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2009 SEASON MEMBER-NEWSLETTER #8: UPDATE



"I'M TELLING YOU DREW....EVERYONE'S GOING TO BE
AT THE QUARTER FOR THE GAME THIS WEEK."

- COACH PAYTON

PRACTICE/INJURY REPORT: OL Jammal Brown was placed on IR and is out for the season. C Nick Leckey was signed Tuesday morning to fill his space on the roster. Leckey was on the practice squad during Pre-Season but was released to make room for QB Chase Daniel when he was signed after Harrington's release.



PRACTICE/INJURY REPORT:

RB Mike Bell did not practice on Wednesday and his status for Sunday's game is unknown. RB Pierre Thomas' stomach flu has not yet subsided as he is still not eating solid food. He is probable for Sunday's game but is not at 100%. CB Michael Jenkins' ankle was slightly injured during the Buffalo game and he did not practice on Wednesday but is expected to play on Sunday.



LT Jermon Bushrod slightly injured his ankle during the Buffalo game and he did not practice on Wednesday. He is likely not to be available for Sunday's game. WR Lance Moore did practice with the team on Wednesday, but was limited because of the hamstring injury suffered during the Battle at The Birdcage. He may be available for Sunday's matchup as a number 4 receiver.

MATCHUP TO WATCH:

Saints RBs Reggie Bush and Pierre Thomas vs. Jets front seven. The Jets rank ninth against the run, but Bush and Thomas have helped the Saints rise to second in the league in rushing offense at a whopping 170.7 yards a game after they ran through the Bills' defense for 222 yards last week. Bush had most of his 64 yards on 13 carries in the first half and Thomas, who was weakened by the flu, had a career-high 126 yards and two touchdowns on just 14 attempts.

THE GAME-PLAN:

All eyes on Sunday's game between the Saints and Jets are going to be on a matchup of the NFL's top offense of Sean Payton and third-ranked defense of Rex Ryan. The Saints have relied through three games on a more balanced attack thanks to a newfound running game that is averaging 170.7 yards per contest—which ranks second in the league. While the Jets have had some injuries in the secondary, it wouldn't be surprising to see the Saints at least try to do some damage on the ground before opening up the passing game. Defensively, the Saints brought extra pressure against the Buffalo Bills last Sunday and will likely try to use similar tactics on Jets rookie Mark Sanchez—at least until the Jets prove they can stop it.

