



New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton brushes up on Indianapolis from his hospital bed

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[New Orleans Saints](#) Coach [Sean Payton](#) is making do as best he can from his hospital room after surgery to repair his left leg Monday morning. Payton said he has an iPad loaded with tapes of Indianapolis Colts games and various film cut-ups.

As for his recovery, Payton said he's "all good" and he's expecting to be released from the hospital today.

VILMA RAISING MONEY FOR HAITI: Linebacker [Jonathan Vilma](#) used his Tuesday off to push his foundation's upcoming dinner at Morton's The Steakhouse on Nov. 7. Seeking to raise money for a school

the Jonathan Vilma Foundation built in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Vilma and several of his teammates will serve as waiters at the high-end charitable dinner.

Vilma said the event will have a different serving crew than last year's affair, given the departure of Reggie Bush, Jeremy Shockey and others. But quarterback Drew Brees is likely to make a repeat appearance, and Vilma predicted tight end Jimmy Graham and several rookies would also be serving.

"It's actually kind of hard for players to say, 'no,' when Jon Vilma asks, because he is a captain," said a club executive on hand at Morton's Tuesday afternoon.

The Jonathan Vilma Foundation built the school after the earthquake shattered the Caribbean capital, which was already one of the poorest spots on the planet. One year in, about 750 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are enrolled.

"It's definitely been different because I'm a hands-on person," Vilma said of watching his foundation work in a relatively faraway locale. Still, things have gone smoothly with his foundation's partnership with Artists for Peace & Justice, a Los Angeles outfit.

"I try to step back a bit and let the experts handle it," Vilma said. "I get weekly updates, and fortunately so far they've all been good."

Both of Vilma's parents were born in Haiti, and he hopes to return to visit the school soon. Tickets for the event can be bought at Morton's or at the Jonathan Vilma Foundation website.

EVANS' FOUNDATION GIVES BACK: The Heath Evans Foundation and the 2009 Saints are donating \$50,000 for a new playground at Columbia Parc at the Bayou District, a new mixed-income residential community on the footprint of the former St. Bernard housing development.

Evans, a former Saints fullback who is now an in-studio analyst and reporter for the NFL Network, and representatives from his foundation will join Bayou District Foundation leadership for a check presentation Saturday.

This donation comes from the sale of special "Finish Strong" T-shirts that were sold in 2009 by Drew Brees and other Saints players to benefit various community outreach programs in the city.

"Under Drew's leadership, the entire team gave input as to what causes the proceeds should benefit," Evans said in a news release issued by the Bayou District Foundation. "Because of my relationship with the Bayou District Foundation's work through Mike Rodrigue and Kelly Bentz, we were able to direct some of the funds to this special project."

FIGHTING BREAST CANCER: The NFL Players Association's One Team for the Cure and the Susan G. Komen Foundation have partnered to celebrate the Race for the Cure. The groups will hold a reception Thursday evening at Bourbon House from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saints players Mark Ingram, Malcolm Jenkins, Thomas Morstead and former Saints Fred McAfee, Michael Lewis and Mike McKenzie will attend and meet and mingle with breast cancer survivors and advocates. Saints players also will be at the Race for the Cure on Saturday in City Park and will meet survivors.