



## GAME RELEASE

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (0-0)**

**VS.**

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (0-0)**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – 12:00 PM (CST)**

**MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME – NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

**TV:** FOX (WVUE FOX 8 locally) – Chris Myers (play-by-play), Daryl Johnston (color analyst) and Laura Okmin (sideline)

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### THE MATCHUP

The New Orleans Saints (11-5 in 2017) open the 2018 regular season against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (5-11 in 2017) at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 12:00p.m. CT.

The two teams have faced each other numerous times over the past 40 seasons, with the Saints leading the regular season series, 32-20. Since 2012, the Saints have won nine of 12 matchups with the teams splitting the series the last three seasons.

Head Coach **Sean Payton** enters his 13th season with a group for Week One that returns nine offensive starters and ten defensive starters, including six players coming off of Pro Bowl berths. New Orleans' offense finished second in the NFL in 2017 with a balanced attack ranking fifth in both rushing and passing. A resurgent defense finished third in the league in interceptions (201), tied for seventh in sacks (42) and ranked tenth in opponent points per game (20.4 ppg.) after ranking 31st in 2016.

QB **Drew Brees'** regular cache of offensive weapons, including WR **Ted Ginn Jr.**, RB **Alvin Kamara** and WR **Michael Thomas** was further bolstered in the offseason with the free agent additions of WR **Cameron Meredith** and TE **Benjamin Watson** and the third round selection of WR **Tre'Quan Smith**. The group will be supported by a starting offensive line that remains intact from 2017.

DE **Cameron Jordan**, coming off of his third career double-digit sack season and third Pro Bowl selection, once again anchors the New Orleans defensive line. Jordan had his most productive season in 2017, recording a career high 13.0 sacks and was named a First Team All-Pro for the first time. Rookie CB **Marshon Lattimore**, who led NFL rookies with five interceptions, garnered *Associated Press* Defensive Rookie of the Year honors in 2017 and was selected to his first Pro Bowl. A youthful secondary that returns Lattimore, S **Vonn Bell**, CB **Ken Crawley** and S **Marcus Williams** is joined by free agent S **Kurt Coleman**, who has posted 22 career interceptions

The Saints improved from 31<sup>st</sup> to sixth in kickoff return average (22.9%) and from 29<sup>th</sup> to sixth in average starting field position after kickoff (25.6%). K **Wil Lutz** made a big jump in his second NFL season, leading the team with 140 points, connecting on 31 of 36 field goals (86.1), tying the club record for field goals made. P **Thomas Morstead** has established himself as one of the National Football League's top punters.

New Orleans will open at home for the seventh time during Payton's tenure and for the 35th time overall. They will be seeking their first victory to open a season since 2013 and their first home-opening win since 2010.

**This Week In The NFC South:** In addition to the Saints-Buccaneers clash, Atlanta will open the 2018 season at Philadelphia on Thursday night and the Carolina Panthers

## THE COACHES

New Orleans Saints Head Coach **Sean Payton** has posted a 112-76 overall record (.596), including a 7-5 post-season mark (.583) after the franchise had won only one playoff game prior to his arrival. Payton holds the club's top win total and winning percentage for a head coach. Payton enters the 2018 campaign and continues to represent the Saints as the model of stability not only within the NFC South, as he is the longest tenured head coach within the division, but also within the National Football League. Only New England's Bill Belichick (2000), Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis (2003) and Green Bay's Mike McCarthy (hired one week prior to Payton in 2006) have been with their respective teams longer. Payton is also one of just eight active coaches to lead a team to a Super Bowl victory. The others are New England's Bill Belichick, Seattle's Pete Carroll, Oakland's Jon Gruden (Tampa Bay in 2002), Baltimore's John Harbaugh, Packers Mike McCarthy, Philadelphia's Doug Pederson and Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin. The 2017 Saints team yielded an 11-5 regular season record, producing their first playoff berth since 2013, behind a squad led by quarterback Drew Brees offensively and defensive end Cameron Jordan defensively, this team featured seven players selected to the Pro Bowl, tied for the most in club history and four draft picks selected to the *PFWA* All-Rookie Team, two more than any other club. With running back Alvin Kamara and cornerback Marshon Lattimore, the 2017 Saints were the first team to have both the *Associated Press* NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and Defensive Rookie of the Year since 1967. The Saints defense saw improvement in virtually every major statistical category. New Orleans moved up ten spots in total defense, including from 32nd to 15th against the pass. After ranking 31st in opponent points per game in 2016, New Orleans moved up to tenth in 2017, surrendering only 20.4 points per game. Payton earned a bachelor's degree in communications at Eastern Illinois, where as a quarterback he had 10,665 passing yards, at the time the third-highest total in NCAA Division I-AA history. Payton was inducted into the Eastern Illinois Hall of Fame in September of 2000 and had his jersey retired in a ceremony in September of 2010. He received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater in 2013. Payton was born December 29, 1963 in San Mateo, Calif., and raised in Naperville, Ill., Payton has a daughter, Meghan and a son, Connor.

**Dirk Koetter** was named the 11th head coach in franchise history on January 15, 2016. He begins his third season in charge of the Buccaneers, after serving as offensive coordinator in 2015. In his first season with Tampa Bay (2015), Koetter helped pilot one of the most successful offenses in the National Football League and one of the best in team history. The team set the franchise record for

total yards (6,014 – 357.0 per game), while posting the second-most rushing yards (2,162 – 135.1 per game) and second-most passing yards (3,852 – 240.8 per game), along with the fifth-most total points (342 – 21.4 per game). In his first season as head coach of the Buccaneers, he led them to a 9-7 record, their first winning mark since the 2008 campaign. Over the past two seasons, Koetter has helped guide the Buccaneers to one of the NFL's top offenses, ranking ninth in yards per game (361.1), having the sixth-highest third-down conversion rate (42.8 pct.) and totaling the sixth-most first downs (676) during that timeframe. He joined the Buccaneers after three seasons working as the offensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons (2012-14). Under Koetter, Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan posted the three of the four highest passing yardage seasons in franchise history, as well as three of the five highest completion percentage seasons. Prior to joining the Falcons, Koetter spent five seasons as the offensive coordinator of the Jacksonville Jaguars (2007-11). Before joining the Jaguars, Koetter spent 22 years at the collegiate level, the final six as the head coach at Arizona State (2001-06). Koetter's first head coaching opportunity came at Boise State, where he spent three seasons (1998-2000), finishing with a 26-10 record, including two consecutive bowl wins.

## 2017 NEW ORLEANS – TAMPA BAY FINAL STATISTICAL COMPARISON

### 2017 Final Regular Season National Football League Rankings

	<u>Saints</u>	<u>Buccaneers</u>
Record	11-5	5-11
Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	28.0 (4)	20.9 (18)
Opp. Scoring Avg. (NFL Rank)	20.4 (10)	23.9 (9t)
Total Off. (NFL Rank)	391.2 (2)	363.5 (9)
Rushing Off. (NFL Rank)	129.4 (5)	90.6 (27)
Passing Off. (NFL Rank)	261.8 (5)	272.9 (4)
Total Def. (NFL Rank)	336.5 (17)	378.1 (32)
Rushing Def. (NFL Rank)	111.7 (16)	117.5 (23)
Passing Def. (NFL Rank)	224.8 (15)	260.6 (32)
Kickoff Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	22.9 (6)	21.6 (17)
Punt Return Avg. (NFL Rank)	6.4 (25)	9.6 (6)
Turnover Margin (NFL Rank)	+7 (9t)	-1 (18t)
Penalties	105	104
Penalty Yards	962	795
Opp. Penalties	114	109
Opp. Penalty Yards	898	937

## Saints vs. Buccaneers: Week 1

### SUPERLATIVES

A look at the top individual performances for Saints players against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the previous 52 meetings between the two clubs.

#### **RUSHING YARDAGE vs. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (100+yards)**

- RB Rueben Mayes – 24 carries for 172 yards, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Oct. 19, 1986
- RB Chris Ivory – 15 carries for 158 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Oct. 17, 2010
- RB Craig Heyward – 20 carries for 155 yards, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Nov. 11, 1990
- RB Deuce McAllister – 15 carries for 123 yards, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Oct. 8, 2006
- RB George Rogers – 23 carries for 120 yards, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Nov. 29, 1981
- RB Deuce McAllister – 26 carries for 110 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Nov. 2, 2003
- RB Deuce McAllister – 31 carries for 109 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Sept. 9, 2002
- RB Deuce McAllister – 21 carries for 102 yards, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Oct. 10, 2004

#### **PASSING YARDAGE vs. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (300+yards)**

- **QB Drew Brees – 29-of-45 for 383 yards and one touchdown pass, @ Raymond James Stadium, Oct. 16, 2011.**
- **QB Drew Brees – 24-of-31 for 381 yards and four touchdown passes, @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome, Dec. 29, 2013**
- **QB Drew Brees – 27-of-37 for 377 yards and four touchdown passes, @ Raymond James Stadium, Oct. 21, 2012.**
- **QB Drew Brees – 35-of-57 for 371 yards and two touchdown passes, @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome, Oct. 5, 2014.**
- **QB Drew Brees – 23-of-32 for 343 yards and three touchdown passes, @ Louisiana Superdome, Sept. 7, 2008.**
- QB Ken Stabler – 29-of-43 for 333 yards @ the Louisiana Superdome, Dec. 5, 1982.
- **QB Drew Brees – 26-of-46 for 322 yards**

and one touchdown pass, @ Raymond James Stadium, Sept. 15, 2013.

- **QB Drew Brees – 24-of-32 for 314 yards and three touchdown passes, @ Raymond James Stadium, Nov. 5, 2006.**
- **QB Drew Brees – 31-of-41 for 312 yards and two touchdown passes, @ Raymond James Stadium, Dec. 13, 2015.**
- **QB Drew Brees – 26-of-39 for 307 yards and four touchdown passes, @ Mercedes-Benz Superdome, Dec. 16, 2012.**

#### **RECEIVING YARDAGE vs. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (100+ yards)**

- TE Jimmy Graham – 10 receptions for 179 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Sept. 15, 2013.
- TE Jimmy Graham – Seven receptions for 124 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Oct. 16, 2011.
- WR Marques Colston – 11 receptions for 123 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Nov. 5, 2006.
- WR Willie Snead IV – Seven receptions for 122 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Dec. 13, 2015.
- WR Lance Moore – Nine receptions for 121 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Oct. 21, 2012.
- WR Marques Colston – Seven receptions for 118 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Oct. 16, 2011.
- WR Joe Horn – Nine receptions for 118 yards, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Dec. 7, 2003.
- RB Reggie Bush – eight receptions for 112 yards, @ Louisiana Superdome, Sept. 7, 2008.
- WR Devery Henderson – Three receptions for 111 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Nov. 5, 2006.
- WR Marques Colston – Six receptions for 106 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Nov. 30, 2008.
- WR Joe Horn – Eight receptions for 108 yards, @ Raymond James Stadium, Sept. 9, 2002.
- WR Joe Horn – Five receptions for 106 yards, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Dec. 1, 2002.
- WR Eric Martin – Two receptions for 101 yards, @ the Louisiana Superdome, Dec. 6, 1987.

**LAST MEETING**

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers 31, Saints 24; December 31, 2017 @ Raymond James Stadium –**

New Orleans scored a special teams touchdown and recorded three interceptions. However, a lost fumble in the fourth quarter on a fielded punt that yielded a Tampa Bay touchdown and a 95-yard game-winning touchdown drive at the end of the contest resulting in a loss in the regular season finale.

Regardless, with a 22-10 loss by the Carolina Panthers at the Atlanta Falcons, New Orleans held on to the division title.

Quarterback **Drew Brees** finished 22-of-30 passing for 245 yards, tossed one touchdown and had a 108.3 passer rating, as he wrapped up a regular season where he established an NFL single-season record for completion percentage (72.0%), by completing 386-of-536 passes.

Rookie running back **Alvin Kamara** enjoyed a standout day with a game-high 283 all-purpose yards, leading the Saints with 44 rushing yards on nine carries with one touchdown, tying for the team lead in receiving with six receptions for 84 yards and returning four kickoffs for 155 yards, including a 106-yard runback for a touchdown, the longest play in franchise history. Both running back **Mark Ingram II** (1,540) and Kamara (1,554) combined to become the first running back duo in National Football League history to each have 1,500 total yards from scrimmage.

Wide receiver **Michael Thomas** also chipped in with six receptions for a team-high 94 yards, as he finished the season with a club-record 104 grabs for 1,245 yards, becoming the first Saint to ever reach the century mark.

In a game which featured one special teams touchdown apiece by both teams, including a recovered fumble off a punt return for a touchdown by Tampa Bay early in the fourth quarter that resulted in a 20-17 Buccaneers lead, Brees led the Saints on a 13-play, 92-yard drive that ended with a three-yard TD pass to fullback **Zach Line** to give the Black and Gold a 24-20 lead with 7:07 left in the contest. On Tampa Bay's next drive, the Saints held the Buccaneers to a 42-yard field goal. After an unsuccessful Saints drive, punter **Thomas Morstead** pinned the Buccaneers at their five-yard line with a 47-yard punt downed by rookie defensive back and special teams stalwart **Justin Hardee**. However, Tampa Bay quarterback **Jameis Winston** led his team on an 11-play, 95-yard drive that ended with a 39-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver **Chris Godwin** with nine seconds left for the come-from-behind win.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS - TAMPA BAY****BUCCANEERS SERIES HISTORY**

The Saints and Buccaneers first met in 1977. New Orleans has posted a 32-20 record vs. Tampa Bay, the club's best winning percentage (.625) vs. an opponent they have played a minimum of seven games against.

**In the 52 games of the series there has been:**

- 1,148 points scored by New Orleans, 965 allowed.
- A seven-game New Orleans winning streak from 2011-2014.
- An 18-9 record for the Saints in games played in New Orleans.
- 20 games decided by double-digits.
- Seven games decided by 21 or more points.
- 32 games decided by seven points or less.
- A 41-point win by New Orleans on December 16, 2012, the club's first shutout against the Buccaneers.

**SERIES FAST FACTS**

**Saints' Largest Margin of Victory:** 31 points (tie), Saints won 38-7 most recently on 11/22/09 at Raymond James Stadium. Saints won 38-7 the first time on 10/19/86 at the Louisiana Superdome.

**Buccaneers' Largest Margin of Victory:** 27 points, Buccaneers won 48-21 on 12/23/01 at Raymond James Stadium.

**Current Series Streak:** Bucs won one game 12/31/17-present).

**Saints' Longest Win Streak:** Seven games, 11/16/11-11/28/14.

**Buccaneers' Longest Win Streak:** Two games (Six times), most recently 1/2/11-10/16/11.

**Most Points by Saints in a Game:** 44 points, Saints won 44-34 on 12/6/87 at the Louisiana Superdome.

**Most Points by Tampa Bay in a Game:** 48 points, Tampa Bay won 48-21 on 12/23/01 at Raymond James Stadium.

**Most Combined Points (Both Teams):** 78 points, Saints won 44-34 on 12/6/87 at the Louisiana Superdome.

**Fewest Points by Saints in a Game:** Three points, Buccaneers won 10-3 on 12/4/05 at Tiger Stadium.

**Fewest Points by Buccaneers in a Game:** 0 points, Saints won 41-0 on 12/16/12 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

**Fewest Combined Points (Both Teams):** 12 points, Saints won 9-3 on 10/25/98 at the Louisiana Superdome.

## SAINTS-BUCS CONNECTIONS

Saints Head Coach **Sean Payton** and Tampa Bay Offensive Line Coach **George Warhop** served on the same staff with Dallas from 2003-04...Saints Linebackers Coach **Mike Nolan** and Tampa Bay Head Coach **Dirk Koetter** were both coordinators for Buccaneers Defensive Coordinator **Mike Smith** when he was Falcons head coach during a period spanning from 2012-14 when Nolan first arrived in Atlanta as defensive coordinator, also serving on the same Atlanta staff with Tampa Bay Assistant Wide Receivers/Game Management **Andrew Weidinger**. Nolan and Smith also served on the same staff in Baltimore from 2001-02. Tampa Bay Def. Backs Coach **Brett Maxie** played safety for New Orleans from 1985-93 and also served on the same coaching staff with Saints Defensive Coordinator **Dennis Allen** in Atlanta from 2004-05...Saints Director of Player Engagement **Fred McAfee** played for Tampa Bay in 1999, where he was a teammate of Buccaneers Dir. of Football Operations **Shelton Quarles**...Tampa Bay College Scout **Tony Kinkela** served as director/football operations at Tulane from 2006-08...New Orleans Assistant Special Teams Coach **Kevin O'Dea** first served on the Buccaneers coaching staff from 1996-2001 and then served as special teams coordinator from 2014-15. In addition to serving on the same Tampa Bay coaching staff in 2015, O'Dea and Tampa Bay Quarterbacks Coach **Mike Bajakian** and Running Backs Coach **Tim Spencer** were on the same Chicago coaching staff. O'Dea and Saints Asst. Offensive Line Coach **Brendan Nugent** also served on Chicago coaching staffs with Buccaneers Secondary Coach **Jon Hoke**...New Orleans Senior Offensive Asst./Wide Receivers **Curtis Johnson** and Tampa Bay Def. Line Coach **Jay Hayes** were college teammates at the University of Idaho from 1980-81...Buccaneers LB **Kwon Alexander** played at Louisiana State from 2012-14...Tampa Bay LB **Kendell Beckwith** prepped at East Feliciana HS and also played for the Tigers...Tampa Bay Assistant Defensive Line Coach **Paul Spicer** was a member of the Saints in 2009 and served as defensive line coach at Jackson State in 2013...Saints Asst. Wide Receivers Coach **Ronald Curry** and Buccaneers Tight Ends Coach **Ben Steele** were teammates in Oakland in 2002...Buccaneers Special Teams Coord. **Nate Kazcor** served as an assistant on the offensive side of the ball at Louisiana-Monroe from 2006-07 and also served on the same Idaho coaching staff with Saints Running Backs Coach **Joel Thomas** from 2004-05...Saints QB **Drew Brees** and Buccaneers Assistant Special Teams Coach **Carlos Polk** were teammates in San Diego from 2001-05...New Orleans Area Scout **Jon Sandusky** and Tampa Bay Dir. of Player Personnel **John Spytek** served on the same player personnel staffs in Philadelphia and Cleveland...Tampa Bay Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers Coach **Todd Monken** served on the Louisiana Tech coaching staff in 2000, served as passing game coordinator/wide receivers coach

at LSU from 2005-06 and served as Head Coach at the University of Southern Mississippi from 2013-15, where he coached New Orleans C **Cameron Tom...**LB **Alex Anzalone**, Bucs LS **Drew Ferris** and CB **Vernon Hargreaves** played at Florida together in 2014...Buccaneers QB **Ryan Fitzpatrick** and Saints LB **Demario Davis** played together with the New York Jets in 2015, Davis then spent the 2017 season with Tampa Bay K **Chandler Catanzaro**...Buccaneers QB **Ryan Griffin** played at Tulane for Johnson, who served as head coach and then played for New Orleans from 2013-14 after signing with them as an undrafted free agent...Tampa Bay CB **De`Vante Harris** spent his first two NFL seasons with New Orleans from 2016-17 and his father Rod, played for the Saints in 1989...DE **Trey Hendrickson** and LB **Adarius Taylor** held down the defense from 2013-14 at Florida Atlantic University together...TE **Josh Hill** and OL **Evan Smith** were college teammates at Idaho State in 2009...Saints T **Ryan Ramsey** played with Bucs LB **Jack Cichy** in 2016 at Wisconsin...DE **Cameron Jordan** was at California in 2010 with Bucs P **Bryan Anger** and S **Chris Conte**, while Jordan, Conte and **DeSean Jackson** played together in 2007. Catanzaro also saw action on the Arizona Cardinals with WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** and DE **Alex Okafor** in 2014...Saints S **Kurt Coleman** was a teammate of Jackson on the Philadelphia Eagles from 2010-13...DB **P.J. Williams** along with Bucs WR **Bobo Wilson** won two conference championships and one national championship at Florida State together from 2013-14...DL **Mitchell Loewen** played at Arkansas with QB **Austin Allen** from 2014-15...Saints CB **Arthur Maulet** and Bucs TE **Alan Cross** were college teammates at Memphis in 2015...New Orleans WR **Cameron Meredith** and Buccaneers OL **Michael Liedtke** played on the same offense from 2011-12 at Illinois State...New Orleans S **Vonn Bell**, CB **Marshon Lattimore**, WR **Michael Thomas** and Tampa Bay DE **Noah Spence** were college teammates at Ohio State...Saints LB **A.J. Klein** and Buccaneers LB **Adarius Taylor** were on the Carolina Panthers together in 2014...Buccaneers TE **Cameron Brate** had a 2015 stint on the Saints practice squad...New Orleans RB **Mike Gillislee** prepped at DeLand (Fla.) HS and played at Florida...Tampa Bay CB **Brent Grimes** was tutored by Nolan in Atlanta in 2012 and then was signed by Miami in 2013 when Saints Assistant General Manager/College Scouting Director **Jeff Ireland** was General Manager, where he was a teammate of Gillislee and played for Saints Assistant/Head Coach/Tight Ends **Dan Campbell** when he served as interim head coach of the Dolphins in 2014...New Orleans CBs **Patrick Robinson** and **P.J. Williams** both played at Florida State with Williams prepping at Vanguard (Ocala, Fla.) HS...New Orleans DT **Taylor Stallworth** and Buccaneers DT **Isaiah Johnson** were college teammates at the University of South Carolina.

# TRANSACTIONS

## JULY

**18** – Signed RB **Shane Vereen** and waived/injured RB **Daniel Lasco**.

**19** – Placed RB **Daniel Lasco** on Reserve/PUP.

**24** – Placed WR **Brandon Coleman** on Reserve/PUP.

**26** – Placed TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** on Reserve/NFI.

## AUGUST

**1** – Signed WR **Michael Floyd**, WR **Brandon Tate** and OL **Don Barclay**, activated TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** from Reserve/NFI and waived/injured WRs **Josh Smith**, **Travin Dural** and **Eldridge Massington**.

**2** – Placed WRs **Josh Smith**, **Travin Dural** and **Eldridge Massington** on Injured Reserve

**4** – Reached an injury settlement with WR **Josh Smith**.

**5** – Reached an injury settlement with WR **Eldridge Massington**. Signed DB **Rickey Jefferson** and TE **John Phillips**. Waived/failed physical WR **Brandon Coleman** and waived/injured OL **John Fullington**.

**6** – Placed OL **John Fullington** on Injured Reserve.

**10** – Reached an injury settlement with OL **John Fullington**.

**11** – Waived CB **De’Vante Harris**.

**12** – Signed DBs **Robert Nelson Jr.** and **Marcus Williams**. Waived G **Trevor Darling**.

**21** – Terminated contract of RB **Terrance West**. Waived WR **Josh Huff**. Waived/injured S **Rickey Jefferson**.

**22** – Placed S **Rickey Jefferson** on Injured Reserve.

**29** – Acquired QB **Teddy Bridgewater** from the New York Jets and signed WR **Tanner McEvoy**.

## SEPTEMBER

**1** – Waived QB **J.T. Barrett**, LBs **Jayrone Elliott** and **KeShun Freeman**, TE **Garrett Griffin**, DT **Woodrow Hamilton IV**, DB **Natrell Jamerson**, DE **Alex Jenkins**, LBs **Colton Jumper** and **Hau’oli Kikaha**, WR **Keith Kirkwood**, OL **Rick Leonard**, WR **Tanner McEvoy**, DL **Henry Mondeaux**, DB **Kamrin Moore**, DE **Al-Quadin Muhammad**, DB **Linden Stephens**, G **Andrew Tiller**, OL **Landon Turner**, RB **Jonathan Williams**, OL **Nate Wozniak** and TE **Deon Yelder**. Waived/injured DB **Sharrod Neasman**. Terminated the contracts of G **Don Barclay**, DT **Jason Bromley**, WR **Michael Floyd**, DE **George Johnson**, G **Josh LeRibeus**, DB **Robert Nelson Jr.**, OL **Michael Ola**, TE **John Phillips**, QB **Tom Savage**, WR **Bran-**

**don Tate** and CB **Marcus Williams**. Traded DL **Devaroe Lawrence** to the Cleveland Browns in exchange for future considerations. Placed TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** and RB **Shane Vereen** on Injured Reserve. RB **Mark Ingram II** has been placed on Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner.

**2** – Agreed to terms on practice squad contracts with QB **J.T. Barrett**, LB **Vince Biegel**, TE **Garrett Griffin**, DT **Woodrow Hamilton**, DE **Alex Jenkins**, WR **Keith Kirkwood**, T **Rick Leonard**, RBs **Dwayne Washington** and **Jonathan Williams**, OL **Nate Wozniak** and TE **Deon Yelder** and placed DB **Sharrod Neasman** on Injured Reserve.

**3** – Signed RB **Mike Gillislee**, re-signed G **Josh LeRibeus**, waived RB **Trey Edmunds**, terminated contract of LB **Nate Stupar** and reached an injury settlement with DB **Sharrod Neasman**.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result/Time</u>
Aug. 9	@Jacksonville Jaguars	W, 24-20
Aug. 17	<b>ARIZONA CARDINALS</b>	L, 15-20
Aug. 25	@Los Angeles Chargers	W, 36-7
<b>Aug. 30</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES RAMS</b>	<b>W, 28-0</b>

**REGULAR SEASON**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Network</u>
<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS</b>	<b>12:00PM FOX</b>
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>CLEVELAND BROWNS</b>	<b>12:00PM/FOX</b>
Sept. 23	@Atlanta Falcons	12:00PM/FOX
Sept. 30	@New York Giants	3:25PM/CBS
<b>Oct. 8</b>	<b>WASHINGTON REDSKINS</b>	<b>7:15PM/ESPN</b>
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Oct. 21	@Baltimore Ravens	3:05PM/FOX
Oct. 28	@Minnesota Vikings	7:20PM/NBC
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES RAMS</b>	<b>3:25PM/FOX</b>
Nov. 11	@Cincinnati Bengals	12:00PM/FOX
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>PHILADELPHIA EAGLES</b>	<b>12:00PM/FOX</b>
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>ATLANTA FALCONS</b>	<b>7:20PM/NBC</b>
Nov. 29	@Dallas Cowboys	7:20PM/FOX/NFLN
Dec. 9	@Tampa Bay Buccaneers	12:00PM/FOX
Dec. 17	@Carolina Panthers	7:15PM/ESPN
<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH STEELERS</b>	<b>3:25PM/CBS</b>
<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>CAROLINA PANTHERS</b>	<b>12:00PM/FOX</b>

**POSTSEASON**

Jan. 5/6	NFC Wild Card Playoff	TBD
Jan. 12-13	NFC Divisional Playoff	TBD
Jan. 27	NFC Championship	TBD
Feb. 3	Super Bowl LIII	TBD

## SAINTS ON OPENING DAY

As the Saints prepare for their 52nd season, they have posted a 17-34 all-time record on opening-day.

- New Orleans has won four of their last ten openers, having dropped the last four.
- New Orleans will open at home for the seventh time during Head Coach **Sean Payton's** tenure and for the 35th time overall. They will be seeking their first victory to open a season since 2013 and their first home-opening win since 2010.
- This will be the third time the Saints have faced the Buccaneers for their season opener. The Saints captured the first season opener featuring the two clubs in a 26-20 win at Raymond James Stadium over what would be the eventual Super Bowl Champions when RB **Fred McAfee** forced on a punt attempt what would turn out to be an interception in the end zone by LB **James Allen** in overtime. In the September 7, 2008 season opener, QB **Drew Brees** engineered a fourth quarter comeback culminating in a 42-yard scoring pass to RB **Reggie Bush**, while LB **Scott Fujita** extinguished Tampa Bay's hopes on Tampa Bay's last offensive drive to preserve a 24-20 win.

**MEMORABLE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES IN OPENING GAMES:** A look at the top statistical performances for the Saints in the first game of the season over the club's previous 51 years:

**PASSING: 423 yards, QB Drew Brees.** The signal caller completed 28-of-42 passes with four touchdown passes, zero interceptions and a 131.3 passer rating on Sept. 11, 2016 in a 35-34 loss to Oakland at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

**RUSHING: 206 yards, RB George Rogers.** The running back opened 1982 by setting a club record for rushing yards on 24 carries vs. the St. Louis Cardinals.

**RECEIVING: 205 yards, WR Wes Chandler.** Chandler torched the Falcons in 1979 on six catches, the highest single-game yardage total in franchise history.

**INTERCEPTIONS: Three, S Sammy Knight.** The safety started 2001 with three interceptions at Buffalo and was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week.

**SACKS: Three, DE Joe Johnson.** This 2007 inductee into the Saints Hall of Fame started 2001 with three sacks in a dominant defensive performance in the Saints' 24-6 victory at Buffalo.

### STARTING FAST

How the Saints have finished the seasons that have started with an opening-day victory:

Year	Date	Team	Result	Final Record
1971	Sept. 19	L.A. Rams	W, 24-20	4-8-2
1978	Sept. 3	Vikings	W, 31-24	7-9
1983	Sept. 4	Cardinals	W, 28-17	8-8
<b>1987</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>Browns</b>	<b>W, 28-21</b>	<b>12-3*</b>
1989	Sept. 10	Cowboys	W, 28-0	9-7
<b>1991</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>Seahawks</b>	<b>W, 27-24</b>	<b>11-5*</b>
1993	Sept. 5	Oilers	W, 33-21	8-8
1998	Sept. 6	at Rams	W, 24-17	6-10
1999	Sept. 12	Panthers	W, 19-10	3-13
2001	Sept. 9	at Bills	W, 24-6	7-9
2002	Sept. 8	at Buccaneers	W, 26-20 ot	9-7
2005	Sept. 11	at Panthers	W, 23-20	3-13
<b>2006</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	<b>at Browns</b>	<b>W, 19-14</b>	<b>10-6*</b>
2008	Sept. 7	Buccaneers	W, 24-20	8-8
<b>2009</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>Lions</b>	<b>W, 45-27</b>	<b>13-3*</b>
2010	<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>Vikings</b>	<b>W, 14-9</b>	<b>11-5*</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>Falcons</b>	<b>W, 23-17</b>	<b>11-5*</b>

\*Made the Playoffs. NFC West title in 1991, NFC South title in 2006 and 2011, NFC South title and Super Bowl XLIV championship in 2009, NFC Wild Card in 2010 and 2013.

## HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

### New Orleans Saints Pronunciation Guide

T	<b>Terron</b> Armstead (ter-RON)
RB	Mike <b>Gillislee</b> (gil-is-LEE)
RB	Alvin <b>Kamara</b> (kuh-Mare-Uh)
DL	Mitchell <b>Loewen</b> (LAY-ven)
G	Josh <b>LeRibeus</b> (luh-REE-bus)
CB	Arthur <b>Maulet</b> (Mahl-et)
DE	Alex <b>Okafor</b> (OH-kuh-for)
DT	David <b>Onyemata</b> (Un-ye-mah-tah)
T/G	<b>Andrus Peat</b> (ANN-druss PEET)
T	Ryan <b>Ramczyk</b> (RAM-check)
WR	<b>Tre'Quan</b> Smith (Tray-Kwan)
LB	<b>Manti Te'o</b> (MAN-tie TAY-oh)

Senior Defensive Asst. Peter **Giunta** (GEN-ta).



## TEAM NOTES

### FAMILY TIES

Numerous New Orleans Saints players, coaches and player personnel department staffers are not the only members of their families to make a name for themselves in professional football. No fewer than 13 Saints players, coaches or front office personnel have relatives who have played, coached or served in the front office in the National Football League.

**Defensive Coordinator Dennis Allen** - Father, Grady, played linebacker for the Atlanta Falcons from 1968-72.

**Offensive Coordinator Pete Carmichael** - Father, Pete, served as an assistant coach in the National Football League from 1994-2003 with the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Chicago Bears.

**Quarterbacks Coach Joe Lombardi** - The son of legendary National Football League head coach Vince Lombardi, who led both the Green Bay Packers and Washington Redskins.

**Secondary Coach Aaron Glenn** - Younger brother, Jason, was a linebacker and sixth-round draft pick of the Detroit Lions in the 2001 NFL Draft, playing six seasons in the NFL with the Jets, Dolphins and Vikings.

**Linebackers Coach Mike Nolan** - Father, Dick, played safety in the National Football League for nine years before becoming a coach. He led the San Francisco 49ers from 1968 to 1975 and was the head coach of the Saints from 1978 to 1980.

**Asst. GM/College Scouting Dir. Jeff Ireland**— Stepson of Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame LB/C E.J. Holub and the grandson of former Philadelphia Eagles RB and Chicago Bears personnel exec. Jim Parmer.

**National Scout Terry Wooden** - Brother, JoJo, is Director of Player Personnel for the Los Angeles Chargers.

**DB Ken Crawley** - Cousin, Stephon Morris, spent the 2012 season with the New England Patriots.

**DE Cameron Jordan** - Father, Steve, had a 13-year career as a tight end with the Minnesota Vikings, with six Pro Bowl selections.

**T/G Andrus Peat** - Father, Todd, played six National Football League seasons with the Phoenix Cardinals and the Los Angeles Raiders.

**WR Michael Thomas** - Uncle, Keyshawn Johnson, is a former wide receiver, spending 11 seasons in the National Football League with the New York Jets, Tampa Bay Buc-

canears, Dallas Cowboys and Carolina Panthers, earning three Pro Bowls and the Super Bowl XXXVII title.

**Area Scout Scott Campbell** - Father, Marion was former head coach of the Atlanta Falcons.

**Scouting Assistant Matt Phillips** - Father, Ted is the president/CEO of the Chicago Bears.

### COACHES IN THE NFL

Seven members of the 2018 New Orleans Saints coaching staff have prior playing experience in the National Football League

Head Coach **Sean Payton** - Played for the Chicago Bears in 1987.

Special Teams Coordinator **Bradford Banta** - A fourth round (106th overall) draft pick of the Indianapolis Colts in 1994 out of Southern California and played in 156 career games, primarily as both a long snapper and tight end with Indianapolis, the New York Jets, the Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills.

Assistant Head Coach/Tight Ends **Dan Campbell** - A third round draft pick (79th overall) of the New York Giants in 1999 out of Texas A&M, who went on to appear in 114 games with 75 starts for New York, Dallas and Detroit, where he caught 91 passes for 934 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Assistant Wide Receivers Coach **Ronald Curry** - Curry was a seventh round draft pick (235th overall) of Oakland in 2002 out of North Carolina and played for the Raiders for seven seasons, appearing in 76 games with 32 starts, registering 193 receptions for 2,347 yards with 13 TDs.

Secondary Coach **Aaron Glenn** - Glenn was the 12th overall pick of the New York Jets in 1994 out of Texas A&M and started 176 of 205 games with New York (1994-2001), the Houston Texans (2002-04), Dallas Cowboys (2005-06), Jacksonville Jaguars (2007) and New Orleans (2008) and was a three-time Pro Bowl selection. Glenn recorded 41 interceptions with six brought back for touchdowns, adding a score on a kick return.

Defensive Assistant **Leigh Torrence**—Torrence enjoyed a seven-year career with Atlanta, Washington and New Orleans for his final four seasons, where he played in 73 games.

Pass Rush Specialist **Brian Young** - Young played in the NFL from 2000-08 with the St. Louis Rams for his first four seasons, who originally selected him in the fifth round of the 2000 NFL Draft (139th overall) out of UTEP and for his final five with the Saints, appearing in 124 career games and recording 22.5 sacks and eight fumble recoveries.

## TEAM NOTES

### IN THE NFC SOUTH

The Saints have the best record among NFC South teams since 2006, a period where they've won four division titles including in 2017, tied with Carolina (four) for the most during that time. They've posted a 42-30 mark within the NFC South since 2006.

#### REGULAR SEASON RECORDS OF NFC SOUTH TEAMS SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.583</b>
Atlanta Falcons	105	87	0	.547
Carolina Panthers	102	89	1	.534
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	72	120	0	.375

### ROAD WARRIORS

Since 2006, the Saints have the seventh-best road record in the NFL at 50-46 (.521). Since 2009, with a 38-34 (.528) regular season road mark, the Saints have the fifth-best road winning percentage after finishing 4-4 on the road in 2017, including a four-game winning streak.

#### NFL REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2006

Team	Record
1. New England	70-26
2. Dallas	57-39
3. Pittsburgh	54-42
4t. Green Bay	52-44
4t. Philadelphia	52-44
6. Indianapolis	51-45
<b>7. New Orleans</b>	<b>50-46</b>

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON ROAD RECORDS SINCE 2009

Team	Record
1. New England	49-23
2. Pittsburgh	42-30
3. Dallas	42-30
4. Green Bay	39-33
<b>5. New Orleans</b>	<b>38-34</b>
6. Denver	37-35

### DOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE

Since 2008, the New Orleans Saints have posted a 56-24 home record, fifth in the National Football League, including a 7-1 mark in 2017.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON HOME RECORDS SINCE 2008

Team	Record
1. New England	68-12
2. Green Bay	59-20-1
3. Baltimore	59-21
4. Pittsburgh	59-21
<b>5. New Orleans</b>	<b>56-24</b>

### PAYTON'S PLACE AMONG HEAD COACHES

**Sean Payton** has had an impressive run as head coach of the New Orleans Saints for the last 12 seasons.

- The Saints clinched the 2017 NFC South title, earning their fourth division title under Payton after winning only two prior to his hiring.
- Payton the highest winning percentage (.596) and most wins (112) among the 16 Saints head coaches, also ranked 40th all-time in National Football League record books.
- Payton is the first coach in franchise history with double-digit win totals in six seasons.

#### SEAN PAYTON YEAR-BY-YEAR BREAKDOWN

Year	Reg. Season	Postseason
2006	10-6	NFC Champ Game (1-1)
2007	7-9	-
2008	8-8	-
2009	13-3	SB XLIV Championship (3-0)
2010	11-5	Wild Card Round (0-1)
2011	13-3	Divisional Round (1-1)
2013	11-5	Divisional Round (1-1)
2014	7-9	-
2015	7-9	-
2016	7-9	-
<b>2017</b>	<b>11-5</b>	<b>Divisional Round (1-1)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105-71</b>	<b>7-5</b>

# TEAM NOTES

## TOP THREE WINNINGEST SAINTS HEAD COACHES IN (REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)

Coach	W	L	Pct.
<b>Sean Payton</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>.596</b>
Jim Mora	93	78	.544
Jim Haslett	46	52	.469

Payton's 112 career wins in the regular season and post-season ranks fifth among active National Football League coaches and his winning percentage is ranked sixth.

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE NFL COACHES SINCE 2006 (REGULAR SEASON AND POSTSEASON)

(Min. 50 games)

Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
Bill Belichick	167	49	0	.773
Mike Tomlin	123	67	0	.647
Pete Carroll	88	53	1	.623
Mike McCarthy	131	79	1	.623
Mike Zimmer	40	27	0	.597
<b>Sean Payton</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.596</b>

## NFC SOUTH COACHES RECORDS IN DIVISION PLAY

Payton has the most regular season divisional wins by NFC South coaches in division play since being hired by New Orleans in 2006, including a winning record against each opponent including an NFC Wild Card win over Carolina.

Coach	W	L	Pct.
<b>Sean Payton</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>.591</b>
Ron Rivera	23	19	.548
Dan Quinn	11	7	.611
Dirk Koetter	5	7	.417

## SEAN PAYTON'S REGULAR SEASON RECORD VS. NFC SOUTH TEAMS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	15	7	.682
Tampa Bay	13	9	.591
Carolina	11	11	.500

## THE SAINTS WHEN

Below is the record in various situations that the New Orleans Saints have compiled under Sean Payton as head coach as well as their record under these various circumstances in 2017.

## SEAN PAYTON'S REGULAR SEASON RECORD WHEN (2006-11, 2013-)

Leading After First Quarter.....	61-16
Leading at Halftime.....	87-13
Leading After Third Quarter.....	86-11
Saints Score First.....	61-21
Saints 200+ Yards Passing.....	94-64
Opponent Under 200 Yards Passing.....	44-19
Saints Have 100+ Yards Rushing.....	71-23
Forcing 3+ Turnovers.....	29-6
Defense Has 3+ Sacks.....	48-19
Indoors.....	68-44
Outdoors.....	36-28
At Home.....	58-30
On The Road.....	47-41
On Artificial Turf.....	74-46
Scoring 20 Or More Points.....	99-41
Allowing 20 Or Fewer Points.....	64-7
Committing Zero Turnovers.....	35-5

## THE SAINTS IN 2017 WHEN? (REGULAR SEASON)

Leading After First Quarter.....	7-1
Tied After First Quarter.....	2-2
Leading at Halftime.....	9-1
Leading After Third Quarter.....	10-2
Saints Score First.....	7-2
Saints 200+ Yards Passing.....	9-5
Opponent Under 200 Yards Passing.....	8-0
Saints Have 100+ Yards Rushing.....	9-1
Forcing 3+ Turnovers.....	2-2
Defense Has 3+ Sacks.....	5-1
Indoors.....	7-3
Outdoors.....	4-2
At Home.....	7-1
On The Road.....	4-4
On Artificial Turf.....	9-3
On Natural Grass.....	2-2
Scoring 20 Or More Points.....	11-3
Allowing 20 Or Fewer Points.....	8-1
Committing Zero Turnovers.....	2-3

## TEAM NOTES

### PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY SEAN PAYTON

Saints Head Coach Sean Payton has coached 23 players who've earned 45 Pro Bowl selections as a head coach and assistant with the Saints, Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, including seven selections in 2017 (QB Drew Brees, RB Mark Ingram, DE Cameron Jordan, RB Alvin Kamara, CB Marshon Lattimore, WR Michael Thomas and G Larry Warford), tied for most in team history in 2009.

### PRO BOWL PLAYERS COACHED BY SEAN PAYTON AS A HEAD COACH AND ASSISTANT

Pos.	Player	Pro Bowls	Years
G	Larry Allen	1	2005
<b>QB</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2006, 08--14, 16-17</b>
T	Jammal Brown	2	2006, 08
<b>T</b>	<b>Jermon Bushrod</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2011</b>
G	Jahri Evans	5	2009-11, 13-14
C	Jonathan Goodwin	1	2009
TE	Jimmy Graham	3	2011, 13-14
G	Ben Grubbs	1	2013
S	Roman Harper	2	2009-10
<b>RB</b>	<b>Mark Ingram II</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2014, 2017</b>
<b>DE</b>	<b>Cameron Jordan</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2013, 2015, 2017</b>
<b>RB</b>	<b>Alvin Kamara</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>CB</b>	<b>Marshon Lattimore</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2017</b>
G	Carl Nicks	2	2010-11
S	Darren Sharper	1	2009
TE	Jeremy Shockey	1	2002
DE	Will Smith	1	2006
T	Jon Stinchcomb	1	2009
G	Ron Stone	2	2000-01
<b>WR</b>	<b>Michael Thomas</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2017</b>
LB	Jonathan Vilma	2	2009-10
<b>G</b>	<b>Larry Warford</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2017</b>
TE	Jason Witten	1	2005

### COACH/QB DUO

Under Sean Payton, Drew Brees has started 172 regular season games, third-most starts among championship head coach/QB duos:

### CHAMPIONSHIP HEAD COACH/QUARTERBACK DUO

### MOST STARTS TOGETHER IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY

Rk.	HC/QB, Team	Starts
1.	Bill Belichick/Tom Brady, NE	249
2.	Tom Coughlin/Eli Manning, NYG	181
3.	<b>Sean Payton/Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>172</b>

### BUCKING THE ODDS

Below is the list of the 30 undrafted rookies who were signed by the Saints as free agents following the NFL Draft since 2006 who have earned opening day roster spots:

### YEAR PLAYER

<b>2006</b>	P Steve Weatherford
<b>2007</b>	QB Tyler Palko, RB Pierre Thomas
<b>2008</b>	LB Jo-Lonn Dunbar
<b>2009</b>	LB Jonathan Casillas, WB Rod Harper
<b>2010</b>	OLB Junior Galette, RB Chris Ivory
<b>2011</b>	S Isa Abdul-Quddus
<b>2012</b>	RB Travaris Cadet, DE Tyrunn Walker
<b>2013</b>	DE Glenn Foster, TE Josh Hill, C/G Tim Lelito, ILB Kevin Reddick, RB Khiry Robinson, CB Rod Sweeting
<b>2014</b>	CB Brian Dixon, OLB Kasim Edebali
<b>2015</b>	DE Tavaris Barnes, DT Kaleb Eulls, DE Bobby Richardson
<b>2016</b>	DB Ken Crawley, DB De'Vante Harris, K Wil Lutz, WR Tommylee Lewis, OL Landon Turner
<b>2017</b>	RB Trey Edmunds
<b>2018</b>	DB J.T. Gray, DT Taylor Stallworth

### IN THE NFL

After posting an 11-5 record in 2017 and capturing the NFC South title for the first time since the 2011 campaign, the New Orleans Saints have the second-best regular season record in the NFC and are tied for the fifth-best mark in the National Football League since 2006. Since 2009, their 87-57 record's ranked fourth.

### REGULAR SEASON RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SINCE 2006

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	151	41	0	.786
Pittsburgh Steelers	124	68	0	.646
Green Bay Packers	121	70	1	.633
Indianapolis Colts	116	76	0	.604
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.583</b>
Baltimore Ravens	112	80	0	.583

**TEAM NOTES****REGULAR SEASON RECORDS IN NFL SINCE 2009**

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England Patriots	112	32	0	.778
Green Bay Packers	94	49	1	.656
Pittsburgh Steelers	94	50	0	.653
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.604</b>
Seattle Seahawks	84	58	1	.587

**POINTS PER GAME**

Since 2006, the Saints have averaged 27.6 points per game (5,297 points) in 192 regular season games, second in the NFL. Since 2006, they've scored 20 or more points in 152 contests (79.2%) and 30 or more in 84 (43.8%). Four of the team's top six single-game point totals have occurred since 2006. In 2017, the Saints finished fourth in the NFL in scoring, averaging 28.0 points per game.

**NFL POINTS PER GAME LEADERS SINCE 2006**

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. New England	5,675	29.6
<b>2. New Orleans</b>	<b>5,297</b>	<b>27.6</b>
3. Green Bay	5,020	26.1

**2017 NFL POINTS PER GAME LEADERS**

Team	Pts.	Pts./Gm.
1. LA Rams	479	29.9
2. New England	458	28.6
3. Philadelphia	457	28.6
<b>4. New Orleans</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>28.0</b>
5. Jacksonville	417	26.1

**SINGLE-GAME POINTS SCORED IN SAINTS HISTORY**

Rk.	Opponent	Pts.	Date
1.	vs. Indianapolis	62	10/23/11
2t.	vs. Detroit	52	10/15/17
2t.	vs. NYG	52	11/1/15
3t.	vs. Green Bay	51	11/24/08
3t.	at St. Louis	51	11/2/69
3t.	at Seattle	51	11/21/76

**SCORING MARGIN**

In 2017, New Orleans ranked sixth in the NFL in scoring margin, scoring 122 more points than their opponents.

**2017 NFL LEADERS, SCORING MARGIN**

Team	G	Pts.	Opp.	Diff.
Philadelphia Eagles	16	457	295	162
New England Patriots	16	458	296	162
Jacksonville Jaguars	16	417	268	149
Los Angeles Rams	16	478	329	149
Minnesota Vikings	16	382	252	130
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>122</b>

**SECOND HALF SCORING MARGIN**

In 2017, the Saints jumped even further ahead in the second half of their contests while stopping opponents, ranked second in the National Football League in second half/overtime point differential in the regular season.

**2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECOND HALF AND OVERTIME SCORING MARGIN**

Team	G	Pts.	Opp.	Diff.
Seattle Seahawks	16	241	154	87
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>66</b>
Jacksonville Jaguars	16	220	157	63

**NEARLY UNBEATABLE AT 30**

The 31-26 NFC Wild Card Playoff win over Carolina was the seventh game when the Saints scored 30 points in 2017, winners in all of them. During Payton's tenure as head coach, the Saints have a 71-11 record (86.6%) in games where they've scored at least 30 points.

**30-POINT GAMES BY SEASON (2006-11, 13-17)**

**2006:** 6-1

**2007:** 5-0

**2008:** 6-2

**2009:** 12-0 (Including 3-0 in postseason)

**2010:** 6-1 (Including 0-1 in postseason)

**2011:** 10-2 (Including 1-1 in postseason)

**2013:** 6-0

**2014:** 4-1

**2015:** 3-1

**2016:** 6-3

**2017:** 7-0 (Including 1-0 in postseason)

**TEAM NOTES****SAINTS BY THE NUMBERS**

1 – Super Bowl appearances and Championships

2 – NFC Championship appearances

6 – Division Championships

357 – Franchise wins (regular season and postseason)

10 – Pro Football Hall of Famers

4 – Ring of Honor members

33 – Number of years the club was owned by Tom Benson, who passed away this spring.

51 – Saints Hall of Famers

52 – The club enters its 52nd season of play.

84,728 – Largest home crowd (US), a Nov. 3, 1968 contest vs. the Dallas Cowboys played at Tulane Stadium.

73,373 – Largest crowd at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, a Nov. 24, 2014 contest vs. Baltimore.

112 – Games won by Head Coach Sean Payton (regular season and postseason), ranked first in club history and 40th in National Football League record books.

6,222 – Number of career completions by quarterback Drew Brees, ranked second in NFL record books.

70,445 – Passing yards by Brees third in NFL records.

488 – TD passes by Brees, tied for third in NFL records.

5,362 – Number of rushing yards by running back Mark Ingram II, second in franchise history.

1,540 – Total yards from scrimmage by Ingram in 2017.

59.5 – Number of sacks by defensive end Cameron Jordan, fifth in franchise record books.

86 – Team-high number of points scored by rookie running back Alvin Kamara in 2017.

1,554 – Team-high yards from scrimmage by Kamara.

196 – Number of receptions in his first two seasons by wide receiver Michael Thomas, an NFL Record.

512 – Career tackles by linebacker Craig Robertson.

44 – Seasons at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, which opened in 1975.

**PASSER RATING DIFFERENTIAL**

Combining outstanding play from Drew Brees and an improved defense, the Saints ranked second in the NFL in passer rating differential in the 2017 regular season.

**2017 LEADERS, PASSER RATING DIFFERENTIAL**

Team	Rtg.	Opp.	Diff.
1. Minnesota	99.1	73.0	26.1
<b>2. New Orleans</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>
3. LA Rams	98.3	78.4	19.9

**OFFENSIVE NOTES****DOMINATING OFFENSE**

Since 2006, when Payton arrived as head coach, the New Orleans Saints have been the NFL's top ranked offense (404.1 ypg.). In 2017, New Orleans finished ranked second in the NFL (391.2 ypg.).

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS SINCE 2006****(NET YARDS PER GAME)**

Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
<b>1. New Orleans</b>	<b>77,593</b>	<b>404.1</b>
2. New England	74,145	386.2
3. Philadelphia	71,551	372.7

The Saints finished 2017 ranked second in the NFL in net yards per game (391.2).

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS IN 2017****(NET YARDS PER GAME)**

Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New England	6,307	394.2
<b>2. New Orleans</b>	<b>6,259</b>	<b>391.2</b>
3. Pittsburgh	6,047	377.9

**YARDAGE RAMPAGE**

Since 2006, the Saints have racked up the team's seven highest single-game net yardage totals. Prior to Payton's hiring, New Orleans had only reached 500 yards in seven games. Since then they've met the mark in 24 games.

**TOP SEVEN NEW ORLEANS SAINTS TOTAL NET YARDAGE GAMES**

Rk.	Opponent	Yds.	Rush	Pass	Date
1.	vs. Dallas	625	242	383	11/10/13
2.	vs. Carolina	617	208	409	1/1/12
3.	vs. NYG	608	103	505	11/1/15
4.	vs. Cincinnati	595	91	504	11/19/06
5.	vs. NYG	577	205	372	11/28/11
6.	vs. Minnesota	573	161	412	12/18/11
7.	vs. SF	571	248	323	11/6/16

## OFFENSIVE NOTES

### KEEPING DRIVES GOING

The Saints have converted an NFL-best 46.7 of their third down attempts in the regular season since 2006.

#### THIRD DOWN CONVERSION LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Made	Att.	Pct.
1. New Orleans	1,183	2,533	46.7
2. New England	1,123	2,548	44.1
3. Indianapolis	1,101	2,526	43.6

### FIRST DOWNS

The Saints rank first in the NFC and second in the NFL with 4,359 first downs in the regular season since 2006, including a league-best 2,884 first downs passing. The Saints' 314 in 2017 were ranked sixth.

#### NFL FIRST DOWN LEADERS SINCE 2006

Team	Tot.	Rush	Pass	Pen
1. New England	4,456	1,390	2,663	403
2. New Orleans	4,359	1,187	2,884	288
3. Indianapolis	3,995	1,078	2,550	367

### THROUGH THE AIR

Each season since 2006, the Saints have ranked in the NFL's top five in passing, averaging 296.1 net yards per game to lead the league during the period. In 2017, the Saints again finished fifth in the NFL rankings in passing offense, averaging 317.1 net passing yards per game.

#### NFL NET PASSING YARDS PER GAME SINCE 2006

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. New Orleans	56,849	296.1
2. New England	51,250	266.9
3. Green Bay	48,617	253.2

#### 2017 NFL NET PASSING YARDS PER GAME

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. LA Chargers	4,431	276.9
2. New England	4,418	276.1
3. Pittsburgh	4,380	273.8
4. Tampa Bay	4,366	272.9
5. New Orleans	4,189	261.8

### YARDS AFTER THE CATCH

Since 2006, the Saints rank first in the NFL in yards after the catch (27,962). New Orleans ranked first in the NFL in 2017 with 2,401 yards after the catch with rookie running back Alvin Kamara ranked second in the NFL (705).

#### YARDS AFTER THE CATCH BY NFL TEAMS SINCE 2006

Team	YAC
1. NO	27,962
2. NE	26,363
3. GB	25,269

#### YARDS AFTER THE CATCH BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2017

Team	YAC
1. NO	2,401
2. KC	2,214
3. Det.	2,160

### FOUR DOWN TERRITORY

Since 2006, the New Orleans Saints are ranked second in the conference and fourth in the National Football League in fourth down conversion rate, converting 107-of-193 attempts (55.4 Pct.). In 2017, New Orleans converted 12-of-15 third down attempts (80.0%), best in the NFL.

#### FOURTH DOWN CONVERSION RATE

##### IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SINCE 2006

Rk. Team	Conv./Att.	Pct.
1. New England Patriots	120/190	63.2
2. Cincinnati Bengals	93/161	57.8
3. Dallas Cowboys	89/155	57.4
4. New Orleans Saints	107/193	55.4
5. Philadelphia Eagles	106/195	54.4

#### FOURTH DOWN CONVERSION RATE

##### IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 2017

Rk. Team	Conv./Att.	Pct.
1. New Orleans Saints	12/15	80.0
2. Jacksonville Jaguars	10/13	76.9
3. Philadelphia Eagles	17/26	65.4

## OFFENSIVE NOTES

### RUN GAME RESURGENCE

After rushing for 100 yards as a team only once in their first four games in 2017, the Saints went for over 100 yards in each of their next eight contests in which they went 7-1.

After averaging 108.9 yards per game rushing in 2016, the Saints averaged 129.4 yards rushing per game in 2017, ranked fifth in the NFL.

The emergence of the Saints running attack over the final three months of the season was largely aided by the ability and performance of Mark Ingram II and Alvin Kamara. The tailback duo combined for 250 carries for 1852 yards (7.4 avg.) and 20 touchdowns. With Ingram leading the team in rushing (career-high 1,124) and rushing touchdowns (career-high 12) for the fourth straight season, and Kamara (6.1) leading the National Football League in yards per carry. The Saints finished the 2017 season with an NFL-best 23 rushing touchdowns, the second-highest team total behind 28 in 1979.

### 2017 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Rk. Team	Yds.	Yds./Gm.
1. Jacksonville	2,262	141.4
2. Dallas	2,170	135.6
3. Philadelphia	2,115	132.2
4. Carolina	2,102	131.4
<b>5. New Orleans</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>129.4</b>

### THE TRIPLETS

Ingram (1,540), Kamara (1,554) and WR Michael Thomas (1,245) were the only trio from a team in 2017 to each be over 1,100 total yards from scrimmage. In fact it is only the fourth time in franchise history that three Saints have at least 1,000 total yards from scrimmage in the same season.

### SAINTS TRIOS WITH 1,000 TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE (Ranked in total Yards)

- 4,339 - 2017, RB Mark Ingram (1,540), RB Alvin Kamara (1,554) and WR Michael Thomas (1,245)**
- 4,071 - 2001, WR Joe Horn (1,269), WR Willie Jackson (1,046) and RB Ricky Williams (1,756)
- 3,702 - 2016, WR Brandin Cooks (1,203), RB Mark Ingram II (1,362) and WR Michael Thomas (1,137)
- 3,600 - 2006, RB Reggie Bush (1,307), WR Marques Colston (1,038) and RB Deuce McAllister (1,255)

The trio of Ingram, Kamara and Thomas all finished the regular season in the top 10 in the National Football League for first downs.

### 2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIRST DOWN LEADERS

	Rush	Rec.	Tot.
1. Le'Veon Bell, Pit.	74	31	105
2. Todd Gurley, LA Rams	66	32	98
3. Melvin Gordon, LAC	58	22	80
<b>4t. Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>78</b>
4t. Kareem Hunt, KC	60	18	78
4t. LeSean McCoy, Buf.	55	23	78
7. Keenan Allen, LAC	0	74	74
8. Antonio Brown, Pit.	0	71	71
<b>9. Michael Thomas, NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>10t. Mark Ingram, NO</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>69</b>
10t. DeAndre Hopkins, Hou.	0	69	69

### HOLDING THE LINE

Since 2006, the New Orleans Saints have allowed the fewest sacks in the National Football League, surrendering only 294 takedowns in 192 regular season games and 20 in 2017, the second-lowest total in the league.

### SACKS ALLOWED BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS FROM 2006-

Rk. Team	Sacks
<b>1. New Orleans</b>	<b>294</b>
2. New York Giants	330
3. Indianapolis	355

### FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2017

Rk. Team	Sacks
1. LA Chargers	18
<b>2. New Orleans</b>	<b>20</b>
3t. Pittsburgh	21
3t. Atlanta	24
3t. Jacksonville	24



## OFFENSIVE NOTES

### HOLDING THE LINE

Ahead is a synopsis of several returning players and newcomers through the draft, free agency and trade to the 2018 Saints offensive line:

**LT Terron Armstead** - The club's first third round draft choice in 2013 out of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Armstead impressed scouts by running the fastest 40-yard dash time (4.71) by an offensive lineman in the history of the NFL Scouting Combine. He has opened 46 regular season games for New Orleans, returning to action in week six in 2017 after missing the first four contests with a shoulder injury. Armstead's also opened four postseason contests.

**T/G Andrus Peat** - A first round selection (13th overall) in the 2015 NFL Draft out of Stanford, Peat was considered one of the top college offensive linemen in 2014. In his final season in Palo Alto as a junior, Peat started all 13 games at left tackle and was named a first-team All-American by ESPN.com, *The Sporting News* and SI.com and received second-team honors from the *Associated Press*. In his first three seasons, Peat has played in 42 games with 37 starts, opening a contest at every position except center. In 2017, Peat took a massive step forward, opening 15 contests at left guard and left tackle, also opening the NFC Divisional Playoff at left guard. Headed into his fourth season, Peat now possesses both a veteran's experience and youthful athleticism, making him a key to the Saints' future success.

**T Ryan Ramczyk** - The Black and Gold used their second first round selection in the 2017 NFL Draft to snag Ramczyk, viewed by many as one of the best offensive linemen in the entire draft. The 6-6, 314 lb. tackle moved from Division III Wisconsin-Stevens Point to Wisconsin, and in just one season with the Badgers, he flourished. Ramczyk started all 14 games in 2016 and was a consensus All-American, blocking for an offense that gained 203.1 rushing yards per game and allowing just one sack. Ramczyk figures to make an immediate impact in year two in holding down the right side following after opening all 16 games and both postseason contests in 2017 and being selected as a PFWA All-Rookie.

**C Max Unger** - After being acquired by the Saints via trade in the 2015 offseason, Max Unger has anchored the middle of the line for the past three seasons, starting all 47 contests he's appeared in at center and serving as a two-time team captain. A second round draft pick of the Seattle Seahawks in 2009, Unger has been named an AP first-team All-Pro in 2012 and is a two-time Pro Bowler. The Hawaii native's opened all 114 games he has played in since 2009.

**G Larry Warford** - Originally selected by Detroit in the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft (65<sup>th</sup> overall) out of Kentucky,

this sixth-year blocker brought size, strength and foot quickness to the Saints' line in 2017, as he started all 14 regular season games and both postseason contests at right guard. New Orleans' rush offense responded to his addition, as the ground game finished fifth in the NFL as he was named to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career.

**G Josh LeRibeus** - A third-round pick by Washington in 2012, LeRibeus had played in 28 games with 12 starts as well as two additional postseason appearances. In signing with the Saints in 2017, he appeared in all 16 regular season games and both postseason contests as a valuable backup at left guard and contributing as a lead blocker.

**C/G Will Clapp** - A technically proficient player, who through the combination of size, strength and intelligence, was a three-year starter on the LSU offensive line, starting all 36 games that he appeared in (13 at center, 12 at left guard, 11 at right guard), earning first-team All-SEC honors at guard and center. Blocking for 1,000-yard rushers in each of his three college seasons, Clapp settled in at center in 2017, where he was a first-team All-SEC selection and a Rimington Trophy finalist.

**T Jermon Bushrod** - A fourth round draft pick of the Saints in 2007 out of Towson, Bushrod developed into a two-time Pro Bowler at left tackle. Following stints in Chicago and Miami, where he also enhanced his versatility by playing on the interior as well, Bushrod returns to New Orleans in 2018 with 134 appearances and 122 starts under his belt.

## DEFENSIVE NOTES

### DEFENSIVE DRAFT

Over the NFL Drafts from 2015-18, New Orleans has shown a commitment to improving the defense, spending 17-of-28 picks on that side of the ball. With nine picks in the 2015 NFL Draft, the Saints picked six defensive players, the most taken since New Orleans chose nine defensive players in a 12-round selection meeting in 1990. Below is an overview of the players selected by New Orleans from 2015-18 on the 53-man roster:

**LB Alex Anzalone, Florida (D3b-17)** - A 6-3, 241 lb. linebacker, Anzalone showcased plenty of potential at Florida. As a senior, he started the first eight games for the Gators until a broken forearm ended his campaign. Despite the shortened season, Anzalone still ranked third on the team with 53 tackles and racked up three sacks and one fumble recovery. The three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient plays with both physicality and intelligence and has made an immediate impact as a starter on the outside from day one where he recorded 14 tackles, one sack and one pass defensed for being placed on Injured Reserve in Week Five.

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## DEFENSIVE NOTES

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**S Vonn Bell, Ohio State (D2b-16)** - Selected by New Orleans in the second round (61st overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft, Bell was a consensus All-American and one of the top rated defensive backs in the NFL Draft. As a senior, the Rossville, Ga. native was a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist after recording 65 tackles and adding two interceptions, one brought back for a touchdown, one fumble recovery and 11 passes defended. During his 2016 rookie season, Bell translated that collegiate success to the NFL with ease, starting 14 games and finishing second on the team with 98 tackles (59 solo) and first on the team with two forced fumbles. In 2017, Bell played in all 16 games with ten starts and had a team-high 78 tackles (57 solo), 4.5 sacks, to tie for second on the team, two passes defended, two forced fumbles and five special teams tackles. In the postseason, he led the team with 17 tackles and one sack.

**DE Marcus Davenport, Texas-San Antonio (D1-18)** - Davenport joined the Saints in 2017 after showing potential and production as a pass rusher during his college career at Texas-San Antonio. In four college seasons, Davenport posted 22 sacks, including 8.5 in 2017 when he captured Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year honors. Davenport's strength on the line should be a valuable asset for the Saints front in the future, playing an important role in the club's defensive pressure packages in 2018 as he develops into an every-down player.

**DT Tyeler Davison, Fresno State (D5b-15)** - This run-stopping widebody defensive lineman played in 53 career games at Fresno State from 2011-14 and made 28.5 stops for a loss and 14.5 sacks. After moving into the starting lineup in 2016, Davison has continued to improve, with his 31 tackles (21 solo), one pass defended and two forced fumbles not showing his true value as a run-stopper. In the postseason, he added nine tackles and one sack.

**DE Trey Hendrickson, Florida Atlantic (D3c-17)** - This former third round draft choice in the 2017 NFL Draft (103<sup>rd</sup> overall) out of Florida Atlantic brought his raw talent, size, strength and speed to a youthful Saints defensive line that saw vast statistical improvements as a unit in 2017. In his first season as a pro the rotational pass rusher appeared in 12 regular season games posting 13 tackles (seven solo), two sacks for 15 yards lost, two passes defended and one forced fumble. The Central Florida native missed the final three regular season games due to an ankle injury, but was able to play in both postseason contests gaining valuable playoff experience.

**CB Marshon Lattimore, Ohio State (D1a-17)** - The 11th overall selection in the 2017 NFL draft and the first corner taken possesses all the traits of a lockdown defender. In

2016 at Ohio State, he was named first-team All-Big Ten after recording four interceptions. With his agile, fluid style, Lattimore has the ability to shut down the best wide receivers. He played a critical role in the Black and Gold pass defense unit as a rookie in 2017, as he moved into the starting lineup immediately. In October, he became the first Saints rookie since 2000 to capture NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month, when he had 16 tackles, two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown, five passes defended and a fumble recovery and also captured the award in December. For the regular season, he finished with 53 stops, five picks, to lead NFL rookies and the Saints, tying a team rookie record, a club-best 18 passes defended, a forced fumble and a recovery. Lattimore was the first New Orleans cornerback selected to the Pro Bowl since 1995 and was selected as a consensus Defensive Rookie of the Year.

**DT David Onyemata, Manitoba (D4-16)** - Possessing a unique combination of size and speed, this Lagos, Nigeria native had an impressive rookie year after becoming the first player from the University of Manitoba to be drafted into the NFL. Despite being extraordinarily new to football, the fourth round pick appeared in all 16 games in 2016, notching 32 tackles on the year. Now with experience under his belt, Onyemata became a critical member on the interior of the Saints defensive front as an important member of its defensive tackle rotation, playing in all 16 games for the second consecutive season with six starts, making 40 tackles and two sacks, while adding three more stops in the postseason.

**DT Sheldon Rankins, Louisville (D1-16)** - Selected 12th overall in the first round of the 2016 NFL Draft, the Georgia native played in 46 games along the defensive line at Louisville from 2012-15, producing 133 total tackles (72 solo), 31.5 tackles for loss and 18 sacks during his collegiate career. A broken leg delayed his NFL debut in 2016 until Week Nine, but he made the most of his limited action, still finishing tied for third on the club with four sacks. On Nov. 12, 2017, Rankins recorded his first career interception. In the week 15 win vs. Atlanta, he closed out the contest with a sack. In the NFC Divisional Playoff at Minnesota, Rankins added his first career postseason quarterback takedown.

**S Marcus Williams, Utah (D2-17)** - A three-year starter at Utah, Williams was twice named All-Pac 12 and earned second-team All-American as a junior before declaring for the NFL Draft. In 2016, he tied for second in the conference with five interceptions, despite missing two games due to injury. The defender boasts a dangerous mix of speed, fluidity, and instinct that allows him to read offenses and make breaks on the ball. His athleticism showed as he made 70 tackles, four interceptions and six passes defended in the regular season, adding ten more stops (seven solo) and another pick in two postseason contests.

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## DEFENSIVE NOTES

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**CB P.J. Williams, Florida State (D3b-15)** - One of the most gifted athletes among the Black and Gold, Williams' career was limited in the beginning by missing all but two games in his first two seasons with various injuries, but rebounded from the adversity early in his career to come on strong in 2017, when he played in all 16 regular season games and both postseason contests. An experienced starter from Florida State, who developed into one of the nation's top cover corners as a junior in 2014, Williams finished his college career with 123 tackles (82 solo), four interceptions and 18 passes defended. Williams finished with 47 tackles, his first two career interceptions and nine passes defended in the 2017 regular season in 16 games with six starts, while adding five more stops and two passes defended in the playoffs.

### SACK ATTACK

In 2017, while the improvement in the New Orleans defense can be credited to the defensive line, linebackers and secondary as a group, the Saints finished the regular season tied for seventh in the NFL with 42 sacks. They continued with their successful, relentless pass rush by recording six takedowns in only two postseason contests.

### SACKS BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2017

Team	Sacks
1. Pit.	56
2. Jax.	55
3. Car.	50
4. LA Rams	48
5t. LA Chargers	43
5t. Ten.	43
<b>7t. NO</b>	<b>42</b>
7t. NE	42
7t. Chi.	42

### PICK CITY

In 2017, an opportunistic Saints defense snared 20 interceptions in the regular season, two for touchdowns led by rookie cornerback and Pro Bowl selection Marshon Lattimore's five picks with one for a score as he was selected as *Associated Press* Defensive Rookie of the Year. It was the third most picks in 2017 in the National Football League after recording only nine apiece in both the 2015 and 2016 campaigns.

### INTERCEPTIONS BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS IN 2017

Rk. Team	Interceptions
1. Baltimore	22
2. Jacksonville	21
<b>3. New Orleans</b>	<b>20</b>

### SCORING DEFENSE

After ranking 31st in the NFL in 2016, giving up 28.4 points per game, New Orleans rose in the rankings to rank tenth in 2017, they have given up an average of 20.4 points per game.

### OPPONENT POINTS PER GAME BY NFL TEAMS IN 2017

Team	Points/Game
1. Min.	15.8
2. Jax.	16.8
3. LA Chargers	17.0
4. Phi.	18.5
5. NE	18.5
6. Bal.	18.9
7. Pit.	19.3
8. Atl.	19.7
<b>10. NO</b>	<b>20.4</b>

## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

### JUST KICKING IT

Between deep passes for touchdowns and athletic interceptions, players often use their hands to produce the game's flashiest plays. However, the players who use their feet often make the difference between winning and losing, between drilling clutch field goals or flipping the field with a well-executed punt.

**K Wil Lutz** went undrafted in 2016, joining the Baltimore Ravens for training camp. Prior to the start of the regular season, Lutz joined the Black and Gold and immediately took on the role of starting kicker. Lutz enters 2018 having previously kicked in 32 games, converting 59-of-70 field goal attempts (84.3 percent) and 96-of-100 PATS (96.0 percent). He has also recorded 107 touchbacks on 180 career kickoffs through the conclusion of the 2017 season. Entering the 2018 campaign, his 84.3 percent field goal percentage was best among kickers with at least 50 made field goals in team history.

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## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

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P **Thomas Morstead** was the first punter drafted by the Saints since 1984. The club's fifth round draft choice (164<sup>th</sup> overall) in 2009 from Southern Methodist University, Morstead has been a weapon in the field position game with his strong leg, outstanding placement abilities and booming kickoffs. In nine years, he has a gross average of 47.0 on 527 punts with a 41.3 net and 184 punts inside the 20-yard line, while also booming 259 kickoffs in the end zone for touchbacks. During the 2017 season, Morstead tied Joel Hilgenberg for 17<sup>th</sup> on the Saints all-time games played list and ranked sixth in the NFL in net punting average (42.2)

### RETURN TO SENDER

WR **Tommy Lee Lewis** has found an important role on special teams, returning the majority of punts for the Black and Gold in 2016. He averaged 11.4 yards per return that season and brought back 14 punts for an 8.2 average in 2017 as he competes for the role in 2018 training camp. Last year, RB **Alvin Kamara** recorded a 106-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in Week 17 at Tampa Bay was the longest play in team history. Below are the three-longest kickoff returns in club records:

#### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS IN NEW ORLEANS SAINTS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Yards	Year
1.	<b>Alvin Kamara</b>	<b>106t</b>	<b>2017</b>
2.	Eric Guliford	102t	1997
3.	Mel Gray	101t	1986

## QUARTERBACKS

### DREW BREES

• Since signing with the Saints as an unrestricted free agent in 2006 from the San Diego Chargers, QB Drew Brees has thrown for 4,000 or more yards each season, became the only National Football League signal-caller to throw for 5,000 yards five different times and ranked at or near the top in every passing category, both in single-seasons and over the 12-year period, breaking virtually every club passing record.

• Brees once again kept up the pace in 2017, leading New Orleans to an 11-5 regular season record, the NFC South title and the NFC Divisional Playoff round, completing 386-of-536 passes (72.0%) for 4,334 yards with 23 touchdown passes, eight interceptions and a 103.9 passer rating, adding two rushing touchdowns. He set a National Football League record in completion percentage, ranked first in the

league in completions, second in passer rating, third in fourth quarter passer rating (117.6) and fourth in passing yardage.

• Since first signing with New Orleans in 2006 and playing in 190 regular season games, ranked third in club record books, Brees leads the NFL with 58,097 passing yards, 408 touchdown passes, 7,485 attempts, 5,097 completions, a 68.1% completion percentage, 102 games with at least 300 yards passing, 15 with at least 400 yards passing, 444 completions of 25 yards or more and stands at third in the league with a 99.6 passer rating. He did not throw an interception through the first four games of the season for the first time.

• Brees has been selected to play in a team-record ten Pro Bowls as a Saint, with 11 overall berths in the National Football League's all-star game, twice as a starter, including a selection in 2017. His seven consecutive selections (2008-14) as a Saint is tied for first in club history with Pro Football Hall of Fame T William Roaf.

• Brees has posted a 112-78 regular season mark in games he has started since signing with the Saints in 2006. In Week 15 of the 2016 season, Brees earned his 100th regular season victory in a Saints uniform. Including his seven playoff victories, his 119 total wins as a member of the Saints make him the winningest quarterback in team history and the NFL's second-winningest signal-caller since 2006.

• In his 18-year National Football League player career during which he has appeared in 249 regular season games, ranked sixth in National Football League record books for signal-callers, with 248 starts, Brees has completed 6,222-of-9,294 passes (66.9%) for 70,445 yards, 488 touchdown passes and a 96.7 passer rating. He's stands as the National Football League's all-time most accurate passer, is ranked second in completions, third in passing yardage, tied with Tom Brady for third in touchdowns and ranked sixth in rating.

• The Saints have been led six times in the postseason behind the arm of Brees, who in the playoffs, has started all 13 games he has appeared in, 12 as a member of the Saints. He has completed 354-of-537 passes (65.9 pct.) for 4,209 yards, 29 touchdowns, nine interceptions and a 101.6 passer rating, while posting a 7-6 mark, 7-5 as the starting signal-caller for the Saints from 2006-present.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**3** – NFC Offensive Player of the Month awards won by Brees in his 11-year career in Black and Gold, the most monthly awards won by a Saints player in team history.

**4** – Brees (2011 and 2012), Dan Marino (Miami in 1984 and 1986) Peyton Manning (Denver in 2013 and Indianapolis in 2014), and Aaron Rodgers (Green Bay in 2011 and 2016) are the only four players to throw for 40 or more touchdowns twice. Also, the NFL-record number of consecutive games that Brees threw for 350 yards in 2011. In 2017, Brees didn't throw an interception through the first four games of 2017, the first time that he'd done so in his 17-year NFL career.

**5** – NFL-record number of seasons (2008, 2011-13, 2016) that Brees has thrown for over 5,000 yards.

**7** – The NFL-record number of regular season contests where Brees has thrown five touchdowns and zero interceptions. Also the league-record number of times Brees has led the league in passing, including in 2016 (5,208).

**8** – The National Football League-record number of times Brees reached the 350-yard passing mark in 2011.

**9** – NFL league-record stretch of consecutive games with at least 300 yards passing, which he's accomplished twice. Brees' nine-game winning streak (11/24/08-9/30/13) as a starter on Monday Night Football is tied for second all-time. Also, the team record number of seasons that Brees has been selected to the Pro Bowl. Also, the number of seasons overall and NFL-record consecutive campaigns (2008-16) that Brees has thrown for at least 30 touchdowns.

**10** – In the postseason, Brees' passing yardage (3,915) and completions (329) numbers both rank tenth in National Football League record books.

**11** – The number of consecutive seasons Brees threw 25 touchdown passes from 2006-16, making him only the second player in history to do so, joining Manning (13, 1998-2010). Including once with San Diego in 2004, the number of times Brees has been selected to the Pro Bowl. He was selected for the team-record tenth time as a Saint in 2017.

**12** – Number of seasons Brees thrown 25 or more touchdowns, third in NFL record books behind Tom Brady (13) and Manning (16). Also the number of seasons, all consecutive that Brees has tossed for at least 4,000 yards.

**14** – After tossing for 246 yards on Nov. 26, 2017 at the Los Angeles Rams, 2017 became Brees' 14th consecutive season with 3,000 yards passing, a feat surpassed only by Brett Favre (18). Also, with 13 300-yard games in 2011, Brees set the National Football League single-season record, surpassing the one he previously tied with 10 in 2008.

**15** – In 2017, Brees became only the fourth player in NFL record books to have 15 3,000-yard passing seasons, joining Brett Favre (18), Peyton Manning (16), and currently tied with Brady (15). 15 is also the NFL-record number of regular season contests where Brees has thrown for at least 400 yards.

**18** – On Nov. 12 at Buffalo, Brees scored on a seven-yard rush, recording the 18th rushing touchdown of his career.

**20** – Club-record NFC Player of the Week awards won by Brees as a member of the Saints and the most conference Player of the Week honors since 2006. Including his five-year tenure with San Diego, his 22 conference Player of the Week awards rank third all-time in National Football League record books behind Brady (28) and Manning (27).

**31** – Number of successful drives in the fourth quarter or overtime engineered by Brees for a touchdown or field goal in the regular season to lead the Saints to victory since joining the club in 2006, including two in 2017. Also the number regular season contests by Brees with at least four touchdown passes, ranked second all-time behind Manning (35).

**45** – Consecutive regular season contests between 2012-15 with at least one touchdown pass, fifth-best in league history. The streak ended on Nov. 29, 2015 at Houston.

**54** – Consecutive regular season contests between 2009-12 with at least one touchdown pass, the longest streak in NFL history, surpassing the record previously held by Johnny Unitas (47). It was set on Oct. 7, 2012 vs. San Diego. It ended on Nov. 29, 2012 after a TD-free outing at Atlanta.

**56** – NFL-record number of games with at least 30 completions, ahead of Manning (38).

**57** – Also, the NFL-record number of consecutive regular season contests where Brees threw at least 20 completions until Oct. 13, 2013 at New England.

**61** – Players that Brees' 488 career touchdown passes have gone to. Dec. 31, at Tampa Bay, Zach Line became the 61st player and the 46th Saint to catch a TD from Brees.

**66.9** – Career completion percentage, ranked first in National Football League record books.

**67.8** – Team-record completion percentage as a Saint, ranked first in the NFL during this 12-season period.

**72.0** – Completion percentage in the 2017 season by Brees that set an NFL record.

**99** – Games by Brees as a Saint where he's posted a rating of 100 or more (min. 10 attempts) owning a 77-22 record in these contests. Overall, in his 17-year career, he's reached the milestone 114 times.

**101.5** – Career passer rating indoors during the regular season, fourth in the NFL All-time.

## BREES BY THE NUMBERS

**102** – Club-record regular season contests by Brees with 300 yards or more passing as a Saint, the highest total since 2006. Brees has reached the 300-yard mark 109 times, ahead of Manning (93) for the most all-time.

**112** – Club-record regular season wins as a starter since signing with the club in 2006, making him the second-winningest signal-caller in the NFL and most in the NFC over that period. Including the playoffs, Brees has compiled a 119-83 record as the Saints' starter.

**148** – Regular season games Brees has with two or more touchdown passes in his 17-year career, the second-most by an active player behind Brady (156). Since signing with the Saints in 2006, Brees has 123 contests with multiple touchdown passes, first in the NFL.

**205** – Oct. 4, 2015 vs. Dallas, with an 80-yard touchdown pass to RB C.J. Spiller, Brees reached 400 touchdowns in his 205th career game, the quickest a player's reached 400 TDs, eclipsing the record previously held by Manning (209).

**231** – Regular season TD passes at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the most by a player at a specific stadium.

**240** – Games it took Brees to reach 6,000 career completions, which occurred, Oct. 29 vs. Chicago, doing so 19 games sooner than Manning.

**408** – Touchdown passes as a Saint, ranked first in club records and in the NFL during this time period. With 488 career touchdowns, he's tied for third all-time with Brady behind Favre and Manning.

**5,097** – Completions since 2006, the NFL's highest total over this 12-season period.

**58,097** – In the October 15 win over Detroit, Brees eclipsed 55,000 passing yards as a Saint.

**70,445** – On Dec. 24, 2017 vs. Atlanta, Brees eclipsed 70,000 career passing yards on a 12-yard completion to Mark Ingram, becoming just the third player to reach the mark and the fastest. Brees now has 70,445 career passing yards.

## WINNING QB

Brees has posted a 112-78 regular season record since 2006, second among quarterbacks and first in the NFC. On his 18-year NFL career, he has 142 wins as a starter.

### WINS BY NFL STARTING QUARTERBACKS SINCE 2006

(REGULAR SEASON)

- |                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Tom Brady         | 138        |
| <b>2. Drew Brees</b> | <b>112</b> |
| 3. Peyton Manning    | 107        |

Since 2006, Brees has engineered 31 regular season drives in the fourth quarter or overtime for a touchdown or a field goal to lead the Saints to victory from a deficit or tie, third in the NFL since 2006. Brees has engineered three more in the playoffs. Overall, Brees has 37 career regular season game-winning drives to his credit.

### GAME-WINNING DRIVES SINCE 2006

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Matt Ryan, Atl.	35
2. Eli Manning, NYG	32
<b>3. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>31</b>

## RATING SUCCESS

With 99 regular season contests (min. 10 attempts) with a passer rating of at least 100 since 2006, including seven times in 2017, Brees is first in the National Football League over this period. The Saints have a 77-22 (.778) mark in these games. Brees will be seeking his 100th time reaching the century mark in the regular season as a Saint in Sunday's opener vs. Tampa Bay.

### GAMES WITH A 100+ PASSER RATING SINCE 2006 (min. 10 att.)

Rk. Quarterback	No.
<b>1. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>99</b>
2. Tom Brady, NE	89
3. Aaron Rodgers, GB	80

With a 96.7 career passer rating, Drew Brees has the sixth-best rating of all-time in National Football League record books.

### TOP 10 CAREER PASSER RATINGS (Min. 1500 Att.)

Rating	Quarterback
103.8	Aaron Rodgers
98.8	Russell Wilson
97.6	Tom Brady
97.1	Tony Romo
96.8	Steve Young
<b>96.7</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>
96.5	Peyton Manning
94.8	Philip Rivers
94.0	Ben Roethlisberger
93.7	Kurt Warner

**RATING SUCCESS**

Brees' 103.9 passer rating ranked second in the National Football League in 2017 and first in the NFC and was the seventh time he surpassed the century mark. Brees reached the century mark in 11 regular season contests, tying his career-best in 2011 and also in one postseason contest.

**TOP THREE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSER RATINGS IN 2017**

Rating Quarterback

104.7 Alex Smith

**103.9 Drew Brees**

102.8 Tom Brady

**PINPOINT PASSER**

Brees' 66.9 percent career completion percentage is ranked first in NFL records. He's completed a club record 67.9 percent of his passes since coming to the Saints in 2006.

**NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS IN COMPLETION**

PERCENTAGE (min. 1,500 atts.)

Quarterback	Years	Comp. %
<b>1. Drew Brees</b>	<b>2001-</b>	<b>66.9 (6,222-9,294)</b>
2. Chad Pennington	2000-10	66.0 (1,632-2,471)
3. Kurt Warner	1998-2009	65.5 (2,666-4,070)

Brees' 72.0% completion percentage in 2009, set a single season NFL record. It was the eighth time he finished with a completion percentage of at least 68 percent, with 2017 marking the fifth consecutive one he did so.

**NFL SINGLE-SEASON COMPLETION PERCENTAGE LEADERS**

Quarterback	Team	Comp. %
<b>1. Drew Brees (2017)</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>72.0 (386-536)</b>
2. Sam Bradford (2016)	Min.	71.6 (295-552)
<b>3. Drew Brees (2011)</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>71.2 (468-657)</b>

**COMPLETIONS LEADER**

With 6,222 career regular season completions, Brees is ranked second all-time in NFL records. With 79 completions in 2018, he will become the league's all-time leader

**ALL-TIME NFL COMPLETIONS LEADERS**

Completions	Quarterback
6,300	Brett Favre
<b>6,222</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>
6,125	Peyton Manning

Brees has the top three and six of the top eight marks for completions in a season.

**MOST COMPLETIONS IN A NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASON**

Quarterback	Year	Comp.
<b>1. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>471</b>
<b>2. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>468</b>
<b>3. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>456</b>

**YARDAGE LEADER**

With 70,445 career passing yards in the regular season, Drew Brees is currently ranked first among active passers and third all-time. With 1,394 passing yards in 2018, he would surpass Brett Favre for second place. With 1,495 he would tie Peyton Manning for first and with 1,496, he would take first place over.

**ALL-TIME NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSING YARDAGE TOTALS**

Yards	QB	Teams
71,940	Peyton Manning	Ind./Den.
71,838	Brett Favre	GB/NYJ/Min.
<b>70,445</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>SD/NO</b>
66,159	Tom Brady	New England
61,361	Dan Marino	Miami

## YARDAGE LEADER

Brees is the first player to throw for 5,000 yards five times. He has five of the top eight passing yardage figures to his name. Below are all of the 5,000 yard passing seasons in National Football League record books.

### MOST PASSING YARDS IN A NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASON

Rk. Quarterback	Year	Yards
1. Peyton Manning, Den.	2013	5,477
<b>2. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>5,476</b>
3. Tom Brady, NE	2011	5,235
<b>4. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>5,208</b>
<b>5. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>5,177</b>
<b>6. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>5,162</b>
7. Dan Marino, Mia.	1984	5,084
<b>8. Drew Brees, NO</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>5,069</b>
9. Matthew Stafford, Det.	2011	5,038

Brees has led or tied for the league lead in passing yardage for an NFL-record seven times.

### ALL-TIME NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSING YARDAGE TITLE LEADERS

Seasons	Quarterback
<b>7</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>
5	Sonny Jurgensen
5	Dan Marino

## 70,445 BY THE NUMBERS

**1** – The first completion of Brees’ 18-year National Football League career, for a seven-yard gain to running back Terrell Fletcher, as a member of the Chargers in his National Football League debut on November 4, 2001 vs. Kansas City.

**78** – The number of players who have caught a pass from Brees in the regular season, including himself off of deflections.

**30,000** – Brees reached 30,000 yards passing on a 12-yard completion to wide receiver Devery Henderson at Atlanta, December 13, 2009.

**40,000** – Brees reached 40,000 yards passing on a 16-yard throw to wide receiver Marques Colston at Minnesota, December 18, 2011.

**50,000** – Reached 50,000 yards on a 22-yard completion to tight end Jimmy Graham vs. Carolina, December 8, 2013.

**52,349** – With an eight-yard completion to running back Travaris Cadet in his 132nd game as a Saint, vs. Tampa Bay, October 5, 2014, Brees reached 40,000 passing yards with a single team in the fewest contests in National Football League history.

**60,000** – On his 27-yard touchdown throw to wide receiver Brandin Cooks on December 21, 2015 against Detroit, Brees eclipsed 60,000 passing yards for his career, becoming just the fourth player to reach the mark.

**70,000** – On a first quarter 12-yard completion thrown to running back Mark Ingram II vs. Atlanta, December 24, 2017, Brees eclipsed 70,000 career passing yards.

## 12 STRAIGHT OF 4,000

Drew Brees is the only signal-caller in National Football League record books to throw for 4,000 yards in 12 consecutive seasons, which he has done every campaign since signing with New Orleans in 2006.

### FIVE OR MORE CONSECUTIVE 4,000-YARD PASSING SEASONS

Rk. QB	No.	Years
<b>1. Drew Brees</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2006-17</b>
2. Peyton Manning	6	1999-2004
3t. Peyton Manning	5	2006-10
3t. Tom Brady	5	2011-15

## 35 TDS IN THREE STRAIGHT

Brees is only the third player in NFL history to pass for 35 or more touchdowns in three consecutive seasons:

### QBS WITH 3 OR MORE STRAIGHT 35 TD SEASONS

Rk. Quarterback	No.	Yrs.
<b>1t. Drew Brees</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2011-13</b>
1t. Brett Favre	3	1995-97
1t. Peyton Manning	3	2012-14



## 15 OF 400

Brees has thrown for 400 yards in an NFL-best 15 regular season games, all as a Saint.

### CAREER GAMES WITH 400-PLUS YARDS PASSING

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	15
2. Peyton Manning	14
3. Dan Marino	13

## 14 3,000 YARD SEASONS

Brees is one of just four players with 14 3,000 yard passing seasons, tied for third in NFL record books.

### MOST 3,000 YARD PASSING SEASONS

Rk. QB	No.
1. Brett Favre	18
2. Peyton Manning	16
3t. Drew Brees	14
3t. Tom Brady	14

## PRO BOWL LEADER

With ten Pro Bowl appearances as a Saint, no one's been selected more than Brees in team records. No quarterback has been selected to the Pro Bowl more often during this 12-year period than Brees, who is tied with Tom Brady.

### SAINTS ALL-TIME PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

Rk. Saint	Pro Bowl Selections
1. Drew Brees	10
2. William Roaf	7
3t. Morten Andersen	6
3t. Jahri Evans	6
3t. Rickey Jackson	6

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE QUARTERBACK PRO BOWL SELECTIONS SINCE 2006

Rk. Saint	Pro Bowl Selections
1t. Drew Brees	10
1t. Tom Brady	10

## TOP OF THE CHARTS

Brees has posted the nine of the team's top ten yardage totals.

### TOP TEN SAINTS PASSING YARDAGE DAYS

Yds.	Quarterback	Att.	Cmp.	Opp.	Date
510	Drew Brees	52	30	vs. Cin.	11/19/06
505	Drew Brees	50	39	vs. NYG	11/1/15
465	Drew Brees	49	34	vs. Car	10/16/16
446	Drew Brees	53	37	@ Dal.	12/23/12
446	Drew Brees	54	35	@ GB	9/30/12
445	Drew Brees	49	35	vs. Jac	11/4/07
441	Aaron Brooks	48	30	vs. Den.	12/3/00
423	Drew Brees	42	28	vs. Oak.	9/11/16
422	Drew Brees	58	31	@Atl.	11/9/08
421	Drew Brees	48	31	@Den.	9/21/08

## 54 STRAIGHT WITH A TD

Brees owns the NFL's longest streak of consecutive games with a TD pass in a streak that ran from 2009-12. He also owns the fifth-longest streak in league history.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TD PASS

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees (2009-12)	54
2. Tom Brady	52
3. Peyton Manning	51
4. Johnny Unitas	47
5. Drew Brees (2012-15)	45

## MULTIPLE TD GAMES

Brees' 123 contests with more than one touchdown pass since 2006 leads the NFL during that period.

### GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TD PASSES SINCE 2006

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	123
2. Tom Brady	115
3. Philip Rivers	113

**MULTIPLE TD GAMES**

Brees' 148 career games with at least two touchdown passes is fourth in NFL record books all-time.

**MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TOUCHDOWN PASSES ALL-TIME**

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Peyton Manning	164
2. Brett Favre	159
3. Tom Brady	157
4. Drew Brees	148

**FIVE TD GAMES**

Brees' 10 five-TD pass games ranks first in the NFL.

**GAMES IN NFL HISTORY WITH FIVE-PLUS TDS**

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	10
2. Peyton Manning	9
3. Dan Marino	6

**4+ TD GAMES**

Brees' 32 games with at least four scoring throws are ranked second all-time.

**GAMES WITH FOUR-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Peyton Manning	35
2. Drew Brees	32
3. Tom Brady	28

**11 STRAIGHT OF 25**

Brees is only the second quarterback to have thrown for at least 25 touchdown passes in 11 straight seasons.

**10 OR MORE STRAIGHT 25 TD PASS SEASONS**

Rk. Quarterback	No.	Yrs.
1. Peyton Manning	13	1998-2010
2. Drew Brees	11	2006-2016

**12 OF 25 OR MORE**

Brees is ranked third in NFL record books for the most seasons of 25 or more touchdown passes (12).

**MOST SEASONS WITH 25 OR MORE TD PASSES**

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Peyton Manning	16
2. Tom Brady	13
3. Drew Brees	12

**NINE STRAIGHT OF 30**

Brees is the first quarterback in NFL record books to throw for 30 touchdowns in nine straight seasons.

**FIVE OR MORE STRAIGHT 30 TD PASS SEASONS**

Rk. Quarterback	No.	Yrs.
1. Drew Brees	9	2008-16
2. Brett Favre	5	1994-98

**NINE OF 30+**

Brees is tied for first in NFL record books for the most seasons of 30 or more touchdown passes.

**MOST SEASONS WITH 30 OR MORE TD PASSES**

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1t. Drew Brees	9
1t. Brett Favre	9
1t. Peyton Manning	9

**109 OF 300**

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees' 109 300-yard passing games in the regular season ranks first all-time in NFL record books.

**300-YARD PASSING GAMES ALL-TIME**

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	109
2. Peyton Manning	93
3. Tom Brady	81

**57 OF 350**

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees' 56 games of 350-yards or more passing ranks first in the National Football League all-time.

**MOST GAMES WITH 350 OR MORE PASSING YARDS ALL-TIME**

Rk. Quarterback	No.
1. Drew Brees	57
2. Tom Brady	42
3. Peyton Manning	35

**TOUCHDOWN LEADER**

With 488 career touchdown passes, New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees is tied for third all-time in the National Football League.

**ALL-TIME NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PASSING TOUCHDOWN TOTALS**

Touchdowns	Quarterback
539	Peyton Manning
508	Brett Favre
<b>488</b>	<b>Drew Brees</b>
488	Tom Brady
420	Dan Marino

**TOUCHDOWN TARGETS**

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees' 488 career touchdown passes in the regular season have gone to 61 different players, 46 of them Saints teammates, ten currently on the 53-man roster after he hit fullback Zach Line for a score in the fourth quarter of the regular season finale at Tampa Bay on December 31, 2017. Ahead is a list of the top ten recipients of touchdowns by Brees:

**DREW BREES' TOP TEN ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWN PASS TARGETS (REGULAR SEASON)**

Rk. Player	No.
1. Marques Colston (2006-15)	72
2. Jimmy Graham (2010-14)	51
3. Lance Moore (2006-13)	38

4. Robert Meachem (2007-11, 13-14)	25
5. Antonio Gates (2003-05)	23
6. Brandin Cooks (2014-2016)	20
7. Devery Henderson (2006-12)	17
8. Darren Sproles (2011-13)	16
<b>9. Michael Thomas (2016-)</b>	<b>14</b>
10t. Reggie Bush (2006-10)	12
10t. Pierre Thomas (2007-14)	12

**RUNNING BACKS**

**ALVIN KAMARA**

• A talented runner and receiver with a 5-10, 215-pound frame who was selected by the Saints in the third round of the 2016 NFL Draft out of the Tennessee, Alvin Kamara is enjoyed an outstanding rookie campaign. He ranked first on the club and sixth in the NFL in total yards from scrimmage (1,554), second on the team in rushing and receiving, carrying 120 times for 728 yards (6.1 avg.) with eight TDs and a two-point conversion, while catching 81 passes for 826 yards (10.2 avg.) with five TDs and a kickoff return for a TD for a club rookie record 14 total scores, tied for second in the NFL with teammate Mark Ingram. Kamara finished the regular season ranked first in the NFL in yards per carry. In the postseason, Kamara added 188 all purpose yards and two more touchdowns as he carried 21 times for 66 yards with a score and added five grabs for 72 yards and a TD.

• He was the first Saints offensive rookie selected to the Pro Bowl since RB Rueben Mayes in 1986, as an *Associated Press* second team All-Pro at the Flex position, the clubs' first rookie All-Pro since KR Tyrone Hughes in 1993 and was named *The Sporting News* NFL Rookie of the Year and the *Associated Press* Offensive Rookie of the Year.

**FAMOUS COMPANY**

With eight rushing touchdowns and five receiving touchdowns in 2017, Alvin Kamara was one of only four rookies in National Football League record books to have at least five rushing touchdowns and five receiving touchdowns, joining three Pro Football Hall of Famers in Doak Walker (1950), Charley Taylor (1964) and Gale Sayers (1964). Adding in his kickoff return touchdown, Kamara joined Sayers as the only rookie in NFL history with at least eight rushing touchdowns, five receiving scores and one return touchdown.

**ALVIN TIME**

Kamara totaled 81 receptions during the 2017 season, the second-highest total in the NFL among running backs and the highest rookie reception total overall. His 826 receiving yards set a club record for running backs as well.

**MOST RECEPTIONS BY RB-NFL (2017)**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1. Le'Veon Bell, Pit.	85	655	7.7	2
<b>2. Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>5</b>
3. Christian McCaffrey, Car.	80	651	8.1	5

Kamara had 27 'big play' runs (runs of 10+ yards) on the season on 120 carries. His 22.5 "big play" percentage was the best in the NFL (minimum 100 carries).

**2017 NFL BIG PLAY RUNS PERCENTAGE LEADERS**

Player (Team)	Att.	10+	10+%
<b>1. Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22.5</b>
2. Matt Breida, SF	105	17	16.2
3. Cam Newton, Car.	139	20	14.4

Kamara's 705 yards after the catch in 2017 ranked second in the NFL

**2017 YARDS AFTER THE CATCH LEADERS**

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Todd Gurley, LA Rams	811
<b>2.</b>	<b>Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>705</b>
3.	Le'Veon Bell, Pit.	688

Kamara's 1,554 total yards from scrimmage ranked sixth in the NFL, second among rookies and was the second-highest all-time total by a Saints rookie.

**ALL-TIME SAINTS ROOKIE TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE TOTALS**

Saint	Year	Total Yds.	Rush	Receive
1. George Rogers, 1981		1,800	1,674	126
<b>2. Alvin Kamara, 2017</b>		<b>1,554</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>826</b>
3. Rueben Mayes, 1986		1,449	1,353	96

Kamara averaged a league-best 6.1 yards per carry in 2017 which represents the second-highest season average in franchise history and the first time a Saint led the NFL in rushing average since Hokie Gajan averaged 6.0 yards per carry in 1984.

**SINGLE-SEASON NEW ORLEANS SAINTS YARDS PER CARRY LEADERS**

Saint, Year	Att.	Yards	YPC.
1. Darren Sproles, 2017	87	603	6.9
<b>2. Alvin Kamara, 2017</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>6.1</b>
3. Hokie Gajan, 1984	102	615	6.0

Kamara finished 2017 ranked second in the NFL in touchdowns.

**2017 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TOUCHDOWN LEADERS**

Rk.	Player	No.
1.	Todd Gurley, LA Rams	19
<b>2.</b>	<b>Alvin Kamara, NO</b>	<b>14</b>
3.	DeAndre Hopkins, Hou.	13
<b>4t.</b>	<b>Mark Ingram, NO</b>	<b>12</b>
4t.	Melvin Gordon, LA Chargers	12

**BOSTON SCOTT**

• With their second sixth round selection in the 2018 NFL Draft, the New Orleans Saints addressed the running back position and return game with this tough and gifted athlete. The team will look to use his grit and speed to the advantage of matchups as he adapts to the pro game. Over the course of his career, Scott ran for 1,840 yards and 14 touchdowns on 288 attempts. After beginning his college career as a walk-on, Scott earned a scholarship. In addition to serving as a running back for the Bulldogs, Scott returned kicks on special teams, registering 633 yards on 29 returns over the course of his career. In the 2018 pre-season Scott had a club-best 340 all-purpose yards (126 rushing, 18 receiving, 13 punt returns and 188 kickoff returns) to secure a roster spot based on his play on both offense and on special teams.

**FB ZACH LINE**

- First signed as an undrafted free agent by the Minnesota Vikings, where he spent four seasons, Line contributed to the club's fifth-ranked run game in 2017 after joining the club early in the regular season, as well as on special teams. He enters 2018 having played in 47 career regular season games with 14 starts and has carried 20 times for 53 yards and two touchdowns, as well as adding nine receptions for 111 yards and two TDs and three special teams tackles. In addition to carrying seven times for 28 yards and catching two passes for eight yards with one touchdown in the regular season, Line added a rushing touchdown in the NFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Carolina.

**WIDE RECEIVERS**

**MICHAEL THOMAS**

- A talented wideout with a 6-3, 212-pound frame who was selected by the Saints in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft out of Ohio State, Thomas had an outstanding rookie campaign, leading the Black and Gold with 92 receptions for 1,137 yards and a nine touchdown grabs. He became the first Saints rookie to break 1,000 yards in a season since Marques Colston went for 1,038 in 2006. In 2017, Thomas was New Orleans' receiving leader in catches and yardage, making a club-record 104 receptions for 1,245 yards with five TDs to rank third in the NFL in receiving and making him only the second player in NFL record books, joining Odell Beckham Jr. to have 90 catches in each of his first two seasons and his 196 grabs being the most by a player in NFL history in his first two seasons.

**2017 NFL RECEIVING LEADERS**

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1. Jarvis Landry	112	987	8.8	9
2. Larry Fitzgerald	109	1,156	10.6	6
<b>3. Michael Thomas</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>5</b>

**RECEIVING LEADER**

With 196 receptions in his first two seasons since being drafted in 2016, Thomas has surpassed Cleveland's Jarvis Landry to become the NFL player with the most receptions after his first two seasons.

**RECEPTIONS LEADERS THROUGH FIRST TWO NFL SEASONS**

Player	Years	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
<b>Michael Thomas</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>14</b>
Jarvis Landry	2014-15	194	1,915	9

**TED GINN JR.**

- Ginn joined the Saints in the 2017 offseason as an unrestricted free agent in his 11th National Football League season. He has been a member of five teams since being selected with the ninth overall pick in the 2007 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins out of Ohio State, and has appeared in 166 games with 71 starts over that period. In his long career marked by big play ability, he has accumulated 5,072 receiving yards off 362 catches (14.0 avg.), recording 29 touchdowns. In his first season in New Orleans, Ginn played in 15 games with ten starts and recorded 53 grabs for 787 yards with four touchdown receptions, carried ten times for 39 yards and has brought back 19 punts for 103 yards and five kickoffs for 56 yards. Ginn finished ranked second on the Saints in receiving yardage among the team's wideouts. He also enjoyed his most productive post-season as a professional, opening both playoff contests and making 12 grabs for 187 yards with an 80-yard touchdown and adding one carry for 11 yards.

**TRE'QUAN SMITH**

- The club's third round draft pick in 2018, Smith is a talented wideout with a solid 6-1, 210-pound frame who emerged as one of Central Florida's top weapons over three seasons. From 2015-17, Smith caught 168 passes for 2,748 yards (16.4 avg.) with 22 touchdowns. In 2017, he hauled in 54 grabs for 1,082 yards and 13 touchdowns for the 13-0 Knights. In his NFL debut in Preseason Week One at Jacksonville, he snared four grabs for 48 yards.

**TIGHT ENDS**

**BENJAMIN WATSON**

- Originally signed as an unrestricted free agent from the Cleveland Browns in 2013 and brought back in 2018 after spending the last two campaigns with the Baltimore Ravens, Benjamin Watson forms a strong combination at the tight end position with veteran Josh Hill and second-year player Dan Arnold. The former University of Georgia standout and 14-year NFL veteran who originally entered the NFL as a first round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 2004 has career totals of 495 receptions for 5,485 yards (11.1 avg.) with 42 touchdowns in 179 games with 132 starts. Watson has also played in 11 postseason games with nine starts and has added 21 receptions for 222 yards and three scoring grabs.

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**CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE-BENJAMIN WATSON**

• In his season as the club's featured tight end in 2015, Watson opened all 16 games, where he posted 74 receptions for 825 yards and six touchdowns. He is coming off a season in Baltimore where he played in all 16 games with 12 starts and made 61 grabs for 522 yards and four touchdowns, leading the Ravens in receiving.

**JOSH HILL**

• Signed as an undrafted free agent from Idaho State in 2013, Josh Hill's development has been an asset to the position group, for whom he's played in 71 games with 32 starts, making 67 receptions for 614 yards and ten touchdowns, also chipping in 27 special teams tackles. In 2017, Hill appeared in all 16 games with 11 starts, logging 16 receptions for 125 yards and a touchdown and was particularly effective in the postseason where he made six grabs for 103 yards (17.2 avg.) with a scoring grab.

**DEFENSIVE ENDS**

**CAMERON JORDAN**

• New Orleans' first choice in the 2011 NFL Draft (24th overall) out of California, Jordan enjoyed another standout season in 2017, recording 62 tackles, a career-high 13 sacks, one interception return for a touchdown, a career-high 11 passes defended and two forced fumbles. Jordan was selected to his third Pro Bowl and was a first-team AP All-Pro for the first time. With 59.5 sacks in seven seasons, Jordan is fifth on the Saints career sack list. Jordan's also proven to be one of the NFL's best run defenders, as well as being known for generating pressure on quarterbacks that doesn't always show up on the stat sheet.

**JORDAN SACK NOTES**

After recording 1.5 takedowns in the Nov. 5, 2017 win vs. Tampa Bay, Jordan inched to fifth place in club record books. Jordan also leads the club in the postseason all-time with an additional 3.5 takedowns.

**SAINTS ALL-TIME SACK LEADERS (Since 1982)**

Rk.	Player, Years	No.
1.	Rickey Jackson, 1982-93	115.0
2.	Wayne Martin, 1989-99	82.5
3.	Pat Swilling, 1986-92	76.5
4.	Will Smith, 2004-12	67.5
5.	<b>Cameron Jordan, 2011-</b>	<b>59.5</b>

Since Week Eight of the 2014 season, Cameron Jordan has played among the National Football League's elite defensive ends. He's ranked fifth in the NFL since October 26, 2014 with 37 sacks (regular season).

**MOST SACKS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SINCE OCTOBER 26, 2014**

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Chandler Jones, NE-Ari.	42.0
2t.	Khalil Mack, Oak.	40.5
2t.	Ryan Kerrigan, Was.	40.5
4.	Von Miller, Den.	39.5
5t.	<b>Cameron Jordan, NO</b>	<b>37.0</b>
5t.	Aaron Donald, LA Rams	37.0
7.	Everson Griffen, Min.	36.5

In 2017, Jordan finished the regular season tied for fourth in the National Football League with a career-high 13 quarterback takedowns. Jordan is the only Saint to have at least 7.5 quarterback takedowns in six consecutive seasons, surpassing former Black and Gold linebacker Rickey Jackson, who did so in five consecutive seasons from 1983-87.

**MOST SACKS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 2017**

**(REGULAR SEASON)**

Rk.	Player, Team	No.
1.	Chandler Jones, Ari.	17.0
2t.	Calais Campbell, Jax.	14.5
2t.	Demarcus Lawrence, Dal.	14.5
4t.	<b>Cameron Jordan, NO</b>	<b>13.0</b>
4t.	Everson Griffen, Min.	13.0
4t.	Ryan Kerrigan, Was.	13.0
7.	Joey Bosa, LAC	12.5
8t.	Ezekiel Ansah, Det.	12.0
8t.	Cameron Heyward, Pit.	12.0
8t.	Yannick Ngakoue, Jax.	12.0

## JORDAN SACK NOTES

Jordan's posted 59.5 sacks since he entered the National Football League as a first round draft pick in 2011 and over the past seven seasons is only the second player, joining Houston's J.J. Watt to have 55 takedowns and 35 passes defended. During this time, the Saints own a 29-14 record when he corrals a signal-caller, and they boast a 11-1 mark in a multi-sack performance in the regular season, including a career-high four multi-takedown games in 2017. They have a 2-1 mark in postseason games where he's had a sack.

### CAMERON JORDAN'S MULTIPLE SACK GAMES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Tackles</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Asst.</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Yards</u>
11/5/12	vs. Phi.	3	3	3	3	21
9/22/13	vs. Arz.	7	3	4	2	14
11/21/13	@ Atl.	7	3	4	2.5	10.5
12/8/13	vs. Car.	5	3	2	2	19
10/26/14	vs. GB	4	3	1	2	15
12/28/14	@ TB	6	4	2	1.5	9
10/15/15	vs. Atl.	7	6	1	3	12
10/25/15	@ Ind.	3	2	1	2	12
10/15/17	vs. Det.	5	4	1	2	12
11/5/17	vs. TB	7	5	2	1.5	9
11/26/17	@ LAR	4	4	0	2	20
12/24/17	vs. Atl.	3	3	0	2	10

## DURABLE DEFENDER

With 112 consecutive games played and 97 consecutive starts, Jordan's one of the NFL's most durable defensive ends.

### CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED AMONG ACTIVE NFL DEFENSIVE ENDS

<b>Rk.</b>	<b>Defensive End</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>No.</b>
1.	Julius Peppers	Car.	160
2.	<b>Cameron Jordan</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>112</b>
3.	Jerry Hughes	Buf.	99

### CONSECUTIVE GAMES STARTED AMONG ACTIVE NFL DEFENSIVE ENDS

<b>Rk.</b>	<b>Defensive End</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>No.</b>
1.	<b>Cameron Jordan</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>97</b>
2.	Carlos Dunlap	Cin.	68
3.	Khalil Mack	Oak.	64

### ALEX OKAFOR

- Selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the fourth round of the 2013 NFL Draft, Okafor joined the Saints in 2017 where he added valuable depth on the defensive line. Okafor has appeared in 53 games with 35 starts in five years, collecting 18 sacks, an interception, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, and nine passes defended. In 2017, he had 37 tackles (26 solo), 4.5 sacks to tie for second behind Jordan, four passes defended and two forced fumbles. Recovered from an Achilles injury suffered in Week 11, Okafor re-signed in the offseason and is expected to open the season opposite Jordan.

### MARCUS DAVENPORT

- Trading up to the 14<sup>th</sup> spot in the 2018 NFL Draft, the Saints addressed the defensive line and the club's pass rush with this gifted pass rusher, only the second draft choice ever from Texas-San Antonio. During his four collegiate seasons, Davenport notched career totals of 186 tackles (97 solo), 22 sacks, 38 tackles for loss, six forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one returned for a touchdown and eight passes defended, finishing his career as the school's all-time leader for stops for loss, takedowns and quarterback hurries (21).

## DEFENSIVE TACKLES

### TYELER DAVISON

- This former fifth round draft pick has been a vital part of the Saints defensive line since being drafted in the 2015 NFL Draft (154<sup>th</sup> overall). The Fresno State product followed up his first two seasons with an even more productive campaign in 2017, helping the defense post 42 sacks, ranking seventh in the league and allowing only 20.4 points per game, good for tenth in the NFL. In 2017, he started all 16 games posting 31 tackles (21 solo), one pass defended and two forced fumbles. Overall in three seasons, the disruptive defensive tackle has 86 tackles (50 solo), 1.5 sacks, two pass deflections and two forced fumbles. Davison looks to continue to grow as a member of a youthful and improving Saints defense line.

**SHELDON RANKINS**

- The third defensive lineman selected in the 2016 NFL Draft out of Louisville, Sheldon Rankins started all 16 games in 2017 posting 26 tackles (16 solo), two sacks for loss of 13 yards, one interception, one pass defended and one forced fumble. He helped a defensive unit that went from 31<sup>st</sup> in the NFL, allowing 28.4 points per game in 2016 to allowing 20.4 points per game in 2017, good for tenth in the league. In his first full season after missing seven contests as a rookie, Rankins' ability to rush the passer from the inside as well as take on double teams proved beneficial in 2017 helping the defense post 42 sacks, ranking seventh in the league, compared to only 30 takedowns in 2016.

**DAVID ONYEMATA**

- Onyemata was chosen with the team's fourth round pick (120th overall) in 2016 after a stellar career at the University of Manitoba of the CIS, becoming the first member of the Bisons program to be drafted. Over the course of his rookie campaign, Onyemata appeared in all 16 games and recorded 32 tackles (15 solo). In 2017, he took the next big step in his young career, playing in all 16 games with six starts and posting 38 tackles (18 solo), two sacks and one pass defended, while adding three more stops in two post-season contests.

**LINEBACKERS**

Key free agent acquisitions combined with an extra year of growth have rendered the 2018 Saints linebacking corps a hard-hitting squad with a solid mix of both youth and experience that looks to wreak havoc on opposing offenses this season.

**CRAIG ROBERTSON**

- In just his first year with the Saints in 2016, Craig Robertson quickly became one of the most important members of the young defense. After four seasons with the Cleveland Browns, Robertson joined the Saints looking to contribute on defense and special teams, yet his production has out-paced even the highest expectations. Starting 15 games in 2016, Robertson led the Saints with 131 tackles (100 solo), while adding a sack, four passes defended, and interception, and two fumble recoveries. Robertson continued to be a leader for Saints defenders look to in 2017, as he returned to the starting lineup on the outside and was voted a special teams captain. In his first start of the season vs. the Detroit Lions on October 15, 2017, he led the team with 11 tackles and had the sack, forced fumble and recovery all on the same play. In 2017 in 16 games with starts in the last 12 contests, he had 77 stops (50 solo) to rank second on the team, two sacks to lead the linebackers, two intercep-

tions to also lead his position group, six passes defended, the forced fumble/fumble recovery and a special teams fumble recovery. He added 14 stops in the postseason as well.

**ALEX ANZALONE**

- One of three third round picks in 2017, Anzalone came to the Saints after a solid career at Florida. In his rookie season, Anzalone started four games on the outside before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury and posted 16 tackles, one sack and one pass defended.

**MANTI TE'O**

- Coming to New Orleans as a free agent in 2017, Manti Te'o used his four seasons in San Diego to establish himself as a talented, linebacker. A second round pick in 2013 out of Notre Dame where he finished second in the voting for the 2012 Heisman Trophy, In 2015, his third season in San Diego, he started all 12 games he appeared in, recording a career-high 83 tackles (63 solo), a half-sack, an interception, and a forced fumble. In 2017, his first season in New Orleans, he ranked among team leaders with 61 tackles (43 solo), three passes defended and one fumble recovery and also opened both postseason contests, adding 15 tackles and one sack.

**DEMARIO DAVIS**

- This dependable and sure-tackling defender came to the New Orleans Saints after a breakout 2017 campaign, where he started all 16 games for the New York Jets. Davis enjoyed his best season as a pro posting a team-high and career-high 165 tackles (112 solo), a career-best five sacks, tied for second in the NFL among inside linebackers, three passes defended and one fumble recovery. For his career, the Brandon, Miss. native has appeared in 96 games with 82 starts for the Jets (2012-15, 2017) and Cleveland Browns (2016), recording 660 tackles (429 solo), 13.5 sacks, one interception, 17 passes defended, one forced fumble, four fumble recoveries and 24 special team stops.

**A.J. KLEIN**

- Signed as an unrestricted free agent from the Carolina Panthers in 2017, where he spent his first four NFL seasons, Klein has taken over play-calling duties on defense for New Orleans. Opening 12 games on the strongside for the Saints in his first season with the club, Klein had 54 tackles (37 solo), two sacks, five passes defended and one forced fumble.



## DEFENSIVE BACKS

### MARSHON LATTIMORE

- Selected by the Saints in the first round (11<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2017 NFL Draft, Lattimore captured a starting position in training camp and started all 13 games he appeared in. He totaled 53 tackles (44 solo), one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, five interceptions for 85 yards and 18 passes defended, as he became the youngest Saint (21 years old) ever selected to the Pro Bowl and was selected as the *Associated Press* NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. In 2018, he looks to build on an impressive rookie campaign in his sophomore season in New Orleans.

#### NFL LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS IN 2017

Player	No.
1t. Darius Slay, Det.	8
1t. Kevin Byard, Ten.	8
3t. A.J. Bouye	6
3t. Eric Weddle, Bal.	6
<b>5t. Marshon Lattimore, NO</b>	<b>5</b>
5t. Antoine Bethea, Ari.	5
5t. Micah Hyde, Buf.	5
5t. Marcus Peters, KC	5
5t. Harrison Smith, Min.	5
5t. Tre Boston, LAC	5
5t. Jordan Poyer, Buf.	5

### MARCUS WILLIAMS

- After being selected in the second round of the 2017 NFL Draft (42<sup>nd</sup> overall) out of the University of Utah, this ball-hawking safety had an excellent rookie campaign starting all 15 games he appeared in posting 70 tackles (56 solo), four interceptions and 6 passes defended. Williams led all rookie safeties in interceptions and was second for a rookie safety in total tackles and passes defended, including two picks in the regular season finale. The talented safety posted his first career postseason interception, which was the only interception made by a rookie in the 2017 postseason. Williams looks to build on a great rookie season and continue to grow with one of the NFL's best young defensive backfields heading into the 2018 season.

## DEFENSIVE ROOKIE DUO

With five and four interceptions respectively as rookies in 2017, Lattimore and Williams finished ranked first and tied for second respectively in picks among first-year players, setting the stage for a promising Saints secondary.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROOKIE LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS IN 2017

Rookie	No.
<b>1. Marshon Lattimore, NO</b>	<b>5</b>
2t. Tredavious White, Buf.	4
<b>2t. Marcus Williams, NO</b>	<b>4</b>

### CHRIS BANJO

- Banjo joined the Saints in Week 11 after beginning 2016 with Green Bay, to provide depth and competition at cornerback and on the special teams units and has made his mark in both areas in New Orleans. After originally participating in rookie minicamps with Oakland and Pittsburgh in 2012, the 5-foot-10-inch, 207-pounder has played in 60 games with two starts for the Packers (2013-16) and Saints (2016-), racking up 23 tackles (19 solo), an interception three passes defended and a fumble recovery, adding 49 coverage stops and a special teams forced fumble. In his first full season in New Orleans, he played in all 16 regular season games and made four tackles, one interception, one pass defended, one fumble recovery and eight stops and one forced fumble on coverage.

### VONN BELL

- Bell left onlookers impressed with his 2016 rookie campaign, alerting the NFL to his arrival through his hard-hitting play. Playing in every game with 14 starts, he totaled 98 tackles (59 solo) both second on the team. He added four passes defended, a sack, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery. Drafted by New Orleans in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft (61<sup>st</sup> overall), Bell was a consensus first-team All-American, was voted First-team All-Big Ten and was also a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist following his junior season at Ohio State. In 2017, he appeared in all 16 games with ten starts in the regular season and posted a team-high 78 tackles (57 solo), 4.5 sacks, to tie for second on the club and lead defensive backs, two passes defended, two forced fumbles and five special teams stops. Bell made his postseason debut in the NFC Wild Card Playoff win over Carolina and led the team with nine tackles, saving his best for last when he finished the Panthers' hopes with a fourth down sack late in the fourth quarter. He led Saints defenders with 17 stops in the postseason.

**KEN CRAWLEY**

• Originally signed as an undrafted free agent out of Colorado in 2016, Crawley took a significant step in his development in 2017, starting the final 15 regular season and post-season contests. In 2017, Crawley finished with 54 tackles, his first career interception and 17 passes defended to rank second on the team in the regular season and added 13 stops and one pass defended in the postseason.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

**P THOMAS MORSTEAD**

• Morstead has established himself as one of the National Football League’s top punters, where he’s posted career club-best 47.0 gross and 41.3 net punting averages. In 2017 over 16 regular season games, he punted 60 times for 2,822 yards, putting 26 of his punts inside the 20-yard line, with two touchbacks. He has posted a 47.0 gross average, ranked eighth in the NFL with a net average of 42.2, ranked sixth in the league.

**FOLLOW THE LEADER**

Morstead is the team’s all-time leader in both gross and net punting averages. His career 41.3 net ranks second in NFL records since the statistic was first compiled in 1976.

**HIGHEST CAREER NET PUNTING AVERAGE IN NFL HISTORY**

(Min. 250 punts, recorded since 1976)

Rk.	Player, Team	Net Avg.
1.	Johnny Hekker, StL (2012-)	43.5
2.	<b>Thomas Morstead, NO (2009-)</b>	<b>41.3</b>
3.	Sam Martin, Det. (2013-)	41.1

**HIGHEST GROSS PUNTING AVG., SAINTS HISTORY**

Rk.	Saint	Avg.
1.	<b>Thomas Morstead, 2009-</b>	<b>47.0</b>
2.	Mark Royals, 1997-98	45.8
3.	Mitch Berger, 2003-05	43.7

**K WIL LUTZ**

• Lutz made an immediate impact in his rookie season in 2016 after signing prior to Week One. He was named NFC Special Teams Player of the Week twice. Lutz was 28-of-34 on field goals and 49-of-50 on PATs in 2016, and was named to the PFWA All-Rookie team for his efforts.

• Lutz followed up with a strong sophomore campaign. In the regular season, he drilled 31-of-35 kicks, including four-of-five from 50 yards out, and with 47 PATs, finished seventh in the NFL in scoring among kickers with 140 points. Lutz’s 31 field goals tied a club record shared by Morten Andersen (1985) and John Carney (2002). His career-high 58 touchbacks were ranked fifth in the league.

In a Week Three loss to the Atlanta Falcons in 2016, Lutz lined up for and converted a 57-yard field goal with no time remaining in the first half; that successful effort tied him for the third longest field goal in franchise history, behind only legends Tom Dempsey and Andersen.

**LONGEST FIELD GOAL, SAINTS HISTORY (REGULAR SEASON)**

Rk.	Player Date	Long
1.	Tom Dempsey 11/8/70	63
2.	Morten Andersen 10/27/91	60
3t.	<b>Wil Lutz 9/26/16</b>	<b>57</b>
3t.	Kai Forbath 11/29/15	57

In the 2017 Wild Card Playoff Win over Carolina, Lutz boot-ed a 57-yard field goal in the third quarter that was tied for the third longest in NFL Postseason history after Panthers K Graham Gano had made a 58-yard kick at the end of the second quarter.

**LONGEST FIELD GOAL IN POSTSEASON NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HISTORY**

Rk.	Player Date	Long
1t.	Graham Gano, Car. 1/7/18	58
1t.	Pete Stoyanovich, Mia. 1/5/91	58
3t.	<b>Wil Lutz, NO 1/7/18</b>	<b>57</b>
3t.	Mike Nugent, Cin. 1/4/15	57

On Sunday, September 17, 2017 vs. New England, Lutz’s streak of 20 consecutive field goals, tied for second in club history ended. To close out the 2017 regular season, Lutz finished with a flourish making his final seven attempts.

**MOST CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS MADE IN TEAM HISTORY**

Rk.	Player Dates	Cons.
1.	John Carney 10/6/02-11/16/03	22
2t.	<b>Wil Lutz 11/27/16-9/17/17</b>	<b>20</b>
2t.	Morten Andersen 10/25/87-11/6/88	20

## HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT

**2006** (1)

**FREE AGENTS**

QB **Drew Brees** (UFA-SD)

**2009** (1)

**DRAFT**

P **Thomas Morstead** (5)

**2011** (1)

**DRAFT**

DE **Cameron Jordan** (1a)

**2013** (2)

**DRAFT:**

T **Terron Armstead** (3a)

**FREE AGENTS:**

TE **Josh Hill** (Rookie FA)

**2015** (4)

**DRAFT:**

T **Andrus Peat** (1a)

CB **P.J. Williams** (3b)

DT **Tyler Davison** (5b)

**TRADE:**

C **Max Unger** (Sea.)

**2016** (10)

**DRAFT:**

DT **Sheldon Rankins** (1)

WR **Michael Thomas** (2a)

S **Vonn Bell** (2b)

DT **David Onyemata** (4)

**FREE AGENTS:**

S **Chris Banjo** (FA)

CB **Ken Crawley** (Rookie FA)

WR **Tommy Lee Lewis** (Rookie FA)

DE **Mitchell Loewen** (Rookie FA)

K **Wil Lutz** (FA)

LB **Craig Robertson** (UFA-Cle.)

**2017** (20)

**DRAFT:**

CB **Marshon Lattimore** (1a)

T **Ryan Ramczyk** (1b)

S **Marcus Williams** (2)

RB **Alvin Kamara** (3a)

LB **Alex Anzalone** (3b)

DE **Trey Hendrickson** (3c)

**FREE AGENTS:**

WR **Dan Arnold** (Rookie FA)

WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** (UFA-Car.)

DB **Justin Hardee** (FA)

LB **A.J. Klein** (UFA-Car.)

FB **Zach Line** (UFA-Min.)

G **Josh LeRibeus** (FA)

CB **Arthur Maulet** (Rookie FA)

DE **Alex Okafor** (UFA-Ari.)

LB **Manti Te'o** (UFA-SD)

C **Cameron Tom** (Rookie FA)

G **Larry Warford** (UFA-Det.)

LS **Zach Wood** (FA)

**WAIVERS:**

WR **Austin Carr** (NE)

QB **Taysom Hill** (GB)

**2018** (14)

**DRAFT:**

DE **Marcus Davenport** (1)

WR **Tre'Quan Smith** (3)

RB **Boston Scott** (6b)

C/G **Will Clapp** (7)

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## ***HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT (CONT.)***

### **FREE AGENTS:**

T **Jermon Bushrod** (UFA-Mia.)

S **Kurt Coleman** (FA)

LB **Demario Davis** (UFA-NYJ)

RB **Mike Gillislee** (FA)

DB **J.T. Gray** (Rookie FA)

WR **Cameron Meredith** (RFA-Chi.)

CB **Patrick Robinson** (UFA-Phi.)

DL **Taylor Stallworth** (Rookie FA)

TE **Benjamin Watson** (UFA-Bal.)

### **TRADE:**

QB **Teddy Bridgewater** (NYJ)

## PLAYER BIOS NOT IN MEDIA GUIDE

**25 MIKE GILLISLEE RB**

**HEIGHT: 5-11**

**WEIGHT: 210**

**JOINED SAINTS: FA-18**

**COLLEGE: FLORIDA**

**NFL EXPERIENCE: 6**

**BORN: 11/1/1990**

**NFL CAREER** – Originally selected by the Miami Dolphins in the fifth round of the 2013 NFL Draft (164<sup>th</sup> overall) out of the University of Florida, this sixth-year running back brings a combination of speed, agility and experience to the position group of young talent. After spending time with the Arizona Cardinals in 2015 and the Buffalo Bills (2015-2016), Gillislee is coming off the 2017 season with the New England Patriots where he contributed in nine regular season games and started two before he was deemed inactive for six games. In his five years, he's rushed 258 times for 1,248 yards (4.8 avg.) and 16 touchdowns, grabbed 16 receptions for 95 yards (5.9 avg.) and one TD in the regular season.

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** – Signed by the New Orleans Saints to a one-year contract, 9/2/18; Released from the Patriots 9/1/18; Signed to the New England Patriots as a restricted free agent 4/24/17; Signed by Buffalo to the 53-man roster from the practice squad 12/5/15; Signed by Buffalo to the practice squad 11/4/15; Released by Arizona from the practice squad 10/22/15; Signed by the Arizona Cardinals to the practice squad 9/22/15; Released by Miami 9/5/15; Placed by the Dolphins on Injured Reserve, 8/26/14; Signed by the Dolphins to a three-year contract, 5/19/13; Selected in the fifth round (164<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2013 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins.

**2017**– Played in nine games for the New England Patriots. Listed as inactive for six games before returning against Buffalo, Dec. 24, where he rushed for 28 yards and clocked one touchdown to give the Patriots the lead in the win. Placed back on inactive list for rest of the season after the Christmas Eve clash. Finished with 383 rushing yards (104 carries) and 15 receiving yards (one reception)...Rushed 18 times for a game-high 69 yards and one touchdown at New Orleans, Sept. 17. **2016** – Played in 15 games with one start for the Buffalo Bills. Posted 101 rushing attempts for 577 yards (5.7 avg.) and eight touchdowns. Caught a career-high nine passes for 50 yards and one touchdown. His 5.7 yards per carry led the National Football League. Declared inactive due to injury vs. Jacksonville Nov. 27. Registered six rushing attempts for 61 yards and one touchdown vs. San Francisco Oct. 16. Notched his first multi-touchdown game of his career at Oakland Dec. 4 when he tallied eight rushing attempts for 49 yards and two scores. Set a single-game career high with 91 yards on 11 rushing attempts vs. Miami Dec. 12. **2015** – Released by the Miami Dolphins after training camp. Joined the Arizona

Cardinals practice squad Sept. 22 but released on Oct. 22. Added to the Buffalo practice squad in November before being signed to the 53-man roster on Dec. 5. Appeared in five games with one start compiled 47 rushing attempts for 267 yards and three touchdowns. Registered six receptions for 29 yards. Made his Bills debut Dec. 6 against Houston and tallied 41 rushing yards on seven attempts and grabbed one pass for a five-yard gain. Rushed three times for 24 yards and scored his first career touchdown at Philadelphia Dec.13. Appeared as reserve at Washington Dec. 20 and picked up 81 yards rushing on four attempts, including a career-long 60-yard rushing touchdown. Made his first career start vs. Dallas Dec. 27 and posted a career-high 93 yards rushing on nine carries, including a 50-yard touchdown. **2014** – Injured during training camp and missed the entire regular season with Miami. Placed on Injured Reserve Aug. 26. **2013** – Appeared in three games as a rookie and recorded six carries for 21 yards. Made NFL debut as a reserve at New York Jets, Dec.21 and had six carries for 21 yards.

**COLLEGE** – Gillislee majored in family youth community service at University of Florida where he appeared in 49 games, starting every game his senior year (2012)...Became the eighth Gator to rush for over 1,000 yards since 2004 when he gained 1,152 yards in 2012, ranking him seventh...Ranked fourth in the Southeastern Conference in rushing yards (1,152) and 11<sup>th</sup> in all-purpose yards with 101.7 per game... Recorded a career-high 34 carries for 146 yards against Louisiana State...His 34 carries was also the third-most in a game in school history...Rushed for touchdowns in the first two games of the season, which was the first time since quarterback Tim Tebow in 2008, who had rushing touchdowns in three-consecutive games...His 244 rushing attempts was fourth most in school history and most since former Gators tailback Errict Rhett in 1993...His 262 all-purpose touches ties for sixth most in a season in school history and most since Earnest Graham had 262 in 2002... Team Offensive Player of the Game against Bowling Green State, Louisiana State and Jacksonville State...Received first-team Offense Associated Press All-Southeastern Conference, first-team offense Coaches' All-Southeastern Conference, Phil Steele All-Southeastern Conference first-team, Maxwell Award Watch List and named a 2012 Team Captain.

**PERSONAL** – Attended DeLand (Fla.) HS...Rushed for 1,149 yards on 227 carries as a senior...Rushed for more than 1,200 yards as a junior and more than 900 as a sophomore...Born November 1, 1990 in DeLand, Fla.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (as of 9/4/18)**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown
47	Anzalone, Alex	LB	6-3	241	9/22/94	2	Florida	Wyomissing, Pa.
72	Armstead, Terron	T	6-5	304	7/23/91	6	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Cahokia, Ill.
85	Arnold, Dan	TE	6-6	220	3/15/95	2	Wisconsin-Platteville	Fargo, N.D.
31	Banjo, Chris	S	5-10	207	2/26/90	5	Southern Methodist	Sugar Land, Texas
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	205	12/12/94	3	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.
9	Brees, Drew	QB	6-0	209	1/15/79	18	Purdue	Austin, Texas
5	Bridgewater, Teddy	QB	6-2	215	11/10/92	5	Louisville	Miami, Fla.
74	Bushrod, Jermon	T	6-5	318	8/19/84	12	Towson	King George, Va.
80	Carr, Austin	WR	6-1	195	12/25/93	2	Northwestern	Benicia, Calif.
64	Clapp, Will	C	6-5	311	12/10/95	R	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.
29	Coleman, Kurt	S	5-11	208	4/1/88	9	Ohio State	Clayton, Ohio
20	Crawley, Ken	CB	6-1	180	2/8/93	3	Colorado	Washington, D.C.
92	Davenport, Marcus	DE	6-6	265	9/4/96	R	Texas-San-Antonio	San Antonio, Texas
56	Davis, Demario	LB	6-2	248	1/11/89	7	Arkansas State	Brandon, Miss.
95	Davison, Tyeler	DT	6-2	309	9/3/92	4	Fresno State	Scottsdale, Ariz.
25	Gillislee, Mike	RB	5-11	210	11/1/90	6	Florida	DeLand, Fla.
19	Ginn Jr., Ted	WR	5-11	180	4/12/85	12	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio
48	Gray, J.T.	DB	6-0	202	1/18/96	R	Mississippi State	Clarksdale, Miss.
34	Hardee, Justin	DB	6-1	200	2/7/94	2	Illinois	Cleveland, Ohio
91	Hendrickson, Trey	DE	6-4	270	12/5/94	2	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.
89	Hill, Josh	TE	6-5	250	5/21/90	6	Idaho State	Blackfoot, Idaho
7	Hill, Taysom	QB	6-2	221	8/23/90	2	Brigham Young	Pocatello, Idaho
94	Jordan, Cameron	DE	6-4	287	7/10/89	8	California	Chandler, Ariz.
41	Kamara, Alvin	RB	5-10	215	7/25/95	2	Tennessee	Atlanta, Ga.
53	Klein, A.J.	LB	6-1	240	7/30/91	6	Iowa State	Kimberly, Wisc.
23	Lattimore, Marshon	CB	6-0	192	5/20/96	2	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio
61	LeRibeus, Josh	G	6-2	315	7/2/89	6	Southern Methodist	Richardson, Texas
11	Lewis, Tommylee	WR	5-7	168	10/24/92	3	Northern Illinois	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
42	Line, Zach	FB	6-1	233	4/26/90	6	Southern Methodist	Oxford, Mich.
70	Loewen, Mitchell	DL	6-5	275	2/14/93	2	Arkansas	Lahaina, Hawaii
3	Lutz, Wil	K	5-11	184	7/7/94	3	Georgia State	Newnan, Ga.
37	Maulet, Arthur	CB	5-10	190	7/13/93	2	Memphis	Kenner, La.
81	Meredith, Cameron	WR	6-3	207	9/21/92	4	Illinois State	Westchester, Ill.
6	Morstead, Thomas	P	6-4	235	3/8/86	10	Southern Methodist	Pearland, Texas
57	Okafor, Alex	DE	6-4	261	2/8/91	6	Texas	Pflugerville, Texas
93	Onyemata, David	DT	6-4	300	11/13/92	3	Manitoba (Canada)	Lagos, Nigeria
75	Peat, Andrus	G/T	6-7	316	11/4/93	4	Stanford	Tempe, Ariz.
71	Ramczyk, Ryan	T	6-6	314	4/22/94	2	Wisconsin	Stevens Point, Wisc.
98	Rankins, Sheldon	DT	6-2	305	4/2/94	3	Louisville	Covington, Ga.
52	Robertson, Craig	LB	6-1	234	2/11/88	6	North Texas	Stafford, Texas
21	Robinson, Patrick	CB	5-11	191	9/7/87	9	Florida State	Miami, Fla.
30	Scott, Boston	RB	5-6	203	4/27/95	R	Louisiana Tech	Zachary, La.
10	Smith, Tre'Quan	WR	6-2	210	1/7/96	R	Central Florida	Delray Beach, Fla.
76	Stallworth, Taylor	DT	6-2	305	8/18/95	R	South Carolina	Mobile, Ala.
51	Te'o, Manti	LB	6-1	241	1/26/91	6	Notre Dame	Honolulu, Hawaii
13	Thomas, Michael	WR	6-3	212	3/3/93	3	Ohio State	Woodland Hills, Calif.
63	Tom, Cameron	C	6-4	300	6/21/95	2	Southern Mississippi	Baton Rouge, La.
60	Unger, Max	C	6-5	305	4/14/86	10	Oregon	Kamuela, Hawaii
67	Warford, Larry	G	6-3	317	6/18/91	6	Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.
82	Watson, Benjamin	TE	6-3	251	12/18/80	15	Georgia	Rock Hill, S.C.
43	Williams, Marcus	S	6-1	195	9/8/96	2	Utah	Eastvale, Calif.
26	Williams, P.J.	CB	6-0	196	6/1/93	4	Florida State	Ocala, Fla.
49	Wood, Zach	LS	6-3	255	1/10/93	2	Southern Methodist	Rowlett, Texas

Players on Active Roster: 53

**Practice Squad: 10**

16	Barrett IV, J.T.	QB	6-2	220	1/23/95	R	Ohio State	Wichita Falls, Texas
59	Biegel, Vince	LB	6-3	246	7/2/93	2	Wisconsin	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
45	Griffin, Garrett	TE	6-4	240	3/4/94	2	Air Force	Louisburg, Kan.
96	Hamilton IV, Woodrow	DT	6-3	315	12/20/92	2	Mississippi	Raleigh, Miss.
18	Kirkwood, Keith	WR	6-3	210	12/26/93	R	Temple	Neptune, N.J.
73	Leonard, Rick	T	6-7	311	11/22/96	R	Florida State	Middletown, Md.
27	Washington, Dwayne	RB	6-1	223	4/24/94	3	Washington	Cerritos, Calif.
32	Williams, Jonathan	RB	6-0	223	2/2/94	3	Arkansas	Allen, Texas
79	Wozniak, Nate	OL	6-10	280	8/30/94	R	Minnesota	Greenwood, Ind.
83	Yelder, Deon	TE	6-4	255	3/6/95	R	Western Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.

**International Practice Squad: 1**

69	Jenkins, Alex	DE	6-6	270	1/15/93	1	Incarate Word	Bath, England
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**Injured Reserve: 5**

14	Dural, Travin	WR	6-2	207	11/19/93	1	Louisiana State	Breaux Bridge, La.
84	Hoomanawanui, Michael	TE	6-4	265	7/4/88	9	Illinois	Bloomington, Ill.
46	Jefferson, Rickey	S	5-11	208	12/28/94	1	Louisiana State	Destrehan, La.
28	Neasman, Sharrod	DB	6-0	198	10/14/91	3	Florida Atlantic	Bradenton, Fla.
35	Vereen, Shane	RB	5-10	205	3/2/89	8	California	Valencia, Calif.

**Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner: 1**

22	Ingram II, Mark	RB	5-9	215	12/21/89	8	Alabama	Flint, Mich.
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**Reserve PUP: 1**

36	Lasco, Daniel	RB	6-1	205	10/9/92	3	California	The Woodlands, Texas
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**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS NUMERICAL ROSTER (as of 9/4/18)**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acquired	GP	GS	DNP	IA
3	Wil Lutz	K	5-11	184	24	3	Georgia State	FA-16	0	0	0	0
5	Teddy Bridgewater	QB	6-2	215	25	5	Louisville	TR-18 (NYJ)	0	0	0	0
6	Thomas Morstead	P	6-4	235	32	10	Southern Methodist	D5-09	0	0	0	0
7	Taysom Hill	QB	6-2	221	28	2	Brigham Young	WAI-17 (GB)	0	0	0	0
9	Draw Brees	QB	6-0	209	39	18	Purdue	UFA-06 (SD)	0	0	0	0
10	Tre'Quan Smith	WR	6-2	210	22	R	Central Florida	D3-18	0	0	0	0
11	TommyLee Lewis	WR	5-7	168	25	3	Northern Illinois	FA-16	0	0	0	0
13	Michael Thomas	WR	6-3	212	25	3	Ohio State	D2a-16	0	0	0	0
19	Ted Ginn Jr.	WR	5-11	180	33	12	Ohio State	UFA-17 (Car)	0	0	0	0
20	Ken Crawley	CB	6-1	180	25	3	Colorado	FA-16	0	0	0	0
21	Patrick Robinson	CB	5-11	191	31	9	Florida State	UFA-18 (Phi)	0	0	0	0
23	Marshall Lattimore	CB	6-0	192	22	2	Ohio State	D1a-17	0	0	0	0
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	23	3	Ohio State	D2b-16	0	0	0	0
25	Mike Gillislee	RB	5-11	210	27	6	Florida	FA-18	0	0	0	0
26	P.J. Williams	CB	6-0	196	25	4	Florida State	D3b-15	0	0	0	0
29	Kurt Coleman	S	5-11	208	30	9	Ohio State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
30	Boston Scott	RB	5-6	203	23	R	Louisiana Tech	D6b-18	0	0	0	0
31	Chris Banjo	S	5-10	207	28	5	Southern Methodist	FA-16	0	0	0	0
34	Justin Hardee	DB	6-1	200	24	2	Illinois	FA-17	0	0	0	0
37	Arthur Maulet	CB	5-10	190	25	2	Memphis	FA-17	0	0	0	0
41	Alvin Kamara	RB	5-10	215	23	2	Tennessee	D3a-17	0	0	0	0
42	Zach Line	FB	6-1	233	28	6	Southern Methodist	FA-17	0	0	0	0
43	Marcus Williams	S	6-1	195	22	2	Utah	D2-17	0	0	0	0
47	Alex Anzalone	LB	6-3	241	23	2	Florida	D3b-17	0	0	0	0
48	J.T. Gray	DB	6-0	202	22	R	Mississippi State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
49	Zach Wood	LS	6-3	255	25	2	Southern Methodist	FA-17	0	0	0	0
51	Manti Te'o	LB	6-1	241	27	6	Notre Dame	UFA-17 (SD)	0	0	0	0
52	Craig Robertson	LB	6-1	234	30	7	North Texas	UFA-16 (Cle)	0	0	0	0
53	A.J. Klein	LB	6-1	240	27	6	Iowa State	UFA-17 (Car)	0	0	0	0
56	Demario Davis	LB	6-2	248	28	7	Arkansas State	UFA-18 (NYJ)	0	0	0	0
57	Alex Okafor	DE	6-4	261	27	6	Texas	UFA-17 (Ari)	0	0	0	0
60	Max Unger	C	6-5	305	32	10	Oregon	TR-15 (Sea)	0	0	0	0
61	Josh LeRibeus	G	6-2	315	29	6	Southern Methodist	FA-17	0	0	0	0
63	Cameron Tom	C	6-4	300	23	2	Southern Mississippi	FA-17	0	0	0	0
64	Will Clapp	C	6-5	311	22	R	Louisiana State	D7-18	0	0	0	0
67	Larry Warford	G	6-3	317	27	6	Kentucky	UFA-17 (Det)	0	0	0	0
70	Mitchell Loewen	DL	6-5	275	25	2	Arkansas	FA-16	0	0	0	0
71	Ryan Ramsey	T	6-6	314	24	2	Wisconsin	D1b-17	0	0	0	0
72	Terron Armstead	T	6-5	304	27	6	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	D3a-13	0	0	0	0
74	Jermon Bushrod	T	6-5	318	34	12	Towson	UFA-18 (Mia)	0	0	0	0
75	Andrus Peat	G/T	6-7	316	24	4	Stanford	D1a-15	0	0	0	0
76	Taylor Stallworth	DT	6-2	305	23	R	South Carolina	FA-18	0	0	0	0
80	Austin Carr	WR	6-1	195	24	2	Northwestern	WAI-17 (NE)	0	0	0	0
81	Cameron Meredith	WR	6-3	207	25	4	Illinois State	RFA-18 (Chi.)	0	0	0	0
82	Benjamin Watson	TE	6-3	251	37	15	Georgia	UFA-18 (Bal)	0	0	0	0
85	Dan Arnold	TE	6-6	220	23	2	Wisconsin-Platteville	FA-17	0	0	0	0
89	Josh Hill	TE	6-5	250	28	6	Idaho State	FA-13	0	0	0	0
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	23	2	Florida Atlantic	D3c-17	0	0	0	0
92	Marcus Davenport	DE	6-6	265	22	R	Texas San-Antonio	D1-18	0	0	0	0
93	David Onyemata	DT	6-4	300	25	3	Manitoba (Canada)	D4-16	0	0	0	0
94	Cameron Jordan	DE	6-4	287	29	8	California	D1a-11	0	0	0	0
95	Tyeler Davison	DT	6-2	309	26	4	Fresno State	D5b-15	0	0	0	0
98	Sheldon Rankins	DT	6-2	305	24	3	Louisville	D1-16	0	0	0	0

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**Practice Squad: 10**

16	J.T. Barrett IV	QB	6-2	220	23	R	Ohio State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
18	Keith Kirkwood	WR	6-3	210	24	R	Temple	FA-18	0	0	0	0
27	Dwayne Washington	RB	6-1	223	24	3	Washington	FA-18	0	0	0	0
32	Jonathan Williams	RB	6-0	223	24	3	Arkansas	FA-17	0	0	0	0
45	Garrett Griffin	TE	6-4	240	24	2	Air Force	FA-16	0	0	0	0
59	Vince Biegel	LB	6-3	246	25	2	Wisconsin	FA-18	0	0	0	0
73	Rick Leonard	T	6-7	311	21	R	Florida State	D4-18	0	0	0	0
79	Nate Wozniak	OL	6-10	280	24	R	Minnesota	FA-18	0	0	0	0
83	Deon Yelder	TE	6-4	255	23	R	Western Kentucky	FA-18	0	0	0	0
96	Woodrow Hamilton IV	DT	6-3	315	25	2	Mississippi	FA-17	0	0	0	0

**International Practice Squad: 1**

69	Alex Jenkins	DE	6-6	270	25	1	Incarnate Word	FA-17	0	0	0	0
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**Injured Reserve: 5**

14	Travin Dural	WR	6-2	207	24	1	Louisiana State	FA-17	0	0	0	0
28	Sharrod Neasman	DB	6-0	198	26	3	Florida Atlantic	FA-18	0	0	0	0
35	Shane Vereen	RB	5-10	205	29	8	California	FA-18	0	0	0	0
46	Rickey Jefferson	S	5-11	208	23	1	Louisiana State	FA-18	0	0	0	0
84	Michael Hoomanawanui	TE	6-4	265	30	9	Illinois	TR-15 (NE)	0	0	0	0

**Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner: 1**

22	Mark Ingram II	RB	5-9	215	28	8	Alabama	D1b-11	0	0	0	0
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**Reserve PUP: 1**

36	Daniel Lasco	RB	6-1	205	25	3	California	D7-16	0	0	0	0
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# New Orleans Saints Unofficial Depth Chart (9/4/18)

## OFFENSE

WR	13 Michael Thomas	81 Cameron Meredith	11 Tommylee Lewis
LT	72 Terron Armstead	74 Jermon Bushrod	
LG	75 Andrus Peat	61 Josh LeRibeus	
C	60 Max Unger	63 Cameron Tom	64 <u>Will Clapp</u>
RG	67 Larry Warford	61 Josh LeRibeus	
RT	71 Ryan Ramczyk	74 Jermon Bushrod	
TE	82 Benjamin Watson	89 Josh Hill	85 Dan Arnold
WR	19 Ted Ginn Jr.	10 <u>Tre'Quan Smith</u>	80 Austin Carr
QB	9 Drew Brees	5 Teddy Bridgewater	7 Taysom Hill
RB	41 Alvin Kamara	25 Mike Gillislee	30 <u>Boston Scott</u>
FB	42 Zach Line		

## DEFENSE

RDE	57 Alex Okafor	92 <u>Marcus Davenport</u>	
NT	95 Tyeler Davison	76 <u>Taylor Stallworth</u>	
DT	98 Sheldon Rankins	93 David Onyemata	
LDE	94 Cameron Jordan	91 Trey Hendrickson	70 Mitchell Loewen
WILL	56 Demario Davis	52 Craig Robertson	
MLB	51 Manti Te'o	47 Alex Anzalone	
SAM	53 A.J. Klein	47 Alex Anzalone	
LCB	20 Ken Crawley	26 P.J. Williams	37 Arthur Maulet
SS	29 Kurt Coleman	24 Vonn Bell	48 <u>J.T. Gray</u>
FS	43 Marcus Williams	31 Chris Banjo	
RCB	23 Marshon Lattimore	21 Patrick Robinson	34 Justin Hardee

## SPECIAL TEAMS

P	6 Thomas Morstead	
K	3 Wil Lutz	
KO	3 Wil Lutz	
LS	49 Zach Wood	
H	6 Thomas Morstead	7 Taysom Hill
PR	11 Tommylee Lewis	19 Ted Ginn Jr.
KR	11 Tommylee Lewis	41 Alvin Kamara

### Pronunciation Guide:

T Terron Armstead (ter-RON)

RB Mike Gillislee (gil-is-LEE)

RB Alvin Kamara (Kuh-MARE-Uh)

DL Mitchell Loewen (LAY-ven)

DE Alex Okafor (OH-kuh-for)

DT David Onyemata (un-ye-mah-tah)

T/G Andrus Peat (an-druss pete)

LB Manti Te'o (MAN-tie TE-O)





## New Orleans Saints Final 2018 Preseason Defensive Stats

Name	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Miscellaneous			
	TKL	AST	TOT	SACK	YDS	TFL	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
Stupar, Nate	9	3	12	3	24	3	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardee, Justin	10	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence, Devaroe	6	4	10	2.5	10.5	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loewen, Mitchell	8	2	10	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lattimore, Marshon	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anzalone, Alex	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Klein, A.J.	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banjo, Chris	6	2	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell, Vonn	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maulet, Arthur	7	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, Marcus A.	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stallworth, Taylor	4	3	7	1	7	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawley, Ken	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davis, Demario	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson, George	4	3	7	1.5	8.5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton IV, Woodrow	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stephens, Linden	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robertson, Craig	4	2	6	1.5	5.5	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamerson, Natrell	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elliott, Jayrone	4	2	6	2.5	14.5	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Te'o, Manti	4	1	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moore, Kamrin	3	2	5	0.5	4.5	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jumper, Colton	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Coleman, Kurt	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson, Patrick	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mondeaux, Henry	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onyemata, David	3	1	4	0.5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, P.J.	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, Marcus J.	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kikaha, Hau'oli	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bromley, Jason	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neasman, Sharrod	0	3	3	0.5	4.5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muhammad, Al-Quadin	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davenport, Marcus	2	1	3	0.5	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hendrickson, Trey	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson Jr., Robert	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gray, J.T.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jenkins, Alex	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan, Cameron	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rankins, Sheldon	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okafor, Alex	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harris, DeVante	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morstead, Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hill, Taysom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Wood, Zach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Griffin, Garrett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carr, Austin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ginn Jr., Ted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ola, Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Clapp, Will	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Edmunds, Trey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson, Rickey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

Defense: TKL: tackle, AST: assist, TOT: total, INT: interception, PD: pass defense, FF: forced fumble, FR: fumble recovery. Special Teams: BL: kicks blocked, RBL: return blocks (special teams coaches' stat).

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS / WEEK 17 / THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017**

WON 11, LOST 5				* RUSHING		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD					
09/11	L 19-29	at Minnesota	66,606	Ingram	230	1124	4.9	72	12						
09/17	L 20-36	New England	73,168	Kamara	120	728	6.1	74t	8						
09/24	W 34-13	at Carolina	73,775	Peterson TM	27	81	3.0	11	0						
10/01	W 20- 0	at Miami	84,423	Edmunds	9	48	5.3	41t	1						
10/15	W 52-38	Detroit	73,117	Ginn	10	39	3.9	15	0						
10/22	W 26-17	at Green Bay	78,380	Line	7	28	4.0	9	0						
10/29	W 20-12	Chicago	73,192	Lewis	2	14	7.0	8	0						
11/05	W 30-10	Tampa Bay	73,121	Brees	33	12	0.4	7t	2						
11/12	W 47-10	at Buffalo	67,501	Lutz	1	4	4.0	4	0						
11/19	W 34-31	OT Washington	73,138	Kuhn	1	2	2.0	2	0						
11/26	L 20-26	at L.A. Rams	62,006	Daniel	3	-2	-.7	0	0						
12/03	W 31-21	Carolina	73,171	J. Hill	1	-8	-8.0	-8	0						
12/07	L 17-20	at Atlanta	72,866	TEAM	444	2070	4.7	74t	23						
12/17	W 31-19	N.Y. Jets	73,018	OPPONENTS	406	1787	4.4	50	11						
12/24	W 23-13	Atlanta	73,188	* RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD						
12/31	L 24-31	at Tampa Bay	55,376	Thomas	104	1245	12.0	43	5						
		N.O.	Opp.	Kamara	81	826	10.2	40	5						
				Ingram	58	416	7.2	54	0						
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	332	308		Ginn	53	787	14.8	54t	4						
Rushing	111	92		Coleman	23	364	15.8	54	3						
Passing	201	172		Fleener	22	295	13.4	33	2						
Penalty	20	44		J. Hill	16	125	7.8	22	1						
3rd Down: Made/Att	73/194	87/212		Lewis	10	116	11.6	52	1						
3rd Down Pct.	37.6	41.0		Snead	8	92	11.5	26	0						
4th Down: Made/Att	12/15	4/12		Hoomanawanui	6	52	8.7	25	1						
4th Down Pct.	80.0	33.3		Line	2	8	4.0	5	1						
POSSESSION AVG.	31:04	28:56		Peterson TM	2	4	2.0	3	0						
TOTAL NET YARDS	6259	5384		Griffin	1	4	4.0	4	0						
Avg. Per Game	391.2	336.5		TEAM	386	4334	11.2	54t	23						
Total Plays	1000	1002		OPPONENTS	329	3884	11.8	53t	22						
Avg. Per Play	6.3	5.4		* INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD						
NET YARDS RUSHING	2070	1787		Lattimore	5	85	17.0	33	1						
Avg. Per Game	129.4	111.7		M. Williams	4	12	3.0	12	0						
Total Rushes	444	406		Vaccaro	3	41	13.7	30	0						
NET YARDS PASSING	4189	3597		Robertson	2	20	10.0	20	0						
Avg. Per Game	261.8	224.8		P. Williams	2	7	3.5	7	0						
Sacked/Yards Lost	20/145	42/287		Rankins	1	27	27.0	27	0						
Gross Yards	4334	3884		Banjo	1	0	0.0	0	0						
Att./Completions	536/386	554/329		Crawley	1	0	0.0	0	0						
Completion Pct.	72.0	59.4		Jordan	1	0	0.0	0t	1						
Had Intercepted	8	20		TEAM	20	192	9.6	33	2						
PUNTS/AVERAGE	60/47.0	71/44.9		OPPONENTS	8	49	6.1	41	1						
NET PUNTING AVG.	60/42.2	71/41.0		* PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B			
PENALTIES/YARDS	105/962	108/850		Morstead	60	2822	47.0	42.2	2	26	68	0			
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	19/10	20/5		TEAM	60	2822	47.0	42.2	2	26	68	0			
TOUCHDOWNS	51	36		OPPONENTS	71	3186	44.9	41.0	3	25	61	1			
Rushing	23	11		* PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD					
Passing	23	22		Ginn	19	13	103	5.4	17	0					
Returns	5	3		Lewis	14	10	115	8.2	24	0					
* SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS	Snead	1	0	0	0.0	0	0		
TEAM	107	115	98	125	3	448	TEAM	34	23	218	6.4	24	0		
OPPONENTS	80	86	46	114	0	326	OPPONENTS	24	18	249	10.4	74t	1		
* SCORING	TD-Ru-Pa-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS	OPPONENTS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD				
Lutz	0	0	0	0	47/50	31/36	0	140	* KICKOFF RETURNS						
Kamara	14	8	5	1		0	86	Lewis	13	307	23.6	39	0		
Ingram	12	12	0	0		0	72	Kamara	11	347	31.5	106t	1		
Thomas	5	0	5	0		0	30	Ginn	5	56	11.2	17	0		
Ginn	4	0	4	0		0	24	Edmunds	3	65	21.7	27	0		
Coleman	3	0	3	0		0	18	Griffin	2	23	11.5	12	0		
Brees	2	2	0	0		0	12	Kuhn	1	9	9.0	9	0		
Fleener	2	0	2	0		0	12	Snead	1	18	18.0	18	0		
Edmunds	1	1	0	0		0	6	TEAM	36	825	22.9	106t	1		
Hardee	1	0	0	1		0	6	OPPONENTS	32	788	24.6	46	0		
J. Hill	1	0	1	0		0	6	* FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+		
Hoomanawanui	1	0	1	0		0	6	Lutz	0/ 0	10/10	4/ 5	13/16	4/ 5		
Jordan	1	0	0	1		0	6	TEAM	0/ 0	10/10	4/ 5	13/16	4/ 5		
Lattimore	1	0	0	1		0	6	OPPONENTS	0/ 0	9/ 9	5/ 5	9/10	3/ 7		
Lewis	1	0	1	0		0	6	Lutz: (43G,21G,24G,20G)	(46G,35G,49N)	(33G,50G,					
Line	1	0	1	0		0	6	56N)	(41N,43G,45G)	(41G)	(28G,44G)	(45G,49G)	(40G,		
Vaccaro	1	0	0	1		0	6	43N)	(23G,53G)	(52G,29G,42G,28G)	(50G,21G)	(38N,31G)			
TEAM	51	23	23	5	47/50	31/36	0	448	(34G)	(23G)	(40G,29G,45G)	(48G)			
OPPONENTS	36	11	22	3	30/33	26/31	0	326	OPP: (24G,32G,45G)	(28G,24G,27G)	(32G,48G)	( )	(41G,		
2-Pt Conv: Kamara, TM	1-1,	OPP	1-3						56N)	(59N,46G)	(27G,48N,44G)	(50G,54N)	(37G)	(38G)	
SACKS: Jordan	13,	Bell	4.5,	Okafor	4.5,				(50G,63N,46G,49G,26G)	( )	(28G,52G)	(29G,26G)	(37G,		
Kikaha	4,	Johnson	LG 2.5,	Johnson	TM 2.5,				48G)	(42G)					
Hendrickson	2,	Klein	2,	Onyemata	2,	Rankins	2,	Robertson	2,	Vaccaro	1.5,	Anzalone	1,	Bush	1,
TM	42,	OPP	20	FUM/LOST: Brees	5/0,	Ingram	3/3,	Coleman	2/2,	Ginn	2/0,	J. Hill	2/2,	Kamara	1/1,
Lewis	1/1,	Snead	1/1,	Unger	1/0,	Vaccaro	1/0								
* PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating			
Brees	536	386	4334	72.0	8.09	23	4.3	8	1.5	54t	20/ 145	103.9			
TEAM	536	386	4334	72.0	8.09	23	4.3	8	1.5	54t	20/ 145	103.9			
OPPONENTS	554	329	3884	59.4	7.01	22	4.0	20	3.6	53t	42/ 287	79.0			

**New Orleans Saints 2017 Defensive Statistics**

Name	Regular Defensive Plays									Special Teams					Miscellaneous			
	TKL	AST	TOT	SACK	YDS	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
Vonn Bell	57	21	78	4.5	28.5	0	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Robertson	50	27	77	2	19	2	6	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Marcus Williams	56	14	70	0	0	4	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Jordan	48	14	62	13	93.5	1	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manti Te'o	43	18	61	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenny Vaccaro	48	12	60	1.5	7.5	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.J. Klein	37	17	54	2	21	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ken Crawley	47	7	54	0	0	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshon Lattimore	44	9	53	0	0	5	18	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.J. Williams	34	13	43	0	0	2	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Onyemata	18	20	38	2	10	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alex Okafor	24	13	37	4.5	26	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyeler Davison	21	10	31	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheldon Rankins	16	11	27	2	13	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rafael Bush	17	5	22	1	12	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alex Azalone	11	5	16	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
De'Vante Harris	13	2	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trey Hendrickson	7	6	13	2	15	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hau'oil Kikaha	6	4	10	4	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Hughes III	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Mauti	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sterling Moore	5	0	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Johnson	3	2	5	2.5	13.5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tony McDaniel	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Banjo	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Freeny	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abdul Quadin-Muhammad	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Parry	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trey Edmunds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Hardee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gerald Hodges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zach Line	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Phillips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taysom Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wil Lutz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willie Snead IV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Adam Bighill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel Lasco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arthur Maulet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dexter McDougle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nate Stupar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Tommylee Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ryan Ramczyk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ted Ginn Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Terron Armstead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Brandon Coleman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mark Ingram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drew Brees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

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