No place like N.O. for Super Bowl

NEW ORLEANS — A lot has changed since the Super Bowl was last here 11 years ago. Jacksonville, Dallas and Indianapolis have debuted as Super Bowl host and New York will soon be, further increasing the competition for fans warming to host.

Even the heat of hosting this event has skyrocketed, though the economic impact still makes it worthwhile.

And, of course, Hurricane Katrina forever changed New Orleans 75 years ago, which is one of the reasons for the unprecedented gap between Super Bowls here. But in the NFL, the internal marketplace is a very different kind of host. Type all of all stripes and styles to New Orleans, and the main thing that hasn’t changed is the French Quarter.

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But has pretty good facts on the side, too.

We have 2,300 hotel rooms within walking distance of.

Carville said, “Nobody does hospitality like we do. We have 244 years of history. Our facility is first-class, and there is no weather concern.”

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Return of the Honey Badger? Not just yet

By Matty Mathiels

The Advocate sports section features an article titled "Return of the Honey Badger? Not just yet" by Matty Mathiels. The article discusses the return of the Honey Badger to the football fields, possibly hinting at a comeback story or an update on the Honey Badger's status. The article is likely to attract fans and readers interested in sports and the latest news on football teams and players. The article is set to be published in The Advocate, a local newspaper known for its sports coverage. The article is expected to be read by sports enthusiasts, players, and coaches who are interested in the progress of the Honey Badger and the team's performance. The article is likely to be published soon, and readers can expect to see it on the sports section of The Advocate.
Linebacker Lofton leads by deeds

Move from Falcons meant words were not enough as newcomer last season

BY GARY STREET
Special to The Advocate

Middle linebacker Curtis Lofton is one of New Orleans’ most prominent New Orleans Saints play- ers. He is highly energetic, too. He’s motivational, too.

“I’m not a starter? I’m fooling. Exploring his new city, of course. While standing over the inside of the small in the Oklahoma town of Kansas City.

Which is why last season was so the Pelicans won’t say so, but he wanted. He knew better.

Lofton was still one of the new guys, and he hadn’t played enough games to prove himself in a new locker room. Let’s not forget that month earlier, he was a Dirty Bird.

So Lofton decided how he would lead the Saints defense, a unit that last season suffered through one of the worse campaigns in league history.

His words of motivation stayed with him, transforming into action, playing football, never backing down as an example of how they might apply. It’s a strategy that continued this year’s training camp.

Perhaps with a dash of it.

“The ninth always isn’t right. I wasn’t always right,” Lofton said of last season’s defensive struggles. “But I was playing hard, and I was playing physical. And that makes up for a lot of the thinking.”

Lofton, who spent his first four NFL seasons as a play

maker in the middle of Atlanta’s defense, became one of the few defensive standouts for the Saints. He led the defense in tackles with 123. He was the highest rated for a Saints defender since 1997, he had double-digit sacks in each of two seasons.

He had also one sack and two forced fumbles as he managed the rotation in the middle of the defense previously held by Jonathan Vilma, whose motivation and tactics were more flamboyant because of his familiarity with Saints players.

LSU running back Kenny Hilliard, center, pulls while running the ball as LSU running back Jeremy Hill, right, pulls in the other direction during a resistance drill as the Tigers have their second preseason practice Tuesday at McConathy Practice Facility.

Hilliard reduces; Blue rebuilds; Hill returns

BY MATTHEW HARRIS
Assistant Sports Editor

Slimming down 9 pounds over his junior season, senior running back Jeremy Hill, 5-foot-2, 225 pounds, said he is smaller and quicker, and ready to go.

A year ago, Hill’s speed was the key to his career in college, especially once he started to emerge as a threat.

Now, footwork and speed were the keys to the Tigers’ running style that the Tigers were built on for his future near the end of his freshmen season. So steering clear of red beans and rice was required during a famil

r face, too.

“My mindset, that’s the key. Food, food, and still working, and social activities away from the field,” Hillard said.

“So I kind of trained away from home, stayed in Baton Rouge the whole season so I could get my body right. Avoidance might be the unifying solution for LSU’s back carrier, too. For Hillard, it’s sticking with a solid training plan.

For junior Alfred Blue, it’s holding tight from the band aid of the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee that was scheduled against Alabama season.

And for Freshman running back Kenny Hilliard, it’s avoiding the cool, midsseason season of silver bracelets on his wrists.

On Tuesday and the depth chart, Blue is the unchallenged starter, but given the Tigers tendency to toe the line of scrimmage, there’s that. That’s largely a symbolic position. Blue, who had 276 yards and two touchdowns before going down, carry no illusion of the glory being shared, either.

“Just a matter of who everybody gets it,” Blue said. “When I drove the team, everybody got it. They had to. It’s their job to do that.”

When asked if he would do that again this season, his words were not enough as newcomer last season.

Barrett Williams
Special to The Advocate

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Varied motives drive Tigers backs

Jaguars grinding it out on 6th day of practice

BY SCOTT HITTMAN

When the Jaguars are grinding it out during their first five days of practice, it’s difficult to see the enjoyment and camaraderie that comes with the work and practice.

A veteran of the two-a-day regimen, senior linebacker Antoine Bene- dicario said that take a cold hard pill and “be ready to go again” afterward.

“Tough, but a little bit of cheat day,” Bencedia said. “It comes out here and works in the heat.”

Pelicans release 2013-14 schedule

BY DARRELL WILLIAMS
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The scene takes place in Tulane Stadium during a game against SMU. The atmosphere is charged with excitement as the fans cheer for their team. The sun shines brightly, casting long shadows on the field. The crowd is composed of students, alumni, and families, all dressed in their respective team colors. The field is lush green, with the goal posts standing tall at either end. The players are in the midst of gameplay, their movements quick and calculated. The stadium is alive with the sound of cheering and the occasional scream of a fan. The excitement is palpable, creating a thrilling atmosphere for those present.
RB Hill cleared to play against UAB

By Scott Rabbålas

LSU running back Jeremy Hill will be allowed to play Saturday in the Tigers’ home opener against UAB, a source familiar with the situation said.

Hill will not start but will play in a backup role behind senior Alfred Blue and possibly after fellow running backs Kenny Hilliard and Terrence Magee.

Hill showed up and participated in practice warmups for LSU’s season opener against TCU last week in Arlington.

The junior from Tuscaloosa, Texas, did not play because of his offensive line保护. LSU coach Les Miles has said that he wants Hill on the roster but there was no guarantee that he would play.

Hill was expected to start again Saturday. He was suspended from the team in April after being arrested for punching a研究报告er at the April 27 arrest outside a bar near the LSU campus.

He was placed on probation in January 2012 for felony to sexual abuse of a juvenile stemming from his arrest in 2011 while a student at Rodenwald Preparatory. State District Judge Brooke Jackson on Aug. 8 ruled that Hill did not violate his probation in the April bar fight, allowing him to avoid possible jail time.

Jaco added that if either of the leading RBs get hurt, Hill will be ready to take over.

Miles reiterated the point Saturday and allowed him to practice that afternoon.

Monday is typically the day leading up to the TCU game, but Hill was “very, very, very happy,” Miles said. He added that the team had “the right issues, but just not the guy.”

Hill was cleared to play again Tuesday.

“Overall, he’s making much better progress now,” Miles said. “As long as he has not violated his probation, I think he is going to be fine.”

A CAREER LOW: ‘Crummy’ showing in Atlanta last season has Drew Brees motivated to face the Falcons again Sunday

By Brian Allee-Walsh

Special to The Advocate

On the furious Thursday evening of Nov. 29, 2012, on national stage inside the Georgia Dome, Saints quarterback Drew Brees arguably played the worst game of his long, distinguished NFL career.

The numbers underscoring the truth: a career-high five interceptions, a touchdowon pass, a brutal pass rating of 37.6 and a crushing 23-13 loss to the eventual NFC South champion Atlanta Falcons.

For Brees, it was a dramatically dreaful night in Georgia, one that saw him fail to complete his career-first three months later. It also marks the only time since his arrival in New Orleans in March 2006 that he trailed the league in anything other than yardage.

“Yeah, it was crummy,” Brees said.

One that stands. That one that will always sting. I can think of about four or five games in my career that I look back and am like, ‘Man, that’s what gave you an edge and what keeps you motivated.’ It’s not easy to go out and try to redemption down the road, but that was not the guy who did that.

Brees was “the guy” who led New Orleans to know and understand the importance of raising the bar.

On that night he was not “the guy” who led out.

One day he is just an ordinary guy thanks to a Falcons defense that ended the NFC South race of consecutive games in a career that includes at least one touchdown pass.

Brees was 8 of 20 against the Falcons.

Browns, quarterback Peyton Manning walks on the field after Thursday night’s demolition of the defending Super Bowl champions.

A STUNNING START: There’s 15 games to go, but Peyton Manning will find it hard to top his Thursday night touchdown over the Ravens

By Arie Stauton

The Advocate

Browns, quarterback Peyton Manning in the midst of his dominant performance.

In Thursday’s win over Baltimore, the Browns’ Peyton Manning became the sixth NFL quarterback to throw seven touchdown passes in one game and the fourth since Minnesota’s Joe Kapp in 1965.

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It's a tough job... but somebody's got to take on Falcons defensive end Olis Umenyiora. This time, the job falls to Charles Brown, who will make his first start at left tackle for the Saints.

BY RAMON ANTONIO MANGAS

Associated Press photo by LYNN BYLOW

Saints offensive tackle Charles Brown gets into position to block Raiders defensive end Jared Crawford during a preseason game at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome last month. Brown will match up against Falcons defensive end Olis Umenyiora on Sunday.

Brees

By JOEY ROBINOWITZ

Associated Press

“... and you’ve got to go to find the Saints’ starting left tackle. You’d better be ready for a challenge.”

“The Saints’ tackle has been beat.”

Hernandez pleads not guilty

By ERKA NIEDOWSKI

Miami Heat center Dwyane Wade will carry the torch Sunday night at the pre-Olympic men’s basketball exhibition game, but the question remains: Will he carry the torch for America over the Caribbean?

Forced into action...