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Brees (left) and Manning at last weekend's Pro Bowl Gary Coronado/ZUMA Press

# Colts and Saints Set For Super Bowl Showdown

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[Super Bowl XLIV](#) kicks off Sunday, pitting the New Orleans Saints against the Indianapolis Colts in what analysts expect to be a high scoring match up. The Colts head to Miami with a 16-2 record, barely ahead of the Saints, who are 15-3. It's the first time since 1993 that the top two seeds are meeting for the championship.

"These guys have had incredible years, both teams deserve to be here, have earned it," says former Miami Dolphins quarterback and CBS Sports analyst [Dan Marino](#). "It's an outstanding offensive football game. I think when you look at both teams their defenses don't get as much credit as they should because they have played well all year, but at the same time, the draw is the points scored and the quarterbacks [Peyton Manning](#) and [Drew Brees](#)."

While the star quarterbacks will certainly draw fans to the game on Sunday, the stories on either side of the match up are also expected to attract viewers. For the Colts, the story is Manning's legacy and his chance to win a second Super Bowl win.

"It doesn't matter who surrounds [Manning], the guy is brilliant," *Monday Night Football* analyst [Jon Gruden](#) says of the quarterback. "He's a superb game day player. His preparation is rare. He's got a tremendous strong, accurate arm. He's tough as nails."

As tough as Manning and Colts are, however, analysts say the Brees-led Saints might be just the team to do bring them down. Brees has established himself as one of the top quarterbacks in the NFL this year and the Super Bowl is his chance to prove himself against the quarterback who many would cite as the best in the league.

"As far as Drew Brees, I spent a lot of time there in New Orleans

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watching this guy," Gruden says. "He is the surgeon. He will cut you up with three-yard passes. His guys will take those three-yard passes and they can run with it after they catch it. They can line up any formation and any personnel group you give them."

Perhaps even more compelling than the stories of Manning and Brees is the Saints' story. *The Super Bowl Today*, CBS' pre-game show (beginning at 2/1c) will include, [among many other things](#), a report on the heritage of New Orleans and revisit the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. *MNF* play-by-play man [Mike Tirico](#) says the Saints are "a symbol of hope unlike athletics has been to a city before. The link is honest, legitimate and I do believe there is a tighter bond between that franchise and that city than any other professional sports team right now."

**Super Bowl XLIV airs Sunday, February 7, 6/5c, CBS.**



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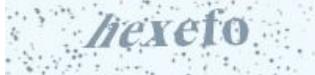
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