

DALLAS DOME



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

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KEEPING THE FAITH...



*A*nd in doing so we are reminded of what it means to be a SAINTS fan. After 39 consecutive seasons of losing and only having “faith” to keep us on this side of the field...instead of joining the ranks of the latest champion, no matter what city they might be from. In 2006 Who-Dats were offered a glimmer of hope when our club made its first appearance in the NFC Title Game only to lose because of the weather since dome teams have a January playoff record of 0-11 since 1970. Yet, our love for our SAINTS has never wavered since that loss. Instead, all of us probably bought even more stuff from places like Fanzz, The Black & Gold Shop, The Who-Dat Store, Sports Authority, etc., etc. in the aftermath of the defeat.

*N*ow, in 2009, the football gods granted us a new kind of team. A dominate force. A team that commentators & sportswriters alike would compare with the '72 Dolphins, the '85 Bears, the '90 Giants, the '98 Broncos and even the team that was once called “The Team That Couldn’t Be Beaten”....the 2007 Patriots.....and after breaking all kinds of records, while the players exhibited top-shelf performances and had the best start in franchise history at 13-0...we have back-to-back losses and now fans are complaining about the coaching? Wanting the kicker fired?

Wanting to re-build the defense? And can you believe....saying 'Wait till next year.?' These are things you would see happen if New Orleans had a winning legacy, yeah, sure, get rid of them all bcuz we don't allow that around here! But we're not the Cowboys, or the Yankees or the Giants or anybody else that cuts players at the first sign of trouble to pacify the kind of fan-base made up of "fair-weather front-runners" who'll stop buying tickets as soon as there's a .500 season or worse!

And think about this....wouldn't you want to stick with the players who got us to "13" in the win column? The losses have stung, especially against Tampa Bay, but when my team loses 2 games in a row and still holds the #1 seed I'm feeling pretty damn good about being a Who-Dat, aren't you? Or perhaps you'd like another 7-9 season to go with that red beans & rice?



Center Jon Stinchcomb said it best after Sunday's loss; "Nobody's hitting the panic button in this locker room and our fans shouldn't either. It's about just putting in the hard work that got us to the point that we were 13 games in and 13-0. We all need to be playing better and that's what we're determined to do. If we as an offense had done a better job, we're not in the last-second FG situation. That's our perspective," Stinchcomb said. "No way are we pointing fingers and saying, 'Gosh, they should have stopped the run in overtime.' They could just as easily have pointed the finger at us and said, 'If you score any points in the second half, we're not in that situation.' But like I said, that's not happening in here. We're not pointing fingers at anybody. Even after the defense allowed Tampa to drive for a winning score in overtime without throwing a single pass, offensive players were looking inward, at their own shortcomings."

I like that. This is a solid club with good leadership that has an 'All for one, and one for all' attitude. No egos and paycheck players here.



"Thanks for believing in us Who-Dats." - Coach Payton



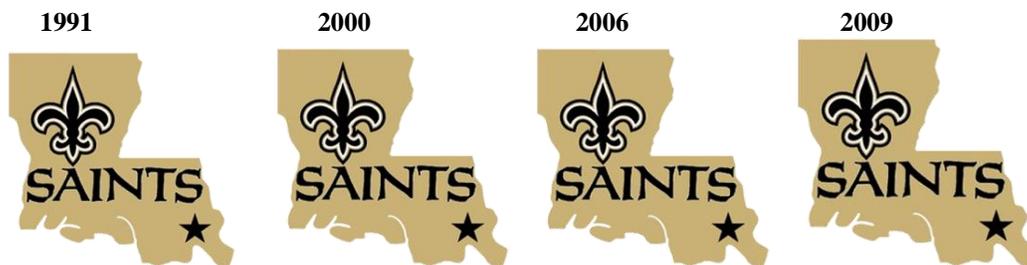
"Oh, so you did get my text? That's great!" Jessica the Fan

Home-Field-Advantage: So with a loss by the Minnesota Favre's on Monday Night our SAINTS locked up the #1 Seed in the NFC regardless of the loss to Tampa. That's how many games the SAINTS won this year. Enough to lose and still come out on top! We haven't had that before!! The Eagles and Cowboys still meet again for the last game of the season which will determine the NFC East Title. Green Bay is locked into the wild-card spot and not going anywhere even if they lose to Arizona this Sunday and Minnesota needs to win and have the Eagles lose to recapture the #2 Seed. If Dallas beats Philly and Minnesota wins then Dallas becomes the #3 Seed and will re-play Philly in the Wild-Card game at The Death Star. The winner would play us!



Did you notice?: I had to make a correction to the Playoff tree that went out in the previous newsletter. The Jets won their game against the Colts and since the Steelers defeated the Ravens the Jets were bumped into the #5 spot which knocked the Ravens out. With Denver losing their game to the Eagles they were dropped down to the #6 spot. The Steelers have the same record now as the Broncos but Denver has a better conference record, and therefore, controls that seed.

2009 NFC DIVISION CHAMPIONS





Join me on Sunday at Noon, Jan. 3rd to watch the “Aerial Assault” get back into full gear against 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 REGGIE BUSH home jersey (black), so come on up to the place where everyone knows your name and your team will always WIN their game!!

SO, WHO’S WITH ME THIS SUNDAY?!



“We’ll be with you Saintsguy!” - Jason the Fan



“You know you can count on me Saintsguy.” - Tim the Fan



“With great stuff like this you don’t even have to ask!!” - Colby



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



“Don't forget to pick up your Division Championship shirt and say hi to me and my friends, Gumbo and Mr. Potato-Head!”

- Who Dat Puppet

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!!

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neworleanssaints.com

www.canalstreetchronicles.com

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“Be sure to check out our website for more stuff & these links up here regularly!” - Keith the Fan



THIS IS OUR HOUSE!



It must be....they're serving Drew Brees cookies here!!

New Orleans Saints Injury & Practice Report as of Jan. 1st:

S <u>Usama Young</u>	Abdomen	DNP	DNP	DNP	Out
WR <u>Lance Moore</u>	Ankle	DNP	DNP	DNP	Out
DE <u>Bobby McCray</u>	Back	DNP	DNP	LP	Questionable
S <u>Darren Sharper</u>	Knee	DNP	DNP	DNP	Questionable
TE <u>David Thomas</u>	Calf	DNP	DNP	DNP	Doubtful
RB <u>Pierre Thomas</u>	Rib	DNP	DNP	DNP	Out
LB <u>Jonathan Vilma</u>	Knee	DNP	DNP	DNP	Questionable
T <u>Jermon Bushrod</u>	Wrist	LP	LP	LP	Probable
TE <u>Darnell Dinkins</u>	Foot	LP	LP	LP	Probable
DT <u>Sedrick Ellis</u>	Knee	LP	LP	LP	Questionable
G <u>Jahri Evans</u>	Foot	LP	LP	LP	Questionable
CB <u>Randall Gay</u>	Concussion	LP	LP	LP	Probable
CB <u>Jabari Greer</u>	Groin	LP	LP	LP	Probable
RB <u>Lynell Hamilton</u>	Shoulder	LP	LP	LP	Probable
LS <u>Jason Kyle</u>	Back	LP	LP	LP	Probable
LB <u>Scott Shanle</u>	Concussion	LP	LP	LP	Doubtful
TE <u>Jeremy Shockey</u>	Toe	LP	LP	LP	Questionable

