

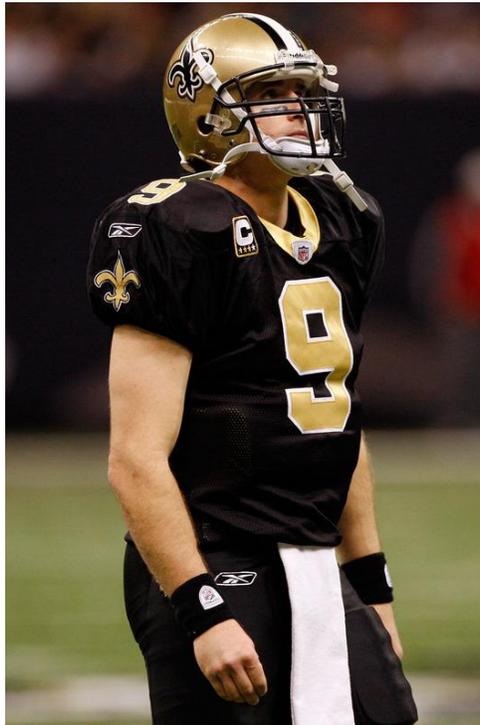
DALLAS DOME



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

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O' Captain, My Captain



In the words of the renowned author & poet Walt Whitman; “The ship has weathered every rack and the prize we sought is won...the only problem is the season isn’t done.” I added that last part. Certainly if Whitman were alive today he would say what a lot of us are thinking. That the Super-Saints played so hard for so long while getting worn downthat one day the machine just stopped...before the task was complete. Now, the SAINTS face the problem of trying to figure out how to win again. And fast. For the end of the season is near.

*Y*esterday’s performance was the complete opposite of how our SAINTS were “finishing games” and putting their foes away early (and keeping them down) during the first 11 weeks of the season. Then after two close calls where

the good-guys managed to pull out a victory with what could only be remembered as “Saints miracles”....now after two defeats the ship seems to have taken too many hits and is starting to sink. How could this have happened?

*B*rees put up 258 yards passing and one touchdown. The SAINTS rushed for 124 yards in the first half. Thomas had an 8-yard TD run for the SAINTS' first score. Robert Meachem's 30-yard catch accounted for the second and was set up by Darren Sharper's ninth INT of the season, during which he set an NFL record for interception return yards in a season with 376 and Tracy Porter had a nice INT in the back of the end-zone to kill a Bucs drive.

With their 17th points of the game, the SAINTS became only just the 12th team to score 500 points in a season in NFL history!! The previous was the 2007 Patriots, who scored an NFL-record 589 points while winning all 16 regular-season games.

And everyone was feeling REALLY good about a 17-3 lead going into halftime....weren't you? Let's see.



“We’ve got this one in the bag!” - Rudy D



“We’re #1 and nothing can stop us now!” - Robert the Fan



“I made these GREAT cookies for our victory!” - Sheneka the Cook

Then, in the midst of all this pre-emptive celebration and Hoo-Ha something happened.....something went wrong....the SAINTS' #1 Offense couldn't put up any points in the 2nd half? The defense which had stuffed the Tampa running game and intercepted Tampa QB Josh Freeman twice already couldn't stop the passing game? And then Garrett "Southlake" Hartley, who became the Saints lone place kicker this week misses, only the second FG in his two-year career and first FG from inside 58 yards this season? WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON OVER THERE?!!



“OMG, we lost to these guys? Their 2-12!!!! Look at my huge freak’n cookie.” - Derrick the Fan

On a side note: I just want to point out again that after cutting former Kicker, John Carney, last week that he was signed on as the “kicking consultant”? What for? This is the same guy who ruined the greatest play in SAINTS history! Remember? It was the extra-point that he missed costing us the game after the 2003 Jacksonville 6 player lateral touchdown play! It was the greatest play ever...followed by the worst play ever.

THAT GUY IS JUST BAD LUCK IN THE CLUTCH!!

In what will go down as the best regular season start in SAINTS history, a franchise long known more for its stumbles (rather than success) found a way to make history with a loss. According to STATS LLC, the final score marked the first time a 13-win team has ever lost to a team that came in with only two victories and that's not all....

With Sunday's defeat; it was the first time in two decades the SAINTS have squandered a 17-point lead and lost, meaning, the Bucs became the first team in NFL history with two or fewer wins to beat a 13-win team.

For those of you wanting to know; this also happens to be the first, and only, time I've hosted a watching party that was celebrating missed FG's by other teams when our own kicker (who never misses) misses one of his own. Therefore, to reverse the obvious “hex” that's been put on our team from this very thing I plan to celebrate NFL kickers next Sunday by offering praise to the Best-of-the-Best kickers to have ever taken the field. So, brush up on your trivia cuz guess what this week's questions are about?

Personally, I'll be attending next Sunday's party while wearing my lucky t-shirt, 2006 Championship jersey with my lucky SuperDome cap...lucky Saints key-chain....Drew Brees autographed game ticket, Saints vs Cowboys 42-17 2006 newspaper clipping, a Morten Anderson Topps Rookie Card, a 4 leaf clover, my Magic 8 Ball (purchased in New Orleans), a box of Lucky Charms cereal and whatever the hell else I can think of to help turn this thing around in time for the Playoffs!! I recommend all of you do the same. And speaking of the playoffs....

Here's the current Playoff update after this weekend's events and Minnesota's loss:



Did you know: That ESPN's Greatest Sports Show Ever listed the 2003 Jacksonville Saints Miracle as the #7 best NFL play of all time in the Top-100 Best NFL Plays Ever? It's true. I watched it a few years ago, and shortly thereafter, I sifted through my sports card collection and grabbed my John Carney rookie card....and burned it.



Join me on Sunday at Noon, Jan. 3rd to watch the "Aerial Assault" annihilate the Carolina Panthers in the regular season finale!! *The Quarter* will be *giving away a bucket of beer* in the trivia contest and I'll have more SAINTS stuff to raffle off including this week's big prize which is an authentic SAINTS jersey, so come on up to the place where everyone knows your name and your team will always WIN their game!!



THIS PLACE IS OUR HOME-FIELD-ADVANTAGE!!



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



"I've still got Division Championship shirts for sale! Just ask The Saintsguy too grab one for you when you come back again."



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 1/2 price pizzas on this evening.)



“I hope they don’t hate me now....that’s never happened before.” - Southlake

AND DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NFL SUNDAY BEST NEXT WEEK. I'LL BE TAKING OUR 3RD ANNUAL GROUP PHOTO!
