



**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS CINCINNATI BENGALS**  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 16, 2022 • CAESARS SUPERDOME**  
**SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES**

- The Saints fell to the Cincinnati Bengals 30-26 Sunday, dropping to 2-4 on the year. New Orleans will continue its season Thursday night, when it plays the Arizona Cardinals at State Farm Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:15 p.m. CST on Amazon Prime Video (WDSU 6 locally).
- New Orleans outgained Cincinnati 399-348 and had 22 first downs.
- As an offense, the Saints totaled 228 rushing yards on 34 carries (6.7 avg.), including 211 in the first three quarters.
- This is the first time New Orleans has had back-to-back 200 yard rushing games since Weeks 12 and 13 of 2020.
- QB **Andy Dalton** received the start against his former team, his third time starting against the Bengals. Dalton was under center for Cincinnati from 2011-2019.
- Dalton completed 17-of-32 passes for 162 yards and a touchdown.
- He surpassed Donovan McNabb to move into the top-25 in all time completions with 3,175 completions.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** had a team-high 19 carries for club-best 99 yards (5.2 avg.) and a team-leading six receptions for 25 yards.
- RB **Mark Ingram** surpassed Stephen Davis to move into 51<sup>st</sup> all-time in rushing yards with 46 yards on nine carries (5.1 avg.). Ingram is now up to 8,068 career rushing yards.
- WR **Tre'Quan Smith** notched his first touchdown of the year on an 18-yard reception from Dalton in the first quarter. Smith finished with three receptions for a team-leading 43 yards and the touchdown.
- TE **Juwan Johnson** had four catches for the third time in his career and finished with 41 yards receiving.
- WR **Rashid Shaheed** scored a touchdown on his first career offensive touch, rushing for a 44-yard score.
- Shaheed is the first Saint to score on their career first touch since WR Brandon Coleman scored a 12-yard touchdown against the Arizona Cardinals on Sept. 13, 2015. It was also tied for the longest rush for a first career rush in club history with WR Torrance Small, who had a 44-yard rushing touchdown in his first career rush vs. Philadelphia on Oct. 1, 1995.
- TE **Taysom Hill** carried five times for 39 yards (7.8 avg.) and completed two-of-four passes for 16 yards.
- LB **Demario Davis** notched his 750<sup>th</sup> career tackle in the first quarter with a third-down sack of Joe Burrow. Davis led the team with nine tackles, including seven solo and had two takedowns for the third time in his career, second as a Saint.
- Sunday was Davis's third career game with 2+ sacks and his second as a Saint (first since Sept. 30, 2018, against the Giants).
- Newly signed CB **Chris Harris** had a team-leading eight solo tackles.
- LB **Pete Werner** continued his successful season with six solo tackles.
- LB **Andrew Dowell** forced a fumble on the Saints opening punt that was recovered by TE **Adam Trautman** as New Orleans won the turnover battle 1-0.
- K **Wil Lutz** joined Morten Andersen and John Carney as the third Saint to make 150 career field goals with his third field goal of the game. Lutz went four-of-four on field goal attempts as he made four field goals for the second time in his career.



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(Opening Statement): "I thought our guys fought their tails off, we just didn't make enough plays there at the end to win it. I was proud of the way our guys competed, but yet disappointed that we did not make those plays at the end of the game that give us the opportunity to win the game. So, short turnaround, Thursday night game so we got a lot of stuff to work on in a short period of time."

(On the final offensive play): "Well it looked like there was a lot of contact and they weren't really playing the ball so those are my thoughts."

(On injuries and if it is affecting team chemistry): "No. Look, I thought we had the right gameplan and I thought for the most part, the better part of the game, we executed that gameplan. I thought the game came down to the redzone. We had some opportunities to get off the field in the red zone, we did not do that. And we didn't score enough touchdowns in the redzone and there lies the difference in the game. I think the final stats we were 1-of-5, and they were 3-of-3. So, of all the things that go on in the game, it came down to that one statistical category."

(On the mindset of the conservative approach to the second to last offensive drive) "Well, I didn't see exactly what the final stats were, but we ran for a lot of yards, so that effective, so, look we're trying to get the first down, we got into a third and manageable situation and we didn't convert. And that's really what you are trying to do. You're trying to get yourself worst case scenario in a third and manageable, we did that and didn't convert."

(On if tackling was an issue today overall) "Yes, I did. We did not tackle well. The biggest thing was that we had opportunities to win in the red zone and we didn't. You know, when we get them (Cincinnati) third and, I think it was third and eight or nine on the nine, you know, I'm expecting to win that down. And we didn't do that. To me that is the biggest difference in the game."

(On the final Cincinnati were in zone or man on Cincinnati's final touchdown): "We were in man defense. Look, they (Cincinnati) got a kicker (in the event they tried to kick a field goal) who can kick it a long way and so we got to execute the punt better in that situation. We gave them the ball in good field position. You're not going to be able to sit back and be ultra conservative in that situation. We missed a tackle, and a good player took it all the way. I thought up until that moment we had actually done a solid job on (Ja'Marr) Chase you know. Half of his receiving yards came on that one play."

(On if Jameis Winston's healthy and his status for next week): "He's not 100 percent healthy. We have a Thursday night game. Let's get into study on that, see where he is at, and then we will go from there."

(On if the team misses Marshon Lattimore): "Well, look, I thought the guys who went in there and played, I thought they competed. Did we miss (Marshon) Lattimore, yes. When you lose a player of his caliber against a really explosive offense that throws the ball a lot, yes you miss him. You definitely miss him."

(On how he would assess the defensive line pressure on Joe Burrow): "I thought we did not finish on him. We had a couple of opportunities to finish on him and we didn't. One scramble for a touchdown, I feel like we had a lot of bodies in that area, and we couldn't get him on the ground. And then we had another pressure late in the game that came free that could've been a sack. You have to give him (Burrow) credit. He does an unbelievable job in the pocket of somehow avoiding the rush and getting out of there and he made a couple big plays doing that."

(On message to the team after giving up the lead in the loss): "Just go back to work. Go back to work. That's all you can do. And that's what we are going to do. We are going to go back to work, put a good plan together got Arizona and go out and compete our ass off and play good."



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#### **LCB Paulson Adebo**

(On the game-winning touchdown) "I was just guarding my man. I turned around and he was running with the ball."

(On what can get corrected on the short week) "I think there is a lot to get corrected. We just need to go back and look at the film. I'll look and see what I can do better personally. We'll look collectively as a team what we can do better. The good news is that it is a short week and we get to go back out there on Thursday and get another go at it."

(On if they missed Marshon Lattimore today) "Anytime you have an all-pro corner that is not playing, you'd love to have him. At the same time, we have guys that can step in and step up. I feel like we have a lot of depth in our secondary."

(On if it is good or bad having a short week) "It is what it is. We look forward to the opportunity."

#### **RB Mark Ingram**

(On today's game) "You dominate the game from the beginning and basically self-destruct in the last three minutes. You dominate the whole game and now you have a loss. We have to go back to the drawing board and get ready on the short week."

(On if he felt like it came down to the red zone offense) "Obviously, even with the red zone inefficiency, the offense has a chance to go out there and make sure they don't get the ball back. They get the ball back with great field position and we let an explosive go. Everyone's hands are dirty at the end of the game. The offense had the ball with a chance to not let them have the ball back anymore. I think we all had our hands dirty in the last three minutes of that game."

(On almost winning the game despite the amount of injuries) "We have a next man up attitude. We have confidence in every single man out on the field and their ability. We were dominating the game regardless of the injuries and the people out. We still had a chance to win. The offense, defense and special teams in the last three minutes didn't finish the game."

(On how to keep the team together) "We are confident in our ability. We love each other. We all come to work ready to work. We need to do our job. We all trust each other. We all love each other. We hold each other accountable. Sometimes adversity comes. In this game of football, it is not always glory and sunshine. Sometimes, there are woes and valleys. We have to be able to get up and keep pushing and to overcome adversity. We have that type of character guys in this locker room. We will be able to do that. We will do that. We will get here tomorrow on a short week. Get the game plan ready. Get healthy and go at it again."

#### **WR Rashid Shaheed**

(On if he knew they were going to call his touchdown run): "Yes, we did. It was a play that we had schemed up all week. We ran it in practice, and it worked. I had a feeling it was coming up soon and it did. I made most of the opportunity."

(On if he felt nervous) "No, I had full faith in my teammates that they were going to get the job done. All I needed to do was to get the ball and run. That is all I really had to do. The other 10 guys did their job. When everyone else does that, then it makes my job easy."

(On if he knew if he was going to score when he hit the edge) "I didn't know. I had confidence that I was going to have to make a couple of cutbacks. I was able to do that. They over pursued a little bit and I knew I had some open field to my left. I just ran. That's all I had to do."

#### **DE Cameron Jordan**

(On being frustrated about the missed sacks) "It's part of the game. Joe Burrow is probably more elusive than you give him credit for. He slipped out (of) at least two sacks today. I think their offense did a good job with a lot of quick routes. They made the most of it."

(On the psyche of the team) "We are going to turn this page. We don't even have the 24-hour rule. We need to break this down ASAP and learn what we can from it and move on to Kyler Murray."

(On keeping the team together) "This is the time that we have to bond. We have to get on the same page right now. We are six games in and not where we want to be, but there is a lot of football left. There is 11 games left. We have to go get it."

(On the frustration of losing a game like this when it was in control) "We let a quarterback scramble for about a 20-yard touchdown. That's on the defensive line. We have to make sure we get him down. We have to break down the film and get after it."

(On the challenges of a short week after a game like this) "The great thing is that we have another game ASAP. We can get this bad taste out of our mouth and go ahead and start gunning for the folks in red across the way."



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(On how they played defensively): "I thought we did a good job to kind of start the game, but as the game went on they found ways to get him more involved. And that last one - that's just on us. We got to make that tackle."

(On if tackling was an issue): "I thought we tackled pretty well for the most part. Obviously, these guys have great playmakers as well. And so we had a few of those that I think definitely hurt us."

(On the difference at the end of the game compared to the rest of it): "Yeah, they have a great quarterback, they got great playmakers. I think they have a great system as well. So it was just one of those teams where you play against them and you got to find a way to kind of put them away. If you let them stick around they got enough guys on this side of the ball that eventually they're going to make some plays."

(On the difference in defending the Bengals in the red zone): "I feel like we've been a pretty good red zone defense this season. Obviously that could possibly be the difference in the game, those guys going three for three down there, so when you look back at it, I think yeah, the red zone - we struggled in that area today. And then obviously, the one big play at the end of the game, we got to make that tackle."

(On what happened on the final play): "There's two missed tackles - touchdown. It was really simple."



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(On if the red zone offense was the difference in the game): “For sure. That is one thing you can look at. We were one-for-five down there, and when you're kicking field goals instead of scoring touchdowns, that was the difference in the game.”

(On why they were one-for-five in red zone touchdown percentage): “I think we got in a lot of third and long situations where they were displaying coverage and it was the efficiency on first and second down that hurt us. I think that's where it came down to is we had needed a better early on, you know, early downs that give us a chance to get down to some manageable situations.”

(On the field goals and if he's second guessing himself): “I mean, I think we can go back and look at a lot of the plays in this one. Especially when you lose you can second guess a lot of things. And so I think for us, we've got to look at it and we got to move forward and find ways to correct.”

(On the field goal at the end of the first half) “Yeah, I mean, we kicked a field goal there and we're getting the ball coming out of halftime. So yeah, I mean, just getting points there was big.”

(On having the game slip away with only three minutes to spare) “It is frustrating. I mean, we got to take pride in being at our best in those moments and we weren't today. We weren't able to find a way to convert on the third down on that last drive. I mean four minute situation you want to drive the ball down and hold onto the ball the whole time, but we weren't at our best in that situation.”



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(Opening Statement): "I'm really proud of the guys for hanging in there. We've had some games like this. Some of them didn't go our way. We didn't have the lead there until 2 minutes left in the game, and the defense stepped up. Trey (Hendrickson) got the big sack. Ja'Marr (Chase) scored on the next play, and our defense stood up and got a stop there in the two-minute drill, which was huge for us. Just really proud of our guys rebounding off of a tough divisional loss last week, going on the road into a brutal environment. This place is tough to get wins. I have a ton of respect for their team, their coaching staff and the position they put these guys in. You earn every inch when you play these guys. I just thought our guys earned every inch and found a way to win. Now we have to gain on that momentum."

(On Ja'Marr Chase's game): "I know it's special for (Ja'Marr Chase). I don't put a lot into that as the game is unfolding. He steps up in any environment. Now that the game is over, you do get a chance to appreciate him coming home, (Joe) Burrow coming back home, LC (La'el Collins), a lot of guys that played here for the Saints and have a lot of great memories and had a lot of great memories and times here. It's special. Now that the game is over, you can go and reflect back on that and appreciate that for those guys."

(On the touchdown by Ja'Marr Chase): "Breaking a lot of tackles. We threw him a back shoulder fade. (Ja'Marr) and Joe (Burrow) just do a great job with that type of chemistry. I think he shrugged off the initial one, and then he kind of outran the coverage on the safety. That's what he does. He is a special player. He almost got us one earlier in the game on a just a quick out. He almost broke one and took it. This time, he finished it off, which was good to see."

(On moments that set the tone): "I think it's good. Every season is a new season. This is our first one where we got this win late in the game. I don't think you can discredit that. That's going to help us at some point when we've had the close losses we've had. The way we've done it and been in this situation three times already. It hadn't worked out for us. I think it will go a way for our guys as they put this one away and draw from that later on."

(On having connections like Joe Burrow and Ja'Marr Chase): "That's what this League's about. You need to have great players. You can give them all the play calls you want, but in these big moments you need guys to step up. These guys stepped up."

(On the defensive performance): "They did. They did. It is tough. There was a 12-minute stretch there at the end of the first half and the third quarter where they had possession of the ball. That's kind of when you win the coin toss and defer, that's exactly what you're talking about because the offense is over there standing on the sidelines for a while. The defense had to put together a lot of plays. They only gave up 6 points, which obviously we want 0. We had some depth things that came up during the game. Guys had to step up there. Losing (Josh) Tupou early in the game versus a team who is going to run a power run game like they did today hurts your depth. I thought Jay Tufele stepped up and did a nice job. I thought our backers did a good job when Logan (Wilson) went out late in the game. Just a lot of guys we had to turn to that did their job and allowed us to get those last stops."

(On Joe Burrow's scramble): "I thought he was sacked. I was standing there next to Ja'Marr (Chase). Ja'Marr's route finished right next to me on the sideline. We both thought the play was over. I had to tell him to get back in it and try to go score. Obviously, he found, I think TB (Tyler Boyd) on the play if I remember correctly. Sometimes when things look really bleak and dead, Joe (Burrow) finds a way out of the mess. You don't know how he does it. He just does it. It's special to see when it happens."

(On the away crowd and his perspective of playing on the road in New Orleans): "It's difficult to play down here, but it's so much fun. That's what football is about. That's why we sign up for the job. Just to see their fan base out on the streets. Our fan base, I thought they traveled well. I saw a lot of Bengals fans downtown as we were going to the game. I do have such an appreciation for the loyalty that the people down here, the Saints fans, have for their team. They make this place. It's loud. It's difficult to communicate. You have to be on top of your communication. There was one – I could stutter my way through a call, and we had to call timeout because Joe (Burrow) couldn't hear me clearly. They create some issues like this. You have to appreciate a fan base like that."

(On how the offense played): "We really do tune that out. I know people probably don't believe us, but we know what we're capable of. We know the issues we've had. We block out that noise and embrace what this team can be about, what this offense can be about. There's a lot of belief. There's

no doubt. I have to imagine the score on us the last four, five possessions felt pretty good. They were moving the ball pretty good. It was a good way to end it.”

(On securing the win in the last minutes of the game): “There’s always belief, as you guys have seen. We’ve come back and taken leads or tied after we’ve been behind, but you need to finish one off. Again, we found a way to win. We needed to win one like this. We needed to win one on the road like this. I don’t think the team needed it for its confidence, but it’s good to put in your back pocket and say, we’ve been in a hostile environment. We’re going to be in other hostile environments this season. If the season goes the way you want, you’re going to be in a lot of these. I’m just proud of the way the guys bowed up in the fourth quarter and made the plays we needed to and snuck out of here with a win.”

(On Trey Hendrickson’s impact): “(Trey Hendrickson) and Sam (Hubbard), I’ll group those guys together because they’re just relentless, and they keep after the quarterback on every snap. Whether they’re getting hits, the pressures or the sacks, I promise you they feel it because it’s close. When the moment gets big, Trey stepped up and made the play. Again, that’s what we’re counting on from Trey. He stepped up and made the play when we needed it. Just proud of him and Sam and that entire group.”

(On the Bengals’ defensive red zone efficiency): “That’s what our defense has done, keep people out of the end zone and limit scores. I know they had the long one that got us, but when teams get down there on us, they have to earn every inch. The defense takes a lot of pride in their red zone defense and limiting people to field goals and trying to create turnovers.”

(On the game balls): “Yeah. Joe (Burrow), Ja’Marr (Chase) and Trey Hendrickson. Trey for the big play that gave us the ball back, and Joe and Ja’Marr for the show they put on today.”

(On the dynamic combination of Joe Burrow and Ja’Marr Chase): “Unbelievably dynamic. They just have some great chemistry. They really haven’t skipped a beat from college, all those reps they put in together. We can count on those guys. It’s not just them. We have so many other weapons teams need to worry about that allows them to maximize their potential in situations like this. You talk about the other receivers, tight ends, running backs. I thought the offensive line really played well today. I know that there was the two sacks late, and we will watch that and sort it out. I thought those guys really did an excellent job at protecting the pass game, blocking for the run, wading through a ton of RPOs today that took away the carry from the ball carrier and got us positive yards. I don’t know how many carries we had, but there’s going to be way less than runs we called. They were executing those runs really well. We just saw some softness there to take advantage of them in the pass game. I thought the whole unit stepped up and did a great job.”

(On injuries to Jeff Gunter and Logan Wilson): “Don’t know about Logan (Wilson). That happened so late in the game. We will get some information on that. Jeff (Gunter) was a knee in pregame just walking out. I don’t know exactly how it happened or what it looked like when he fell.”

(On Joe Burrow’s touchdown in the second quarter): “It was what we needed. What we needed. Again, they get in that middle red zone, and that’s where their problem pressures show up, and (Joe Burrow) did a good job stepping up through there. Guys were trying to protect it. It’s a tough protection issue you have there. He kind of understands where the void is if you pull through that crack. There’s a chance to go, and that’s what he did.”

(On Ja’Marr Chase’s touchdown): “I can’t. I can’t because (Ja’Marr Chase) is so strong on contact. His acceleration is so rapid. That’s why he is a top target. That’s why he’s a rookie leader. That’s why he’s going to have the career he’s going to have because of the way he works on top of all of that talent he has. The work ethic he has supersedes that. That’s a credit to him and what he’s about. You have to give some credit to Troy Walters for being a coach who is not just going to let him go along with the flow. Troy’s hard on those guys and stays on them. I think that’s why we get the talent out of the receivers that we get. It’s a credit to the guys that we drafted because they get it, but it’s also a credit to Troy and Brad (Kragthorpe) for staying on them and helping them reach their full potential.”

(On if he spoke with QB Andy Dalton): “After the game. I appreciate Andy (Dalton) so much. What he went through with me and by my side that whole first year. When he gets his opportunities, he makes the most of it. He’s done a great job down here when his number has been called. He did a great job in that game. Fortunately, our defense was able to step up. Just the amount of respect I have for him and his family. I always wish him the best.”

(On what it means to come from behind and win on the road): “We just have to store it away. We always believed we could do it, but at some point, you have to get it done. That is what this league is about. Things balance out. If you prepare the right way and your guys handle themselves the right way during the game, then these things—We know our guys are going to step up and make plays at some point. Today they did that. We have to file it away and draw from it when we’re on the road, we’re at home at some tough environment we have against a good team. Later down the road, we have to be able to pull from it.”



(On the Bengals secondary): "Just have to be a little tighter in coverage sometimes. They made some plays when we were right there. They made a great catch in the middle there in the third quarter. I though they made some great plays. Andy (Dalton) was accurate with the ball. He found the voids he could find. They did a great job coming down with them. Sometimes when you are just a couple inches off your coverage and you have a good quarterback who is accurate, he's going to make you pay for it. I thought our guys did a good job regrouping, especially at the end and making them kind of throw it underneath and keeping the ball in bounds, and fortunately, they had some incompletions that gave us a chance."



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#### **Bengals Quarterback Joe Burrow**

(on if this felt like a college environment today) “Yeah, it always does when you play in this state. The fans are crazy. It was crazy to come back and experience that. Fortunately, we got the win. It was a great day for us.”

(on what it felt like to throw the game-winning touchdown to Ja’Marr Chase) “That was an unbelievable play by him. When the going gets tough, I’m going to try to find that guy and he’s going to make plays for us.....I’m never surprised by that guy.”

(on how quickly he knew that he would throw the last touchdown to Chase) “When I saw the look, I knew that I was going there. They (the Saints) are a good defense, a really good defense. They made it tough on us all day. We got a play down the stretch to get the win.”

(on his feeling entering the stadium this morning) “I have a lot of great memories. It was one game, but I have a lot of great memories of this stadium (and) a lot of great memories of this culture and these fans. So, it was great to come back and feel that energy again.”

(on wearing Ja’Marr Chase’s LSU jersey from the National Championship game as he walked into the stadium) “I wanted to pay tribute to the people of Louisiana. What better way to do it than with the jersey that Ja’Marr wore in the national title game?”

(on his third down scramble late in the game) “It’s third down. The game is on the line, basically. I know that I had to make a play. In those situations, I know that I can extend plays further than maybe I usually would, so I trusted my training. I knew we needed a play. T. B. (Tyler Boyd) did a great job of getting open. It was a great play for us.”

#### **Bengals Wide Receiver Ja’Marr Chase**

(on the game winning touchdown catch) “Me and Joe (Burrow) were on the same page with the back shoulder (pass). He threw me that way I could make a guy miss. I saw Tyrann (Mathieu) coming, and I just made a play with my feet.”

(on Burrow wearing Chase’s LSU jersey) “It was crazy when he asked me for it because I really didn’t know what he was going to do. Then, when I saw him with it on, it was kind of cool showing him repping me while I was in my hometown.”

(on where the jersey was stored) “On the wall. I had to take it down just to give it to him.”

(on the atmosphere today) “It was crazy knowing that I was back home. The crowd was crazy. The fans were crazy. New Orleans fans and Bengals fans were both excited to see both teams. It was an unbelievable experience.”

(on how meaningful is the win) “It means a lot actually, just knowing that I’ve got the advantage on beating New Orleans. I come back home after the season and (can) talk a little trash. That’s good. I know my family, they all love the Saints. It’s good for me to come back home and rub it in their face a little bit.”

#### **Bengals Cornerback Eli Apple**

(on getting a win in his return to New Orleans) “Any time you win a football game in the league, it’s a good thing. It’s a great feeling.”

(on if this is gratifying, given his time with the Saints) “A win is a win, baby. We want to keep going.”

(on Ja'Marr Chase's last touchdown) "That's why he's the best. Run after the catch (is his specialty). Nobody can mess with him after the catch. (He) was contested. He had a great...run. That slant, too (was special). (We) got to keep that going, too."

(on how important is the win) "Like water, like we needed air. We just got to keep it running."