On why the message is not getting through on playing poorly) "Yes, it is hard to say. It is harder to say one thing. We just did not show up really today. We did not show up and we got beat. It is a good football team. Give them credit, but we know we're better than what we put out there today. I know myself and I have to be better. I have to lead these guys better. I have to come out swinging better. Move the ball, move the chains, make some plays, and I did not do that and as a team we did not do that."

(On if Carson is trying to force things too much such as the throw to Agholor) "I don't think so. On that throw to Agholor (Nelson) early. They made a good play. I didn't quite see the coverage there. Called that cut and replace and then they did a good job of that. I just saw the safety cut and didn't quite see the 23 over there."

(On the signs of frustration when on the sideline after the interception) "I was just mad at myself. Because I just didn't see the coverage right. I knew the type of ballgame we were in and the emphasis we put on starting fast. We didn't do that and I obviously didn't help the guys either."

(On what happened on the play call when he was sacked by Sheldon Rankins) "We were trying to be aggressive. Take a shot down the field. They played a good coverage and I didn't get it off in time."

(On if he's surprised that they haven't been able to overcome this year in the "next man up" mentality and the difference between this season and last season) "This is a different season. Different year, different team. That's the easy comparison. To compare us to last year and what we did and those things, but this is a different team. Right now we've got to find a way. Injuries happen. Those are a part of the game. It sucks and you do not get a lot of these guys who are missing a lot of time. It is tough but, it's a new season, a new year and we have to bounce back better."

(On how much ownership he takes on early offensive struggles) "A lot. I know I pride myself in coming out swinging early. I am excited for all those things and I am locked in and we just did not make plays. The last couple weeks it's, (been) frustrating. I definitely take a lot of it on my plate, on my shoulders. I have to come out better."

(On after a loss like this, if he has to make sure people are still focused on what is ahead) "As a leader, you definitely need to. I think leaders definitely need to, but I have said it a bunch. We know the guys in that locker room. We know there are not going to be be guys that are going to lay down and quit. Today just got out flat out and beat badly, but we're going to bounce back. But like I said, we've got a couple games that will really define this season coming up and it starts next week."

(why anyone thinks this season could be fixed) "You guys feel free to have your own doubts or whatever you want, but we know what we're capable of. I know – the product that we're putting out there is not up to our standards. I'm not playing up to my standards. I think you go down the list and everybody is saying that. But we know the guys we have. We know the talent we have. We know the chemistry we have. It just hasn't clicked out there all together. At the end of the day, all that really

matters is the guys in that building. The guys in that locker room. We all believe. That belief is never going to go anywhere. The quit, you'll never see us quit. So we're excited to get back to work. This is a frustrating one. An embarrassing one. But like I said, we've got three games. We've got a couple NFC east games ahead of us that we can really see what we're made of."

OL Lane Johnson

(On what he thinks the problem is) "I don't know. Last year you talk about it, every game we scored most times on our opening drives. So it made play-calling a lot easier. Now we get behind early, it seems like every game and we find ourselves in a rut. That's the way it has been pretty much the whole season. We talked about going fast. We talked about doing this and doing that. We talked about a lot of things. But when it comes down to executing, we haven't done it."

(On if he still saw passion in the locker room at half-time) "Yes. That's the thing. Whenever stuff's not going right, you know – I've been in the league for a little bit and I've been a part of some bad seasons and you know, they really look at guys that are going to quit whenever it's down. They really look at that and they're going to remember that, so. It goes for me. It goes for everybody in the locker room. No quit. You have to fight. No matter how bad it is. It got ugly today. For us moving forward, there's always the next week."

(On if he believes the season is salvageable) "Yes. We're in a bad spot. We're in a bad hole. I've said this before, but Doug (Pederson) said we got three division games in front of us. We'll get guys, get back healthier. I'm getting healthier. For us there is no quit in this team. This is the first game where we've gotten blown out. But every other ballgame, we've been right in it. So it's frustrating. I could talk about this and that all day. But it goes down to we have to perform. "

DE Chris Long

(On the run defense) "Yes the run defense sucked." (Reporter: Same problems?) "Probably slightly different problems. I do not know. We have to look at it. It's hard for me to make a diagnosis on where runs are hidden. I just think the key is everybody has to focus on doing their job and not try to do too much because we are losing. When the chips go down, you can't try to do your own thing. We have got to act on this thing as a team and that is what run-defense is about. So we got to go look at it. See what happened."

(On the possible disrespect behind the fourth & seven play for the touchdown by the Saints) "Man, you know, we got beat 48-7. I'm not going to pick and choose, you know, plays or disrespect. I just think, for us, it's disrespectful to ourselves to put that effort forward. I'm not worried about them going on it for fourth (down). It's our job to stop them. You know, giving out 48 that's... Us getting our a** kicked like that. I haven't gotten my a** kicked like that in a long time and being a part of something like that, so. Nobody's coming to save us. We've got to fix it ourselves. So we'll see what it is. "