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OFFICIAL 2009 SEASON MEMBER-NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK GANG! It's time for another season of SAINTS football again and I wanted all of you to know what was going on for this year prior to Opening-Day.

Just like last year the games will always be shown each week at The Quarter in Addison. That's right, Rudy & Bev will be having us all back again with another season of food & drink specials, while your host, Rich "The Saintsguy" Mills raffles off even more SAINTS apparel and fan stuff every Sunday!! This season; Keith & Tracy McCuen will be our club's web-site administrators. The web-site will feature up-to-date calendared events, Dallas Dome Who-Dat photos each week, SAINTS trivia, and much more. The site is currently under construction but will be finished before the start of the regular season, so here's the link as well as some others:

dfwsaintsfan.com

www.myspace.com/thequarterbar

neworleanssaints.com

www.myspace.com/saintsnewsinline

For those of you not in the loop...here's an update: The New Orleans Saints are at the halfway point of their preseason schedule with the Saints off to a 2-0 start. After a 17-7 win over the Bengals and even a more impressive showing in their 38-14 win over the Houston Texans, the question that comes to mind...what have we learned about the Black & Gold's off-season changes?

We know that "Drew Brees & the Aerial Assault" (as I like to call it) will once again be the best in the NFL. Drew is having another solid camp and back-up Mark Brunell looked sharp in his two preseason performances after I watched both games during the re-broadcast on NFL Network.

We have learned that the Saints can be solid at RB with a group of backs that can be used by committee. We already know what Reggie and Pierre can do on the field. We've seen good moments from Lynell Hamilton. And, the guy everyone is hyped about is Mike Bell. Plus, the Saints have serious competition among their youngsters--PJ Hill and Herb Donaldson. I know a lot of you were hoping that Deuce would be signed to a 1 yr deal and used for those 3rd & 4th down scenarios where we only need a yard to go, but so far, I haven't come across anything like that.

Regarding WR's it was Marques Colston who made the receiver impact in 2006. In 2007 & 2008 it was Lance Moore and, this year it looks like Rod Harper could make the club. Harper has made his presence known, catching the ball at practice and in preseason games, and he opened everyone's eye when he scored on a punt return in the Saints win over the Texans. Can Harper make this team? I'm not sure, but he has sparked real competition at the position according to Peyton's press-conf, and that can only be a good thing.

On the defensive side of the ball, we know Coach Greg Williams was brought in during the off-season and was Peyton's initial & only choice to fill the need to improve our team's defense and he's going to play what he deems the best eleven players on that side of the ball, which is why, after two missed tackles and having given up two long

yardage pass-plays CB Jason David was released on Monday the following morning after the Bengals game. That's right gang, the "wink-link" in our secondary IS FINALLY GONE!!

Yeah....I've been waiting for that to happen.

As for the Saints secondary; it has gone from dark to daylight in just a few months, first, with the signing of Top draft choice Malcolm Jenkins (the shut-down corner from Ohio State) and the acquisition of Safety Darren Sharper, as well as, another draft pick, Safety Chip Vaughn. With 4 out of 5 draft picks being used to acquire def players it looks like Peyton was very serious about letting Coach Williams put together the best squad that "he thinks" will be able to turn things around for our once fledgling secondary.

Each week I'll be shooting out another fan club Newsletter (thesaintsguy@yahoo.com) and if any of you have suggestions or questions at any point in time feel free to get in touch, and also, if there's any friends or relatives who want to receive the Newsletter just send me their email address and I'll add'em right away!

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT *The Quarter* on Opening Day, September 13 at 12Noon!!

- **The Saintsguy**

