

# SAINTS ALIVE

We spent the past week looking at how other long-suffering teams fared in their first trip to the big game. So now it's time to tell the tale for the Saints:

**2009 New Orleans Saints** (First year of play: 1967)

**What happened** The Saints beat the Colts 31-17 in Super Bowl XLIV on Feb. 7, 2010.

**Key moment** Tracy Porter's fourth-quarter interception return seals the game.

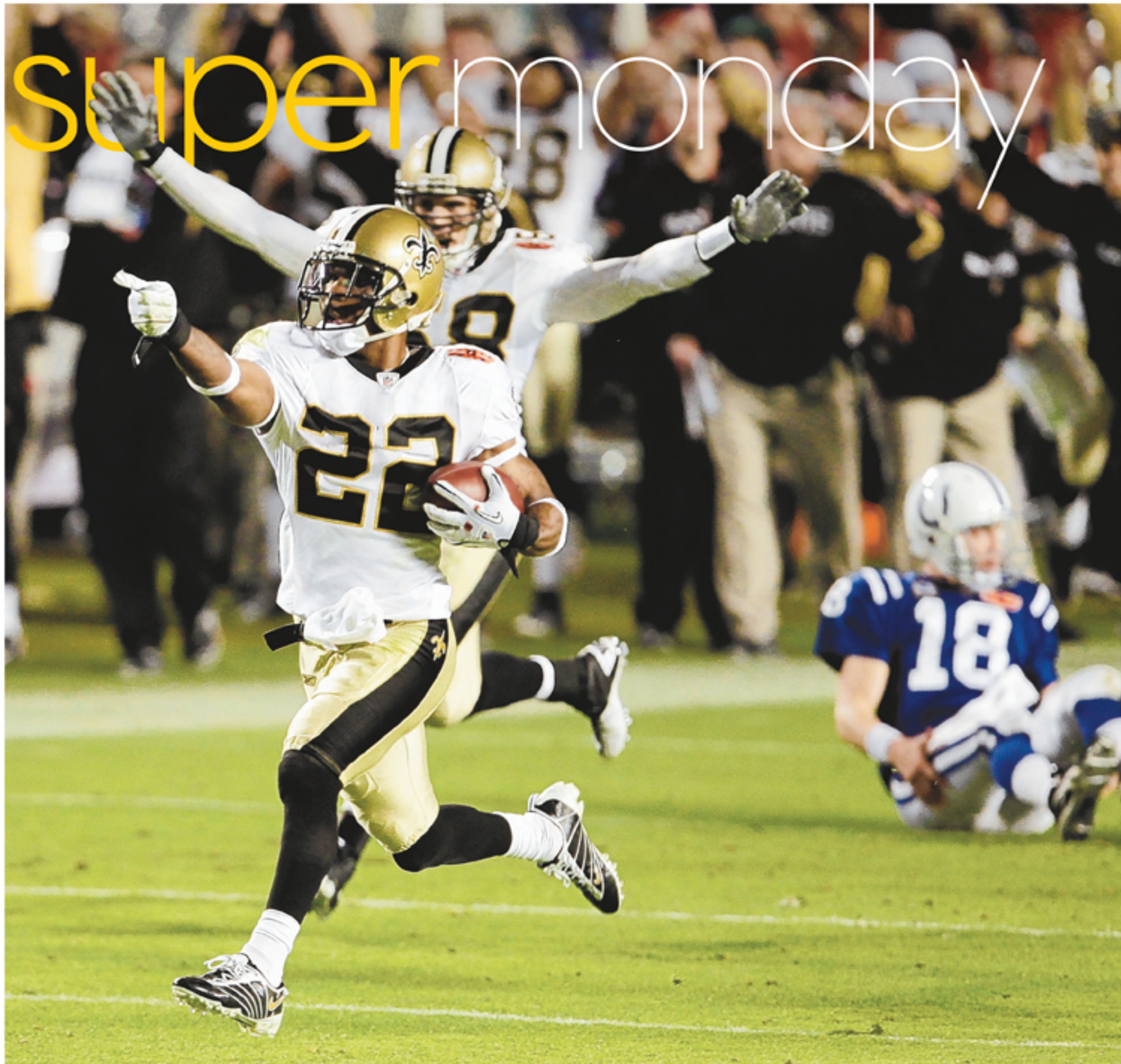
**Key stat** The Saints' Garrett Hartley kicks three field goals longer than 40 yards.

**Key player** MVP Drew Brees, pictured, ties a Super Bowl record with 32 completions.

43 YEARS!



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# THEY'RE ALL DAT!

Saints cornerback Tracy Porter returns an interception for a TD as Colts quarterback Peyton Manning is knocked to the turf in the fourth quarter.

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MIAMI, FLA.

**Saints 31, Colts 17** Ultimate underdogs, they ain't. Not anymore. The Saints are Super Bowl champions.

Who Dat? Try Drew Brees, Sean Payton and a team that reversed its embarrassing past, carrying an entire city to the top with it.

Brees and the Saints rallied to upset Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 Sunday night in one of pro football's most thrilling title games.

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By BARRY WILNER | The Associated Press

## how the action unfolded



### big catch

**1st quarter** Pierre Garcon's 19-yard touchdown catch gives the Colts a 10-0 lead.



### big stop

**2nd quarter** Pierre Thomas is brought down short of the goal line after the Saints go for it on fourth down.



### big kick

**3rd quarter** Garrett Hartley's field goals keep the Saints close heading into the final quarter.



### big pick

**4th quarter** Peyton Manning's interception dooms the Colts' comeback chances.

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