

DALLAS DOME



OFFICIAL 2013 DALLAS DOME WHO-DATS NEWSLETTER - PRESEASON EDITION 3



The New Orleans Saints will host their final home game of the 2013 preseason as they take on the Oakland Raiders at 7:00 p.m. at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Friday night. This is the sixth all-time preseason matchup between these two squads. It also marks the first time in franchise history that the Raiders will play a preseason game in New Orleans. The last meeting between the two clubs on November 18, 2012 at O.co Coliseum, the Saints defeated the Raiders 38-17 on the strength of three touchdown passes from QB Drew Brees.

POSITION BATTLE UPDATES:

Rookie wide-receiver Kenny Stills Jr. has already earned enough respect from Sean Payton to see some first-team snaps, and enough trust from Drew Brees to see some deep passes come his way. This is a good thing.

The Saints selected Stills out of Oklahoma in the fifth round of the draft. Stills said he wasn't surprised he was drafted in that round, only because the feedback he'd gotten from analysts told him he could expect to go between the third and fifth rounds.

Still, he hoped he would be drafted higher.

"I could definitely say I have a chip on my shoulder," Stills said.

"He still has to learn the detail and the nuances of what we're trying to get done, but the calmness and ... his demeanor, I love," receivers coach Henry Ellard said. "When he makes a mistake, he locks it into memory and makes sure he doesn't repeat it. And that's a big part of the game, especially for a young guy because your mind is racing 100 miles per hour. It's not easy, but he has done a good job of adjusting."

Based on Stills' recollection of his conversations with Brees, the young receiver does not lack confidence.

Coming into the season, Joseph Morgan was the leading candidate to be the Saints' primary deep threat and No. 3 receiver behind Marques Colston and Lance Moore. Morgan is now out of the season with a knee injury, and now Stills - who ran a blazing 4.38 40-yard dash at the NFL combine - is among the top candidates to fill that role.

"He has all the tools," Brees said. "He is a smart guy who has a great feel for the game. You can see a lot of things come naturally for him and it hasn't felt too big for him."



WR, Marques Colston (foot), WR Courtney Roby (toe), C Eric Olsen (foot), LB Chris Chamberlain (undisclosed) and OLB Junior Galette (left knee) also missed practice. ... OLB Martez Wilson took part in some drills with a brace on his left elbow. He also wore a red jersey, meaning he was not to be hit.

INJURY UPDATE:

LB, Jonathan Vilma has traveled to Philadelphia to have arthroscopic knee surgery, but how long he'll be sidelined remains unclear, coach Sean Payton said Thursday night.

The 31-year-old Vilma has had numerous surgeries on his left knee during the past two seasons. He missed five games in 2011 and started last season on the physically unable to perform list. However, Payton stopped short of saying he viewed Vilma's latest surgery as a setback. Vilma opened training camp working as a first-team middle linebacker in New Orleans' 3-4 defense, but had missed a handful of practices lately.



His absence will move veteran David Hawthorne, who was acquired as a free agent last season, up to the first team in advance of Friday night's preseason game against Oakland.

Payton portrayed Vilma's absence during preseason as an opportunity to better evaluate other linebackers before coaches have to decide who to cut and who to keep as current 90-player roster is trimmed to 53 by the start of the regular season.

"The most important thing is getting the chance to evaluate all these players," Payton said. "A guy like Jon Vilma, I know exactly what we have in that player. It gives us a chance to see not only Hawthorne more, but then if he's going earlier, the guys behind him are getting to play quicker, too."

Meanwhile, Curtis Lofton, the strong side middle linebacker, was absent from practice Thursday and Payton did not offer an explanation for that. Lofton practiced Wednesday without showing any apparent limitations.

Ramon Humber worked in Lofton's spot Thursday and sounded as if he expected more playing time against Oakland.



"Alyssa, I can't believe we lost so many players this Off-season! What are we going to do?" - The Puppet



"You said that last week, Puppet. Relax, we've got Drew Brees and the 'Aerial Assault'!!!" - Alyssa the Fan



Hey Gang! It's Week 2 of the Pre-Season and that means I'm another week closer to holding one of my legendary Saints Party's for the greatest NFL Fans in North Texas, cause it's that time of year again, and I want to win another Lombardi Trophy, so make plans to hang-out with me and all my favorite Who-Dats this season!!

Now, with a revamped Defense, a new Defensive Coordinator, and more importantly, the return of our Head Coach, the 'Boyz N Black & Gold' are determined to return to the "Big Game" and solidify this as [Our-Time] which is this seasons' battle cry.

But first things first; we've got a Pre-Season schedule to get through to establish our starting roster before Opening Day. Below, are the scheduled remaining games, as well as, information about the Club that I'll be bringing you this year!

- The SaintsGuy

Remaining Pre-Season Schedule:



Aug. 16th at 7pm

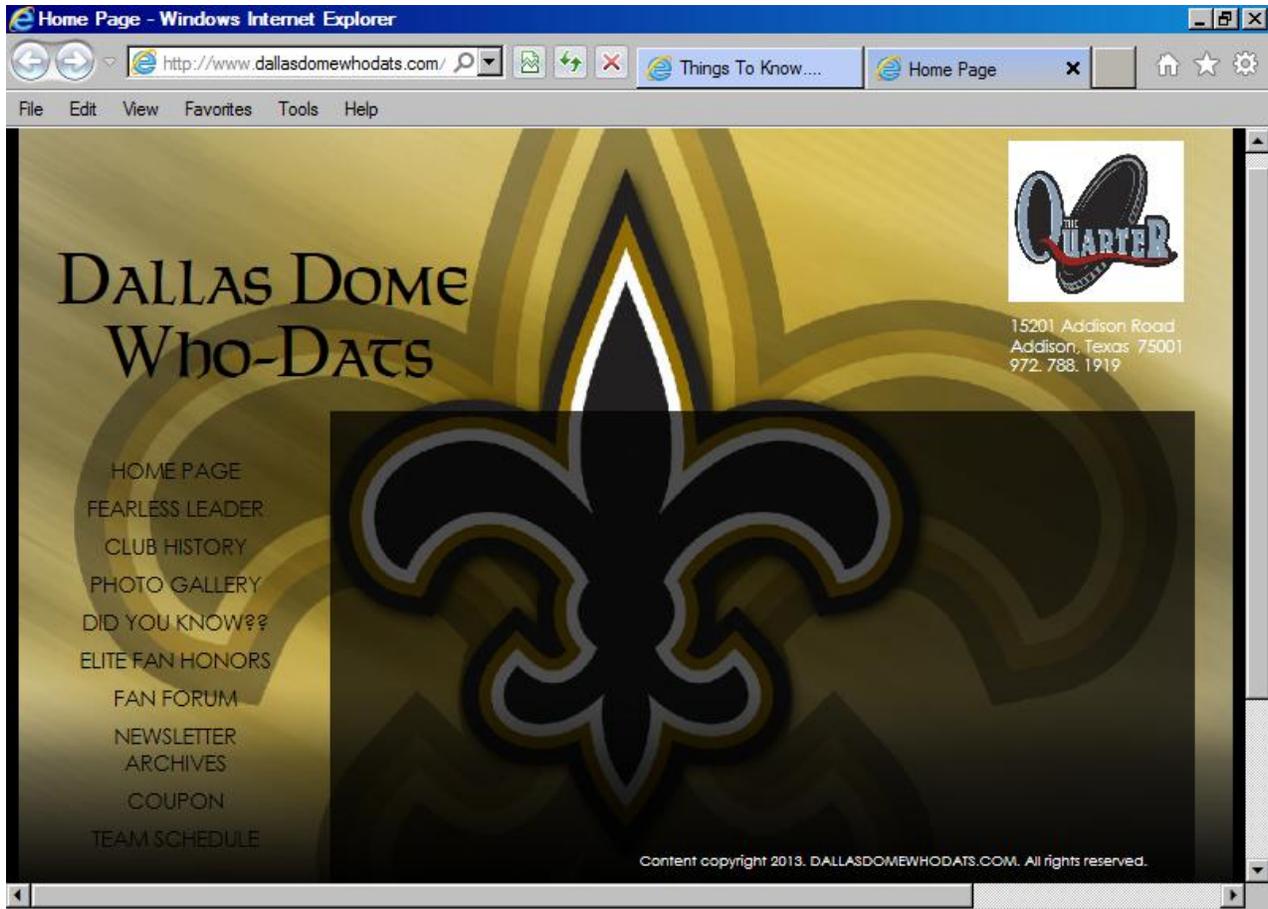


Aug. 25th at 3pm (televised at The Quarter)



Aug. 29th at 6pm (televised at The Quarter)

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Don't forget, this year, The SaintsGuy's added a newsletter archive so fans can go back in time and read all of the club's weekly issues over the seasons from 2009 to the Present. But wait, he's also added a Fan-Forum for all of the Who-Dats everywhere. It'll be just like the 'Saints Report' but more focused on local Saints fandom... Everyone is welcome to sign-up (it's FREE to Use the Forum) and pick your fan username and upload your own avatar!

Also, for this season, he'll be putting the answer to each game's 3rd Quarter trivia-question in the Newsletter that gets mailed to everyone before each game (Thursday/Friday's issue), so be sure to get the edge on everyone else by reading up each week! Unlike previous seasons; this year, he'll only be drawing one trivia ticket. If the person whose ticket that got drawn doesn't know the answer to the multiple-choice question, they will then be asked to pull a ticket from the jar. That person will be our winner.

The Halftime-Raffle will stay the same. Everyone can buy as many tickets as they want. All proceeds will continue to go to buying prizes for the following party. Each week we'll have a player jersey and 4, 5 or 6 other prizes.



"Calling ALL Who-Dats for every Saints Party of the 2013 Season!! Just like every other year; The SaintsGuy will have raffle prizes, a trivia question each game, along with web-site photos, the weekly newsletters, Fan-coupons (to use at The Quarter Bar) as well as a variety of random promos & specials, come see us this year."

- The Rudy

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2013 Game Day Specials will include....

\$15 Miller Lite, Coors Light and MGD64 buckets

\$5 Pat O'Brien's Hurricanes

\$3 wells ALL day on Sunday's until the Season ends

OTHER MENU ITEMS - Char-grilled Oysters (are BETTER than Drago's), Oysters on the Half-shell, Oysters Rockefeller, fried crabclaws, sloppy roast beef po-boy, soft shell crab po-boy and crab cakes...*



COUPON IS GOOD FOR ANY VISIT TO THE QUARTER. LIMIT ONE PER PERSON (PER VISIT)
FOR ONLY FOOD PURCHASES OF \$20 OR MORE. EXPIRES 08/17/2013



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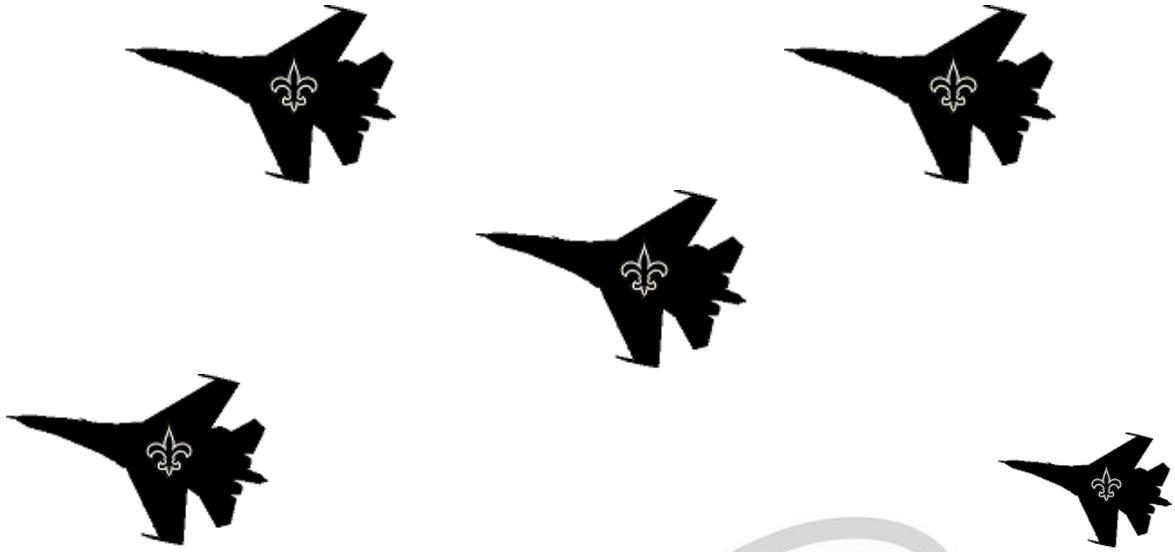
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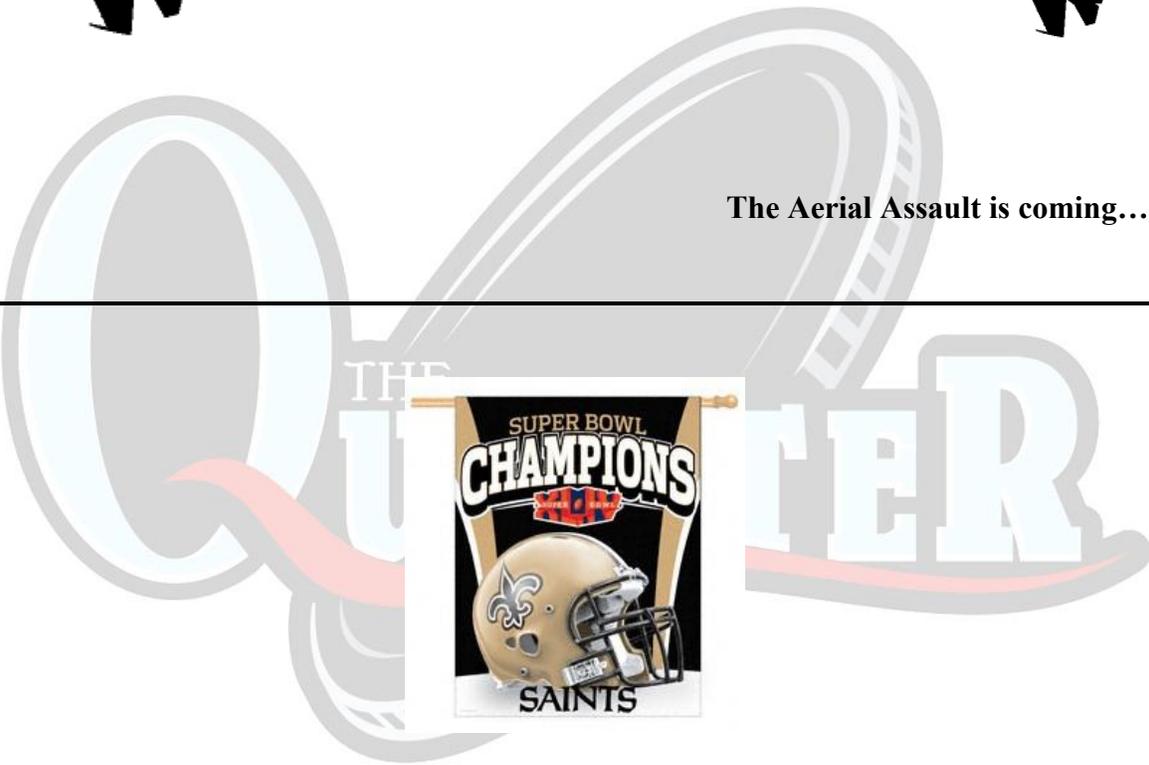
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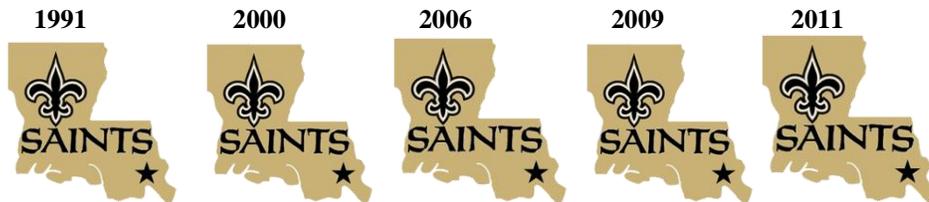
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The Aerial Assault is coming....



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