

## ***POST-GAME NOTES***

**Detroit Lions at New Orleans Saints**

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

**Mercedes-Benz Superdome**

### **T JEFF BACKUS**

- With a start in today's game, T **Jeff Backus** has established a new franchise record for consecutive starts with 172. Backus broke the team's record previously set by Hall of Fame CB Dick LeBeau (171).
- Backus has started every game since he was drafted by the Lions in 2001.
- He now has the seventh-most consecutive starts by an offensive lineman in the NFL since 1970.
- Additionally, Backus has the third-most starts among active players, along with the most among active offensive players and most among interior linemen (offense and defense).

### **WR CALVIN JOHNSON**

- WR **Calvin Johnson** caught 6 passes for 69 yards vs. New Orleans (12/4) and moved up a few spots on both the team's career receiving yards and receptions list.
- Johnson, who now has 5,283 career receiving yards, moved past WR Gail Cogdill (5,221; 1960-68) for fourth place and past WR Brett Perriman (5,244; 1991-96) for third place on the team's career receiving yards list,
- On his second reception of the game, Johnson surpassed past WR Brett Perriman (334, 1991-95) for the most receptions by a Lions receiver in their first five seasons with the team.
- His 6 pass receptions moved his career total to 339 and he has now passed Hall of Fame TE Charlie Sanders (336; 1968-77) for fifth place on the team's career receptions list.

### **QB MATTHEW STAFFORD**

- Stafford completed 31-of-44 passes (70.5 pct) for 408 yards and 1 TD with a passer rating of 97.5. It was the fourth game this season he has completed over 30 passes and the fifth time he has passed for 300 yards. Additionally, he completed passes to 10 different receivers.
- He became the first quarterback in team history to register two 400-yard passing games.
- Stafford has now surpassed 300 yards for the sixth time in his career. He passed Hall of Fame QB Bobby Layne (5; for third on the Lions all-time list for career 300-yard passing games.
- With 31 pass completions vs. the Saints, Stafford passed QB Scott Mitchell (293 in 1997) for fifth on the team's single-season pass completions list. He now has 307 on the season.
- By reaching 300 pass completions in 2011, he became the fourth passer in team history to record 300 completions in a season, and this is the fifth time overall that a quarterback accomplished this feat. He joins QB Jon Kitna (372 in 2006, 355 in 2007), QB Scott Mitchell (346 in 1995) and QB Joey Harrington (309 in 2003) to complete 300 passes in a year.
- Stafford's 9-yard pass to RB Maurice Morris near the end of the third quarter was his 27th on the season. He moved past Hall of Fame QB Bobby Layne (26, 1951) for the second-most touchdowns by a Lions quarterback in a single-season.
- His 408 yards moved his season total to 3,527 yards. Against the Saints, he passed QB Gary Danielson (3,223 in 1980) and QB Scott Mitchell (3,484 in 1997) to move to fourth place on the team's single-season passing yards list.

### **K JASON HANSON**

- K **Jason Hanson** connected on a 31-yard field goal and 2 PATs to tally 5 total points in the game. In doing so, he moved his career points to 1,987 and surpassed K Jason Elam (1,983) for sixth place on the NFL's all-time career scoring list.

### **TITUS YOUNG**

- On the Lions opening offensive play of the game, rookie WR Titus Young started at receiver and took the end around for an 11-yard game. The rushing attempt was Young's first of his career.
- With :17 left in the second half, Young tied a career high when he caught a 49-yard pass that moved the Lions possession to the Saints 24-yard line..

### **DT NICK FAIRLEY**

- On the final play of the first quarter, rookie DT **Nick Fairley** recorded his first career sack dropping the Saints for a 1-yard loss on 2nd-and-3 at the Saints 10-yard line.