



Week 16

# Atlanta Falcons (9-5) at New Orleans Saints (10-4)



Sunday, December 24, 2017 | 1:00 PM ET | Mercedes-Benz Superdome | Referee: Pete Morelli

## REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Falcons lead all-time series, 51-45  
STREAKS: Falcons have won past 3

LAST GAME: 12/7/17: Saints 17 at Falcons 20  
LAST GAME AT SITE: 9/26/16: Falcons 45, Saints 32

### ATLANTA FALCONS

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| LAST WEEK        | W 24-21 at Tampa Bay                   |
| COACH VS. OPP.   | Dan Quinn: 3-2                         |
| PTS. FOR/AGAINST | 22.7/20.1                              |
| OFFENSE          | 366.8                                  |
| PASSING          | Matt Ryan: 292-448-3490-18-11-92.0     |
| RUSHING          | Devonta Freeman: 174-806-4.6-7         |
| RECEIVING        | Julio Jones: 76-1215 (3L)-16.0-3       |
| DEFENSE          | 323.6                                  |
| SACKS            | Adrian Clayborn: 9.5                   |
| INTs             | Deion Jones, Desmond Trufant: 2        |
| TAKE/GIVE        | -4 (12/16)                             |
| PUNTING (NET)    | Matt Bosher: 44.5 (40.7)               |
| KICKING          | Matt Bryant: 114 (33/33 PAT; 27/32 FG) |

### FALCONS NOTES

- **FALCONS** are 9-0 when scoring 20+ points in 2017.
- **QB MATT RYAN** is 8-2 with 3,092 pass yards (309.2 per game), 23 TDs & 5 INTs for 114.2 rating in past 10 vs. NFC South. In his past 7 vs. NO, has 2,191 pass yards (313 per game), 15 TDs & 4 INTs for 108.4 rating. Since 2016, ranks 2nd in NFL in rating (105.7), 3rd in pass yards (8,434) & ties for 3rd in pass TDs (56).
- **RB DEVONTA FREEMAN** had 194 scrimmage yards (126 rush, 68 rec.) & TD last week. Aims for 3rd in row with rush TD. In his past 6 vs. NO, has 809 scrimmage yards (134.8 per game) & 7 TDs (4 rush, 3 rec.).
- **WR JULIO JONES** ranks 3rd in NFL with 1,215 rec. yards. Has 57 catches for 1,090 yards (136.3 per game) & 5 TDs in his past 8 vs. division. Is averaging 96.4 rec. yards per game in his past 7 vs. NO. **WR MOHAMED SANU** aims for 3rd in row vs. NO with TD catch. Has 3 TDs in his past 4 on road.
- **DE ADRIAN CLAYBORN** has 7.5 sacks, 2 FFs & 2 FRs in his past 6. Had sack in last game vs. NO. **DE TAKKARIST MC KINLEY** leads NFC rookies with 6 sacks & ties for 1st among NFL rookies with 2 FFs. Had sack & FF in Week 15. Has 4 sacks & FF in his past 5. **LB DEION JONES** leads team & ranks 4th in NFC with 118 tackles. Has 30 tackles (10 per game) & INT in his past 3. In 3 career games vs. NO, has 28 tackles, 2 INTs, incl. 90-yard INT-TD & 7 PD. **CB ROBERT ALFORD** ties for 2nd in NFC with 16 PD. Is 1 of 2 in NFL with 60+ tackles (60) & 15+ PD (16). **S KEANU NEAL** had FF last week. Has 4 FFs in his past 5 vs. division.

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

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| LAST WEEK        | W 31-19 vs. New York Jets                |
| COACH VS. OPP.   | Sean Payton: 15-8                        |
| PTS. FOR/AGAINST | 28.6 (3L)/20.1                           |
| OFFENSE          | 401.8 (1L)                               |
| PASSING          | Drew Brees: 343-478-3854-21-7-104.0 (3L) |
| RUSHING          | Mark Ingram: 204-1045-5.1-11 (2L)        |
| RECEIVING        | Michael Thomas: 94 (3L)-1085-11.5-5      |
| DEFENSE          | 328.4                                    |
| SACKS            | Cameron Jordan: 10                       |
| INTs             | Marshon Lattimore (R): 4                 |
| TAKE/GIVE        | +4 (20/16)                               |
| PUNTING (NET)    | Thomas Morstead: 47.4 (42.2)             |
| KICKING          | Wil Lutz: 123 (42/45 PAT; 27/32 FG)      |

### SAINTS NOTES

- **SAINTS** are only team in NFL with 3 players with 1,000+ scrimmage yards each: RB MARK INGRAM (1,420), rookie RB ALVIN KAMARA (1,336) & WR MICHAEL THOMAS (1,085).
- **QB DREW BREES** ranks 3rd in NFL with 104 rating & 4th with 3,850 pass yards. Aims for 6th in row with 100+ rating. Has 10 games with 100+ rating this season, most in NFL. In his past 9 at home vs. Atl., has 2,866 pass yards (318.4 per game), 21 TDs & 10 INTs for 101.5 rating.
- **RB MARK INGRAM** ranks 3rd in NFC with 1,045 rush yards, his 2nd consecutive 1,000+ yard season. Had 151 scrimmage yards (77 rec., 74 rush) & 2 rush TDs last week. RB ALVIN KAMARA leads NFL rookies with 12 TDs & ranks 2nd with 1,336 scrimmage yards. Is 1 of 4 rookies in NFL history (HOFers DOAK WALKER, CHARLEY TAYLOR & GALE SAYERS) with 5+ rush TDs (7) & 5+ rec. TDs (5).
- **WR MICHAEL THOMAS** leads NFC with career-high 94 catches. Is 1 of 2 in NFL history (ODELL BECKHAM, JR.) with 90+ receptions in each of 1st 2 NFL seasons. Has 4 TDs in his past 5 vs. division.
- **DE CAMERON JORDAN** leads team with 10 sacks, his 3rd career season with 10+ sacks. Has 10 tackles, 3.5 sacks, FF & FR in past 2 at home vs. Atl. Rookie CB MARSHON LATTIMORE aims for 3rd in row with INT. Ties for 1st among NFL rookies with 4 INTs & ties for 3rd with 13 PD. Had INT in last game vs. Atl. S KENNY VACCARO led team with 10 tackles in Week 15. In his past 5 at home, has 1.5 sacks, FR, INT & 4 PD.

## ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Burkhardt, Charles Davis, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)  
NATIONAL RADIO: Westwood One: John Sadak, Al Groh | SIRIUS: 137 (Atl), 82 (NO) | XM: 380 (Atl), 82 (NO)