



Week 16

Pittsburgh Steelers (8-5-1) at New Orleans Saints (12-2)



Sunday, December 23, 2018 | 4:25 PM ET | Mercedes-Benz Superdome | Referee: Craig Wrolstad

REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Saints lead all-time series, 8-7

STREAKS: Saints have won past 2

LAST GAME: 11/30/14: Saints 35 at Steelers 32

LAST GAME AT SITE: 10/31/10: Saints 20, Steelers 10

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

LAST WEEK	W 17-10 vs. New England
COACH VS. OPP.	Mike Tomlin: 0-2
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	27.4/22.6
OFFENSE	405.8
PASSING	Ben Roethlisberger: 388-580-4462-30-15-96.3
RUSHING	James Conner: 201-909-4.5-12
RECEIVING	JuJu Smith-Schuster: 95-1274-13.4-6
DEFENSE	333.5
SACKS	T.J. Watt: 11
INTs	Joe Haden: 2
TAKE/GIVE	-9 (14/23)
PUNTING (NET)	Jordan Berry: 44.0 (38.9)
KICKING	Chris Boswell: 74 (41/46 PAT; 11/18 FG)

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

LAST WEEK	W 12-9 at Carolina
COACH VS. OPP.	Sean Payton: 2-1
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	32.8/20.9
OFFENSE	385.9
PASSING	Drew Brees: 337-450-3666-31-5-116.8 (1L)
RUSHING	Alvin Kamara: 187-860-4.6-12
RECEIVING	Michael Thomas: 109 (1L)-1267-11.6-8
DEFENSE	341.6
SACKS	Cameron Jordan: 12
INTs	Many tied: 2
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (22/14)
PUNTING (NET)	Thomas Morstead: 47.0 (43.0)
KICKING	Wil Lutz: 127 (46/47 PAT; 27/28 FG)

STEELERS NOTES

- **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** has 2,385 pass yards (340.7 per game) & 14 TDs (12 pass, 2 rush) in 7 road games in 2018. Has 931 pass yards (310.3 per game) & 11 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 139.1 rating vs. NFC South this season. Aims for 4th in row vs. NFC South with 3+ TD passes & 100+ rating. Ranks 2nd in NFL with 4,462 pass yards.
- **RB JAMES CONNER** has 95+ scrimmage yards in 5 of his past 6 on road. Has 353 scrimmage yards (117.7 per game) & 3 rush TDs in 3 career games vs. NFC South. Rookie **RB JAYLEN SAMUELS** had career-high 172 scrimmage yards (142 rush, 30 rec.) last week, his 1st-career 100-yard game. Aims for his 3rd in row with 90+ scrimmage yards.
- **WR ANTONIO BROWN** had TD catch last week & leads NFL with 13 rec. TDs in 2018. Aims for 9th in row on road with 5+ receptions. Has 10 TD catches in past 7 vs. NFC South. Had 8 receptions for 97 yards & 2 TDs in only career game vs. NO (11/30/14). Is only player with 90+ catches in each of past 6 seasons. **WR JU JU SMITH-SCHUSTER** has 100+ rec. yards in 6 of 7 road games in 2018. Has 29 receptions for 423 yards (141 per game) & 3 TDs in his past 3 on road. Aims for 4th in row on road with 8+ catches & 100+ rec. yards.
- **DT CAMERON HEYWARD** has 3.5 sacks in his past 2 vs. NFC South. **LB T.J. WATT** had sack last week. Aims for 3rd in row vs. NFC South with sack & FF. **CB JOE HADEN** had 12 tackles, 2 PD & INT last week. **LB VINCE WILLIAMS** has sack & TFL in 2 of his past 3 on road.

SAINTS NOTES

- **QB DREW BREES** leads NFL in comp. pct. (74.9) & rating (116.8) & ties for 3rd in pass TDs (31). In 6 home games this season, has completed 153 of 197 (77.7 pct.) for 1,925 yards (320.8 per game) with 20 TDs vs. 1 INT for 139.1 rating. Has 960 pass yards (320 per game) with 8 TDs vs. 1 INT for 114.4 rating in his past 3 meetings. Aims for his 3rd in row vs. Pit. with 2+ TDs & 100+ rating.
- **RB ALVIN KAMARA** ranks 2nd in NFL in TDs (16) & 6th in scrimmage yards (1,487). Had 103 scrimmage yards (67 rush, 36 rec.) & rush TD last week. In his past 6 vs. AFC, has 599 scrimmage yards (99.8 per game) & 6 TDs (4 rush, 2 rec.). **RB MARK INGRAM** has 12 rush TDs in his past 11 at home. Had 122 rush yards in last meeting. In his past 4 vs. AFC, has 486 scrimmage yards (121.5 per game) & 6 TDs (5 rush, 1 rec.).
- **WR MICHAEL THOMAS** leads NFL with 109 receptions & ranks 4th in NFC with 1,267 rec. yards. Has 58 catches for 616 yards (88 per game) & 7 TDs in his past 7 vs. AFC. Aims for his 5th in row vs. AFC with TD catch. Has rec. TD in 2 of his past 3 at home.
- **LB DEMARIO DAVIS** led team with 8 tackles & had sack last week. Leads team with 103 tackles in 2018, his 4th-career season with 100+ tackles. Had sack in his last meeting (1/1/17 with Cle.). **DE CAMERON JORDAN** has 2+ sacks in 3 of his past 4. Had 6 tackles, sack & INT in only career meeting. Has 3 sacks in his past 3 vs. AFC.

ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: CBS (4:25 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Tony Romo, Tracy Wolfson (Field reporter)

SIRIUS: 98 (Pit), 82 (NO) | **XM:** 391 (Pit), 227 (NO)