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ATLANTA-GEDDON



Much has been made of the Atlanta Falcons beating inferior opponents - often unimpressively - en route to a perfect record at the season's halfway point.

They'll get another team with a losing record Sunday, but the Saints appear to be on the rise.

In what could be a high-scoring affair at the The Dome, the Falcons look to remain unbeaten when they face a Saints team trying for a fourth win in five games.

Atlanta is running away with the NFC South, ahead of second-place Tampa Bay by four games - the largest division lead in the League. The defending Division Champs are five games back.

The Falcons are just the 15th team since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978 to start 8-0, yet they're still receiving criticism. They haven't had to face the stiffest competition, having played teams with a combined winning percentage of .369, and they've occasionally struggled. In what seems like another team getting a "free-lunch" to the Playoffs, like last year's 49ers (who benefited from being in the weakest division in the League) this year, the "Dirty Birds" are benefiting from having the weakest schedule.

For example, last weekend's game was another close one for Atlanta, as a tiebreaking 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter - Atlanta's lone TD sealed the deal in their win over "Jerry's Kids". None of the Falcons' four home wins have been by more than six points, and their last five games overall were all against teams which currently have losing records. Not to mention 3 of their first six wins came on the last play of the game.

Drew Brees has extended his NFL record for passing TD's in consecutive games to 51 games with a pair of TD throws in Monday's 28-13 win over Philadelphia. It was the Saints' third win in four games.

"There are defining moments throughout a season," said Brees, among the league leaders with 2,549 passing yards and 22 touchdowns. "Big plays, big wins, that bring you together and let you see a vision of what you can be, what you can accomplish.

"This," he added, "is the type of momentum we want going into the second half of the season."

Sounds good to me. Let's do that!

The running game has been an area of concern for New Orleans, which is averaging 31.3 points in its victories, but Chris Ivory, Pierre Thomas and Mark Ingram combined for 136 yards on the ground against the Eagles. The Saints came into the game ranked last in the NFL in rushing with an average of 72.6 yards.

If New Orleans can build on that performance against a Falcons team yielding 127.5 rushing yards per game - second-most in the NFC behind the league-worst Saints (176.5) - it should open up things for the "Aerial Assault", not that he needs much help.

The six-time Pro Bowler has usually been just fine in this series, going 10-2 against the Falcons since joining the Saints, averaging 303.3 passing yards with 26 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

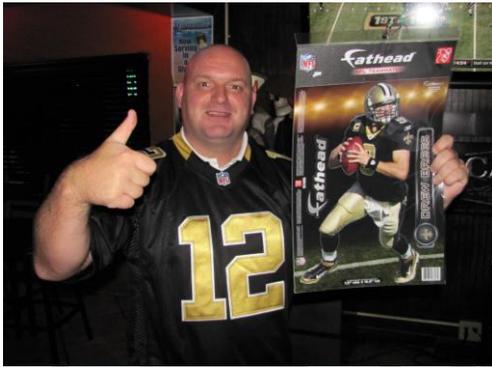
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“We’ll definitely be there for the fight!” - Jeremy the Fan



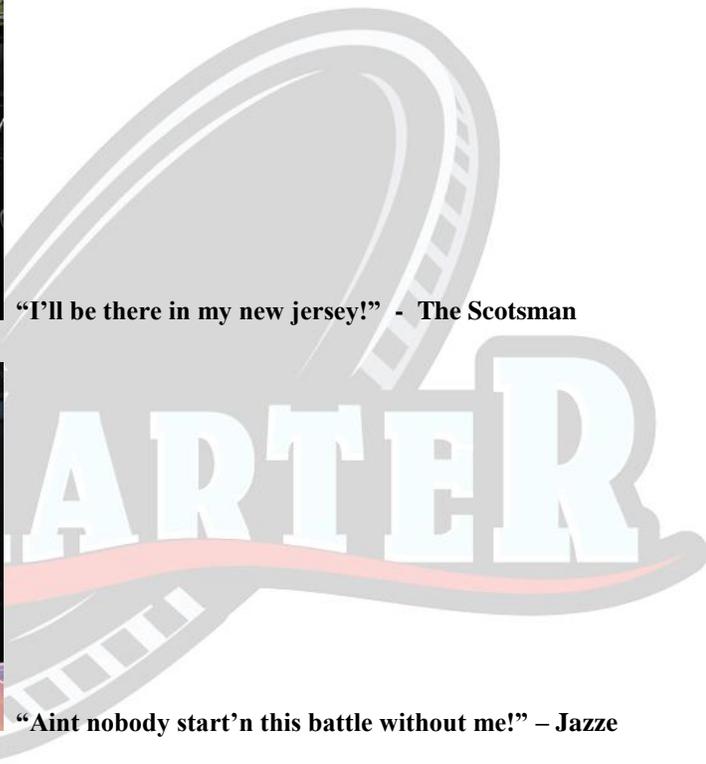
“I’ll be there in my new jersey!” - The Scotsman



“Aint nobody start’n this battle without me!” – Jazze



“And I’ll be there to fight the good fight!” - Cody the Fan



SERIES HISTORY: 86th regular-season meeting. Falcons lead series, 45-40. The Saints have won 10 of the last 12 matchups with their NFC South rivals since Sean Payton took over in 2006, taking both games in 2006, '07, '09 and '11. The teams have also met once in the postseason, a 1991 wild-card game in which the Falcons won, 27-20.

DID YOU KNOW THIS: The Saints have dominated the 46-year-old series with the Falcons over the past six seasons, winning 10 of 12 games played between the former NFC West rivals who moved to the NFC South in 2002. Payton's success over the Falcons, which includes sweeps of the series in 2006, '07, '09 and '11, started in his third game with the Saints—a 23-3 win on Sept. 25, 2006, which was the first game back in a rebuilt Superdome after Hurricane Katrina. It was Steve Gleason's night.

Their current stretch rivals the mastery the Falcons had against the Saints from 1995-99 as they won 10 games in a row.

AND WHAT ABOUT THIS: Going into Sunday's game with the Falcons, the Saints have won 12 consecutive games and 14 of the last 15 games played in November.

Their last loss in that month came on Nov. 30, 2008 at Tampa Bay.

AND HOW BOUT THIS: The Saints have yielded at least 400 yards in each of their first eight games, the longest such streak since at least 1950, and maybe in the history of the NFL. They're allowing an average of 471.3 yards - 53.4 more than the next-closest team - and are well on their way to shatter the record for most yards allowed in a season.

Opposing quarterbacks are averaging a 105.1 passer rating, and Ryan enters third in the NFL with a 103.0 mark. The Falcons are 29-0 when he has a quarterback rating of at least 100, but he has an 85.2 rating in his last three games against the Saints and lost them all.

THE BAD BLOOD: The Saints won the meeting 45-16 on Dec. 26 last season as quarterback Drew Brees stayed in the game throwing the ball late in an effort to break Dan Marino's record for passing yardage in a single season, a mark he got.

"It wasn't our intent to run the score up," Saints interim coach Joe Vitt said, according to D. Orlando Ledbetter of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "It was our intent to get the record out of the way so that we could move on to new business, but I think (Falcons coach) Mike (Smith) knows (Saints coach) Sean (Payton) well enough and Sean knows Mike well enough that that's not what we are in the business of, embarrassing people and running scores up. That's not what we do."

That's what they did and maybe it is one reason Falcons wide receiver Roddy White is fired up for the meeting on Sunday. The Saints were leading 38-16 when they began a possession on the Falcons' 33-yard line. Brees passed five times in a six-play drive, culminating in a nine-yard touchdown pass to Darren Sproles.

"I don't like nothing about the Saints," White said, according to Ledbetter. "The colors. The city. Nothing. But they've got some good food, though. Other than the food, nothing."

"This would make their whole entire month of November if they can mess up our record," White said. "We know that. You don't have to get people up for this game in the locker room. We all know what this game is about. We all know that we have to go out there and get after it."

The Falcons have a chance to do something about it come Sunday.



Come Join Me, and all my favorite Who-Dats as

the “Aerial Assault” takes on the “Dirty Birds” in the Divisional Showdown!! Game time is at 12Noon and I’ll be giving away more prizes in our Half-time Raffle and more buckets of beverages for our Trivia question winners!!

Listen everybody, our team is starting to turn this season around and I couldn’t believe it when only 42 fans attended the last game! Last season we averaged 85. That’s just sad!! I need our loyal Who-Dats for this one!!

I renamed this 2012 Campaign “The Quest to Win Again” and now that’s what our Boyz N Black & Gold are doing... For this next battle; an Undefeated Falcons team is coming into our house, so don’t stay on the couch in yours!! Come and fight with us!!

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- The Brees Puppet



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