

# STARS & STRIPES

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## ON DECK *with Jim Henderson*

As you look back over a long and grueling NBA season, it's easy to pinpoint certain games that never could have been won and others that never should have...and weren't...lost. For the New Orleans Pelicans one of each occurred back-to-back in a home-and-home two-game series with the Indiana Pacers which exhibited the talent and toughness that might make them the best in franchise history.

In late February, the Pelicans closed out a quick road trip in Indianapolis against the Pacers after playing in New York the night before. It would have been an unlikely road win for New Orleans against the NBA's highest scoring team. The Pels were road-weary, coupled with some players coming off suspension. Another still on...

It didn't help that plane issues on the flight from the Knicks game caused them to arrive at their hotel in Indy at 7:30AM the morning of the game. So, when the Pels fell behind by 16 points in the first quarter, you weren't surprised. That New Orleans would fight back to lose by 9 spoke volumes about the team's character. Defeat was probably inevitable. Humiliation was not.

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Two nights later after a day's rest the two teams would meet again, this time in New Orleans. You sensed a quiet resolve that this night would be a lot different and acknowledgement on the Pacers that it probably would be. I couldn't believe the oddsmakers installed the Pacers as 5 1/2 point favorites. I don't bet but I knew coach Willie Green and the veteran leadership on this team was aching for revenge. And boy would they have it!

Here are just some of the ways from that game:

The Pels scored 48 first quarter points, tying a franchise record.

They were 20 of 22 from the field...91% in the period.

The Pacers never got a defensive rebound in it.

Pacer All-Star guard Tyrese Haliburton had his way with the Pels two nights earlier. Pelican defensive wizard Herb Jones demanded he get that defensive assignment alone and held Haliburton scoreless for the first time in three seasons.

The Pels held the NBA's highest-scoring team to 21 points below their season average in a resounding 129 - 102 win.

The team's talent and character were on full display. At this writing they haven't lost since, including a three-game road win streak where they are among the NBA's best.

They had to have that one. I was convinced they'd get it. And they did.

The future is a bright one.

God Bless,

*Jim Henderson*

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(Close at Noon)

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Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Juneteenth**

Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Independence Day**

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