



Divisional

New Orleans Saints (NFC South - 12-5) at Minnesota Vikings (NFC North - 13-3)



Sunday, January 14, 2018 | 4:40 PM ET | U.S. Bank Stadium | Referee: Gene Steratore

SERIES HISTORY (INCL. PLAYOFFS)

LEADER: Vikings lead all-time series, 21-11
STREAKS: Saints have won 4 of past 5

LAST GAME: 9/11/17: Saints 19 at Vikings 29
LAST GAME AT SITE: 9/11/17

PLAYOFF SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Vikings lead all-time series, 2-1
STREAKS: Saints won last meeting

LAST PLAYOFF: 1/24/10: Vikings 28 at Saints 31 (OT)
LAST PLAYOFF AT SITE: 1/6/01: Vikings 34, Saints 16

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

PLAYOFF RECORD	8-9
LAST WEEK	W 31-26 vs. Carolina
VS. COMMON OPP.	9-3 (Atl 1-1; Car 3-0; Chi 1-0; Det 1-0; GB 1-0; LAR 0-1; TB 1-1; Was 1-0)
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	28.0/20.4
OFFENSE	391.2 (2L)
PASSING	Drew Brees: 386-536-4334-23-8-103.9 (2L)
RUSHING	Mark Ingram: 230-1124-4.9-12 (2L)
RECEIVING	Michael Thomas: 104 (3L)-1245-12.0-5
DEFENSE	336.5
SACKS	Cameron Jordan: 13
INTs	Marshon Lattimore (R): 5
TAKE/GIVE	+7 (25/18)
PR	Ted Ginn, Jr.: 5.4
KR	Tommy Lee Lewis: 23.6
PUNTING (NET)	Thomas Morstead: 47.0 (42.2)
KICKING	Wil Lutz: 140 (47/50 PAT; 31/36 FG)

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

PLAYOFF RECORD	19-28
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 17: W 23-10 vs. Chicago)
VS. COMMON OPP.	9-2 (Atl 1-0; Car 0-1; Chi 2-0; Det 1-1; GB 2-0; LAR 1-0; TB 1-0; Was 1-0)
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	23.9/15.8 (1L)
OFFENSE	356.9
PASSING	Case Keenum: 325-481-3547-22-7-98.3
RUSHING	Latavius Murray: 216-842-3.9-8
RECEIVING	Adam Thielen: 91-1276-14.0-4
DEFENSE	275.9 (1L)
SACKS	Everson Griffen: 13
INTs	Harrison Smith: 5
TAKE/GIVE	+5 (19/14)
PR	Marcus Sherels: 9.5
KR	Jerick McKinnon: 26.0
PUNTING (NET)	Ryan Quigley: 42.2 (39.2)
KICKING	Kai Forbath: 130 (34/39 PAT; 32/38 FG)

HEAD COACH: SEAN PAYTON

VS. OPP.	3-2
PLAYOFF RECORD	7-4

HEAD COACH: MIKE ZIMMER

VS. OPP.	1-1
PLAYOFF RECORD	0-1

SAINTS TEAM NOTES

- **SAINTS** won NFC South for 1st time since 2011.
- **NEW ORLEANS** ranked 2nd in NFL averaging 391.2 yards per game.
- **ALVIN KAMARA** (1,554) & **MARK INGRAM** (1,540) became 1st pair of RB teammates in NFL history with 1,500+ scrimmage yards each.
- **SEAN PAYTON** has won franchise-record 4 division titles.
- **SAINTS** had 6 players selected to 2018 Pro Bowl: **QB DREW BRES** (11th), **RB MARK INGRAM** (2nd), **DE CAMERON JORDAN** (3rd), **RB ALVIN KAMARA** (1st), **CB MARSHON LATTIMORE** (1st) & **WR MICHAEL THOMAS** (1st).

VIKINGS TEAM NOTES

- **VIKINGS** won NFC North for 2nd time in past 3 years.
- **MINNESOTA** ranked 1st in total defense (275.9 yards per game) & scoring defense (15.8 points per game).
- **VIKINGS** held opponents to 25.2 3rd-down conversion pct., best mark in NFL since 1991.
- **MIKE ZIMMER** has led team to playoffs in 2 of his 4 seasons with Min.
- **VIKINGS** had 4 players selected to 2018 Pro Bowl: **LB ANTHONY BARR** (3rd), **DE EVERSON GRIFFEN** (3rd), **CB XAVIER RHODES** (2nd) & **WR ADAM THIELEN** (1st).

ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: FOX (4:40 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Erin Andrews (Field reporter), Chris Myers (Field reporter)
WESTWOOD ONE: Kevin Harlan, Trent Green, Laura Okmin | **SIRIUS:** 88 (WW1), 83 (NO), 82 (Min) | **XM:** 88 (WW1), 83 (NO), 82 (Min)





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SAINTS NOTES

- **QB DREW BREES** ranked 4th in NFL with 4,334 pass yards & extended his NFL-record streak to 12 seasons with 4,000+ yards. Had 72.0 comp. pct., highest in single season in NFL history. Passed for 376 yards, 2 TDs & 1 INT for 115.2 rating last week. Has 7 playoff games with 300+ pass yards, 3rd most all-time. In his past 5 vs. Min. (incl. postseason), is 4-1 with 1,430 pass yards (286 per game), 12 TDs & 0 INTs for 118.2 rating.
- **RB MARK INGRAM** set career-highs in rush yards (1,124) & scrimmage yards (1,540). **RB ALVIN KAMARA** had rush TD last week. Ranked 2nd in NFL with 14 total TDs & was 2nd among NFL rookies with 1,554 scrimmage yards. Joined HOFer **GALE SAYERS** (1965) as only rookies in NFL history with 5+ rush TDs (8), 5+ TD catches (5) & KR-TD (1).
- **WR MICHAEL THOMAS** led team with 8 catches for 131 yards last week. Ranked 3rd in NFL with 104 catches. Has 196 career receptions, most by player in 1st 2 seasons in NFL history. Has 3 TDs in 4 career games vs. Car. **WR TED GINN, JR.** had 115 rec. yards, incl. 80-yard TD catch last week.
- **DE CAMERON JORDAN** had sack last week. Aims for 3rd in row vs. Min. with sack. Tied for 4th in NFL with career-high 13 sacks. **CB MARSHON LATTIMORE** lead team & all NFL rookies with 5 INTs. Tied for lead among NFL rookies with 18 PD. **S VONN BELL** led team with 9 tackles & had sack last week. Ranked 1st among NFL safeties with career-high 4.5 sacks in 2017.

DREW BREES has four career playoff games with at least 375 passing yards, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** for the second-most all-time. Only **PEYTON MANNING** (five) has more career postseason games with 375+ passing yards.



VIKINGS NOTES

- **QB CASE KEENUM** set career-highs in pass yards (3,547), pass TDs (22) & rating (98.3) in 2017. In 7 home starts this season, was 6-1 with 8 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 100.1 rating. Aims for 4th in row at home with 100+ rating.
- **RB LATAVIUS MURRAY** ties for 2nd in NFL with 20 rush TDs since 2016. Had rush TD in only career playoff game (2016 AFC WC with Oak, 1/7/17). **RB JERICK MC KINNON** had career-high 991 scrimmage yards & 5 TDs (3 rush, 2 rec.).
- **WR ADAM THIELEN** ranked 2nd in NFC with 1,276 rec. yards & 4th with 91 receptions. Joined **ROD SMITH** & **WES WELKER** as only undrafted players since 1967 with 90+ catches & 1,200+ rec. yards in single season. Had 9 catches for 157 yards in last game vs. NO. **WR STEFON DIGGS** had career-high 8 rec. TDs in 2017. Had 7 receptions for 93 yards & 2 TDs in Week 1 meeting. **TE KYLE RUDOLPH** tied for 2nd among NFL TEs with 8 TD catches. Has 37 career rec. TDs, most in franchise history among TEs. Had TD catch in last game vs. NO.
- **DE EVERSON GRIFFEN** tied for 4th in NFL with career-high 13 sacks. Had sack in Week 1 meeting. Aims for 3rd postseaon game in row with sack. **S HARRISON SMITH** was only player in NFC with 70+ tackles (78), 5+ INTs (5) & sack (1.5). Since 2014, leads NFL safeties with 8 sacks. **LB ERIC KENDRICKS** led team with 113 tackles, his 2nd consecutive 100+ tackle season. **CB TRAE WAYNES** had career-high 11 tackles in last game vs. NO.

Pro Bowl

DE Everson Griffen



S Harrison Smith



FEWEST PPG ALLOWED

MINNESOTA.....	15.8
Jacksonville	16.8
Los Angeles Chargers	17.0

FEWEST YDS/GAME ALLOWED

MINNESOTA	275.9
Jacksonville	286.1
Denver	290.0

