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HERE COMES THE 9



Michael C. Hebert / Saints

With the Panthers and Saints on a bye, the NFC South went 2-0 vs. the AFC West on Sunday. The Falcons improved to 6-0 despite a sloppy performance against the Raiders and the Buccaneers put an end to their three-game losing streak with a one-sided victory over the Chiefs.

The Falcons are un-defeated, but they are far from unbeatable. Some say winning close games, as the Falcons have done three times in a row, is a sign of a good team. The reason the games have been close, though, is because the Falcons have not played all that well in recent weeks. One week after committing two turnovers vs. the Redskins, QB Matt Ryan was intercepted a season-high three times vs. the Raiders, who had zero picks this season heading

into Week 6. Atlanta's defense was gashed for 474 net yards. If not for critical late-game mistakes — sloppy errors, really — by QBs Cam Newton, Kirk Cousins and Carson Palmer the past three weeks, Atlanta's record might be much different.

Nevertheless, when you're LUCKY....you're LUCKY. This is the reason I think the "Dirty Birds" are going to keep their streak going a little bit longer, for now.

The Bucs have given themselves a chance to make things interesting this season. A home loss coming off a bye week to the Brady Quinn-led Chiefs would have been embarrassing and devastating, but the Bucs exploded for 31 points. A point less than they scored in their last two games combined — in the second half and pulled away to end their three-game losing streak. At (2-3), they are alone in second place in the NFC South with a home game against the Saints up next. However, they face the Vikings (4-2) and Raiders (1-4) who put up a great fight against the Falcons this Sunday after playing the Black N Gold. The Bucs need to get ready for another losing streak.

QB Drew Brees was on a hot streak prior to the bye — he has a TD-INT ratio of 10-2 in the last three games — but the Bucs have played him tough over the past couple seasons. Brees' TD-INT in his last four meetings with Tampa is 7-6, and the two teams have split those games.

NFL POWER RANKINGS (after Week 6):

1. Atlanta Falcons	6-0
2. New York Giants	4-2
3. Houston Texans	5-1
4. Baltimore Ravens	5-1
5. Chicago Bears	4-1
25. New Orleans Saints	1-4
30. Carolina Panthers	1-4
31. Kansas City Chiefs	1-5
32. Jacksonville Jaguars	1-4 (dead last)

ON ANOTHER NOTE: Former NFL QB Terry Bradshaw created a mini-firestorm with the Who Dat Nation yesterday in comments about Sean Payton attending Sunday's Saints-Chargers game. The Hall of Famer for some reason is upset that Drew Brees asked Commissioner Roger Goodell's permission to get suspended coaches Sean Payton and Vitt Joe and suspended GM Mickey Loomis in the Superdome for his record-breaking performance Sunday night.

Now, quarterback Drew Brees has responded to Bradshaw's contention that having the suspended men in the Superdome was a "slam" to the Chargers and the Unitas family. Speaking on ESPN's "Mike and Mike" radio program, Brees said that it was entirely appropriate to ask the NFL to allow Sean Payton, Mickey Loomis and Joe Vitt to be in the 'Dome on the night Brees broke a major 52-year-old NFL record.

DREW BREES INTERVIEW ON MIKE & MIKE: <http://espn.go.com/espnradio/play?id=8489614>



"Those guys are awesome!" - Jeff Spag

AND IN OTHER NEWS....

If the Saints decide Jonathan Vilma is ready, the embattled linebacker will take the field in Tampa Bay on Sunday for the first time this season.

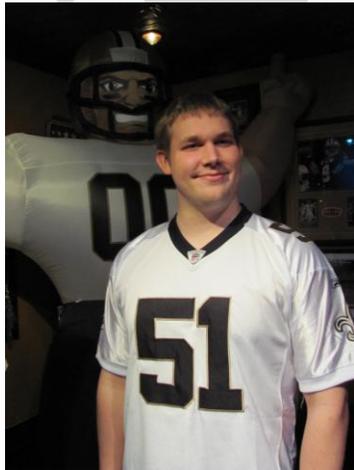
It might also be the last time, depending on how things go at NFL headquarters and in federal court.

On Monday, Vilma again asked a federal judge to overturn his recently re-issued suspension in the NFL's bounty probe of the Saints, and the NFL Players Association made a similar request on behalf of three other players.

None of the four players' suspensions are currently being enforced, but that could change as early as next week. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has scheduled the players' appeal hearings for Oct. 23. The players want U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan to begin considering their cases now so she may be ready to rule by the time the NFL's appeal's process concludes.

Vilma's latest filing said Goodell conducted a "farcical review" of his previously overturned disciplinary action before ruling last week that the Saints linebacker would remain suspended for the season. The NFL did not immediately respond to requests for comment, deferring instead to its legal response which is due in federal court Wednesday.

The NFL Players Association is representing Smith, Hargrove and Fujita. Vilma has his own lawyers, Peter Ginsberg and Duke Williams. The players said Goodell has continued to abuse his power and demonstrate bias, leaving no hope for a fair process that would respect their "industrial due process rights."



"I don't care what they say! I'm wearing my NEW Vilma jersey everywhere!" - The New Fan



"You're being a Great-Fan!!" - Drew Brees Puppet



“That guy’s gonna put us out of a job!” – Stadler the Muppet

The following is the full statement from Former Saint - Scott Fujita:



THE QUARTER

“I’m pleased the Commissioner has finally acknowledged that I never participated in any so-called “bounty” program, as I’ve said for the past 7 months. However, his condescending tone was neither accurate nor productive. Additionally, I am now purportedly being suspended for failing to confront my former defensive coordinator for his inappropriate use of language. This seems like an extremely desperate attempt to punish me. I also think it sets a bad precedent when players can be disciplined for not challenging the behavior of their superiors. This is an absolute abuse of the power that’s been afforded to the Commissioner. For me, the issue of player health & safety is personal. For the league and the Commissioner, it’s about perception & liability.

The Commissioner says he is disappointed in me. The truth is, I’m disappointed in him. His positions on player health and safety since a 2009 congressional hearing on concussions have been inconsistent at best. He failed to acknowledge a link between concussions & post-career brain disease, pushed for an 18-game regular season, committed to a full season of Thursday night games, has continually challenged players’ rights to file workers compensation claims for on-the-job injuries, and he employed incompetent replacement officials for the start of the 2012 season. His actions or lack thereof are by the league’s own definition, “conduct detrimental”.

My track record on the issue of player health & safety speaks for itself. And clearly, as I just listed, the Commissioner’s does too.”

The SaintsGuy's Revelation:

If you recall; in 2007 the Saints' regular season began with a 0-4 start. The teams that they lost to were Indianapolis (41-10), Tampa Bay (31-14), Tennessee (31-14) and Carolina (16-13), in that order. Two of the games played finished with the same score and one of them was a 3-point game. The schedule for 2012 has had the Saints with two games where they lost by only 8 points and one 3-point game, and that was against Kansas City.

In 2007; the Saints went on a four-game win streak after losing their first four, which was followed by a loss to the winless 0-7 Rams in Week 9.

This year, I predict the 2012 Saints to win four straight games after losing their first four, with the first coming against the Chargers (and that's already happened), and then the Buccaneers, then the Broncos and then the Eagles) bringing them back to 4-4 before the divisional showdown against an Un-defeated Falcons team at The Dome in Week 10.

You see, it was a winless Rams team that ended our winning streak in 2007, and now, it'll be an Un-defeated Falcons team that we'll beat at the end of a four-game winning streak, and that game will take place at The Dome, just like our game against the Rams in '07. It's the same thing happening but in reverse, if you follow me. Of course, if the Falcons lose a game between now and then that would be great for us, but I'm predicting that the Saints will be the first team to defeat the Falcons this year.

Below, are the teams to be played during our next 4 games, and a look at how the second half schedule looks for a Saints team coming off of a win against the "Dirty Birds" in Week 10!

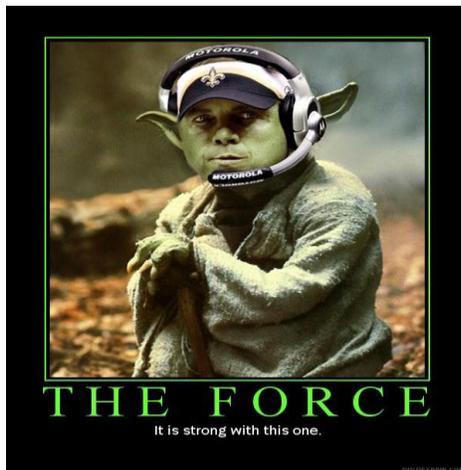
Next, they'll be on the road against the Buccaneers. Then on the road against a Broncos team, led by Peyton Manning and then back-to-back home games against the all of the dirty birds (Eagles and Falcons), with a road game against the Raiders, followed by a Playoff Re-match against the 49ers at The Dome. Also, don't forget that the Saints have always won their games when they've played on my Birthday-Weekend, since the Payton Era began. This year, they'll face the Eagles at home on my Birthday, Nov. 5th, so I'm bringing the MOJO for this one!!

10/21/2012	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers
10/28/2012	@ Denver Broncos
11/05/2012 (Mon.)	Philadelphia Eagles
11/11/2012	Atlanta Falcons
11/18/2012	@ Oakland Raiders
11/25/2012	San Francisco 49ers

SAINTSGUY-FLASHBACK:

In the 2009 Dallas Dome Who Dats Newsletter – Super Bowl Edition #1; the following revelation appeared at the bottom of Page 5 of that issue:

“But Think About This: If the Saints had won the 2006 Title Game they would’ve played against the Colts that year instead of the Bears. The Colts/Bears 2006 Championship final was 29-17, which totals ‘46’. Chicago’s last Championship victory was in Super Bowl XX against the New England Patriots with a final score of 46-10. The location was New Orleans. The ‘46’ is important bcuz that’s the number of points that were scored by the Saints the last time they played in Miami earlier this season in Week 7!”



“The SaintsGuy knows....just as I do.” – Master Playcaller

AND DON’T FORGET ABOUT THIS? The last team to make the Playoffs with a 0-4 start was the 1992 San Diego Chargers. That was exactly 20 years ago from this year. Taking that into account; remember that it was 20 years between the year that the Saints went to their first Playoff game ever (1986) and the first year that the Saints ever played for the NFC Title Championship (2006).

I’LL BET YOU DIDN’T KNOW ABOUT THIS EITHER:

In our last game; WR, Marques Colston caught 3 TD passes, which gives him (52 total) and helped him surpass former Saint, wide-receiver Joe Horn, making him the new all-time Franchise Leader for receiving touchdowns.



“Wow, that’s REALLY insightful, SaintsGuy!” – George the Fan

SMACK-TALK FROM THE STAFF:



“Well, after that missed FG against the Ravens I’m throwing out my Romo Jersey!!”
– **‘NEELY’**



“Why would you want to wear that crap anyway!?” - **‘SCOOTER GIRL’**



“YEAH, aren’t you a loyal Who-Dat now, Neely?” - **‘CYN’**



“If she’s not in Black N Gold on Sunday I’m calling *The SaintsGuy*!!” - **‘JENNI’**



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“Ohhhh, SaintsGuy.... I just love the new club website.” – Alyssa the Fan



Yes, I know....and right now I want everyone to see the current pics, as well as, all of last season’s pictures and other photos taken in years past and learn about the history of the club and other cool stuff, so check it out if you haven’t already because I’m constantly updated the pages!!

If any of you have ANY suggestions or questions just send an email back to this address (thesaintsguy@yahoo.com) and I’ll get back with you ASAP! If you haven’t recently; check out these links below, including the one I use for Trivia Information so you can have the edge to win!

www.thequarter.biz

www.neworleanssaints.com

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