

DALLAS DOME



**SIR SAINT WILL LEAD US TO VICTORY
OVER THE EVIL TEAMS OF THE NFC SOUTH**

OFFICIAL 2009 END-OF-REGULAR SEASON REPORT

THE FIRST SEED....FOR THE FIRST TIME



THE 2009 SUPER-SAINTS

After winning their first thirteen games of the season you might've begun to think that any member of the Who-Dat Nation might've placed an order (to the heavens above) prior to this season which probably would've sounded something like this....

Uhhhh, yea, I'll have 7 blow-outs, 2 comebackers, 2 close-calls, 2 solid outings, 1 upset, 1 fluke and a no show to round -out the order. Yeah, it might've sounded something like that....but don't forget the rest of the order....

And let's add on a divisional playoff win....one revenge game NFC title victory...and a Championship trophy to go!

So if that was the case.....get that fan a cold one on the house!

As the top seed in the NFC, the SAINTS will have a week to rest and reflect on why they're stumbling into the playoffs on a three-game losing streak. And why they haven't really looked like themselves since their 38-17 dismantling of the New England Patriots on Nov. 30. The SAINTS went 2-3 in their last five games and needed a

couple of miracles in those two wins to avoid going 0-5 during that stretch. Nevertheless, a wins a win and the crusade to end losing continued to roll after those close calls, until December 19th. A day that will live in infamy!

Even after the first defeat of the season against “Jerry’s Kids” the SAINTS still had a chance to clinch the No. 1 playoff seed by defeating the Bucs, the SAINTS instead earned the dubious distinction of becoming the first 13-win team to lose to a two-win club. They blew a 17-3 lead to Tampa right in front of Who-Dat Nation in The Dome and left us all scratching our heads. If not for Chicago’s upset over the Minnesota Favre’s the next night, the SAINTS would’ve had to of played all the starters in the final against Carolina. Of course, if that had been the case, we would’ve finished 14-2, so I don’t know what everybody’s whining about.

Although no team has won a Super Bowl after losing its last three regular-season games, Payton wasn’t worried about that and I’m not either. Remember, he rested Brees and numerous other starters in the regular-season finale, so it’s hard to consider that Sunday a loss. More like a forfeit.

Payton seemed amused when the word “never” came up regarding historical trends the SAINTS would have to defy to win a championship. He responded (in his most recent press-conf) by mentioning that the SAINTS had never won 13 games before, had never been a No. 1 seed before and have never been to a Super Bowl before. Good point.

All season I’ve been saying that the 2009 SAINTS squad has been changing history. Let’s keep it going!!

On a side note: This weekend Dallas’ Playoff hopes are in the REDZONE and that doesn’t mean they’re about to score. In order to advance to the 2nd Round “Jerry’s Kids” will have to defeat a Philadelphia team for the 3rd time this season. I don’t see that happening, but if it does, then Dallas would have to play Minnesota (on the road) in the second round, while our SAINTS would then play the winner of the Cards-Packers game. If Philly wins, then Philly comes to The Dome and the winner of the Cards-Packers game goes to play in Minnesota. And for those of you wanting to see a Dallas-New Orleans rematch....that can only happen if “Jerry’s Kids” make it to the NFC Title Game. Could that happen you ask? It’s possible, but unlikely. Dallas seems to have a problem getting past the 1st Round for the last 10 yrs and I think Green Bay will actually find themselves in a 3rd time rematch of their own against the Minnesota Favre’s in the 2nd Round.



Did you know: That every team with a 12-0 start in NFL history has gone on to win their first playoff game and that 4 of those 7 teams had 2 losses in their last 3 games. The 3 exceptions were the '72 Dolphins, '85 Bears, and the '07 Patriots.



TAKE THAT NATIONAL MEDIA!!

New Orleans Saints Injury-Report as of 1/9/2010:

- RB Pierre Thomas was inactive for Sunday's regular-season finale with three fractured ribs, but could be back for the divisional playoffs.
- WLB Scott Shanle missed the last two games because of a concussion he sustained on Dec. 19, but is expected to return for the playoffs.
- FS Darren Sharper did not play against the Carolina Panthers because of a sore knee, but should be ready for the playoffs.
- TE Jeremy Shockey, who has missed the last three games with a toe injury, should be at full strength for the postseason.
- DT Sedrick Ellis, who has had problems with both knees this season, was a healthy inactive against the Panthers and should be ready for the playoffs.
- TE David Thomas should be ready for the playoffs after not playing against the Panthers last Sunday because of a strained calf.
- FS Usama Young, who had sports hernia surgery two weeks ago, might return in time for the playoffs.
- WR Lance Moore continues to be plagued by an ankle injury and his availability for the playoffs was unknown.
- CB Malcolm Jenkins came out of Sunday's game with a mild hamstring injury, but could be ready for the playoffs.
- WR/KR Courtney Roby may have sustained a mild concussion against the Panthers, but should be OK for the playoffs.
- FB Kyle Eckel sustained a stinger in the regular-season finale, but should be ready for the postseason.

Injury Impact:

RB Pierre Thomas, who fractured three ribs in a Dec. 27 game with the Tampa Bay Bucs, could be limited when the Saints return to practice on Saturday.

- RB Mike Bell would probably start in the divisional playoffs if Thomas is unable to play with his fractured ribs.
- LDE Bobby McCray will likely start in place of Charles Grant, who has been put on injured reserve with a triceps injury, in the divisional playoff game on Jan. 16.

WHO-DAT GAMEDAY TRIVIA RE-VISITED

(This is the complete list of all the ?'s asked for the Beer-Bucket Winners for the second half.)

Trivia Question for Week #10: In the 2006 NFL Draft, Reggie Bush was the first player to be taken by the SAINTS. Who was the last player taken by the SAINTS?

WR Marques Colston

Extra Question for Week #10: Including Sean Payton, how many head coaches have the SAINTS' organization had?

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Trivia Question for Week #11: Which two SAINTS players made up the first 1,000 yard RB tandem for the SAINTS organization?

Rueben Mayes & Dalton Hilliard

Extra Question for Week #11: Jahri Evans has now started 57 consecutive games at right guard for the Saints tying T William Roaf for the most consecutive games by a Saints offensive lineman to open a career. What was Willie Roaf's jersey number?

#77

Trivia Question for Week #12: On MNF last season; Deuce McAllister set the all-time record for most rushing TD's by a Saint. Who were the SAINTS playing against in that game?

The Green Bay Packers

Extra Question for Week #12: Drew Brees was taken by the San Diego Chargers in the 2001 NFL Draft. What round was he taken in?

The 2nd Round.

Back-Up Question for Week #12: What was the jersey number of SAINTS HOF Kicker Morton Anderson?

#7

Trivia Question for Week #13: What University did Drew Brees attend?

Purdue

Extra Question for Week #13: What NFL team did Sean Payton play for during the NFL strike of the 1986-87 season?

The Chicago Bears

Trivia Question for Week #14: How many franchises have beaten the New Orleans Saints in the Playoffs?

4 (Minnesota – 2, Chicago – 2, Atlanta Falcons – 1, Philadelphia Eagles – 1)

Extra Question for Week #14: Long time Saints running-back, Dalton Hilliard, wore what jersey number?

#21

Trivia Question for Week #15: How many consecutive games have the SAINTS won over the Cowboys since 1998?

5 in a row!

Extra Question for Week #15: Bill Purcells was the last Cowboys coach to lose to Sean Payton and the SAINTS. What is Bill's nickname?

"Tuna"

Trivia Question for Week #16: The SAINTS had "2" first round picks in the 2002 NFL Draft. WR Donte' Stallworth was the 1st pick. Who was the other player? (Hint: He's still on the active roster today)

DE Charles Grant

Extra Question for Week #16: Who did the SAINTS defeat to start the 2006 Season, which gave Sean Payton his first victory as Head Coach?

The Cleveland Browns (Final Score: 19-14)

Back-Up Question for Week #16: Who caught the winning TD to seal the victory in Coach Payton's first game?

WR Marques Colston

Trivia Question for Week #17: Hall of Fame Kicker, Morton Anderson, kicked his career long 60 yard FG in 1991 at The Dome against what team?

The Chicago Bears

Extra Question for Week #17: What team did Tom Dempsey kick his NFL record 63 yard FG against?

The Detroit Lions

Back-Up Question for Week #17: What was the name of the SAINTS kicker who missed the extra point which would've sent the game into overtime after the play known as the "2003 Jacksonville Saints Miracle" took place?

Saints Kicking Consultant, John Carney

...And there's **MORE** trivia on the way!!

DALLAS DOME WHO-DAT WEEKLY FAN TOTALS:

SAINTS fans for Rams game: 65
SAINTS fans for Tampa game: 72
SAINTS fans for Patriots game: 93 (televised game)
SAINTS fans for Redskins game: 85
SAINTS fans for Falcons game: 70 (televised game)
SAINTS fans for Cowboys game: 81 (televised game)
SAINTS fans for Tampa game: 61
SAINTS fans for Panthers game: 53



“You guys are the best!” - Will Smith

”This is our year!” -Reggie Bush

“Keep up the outstanding job as fans!” - Coach Payton



“And a special THANKS to everyone for making *The Quarter* the place to be for Who-Dat football!!” - Rudy & Bev



“OK, I’ve decided to go Black&Gold as soon as my ‘Boys get knocked out of the 1st Round.” - Nick the Bartender



“That sounds kind of ‘fair-weather’ if you ask me.” - Jen the Waitress



“Now, now, Jen....not all Cowboys fans are fair-weather.” - “Tomey”



“Well, I did ask ‘The Saintsguy’ to bring me a SAINTS jersey to wear next weekend. There’s something in these cookies!” - “Neely” the Waitress

Don't forget about the great job being done by The Quarter's Staff!!

And Don't Forget about this either: We are going to be taking the Dallas Dome Who-Dats 2009 Fan Photo at this week's game against Carolina so be sure to wear your NFL Sunday Best!!



Game Day Specials include....

\$12 Coors Light buckets

\$13 Miller Lite, Bud Light, Budweiser, MGD64 buckets

\$3 wells

Half-price pizza and don't forget....The Bloody Mary BAR

NEW MENU ITEMS - Char-grilled Oysters (just like Drago's), Oysters on the Half-shell, Oysters Rockefeller, fried crabclaws, sloppy roast beef po-boy, soft shell crab po-boy and crab cakes.



The Quarter will be **giving away a bucket of beer** in the trivia contest just like every week and I'll have more SAINTS stuff to raffle off including this week's big prize which is an authentic DREW BREES jersey, so come on up to the place where everyone knows your name and your team's gonna win their Playoff Game!!

SO, WHO'S WITH ME ON SATURDAY THE 16TH?!



“You know we’ll be back for the big-game Saintsguy!” - Bethany the Fan



“You can count on me too Saintsguy.” - Jim the Fan



“If we don’t make it for the Playoff game....you can have my jersey!” Gordon the Fan



“Dude, if I’m not there it’s because I’m dead.” - Tim the Fan



OUR HOUSE!

AND BE SURE TO READ THE NEXT NEWSLETTER: "PLAYOFF EDITION"
