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On Deck / *with Jim Henderson*

It's not whom you play. It's when you play them."

It's a cliché but it's never been truer than during the Saints' seven-game winning streak.

For example: The streak began on September 24th as an embarrassingly bad 0 and 2 Saints Team visited the Panthers. This was just the third game of the season for Cam Newton who was still recovering from off-season shoulder surgery and was limited in practice. Plus he had just lost his number one target - tight end Greg Olsen - to a knee injury. SAINTS win 34-13.

On to London to meet Miami who tried to treat it as a normal road game and arrived on Friday. Big Mistake. With Sleepy-eyed Jay Cutler at the helm, the Dolphins' opening drive of the game reached the Saints four yard line. Cutler inexplicably threw a lollipop of a pass on first and goal from there. Intercepted. The Dolphins never threatened again. SAINTS 20 DOLPHINS 0.

Newly refreshed from their bye week the Saints hosted a beaten-up pride of Detroit Lions. With Mathew Stafford playing on one leg and a battered offensive line in front of him, the Lions lost a wild one, 52-38. In the course of the game, the Lions lost to injury their best wide receiver in Golden Tate and most valuable defender in Safety Glover Quinn. That didn't help them...but did so for the Saints as they Go 3 and 0 after their horrendous start.

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On to Green Bay for the Packers' first game after losing MVP candidate Aaron Rodgers to a broken collarbone the week before. The Pack - still in shock - played cautiously in defeat, 26-17.

Home to host the Bears who were handling Rookie Quarterback Mitch Trubisky with kid gloves. The week before in victory he threw one pass to a wide receiver for one yard. Total.

Along the way he lost tight end Zach Miller who had two previous touchdown receptions to a gruesome and probable career-ending injury. It came on a touchdown catch that was negated by a nebulous replay review. SAINTS win, 20-12.

Home to take on the Bucs in the Saints second division game. Tampa Bay playing with quarterback Jameis Winston with a sprained throwing shoulder that will force him to the sidelines at half-time. The Saints play their most complete game of the season in a dominant win 30-10 win. They followed up with another dominant showing at Buffalo by a score of 47-10. Just over the mid-way point of the season, the Saints do so as the second seed in the NFC behind Philadelphia.

Because of the Saints' recent history, the NFL seems slow to take them seriously. That promises to be a mistake.

God Bless,

Jim Henderson



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