

SUPER BOWL XLIV

'AINTS NO MORE

Saints win Super Bowl, 31-17

BY BARRY WILNER
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MIAMI, Fla. (AP) – Who Dat won the Super Bowl? The New Orleans Saints, that's who. Ain't kidding.

Put away those paper bags forever. Drew Brees and the Saints are NFL champions, rallying to upset Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 Sunday night in one of pro football's most thrilling title games.

Brees tied a Super Bowl record with 32 completions, the last a 2-yard slant to Jeremy Shockey for the winning points with 5:42 remaining, and was chosen the game's MVP.

"We just believed in ourselves and we knew that we had an entire city and maybe an entire country behind us," Brees said. "What can I say? I tried to imagine what this moment would be like for a long time and it's better than expected."

A surprise onside kick sparked the Saints' second-half comeback. Their 25th-ranked defense made several key stops, and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception return on a pass from Manning, of all people, clinched it.

Manning tried to give chase, but was blocked by a New Orleans defender and fell awkwardly as the cornerback raced by. The four-time NFL MVP forlornly walked to the sideline as the Big Easy celebrations began.

"It's time for the Saints to celebrate," he said. "It's their field and it's their championship."

An NFL embarrassment for much of their 43 years, the Saints' football renaissance,

led by Brees and coach Sean Payton, climaxed with Shockey's touchdown and Lance Moore's 2-point conversion catch, originally ruled incomplete but overturned on Payton's challenge.

Porter's pick, just as dramatic as his interception of Brett Favre's pass to force overtime in the NFC title game, was the game's only turnover. It's one Manning will forever regret.

The Saints (16-3) won three postseason games this winter after winning only two in the previous 42 years. They beat Arizona, Minnesota and Indianapolis (16-3) – all division winners – for their first title, scoring 107 points and allowing only 59.

The championship came 40 years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans, making the Saints nomads for the 2005 season. There even was some doubt they would return, but the NFL refused to abandon the city. The Superdome was repaired and the Saints won the NFC South in '06, their first season with Brees and Payton.

That was the season Manning won his only Super Bowl. He had the Colts, favored by 5 points, in front for much of this one, but New Orleans' league-leading offense, which scored 510 points this season, outscored Indy 31-7 after falling behind 10-0. That matched the biggest comeback in a Super Bowl.

Payton held the Vince Lombardi Trophy high over his head and ran into the end zone toward several hundred fans chanting the Saints' rally cry: "Who dat, who dat, who dat say gonna beat dem Saints?"

Nobody can say it now.

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AP PHOTO
New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees holds his son, Baylen, after the NFL Super Bowl XLIV football game on Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts.

ADMINISTRATION

Provost candidates respond to questions from faculty, students



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Robert Novak, head of the department of speech, language and hearing sciences, asks a question Friday during the public presentations given by the three candidates for the position of executive vice president for academic affairs and provost.

BY ZOE HAYES
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Student preparedness, research, and globalization were the topics of the day at Friday morning presentations by three candidates for provost.

The three hour-long public presentations

were intended as a way for faculty and staff to get to know the candidates for the position of executive vice president of student affairs and provost, which Randy Woodson vacates in May. Each candidate spoke for about 10 minutes about his background, leadership approach and goals for the position. The remainder of the hour was

devoted to a question-and-answer session with attending faculty, staff and students.

The first presenter was Tim Sands, director of the Birck Nanotechnology Center and professor of mechanical and electrical and computer engineering. Sands emphasized his policies at Birck, which include an open-door approach to management, collaboration among research groups and recognition of excellence.

However, like the other two, he discussed synergistic approaches to research, with the three agreeing on the need for Purdue to be competitive globally. Sands and Daniel Hirleman, the head of the School of Mechanical Engineering, talked about the importance of involving students in good study abroad programs. Richard Kuhn, the head of the biological sciences department, focused on cross-college research and giving students time to explore different majors.

Sands emphasized the importance of Purdue's role as a state land-grant institution.

"Qualified students who are prepared should have a place at Purdue," he said. "If they're not prepared, it's not the place to start. I do think we have to raise the bar. I cringe at the way we kind of have to do it and I'm not convinced we have to do it

that way, looking at GPAs and SAT and test scores ... I'd like to work with Ivy Tech and state universities on ways to provide alternate paths to Purdue that maybe don't include freshman entry."

Sands was followed by Kuhn, who, in addition to being a department head, is the director of the Bindley Bioscience Center. Kuhn dwelt on the importance of diverse opinions in decision-making, and he emphasized the contributions of staff and students to the educational process. He sees his philosophy as very simple.

"I think everyone plays an important role in this University, and every opinion counts," he said. "It doesn't make a difference what you're doing; you're contributing to the mission of the University."

He sees the provost's role as being very similar to a department head's, with similar goals but a different scope.

"Learning is job one," he said. "Undergraduate education is extremely important, but at the same time, graduate education is also extremely important. Discovery is directly linked to learning at a research university ... Engagement allows us to extend the impact we make beyond

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GLOBAL POLICY

Former professor returns as institute head

BY ASHLEY MIKUTIS
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A former department head and professor of nuclear engineering will be returning to Purdue after nine years of governmental service.



ARDEN BEMENT
National Science Foundation Director

Arden Bement, director of the National Science Foundation, was selected to lead Purdue's new Global Policy Research Institute. Bement has served as director of the foundation for the last six years and in that time, has overseen the foundation's budget amounting to more than \$7 million – a budget which supports approximately 200,000 members of the scientific community. He was also director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology in the Department of Commerce from 2001 to 2004.

Bement said linking public policy with research is unique and that his broad exposure will be a great value to the new institute. "I have directed two strongest agencies of this new institution's type – the NSF and the NIST – which are very well-known global institutions," Bement said. "They serve as a the template for similar institutes like Purdue's."

According to Purdue president France Córdova, the institute is part of the "New Synergies" strategic plan and is expected to cultivate and inform the public of high-quality, evidence-based information that will help bridge the gap between science and society. "Arden Bement is a leader in the national and global science community," Córdova

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HOUSING

Building tests positive for lead, copper

BY ALEX BRIDGES
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Purdue officials found unacceptable levels of lead and copper in the water from a faucet during a campus-wide test.

The faucet that failed the test was located in building three of Hilltop Apartments. A total of 72 Purdue buildings were tested and building three was the only one that failed to meet the

acceptable threshold set by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Purdue officials recognized the problem and are working to adjust the water's metal content.

"The solution could be as simple as replacing a faucet or may require further investigation to isolate the cause and determine the problem," said Robert McMains, vice president of physical facilities for Purdue,

in a press release. "Purdue will sample the water as adjustments are made to the building's water system to ensure the problem is resolved properly."

Lead can enter plumbing in a variety of ways. The most common source is corrosion that can come from solder joining the pipes, certain faucet plating and some lead pipes that connect buildings to the water mains.

This is not the first instance that Purdue has discovered too much metal in its plumbing. Thirty buildings were sampled last August and five were also found to be above the accepted threshold. Those buildings have since been adjusted to provide safer water. Purdue is required to test 60 of its buildings again this year.

Some students think Purdue should do more to prevent this

kind of situation.

"Since this is the second time that campus buildings have tested positive for lead content, I think Purdue should do a through check of all campus buildings," said Annie Sauer, a junior in the College of Science, in an e-mail. Sauer lives in building 26 of Hilltop. "They should figure out what the problem is and fix it before someone gets hurt."

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