## **Drew Brees leads Saints past Cowboys 49-17**

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NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees completed 34-of-41 passes for 392 yards and four touchdowns and the New Orleans Saints beat the Dallas Cowboys 49-17 on Sunday night.

The Saints (7-2) has an NFL-record 40 first downs and a franchise-record 625 total yards.

Brees connected with Kenny Stills on a 52-yard touchdown pass, with Marques Colston on a 22-yard scoring strike, with running back Pierre Thomas for a 1-yard score and with running back Darren Sproles for a 28-yard score with 5 seconds left in the first half.

Sproles also had a 3-yard touchdown run and Mark Ingram added a 4-yard scoring run en route to a career-high 145 yards rushing.

DeMarco Murray had 89 yards rushing on 16 carries and a touchdown for Dallas (5-5) early in the second quarter. The Cowboys did not score again until Tony Romo's 21-yard touchdown pass to Terrance Williams in the last minute of the third quarter.