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# The Return of the Black and Gold



Jameis Winston returns as the New Orleans Saints starting quarterback after last year being sidelined by a season ending injury. Fans are anticipating his return to the field this season.

**Fleur De Lis**  
**Data News Weekly Contributor**

The Black and Gold are back and the Who Dat fans are excited about what they will do this year on the gridiron. The Saints will have a fresh look this year as they continue to head into the post Sean Payton and

Drew Brees era. This year led by new head coach Dennis Allen, who served as defensive coordinator, now he will lead the Saints on the sidelines. Also, Jameis Winston is returning as the starting quarterback. Last season, he was off to a good start before tearing his ACL, and the Saints, along with injuries to Taysom Hill, left them with inconsistencies in the quarterback

position. Hopefully, this year the Saints Winston will remain healthy and they can have a great season. This year the Saints also have added more weapons to their already powerful offense by drafting rookie wide receiver Chris Olave, they also added Jarvis Landry from the Cleveland Browns, and of course All-Pro wide receiver Michael Thomas is ex-

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## New Orleans Saints 2022 - 2023 Schedule

### Pre-Season

Week 1: at Houston

Week 2: at Green Bay

Week 3: vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### Regular Season

Week 1: at Atlanta

Week 2: vs. Tampa Bay

Week 3: at Carolina

Week 4: vs. Minnesota (in London)

Week 5: vs. Seattle

Week 6: vs. Cincinnati

Week 7: at Arizona (TNF)

Week 8: vs. Las Vegas

Week 9: vs. Baltimore (MNF)

Week 10: at Pittsburgh

Week 11: vs. Los Angeles Rams

Week 12: at San Francisco

Week 13: at Tampa Bay (MNF)

Week 14: BYE

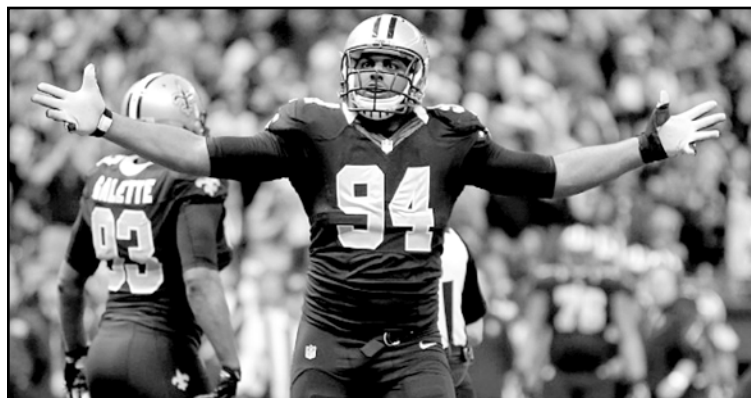
Week 15: vs. Atlanta (SAT or SUN)

Week 16: at Cleveland (SAT)

Week 17: at Philadelphia



Swiss Army Knife Taysom Hill is back to contribute to the Saints in their quest to be the best and get to the Superbowl this year.



Cam Jordan leads the Saints defense, while Alvin Kamara continues to be a threat to get in the endzone every time he touches the football.



The Saints recently acquired New Orleans native, all-pro safety Tyrann Mathieu.



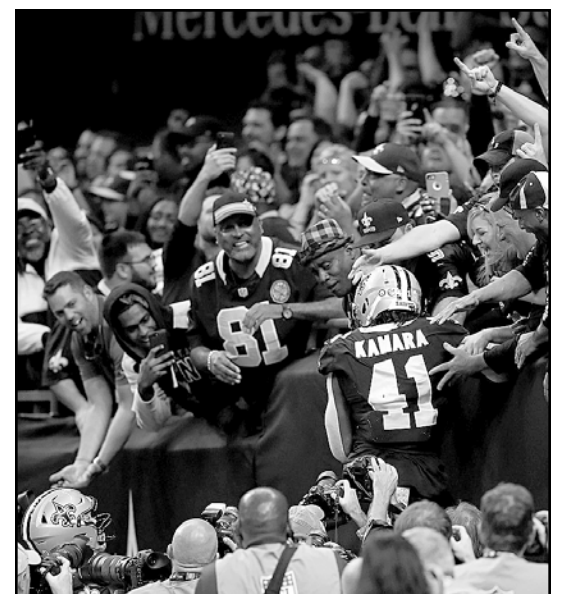
Former Defensive Coordinator Dennis Allen is heading into his first year as the Head Coach of the New Orleans Saints.

pected to return to the lineup. Of course, questions remain around Alvin Kamara, the sparkplug of the team, and one of the NFL's great playmakers, but an off-season incident may sideline him for up to six games; this may hamper the offense. This may change some of their offensive play calling, as veteran running back Mark Ingram may get more playing time if Kamara is unable to play in the beginning of the season.

On defense, the Saints continue to be anchored by all pros Cam Jordan, Demario Davis, and Marcus Davenport. Last year they were ranked fourth in the league. This year, they have added all pro safety Tyrann Mathieu, who is coming

home to New Orleans to lead a secondary that strengthen an already potent defense.

The Who Dat Nation is as always excited for the possibilities of this year's team, who last year in convincing fashion knocked off many of the league's top teams. Many speculate, if it were not for injuries, the Saints had the potential to make a Super Bowl run. This year with a few fresh faces, the Saints may again make a run for the big one. And in 2023, we may see a sea of Black and Gold cheering them on in Arizona where they can bring home the Lombardi Trophy to New Orleans. Either way, the Who Dat Nation is ready for a great season from the Black and Gold.



On both sides of the ball, the Boys in Black and Gold are making it happen to the delight of the Who Dat Nation.



# Bag It Up!

*Designer Brands = Making Big Impact:*



**Tracee Dundas**  
Fashion Stylist

Some people love shoes, others prefer shades, but most fashionistas know that your handbag makes the biggest fashion statement. And you can never have too many fabulous bags in your closet. They are the ideal accessory to add spice and flair to your outfit. Designer handbags have become a unique outward statement of a women's (and men too) status, fashion savvy and earning power. Add to the rising popularity of luxury handbags is the increasing social independence of their owners. Women and now more and more men buy designer bags often as a reward to themselves to celebrate a milestone, keep up with the status quo, or perhaps as retail therapy. And no surprise, men have become equally obsessed with having a designer name brand to complete their fashion statement



**HERMES** – a brand steeped in history and tradition, dating back to its establishment in 1837 by Thierry Hermès. Born in Germany to a French father and German mother, Hermès moved to France in 1828 with his family where he would later establish the Hermès brand. Originally, his intent was to serve the needs of European noblemen by providing saddles, bridles, and other leather riding gear. While today Hermès is recognized as a French fashion luxury goods manufacturer specializing in leather, lifestyle accessories, home furnishings, perfume, jewelry, and watches, the brand was originally a supplier of horse-drawn carriage accessories.



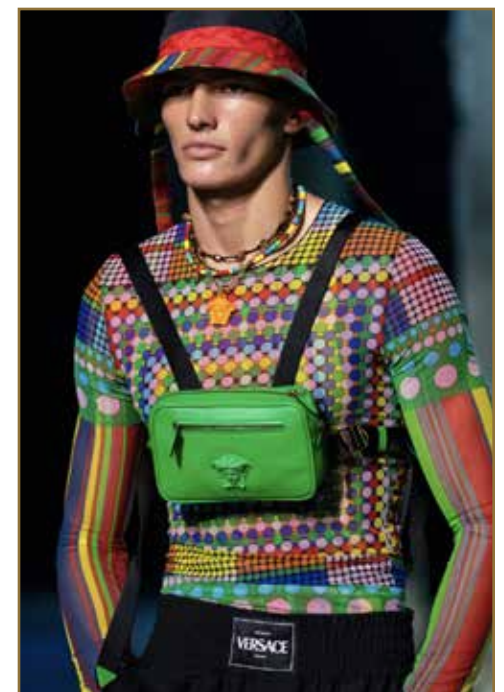
**LOUIS VUITTON** – was a French fashion designer and skilled craftsman and he established his eponymous brand in Paris in 1854. Vuitton started his career making trunks for Napoleon III's wife, Empress Eugénie de Montijo, and it was at the age of thirty-three that he opened his own artisanal workshop at 4 Rue Neuve-des-Capucines.



**JUMZ** – founder, Olajumoke Jimoh, centers the company's produce in Lagos, Nigeria. Started in 2018 and ethically handmade, Jumz Accessories makes contemporary woman bags inspired by African heritage. The Wura name derives its meaning from African and Yoruba origin: Gold. Jumz built her brand to ensure a clean source of hydration for the Okogbo Community of Nigeria



**VERSACE** – one of the most popular brands to date. Versace became internationally renowned for ultra-glamorous creations as well as spectacular theatrical costumes and innovative menswear designs. Versace's style combined luxurious classicism with overt sexuality. In 1997, Designer Gianni Versace was assassinated in front of his home by serial killer Andrew Cunanan.



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# Queens at Battle

## *Finding Black Love*



**Diva Dionne Character**  
Female Empowerment  
Columnist

It is tough trying to find a strong Black man when it seems every last one of them have all gotten one-way tickets to destinations unknown to women, somewhere in space. Without a doubt, being an African American King in America is hard, but women seem to be

climbing an uphill battle trying to find a good man who can show up with intentions and confirmation.

Have men given up? Have we become numb to simply engaging in honest conversations? I would love a man to gently lift my suitcase and place it in the overhead bin, open doors to vegan markets as he gives me that sense of pride a Black man has in his stride when he knows his life is in order.

Have women become too liberated for our own good? Are we now requiring different things from men then our mothers or is love really over for the most beautiful race of people on the planet?

Perhaps we should all introduce our closest friends to other friends and start



a new healthy environment where Black folk can enjoy life by restarting communication as we increase happiness with gratitude for friendships on one accord, reconnecting like our ancestors on Sunday mornings.

Maybe it is time for women to end the battle and start waving those pink flags of surrender as some of us just might need to be saved and some men are very good at saving. Let's not go another moment not picking up the phone, scheduling a trip, as we all need to focus more on getting back to our normal vibrations of love, friendship, and enjoyment because life is too short to not relish in every beautiful moment.

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**CHANEL** – around the age of eighteen, Coco became interested in fashion. In 1910, she opened up a French luxury fashion house that focuses on women's ready-to-wear clothes... A prolific fashion creator, Chanel extended her influence beyond couture clothing, realizing her aesthetic design in jewelry, handbags, and fragrance. She continues to be an iconic brand that is worn by celebrities, nobles, and royalty.



**TELFAR** - a luxury, unisex fashion line based out of New York City, and it had a breakout year in 2020. Liberian American Telfar Clemens created the brand in 2005, aching to make genderless clothes that fit his fashion vision. Over a decade later, and the rest of the world is just starting to catch on.



# New Orleans District Attorney Jason Williams Found Not Guilty

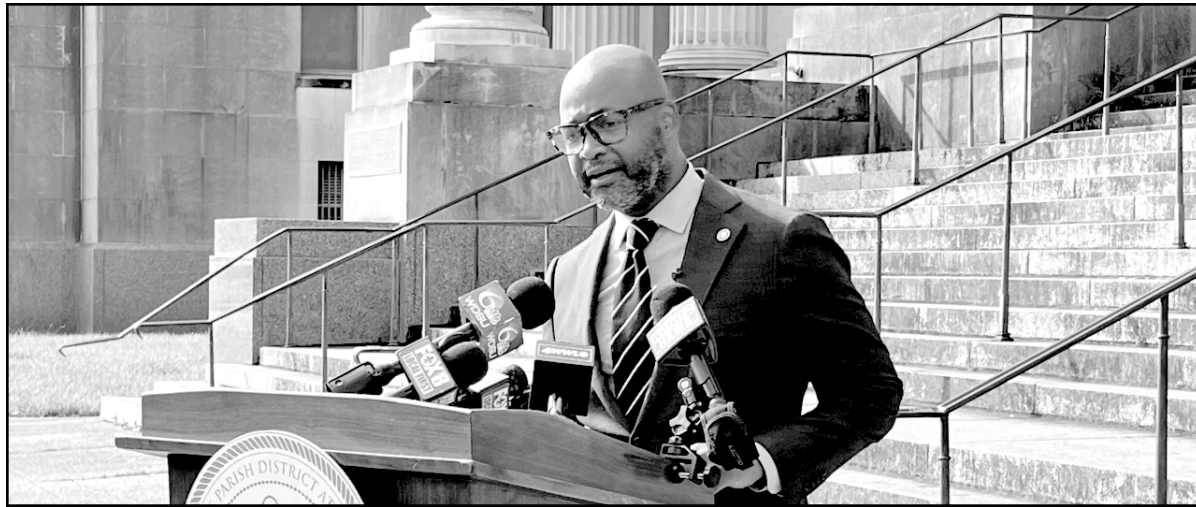
**Edwin Buggage**  
Editor-in-Chief Data News Weekly

Orleans Parish District Attorney Jason Williams went back to work on Monday August 1, 2022, triumphant after a two-week trial where he was acquitted on ten federal tax fraud charges.

"I am thankful to God to see me and my family through this, and glad to be vindicated and found not guilty," Williams remarked to members of the media assembled outside of Criminal Court on Tulane and South Broad.

Williams likened this ordeal to being hit with pepper spray, "I felt the fear, pain and isolation and disorientation of an abuse of power and abuse of prosecutorial discretion."

He is one not naïve enough to



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believe all have supported his ascendance throughout his political career. In a statement during his press conference speaking of how

this has heightened his sense of continuing to fight for justice and fairness for all he stated, "Whether you agree with my politics and po-

lices, what I learned is this can happen to anyone."

On the heels of this statement, he spoke of his law partner Nicole

Burdett, who was acquitted of all charges where her and Williams were co-defendants but was convicted on separate charges related to her own tax returns.

Their legal team is continuing to fight this case, and Williams believes she will also be found not guilty. "My law partner was convicted of crimes she did not commit, and I am confident she will be vindicated."

On the steps of the courthouse Williams stated he was ready to get back to the work that people elected him to do, which is to serve as their District Attorney.

"My goal is to make sure justice is served in this building behind me. Also, I am excited to personally get back in the fight for the people of our city."

## State & Local News

## NORD Celebrates 75th Anniversary with Inaugural Alumni Picnic and Other Community Events

**Data News Staff Edited Report**

Recently, the New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD) Commission hosted its Inaugural Alumni Picnic as part of a year-long celebration commemorating NORD's 75th Anniversary. Last year the agency announced its plans to celebrate 75 years during the renaming celebration of Behrman Park to the Morris F.X. Jeff Sr. Park. The alumni picnic took place Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Joe W. Brown Park, 5601 Read Blvd. The picnic was an opportunity for past and current participants, volunteers, employees, and supporters to come out and celebrate NORD's impact on community and recreation in the City of New Orleans.

The picnic included competitive games and relays, bounce houses, live performances by NORD Senior Choir, T-Ray the Violinist, Lil Prince Charming, 7th Ward Shorty, Assata Renay, Partners-N-Crime (PNC), and DJ Jubilee. There were food trucks including food vendor BBBC Cooking, and Snowball Ju-



NORD CEO, Larry Barabino, Jr. participates in athletic park games during NORD's 75th Anniversary Alumni Picnic at Joe W. Brown Park; Milne and Willie Hall playgrounds come together for a competitive game of cabbage ball including current, and past park players, and coaches.

bilee, as well as outdoor programming, and a live activation hosted by the New Orleans Saints and Pelicans. The event was sponsored by Wright Gray Trial Lawyers and was free to the public.

Other 75th Anniversary events include NORD's 2nd Annual Race of Champions, and Wrap Soiree, all of which will take place throughout the year and are open to the public. Proceeds from NORD anniversary events go directly to the NORD Foundation, benefiting

NORD programming. NORD also launched a webpage [www.nordc.org/75thanniversary](http://www.nordc.org/75thanniversary) where residents may sign up for newsletter updates, shop the 75th Anniversary Collection of memorabilia, shop park, and playground t-shirts, and view a photo journey of NORD from 1947-today.

"The evolution of NORD over 75 years from a recreational outlet to now also being an essential arm for the city in post-disaster recovery and the Pandemic is outstanding.

It contributes to our vision to be a sustainable and innovative organization that transforms lives," said Larry Barabino, Jr., NORD CEO. "I look forward to having our residents participate in all of the activities NORD is hosting to commemorate 75 years, and I cannot wait to see what the next 75 years entail."

For more information on NORD 75th Anniversary events or NORD programming, please visit [www.nordc.org](http://www.nordc.org) or contact (504) 658-3052.

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# Beyoncé's Renaissance Breaks Souls and Records in Historic Debut

*Beyoncé's new album, "Renaissance," has taken the world by storm as expected.*

Stacy M. Brown NNPA  
Newswire Senior National  
Correspondent

With a healthy helping of Chicago house music and classic 1970s disco, the New York Times called Renaissance a "tour of some of the genre's most well-known touchstones as well as more underground sounds."

"It is consciously steeped in dance-music history, cannily embracing decades of samples and sounds: the 1970s disco of Donna Summer and Chic, Jamaican dancehall, internet-speed hyper pop," Michaelangelo Matos penned for the Times.

"She chose collaborators, references, and even specific keyboard sounds that pay homage to clubland memories while making her own 21st-century statement," Matos wrote.

The new tracks include songs like "Cozy," "Cuff It," "Energy," and "Break My Soul."

The album immediately soared to the top of Apple Music in 100 countries.



Beyoncé' career is one where she's reigned atop the charts with the release of her new album "Renaissance" that's already being considered a classic.

Sixteen of the top 21 songs on Apple Music are from Renaissance, and the debut enjoyed more than 43 million streams on Spotify — a new record.

"For at least the past decade, Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter has been the world's greatest living en-

tertainer," Rolling Stone wrote.

"Beyoncé really made this album for the club," journalist Vincent Desmond tweeted. "No matter how much you love 'Renaissance,' you are going to love this at least five times more if you hear the album or any of its songs in the club. It goes

so crazy."

As noted by Pitchfork, Renaissance was announced as "Act I" of an upcoming saga, and the album's liner notes confirmed that Beyoncé would follow it up with at least two more "acts."

"She has said that all the music was made during a creative burst at the peak of COVID and that it was inspired by her children, her husband, and her team," Journalist Dylan Green wrote.

"But what could these multiple parts entail? One theory: The music is the driving force behind Renaissance more than a specific narrative arc; if Act I is a culmination of various forms of Black music and their effects on pop across the 20th and early 21st centuries, it's possible that Act II and Act III might look at the way it moves in the present and forward into the future."

Green continued:

"Beyoncé has accomplished a lot over her nearly 30-year career, but a full-blown musical trilogy is new even for her. Like every piece of art that bears her name, the anticipation is half the fun."

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