

## Carolina Panthers (8-3) at New Orleans Saints (8-3)

Week 13



Sunday, December 3, 2017 4:25 PM ET | Mercedes-Benz Superdome | Referee: John Hussey

## **REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY**

**LEADER:** Panthers lead all-time series, 24-21 **STREAKS:** Saints have won 2 of past 3

CAROLINA PANTHERS	
LAST WEEK	W 35-27 at New York Jets
COACH VS. OPP.	Ron Rivera: 7-6
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	22.5/18.8
OFFENSE	333.2
PASSING	Cam Newton: 211-350-2400-14-11-81.1
RUSHING	Jonathan Stewart: 153-486-3.2-2
RECEIVING	Christian McCaffrey (R) (RB): 59-468-7.9-3
DEFENSE	288.3 (2L)
SACKS	Julius Peppers: 8.5
INTs	Luke Kuechly: 3
TAKE/GIVE	-6 (10/16)
PUNTING (NET)	Michael Palardy: 47.2 (43.7)
KICKING	Graham Gano: 90 (21/23 PAT; 23/24 FG)

## PANTHERS NOTES

- QB CAM NEWTON has 879 pass yards (293 per game), 10 TDs & 2 INTs for 105.4 rating & has 2 rush TDs in past 3 at NO. Aims for 3rd in row at NO with 300+ pass yards. In past 3, has 209 rush yards (69.7 per game) & 2 TDs. Has 53 rush TDs since entering league in 2011, tied for 2nd most in NFL.
- RB CHRISTIAN MC CAFFREY (rookie) had 97 scrimmage yards (62 rush, 35 rec.) in Week 12. In 3 career games vs. division, has 263 scrimmage yards (87.7 per game) & rush TD. Has 59 receptions, most among NFL rookies & 2nd most among NFL RBs. RB JONATHAN STEWART has 322 rush yards (107.3 per game) & 4 TDs in past 3 at NO.
- WR DEVIN FUNCHESS led team with 7 receptions for 108 yards last week. In past 3, has 286 rec. yards (95.3 per game) & 2 TDs. WR-PR KAELIN CLAY had 60-yard PR-TD last week, his 1st career TD.
- DE JULIUS PEPPERS had sack in Week 12. Has 5 sacks & FF in past 5 on road. Has 152 career sacks, 4th most in NFL history. LB LUKE KUECHLY had 9 tackles & 34-yard FR-TD last week, his 1st career FR-TD. In his past 9 vs. NO, has 102 tackles (11.3 per game). Since entering league in 2012, leads NFL with 773 tackles & ranks 1st among LBs with 15 INTs. DE MARIO ADDISON has 4.5 sacks in his past 5. Has 3 sacks, FF & FR in past 2 vs. NO. S KURT COLEMAN aims for 3rd in row vs. NO with 9+ tackles. Has 2 INTs & FF in his past 4 vs. NO. Since 2014, is only NFL safety with 250+ tackles (257), 2+ sacks (2) & 14+ INTs (14).

**LAST GAME:** 9/24/17: Saints 34 at Panthers 13 **LAST GAME AT SITE:** 10/16/16: Saints 41, Panthers 38

NEV	N ORLEANS SAINTS
LAST WEEK	L 26-20 at Los Angeles Rams
COACH VS. OPP.	Sean Payton: 10-13
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	29.3/20.2
OFFENSE	409.4 (2L)
PASSING	Drew Brees: 266-373-3029 (T3L)-16-5-104.1 (3L)
RUSHING	Mark Ingram: 166-837-5.0-8 (T1L)
RECEIVING	Michael Thomas: 70-805-11.5-2
DEFENSE	334.7
SACKS	Cameron Jordan: 10
INTs	Kenny Vaccaro: 3
TAKE/GIVE	+3 (14/11)
<b>PUNTING (NET)</b>	Thomas Morstead: 48.4 (42.0)
KICKING	Wil Lutz: 104 (3L) (32/35 PAT; 24/28 FG)

## **SAINTS NOTES**

- **QB DREW BREES** ties for 3rd in NFL with 3,029 pass yards & ranks 3rd with 104.1 rating. In past 6 at home, is 5-1 with 1,788 pass yards (298 per game), 9 TDs & 3 INTs for 105.5 rating. In past 4 vs. Car., has 1,252 pass yards (313 per game), 12 TDs & 3 INTs for 109.1 rating.
- RB MARK INGRAM ties for NFL lead with 8 rush TDs & ranks 3rd in NFC with 837 rush yards. Has 483 scrimmage yards (120.8 per game) & 4 rush TDs in past 4 at home. Rookie RB ALVIN KAMARA had career-high 188 scrimmage yards (101 rec., 87 rush) & 2 TDs (1 rush, 1 rec.) in Week 12. Since Week 7, leads NFL with 777 scrimmage yards & ties for 1st with 7 TDs. Kamara (1,094 scrimmage yards, 9 TDs) & Ingram (1,055, 8) are 1st RB teammates to each have 1,000+ scrimmage yards & 8+ TDs in team's 1st 11 games in SB era.
- WR MICHAEL THOMAS has 233 rec. yards & 2 TDs in 3 career games vs. Car. In past 4 at home vs. division, has 312 rec. yards (78 per game) & 2 TDs. WR TED GINN, JR. spent 3 seasons with Car. (2013, 2015-16) & had 19 TDs.
- DE CAMERON JORDAN ranks 4th in NFC with 10 sacks, his 3rd career season with 10+ sacks. Has 4.5 sacks in past 4. Has 8 sacks in his past 7 at home vs. division. S VONN BELL has 2.5 sacks & 2 FFs in past 4. Aims for 3rd in row with 10+ tackles & sack. CB P.J. WILLIAMS had INT in Week 12. LB CRAIG ROBERTSON had 12 tackles & FR in last home meeting. Had sack last week.