



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS NEW YORK GIANTS
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SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- The Saints fall to 2-2 on the season following Sunday's overtime loss to the New York Giants and will return to action on Sunday against the Washington Football Team at FedEx Field in Landover, Md. The contest will be broadcast on CBS (WWL 4 locally) at noon CT.
- The Saints loss drops their all-time record against the Giants to 14-17.
- The Saints loss Sunday gives Head Coach Sean Payton a 5-2 record against the Giants, 3-1 at home.
- New Orleans' last overtime contest was at Chicago on Nov. 1, 2020 when the Saints defeated the Bears, 26-23.
- The Saints currently have a streak of 308 regular season games without having been shut out, dating back to a 26-20 win at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on September 6, 2002 at Raymond James Stadium, the longest running streak in the NFL.
- The Saints were eight of 13 (61.5%) on third down and scored touchdowns on all three of their red zone trips.
- QB **Jameis Winston** in his first regular season start as a Saint in the Caesars Superdome, completed 17-of-23 passes for 226 and one score and a 119.1 rating.
- Winston's 58-yard completion to Marquez Callaway on the opening drive of the second half was his longest completion as a Saint, regular season or postseason. He completed 12 consecutive passes at one point in the contest, tying a career-high.
- QB **Taysom Hill** made his presence felt on the opening possession of the second half, when he broke seven tackles from eight yards out for the score, giving the Saints a 14-7 lead in the contest. Hill scored two rushing touchdowns on the afternoon, the third time Hill has scored at least two rushing touchdowns in the same game.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** surpassed the century mark on the ground with 120 rushing yards on 26 attempts in the game. It's Kamara's fourth career 100-yard rushing game, his second against the New York Giants (9/30/18 at New York Giants).
- WR **Marquez Callaway** had two receptions for 74 yards, including the career-long 58-yard reception from Winston.
- TE **Juwan Johnson** caught two passes for 20 yards, including a 15-yard touchdown grab. Johnson now leads the team with three scoring grabs.
- WR/RS **Deonte Harris** had a career-high five receptions for 52 yards.
- LB **Demario Davis** has 1,055 career defensive/special teams tackles for his career after recording seven stops Sunday.
- S **Malcolm Jenkins** had a game-high 12 tackles.
- S **Marcus Williams** intercepted Giants' quarterback Daniel Jones to end the first half. Williams now has 15 interceptions in his career, tied for eighth in club record books with Ernie Jackson and Brett Maxie.



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(Opening comments on the game): "Obviously, it's a tough game to lose. Give credit to New York. They hung in there. In this league, when you are able to do that, (you can win). All of the teams are good enough to make enough plays. Certainly, we didn't feel like we came into this game that we were seeing an 0-3 team. We knew how well they played against Atlanta and Washington. There are a number of things that we will watch on the tape that we will like, that we did well. Then, there is going to be a number of things that we are going to want to get corrected. Anytime that you have a game that goes into overtime when you lead for most of the game, and you lose, it's frustrating."

(On if the team didn't get enough pressure on Daniel Jones): "It became one-dimensional a little bit. One of the challenges, he/they did a good job. The ball was coming out fast. When you are defending that many pass attempts, it was a little bit more problematic because of the timing and the way that he was throwing it, rather than all of a sudden you are on the field, it becomes difficult to rush the passer when you are seeing that much mixed in run a little bit. Obviously, we will look at the tape and we will look at those opportunities where we could have had more pressures, but not until we see the video will we know that."

(On the Giants making explosive plays): "It was one of the keys to victory. It was knowing that this is a team that if they were able to make plays in the passing game down the field or explosive runs, that is something that is very, very critical in their success. No easy ones was one of the keys that we didn't do a good enough job of doing that. There were a number of chunk plays."

"There are a couple of these plays where guys were clean into the secondary. We will look to get those plays corrected."

(On if the team was trying to control the clock with nine minutes left and leading by 11 points): "We are trying to score again. We felt like we ran the ball effectively, but we are trying to score again. There is nothing with nine minutes left in any game where you are (trying to do anything else). That is just a long time. There are timeouts, we are trying to move the ball, so, I would say that we are in a normal game plan mode."

(On going for a long field goal) "At some point we have to be able to kick a field goal. Hindsight, I would have punted. I felt that way after he missed it. The next play they scored a touchdown."

(On an explanation for the John Ross fumble recovery touchdown in terms of officiating) "They should have given everyone one (public). They ruled it a fumble and they recovered it. Obviously the ball came out and it wasn't like he crossed the goal line. But they ruled it a catch/fumble and then he's the one that picked it up. That should have been announced."

(On if he knows the players already thought it was blown dead) "No."

(On how much you balance rotating Jameis Winston in and out for spurts with Taysom Hill) "It's play by situation. It was pretty effective today. Of course we scored two touchdowns and had a critical conversion, but a lot of it is predicated on our plan, no different than it was a year or two ago."

(On if he feels like he let them hang around) "No, factually they hung around. We had a chance offensively or two... We had to punt... You're wanting to deliver that score or momentum-changing play. The ball's out a couple times. There's a fumble. They recovered. There's just a number of things that ended up happening (in) hindsight, any one of a few things that we do differently we have a chance to keep it from going into overtime. But, like I said at the very beginning, they fought and clawed their way back into a game, got the touchdown, converted the two-point play, made the field goal. All of a sudden we're sitting at a tie game in overtime. We have to learn from that."

(On if he feels like he needs to get more out of the passing game in general or if he's fine with it) "No. I thought it was pretty effective today. We were able to get the ball down the field. We had one called back for a holding. It was a real good throw and catch. Each week dependent on who we're playing. I thought our third down numbers were good. Our ball security overall was pretty good. Time of possession, running game, you look at some of these numbers you would say there are a number of positive things. But again, they weren't enough."

(On what you hope your team gets out of this) "We're going to be in other close games again. We can't play this game again. We can't get it back. But we can learn from this game and tape watch tomorrow and understand situational football and those are the things. 11 points is a big lead,

certainly with nine minutes left in the game it's not never going to be in four minute mode. Nine minutes is a long time."

(On his challenge of a measurement) "It was in front of me. I felt like if you look closely at the line of scrimmage... You used to get measurements back in the day, but I had a strong conviction that he was short. Obviously they felt differently. I don't know what the replay look like."

(On if he was happy with Jameis Winston's overall decision-making) "I thought it was pretty good. I thought he threw the ball down the field, thought he got us into some good plays, I thought he did a lot of good things. We'll see on the tape. I'm sure there will be some other things. We moved the pocket with him, I thought he played well."

(On if it affects him when his kicker struggles with consistency) "Sure it does."

(On if it affects him when his team gets in the red zone) "Sure it does. I think that's the case. If you're having trouble covering someone it affects you defensively. If you're having trouble blocking someone, if you're having trouble kicking... Conditions are good. That impacts you. At some point we're going to have to kick one between the uprights. At some point."



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WR Marquez Callaway #1

(On the inability to close the game): "Yeah, we've got to learn how to close this thing. We started off kind of slow, and I think that took a big toll on us. We've got to go back and watch it. Like you said, there were a lot of good things we did, but there were a lot of bad things we did as well. We'll watch film and learn from it for next week."

(On where he can get more opportunities in the passing game): "Really, just, our time will come. Coach calls the plays and Jameis (Winston) back there has a million things going through his mind, so we play to him, where he needs us to be, where he wants us to be. Other than that, we run our routes and get open, and that's all we can control."

S Malcolm Jenkins #27

(On losing after leading): "Yeah, I mean this is the NFL. You let any team stick around for too long, give them hope, make a play here or there like they get paid to do, next thing you know it's a game."

(On controlling explosive plays): "They made some plays, especially the big ones, identifying the open holes in the defense. The biggest thing for us was, we can survive those plays. It's the plays in between, the missed tackles, not eliminating the catches that allowed them to move the ball, in time where we felt we could get them off the field. Obviously, we come into every game wanting to eliminate big plays, understanding that we make it very hard on a lot of teams."

(On winning all situations but two big plays): "Big plays will eliminate all of that, you know? There's a lot of good stuff that we did on tape, a lot of stuff that I think we'll be excited about watching tape, but obviously those two kind of erased a lot of the hard work that we did."

(On immediate takeaways from this loss): "It's a pretty easy game, it's a very simple game. Don't let them score, especially not fast, on defense. I think we take a lot of pride in what we do for this team, so I think this was on the defense. I know this was on defense. We have to play better in order for our team to have success, and that starts with the big plays, and then tackling, to the standards which we've set for ourselves."

LB Demario Davis #56

(On the lesson from this loss today): "When you have games you are in control of, you would like to be able to close them out and finish them. That is the lesson. You have got to close them (out) and put them away. That is what good teams do. Like I said, you still have to give them credit, they made plays here and there. It's going to leave a sour taste in your mouth, but the only way to get past that is to get the next one. You don't want to allow one game to turn into two games."

(On the frustration of uncharacteristic mistakes): "Our defensive standard is very high. The way we came out today, that's just not our standard. Certainly, there are things that we need to get cleaned up and fixed. That's the challenge that we have to embrace."

(On this ending to the first game back at home): "We certainly understand the platform that we have and how the team and city is one. When we win, we all win. When we lose, we all lose. We're hungry, in the good times and the bad times. Certainly, we had hoped to come into the arena for the first time and get that win, to have a great record, because playing at home is important to us. This is the NFL. Every game is going to be a challenge. You've got to play your best football every week, and we didn't do that well enough this week, so we need to get it cleaned up and come back stronger."



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QB Jameis Winston

On how frustrating a loss like this can be: “We just have to get better. I have to get better, and I have to start faster for this team, so we won’t be in that position. Sorry to all the fans. You all came out and were electric. Keep coming out. We will be better; I will be better so we can put on a show for you all.”

On learning from this game and moving forward: “We just have to finish as a whole unit. I have to finish better and that’s what we will learn from this now.”

On what did not go right on those last two drives: “I will have to take a look and look at the drive. It is just unfortunate that we weren’t able to move the ball, but I will have to take a look.”

On frustrations with leaving points on the table in Giants territory: “When we got into the red zone we scored every single time I believe. We just have to be more consistent. I have to start off faster for this team to jump out on those guys. Our defense did an amazing job at the beginning of the game, and I didn’t do a good job helping them out in the beginning.”

On what was the crowd like today: It was exciting. It was the best part about today. Like I said, I wish we could have brought them a win and you don’t like to lose those type of games. That’s what we do, we finish. That’s in our DNA. Almost feels like a blur, so that’s why I apologized to them. I was so happy to be here, so blessed to have this opportunity to play in front of our fans. It didn’t work out, but we will get it fixed. That’s it.”

On what element he felt they were off on in today’s game: “(I am) Going to have to take a look at the film. I know I have to take full responsibility of that, and I just have to do a better job. We have to be on top of every element, and I take full responsibility of that. We’re going to continue to get better as a team, as a squad, and we will put our defense in better situations.”

On if Jameis feels he got in a groove after completing 12 straight passes: “We understand we were moving the ball really well, but we have to keep that up and capitalize on that momentum that our defense gave us after getting us the ball back.”

On if he likes the combination of, he and Taysom rotating: “It’s a holistic offense. He comes in and brings a certain amount of energy. We have been doing that all year. We just have to continue to get better with our identity and we will.”



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Opening Statement: “I’m proud of our team and the way they fought coming into this kind of environment and against this team. It obviously took more than 60 minutes, but that is the way we work. Whatever it takes is what we’re going to work for to make sure we come out victorious. Look, that’s obviously a very good team, a very well-coached team with a lot of talent (New Orleans). We knew they were going to keep on us the whole game and that they could score at any time. Their run defense is one of the top run defenses in the NFL and their kicking game is ready to have explosive games at any time. We had to come ready to play in all three phases today to play complementary football. I’m proud of the way we prepared throughout the week, and it obviously carried over for us to have success today.”

On what a win like that says about this Giants team: “Look, we’re just sticking to the process. I’ve been talking about this for the last three to four weeks, even going back into training camp. Everyone wants to come in here right now and have a big emotional reaction, but the fact of the matter is we’re going to go back and watch this tape and identify things that we need to correct. It wasn’t perfect today. There’s things we did well and that we’ll need to do moving forward. We can’t keep riding this rollercoaster every week. For us, we need to look at the tape from the last few weeks and understand who we are as a team. To get the results, we have to play a certain way. There are some things from the game today that we were able to overcome. We need to look at the tape and be very honest with ourselves to see what the Cowboys are looking for in terms of mismatches. I’ve told you guys for a long time, I base these guys off of how they come to work every week, how attentive they are in meetings, and I see a lot of mental toughness from our guys. They’re sticking together as a team. Obviously, we come to work each week and give ourselves a chance to have success.

On how rewarding this performance was for Saquon Barkley: “With this kind of defense, it’s not just going to burst open right away. This is one of the top run defenses in the league. So, you don’t just go in there with some magical plans and think that (big plays) are just going to appear right away. You have to stay with the run and commit to it. Staying with the run doesn’t mean you have to do it 50 times, but you have to stay consistent with your gameplan and call plays where you have the runs and plays that come off the runs. I thought Jason (Garrett) did a really nice job today with that. I thought it led to some plays with Saquon in space with screens and catches. Having that catch and run play at the end of the game, that’s a guy that’s been plugging away, working hard getting better every week. Our team has been improving every week, so I’m proud of the way it’s happened. We do not care who gets the points or who makes the plays, as long as it’s a Giant.”

On how happy the team is for Saquon’s performance today: “I’ve said this before about Saquon, everybody has seen how much and how hard he’s worked with the adversity he’s seen and had to overcome. This wasn’t a small injury (torn ACL) that he’s had to work and battle through. He’s gone through a lot of things, but he’s always kept the team first in everything he’s done, and they see that. There’s a reason he was selected as a captain by his teammates and to represent them with how he works and performs on the field. In terms of seeing him have success, it’s collective success. It is everyone’s win. Saquon obviously punched the ball in at the end to close it out. That’s what we wanted, to get the ball back and finish the game out right there. That’s what we were able to do.”

On Daniel Jones’ performance today: “I will watch the tape before I make any broad-stroke, blanket statements. On the surface right now, I thought he handled a lot of things very well with the environment. I thought he did a good job preparing this week with the communication. We made it as tough as we could on the guys this week at practice and I thought that obviously carried over into the game. I thought he did a good job with the players throughout the week with the communication aspect of it, even away from the coaches in different meetings. So, he was able to go out there and make some big throws. Obviously, he hit the shot down to John (Ross) for the big play early on. He was consistently able to find open receivers and make good, accurate throws and the right decisions. I say it all the time, he’s a guy that you just see it with the way he works, and the performances will keep on coming. He doesn’t have to go out there and force the game, he just has to go out there and make the plays that are in front of him.”

On Kadarius Toney's performance today: "I think that's just a result of him being ready to play being used within the offense and when the ball came his way, he made plays. He's a guy that we know has talent, he's a very competitive guy, and a guy that has the ability to make big plays. I think you are starting to see a lot of that on the field in the games. We see it at practice on a pretty regular basis. It is not a surprise to us that he makes those plays. It was not something we had to diagram and gadget. He's a part of this offense every week. We're calling plays and he's out there making them."

On preparing for Taysom Hill and Jameis Winston simultaneously: "First of all, that guy (Taysom Hill) is a heck of a football player. He's a big, strong man. He obviously poses a lot of issues in terms of how they use him: running as a quarterback, a running back, a receiver, in the kicking game personal protection on the punt team. You guys don't realize that when he's on that punt team, that truly makes that punt coverage like another defensive play. That's a whole different animal having a guy who's an actual quarterback or running back in the punt protection. You have to play their punt team like it's another offensive play. Everyone wants to scheme up double vice returns or max rushes, but you put a guy out there that can do what (Hill) does, you have address the scheme differently and talk to your team about the punt coverage early in the week. The first thing you start with is that it's fourth down defense and that we need to get off the field. We never turn our back there, but it's another defensive play. They have those gunners who are like receivers with (Ty) Montgomery out there and (J.T.) Gray, who's very capable of catching a ball. They're not going to be hesitant to call a fake if they think they have something that can work, they will dial it up. They are very aggressive. Sean (Payton) always does a great job of playing the game aggressively. We expect them to go for it on all the fourth down situations throughout the game. We expected to see a healthy dose of 7 (Taysom Hill) at all the different positions, which we obviously saw. The quarterback power they run with him's such a tough scheme to stop. When you run that quarterback power, it's really like gaining another blocker because you do not have someone handing the ball off. It is a tough scheme. There's a reason he (Hill) closes out a lot of games. You see the game they had last week (New England) with the four-minute drive they had, this guy is able to run the ball consistently and make positive yards. We knew from the start we weren't just going to shut this guy down and stone him, so you have to go in there and keep playing each play. They were going to make plays like they did but we had that puncher's mentality. We got hit and we swung back."

On Offensive Coordinator Jason Garrett's aggressive game plan today and the emphasis of the deep ball on several occasions: "We talked throughout the week about the gameplan and what we thought it was going to be to go after these guys. I think Jason did a really good job today of feeling the flow of the game and taking the opportunities that were presented to us. Daniel (Jones) did a good job of facilitating the offense, the receivers made plays down the field, and the offensive line did a good job inside of giving Daniel time to throw. That was something we talked about going into today, they have a really good pressure-based third-down defense. You have a guy like Cam Jordan sitting on the right edge as we see it, that is a guy you have to account for. So, when you go into these games, you have to think about what the other team has and how you have to matchup on them. So, you start with the Saints defense in terms of the pass rush, the up front inside movement, the thirds dime packages, the outside edge with the pass rush, that's something you have to be able to handle. You've got linebackers that play very aggressive and sticky, and they have a good secondary. Those guys on the outside at corner can match up and play as much man or zone as they want to and they have very experienced, savvy safeties who at any point are looking to pounce and steal the ball. When going into a game like this, you're always looking to play aggressively. Sometimes our aggressive is very different compared to someone else's. Someone says punting the ball "isn't aggressive", I'll say "No, I'm going to be aggressive with the coverage units and the defense is going to make a stop. Sometimes you can say keeping your offense out there is aggressive but sometimes doing that is just foolish."

On the team's psyche after a win like this for the rest of the year: "I am a believer in the process. I do not believe looking at the results should justify what you do. I am a believer that coming back to work every week and knowing what it takes to be successful and sticking to that plan, but also not abandoning it when you do not get the result. We look at if we completed the process correctly because that puts us in position for results. Results are the most deceiving thing in the history of mankind. If you keep focus on what's away from you and forget about the steps you need to take on the way there (to success), you'll never get to where you want to be."

On the possibility of this being a franchise quarterback performance today from Daniel Jones: "Look, I love Daniel. He had a heck of a game today. I am going to leave that right there. I'm not going to sit here and make broad picture statements and headline-type things. If you're asking me if he's our quarterback, as I have said consistently, Daniel Jones is our quarterback. However, you

want to label that and go forward with that, you guys can put that in the paper. I am very proud of how he came down here and prepared throughout the week and performed in that environment against that defense.

On Daniel Jones' toughness at the end of the game: "Yeah, I think I saw that from Daniel, the offensive line, the tight ends, the receivers, from all of our guys. As far as putting it the game on (Jones') shoulders, he touches the ball every play, so obviously he's the guy that needs to be most consistent in his performance. In terms of putting, it on (Jones') shoulders, there's 53 guys in that locker room that came to work on Wednesday that knew it was going to take every single one of us to be successful down here. I'd say the entire team put each other on their shoulders."

On John Ross' performance today and getting up to speed quickly: "We ain't got time for that (easing him in). I always go back to how guys prepare to be in position to know the offense and execute the plays. He obviously executed for us in some key positions today and made some big catches. The touchdown catch, that's something we talk about all the time, playing through the possession and not just the whistle. He did not hesitate on if it was a touchdown or not, he hopped on the ball right away. The ruling on that play was a catch, fumble, and immediate recovery for a touchdown. Had he not played that situation through right there, that could have been a big play going the other way."

On John Ross' speed: "There's nothing to hide, that dude is fast."

On his emotions when Saquon Barkley scored: "You have an adrenaline rush. You're obviously happy and you sit out there at midfield asking if it's a touchdown or not. I had to get everyone back on the sidelines and we needed to call the next play. Once they told me it was a touchdown, then we can celebrate and talk in the locker room and all that good stuff. At that moment, you always think about having that next call ready. A lot of those close situations right there being close in the stick, you don't know if it's first down or not. I'm always thinking having your first down, third down calls ready as fast as we can. That's where my mind is at that point. When it's finally done, then we can go back in the locker room and go hug and high-five and all that junk."



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QB #8 Daniel Jones

(On winning the game): "It felt great. This team has been battling now, but we haven't gotten the results. This one went down to the last minute. We are excited."

(On the third and short in overtime): "I think that was the thought. That was the thought there. We wanted to take a shot and that play has a lot of options to it. (Kadarius Toney) did a great job of getting open. The guys up front did a great job and he made a heck of a play."

(On what this win does psychologically): "Hopefully, we can build off it. The goal is to use the momentum as we prepare for next week. There are still things that we are going to have to clean up and do better. We will focus on that and use the momentum."

(On the play of the offense): "We have shown glimpses of what we can be as an offense throughout these first four games. We were more consistent with it today. We made a few more plays. We made the plays when they counted. I think that is the capability of this offense. We have got to keep doing it. It wasn't perfect. There are things that we have to get better and clean up. We have the potential to make a lot of plays and we have to keep doing it."

(On the offensive line play today): "They did a great job of communication, pre-snap and post-snap. They played huge against a great defensive front. I think it has to do a lot with our preparation this week and understanding what the environment was going to be and practicing in it and having a plan for it. We did a good job of that. The coaches prepared us well for it. Those guys did a great job executing."

(On the emotions of Saquon Barkley scoring the game-winning touchdown): "The guys see him work hard day in and day out and I think everyone shares in that excitement. We're happy for him. No one deserves it more for what he does and what he puts into it. We were so happy to hear that."

(On not being 0-4): "We needed a win and there was a high sense of urgency to do that. We treated it as one week at a time. We focus throughout the week preparing and playing our best on Sunday. That was our focus this week. We have to continue to work and continue to sharpen things up. It was a big win."

WR #89 Kadarius Toney

(On how bad he wanted to throw the ball on a trick play attempt): "The plan was designed for me to throw it. It wasn't there, so I had to go with what they gave me. If they would have come up, then I would have had to make a play. It would have been do or die at that moment."

(On Saquon Barkley scoring the final touchdown): "I was trying not to tackle him myself. It was really emotional out there. You put in the work every day throughout the week with these guys and you know of their capabilities. It's the best feeling that you can have is when you execute."

(On if he thought the game was over when they won the coin toss): "When we won the coin toss, I looked down the sideline and the whole offense was ready to go. I knew at that point that we needed to feed up our own energy."

WR #19 Kenny Golladay

(On the capability of the offense): "It really falls on repetition. I felt like going into this week my legs were starting to get under me a little bit more. I was just trying to stack those days on top of one another and it really goes back to me listening to my body, listening to the coaches and listening to the training staff. This is my fifth year. I'm learning my body."

(On the reception in overtime to keep a drive alive): "We work that play in practice. It could not have been a better time for that to be called. It was pretty much wide open. I ran a good route and Daniel Jones put it right on me. He threw the ball all over the place today."

(On having success getting the ball downfield): "It goes with the week leading up to the game. We had some good stuff put in. We hit it in practice and it showed in the game. If you look at it, all of the

receivers had a part and did their job. I felt like everyone in the receivers room did a great job of helping Daniel Jones out. He put it on us.”

RB #26 Saquon Barkley

(On his emotions of scoring the game winning touchdown): “I was excited. This team’s been through a lot. We have been through a lot of close game. We just needed to find a way to finish it. We just need to stick together and find a way to win this game and we did it.”

(On the first touchdown): “We tried to run that play earlier and I saw that he was sitting out. Daniel (Jones) and I had a conversation that it could be there. I stood ready for it. He gave me a great ball. When you get one-on-one with a safety, then you have to make that guy miss. I was able to do that. It’s kind of cool when you can see things before it happens. He and I were on the same page. I just went up to him and said great ball and heck of a play”

(On how gratifying it is for him): “We haven’t won a game all year, so for us to come out here and win a game in a tough environment against a great defense and a great team is great. We have been in a lot of close game. We have to keep going. We have to keep working every day. We have to keep believing in each other and get ready for next week. Personally, it helps with your confidence to make plays out there especially late in the game. It feels good to get the win. It definitely builds my confidence up. Each week I keep feeling my knee getting better and better. I just have to keep trusting the process and keep going.”

S #21 Jabrill Peppers

(On if he knew they were going to win the game after winning the coin toss): “Definitely, especially with the way the flow of the game was going. They had a chance to put us away, but we made some huge stops. The offense started making plays. We had to win that coin toss. Tails wasn’t working for us earlier. It hasn’t been working at all for me this year. I wanted to go heads. Coach wanted to go heads. Saquon wanted to go heads. When it was heads, I had this feeling that we were going to finish this thing off.”

(On being sent out for the toss): “I was walking out there already. Once he saw me walking, then he called me over there. It meant a lot. It helped me stay in tune. I was in tune already. I had all of this pent up energy. I was going to do something.”

(On his injury): “It happened three plays before I gave up a touchdown.”