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# ***THE QUEST CONTINUES...***



All that stands between the Boyz N Black & Gold from winning their third straight game in a row and getting back to .500 football is the struggling Oakland Raiders. A team that has allowed 97 points the past two weeks and matched a franchise-worst for points allowed in last week's 55-20 loss at Baltimore.

The Saints (4-5) have done quite a bit since the 0-4 start. With four wins in the past five games, including a 31-27 victory last week over the previously unbeaten "Dirty Birds", New Orleans has worked its way back into contention.

There is little margin for error. The schedule gets much tougher after Sunday's game in Oakland (3-6) with the following three games against division leaders, meaning the Saints can ill-afford a slipup against the struggling Raiders. Normally, this would be one of those "trap-games". Hopefully, everyone will see the trap....and avoid it.

"When you dig yourself into a hole like we have, every game you play is going to be critical," Interim Head Coach, Joe Vitt said. "Anything other than our best effort and we're going to have a long Sunday."

The Saints have been close to their best in recent weeks. After uncharacteristically throwing five interceptions the first three games, Drew Brees has completed 71 percent of his passes the last two weeks with five TDs and only one interception. The running game, energized by Chris Ivory, has produced 288 yards on the ground the past two weeks.

And even the League's worst defense has stepped up of late, holding Philadelphia to 13 points two weeks ago and coming up with the late goal-line stand that sealed the win against the Falcons. Actually, it was 2 fourth down stops late in the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr that they made to help seal the deal.

And "Dirty Bird" receiver, Roddy White said that we didn't win it, but that they lost it.

No, I think we took that game and stuffed it in their throat!

The Raiders have been up-and-down defensively this season, getting gashed on the ground early in the season by Miami and then getting overwhelmed by Peyton Manning and Denver before a bye week.

Oakland then put together a fairly strong three-week stretch, holding down Matt Ryan and the Falcons to one offensive touchdown and beating one-win Jacksonville and Kansas City in back-to-back weeks.

But the last two weeks have been as bad as it's ever been defensively in Oakland. Tampa Bay rookie Doug Martin ran for 251 yards in a 42-32 win two weeks ago. That was followed by the drubbing in Baltimore when Joe Flacco picked the Raiders apart for 341 yards and three touchdowns as the Ravens matched the most points ever allowed by the Raiders.

"I know the team that we're going to face is not the team that gave up 55 points last week or 42 points against Tampa," Brees said.

That Oakland is struggling so much on defense comes as a bit of a surprise for the Saints, who know Oakland first-year coach Dennis Allen so well. Allen spent five years as a defensive assistant in New Orleans, helping the team win the Super Bowl following the 2009 season as defensive backs coach.

After spending one year as defensive coordinator in Denver the 40-year-old Allen got his first head coaching gig this year in Oakland.

Allen coached four years in Atlanta before joining Payton's first staff on the Saints in 2006. He credited that experience with getting him to where he is now.

While extracting themselves from the deep hole they were in after falling to 0-4 against the Green Bay Packers on Sept. 30, the Saints would suddenly be in the conversation for the NFC wild-card race with six games remaining.

"It was such a hole, and now that we're starting to dig our way out of it, we're starting to see some light," said cornerback Jabari Greer. "When we were 0-4, it was doomsday. Nobody believed that we had what it took to be a good team. Everybody had written us off....except The SaintsGuy in Texas."

Ok, maybe he didn't say that last part, but he could've. It would be the truth. I just wanted to see if you were paying attention.

That all changed, however, when they sandwiched four wins around a 20-point blowout loss to the Denver Broncos and topping it by handing the arch-rival Atlanta Falcons their first loss, 31-27, last Sunday.

**SERIES HISTORY:** 12th regular-season meeting. Series tied, 5-5-1. The Saints have won five of the last seven games dating to 1988 -- including the last two played in Oakland in 1997 and 2004 and a 34-3 blowout in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in their last meeting in 2008. The tie came in their first game, 21-21, on Nov. 7, 1971 in old Tulane Stadium.

**DID YOU KNOW?:** The Saints' victory over the Falcons marked the third time in franchise history that they defeated an unbeaten team that came in with a record of 6-0 or better its first loss.

All three have come against a division rival as they also beat the 7-0 Los Angeles Rams on Oct. 22, 1978 (10-3) and 6-0 St. Louis Rams on Oct. 28, 2001 (34-31).

**DID YOU KNOW THIS?:** WR and Fan Favorite, Marques Colston needs one TD to pass Deuce McAllister for most by a Saint all-time.

**AND WHAT ABOUT THIS?:** In two career games vs. the Saints, QB Carson Palmer has passed for 524 yards with 4 TDs, 1 INT and a 114.5 passer rating. Palmer is averaging 360.7 passing yards per game in his past three games at home vs. NFC opponents and aims for his third straight game with 300+ passing yards, when the Raiders battle the Saints this Sunday.

**BUT THIS IS EVEN BETTER!:** In the past six games vs. Oakland, Drew Brees is 6-0 and has completed 112 of 159 passes (70.4%) for 1,248 yards with 13 TDs, 0 INTs for a 120.7 rating. Brees has 20+ completions in 45 consecutive games, the longest streak in NFL history.

**JUST ON A SIDE NOTE:** Drew Brees had three touchdown passes in a 31-27 win over the Atlanta Falcons, giving him 25 for the season with seven games remaining.

It marked the eighth time in the last nine seasons (the other time came in 2004 when he was with the San Diego Chargers) and the seventh straight season that Brees has had at least 25 since signing with the Saints in 2006.

Prior to his arrival, in the first 39 years of the franchise's existence, Saints' quarterbacks had 25 TD passes in a season exactly three times—Jim Everett had 26 in 1995 and Aaron Brooks had 26 in 2001 and 27 in '02.



**“Dats what I’m talk’n ‘bout!” - That New Guy**



On Sunday at 3pm, Nov.18<sup>th</sup>, the "Aerial Assault" we'll be taking on the Oakland Raiders in an NFC vs. AFC Showdown in what I renamed as "The Quest to Win Again" 2012 Campaign and I want **EVERYBODY** here for this one!! We had a lot of our loyal members show up on Sunday but not all of them. This next match-up is going to be a huge party and I'll have a Saints jersey and a lot of other prizes to raffle off at Halftime, along with more Saints Trivia Questions with the correct answers getting you a bucket of beer just like every year!

*So come on up to the place where everyone knows your name and your team will always WIN their game!*

**UNLEASH THE ASSAULT AGAIN!!**



# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## *“Sean Payton Fundraiser”*

Head Coach, Sean Payton will be making an appearance at one of my Saints parties this season. Which one you ask? How about the game against the New York Giants!!

That’s right! On Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> a party will be held for Payton’s Play It Forward Foundation! This will be a **private party by invitation only** and below are the details for making your pledge and securing your invitation before they’re all gone. Spaces are limited for this event due to occupancy.

For now, know that tickets will be accessible for purchase by members of the Dallas Dome Who Dats club (in advance for \$125 per person for the first 100 donations received). After the first 100 donations the minimum donation to receive an invitation will be \$150 per person. Once the number of invitations has been secured and our fundraising goal has been met, there will be no further invitations extended, not to exceed 240 people.

An invitation to the event will allow you to have your photo taken with Coach Payton, get his autograph on an item that you’ve brought (one item per person) and just to say hello to your Super Bowl winning coach!!

See the information & instructions below; and if you have additional questions, please email me at [thesaintsguy@yahoo.com](mailto:thesaintsguy@yahoo.com) or call me at 972-974-5043 and check the club website at [www.dallasdomewhodats.com](http://www.dallasdomewhodats.com) for complete information and your Weekly Newsletter issue for updates concerning available seats and other information about the event.



**“I WANT ALL OF MY FAVORITE WHO DATS TO BE THERE!”**



Super Bowl winning coach, Sean Payton will make a guest appearance at The Quarter Bar & Grill on December 9, 2012 prior to the Saints vs. Giants game. All proceeds are for "Payton's Play it Forward Foundation" [www.paytonsplyitforward.com](http://www.paytonsplyitforward.com) (All donations are tax deductible)

## Donation Levels:

### *Super Bowl*

\$2,500

Autographed limited edition print by famed Artist Rich Rush titled "A Fresh Breeze"



### *Fleur De Lis*

\$1,500

Autographed football

### *Who Dat Level* (minimum donation)

\$ 125 (for the first 100 invitations)

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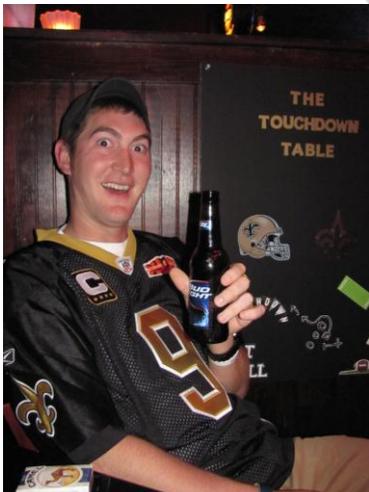
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## MAKE YOUR PLEDGE NOW!!

To receive your invitation to the Sean Payton Private Party on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>; email your pledge to me at: [thesaintsguy@yahoo.com](mailto:thesaintsguy@yahoo.com)!! Include your full name and phone number. That will put your name on a list for fans that want to attend the event. During any one of the next three Saints games on Sunday, Nov. 18, Sunday, Nov.25 or Thursday Night, Nov. 29 you must attend one of my Saints Party's at The Quarter Bar in Addison, TX, and while you're there your donation will be collected to receive your invitation and your name added to the 'Master Guest List'.

The names of each person who purchases an invitation will have their name placed on the 'Master Guest List' for the Private Party on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. No admittance will be given to anyone who does not have an invitation AND has their name on the master guest list. One invitation per person and NO guest are allowed to the event, unless they have an invitation of their own AND also appear on the 'Master Guest List'.



**"I BETTER HURRY UP AND GET ON THE LIST!!" - Ryan**

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**“SaintsGuy, I can’t believe we’ve got such a great club and website!!” – The Lucky Fans**



**Yes, I know....and right now I want everyone to see the current pics, as well as, other photos taken and learn about the history of the club and other cool stuff on our website, so check it out if you haven’t already because I’m constantly updating the web-pages!!**

If any of you have ANY suggestions or questions just send an email back to this address ([thesaintsguy@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

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