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# Super Bowl XLIV Preview



This Sunday, Super Bowl XLIV will be played in Miami, Florida. The year's biggest sporting event features two of the league's most high-powered offenses, two young coaches, and two of the best quarterbacks to ever play the game.

# Inside the Numbers



**13-3**

Defeated: Cardinals 45-14  
Defeated: Vikings 31-28 (OT)

## Offense

*(per game average)*

Total Yards 403.8 (1st)  
Pass Yards 272.2 (4th)  
Rush Yards 131.6 (6th)  
Points 31.9 (1st)

## Defense

*(per game average)*

Total Yards 357.8 (25th)  
Pass Yards 235.6 (26th)  
Rush Yards 122.2 (21st)  
Points 21.3 (20th)

Roster

Detailed Stats

## Sean Payton



4 years experience  
Regular Season: **38-26**  
Playoffs: **3-1**

'06 NFL Coach of the Year

Full Bio



**14-2**

Defeated: Ravens 20-3  
Defeated: Jets 30-17

## Offense

*(per game average)*

Total Yards 363.1 (9th)  
Passing Yards 282.2 (2nd)  
Rushing Yards 80.9 (32nd)  
Points 26 (7th)

## Defense

*(per game average)*

Total Yards 339.2 (18th)  
Pass Yards 212.7 (14th)  
Rush Yards 126.5 (24th)  
Points 19.2 (8th)

Roster

Detailed Stats

## Jim Caldwell



1 year experience  
Regular Season: **14-2**  
Playoffs: **2-0**

Set NFL record for best start  
ever by a rookie coach (14-0)

Full Bio

# QB Showdown

Is this the most hyped quarterback matchup since Dan Marino squared off against Joe Montana in Super Bowl XIX? Probably. And, here's why...

## Drew Brees



Drew Brees is one of the game's most complete passers. This season, Brees completed a remarkable 70.6% of his passes (an NFL record). He finished 2nd in MVP voting (to Peyton Manning) and 2nd in voting for the NFL Offensive Player of the Year (to Tennessee Running Back Chris Johnson). Since moving to New Orleans four seasons ago, Brees has broken numerous Saints records and averaged over 4,500 yards (an NFL best) and 30 touchdowns per season. Brees has good side-to-side mobility, and the ability to improvise effectively. He uses every player on the field, and is known for his ability to set receivers up for big runs after the catch. Brees has an eye for favorable mismatches and, on any given day, he can turn wide receiver Devery Henderson, tight end Jeremy Shockey, or running back Reggie Bush into the game's best player. Brees rarely makes a mistake (only 11 interceptions in 514 pass attempts), but he can be inconsistent and is capable of having a bad day. For instance, in the NFC championship game, Drew completed only 17 passes in 31 attempts and had less than 200 passing yards.

### Season

109.6 Rating 4,388 Yards 34 TD 11 INT

### Career

91.9 Rating 30,646 Yards 202 TD 110 INT

## Peyton Manning



Peyton Manning is arguably the best player of his generation. He has thrown for over 4,000 yards in 10 of the last 11 seasons, making him one of the most prolific passers in NFL history. He is known for his deadly accuracy and his ability to consistently make plays that no other quarterback would even attempt. His timing is impeccable, which makes him very difficult to sack (only 10 this season). As the league's most cerebral quarterback, Peyton Manning is almost like a coach on the field. He often calls his own plays from the line of scrimmage, and is almost unstoppable once he figures out the opposing team's blitz scheme. Peyton's favorite targets are Pro Bowl tight end Dallas Clark and Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne, but he likes to get everyone involved in the game, including his rookie receivers. Contrary to popular opinion, Peyton Manning does have weaknesses. He was voted the league's most immobile quarterback in a recent player's poll, and he can be forced into making mistakes (16 interceptions this season). However, most of Manning's interceptions occur early in the game, and rarely in the red zone.

### Season

99.9 Rating 4,500 Yards 33 TD 16 INT

### Career

95.2 Rating 50,128 Yards 366 TD 181 INT

# Event Details

February 7th

3pm PT

CBS



**Carrie Underwood** will sing the National Anthem.

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**Queen Latifah** will sing "America the Beautiful."

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[Discography](#)



Play-by-play announcer **Jim Nantz** and color commentator **Phil Simms** will be announcing the game.

[Jim Nantz Bio](#)

[Phil Simms Bio](#)



## Halftime Show **The Who**

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