



Week 1

# New Orleans Saints at Minnesota Vikings



Monday, September 11, 2017 | 7:10 PM ET | U.S. Bank Stadium | Referee: Gene Steratore

## REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Vikings lead all-time series, 18-10  
STREAKS: Saints have won past 3

LAST GAME: 9/21/14: Vikings 9 at Saints 20  
LAST GAME AT SITE: 12/18/11: Saints 42, Vikings 20

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (2016 STATS)

LAST WEEK	-
COACH VS. OPP.	Sean Payton: 3-1
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	29.3 (2L)/28.4
OFFENSE	426.0 (1L)
PASSING	Drew Brees: 471-673-5208 (1L)-37-15-101.7
RUSHING	Mark Ingram: 205-1043-5.1-6
RECEIVING	Michael Thomas: 92-1137-12.4-9
DEFENSE	375.4
SACKS	Cameron Jordan: 7.5
INTs	Sterling Moore, Kenny Vaccaro: 2
TAKE/GIVE	-3 (21/24)
PUNTING (NET)	Thomas Morstead: 48.3 (42.4)
KICKING	Wil Lutz: 133 (49/50 PAT; 28/34 FG)

### MINNESOTA VIKINGS (2016 STATS)

LAST WEEK	-
COACH VS. OPP.	Mike Zimmer: 0-1
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	20.4/19.2
OFFENSE	315.1
PASSING	Sam Bradford: 395-552-3877-20-5-99.3
RUSHING	Latavius Murray (Oak.): 195-788-4.0-12
RECEIVING	Stefon Diggs: 84-903-10.8-3
DEFENSE	314.9 (3L)
SACKS	Danielle Hunter: 12.5 (T3L)
INTs	Xavier Rhodes: 5
TAKE/GIVE	+11 (27/16)
PUNTING (NET)	Ryan Quigley (Az.): 41.6 (37.2)
KICKING	Kai Forbath: 56 (11/14 PAT; 15/15 FG)

### SAINTS NOTES

- SAINTS led NFL in total offense (426 yards per game) & ranked 1st in total net yards (6,816) in 2016.
- QB DREW BREES led NFL with 5,208 pass yards in 2016, 4th most yards in single-season all-time. Is 1st player to lead league in pass yards 7 times. Had 37 TD passes last season & has NFL-record 9 consecutive 30+ TD pass seasons. Ranks 3rd in career pass yards (66,111) & TD passes (465).
- RB ADRIAN PETERSON makes debut with NO after spending 1st 10 career seasons with Min. Ranks 16th in career rush yards (11,747) & 10th in rush TDs (97). Has 8 seasons with 10+ rush TDs, tied with Hall of Famer EMMITT SMITH for 2nd most in NFL history. RB MARK INGRAM set career-highs in rush yards (1,043), scrimmage yards (1,362) & total TDs (10) in 2016.
- WR MICHAEL THOMAS set franchise rookie records & led all NFL rookies in 2016 with 92 receptions, 1,137 rec. yards & 9 TD catches. WR TED GINN, JR. makes debut with NO. Had 2 50+ yard TD catches in 2016. TE COBY FLEENER had 50 receptions in 2016, 4th consecutive 50+ catch season.
- DE CAMERON JORDAN led team with 7.5 sacks in 2016, 5th consecutive season with 7.5+ sacks. Has 37.5 sacks since 2013, 8th most in NFL. LB CRAIG ROBERTSON led team with 114 tackles last season, 1st career 100-tackle season. CB MARSHON LATTIMORE was selected No. 11 overall in 2017 NFL Draft.

### VIKINGS NOTES

- VIKINGS became 2nd team (1969 LA Rams) since 1933 to start season 5-0 without throwing INT last season.
- QB SAM BRADFORD passed for career-high 3,877 yards with 20 TDs & 5 INTs for 99.3 rating in 2016. Completed 395 of 552 passes for 71.6 comp. pct., highest single-season comp. pct. in NFL history.
- RB LATAVIUS MURRAY makes debut with Min. Rushed for 788 yards & career-best 12 TDs in 2016 with Oak. RB DALVIN COOK was selected No. 41 overall in 2017 NFL Draft. Is Florida State's all-time rush leader with 4,464 yards.
- WR STEFON DIGGS led team in 2016 with 84 receptions & had 903 rec. yards. WR ADAM THIELEN had career-high 967 rec. yards & 5 TD catches in 2016. TE KYLE RUDOLPH had 83 receptions last season, most by TE in franchise history. Was 1 of 4 NFL TEs with 80+ catches in 2016. Had 7 TDs catches, 3rd career season with 5+ rec. TD.
- DE EVERSON GRIFFEN has 30.5 sacks since 2014, 5th most in NFL. Has 3 consecutive 8+ sack seasons. DE DANIELLE HUNTER had 12.5 sacks in 2016, tied for 3rd in NFL. LB ERIC KENDRICKS led team with 109 tackles, 1st career 100-tackle season. CB XAVIER RHODES tied for 5th in NFL with career-high 5 INTs last season. S HARRISON SMITH had 91 tackles in 2016, 3rd career 90+ tackle season. Since 2014, has 6.5 sacks, most among NFL safeties.

## ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: ESPN (7:10 PM ET): Sean McDonough, Jon Gruden, Lisa Salters (Field reporter)

NATIONAL RADIO: Westwood One: Ian Eagle, Dan Fouts, Ross Tucker (Field reporter) | SIRIUS: 88 (WW1), 81 (NO), 83 (Min) | XM: 88 (WW1), 225 (NO), 83 (Min)