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NFL [sport betting](#) odds makers are giving the upstart Buccaneers a second look after their surprising 3-1 start to the 2010 football gambling season. NFL gambling handicappers are additionally giving the reigning Super Bowl Champ Saints a 2nd football betting look but for opposite reasons.

Tampa Bay will sponsor New Orleans on Sunday. The sportsbook opened up with the Saints as five point road favorites and with an over/under of 44.5. Kickoff is set for 1:05 PM Eastern with a telecast on FOX.

The Saints are coming off their 2nd loss in 3 games to drop to an total record of 3-2 straight up and 1-4 with the NFL odds. The Saints are arriving off a 30-20 loss at Arizona against a Arizona Cardinals team that started a rookie free agent quarterback.

New Orleans qb Drew Brees was intercepted three times as the Arizona Cardinals converted a total of four Saints turnovers into 3 touchdowns even as New Orleans outgained Arizona 358-194. A major difficulty for the New Orleans saints is the 31st ranked ground attack which has struggled because of injuries to their leading two backs Reggie Bush and Pierre Thomas.

Thomas is questionable for Sunday and Bush is out until next month. Brees has had to shoulder the stress of the New Orleans saints offense and has a 96.0 qb rating with a 9/5 touchdown/interception proportion. The defense has displayed progress from a year ago to rate ninth in the NFL. Brees is a celebrity qb who is been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including being selected to the Pro Bowl 4 times and being MVP of Super Bowl XLIV. He's even been featured on the cover of EA Games' Madden NFL 11. But all the celeb and skill on the planet isn't going to carry a squad's complete offensive ability, and Brees is likely to require some aid from the rest of the New Orleans saints if they expect to make it to the playoffs this year.

The Buccaneers have a record of 3-1 both straight up and with the Football lines following their 24-21 win at Cincinnati last week as 6.5 point longshots.

The Buccaneers trailed 21-14 with only over 2 minutes to play but intercepted Carson Palmer two times to rally to win as Josh Freeman hit a td pass and then set up the competition ending/winning field goal on the final possession that followed.

Freeman has demonstrated notable progress in his second year as the starter as he has an 84.8 Qb rating with a 5/3 TD/INT ratio. Freeman is also the 2nd leading rusher on the Buccaneers averaging 7.5 yards per carry. Tampa Bay rates 15th for points permitted and ninth in pass defense, which is a excellent thing vs Brees.

This is a important NFC South Division competition that the Saints must win to stay away from a 3-3 start. The major question is whether young and rebuilding Tampa Bay is ready to defeat the victors and start off at 4-1?

The long shot has gotten the cash in 11 from the last 16 [football betting rules](#) bouts between these two teams.

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