



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS CHICAGO BEARS
SUNDAY, OCT. 20, 2019 • SOLDIER FIELD
SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- With the win, the Saints move to 6-1 for the second consecutive season, keeping New Orleans in first place in the NFC South. This is the first time New Orleans has started at least 6-1 in consecutive seasons.
- The win improves New Orleans' all-time regular season record against the Bears to 16-13. Including two playoff losses, the win gives them a 16-15 record.
- New Orleans now has five-game winning streaks in three consecutive seasons for only the second time in franchise history, joining the 1991-93 clubs.
- The Saints also extended their streak to 18 wins when leading in the fourth quarter.
- Head Coach **Sean Payton** now has 132 career wins (regular season and postseason), putting him in sole possession of 29th place on the NFL's all-time list for wins, moving past Marvin Lewis.
- Payton improved his regular season record against Chicago to 5-2. The win in Chicago gives Payton only his second five-game winning streak against an opponent, joining a five-game run against Tampa Bay from 10/6/11-12/28/14. Bears Head Coach Matt Nagy is now the 62nd coach Payton has defeated and the 45th coach he has a winning record against out of 73.
- Offensively, New Orleans racked up 424 yards with 281 passing yards and 151 rushing yards on the way to scoring 34 offensive points.
- New Orleans blocked two punts for the first time since Dec. 8, 2002 in a 37-25 win at Baltimore.
- Saint's DB **J.T. Gray** and **FB Zach Line** each blocked punts respectively.
- The Saints have now blocked two punts in a game on three occasions with the other coming on Dec. 17, 1972 vs. Green Bay and Dec. 8, 2002 at Baltimore.
- QB **Teddy Bridgewater** started and won his 22nd career game as a starter. Bridgewater completed 23-of-38 passes for 281 yards, two touchdowns, and 100.9 quarterback rating. Bridgewater led the Saints on six scoring drives resulting in four touchdowns and two field goals.
- Bridgewater's four wins against the Bears are his most against a single opponent, with three coming as a member of the Minnesota Vikings.
- Bridgewater also matched his longest winning streak as a starter today with a five game run in Minnesota from Oct. 18, 2015 – Nov. 15, 2015.
- RB **Latavius Murray** started his 50th career game today and led the team in rushing on a career high 27 carries for 113 yards and two touchdowns. Murray also caught five passes for 31 yards.
- WR **Michael Thomas** led the team in receiving with nine receptions for 131 yards.
- WR **Ted Ginn Jr.** eclipsed 6,000 yards from scrimmage and now sits at 6,016. Ginn finished the game with two catches for 48 yards.
- QB **Taysom Hill** caught a four-yard touchdown pass from Bridgewater. Hill also carried twice for 23 yards including a team long 21-yard carry.
- TE **Josh Hill** scored the Saint's first touchdown of the game on a seven-yard touchdown pass from Bridgewater. Hill finished the game with three catches for 43 yards and a touchdown.
- The Saint's defense held Chicago to 18 offensive points, a season low 81 total yards of offense in the first half, and six total yards in the third quarter.
- Chicago had not fumbled all season until New Orleans' defense forced two.
- SS **Vonn Bell** led the team in tackles with eight (seven solo). Bell also added a pass defense, forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Bell now has four fumble recoveries on the year, the most by a Saint since CB **Sammy Knight** in 2001 (5)
- Rookie DB **C.J. Gardner Johnson** set career highs with six solo tackles and two pass defenses.
- DE **Cameron Jordan** played in his 135th career game today, moving into sole possession of 22nd on the club's games played list past **Archie Manning** and **John Tice**.

- Jordan now has 78.5 career sacks. With his two takedowns today, he moves into sole possession of third behind linebacker **Rickey Jackson** (115) and defensive lineman **Wayne Martin** (82.5).
- This is Jordan's seventh three-game stint of at least 0.5 in a contest and his fifth of at least a single sack in three straight games.
- FS **Marcus Williams** forced the second Chicago fumble, recovered by LB **A.J. Klein**. Williams also added four tackles (three solo).
- Playing in his 165th career game, P **Thomas Morstead** punted four times for 169 yards (42.3 avg.) and two inside the 20-yard line.
- K **Wil Lutz** set the NFL record for consecutive field goals made on the road with 35, surpassing Rian Lindell.
- The Saints extended their streak to 279 regular season games without having been shut out, dating back to a 26-20 win at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on September 6, 2002 at Raymond James Stadium, the longest running streak in the National Football League and fourth overall.