

# National Football League Game Summary

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Date: Sunday, 12/23/2018

## Pittsburgh Steelers at New Orleans Saints

Start Time: 3:25 PM CST

at Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, LA

### Game Day Weather

Game Weather: Indoors

Temp: 68° F (20.0° C) Humidity: 71%, Wind: WNW 10 mph

Played Domed on Turf: UBU Speed Series-S5-M

Outdoor Weather: Cloudy, Wind Chill: 0

### Officials

Referee: Wrolstad, Craig (4)  
Line Judge: Johnson, Carl (101)  
Back Judge: Helverson, Scott (93)

Umpire: King, Paul (121)  
Field Judge: Hill, Tom (97)  
Replay Official: Nemmers, Larry (0)

Down Judge: Phillips, Jerod (6)  
Side Judge: Prioleau, Dyrol (109)

### Lineups

#### Pittsburgh Steelers

#### New Orleans Saints

Offense			Defense		
WR	84	A.Brown	DT	97	C.Heyward
LT	78	A.Villanueva	NT	79	J.Hargrave
LG	73	R.Foster	DE	91	S.Tuitt
C	53	M.Pouncey	LOLB	90	T.Watt
RG	66	D.DeCastro	LILB	51	J.Bostic
RT	71	M.Feiler	RILB	98	V.Williams
TE	89	V.McDonald	NT	93	D.McCullers
RB	38	J.Samuels	LCB	23	J.Haden
WR	17	E.Rogers	FS	21	S.Davis
QB	7	B.Roethlisberger	SS	34	Te.Edmunds
WR	19	J.Smith-Schuster	RCB	24	C.Sensabaugh

Offense			Defense		
WR	10	T.Smith	LDE	94	C.Jordan
LT	72	T.Armstead	DT	98	S.Rankins
LG	75	A.Peat	NT	95	T.Davison
C	60	M.Unger	RDE	57	A.Okafor
RG	67	L.Warford	WILL	56	D.Davis
RT	71	R.Ramczyk	CB	26	P.Williams
TE	89	J.Hill	SAM	53	A.Klein
WR	13	M.Thomas	LCB	25	E.Apple
QB	9	D.Brees	SS	24	V.Bell
RB	22	M.Ingram	FS	43	M.Williams
FB	42	Z.Line	RCB	23	M.Lattimore

### Substitutions

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P 4 J.Berry, K 9 C.Boswell, WR 10 R.Switzer, WR 13 J.Washington, CB 20 C.Sutton, RB 22 S.Ridley, CB 25 A.Burns, CB 28 M.Hilton, RB 33 T.Edmunds, S 37 J.Dangerfield, S 42 M.Burnett, LB 44 T.Matakevich, FB 45 R.Nix, LB 48 B.Dupree, LB 54 L.Fort, LB 56 A.Chickillo, LS 57 K.Canaday, C/G 67 B.Finney, OL 76 C.Okorafor, TE 81 J.James, TE 85 X.Grimble, WR 88 D.Heyward-Bey, DE 94 T.Alualu

K 3 W.Lutz, P 6 T.Morstead, QB 7 T.Hill, WR 11 T.Lewis, WR 18 K.Kirkwood, WR 19 T.Ginn, RB 27 D.Washington, S 29 K.Coleman, S 31 C.Banjo, DB 32 J.Robinson, DB 34 J.Hardee, RB 41 A.Kamara, LB 47 A.Anzalone, LS 49 Z.Wood, LB 52 C.Robertson, LB 59 V.Biegel, C 63 C.Tom, C 64 W.Clapp, DT 76 T.Stallworth, TE 82 B.Watson, DE 92 M.Davenport, DT 93 D.Onyemata

### Did Not Play

### Did Not Play

QB 5 J.Dobbs

QB 5 T.Bridgewater, CB 20 K.Crawley

### Not Active

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QB 2 M.Rudolph, S 27 M.Allen, CB 29 B.Allen, RB 30 J.Conner, OT 72 Z.Banner, OLB 92 O.Adeniyi, DE 96 L.Walton

WR 15 S.Cobbs, LB 51 M.Te'o, DL 70 M.Loewen, T 74 J.Bushrod, WR 80 A.Carr, TE 85 D.Arnold, DE 91 T.Hendrickson

### Field Goals (made ( ) & missed)

C.Boswell (49) (30)

W.Lutz (43) 50B

		1	2	3	4	OT	Total
VISITOR:	Pittsburgh Steelers	3	11	14	0	0	28
HOME:	New Orleans Saints	7	10	7	7	0	31

### Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Steelers	1	5:32	C.Boswell 49 yd. Field Goal (9-29, 4:46)	3	0
Saints	1	2:57	M.Ingram 1 yd. run (W.Lutz kick) (6-75, 2:35)	3	7
Steelers	2	14:05	C.Boswell 30 yd. Field Goal (9-78, 3:52)	6	7
Saints	2	10:22	A.Kamara 8 yd. run (W.Lutz kick) (8-75, 3:43)	6	14
Steelers	2	0:40	J.Samuels 3 yd. pass from B.Roethlisberger (B.Roethlisberger-E.Rogers pass) (15-97, 6:04)	14	14
Saints	2	0:02	W.Lutz 43 yd. Field Goal (4-50, 0:38)	14	17
Saints	3	9:13	A.Kamara 1 yd. run (W.Lutz kick) (11-75, 5:47)	14	24
Steelers	3	4:48	A.Brown 3 yd. pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick) (9-75, 4:25)	21	24
Steelers	3	1:02	A.Brown 20 yd. pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick) (4-66, 1:36)	28	24

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Saints 4 1:25 M.Thomas 2 yd. pass from D.Brees (W.Lutz kick) (10-46, 2:41)  
Paid Attendance: 73,086

28 31  
Time: 3:24

**Pittsburgh Steelers vs New Orleans Saints**  
**12/23/2018 at Mercedes-Benz Superdome**

# Final Individual Statistics

## Pittsburgh Steelers

## New Orleans Saints

RUSHING						RUSHING					
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Samuels	12	53	4.4	16	0	M.Ingram	11	35	3.2	8	1
S.Ridley	3	4	1.3	6	0	A.Kamara	7	23	3.3	8	2
B.Roethlisberger	2	4	2.0	5	0	D.Brees	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
R.Nix	1	4	4.0	4	0						
Total	18	65	3.6	16	0	Total	19	57	3.0	8	3

  

PASSING									PASSING								
	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT		ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
B.Roethlisberger	50	33	380	3/16	3	49	0	108.8	D.Brees	39	27	326	2/13	1	42	0	103.2
									T.Hill	1	0	0	0/0	0	0	1	0.0
Total	50	33	380	3/16	3	49	0	108.8	Total	40	27	326	2/13	1	42	1	90.2

  

PASS RECEIVING							PASS RECEIVING						
	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.Brown	19	14	185	13.2	28	2	M.Thomas	13	11	109	9.9	28	1
J.Smith-Schuster	15	11	115	10.5	23	0	T.Ginn	8	5	74	14.8	25	0
R.Switzer	3	3	18	6.0	13	0	A.Kamara	6	4	82	20.5	42	0
J.Samuels	3	3	11	3.7	7	1	K.Kirkwood	4	2	35	17.5	23	0
V.McDonald	4	1	49	49.0	49	0	J.Hill	3	2	1	0.5	5	0
E.Rogers	1	1	2	2.0	2	0	T.Smith	1	1	11	11.0	11	0
J.Washington	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	M.Ingram	2	1	8	8.0	8	0
X.Grimble	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	B.Watson	2	1	6	6.0	6	0
R.Nix	1	0	0	0.0	0	0							
Total	49	33	380	11.5	49	3	Total	39	27	326	12.1	42	1

  

INTERCEPTIONS						INTERCEPTIONS					
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
S.Davis	1	27	27.0	27	0						
Total	1	27	27.0	27	0	Total	0	0	0	0	0

  

PUNTING								PUNTING							
	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG		NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG
J.Berry	2	98	49.0	39.0	1	0	57	T.Morstead	3	141	47.0	47.0	0	1	56
Total	2	98	49.0	39.0	1	0	57	Total	3	141	47.0	47.0	0	1	56

  

PUNT RETURNS							PUNT RETURNS						
	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD		NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
R.Switzer	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	T.Lewis	0	0	0.0	1	0	0
[OUT OF BOUNDS]	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	[TOUCHBACK]	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	Total	0	0	0.0	1	0	0

  

KICKOFF RETURNS							KICKOFF RETURNS						
	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD		NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
R.Switzer	1	20	20.0	0	20	0	[TOUCHBACK]	6	0	0.0	0	0	0
J.Samuels	1	0	0.0	0	0	0							
[TOUCHBACK]	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	Total	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	2	20	10.0	0	20	0							

### Pittsburgh Steelers

FUMBLES	FUM	LOST	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS
B.Roethlisberger	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Ridley	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Smith-Schuster	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Haden	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

### New Orleans Saints

FUMBLES	FUM	LOST	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS
M.Ingram	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
K.Coleman	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
S.Rankins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
D.Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
A.Okafor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1

## Final Team Statistics

	Visitor Steelers	Home Saints
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b>	26	24
By Rushing	2	5
By Passing	21	16
By Penalty	3	3
<b>THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY</b>	6-13-46%	6-12-50%
<b>FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY</b>	1-2-50%	0-0-0%
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS</b>	429	370
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	71	61
Average gain per offensive play	6.0	6.1
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	65	57
Total Rushing Plays	18	19
Average gain per rushing play	3.6	3.0
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	2-2	1-1
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	364	313
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	3-16	2-13
Gross yards passing	380	326
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED</b>	50-33-0	40-27-1
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	6.9	7.5
<b>KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks</b>	6-6-6	6-5-4
<b>PUNTS Number and Average</b>	2-49.0	3-47.0
Had Blocked	0	0
<b>FGs - PATs Had Blocked</b>	0-0	1-0
<b>Net Punting Average</b>	39.0	47.0
<b>TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)</b>	27	0
No. and Yards Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	2-20	0-0
No. and Yards Interception Returns	1-27	0-0
<b>PENALTIES Number and Yards</b>	6-79	9-91
<b>FUMBLES Number and Lost</b>	3-2	1-0
<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b>	3	4
Rushing	0	3
Passing	3	1
<b>EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts</b>	3-3	4-4
Kicking Made-Attempts	2-2	4-4
Passing Made-Attempts	1-1	0-0
<b>FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts</b>	2-2	1-2
<b>RED ZONE EFFICIENCY</b>	2-3-67%	4-4-100%
<b>GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY</b>	2-2-100%	3-3-100%
<b>SAFETIES</b>	0	0
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>	28	31
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION</b>	31:20	28:40

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## Ball Possession And Drive Chart

### Pittsburgh Steelers

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	15:00	12:58	2:02	Kickoff	PIT 25	4	18	0	18	1	PIT 43	Punt
2	10:18	5:32	4:46	Interception	PIT 40	9	29	0	29	2	NO 31	Field Goal
3	2:57	14:05	3:52	Kickoff	PIT 10	9	72	6	78	3	* NO 12	Field Goal
4	10:22	9:26	0:56	Kickoff	PIT 25	3	-1	0	-1	0	PIT 24	Punt
5	6:44	0:40	6:04	Punt	PIT 3	15	77	20	97	6	* NO 3	Touchdown
6	0:02	0:00	0:02	Kickoff	PIT 17	1	-1	0	-1	0	PIT 17	End of Half
7	9:13	4:48	4:25	Kickoff	PIT 25	9	80	-5	75	5	* NO 3	Touchdown
8	2:38	1:02	1:36	Punt	PIT 34	4	66	0	66	3	NO 20	Touchdown
9	14:49	10:12	4:37	Punt	PIT 25	8	40	0	40	3	NO 34	Fumble
10	6:13	4:06	2:07	Blocked FG	PIT 37	4	9	0	9	0	PIT 42	Downs
11	1:25	0:32	0:53	Kickoff	PIT 25	7	40	0	40	3	NO 42	Fumble

(266) Average PIT 24

### New Orleans Saints

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	12:58	10:18	2:40	Punt	NO 20	5	34	0	34	3	PIT 46	Interception
2	5:32	2:57	2:35	Kickoff	NO 25	6	42	33	75	3	* PIT 1	Touchdown
3	14:05	10:22	3:43	Kickoff	NO 25	8	53	22	75	4	* PIT 8	Touchdown
4	9:26	6:44	2:42	Punt	NO 35	4	11	-5	6	1	NO 41	Punt
5	0:40	0:02	0:38	Kickoff	NO 25	4	50	0	50	2	PIT 25	Field Goal
6	15:00	9:13	5:47	Kickoff	NO 25	11	75	0	75	4	* PIT 1	Touchdown
7	4:48	2:38	2:10	Kickoff	NO 25	4	-2	0	-2	1	NO 23	Punt
8	1:02	14:49	1:13	Kickoff	NO 25	3	8	0	8	0	NO 33	Punt
9	10:12	6:13	3:59	Fumble	NO 35	7	48	-15	33	2	PIT 32	Blocked FG
10	4:06	1:25	2:41	Downs	PIT 46	10	52	-6	46	4	* PIT 2	Touchdown
11	0:32	0:00	0:32	Fumble	NO 20	1	-1	0	-1	0	NO 20	End of Game

(314) Average NO 29

### \* inside opponent's 20

Time of Possession by Quarter		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Visitor	Pittsburgh Steelers	9:45	7:57	6:01	7:37		31:20
Home	New Orleans Saints	5:15	7:03	8:59	7:23		28:40

### Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average

Steelers: 6 - PIT 21

Saints: 6 - NO 25

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## Final Defensive Statistics

Pittsburgh Steelers	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	Q	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
M.Hilton	6	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Davis	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Haden	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V.Williams	5	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Bostic	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Te.Edmunds	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Watt	3	0	3	1	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Sensabaugh	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Heyward	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Dupree	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Tuitt	1	1	2	1	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Burnett	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Fort	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
T.Alualu	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Chickillo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Foster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
B.Roethlisberger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**TKL = Tackle AST = Assist COMB = Combined QH=QB Hit IN = Interception PD = Pass Defense FF = Forced Fumble FR = Fumble Recovery**

New Orleans Saints	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
V.Bell	7	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Apple	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Lattimore	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.Williams	5	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Anzalone	3	1	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Davis	3	0	3	1	9	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Rankins	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Onyemata	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Davison	2	0	2	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Okafor	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Klein	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Williams	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Jordan	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Banjo	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Coleman	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Robertson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Davenport	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Z.Line	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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# First Half Summary

PERIOD SCORES

Steelers	3	11 = 14
Saints	7	10 = 17

TIME OF POSSESSION

Steelers	17:42
Saints	12:18

**Scoring Plays**

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Steelers	1	5:32	C.Boswell 49 yd. Field Goal (9-29, 4:46)	3	0
Saints	1	2:57	M.Ingram 1 yd. run (W.Lutz kick) (6-75, 2:35)	3	7
Steelers	2	14:05	C.Boswell 30 yd. Field Goal (9-78, 3:52)	6	7
Saints	2	10:22	A.Kamara 8 yd. run (W.Lutz kick) (8-75, 3:43)	6	14
Steelers	2	0:40	J.Samuels 3 yd. pass from B.Roethlisberger (B.Roethlisberger-E.Rogers pass) (15-97, 6:04)	14	14
Saints	2	0:02	W.Lutz 43 yd. Field Goal (4-50, 0:38)	14	17

	Pittsburgh Steelers	New Orleans Saints
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	13
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	1 - 9 - 2	3 - 8 - 2
<b>THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY</b>	5-9-56%	2-4-50%
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS</b>	194	190
Total Offensive Plays	39	26
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	41	39
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	153	151
Gross Yards Passing	160	151
Times thrown-yards lost attempting to pass	2-7	0-0
<b>Pass Attempts-Completions-Had Intercepted</b>	25 - 16 - 0	17 - 12 - 1
<b>Punts-Number and Average</b>	2 - 49	1 - 56
<b>Penalties-Number and Yards</b>	3 - 65	4 - 46
<b>Fumbles-Number and Lost</b>	1 - 0	0 - 0
<b>Red Zone Efficiency</b>	1-2-50%	2-2-100%
<b>Average Drive Start</b>	PIT 20	NO 26

Pittsburgh Steelers										New Orleans Saints									
<b>RUSHING</b>										<b>RUSHING</b>									
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD								
J.Samuels	8	32	4.0	16	0	M.Ingram	7	27	3.9	8	1								
S.Ridley	2	5	2.5	6	0	A.Kamara	2	12	6.0	8	1								
B.Roethlisberger	2	4	2.0	5	0														
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>								
<b>PASSING</b>										<b>PASSING</b>									
	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT		ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT		
B.Roethlisberger	25	16	160	2/7	1	49	0	95.4	D.Brees	16	12	151	0/0	0	31	0	103.9		
									T.Hill	1	0	0	0/0	0	0	1	0.0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2/7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>73.4</b>		
<b>PASS RECEIVING</b>										<b>PASS RECEIVING</b>									
	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD						
J.Smith-Schuster	9	6	39	6.5	15	0	M.Thomas	7	5	74	14.8	28	0						
A.Brown	7	5	63	12.6	28	0	A.Kamara	2	2	35	17.5	31	0						
R.Switzer	2	2	5	2.5	3	0	T.Ginn	4	2	28	14.0	15	0						
J.Samuels	2	2	4	2.0	3	1	K.Kirkwood	1	1	12	12.0	12	0						
V.McDonald	3	1	49	49.0	49	0	B.Watson	1	1	6	6.0	6	0						
X.Grimble	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	J.Hill	2	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0						
R.Nix	1	0	0	0.0	0	0													
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>						

Pittsburgh Steelers	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	YDS	TFL	Q	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
Te.Edmunds	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Bostic	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Sensabaugh	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Dupree	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>





## First Quarter

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## Play By Play

PIT wins toss, elects to Receive, and NO elects to defend the North goal.

W.Lutz kicks 65 yards from NO 35 to end zone, Touchback.

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 15:00

1-10-PIT 25	(15:00) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Smith-Schuster to PIT 40 for 15 yards (E.Apple). Pass 10, YAC 5	P1
<u>1-10-PIT 40</u>	(14:26) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Samuels to PIT 41 for 1 yard (E.Apple). Pass 0, YAC 1	
2-9-PIT 41	(13:49) (Shotgun) J.Samuels right end pushed ob at PIT 43 for 2 yards (A.Klein, V.Bell).	
3-7-PIT 43	(13:11) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to V.McDonald.	
4-7-PIT 43	(13:06) J.Berry punts 57 yards to end zone, Center-K.Canaday, Touchback.	

## New Orleans Saints at 12:58

1-10-NO 20	(12:58) M.Ingram right guard to NO 28 for 8 yards (J.Bostic).	
2-2-NO 28	(12:22) (Shotgun) M.Ingram right guard to NO 31 for 3 yards (L.Fort).	R1
<u>1-10-NO 31</u>	(11:45) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to M.Thomas to NO 44 for 13 yards (V.Williams). Pass 10, YAC 3 NO RT #71 R.Ramczyk Injured on Play	P2
<u>1-10-NO 44</u>	(11:14) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to M.Thomas to PIT 46 for 10 yards (J.Haden). Pass 3, YAC 7	P3
<u>1-10-PIT 46</u>	(10:35) (Shotgun) T.Hill pass deep middle intended for T.Ginn INTERCEPTED by S.Davis at PIT -2. S.Davis to PIT 25 for 27 yards (J.Hill). <i>PENALTY on NO-J.Hill, Horse Collar Tackle, 15 yards, enforced at PIT 25.</i>	

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 10:18

1-10-PIT 40	(10:18) (Shotgun) J.Samuels left end pushed ob at PIT 45 for 5 yards (M.Lattimore).	
2-5-PIT 45	(9:43) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to R.Switzer pushed ob at PIT 48 for 3 yards (A.Anzalone). Pass -1, YAC 4	
3-2-PIT 48	(9:10) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger to PIT 43 for -5 yards. FUMBLES, and recovers at PIT 43. B.Roethlisberger pass short left to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 49 for 3 yards (V.Bell). Pass 3, YAC 0	P2
<u>1-10-NO 49</u>	(8:47) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to R.Switzer to NO 47 for 2 yards (V.Bell). Pass -7, YAC 9	
2-8-NO 47	(8:16) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 39 for 8 yards (P.Williams, S.Rankins). Pass 6, YAC 2	P3
<u>1-10-NO 39</u>	(7:37) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger scrambles up the middle to NO 34 for 5 yards (S.Rankins).	
2-5-NO 34	(6:55) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 30 for 4 yards (V.Bell). Pass 4, YAC 0	
3-1-NO 30	(6:15) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to A.Brown to NO 31 for -1 yards (P.Williams). Pass, -1, YAC 0	
4-2-NO 31	<b>(5:37) C.Boswell 49 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-K.Canaday, Holder-J.Berry.</b>	

**PIT 3 NO 0, 9 plays, 29 yards, 4:46 drive, 9:28 elapsed**

C.Boswell kicks 65 yards from PIT 35 to end zone, Touchback.

## New Orleans Saints at 5:32

1-10-NO 25	(5:32) W.Clapp reported in as eligible. A.Kamara right guard to NO 29 for 4 yards (J.Bostic).	
2-6-NO 29	(4:57) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short middle to M.Thomas pushed ob at PIT 43 for 28 yards (Te.Edmunds). Pass 7, YAC 21	P4
<u>1-10-PIT 43</u>	(4:25) M.Ingram right guard to PIT 36 for 7 yards (C.Sensabaugh).	
2-3-PIT 36	(3:46) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete short left to M.Thomas (C.Heyward).	
3-3-PIT 36	(3:43) (Shotgun) M.Ingram left guard to PIT 34 for 2 yards (B.Dupree, C.Heyward). Timeout #1 by NO at 03:10.	
4-1-PIT 34	(3:10) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete deep right to A.Kamara [V.Williams]. <i>PENALTY on PIT-J.Haden, Defensive Pass Interference, 33 yards, enforced at PIT 34 - No Play.</i>	X5
<u>1-1-PIT 1</u>	<b>(3:01) M.Ingram left tackle for 1 yard, TOUCHDOWN.</b>	R6
	W.Lutz extra point is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-T.Morstead.	

**PIT 3 NO 7, 6 plays, 75 yards, 1 penalty, 2:35 drive, 12:03 elapsed**

W.Lutz kicks 65 yards from NO 35 to PIT 0. R.Switzer pushed ob at PIT 20 for 20 yards (Z.Line).

*PENALTY on PIT-R.Nix, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at PIT 20.*

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 2:57, (1st play from scrimmage 2:51)

1-10-PIT 10	(2:51) (Shotgun) J.Samuels left guard to PIT 10 for no gain (V.Bell).	
2-10-PIT 10	(2:12) (Shotgun) J.Samuels left guard to PIT 26 for 16 yards (A.Anzalone, V.Bell).	R4
<u>1-10-PIT 26</u>	(1:28) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short left to J.Smith-Schuster (E.Apple, T.Davison). <i>PENALTY on NO-E.Apple, Defensive Pass Interference, 6 yards, enforced at PIT 26 - No Play.</i>	X5
<u>1-10-PIT 32</u>	(1:24) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep middle to A.Brown (M.Lattimore).	
2-10-PIT 32	(1:18) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Smith-Schuster to PIT 38 for 6 yards (E.Apple). Pass -3, YAC 9	
3-4-PIT 38	(:35) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep right to V.McDonald to NO 13 for 49 yards (M.Williams). Pass 28, YAC 21	P6

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END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Pittsburgh Steelers	3	9:45	1	4	1	6	2/4	0/0
New Orleans Saints	7	5:15	2	3	1	6	0/1	0/0

## Second Quarter

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## Play By Play

Pittsburgh Steelers continued.

- 1-10-NO 13 (15:00) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short left to V.McDonald.  
 2-10-NO 13 (14:56) (Shotgun) J.Samuels left guard to NO 12 for 1 yard (D.Onyemata).  
 3-9-NO 12 (14:15) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to J.Smith-Schuster.  
 4-9-NO 12 (14:10) **C.Boswell 30 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-K.Canaday, Holder-J.Berry.**

<b>PIT 6 NO 7, 9 plays, 78 yards, 1 penalty, 3:52 drive, 0:55 elapsed</b>
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C.Boswell kicks 65 yards from PIT 35 to end zone, Touchback.

## New Orleans Saints at 14:05

- 1-10-NO 25 (14:05) D.Brees pass deep left to T.Ginn pushed ob at NO 40 for 15 yards (C.Sensabaugh). Pass -4, YAC 19 P7  
1-10-NO 40 (13:33) M.Ingram right tackle to NO 42 for 2 yards (T.Alualu).  
 2-8-NO 42 (12:58) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete short right to J.Hill (C.Sensabaugh).  
 3-8-NO 42 (12:54) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to M.Thomas pushed ob at PIT 38 for 20 yards (Te.Edmunds). Pass 13, YAC 7 NO LT #72 T.Armstead P8  
 Injured on Play  
1-10-PIT 38 (12:06) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete deep right to M.Thomas (S.Davis).  
 2-10-PIT 38 (11:58) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete deep middle to B.Watson (M.Burnett).  
*PENALTY on PIT-M.Burnett, Defensive Pass Interference, 22 yards, enforced at PIT 38 - No Play.* X9  
1-10-PIT 16 (11:53) C.Tom reported in as eligible. M.Ingram right guard to PIT 12 for 4 yards (J.Bostic, C.Heyward).  
 2-6-PIT 12 (11:10) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short middle to A.Kamara to PIT 8 for 4 yards (B.Dupree).  
 3-2-PIT 8 (10:27) (Shotgun) **A.Kamara right guard for 8 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** R10  
 W.Lutz extra point is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-T.Morstead.

<b>PIT 6 NO 14, 8 plays, 75 yards, 1 penalty, 3:43 drive, 4:38 elapsed</b>
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W.Lutz kicks 65 yards from NO 35 to end zone, Touchback.

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 10:22

- 1-10-PIT 25 (10:22) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to X.Grimble [A.Okafor].  
 2-10-PIT 25 (10:17) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger sacked at PIT 24 for -1 yards (A.Anzalone).  
 3-11-PIT 24 (9:39) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep left to A.Brown.  
 4-11-PIT 24 (9:34) J.Berry punts 41 yards to NO 35, Center-K.Canaday, fair catch by T.Lewis.

## New Orleans Saints at 9:26

- 1-10-NO 35 (9:26) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to K.Kirkwood to NO 47 for 12 yards (C.Sensabaugh). Pass 6, YAC 6 P11  
1-10-NO 47 (8:39) D.Brees pass short right to J.Hill to NO 43 for -4 yards (M.Hilton). Pass -7, YAC 3  
 2-14-NO 43 (7:55) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to M.Thomas to NO 46 for 3 yards (Te.Edmunds). Pass 3, YAC 0  
 3-11-NO 46 (7:11) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete deep right to T.Ginn.  
 4-11-NO 46 (7:03) T.Morstead punts 46 yards to PIT 8, Center-Z.Wood, downed by NO-J.Hardee.  
*PENALTY on NO-J.Hardee, Illegal Touch Kick, 5 yards, enforced at NO 46 - No Play.*  
 4-16-NO 41 (6:51) T.Morstead punts 56 yards to PIT 3, Center-Z.Wood, out of bounds.

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 6:44

- 1-10-PIT 3 (6:44) C.Okorafor reported in as eligible. S.Ridley right guard to PIT 9 for 6 yards (D.Davis).  
 2-4-PIT 9 (6:08) (Shotgun) J.Samuels right guard to PIT 11 for 2 yards (T.Davison).  
 3-2-PIT 11 (5:25) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep left to A.Brown pushed ob at PIT 39 for 28 yards (M.Williams). Pass 21, YAC 7 P7  
1-10-PIT 39 (4:48) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep right to J.Smith-Schuster.  
 2-10-PIT 39 (4:43) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to A.Brown to PIT 49 for 10 yards (A.Klein). Pass -2, YAC 12 P8  
1-10-PIT 49 (4:09) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 48 for 3 yards (E.Apple). Pass 2, YAC 1  
 2-7-NO 48 (3:26) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to A.Brown ran ob at NO 38 for 10 yards (M.Lattimore). Pass 10, YAC 0 P9  
1-10-NO 38 (2:58) (Shotgun) J.Samuels right guard to NO 33 for 5 yards (P.Williams).  
 2-5-NO 33 (2:23) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger sacked at NO 39 for -6 yards (T.Davison).

## Two-Minute Warning

- 3-11-NO 39 (2:00) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep right to A.Brown to NO 23 for 16 yards (D.Davis). Pass 16, YAC 0 P10  
1-10-NO 23 (1:25) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short left to J.Smith-Schuster.  
 2-10-NO 23 (1:23) (Shotgun) J.Samuels right guard to NO 22 for 1 yard (A.Okafor, D.Onyemata).  
 Timeout #2 by NO at 01:19.  
 3-9-NO 22 (1:19) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep right to J.Smith-Schuster (E.Apple).

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*PENALTY on NO-E.Apple, Defensive Pass Interference, 20 yards, enforced at NO 22 - No Play.*

X11

- 1-2-NO 2 (1:13) C.Okorafor reported in as eligible. B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to R.Nix (C.Jordan) [C.Jordan].
  - 2-2-NO 2 (1:08) S.Ridley left guard to NO 3 for -1 yards (C.Jordan). NO RDE #57 A.Okafor Injured on Play  
Timeout #3 by NO at 00:44. Injury to #57 A.Okafor
  - 3-3-NO 3 **(:44) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Samuels for 3 yards, TOUCHDOWN.**
- TWO-POINT CONVERSION ATTEMPT. B.Roethlisberger pass to E.Rogers is complete. ATTEMPT SUCCEEDS.

P12

**PIT 14 NO 14, 15 plays, 97 yards, 1 penalty, 6:04 drive, 14:20 elapsed**

C.Boswell kicks 65 yards from PIT 35 to end zone, Touchback.

**New Orleans Saints at 0:40**

- 1-10-NO 25 (:40) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to T.Ginn ran ob at NO 38 for 13 yards.
- 1-10-NO 38 (:35) (No Huddle, Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to B.Watson to NO 44 for 6 yards (V.Williams) [B.Dupree]. Pass 5, YAC 1
- 2-4-NO 44 (:15) (No Huddle, Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to A.Kamara pushed ob at PIT 25 for 31 yards (S.Davis). Pass 3, YAC 29  
The Replay Official reviewed the runner was inbounds ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field stands.  
Timeout #1 by PIT at 00:07.
- 1-10-PIT 25 **(:07) W.Lutz 43 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-T.Morstead.**  
*Penalty on PIT-J.Haden, Defensive Offside, declined.*

P12

P13

**PIT 14 NO 17, 4 plays, 50 yards, 0:38 drive, 14:58 elapsed**

W.Lutz kicks 48 yards from NO 35 to PIT 17. J.Samuels (didn't try to advance) to PIT 17 for no gain.

**Pittsburgh Steelers at 0:02, (1st play from scrimmage 0:01)**

- 1-10-PIT 17 (:01) B.Roethlisberger kneels to PIT 16 for -1 yards.

**END OF QUARTER**

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Pittsburgh Steelers	14	7:57	0	5	1	6	3/5	0/0
New Orleans Saints	17	7:03	1	5	1	7	2/3	0/0

## Third Quarter

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## Play By Play

NO elects to Receive, and PIT elects to defend the North goal.

C.Boswell kicks 65 yards from PIT 35 to end zone, Touchback.

## New Orleans Saints at 15:00

1-10-NO 25	(15:00) M.Ingram right guard to NO 24 for -1 yards (V.Williams, S.Tuitt).	
2-11-NO 24	(14:20) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to A.Kamara pushed ob at PIT 34 for 42 yards (J.Haden). Pass 0, YAC 42	P14
1-10-PIT 34	(13:45) W.Clapp reported in as eligible. M.Ingram right guard to PIT 32 for 2 yards (V.Williams, J.Bostic).	
2-8-PIT 32	(13:10) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to M.Thomas to PIT 27 for 5 yards (T.Watt, C.Heyward). Pass 0, YAC 5	
3-3-PIT 27	(12:28) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short middle to A.Kamara to PIT 22 for 5 yards (M.Hilton). Pass 3, YAC 2	P15
1-10-PIT 22	(11:41) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete short right to A.Kamara (A.Chickillo).	
2-10-PIT 22	(11:35) (Shotgun) A.Kamara right guard to PIT 16 for 6 yards (V.Williams).	
3-4-PIT 16	(10:59) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to M.Thomas pushed ob at PIT 8 for 8 yards (S.Davis) [M.Burnett]. Pass 4, YAC 4	P16
1-8-PIT 8	(10:25) W.Clapp reported in as eligible. M.Ingram right end to PIT 1 for 7 yards (J.Haden). FUMBLES (J.Haden), ball out of bounds at PIT 1.	
2-1-PIT 1	(9:52) M.Ingram left guard to PIT 1 for no gain (J.Bostic).	
3-1-PIT 1	<b>(9:16) A.Kamara right guard for 1 yard, TOUCHDOWN.</b>	R17
	W.Lutz extra point is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-T.Morstead.	

**PIT 14 NO 24, 11 plays, 75 yards, 5:47 drive, 5:47 elapsed**

W.Lutz kicks 65 yards from NO 35 to end zone, Touchback.

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 9:13

1-10-PIT 25	(9:13) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short middle to J.Smith-Schuster to PIT 39 for 14 yards (P.Williams) [A.Okafor]. <i>PENALTY on PIT-M.Pouncey, Ineligible Downfield Pass, 5 yards, enforced at PIT 25 - No Play.</i>	
1-15-PIT 20	(8:47) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Smith-Schuster to PIT 32 for 12 yards (A.Anzalone; V.Bell). Pass 7, YAC 5	
2-3-PIT 32	(8:04) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short middle to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 45 for 23 yards (C.Banjo). Pass 13, YAC 10	P13
1-10-NO 45	(7:18) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to A.Brown to NO 28 for 17 yards (P.Williams). Pass -2, YAC 19	P14
1-10-NO 28	(6:29) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to A.Brown.	
2-10-NO 28	(6:25) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to A.Brown to NO 16 for 12 yards (M.Lattimore). Pass 8, YAC 4	P15
1-10-NO 16	(5:49) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short middle to R.Switzer to NO 3 for 13 yards (M.Lattimore). Pass -2, YAC 15	P16
1-3-NO 3	(5:04) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short left to A.Brown.	
2-3-NO 3	(4:59) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to V.McDonald [A.Anzalone].	
3-3-NO 3	<b>(4:53) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to A.Brown for 3 yards, TOUCHDOWN. Pass 3, YAC 0</b>	P17
	C.Boswell extra point is GOOD, Center-K.Canaday, Holder-J.Berry.	

**PIT 21 NO 24, 9 plays, 75 yards, 4:25 drive, 10:12 elapsed**

C.Boswell kicks 65 yards from PIT 35 to end zone, Touchback.

## New Orleans Saints at 4:48

1-10-NO 25	(4:48) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to T.Smith pushed ob at NO 36 for 11 yards (Te.Edmunds). Pass 3, YAC 8	P18
1-10-NO 36	(4:15) W.Clapp reported in as eligible. D.Brees sacked at NO 30 for -6 yards (T.Watt).	
2-16-NO 30	(3:33) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete short right to M.Ingram (T.Watt).	
3-16-NO 30	(3:21) (Shotgun) D.Brees sacked at NO 23 for -7 yards (S.Tuitt).	
4-23-NO 23	(2:45) T.Morstead punts 43 yards to PIT 34, Center-Z.Wood, fair catch by R.Switzer.	

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 2:38

1-10-PIT 34	(2:38) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep right to A.Brown to NO 40 for 26 yards (V.Bell). Pass 26, YAC 0	P18
1-10-NO 40	(2:00) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 20 for 20 yards (E.Apple). Pass 20, YAC 0	P19
1-10-NO 20	(1:12) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep right to A.Brown. Timeout #1 by PIT at 01:05.	
2-10-NO 20	<b>(1:05) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep left to A.Brown for 20 yards, TOUCHDOWN. Pass 20, YAC 0</b>	P20
	C.Boswell extra point is GOOD, Center-K.Canaday, Holder-J.Berry.	

**PIT 28 NO 24, 4 plays, 66 yards, 1:36 drive, 13:58 elapsed**

C.Boswell kicks 65 yards from PIT 35 to end zone, Touchback.

## New Orleans Saints at 1:02

1-10-NO 25	(1:02) (Shotgun) A.Kamara right guard to NO 26 for 1 yard (M.Hilton).	
2-9-NO 26	(:24) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short middle to M.Thomas to NO 33 for 7 yards (S.Davis). Pass 5, YAC 2	

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END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Pittsburgh Steelers	28	6:01	0	8	0	8	1/1	0/0
New Orleans Saints	24	8:59	1	4	0	5	3/4	0/0

## Fourth Quarter

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## Play By Play

New Orleans Saints continued.

- 3-2-NO 33 (15:00) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete deep right to K.Kirkwood (M.Burnett) [S.Tuitt].  
 4-2-NO 33 (14:56) T.Morstead punts 42 yards to PIT 25, Center-Z.Wood, fair catch by R.Switzer.

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 14:49

- 1-10-PIT 25 (14:49) (Shotgun) J.Samuels left guard to PIT 32 for 7 yards (E.Apple).  
 2-3-PIT 32 (14:10) (Shotgun) J.Samuels right guard to PIT 36 for 4 yards (A.Okafor, E.Apple). R21  
1-10-PIT 36 (13:28) J.Samuels right tackle to PIT 45 for 9 yards (E.Apple).  
 2-1-PIT 45 (12:56) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to E.Rogers to PIT 47 for 2 yards (V.Bell). Pass 2, YAC 0 P22  
1-10-PIT 47 (12:16) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to A.Brown ran ob at NO 42 for 11 yards. Pass 11, YAC 0 P23  
1-10-NO 42 (11:46) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to J.Samuels to NO 35 for 7 yards (V.Bell, M.Davenport). Pass -3, YAC 10  
 2-3-NO 35 (11:02) (Shotgun) J.Samuels right guard to NO 34 for 1 yard (D.Onyemata).  
 3-2-NO 34 (10:21) C.Okorafor reported in as eligible. S.Ridley right guard to NO 35 for -1 yards (K.Coleman, C.Jordan). FUMBLES (K.Coleman), RECOVERED by NO-A.Okafor at NO 35.  
 The Replay Official reviewed the fumble ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field stands.

## New Orleans Saints at 10:12

- 1-10-NO 35 (10:12) (Shotgun) PENALTY on NO-T.Ginn, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at NO 35 - No Play.  
 1-15-NO 30 (10:12) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to T.Ginn ran ob at NO 44 for 14 yards. Pass 14, YAC 0  
 2-1-NO 44 (9:41) (Shotgun) A.Kamara left tackle to NO 46 for 2 yards (S.Davis). R19  
1-10-NO 46 (9:02) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to K.Kirkwood to PIT 31 for 23 yards (M.Hilton). Pass 14, YAC 9 P20  
1-10-PIT 31 (8:16) A.Kamara left guard to PIT 30 for 1 yard (T.Watt).  
 2-9-PIT 30 (7:37) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to M.Thomas to PIT 13 for 17 yards (L.Fort, Te.Edmunds).  
 PENALTY on NO-A.Peat, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at PIT 30 - No Play.  
 2-19-PIT 40 (7:09) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to M.Ingram to PIT 32 for 8 yards (M.Hilton). Pass 1, YAC 7  
 3-11-PIT 32 (6:22) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete short right to B.Watson.  
 4-11-PIT 32 (6:17) W.Lutz 50 yard field goal is BLOCKED (L.Fort), Center-Z.Wood, Holder-T.Morstead, RECOVERED by PIT-L.Fort at PIT 37.

## Pittsburgh Steelers at 6:13

- 1-10-PIT 37 (6:13) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to A.Brown to PIT 42 for 5 yards (M.Lattimore). Pass 2, YAC 3  
 2-5-PIT 42 (5:41) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger sacked at PIT 33 for -9 yards (D.Davis).  
 3-14-PIT 33 (4:57) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short middle to A.Brown to PIT 42 for 9 yards (P.Williams). Pass 2, YAC 7  
 4-5-PIT 42 (4:11) (Punt formation) R.Nix left guard to PIT 46 for 4 yards (C.Robertson, C.Banjo).

## New Orleans Saints at 4:06

- 1-10-PIT 46 (4:06) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to J.Hill to PIT 41 for 5 yards (M.Burnett). Pass 4, YAC 1  
 2-5-PIT 41 (3:29) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to T.Ginn to PIT 34 for 7 yards (M.Hilton). Pass 7, YAC 0 P21  
1-10-PIT 34 (2:49) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete deep right to A.Kamara.  
 2-10-PIT 34 (2:44) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete short right.  
 3-10-PIT 34 (2:36) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to M.Thomas to PIT 26 for 8 yards (J.Haden). Pass 8, YAC 0

## Two-Minute Warning

- 4-2-PIT 26 (2:00) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete short left to M.Thomas (J.Haden).  
 PENALTY on PIT-J.Haden, Defensive Pass Interference, 4 yards, enforced at PIT 26 - No Play. X22  
1-10-PIT 22 (1:56) (Shotgun) A.Kamara left tackle to PIT 19 for 3 yards (C.Heyward, L.Fort).  
 PENALTY on NO-R.Ramczyk, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at PIT 22 - No Play.  
 1-20-PIT 32 (1:51) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete deep left to T.Ginn (C.Sensabaugh).  
 2-20-PIT 32 (1:46) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass incomplete deep left to K.Kirkwood.  
 3-20-PIT 32 (1:41) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass deep middle to T.Ginn to PIT 7 for 25 yards (S.Davis). Pass 20, YAC 5 P23  
 Timeout #2 by PIT at 01:33.  
1-7-PIT 7 (1:33) D.Brees pass short left to M.Thomas to PIT 2 for 5 yards (J.Haden). Pass 3, YAC 2  
 Timeout #3 by PIT at 01:28.  
 2-2-PIT 2 (1:28) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to M.Thomas to PIT 1 for 1 yard (J.Haden). P24  
 The Replay Official reviewed the short of the goal line ruling, and the play was REVERSED.  
 (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to M.Thomas for 2 yards, TOUCHDOWN. Pass 2, YAC 0  
 W.Lutz extra point is GOOD, Center-Z.Wood, Holder-T.Morstead.

PIT 28 NO 31, 10 plays, 46 yards, 1 penalty, 2:41 drive, 13:35 elapsed

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W.Lutz kicks 65 yards from NO 35 to end zone, Touchback.

**Pittsburgh Steelers at 1:25**

- 1-10-PIT 25 (1:25) (Shotgun) PENALTY on PIT-A.Brown, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at PIT 25 - No Play.
- 1-15-PIT 20 (1:25) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep right to J.Washington [C.Jordan].
- 2-15-PIT 20 (1:20) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to J.Smith-Schuster.
- 3-15-PIT 20 (1:14) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep right to J.Washington.
- 4-15-PIT 20 (1:09) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep left to A.Brown pushed ob at PIT 39 for 19 yards (M.Lattimore). Pass 19, YAC 0 P24  
The Replay Official reviewed the pass completion ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field was confirmed.
- 1-10-PIT 39 (1:02) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 47 for 14 yards (E.Apple). Pass 13, YAC 1 P25
- 1-10-NO 47 (:46) B.Roethlisberger spiked the ball to stop the clock.
- 2-10-NO 47 (:45) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep right to V.McDonald. X26  
*PENALTY on NO-A.Anzalone, Illegal Contact, 5 yards, enforced at NO 47 - No Play.*
- 1-10-NO 42 (:41) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 34 for 8 yards (S.Rankins). FUMBLES (S.Rankins), RECOVERED  
by NO-D.Davis at NO 35. D.Davis to NO 35 for no gain (R.Foster).  
*PENALTY on NO-C.Jordan, Unnecessary Roughness, 15 yards, enforced at NO 35.*

**New Orleans Saints at 0:32**

- 1-10-NO 20 (:32) D.Brees kneels to NO 19 for -1 yards.  
*Penalty on PIT, Defensive Too Many Men on Field, declined.*

**END OF QUARTER**

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
<b>Pittsburgh Steelers</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7:37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0/3</b>	<b>1/2</b>
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7:23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>0/0</b>



# Miscellaneous Statistics Report

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## Ten Longest Plays for Pittsburgh Steelers

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
49	1	3-4-PIT 38	(:35) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep right to V.McDonald to NO 13 for 49 yards (M.Williams). Pass 28, YAC 21
28	2	3-2-PIT 11	(5:25) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep left to A.Brown pushed ob at PIT 39 for 28 yards (M.Williams). Pass 21, YAC 7
26	3	1-10-PIT 34	(2:38) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep right to A.Brown to NO 40 for 26 yards (V.Bell). Pass 26, YAC 0
23	3	2-3-PIT 32	(8:04) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short middle to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 45 for 23 yards (C.Banjo). Pass 13, YAC 10
20	3	1-10-NO 40	(2:00) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to J.Smith-Schuster to NO 20 for 20 yards (E.Apple). Pass 20, YAC 0
20	3	2-10-NO 20	(1:05) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep left to A.Brown for 20 yards, TOUCHDOWN. Pass 20, YAC 0
19	4	4-15-PIT 20	(1:09) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep left to A.Brown pushed ob at PIT 39 for 19 yards (M.Lattimore). Pass 19, YAC 0 The Replay Official reviewed the pass completion ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field was confirmed.
17	3	1-10-NO 45	(7:18) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to A.Brown to NO 28 for 17 yards (P.Williams). Pass -2, YAC 19
16	1	2-10-PIT 10	(2:12) (Shotgun) J.Samuels left guard to PIT 26 for 16 yards (A.Anzalone, V.Bell).
16	2	3-11-NO 39	(2:00) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep right to A.Brown to NO 23 for 16 yards (D.Davis). Pass 16, YAC 0

## Ten Longest Plays for New Orleans Saints

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
42	3	2-11-NO 24	(14:20) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to A.Kamara pushed ob at PIT 34 for 42 yards (J.Haden). Pass 0, YAC 42
31	2	2-4-NO 44	(:15) (No Huddle, Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to A.Kamara pushed ob at PIT 25 for 31 yards (S.Davis). Pass 3, YAC 29
28	1	2-6-NO 29	(4:57) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short middle to M.Thomas pushed ob at PIT 43 for 28 yards (Te.Edmunds). Pass 7, YAC 21
25	4	3-20-PIT 22	(1:41) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass deep middle to T.Ginn to PIT 7 for 25 yards (S.Davis). Pass 20, YAC 5
23	4	1-10-NO 46	(9:02) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to K.Kirkwood to PIT 31 for 23 yards (M.Hilton). Pass 14, YAC 9
20	2	3-8-NO 42	(12:54) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to M.Thomas pushed ob at PIT 38 for 20 yards (Te.Edmunds). Pass 13, YAC 7 NO
15	2	1-10-NO 25	(14:05) D.Brees pass deep left to T.Ginn pushed ob at NO 40 for 15 yards (C.Sensabaugh). Pass -4, YAC 19
14	4	1-15-NO 30	(10:12) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to T.Ginn ran ob at NO 44 for 14 yards. Pass 14, YAC 0
13	1	1-10-NO 31	(11:45) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short left to M.Thomas to NO 44 for 13 yards (V.Williams). Pass 10, YAC 3 NO RT #71
13	2	1-10-NO 25	(:40) (Shotgun) D.Brees pass short right to T.Ginn ran ob at NO 38 for 13 yards.

## Touchdown Scoring Information

		Offense	Defense	Special Teams
<b>VISITOR</b>	Pittsburgh Steelers	3	0	0
<b>HOME</b>	New Orleans Saints	4	0	0

## Player Scoring Information

Club	Player	TD	Rush TD	Rec TD	KO TD	Punt TD	Int TD	Fum TD	Misc TD	FG	XP	2Pt Rush	2Pt Rec	Sfty	Points
PIT	A.Brown	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
PIT	C.Boswell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	8
PIT	J.Samuels	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
PIT	E.Rogers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
NO	A.Kamara	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
NO	W.Lutz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	7
NO	M.Ingram	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
NO	M.Thomas	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

## Possession Detail

	First Half		Second Half		Game	
	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home
Largest Lead	3	8	4	10	4	10
Drives Leading	0	2	2	3	2	5
Time of Possession Leading	0:00	6:25	6:44	8:29	6:44	14:54
Largest Deficit	-8	-3	-10	-4	-10	-4
Drives Trailing	4	1	3	3	7	4
Time of Possession Trailing	10:54	2:35	6:54	7:53	17:48	10:28
Times Score Tied Up		1		0		1
Lead Changes		3		2		5



**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS PITTSBURGH STEELERS**  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 23, 2018 • MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME**  
**SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES**

- With the win, New Orleans Saints start the regular season 13-2, tying the 13-2 start in 2009. It also marked the third time in team history joining the 2009 and 2011 clubs.
- The Saints return to action on Sunday (12/30) in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome when they face the Carolina Panthers. The game will air on FOX at 12:00 p.m. CT.
- With today's win, the Saints swept all of their four AFC North opponents, their first sweep of the division since realignment in 2002. It marked their first sweep in interconference play since sweeping the AFC South in 2011. It is their seventh consecutive interconference win. They also had a seven-game winning streak against interconference opponents spanning the last three of 2008 against the AFC West and all four in 2009 against the AFC East, the longest win streak against AFC opponents since the last realignment in 2002. The Saints have a five-game winning streak against AFC North opponents, dating back to a Nov. 30, 2014 35-32 win at Pittsburgh, improving their record against the Steelers to 9-7. They also have their second three-game winning streak against Pittsburgh dating back to a 20-10 win on Oct. 31, 2010 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the first funning from Oct. 20, 1968-Dec. 21, 1969.
- Today's win gave New Orleans a 6-1 home record in 2018 and a six-game home winning streak. It marked the third time they have won six home games in back-to-back campaigns, joining 1991-92 and 2008-09.,
- The Saints currently have a streak of 271 regular season games without having been shut out, dating back to a 26-20 win at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on September 6, 2002 at Raymond James Stadium, the longest running streak in the NFL and the fifth-longest all-time.
- QB **Drew Brees** completed 27-of-39 passes for a total of 326 yards, one touchdown and a 103.2 passer rating. Brees played in his 264th career game today, putting him in sole possession of 28th all-time in NFL record books for games played. Brees has connected with WR Michael Thomas 23 times for touchdowns, making Thomas his fifth most prolific touchdown target, tied with Antonio Gates. It was Brees' NFL-best seventh and the third consecutive game where he engineered a fourth quarter/overtime game-winning drive. After New Orleans got the ball back with 4:06 remaining in the fourth quarter and trailing 28-24, Brees completed six-of-ten passes for 52 yards, including the two-yard scoring pass to Thomas.
- RB **Mark Ingram** played in his 105th career game today. He carried 11 times for 35 yards and a touchdown and catching an eight-yard pass. Ingram now has 55 career touchdowns, tied for second with Deuce McAllister. Ingram became the only Saint to ever have 50 rushing touchdowns, passing McAllister.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** carried seven times for 23 yards with two touchdowns and caught four passes for 82 yards. Kamara now has 14 rushing touchdowns in 2018, setting the Saints single-season record previously held by McAllister (2002), RB George Rogers (1981) and RB Dalton Hilliard (1989). Kamara has also set a new career-high with 18 touchdowns, tying the club record with Hilliard (1989). With 82 receiving yards today, Kamara joined Herschel Walker as only the second player in National Football League history to have 1,500 rushing yards and 1,500 receiving yards in his first two seasons.
- With 11 receptions, WR **Michael Thomas** exceeded his new career-high (115) and franchise-record total. Thomas also passed Danny Abramowicz for seventh place in the club record books for career receptions. With his one TD reception today, he moved into a tie for tenth with WR Donte' Stallworth on the Saints all-time receiving touchdown list (24).
- In his first game back since being taken off Injured Reserve, WR **Ted Ginn Jr.**, recorded five catches for 74 yards, including a crucial fourth quarter 25-yard reception on third-and-20.
- DE **Cameron Jordan** played in his 127th consecutive game today and posted two tackles, one tackles for loss, two quarterback hits and one pass defensed.
- DE **Tyler Davison** recorded his second sack of the season, taking down Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger for a six-yard loss.
- LB **Craig Robertson** had a crucial fourth down stop on a fake punt.
- LB **Alex Anzalone** finished the game with four total tackles (three solo), one sack, two quarterback hits and one tackle for a loss.

- LB **Demario Davis** recorded his fifth sack of the season, tying his career-high, taking down Roethlisberger for a nine-yard loss. On the Steelers' final play from scrimmage, a first-and-ten from the New Orleans 42-yard line, Davis recovered a fumble forced by DT **Sheldon Rankins** at the New Orleans 35-yard line to clinch the win. Davis finished with three total tackles, one sack and two quarterback hits to go with his first fumble recovery as a Saint.
- CB **Marshon Lattimore** finished the game with six total tackles and one passes defended.
- CB **Eli Apple** finished the game with nine total tackles (eight solo).
- S **Vonn Bell** recorded a team-high ten total tackles (seven solo).
- K **Wil Lutz** nailed a 43-yard field goal and converted four extra points. Lutz made 26 consecutive field goals before his second attempt was blocked, moving past Morten Andersen (11/1/92-9/12/93) for the longest streak of consecutive field goals in club history.
- P **Thomas Morstead** punted three times for 141 total yards (47.0 avg.) with a long of 56 yards, that was ruled out at the three-yard line.



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**SAINTS HEAD COACH SEAN PAYTON**

(opening statement) “Obviously an exciting win against a good team. A real good team. The game went back and forth. We expect it to be something that was hard fought. (We) Ending up winning (it) in to the fourth quarter. The momentum kind of shifted obviously. We had it early. They had it most of the second half and then we were able to get it back and secure the win.”

(on thoughts of resting starters next week) “We’ll see.”

(on the emotion of earning the first seed for the second time in franchise history) “These wins are something you get addicted to. The thrill of it though is that feeling of the week is a grind. There is a lot of work that goes in to it. Obviously it’s more difficult when you put in those hours in practice and you don’t have that immediate feedback with a win. That’s what makes it more difficult, but when you (are) able to get a win. It’s hard to get that feeling out of your system once you start. That’s one thing these guys have done a good job with. Coming up with plays when we needed it. We’ve won a lot of different ways this year. I’m proud of this team. Man, they showed a great resolve. Dealt with injuries. We dealt with all the adversity that you might have in a long season and it’s kind of the second step if you will. Winning the division is a goal that you set at the beginning of the year and certainly helping your seed out.”

(on the defense) “(The last defensive play was) a big time play. It’s a really good offense. We knew statistically, it was going to be a game that you had to handle situations in an aggressive way because it was a team that conversely was going to be able to score and we ran out those plays.”

(on the increase in forced fumbles and fumble recoveries by the defense this season) “Listen. It’s not just accident. It’s just not coincidence. When you don’t get them it’s not an accident either. So I think it’s credit to the coach(es) and players for hustling. But I think it’s part of our jobs.”

(on the fake punt attempt by Pittsburgh and stopping it) “It’s a big play. It was close. When the one guy goes in motion, you start looking. And I had an angle where. But it was the second time this year, you know, in big games (where the fake punt was stopped), against the Rams also.”

(on if he was expecting that fake punt) “Not necessarily, no. I mean, you go in to a game like that and you cover the shifts, the motions and you still have to defend it and it was a good play.”

(on impressions of the team’s ability to win in diverse situations this season) “I just said, we have won in different ways. It’s a hard league. It’s tough each week. These guys are a really good opponent. The team that really has been in some close games. I’m talking about Pittsburgh. It was a good win.”

(on the big catches in the fourth quarter today by Ted Ginn Jr.) “It’s a testament to him. Going through the scope (surgery). Kind of right there at the end, feeling like, man is this going to be it? The results were good. They felt positive that he would be able to come back and he helped us today.”

(on the difference in play-calling when Ginn is back playing) “There is a presence with him. He can run obviously. We had him down the field on a double move earlier, we just did not hold up in the protection. But yes, he’s a threat. He is also someone that the guys believe in. The third down call. That play he makes. The throw Drew makes, it was great sack protection. It was a significant play. When you are looking at about 4 or 5 of them, that was one of them.:

(on the advantage of playing at home in the playoffs) “We’ll see. Listen, it’s more of an advantage than going on the road, but it’s good to play at home. We feel like we have a good home-field advantage, but it’s still about executing and all of the details that go in to winning. We play well on the road as well.”



**POSTGAME NOTES AND QUOTES**  
GREG BENSEL ✦ SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

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**SAINTS QB DREW BREES**

(on what Ted Ginn Jr's return did for the offense) "It's big having Ted Ginn back. We've missed him. He's a great veteran presence. I think he gives us great diversity with our receiving corps. Obviously, everybody knows he can run, but he can do a lot of other things. He obviously came up with a huge catch on that third and 20 or whatever it was to keep that drive alive and for us to go and score and win the game. It was great having him back."

(on securing the number one seed in the NFC playoffs) "It's hard to secure the one seed but knowing that we've done it and knowing that the road comes through New Orleans, that gives us a lot of confidence. Obviously, we love playing in the dome. We love playing in front of the Who Dat nation. Obviously, they make this a very tough place for somebody to come in and play. Obviously, we have goals throughout the season and this was one of them."

(on if he was surprised by the Steelers fake punt late in the fourth quarter.) "No, I'm not. You try to do the unexpected. That's part of this game. Expect the unexpected and great job by our special teams tackling him about a half yard short and giving us the opportunity to drive down and win the game."

(on different storylines for each victory and finding different ways to win) "There are. I think that's what makes you battle-tested. That is what molds you and straggles you and gives you a ton of confidence and hope that no matter what you find yourself in it throughout the course of the game and you feel like you are going to find a way to win. It is going to take everybody. Everybody contributing. Certainly, the fourth quarter was that way today. Our last three victories have been from overcoming fourth quarter deficits to win the game. That's what I love about this team."

(on being able to take that next step to prepare for the playoffs) "It's a bit of a 30,000 feet view here. Let's map out the next couple weeks here as we prepare ourselves for that first playoff game. Obviously, we don't know (who) we're playing yet. As you begin to think about that, you lay out a plan for your routine. For us, it is just staying on course with our practice habits and preparation. Having a chance to get some guys healthy which I think is the biggest part of that first round bye. That is something that will be much needed and when it's time to get back to work we will get back to work."

(on the importance of knowing physically and mentally that they have a week off between next Sunday and when they have to play a playoff game) "There is a benefit to having a first round bye and being the one seed so we are going to take full advantage of that, make sure that we do all the right things to come back and give ourselves the best chance to win."

(on Ted Ginn's third and 20 catch) "It was designed to go to Ted with, obviously, other guys in the picture as part of the progression. He did a great job. Ted is a big-time player and, obviously, a guy that we count on. That was a huge play in the game. Obviously, a huge momentum shift after getting the holding penalty and we're sitting there at first and 20, second and 20, third and 20. To be able to convert that was huge."

(on what it was like to see Mark Ingram II break the club's rushing touchdown record) "It was awesome, well-deserved. He's such a stud. He's been such a staple for us and such an emotional leader for our team. That's something we're all very, very happy about for him."

(on the offense's perseverance to convert the third and 20 play) "Just to overcome something like that, we encountered a fourth down prior to that that we were able to convert with a PI. That was actually a tough situation because four minutes and 15 seconds was when we walked out there, Pittsburgh has three time outs left, and we need a touchdown. How do we score a touchdown and give them as little time as possible to try to put a drive together? Obviously, our defense came up with that huge play. A minute and 25 seconds is what they had left with no time outs. You play in that game because you know how explosive they are on the other side of the ball. Obviously, we had the holding penalty and had to convert a third and 20, but that's part of the game."

(on appreciating the one seed even more having done it before) "Yes. You appreciate it very much. Obviously, a first round bye. I don't want to say it's a week off because you're working, but you're not preparing for a game. You just take a step back and assess where you're at and you're getting guys healthy and you're preparing a plan for how you're going to approach that first playoff game. Obviously, you don't find out who you play until the first weeks' games take place, but this is why you fight for that. It's great to have that week off, but it's also nice to have that one seed and know that everybody is going to have to come to us. We like to be in that position."

(on the offensive lines' performance) "Those guys did such a good job. That's a heck of a front. That is one of the better fronts in all of football. They played tremendous today, especially with all the guys that had to rotate in and out. I think Andrus Peat may have played three positions today which is pretty incredible, that versatility. Those guys deserve so much credit. They really battled."

(on whether Michael Thomas got a rise out of Antonio Brown playing well) "I'm sure. Absolutely. That's why those guys are two of the best in the game."

(on if he has stayed steady during a four-game touchdown drought) "He has. He is the same guy during the week. He approaches it with the same sense of urgency and work ethic. Obviously, gameday rolls around and he just kind of goes to another place mentally where he is in a zone. He is always open which all great receivers are. They are always open. He is a guy I know I can count on in critical situations."

(on wanting to approach the time off the same way they did during the 2009 playoffs) "I'm sure Sean (Payton) is going to look at that schedule and obviously make the best decision for what he feels like we need. Every team is different. It's one of those where you take advantage of the time to rest up, get healthy, get your body right, all those things, but at the same time you want to keep the momentum going. Just keep the good habits and process in place as well. We'll have a good plan when the time comes."





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**WR Ted Ginn Jr.**

(On the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 20 conversion) "It was a play that Coach called. I was on the wing on the opposite side and that play was called before. Coach dialed that up and I just made it work."

(On returning to play today) "We all knew coming into this game what it was all about. It wasn't about me coming back. It was about the team winning the ballgame. That's what we did. We went out and won the ballgame. We played as a team and won together. That is the most important thing."

(On having the #1 seed) "You don't have to travel. We have homefield advantage. We have our fans."

**CB Marshon Lattimore**

(On the defense making plays down the stretch) "We're playing as a team right now. At the beginning of the season, it was all offense. Now, we are playing hard as a defense. I can't wait for the playoffs."

(On winning in multiple ways) "We've won some tough games. We work hard every week and win as a team."

**DT Tyeler Davison**

(On winning in different ways such as today) "I think it is huge. Championship teams find a way to win however they can. You win blow outs. When the games are close you still find a way to win. I think that says a lot about our team and the grit that we have. We have playmakers all across the field. When it's time to make a play, you know someone is going to step up no matter who it is. We have a number of people who can do it. Somebody is going to step up."

(On the defense making big plays) "That's what we need to do That's the mark of a great defense. Players make big plays in big time situations like that. It's not the first time that it has happened and hopefully not the last."

**RB Mark Ingram**

(On winning in different ways) "If you want to be a good football team, then you have to find ways to win without playing a perfect game. I think we have found ways to do that these last 5-6 weeks. I think it shows a lot about the character of this team. We are battle-tested."

(On breaking the team all-time rushing touchdown record) "It's a blessing. I thank the Lord for putting me in this position. Alvin (Kamara's) coming to get it, so I won't have it for long. It's just a blessing to be around family, friends, teammates and coaches. It's for everyone who has always been there to support me. I just thank God for putting me in this position."

**S Vonn Bell**

(On the big play at the end) "That's what we talk about. We want the game on our shoulders. We are happy with the win, but we just have to keep getting better. We relish that moment. Week in and week out we prepare for that situation. We just have to be at our best in that situation. We tell the team to just put it on us."

(On everyone contributing at the end of the game) "It's special. We aren't just doing it for us. We are doing it for our city. We went out there and made plays. We went out there and competed and we never stopped fighting. That's what I love about this group."

(On getting the #1 seed) "I'm speechless. We have a lot to work on. We are going to keep getting better, but we are going to run everything through the Dome. What a feeling."

## **WR Michael Thomas**

(On today's game) "We just wanted to come in here and get a victory against a tough opponent. They are a tough team who we have a lot of respect for. They have a lot of history. They are a team that is trying to make the playoffs, so we knew it was going to be a battle. We responded."

(On the game-winning touchdown) "My number was called. Drew (Brees) made eye contact and it was time to make a play and put the game away."

(On the #1 seed that was earned today) "It's a blessing we worked for it. We just have to keep getting better and correct our mistakes. Opponents are going to be coming to the Dome, so we just have to protect it."

## **LB Demario Davis**

(On the fumble recovery in the fourth quarter today) "The defense was on the field and we knew we needed to get a stop. The offense had just led a great job to put us in position for us to win the game. We knew that we just needed to prevent a field goal. It was just one of those situations where 11 guys on the field saw him catch the ball. Our guys hunted him and right before he went to down somebody stripped it. I was right there and saw the ball come out. We knew we needed to jump on the ball and put the game away."

(On forcing fumbles) "In this league, that is the trump card. Today it put us in a position to win. It's not always pretty. They were able to convert some third downs, but we were able to get the turnovers."





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**STEELERS HEAD COACH MIKE TOMLIN**

(On the loss today) “(It was a) Tough loss. We had our chances, surely, in the football game. We overcame some adversity, some of it created by us. We did not make enough plays in the end. We accept responsibility for that; we acknowledge that. We tip our caps to New Orleans. It was a tough fought game. It was a tough environment today. I appreciate the effort of the men. It was just not enough positive playmaking in the three phases to secure victory. The significant plays, obviously, we turned the ball over in scoring territory twice in the second half. (Those were) big-time plays tilted in the game. Then, we couldn’t get the necessary stops when we needed it on defense. Obviously, I told them to go for it on the fake punt. We were unsuccessful there. I take responsibility for that.”

(On the rationale of calling the fake punt) “I just wanted to be aggressive. I wanted to ensure that we had an opportunity to win the game. First of all, I liked the play...I thought where the game was and the time of which was left in the game, I thought that if we did not stop them, that we would have the opportunity to have the ball last. We did. Obviously, unsuccessful.”

(On the power-formation call when Steven Ridley fumbled) “It was third down and two. We felt like we were in two-down territory, we probably would have gone for it on fourth down. Had we been unsuccessful and maintained possession of the ball, it’s a calculated risk that you take.”

(On if he thought the fourth quarter pass interference call was a tipped ball) “I thought that it was tipped, but I didn’t have the courtesy of a replay. We were asking for clarity on it, but you know that things start moving fast in those moments.”

(On the fourth down pass interference call in the first half) “I’m not here to evaluate the officiating. I’ll let those guys evaluate themselves in the appropriate manner. I’m here to talk about what we did today and what we did not do. The officiating did not determine the outcome of the game. We find comfort in that. The quality of our play and execution determined the outcome of the game, not any of that (officiating).”

(On how the team handled the adversity today) “Like the professionals that we are, we play on, like we always do and like we expect to do. There is going to be ebbs and flow in games. There is going to be things that go against you in a football game. We’re cognizant of that.”

(On needing help to make the playoffs) “We made the bed, we’ll lay in it. I expect us to lay in it very well and perform. We will control what it is that we can control, like our preparation to play next week. All other things out of our control, we won’t worry much about. Like everyone else, we had 15 opportunities at this point to make a case for ourselves. We won’t lament about our position. We will accept it and control the things that are in front of us, and that is next week’s preparation.”



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**QB Ben Roethlisberger**

(On the message for the team going into next week) "That's pretty much it. The story's not written yet. I told the guys in there, I said 'listen, this chapter of the story is not done. Obviously, we don't control it, but let's see what happens.'"

(On Michael Thomas's late touchdown) "I saw it, I thought it was a good call. I was seeing the replay and once you saw it you say alright, we have a 1:22 or 1:25 left, whatever it was. Instead of getting it at the one-yard line, it gave us more time."

(On not running the ball much to start the second half) "That was just what we wanted to do. We felt like we could do what we wanted to do out there; throwing it and getting different packages with different guys. So, it was just more of that than anything."

(On the officiating in tonight's game) "We never talk about the officiating. Officiating does not win or lose football games, regardless of what you think about them."

(On Joe Haden's performance) "Joe (Haden) has been a playmaker for us. Joe is a veteran guy, he is a competitor. I am sure there are a lot of guys in the locker room that are taking this hard. If they weren't I think we would be more worried. I will check in with Joe and see how he is doing, but like I said, he is a veteran guy that we believe in and he made some great plays tonight."

(On his thoughts on the Steelers season) "It is kind of crazy. You know, we have obviously had some ups and downs. We controlled our own destiny for a while. We won a bunch in a row, we lost some in a row. It has been a crazy one, but I hope it is not done yet."

(On the team's message going into week 17) "This is AFC North football. It is in our house and is an opportunity to give our fans another chance to see us go play hard football. We need to go take care of our business first and foremost. I am not sure what time the games are this next week, but we have to take care of our business first and see what happens."

**CB Joe Haden**

(On if pass interference calls should be reviewable) "It is what it is, it is an offensive game. You can't touch these guys. The second time I pushed off they didn't say anything about Michael (Thomas) doing it in the endzone on the last play. It is just tough being a defensive back, but that is what we do. It just sucks sometimes when those games and some of these plays are so big and they are weighed differently, so we need to make a break; I am talking about momentum and everything. It is very unfortunate. It sucks and I am pissed, but next time I have to make sure I can make those plays without getting a call."

(On how to improve his performance) "When I see coach Tomlin on Wednesday, I will talk to him and see what I can do to play better."

(On the Steelers playoff chances) "I don't know. We do not control our own destiny, so whatever happens, happens. We will beat Cincinnati hopefully, that is our last game. We have to finish out strong and then whatever happens, happens."

(On his emotions after the game) "I am very frustrated, very pissed. It means a lot to me to come out and bust my tail and try to play good defense. It is just tough the way the game is changing."

## **WR Antonio Brown**

(On losing control of their playoff position) "It is a part of process man. It is not a position you want to be in, but unfortunately it is the situation we are in. We have to come out next week and take care of business and hopefully another team can help us out."

(On his second half touchdown) "Ben (Roethlisberger) made a great throw, he was able to get a clean release and was able to connect."

(On Juju Smith-Schuster's fumble) "He (Juju Smith-Schuster) has been great all year. He is the reason we are (productive). In those situations, you just want to support him. It is kind of unfortunate, but he is a great player. We have all been through it before and it is something to learn from."

(On the team's message going into next week) "We have to go out and finish strong and hope that things can work out in our favor."

## **DL Cameron Heyward**

(On his thoughts on tonight's game) "We just did not finish. It came down to a couple plays, but that was just the way the ball went today."

(On the pass interference call on fourth down) "I was late. My guys told me it was tipped. I couldn't get a good read on it, but it is just the call they made."

(On the struggles of allowing scores off defensive penalties) "I never want to have penalties that can make a game, because we had clear opportunities to win the game and we didn't seize those moments. That is what good teams do, I think we are good team, but we have to make those critical adjustments and make those critical stops when we need it."

## **G David DeCastro**

(On the Steelers playoff chances) "Cleveland has been playing well, but we need to focus on beating the Bengals. That is all we can control right now."

(On the defense's reaction to the defensive penalties throughout the game) "All we can do is keep playing football. Once the calls are made, we just have to keep going. The guys did a good job battling until the end, but we just couldn't get it done and make opportune plays."