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NEW ORLEANS AT PHILADELPHIA SATURDAY, SAN FRANCISCO AT GREEN BAY SUNDAY, IN NFC WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS–NFC SOUTH (11-5) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES–NFC EAST (10-6) SERIES

	SAINTS	EAGLES
LEADER		15-11
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Payton: 3-1	Kelly: 0-0
COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD	5-3	0-0
VS. COMMON OPP.	NO: 5-0 (Arz. 1-0; Chi. 1-0; Dal. 1-0; TB 2-0) Phi.: 4-1 (Arz. 1-0; Chi. 1-0; Dal. 1-1; TB 1-0)	
PLAYOFF RECORD	6-8	19-20
LAST WEEK	W 42-17 vs. Buccaneers	W 24-22 at Cowboys
LAST GAME	11/5/12: Eagles 13 at Saints 28. New Orleans QB Drew Brees completes 21 of 27 passes for 239 yards, 2 TDs & 128.2 rating. Saints CB Patrick Robinson scores on 99-yard INT-TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/20/09: Saints 48, Eagles 22. New Orleans WR Marques Colston catches 8 passes for 98 yards & 2 TDs. Saints defense forces 4 turnovers (3 INTs, 1 FR), including S Darren Sharper's 97-yard INT-TD.	
LAST PLAYOFF	1/13/07: Eagles 24 at Saints 27. New Orleans RB Deuce McAllister rushes for 143 yards & adds 2 TDs (1 rush, 1 rec). Saints RB Reggie Bush scores on 4-yard TD run.	
BROADCAST	NBC (8:10 PM ET): Al Michaels, Cris Collinsworth, Michele Tafoya (Field reporter). Westwood One: Kevin Harlan, Boomer Esiason, Steve Tasker (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 88 (WW1), 92 (NO), 86 (Phi.). XM: 88 (WW1), 225 (NO), 86 (Phi.).	

STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Brees: 446-650-5,162 (1C)-39 (1C)-12-104.7	Foles: 203-317-2,891-27-2-119.2 (1L)
RUSHING	Thomas: 147-549-3.7-2	McCoy: 314-1,607 (1L)-5.1-9
RECEIVING	J. Graham (TE): 86-1,215-14.1-16 (1L)	Jackson: 82-1,332-16.2-9
OFFENSE	399.4 (3C)	417.3 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	0	+12 (T2C)
DEFENSE	305.7 (3C)	394.2
SACKS	Jordan: 12.5 (3C)	Cole: 8
INTs	Lewis: 4	Boykin: 6 (T2L)
PR	Sproles: 6.7	Jackson: 5.1
KR	Sproles: 21.3	D. Johnson: 25.9
PUNTING	Morstead: 46.9	Jones: 44.9
KICKING	S. Graham: 13 (7/7 PAT; 2/2 FG)	Henery: 114 (45/45 PAT; 23/28 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS MEET for 3rd time in postseason (1992 WC: PHI 36-20; 2006 Div: NO 27-24). Clubs split previous 2 playoff meetings. PHI leads all-time series, including postseason, 16-12.

SAINTS: Are in playoffs for 5th time under head coach **SEAN PAYTON**. Club has won 4 of past 6 postseason games, incl. win in SB XLIV...Saints had 5 players selected to Pro Bowl: **QB DREW BREES** (8th), **G JAHRI EVANS** (5th), **TE JIMMY GRAHAM** (2nd), **G BEN GRUBBS** (2nd) & **DE CAMERON JORDAN** (1st)...Team ranked 2nd in NFL in pass offense (307.4) & pass defense (194.1) & ranked 4th in NFL in total offense (399.4) & total defense (305.7)...**QB Brees** was 2nd in NFL in pass yards (5,162), TDs (39), comp. (446) & comp. pct. (68.6). Had 104.7 passer rating, his 4th season with 100+ rating. Brees has 3 consecutive 5,000-yard seasons & 4 overall. There have only been 8 such seasons in NFL history & Brees is only player with multiple 5,000-yard performances. In postseason career, has 104.2 rating, 2nd-best mark in NFL history. His 67.0 comp. pct. in postseason is highest mark ever. Brees has 3 consecutive 300-yard games in playoffs & needs 1 to tie record (4) set by HOFer **DAN FOUTS**. Brees has 1.02 INT pct. (4 INTs, 391 att.) in playoffs, best mark in NFL history...**RB DARREN SPROLES** has 7 TDs (4 rush, 3 rec.) in 8 career playoff games. Since 2011 (incl. playoffs), leads NFL RBs with 251 catches, 2,133 rec. yards & 17 rec. TDs. **RB PIERRE THOMAS** has 4 TDs (2 rush, 2 rec.) in 5 career playoff games. Recorded 1st season with 500+ rush (549) & rec. (513) yards...**TE Graham** had 86 catches for 1,215 yards & 16 TDs. Is 1st TE in NFL history with 1,200+ yards & 10+ TDs in 2 different seasons. Graham's 16 TDs are 2nd most by TE in season. Had 6 100-yard games, tied for most ever in season by TE. Since 2011 (incl. playoffs), leads NFL TEs with 282 catches, 3,665 yards & 39 TDs. **WR MARQUES COLSTON** has 45 catches & 628 yards in postseason, both team records. Had 75 catches for 943 yards, his 7th season with 70+ catches & 900+ yards. Has 3 TDs in past 2 vs. Phi. Rookie **WR KENNY STILLS** led NFL with 20.0 avg. (32 catches for 641 yards)...**DE Jordan** (12.5) & **LB JUNIOR GALETTE** (12) each set career-highs in sacks. 1st Saints teammates with 12+ sacks each since 2000. Jordan ranked 5th in NFL in sacks & Galette was 6th. **LB CURTIS LOFTON** led team with 125 tackles & **LB DAVID HAWTHORNE** was 2nd on club with 89 tackles. **CB KEENAN LEWIS** led team with career-best 4 INTs & was 2nd on club with 11 PD. Since entering NFL in 2006, **S ROMAN HARPER** leads NFL DBs with 18.5 sacks (incl. playoffs).

EAGLES: Have 10 playoff appearances since 2000, incl. 7 division titles...**CHIP KELLY** is 1st rookie head coach in franchise history to win division title in 1st year...Eagles have won 7 of past 8, incl. 4 in row at home. Team set franchise records for points scored (442), total net yards (6,676) & touchdowns (53). Eagles led NFL in rush offense (160.4) & ranked 2nd in total offense (417.3). Club had 4,110 pass & 2,566 rush yards & joined 1998 SF as only teams with 4,000+ pass & 2,500+ rush yards in season...Eagles had 2 players selected to Pro Bowl: **RB LE SEAN MC COY** (2nd) & **T JASON PETERS** (6th)...Team is 1st in NFL history to have QB with 100+ passer rating (**QB NICK FOLES**, 119.2), 1,600-yard rusher (**RB McCoy**, 1,607) & 1,300-yard receiver (**WR DE SEAN JACKSON**, 1,332)...**QB Foles** led NFL in rating (119.2), avg. gain (9.12) & TD pct. (8.5). Had 27 TDs & 2 INTs, best TD/INT ratio in NFL history. Foles' 119.2 rating was 3rd best mark in season in NFL history. In 4th Q, Foles had 127.8 rating, highest in NFL this season...**RB McCoy** led NFL with 1,607 rush yards & 2,126 scrimmage yards, both franchise records. Is 1st Eagle to lead NFL in both categories in same season since HOFer **STEVE VAN BUREN** in 1948. McCoy is 1st Eagle to win rushing title since Van Buren in 1949. McCoy led NFL with 79 rush 1st downs & was 2nd with 102 overall 1st downs...**WR Jackson** had career-high 82 catches & 1,332 yards. His 1,332 yards are 2nd most in team history & his 82 catches are most by Eagle WR since 1997 (**IRVING FRYAR**, 86). **WR RILEY COOPER** had career-high 47 catches, 835 yards & 8 TDs. Averaged 17.8 yards per catch, 3rd best mark in NFL. **TE BRENT CELEK** has 3 postseason TDs, tied for most by Eagles TE...**LB DE MECO RYANS** led team with 127 tackles. **LB MYCHAL KENDRICKS** had 4 sacks & 3 INTs, 3rd Eagle to accomplish feat in season & 1st since 1996 (**WILLIAM THOMAS**). Kendrick led NFL with 4 defensive FR. Team tied for 2nd in NFC with 31 turnovers & +12 turnover differential. **LB TRENT COLE** led team with 8 sacks. Has 80.5 career sacks, incl. postseason. Cole & HOFer **REGGIE WHITE** are only Eagles with 80+ career sacks with team. **LB CONNOR BARWIN** was 2nd on team with 5 sacks. **CB BRANDON BOYKIN** tied for 2nd in NFL with career-best 6 INTs. **CB CARY WILLIAMS** had 2 INTs in last year's postseason & won SB with Bal. **CB BRADLEY FLETCHER** was 2nd on club with career-high 15 PD.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS–NFC WEST (12-4) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS–NFC NORTH (8-7-1)

SERIES

	49ERS	PACKERS
LEADER		30-27-1
STREAKS	Past 2	9 of past 11
COACHES VS. OPP.	Harbaugh: 3-0	McCarthy: 3-3
COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD	3-2	6-4
VS. COMMON OPP.	SF: 2-0 (Atl. 1-0; Was. 1-0) GB: 2-0 (Atl. 1-0; Was. 1-0)	
PLAYOFF RECORD	28-19	30-18
LAST WEEK	W 23-20 at Cardinals	W 33-28 at Bears
LAST GAME	9/8/13: Packers 28 at 49ers 34. San Francisco WR Anquan Boldin records 13 catches for 208 yards & TD. 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick throws for 412 yards & 3 TDs, including 2 to TE Vernon Davis.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/9/12: 49ers 30, Packers 22. San Francisco RB Frank Gore has 16 carries for 112 yards (7.0 avg.) & TD. 49ers QB Alex Smith completes 20 of 26 passes for 211 yards & 2 TDs for 125.6 rating.	
LAST PLAYOFF	1/12/13: Packers 31 at 49ers 45. Colin Kaepernick rushes for QB record 181 yards & 2 TDs. Frank Gore records 119 rushing yards & TD as 49ers WR Michael Crabtree adds 119 receiving yards & 2 TDs.	
BROADCAST	FOX (3:40 PM CT): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter), Erin Andrews (Field reporter). Westwood One: Tom McCarthy, Rod Woodson, Mark Malone (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 88 (WW1), 92 (SF), 86 (GB). XM: 88 (WW1), 225 (SF), 86 (GB).	

STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Kaepernick: 243-416-3,197-21-8-91.6	Rodgers: 193-290-2,536-17-6-104.9 (3C)
RUSHING	Gore: 276-1,128-4.1-9	Lacy (R): 284-1,178-4.1-11 (3L)
RECEIVING	Boldin: 85-1,179-13.9-7	Nelson: 85-1,314-15.5-8
OFFENSE	323.8	400.3 (3L)
TAKE/GIVE	+12 (T2C)	-3
DEFENSE	316.9	372.3
SACKS	Brooks, A. Smith: 8.5	Daniels: 6.5
INTs	Brock: 5	Shields: 4
PR	James: 10.9	Hyde (R): 12.3 (3C)
KR	James: 26.8	Hyde (R): 24.1
PUNTING	Lee: 48.2 (1C)	Masthay: 44.6
KICKING	Dawson: 140 (3C) (44/44 PAT; 32/36 FG)	Crosby: 141 (2C) (42/42 PAT; 33/37 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS MEET for 7th time in postseason; GB is 4-2 in previous 6 playoff meetings. SF defeated GB 45-31 in last year's Divisional. SF won Week 1 meeting 34-28. Teams have met 3 teams since Week 1, 2012 (incl. playoffs) & SF is 3-0. Packers lead all-time series (incl. playoffs) 34-29-1.

49ERS: Are 28-19 (.596) in postseason. Team's 28 playoff wins are 4th most in NFL history & .596 win pct. is 3rd among teams with 25+ playoff games...**JIM HARBAUGH** is 1st head coach in franchise history to lead team to playoffs in each of 1st 3 seasons...49ers had 8 players selected to Pro Bowl, tied for most in NFL: **LB NA VORRO BOWMAN** (2nd), **LB AHMAD BROOKS** (2nd), **TE VERNON DAVIS** (2nd), **RB FRANK GORE** (5th), **G MIKE IUPATI** (2nd), **DT JUSTIN SMITH** (5th), **T JOE STALEY** (3rd) & **LB PATRICK WILLIS** (7th)...**QB COLIN KAEPERNICK** (3,197 pass, 524 rush) joined HOFer **STEVE YOUNG** (1992) as only 49ers QBs with 3,000+ pass & 500+ rush yards in season. Has 100.9 passer rating in postseason career, highest by SF QB with 3+ starts (HOFer **JOE MONTANA**, 98.2). In last year's playoffs, had 100.9 rating with 4 pass TDs & rushed for 264 yards with 3 TDs. Only QB in NFL history with 100+ rating & 200+ rush yards in single postseason. Incl. playoffs, when Kaepernick starts & has 100+ rating, 49ers are 13-0. In last year's Divisional, rushed for 181 yards with 2 TDs & passed for 263 yards with 2 TDs...**RB Gore** rushed for 1,128 yards, his franchise-record 7th 1,000-yard season. Averages 96.4 rush yards per game in postseason career (482 yards, 5

games)...**TE Davis** has 100+ rec. yards in 4 of 5 career postseason games. Averages 109.2 yards per playoff game (546 yards, 5 games), 2nd highest in NFL history (min. 5 games). Has 5 career postseason TDs, tied for 4th most by TE. Since 2009 (incl. playoffs), leads NFL TEs with 49 TDs. Has 11 TDs in past 13. **WR MICHAEL CRABTREE** has 20 catches for 285 yards (95 per game) & 3 TDs in past 3 playoff games. **WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** had 1,179 yards, his 6th 1,000-yard season. Has 52 catches for 806 yards & 7 TDs in 11 playoff games. His 806 rec. yards are most by active player in 2013 playoffs...**LB Bowman** led team with 143 tackles. Only player in NFL this season with 100+ tackles (143), 5+ sacks (5), 4+ FFs (4) & INT-TD (1, 89 yards). **LB Willis** was 2nd on team with 104 tackles, his 6th season with 100+ tackles. Since entering NFL in 2007, is only player with 20+ sacks (20.5), 15+ FF (16) & 7+ INTs (7). Since 2010 (incl. playoffs), **DT Smith** has 27.5 sacks, 3rd most by NFL DT. Since entering NFL in 2011, **LB ALDON SMITH** has 44 sacks, 2nd most in NFL (incl. playoffs). **LB Brooks** had career-high 8.5 sacks & tied for team lead (A. Smith). **CB TRAMAIN BROCK** led team with 5 INTs & 15 PD, both career highs. Rookie **S ERIC REID** was only NFC player this season with 4 INTs & 2 FR.

PACKERS: Have won 13 NFL championships, most all-time. Team's .625 postseason winning pct. (30-18) is best in NFL history (min. 25 games). Club has 30 playoff wins, 3rd most in NFL annals. Team's 29th playoff appearance, 3rd most in NFL history. Won division for 21st time in team history & 3rd in row...**MIKE MC CARTHY** has led team to playoffs in 6 of his 8 seasons as head coach...**QB AARON RODGERS** had 104.9 rating & is 1st QB in NFL history with 5 consecutive seasons with 100+ rating. In career, has 103.6 postseason passer rating, 3rd highest in NFL history. His 1.71 INT pct. (5 INTs, 292 att.) is 3rd lowest in NFL postseason annals. In 44 career starts at home (incl. playoffs) with 10+ att., Rodgers is 35-9 (.795) with 108.6 rating. In 5 starts vs. SF (incl. playoffs), has 12 TDs, 3 INTs & 104.5 rating. ...Rookie **RB EDDIE LACY** was named 1st alternate for Pro Bowl. Set franchise rookie records with 1,178 rush yards & 11 rush TDs. Is 2nd in NFL with 1,127 rush yards since Oct. 1. Has 10 rush TDs in past 11, most in NFL since Week 7. **FB JOHN KUHN** is 1 of 2 active players with 3+ rush (3) & 3+ rec. (3) TDs in postseason...**WR JORDY NELSON** had career-high 85 catches & 1,314 yards. Had 10 catches for 161 yards in Week 17, his 5th 100-yard game in 2013. Had 7 catches for 130 yards & TD in Week 1. **WR JAMES JONES** had career-high 817 rec. yards. In last year's Divisional, had 4 catches for 87 yards (21.8 avg.) & TD. **WR-PR-KR RANDALL COBB** & HOFer **GALE SAYERS** are only 2 in NFL history with 60+ yard run, 60+ yard catch, 100+ yard KR & 80+ yard PR in 1st 3 seasons. Cobb had 2 rec. TDs in Week 17, incl. GW 48-yarder. In 3 games vs. SF (incl. playoffs), has rec. TD & 75-yard PR-TD. **WR JARRETT BOYKIN** had career-high 49 catches, 681 yards & 3 TDs...**LB A.J. HAWK** led team with 118 tackles. Had career-high 5 sacks. Since 2010 (incl. playoffs), **CB TRAMON WILLIAMS** ranks 3rd in NFL with 18 INTs & **CB SAM SHIELDS** is tied for 4th with 17 INTs. Shields aims for 3rd playoff game in row with INT. In last year's Divisional, had 52-yard INT-TD. Has 4 INTs in past 5 postseason games. Led team with 17 PD. **DT MIKE DANIELS** was 2nd on team with career-high 6.5 sacks. **LB MIKE NEAL** had career-best 5 sacks. **LB NICK PERRY** set career-high with 4 sacks. **S MORGAN BURNETT** ranked 2nd on team with 93 tackles...**K MASON CROSBY** had career-high 33 FGs & 89.2 pct. (33 of 37). Scored 141 points, tied for his most in season (2007).

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