

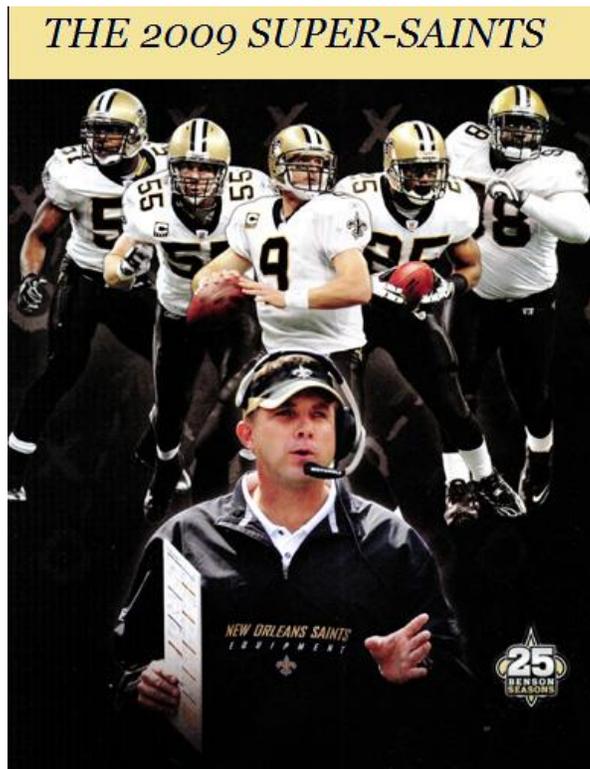
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SIR SAINT WILL LEAD US TO VICTORY
OVER THE EVIL TEAMS OF THE NFC SOUTH

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ROAD TO PERFECTION



Our next stop along the road to perfection takes us through the Great State of Georgia, but these SAINTS aren't going there to site-see and pass on good-will, but instead, massacre the local team and plunder their dome known as "The Birdcage" in a way reminiscent to what yankee forces did under Sherman's command in the summer of '64, only this time it'll be General Payton & Captain Comeback marching through on their way to Miami, not Savannah.

After their gutsy comeback win against the Redskins in overtime and the "Dirty Birds" losing their 6th game, the SAINTS clinched only the fourth division title in the 43-year history of the franchise. And in case you didn't know,

the only other times the SAINTS won their division was in 1991, 2000 and 2006; with the last being Sean Payton's first season with the team. Payton became the first coach in club history to claim more than one division title. Jim Mora (1991) and Jim Haslett (2000) won the others but each coach only had one title.

With just four games remaining in the regular season, many of us fans have allowed ourselves to consider the possibility of going undefeated. But I've got a feeling larger things are in store for this team.

In saying that fortune played a part in our last victory doesn't take anything away from the SAINTS' impressive streak. They had to take advantage of the breaks that went their way — an unmistakable trait of successful teams. And SAINTS fans can be forgiven for thinking it's about time some of the questionable calls or crazy plays go in our favor rather than against the SAINTS as they have seemed to do for so long.

We have seen the SAINTS win in just about every conceivable way this season. On Sunday, in addition to their many talents, they needed some luck, and they got it. They don't want to rely on luck the rest of the way, but it was a welcome addition to the team's full complement of offensive and defensive weapons and with that being said.... SAINTS fans have gone so long without a winner I don't think any of us care if it's skill, talent, good-luck, superstitions, blue diamonds, green gloves or purple horseshoes that come into play....WE JUST WANT TO FINALLY WIN, DAMN IT!!

But think about this: If the Playoffs were this weekend this would be the scenario:



Between watching the Minnesota meltdown against the Cards last Sunday night and putting this “bracket” into perspective it opened my eyes a little bit more to what I was saying back in Week 7 and that it was true all along, in that the Vikings are not a “dominant” team at all. All of us all season have been worried about the 1-loss Vikings & General Turncoat, but after starting the season 7-0 bcuz of a few cupcakes to open their schedule they finally found themselves facing a winning team (Pittsburgh & then Arizona) and they couldn't, “bring it”. Of course, I don't really know what “it” is....but they just didn't have “it” with them.

Therefore, I believe the real team to fear could be Arizona!

It's the team that made it to the "Big-Game" last season too and if they end up in a 1st Round Playoff game with the Eagles (please see above bracket) it'll be a rematch but unless McNabb has his "A"-game working these "Red Birds" and not the other dirty birds are the ones who will win that battle. If so, it would place them against the Minnesota Favre's in Round 2....and they can beat them, which puts the "Red Birds" in the title game and you know what that means....

And don't forget about this: All it took was one weekend to set the NFC playoff picture straight -- sort of. The SAINTS clinched the NFC South. Atlanta lost its 6th game. The second-best team (Minnesota Favre's) got beat-up by the third-best team (Arizona), which fired a warning shot to remind everyone just how much of a threat they are to make a potentially deep playoff run. So there's your "Weekend Tri-Fecta"! Now, the Packers are in good shape for a wild-card spot, although they're about to embark on a four-week stretch that includes three road games. Atlanta, meanwhile, is on life support and this weekend we're pulling the plug on those Playoff hopes!

What is interesting in the NFC is that instead of a dangerous, non-playoff team -- like Washington, San Francisco or Carolina -- posing danger as a spoiler, it's actually the SAINTS that could inject the lethal drop to Atlanta and administer another dose to Dallas in consecutive weeks. Now that's the Christmas present I really wanted!

Don't expect the SAINTS to ease off the throttle, either. While the franchise's dubious history has the Who Dat Nation begging to go 16-0, SAINTS players are going to be pushing for an unblemished mark if that's what it takes to earn home-field advantage through the playoffs. For weeks, players have openly admitted they don't want the NFC title going through Minneapolis.

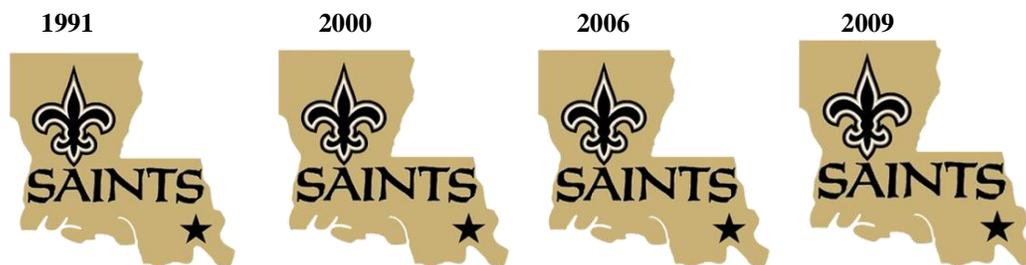
On a side note: The chip-shot miss against our SAINTS has cost the Washington Redskins kicker his job. Suisham, the most accurate kicker in franchise history, was cut Tuesday by the Redskins, who replaced him with Graham Gano, from the United Football League. After missing that easy kick; something told me that guy was getting a pink-slip on Monday morning, THEREFORE, in celebration of his missed FG & our miracle comeback we will be having spiked Egg-Nog with Football shaped Christmas Cookies at the Who-Dat X-mas Party during the Tampa game, Dec.27th!!

“Laces Out!”



Did you know: Last Sunday's victory came almost one year after the SAINTS' last overtime game, a 27-24 loss to the evil Chicago Bears on Dec. 11, 2008, at Soldier Field.

2009 NFC DIVISION CHAMPIONS



THIS WAS Q/A with Jerry Rice on NFL.com

"Who do you consider the best QB ever?"



Jerry Rice said:

"The best ever ... Omar, I'm thinking Joe Montana. I think Joe and his coolness and what he was able to do ... Joe was drafted low into the NFL. But that was Bill Walsh. He found talent. He knew Montana would be one of the best. Just like Tom Brady. And I'm sure Peyton and Favre will go down in history. Then we have this crazy guy down in New Orleans. He's going nuts and his team is 12-0."

If any of you have ANY suggestions or questions just send an email back to this address (thesaintsguy@yahoo.com) and I'll get back with you ASAP! And if you haven't already; check out these cool links including our webpage:

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YOU CAN ALSO FIND ME ON MYSPACE UNDER "THE SAINTSGUY"!



Join me at Noon on Sunday, Dec. 13th to watch the "Aerial Assault" annihilate the "Dirty Birds"! *The Quarter* will be **giving away a bucket of beer** in the trivia contest just like every week and I'll have even more SAINTS stuff to raffle off including this week's big prize which is an authentic SEDRICK ELLIS black home jersey (#98), so come on up to the place where everyone knows your name and your team will always WIN their game!!



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



“We’re eating up all these teams.” - Lisa the Fan



“This place is so crowded they ran out of silverware. I’m using my hand as a fork.” - Lauren the Fan

And here's some more holiday cheer...it's another tune to go with your next Quarter beer!

*"Dashing thru the show, with the #1 Offense all the way;
Rolling over these teams we go, laughing all the way.
Brees is going after the ring, gonna make everything right,
What fun it is to watch these games, watching our team tonight.*

*Oh, winning sells, winning sells;
Ring me up another right now.
Oh what fun, it is to watch, the SAINTS win it all somehow!"*

- The Saintsguy

And here's our first Saints Joke of the season:

A man had 50-yard line tickets for last night's Monday Night Football NEW ORLEANS SAINTS game. As he sits down, a man comes down and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him.

"No," he says, "The seat is empty."

"This is incredible," said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the NEW ORLEANS SAINTS, the biggest sporting event in the world, and not use it?"

He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first SAINTS game we haven't been to together since we got married in 1987.."

"Oh ... I'm sorry to hear that.. That's terrible, but couldn't you find someone else, a friend or relative, or even a neighbor to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head. "No, they're all at the funeral!"



Courtesy of Tim the Fan



Make plans for NYE **at *The Quarter***

Taking reservations from 6pm-8pm, table is yours all night, \$10 charge includes all party favors, champagne @ midnite and a breakfast buffet at 12:30am. E-mail for details ☺

We'll have karaoke starting @ 9pm and a full menu available until 11pm. (No ½ price pizzas on this evening.)

New Orleans Saints Injury-Report as of Dec. 10th:

- SLB Scott Fujita did not practice Wednesday and likely will miss his second straight game against the Atlanta Falcons as he continues to rehab from surgery for a staph infection in his left knee on Dec. 4.
- RCB Tracy Porter, who's missed the last three games with a sprained left knee, didn't work Wednesday and likely will be out at least one more game.
- LCB Jabari Greer didn't practice Wednesday because of a groin and abdomen injury that has sidelined him for the last four games. General Manager Mickey Loomis said he may miss two more games.
- LB Marvin Mitchell, who missed last week's game with a hamstring problem, did not work Wednesday and his status for Sunday's game was unknown.
- WR Lance Moore was limited Wednesday after being out for the last five games with hamstring and ankle injuries.
- RCB Randall Gay (hamstring) was limited in Wednesday's practice, but it was not known if he'll be available for Sunday's game.
- DT Sedrick Ellis, who missed four games earlier in the season with a sprained right knee, should play Sunday after being limited Wednesday.
- MLB Jonathan Vilma was limited again Wednesday by a sore knee, but should be ready to go against the Falcons.
- RB Pierre Thomas worked on a limited basis on Wednesday with a quadriceps injury and his availability for Sunday's game was unknown.
- RB Mike Bell was limited Wednesday with a knee injury, but should be able to play against the Falcons.
- RB Reggie Bush continues to rehab his bruised knee and was limited Wednesday, but should be ready Sunday.
- RG Jahri Evans participated in Wednesday's practice on a limited basis with a toe injury, but will play against the Falcons.
- C Jonathan Goodwin, who has been bothered by an ankle injury, will play Sunday despite being limited Wednesday.
- T Jermon Bushrod worked on a limited basis Wednesday with a thumb injury and should play Sunday.
- DE Bobby McCray was limited Wednesday by a knee injury, but is expected to play against the Falcons.
- FS Usama Young has hip and calf injuries and his status for Sunday's game was unknown after he worked limited Wednesday.
- TE Darnell Dinkins, who missed the first half of the season with a foot injury, was limited Wednesday with the same problem.
- RB Lynell Hamilton has a shoulder injury and was limited on Wednesday, but should play Sunday.
- SLB Jo-Lonn Dunbar was put on injured reserve Tuesday after injuring his right hamstring in the win over the Redskins on Sunday.
- LB Anthony Waters, who was impressive during training camp with the Saints this summer, was signed from the Buffalo Bills practice squad to take Dunbar's roster spot.
- CB Marcus McCauley, a three-year veteran, was signed Tuesday to add some depth at the injury-riddled position.

- CB Chris McAlister was released Tuesday after playing in just two games with the Saints.