

## New Orleans Saints (11-4) at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (4-11)



Sunday, December 31, 2017 4:25 PM ET | Raymond James Stadium | Referee: Walt Anderson

## **REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY**

**LEADER:** Saints lead all-time series, 32-19 **STREAKS:** Saints have won past 2

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	
LAST WEEK	W 23-13 vs. Atlanta
COACH VS. OPP.	Sean Payton: 15-8
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	28.3/19.7
OFFENSE	395.7 (2L)
PASSING	Drew Brees: 364-506-4089-22-8-103.6 (3L)
RUSHING	Mark Ingram: 217-1089-5.0-12 (2L)
RECEIVING	Michael Thomas: 98-1151-11.7-5
DEFENSE	328.6
SACKS	Cameron Jordan: 12
INTs	Marshon Lattimore (R): 5
TAKE/GIVE	+5 (22/17)
<b>PUNTING (NET)</b>	Thomas Morstead: 47.1 (41.9)
KICKING	Wil Lutz: 134 (44/47 PAT; 30/35 FG)

## **SAINTS NOTES**

- SAINTS clinched playoff berth & can clinch NFC South with win.
- QB DREW BREES has 70,200 career pass yards & joined PEYTON MANNING (71,940) & HOFer BRETT FAVRE (71,838) as only players in NFL history with 70,000+ pass yards. Has 1,911 pass yards (273 per game), 12 TDs & 3 INTs for 106.4 rating in past 7 vs. division. Has 100+ rating in 3 of past 4 at TB.
- RB MARK INGRAM has 310 scrimmage yards (103.3 per game) & rush TD in his past 3 on road vs. NFC South. RB ALVIN KAMARA has franchise rookie records in scrimmage yards (1,426) & TDs (12). Ingram (1,486, 12) & Kamara (1,426, 12) are only teammates in NFL history with 1,300+ scrimmage yards & more than 10 TDs in same season.
- WR MICHAEL THOMAS ranks 4th in NFL with 98 receptions. Has 46 receptions for 544 yards (90.7 per game) & 3 TDs in his past 6 on road. Has 190 career receptions & needs 5 to surpass JARVIS LANDRY (194) for most in 1st 2 seasons in NFL history. WR TED GINN, JR. had 54-yard TD catch last week. Has 4 rec. TDs in his past 5 vs. TB.
- DE CAMERON JORDAN ties for 5th in NFL with 12 sacks. Had 2 sacks in Week 16. Has 5.5 sacks & 7 TFL in his past 6 vs. TB. Is only NFL DL with 10+ PD (11). CB MARSHON LATTIMORE ties for 5th in NFL & leads rookies with 5 INTs. Aims for 4th in row with INT. Has 7 PD in past 2. S VONN BELL had 0.5 sack & FF in last game vs. TB. Leads NFL safeties with 3.5 sacks. DE GEORGE JOHNSON has 2.5 sacks in his 1st 2 games with NO.

LAST GAME: 11/5/17: Buccaneers 10 at Saints 30
LAST GAME AT SITE: 12/11/16: Buccaneers 16, Saints 11

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	
LAST WEEK	L 22-19 at Carolina
COACH VS. OPP.	Dirk Koetter: 1-2
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	20.3/23.9
OFFENSE	357.4
PASSING	Jameis Winston: 254-391-3141-18-8-96.5
RUSHING	Doug Martin: 135-409-3.0-3
RECEIVING	Mike Evans: 66-946-14.3-5
DEFENSE	381.7
SACKS	Gerald McCoy: 6
INTs	Many tied: 3
TAKE/GIVE	+1 (25/24)
<b>PUNTING (NET)</b>	Bryan Anger: 43.8 (39.0)
KICKING	Patrick Murray: 73 (19/19 PAT; 18/22 FG)

## **BUCCANEERS NOTES**

- QB JAMEIS WINSTON completed 21 of 27 (77.8 pct.) for 367 yards & TD for 131.1 rating in Week 16. In his past 4, has 1,221 pass yards (305.3 per game), 8 TDs & 2 INTs for 114.5 rating. Has 1,460 pass yards (292 per game) & 9 TDs vs. 4 INTs for 92.3 rating in his past 5 at home.
- RB DOUG MARTIN has 545 scrimmage yards (109 per game) & 3 rush TDs in 5 career home games vs. NO. Aims for 3rd in row at home vs. NO with rush TD.
- WR MIKE EVANS has 186 rec. yards (93 per game) & TD in past 2. Leads team with 946 rec. yards & needs 54 to become 3rd player in NFL history (A.J. GREEN & RANDY MOSS) with 1,000+ rec. yards in each of 1st 4 seasons to begin career. Rookie WR CHRIS GODWIN had career-high 98 rec. yards last week & rookie WR BOBO WILSON had 1st career TD.
- DT GERALD MC COY had sack in Week 16. Has 3 sacks in his past 4 at home. Since 2013, leads NFL DTs with 39.5 sacks. LB LAVONTE DAVID had 7 tackles & FF in last game vs. NO. Has 29 tackles (7.3 per game), 1.5 sacks, FF & 4 PD in his past 4 at home vs. NO. Has 8+ tackles in 3 of his past 4 at home. LB KWON ALEXANDER has 33 tackles (11 per game) & INT in past 3. Aims for 5th in row vs. NO & 9th in row vs. division with 7+ tackles. LB KENDELL BECKWITH ranks 4th among NFL rookies with 70 tackles. CB BRENT GRIMES has INT in 2 of his past 3 at home. Had INT in his last home game vs. NO. Since 2013, leads NFL with 77 PD & ties for 1st with 20 INTs.