

BCSP Profile

50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50



A DAY-BY-DAY, SUPER BOWL-BY-SUPER BOWL LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON SUPER BOWLS I THRU 49 AS WE COUNT DOWN THE 50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50

DAY 44 - Tuesday, February 2

SUPER BOWL XLIV

New Orleans 31, Indianapolis 17

February 7, 2010 - Sun Life Stadium, Miami Garden, FL

Four (4) Black College Players

Indianapolis Colts (3)

Antoine Bethea DB Howard
Robert Mathis DE Alabama A&M
Chad Simpson RB Morgan State

New Orleans Saints (1)

Greg Fassitt DB Grambling



ICONIC PHOTO: New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees holds the Lombardi Trophy for winning Super Bowl XLIV, a big win for the city of New Orleans in the year following Hurricane Katrina.

Storyline: New Orleans outscored Indianapolis 25-7 in the second half to erase a 10-6 halftime deficit and claim the franchise's first Super Bowl title. The win was big for the city of New Orleans who was recovering from the devastating Hurricane Katrina. New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees completed 32 of 39 passes for 288 yards and two touchdowns to tie the Super Bowl record for completions on his way to winning the game's MVP honors.

New Orleans

Greg Fassitt, DB (Grambling)

Indianapolis

Robert Mathis, LDE (Alabama A&M)

Defensive end for Colts in loss to New Orleans.

Antoine Bethea, FS (Howard)

Four solo tackles in loss to New Orleans.

- Tackles running back Reggie Bush after 16-yard pass completion from quarterback Drew Brees in first quarter.

- Stops Bush after 8-yard run around right end in second quarter.

- Stops wide receiver Dewey Henderson for -7 yard loss around left end on reverse in second quarter.

- Tackles wide receiver Robert Meachem after 6-yard completion early in fourth quarter.

Chad Simpson, RB/KR (Morgan State)

Five kickoff returns for 111 yards in loss to New Orleans.

- Returns second-quarter kickoff after New Orleans 46-yard field goal for 23 yards.

- Returns third quarter kickoff after Hartley 47-yard field goal for 15 yards.

- Returns third quarter kickoff after Pierre Thomas touchdown for 19 yards.

- Returns fourth-quarter kickoff after Shockey touchdown for 29 yards.

- Returns fourth-quarter kickoff after Tracy Porter's interception return touchdown for 25 yards.

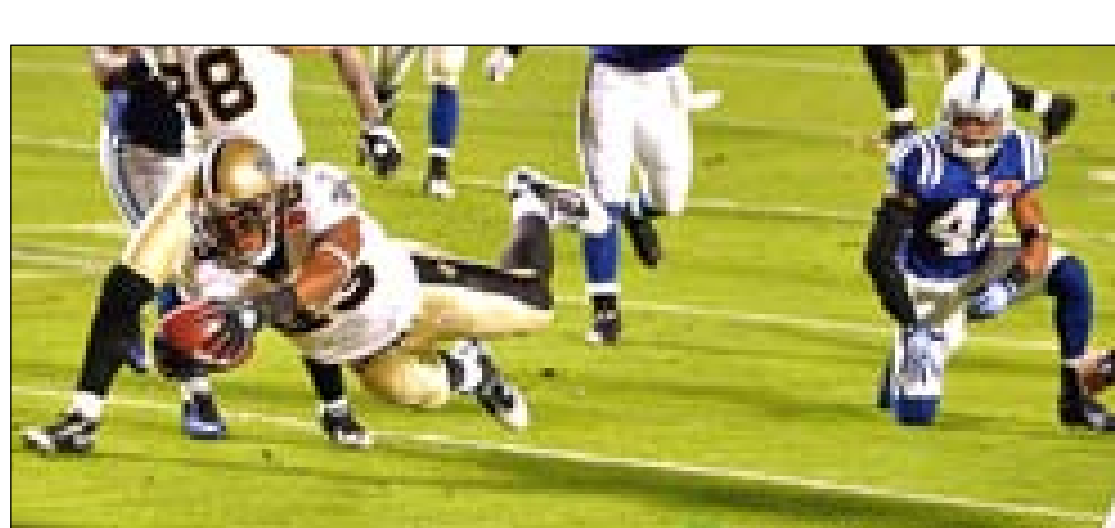


MVP: Drew Brees, QB, New Orleans - 32 of 39 for 288 yards, 2 TDs

KEY FACTS: Big plays in the game included a surprise onside kick by New Orleans to open the second half that the Saints recovered. Trailing 10-6 at the break, the Saints scored ten third-quarter points to take the lead. The final big play was a 74-yard interception return touchdown by Saints' DB Tracy Porter that sealed it for New Orleans.



PERFECT POSITION: New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush (#25) attempts to evade a tackle by Indianapolis Colts safety **Antoine Bethea** (#41, **Howard**) and Kelvin Hayden (#26) during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl XLIV football game in Miami, Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010. (AP / Chuck Burton)



HE CAN ONLY WATCH: Colts defensive back **Antoine Bethea** (#41, **Howard**) watches as Saints running back Pierre Thomas (23) dives into the end zone for the Saints' first touchdown in the first half of Super Bowl XLIV NFL football game at Sun Life Stadium in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida February 7, 2010. The New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Super Bowl XLIV.



TOUGH SLEDDING: Indianapolis running back/kick returner **Chad Simpson** (#35, **Morgan State**) is tackled by New Orleans safety Usama Young (#28) during kickoff return in Super Bowl XLIV. Simpson returned five kick-offs for 111 yards in the 31-17 loss.