

Buccaneers edge Falcons

Seahawks hand Cowboys fifth consecutive loss

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In Arlington, Texas, Russell Wilson had a scoring pass for the game's only touchdown and directed a late drive to the winning field goal, leading the defending NFC champions (4-4) back to .500 after an 0-2 start.

The Cowboys (2-5) lost their fifth straight without Tony Romo in Dez Bryant's return from a five-game absence with a broken right foot.

The Seahawks started the decisive drive at their 15, with Wilson converting three third downs capped by a scramble that helped run the clock before Steven Hauschka's 24-yard field goal with 1:06 remaining.

All of Dallas' points came on Dan Bailey field goals.

Seattle receiver Ricardo Lockette had an injury scare and came away with a concussion and was moving his extremities after a vicious block by Jeff Heath on a punt return. Lockette was carted off the field after a lengthy delay.

Buccaneers 23, Falcons 20

In Atlanta, Bouncing back after blowing a 17-point lead, the Bucs got a 31-yard field goal from Connor Barth in the extra period to beat the mistake-prone Falcons.

Matt Ryan tied the game for the Falcons (6-2) on an 8-yard pass to Julio Jones with 17 seconds left in regulation. Having squandered a 24-point edge the previous week at Washington, the Bucs (3-4) were in trouble again.

Instead, Jameis Winston led an impressive drive on the first possession of OT, converting three times on third down before the drive stalled when he short-hopped a pass into the end zone for an open Adam Humphries. Barth made his third field goal of the game.

Atlanta got the ball but didn't even make it to midfield. On fourth down, Ryan

Stefon Diggs turned a short pass into a 40-yard TD when he spun around Sherrick McManis and went up the left side, tying it with 1:49 left.

After Chicago (2-5) punted, Teddy Bridgewater hit a leaping Charles Johnson for a 35-yard pass that put the ball on the 27. Two plays later Walsh booted the winner, pumping his right arm as the ball went through the uprights.

The Bears (2-5) lost star running back Matt Forte and receiver Eddie Royal to knee injuries while dropping their second straight game.

Ravens 29, Chargers 26

In Baltimore, Justin Tucker kicked a 39-yard field goal on the final play. Joe Flacco threw for 319 yards and ran for a score to help Baltimore (2-6) snap a three-game skid and hand the Chargers (2-6) their fourth straight defeat.

The Ravens' six losses this season have come by a combined 30 points, and their only win before Sunday came in overtime.

Tucker's fifth field goal came three plays after a third-down pass interference call against Steve Williams moved the ball 21 yards to the San Diego 22.

The victory came at a price: Receiver Steve Smith tore his right Achilles tendon in the third quarter and is lost for the season. After being tackled at the end of an 18-yard gain, the 36-year-old Smith had to be helped off the field and could not put any weight on his right leg.

Now in his 15th NFL season, Smith has said he will retire after this year. He had five catches for 82 yards before the injury.

San Diego's Philip Rivers threw three touchdown passes and went 28 for 37 for 301 yards, his franchise-record fifth consecutive 300-yard game. Two of his touchdown passes went to Malcom Floyd, including a 70-yarder.

Rams 27, 49ers 6

In St. Louis, Todd Gurley rushed for 133 yards on 20 carries, topping 100 yards for the fourth straight start to open his career, and the Rams had three sacks and a safety.

Gurley, who had a 71-yard touchdown run, is the first rookie to open his career with four consecutive 100-yard games, according to STATS, with data available since 1991.

Tavon Austin caught a 66-yard touchdown pass and ran for a 2-yard score, compensating for an early lost fumble.

The Rams (4-3) are 3-0 against the NFC West for the first time since 2004, and they're above .500 this late in the season for the first time since 2006. The St. Louis defense hasn't allowed a touchdown the last two games, permitting just four field goals.

The 49ers (2-6) were hit hard by injuries, losing Reggie Bush early, and haven't scored a touchdown in two games.

They've lost six of seven, are 0-3 in the division and have lost two straight to St. Louis for the first time since 2004.

Raiders 34, Jets 20

In Oakland, Calif., Derek Carr threw for 333 yards and four touchdowns to help Oakland pick apart the Jets' vaunted defense.

Latavius Murray ran for 113 yards, Andre Holmes caught two touchdown passes and Charles Woodson intercepted his league-leading fifth pass of the season to give the Raiders (4-3) their first winning record this late in the season since 2011.

Michael Crabtree had 102 yards receiving and another touchdown, and Taiwan Jones got his first career score on a tackle-breaking 59-yard catch-and-run that exposed a New York defense that had been outstanding the first six games.

Ryan Fitzpatrick left with a left hand injury on the opening drive for the Jets (4-3), who have lost two straight games.

Texans 20, Titans 6

In Houston, Brian Hoyer threw for 235 yards and two touchdowns, and Houston tied a franchise record with seven sacks.

A 21-yard touchdown reception by DeAndre Hopkins put Houston on top in the second quarter and the Texans (3-5) didn't trail after that. Nate Washington's 42-yard TD catch extended the lead.

Zach Mettenberger threw for 171 yards with an interception in his second straight start in place of rookie Marcus Mariota, who is out with a knee injury. Mettenberger was hurried and harassed all day to remain winless in eight career starts, with three losses against the Texans.

The Titans (1-6) had three turnovers in their sixth straight loss since a win over Tampa Bay in the opener.

Whitney Mercilus had a career-high 3 1/2 sacks and J.J. Watt added 2 1/2, including one where he caused a fumble that the Texans recovered early in the fourth quarter.

Chiefs 45, Lions 10

Alex Smith threw for 145 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for 78 yards and another TD to lead Kansas City over Detroit Lions at Wembley Stadium.

Smith scrambled his way through the Detroit defense for some big plays, including a career-high 49-yard run in the second quarter that set up his 12-yard touchdown run.

The Chiefs (3-5) were at Wembley for the first time, while the Lions (1-7) played in London for the second straight season.

De'Anthony Thomas, Charcandrick West and Spencer Ware also rushed for touchdowns for the Chiefs. Thomas ended up with 100 total yards, while West ran for 97. Travis Kelce and Jeremy Maclin caught TD passes in the second half.

The Lions were playing for the first time since offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter took over for the fired Joe Lombardi. And although the offense got moving on the opening possession, it stalled horribly after that.

Matthew Stafford threw for 217 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Also, Calvin Johnson had 85 receiving yards, while Joique Bell ran for 56. But after the Lions took a 3-0 lead on 35-yard field goal from Matt Prater, Detroit was hapless with the ball.



Oakland Raiders wide receiver Michael Crabtree (15) runs between tackle attempts by New York Jets cornerback Antonio Cromartie (31) and inside linebacker Demario Davis (56) before scoring on a touchdown reception during the first half of an NFL football game in Oakland, California on Nov. 1. (AP)

Nowitzki stars as Mavs hold off winless Lakers

Heat down struggling Rockets

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2, (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points and the Dallas Mavericks held off a late rally by the winless Los Angeles Lakers for a 103-93 victory on Sunday night.

This is the first time in franchise history the Lakers have started 0-3 in consecutive seasons. They lost their first five games last season and ended up with their worst record ever (21-61).

The Mavericks opened the game with a 15-0 blitz that included two 3-pointers each by Wesley Matthews and Nowitzki — the latter has made more 3-point shots than any 7-footer in league history (1,580). The Lakers missed their first five shots before

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Julius Randle's dunk with 7:13 left in the first quarter.

Randle posted his second consecutive double-double with 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Kobe Bryant had 15 points on 3-of-15 shooting.

Thunder 117, Nuggets 93

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant scored 25 points to help Oklahoma City beat Denver.

Durant made 8 of 11 field goals and all six of his free throws to help new coach Billy Donovan remain unbeaten in the NBA.

Serge Ibaka had 18 points, seven rebounds and five blocks and Russell Westbrook had 15 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Thunder, who have won their first three games for the first time since the 2011-12 season.

The Thunder shot 52 percent from the field, and all five Oklahoma City starters rested for the entire fourth quarter.

Danilo Gallinari and Will Barton each scored 15 points and Jameer Nelson added 13 points and seven assists for the Nuggets, who shot just 38 percent.

Heat 109, Rockets 89

In Miami, Hassan Whiteside had 25 points and 15 rebounds, Chris Bosh scored all 10 of his points in the fourth quarter and Miami erased a 21-point second-half deficit to beat Houston.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 points and Luol Deng added 14 for Miami, which outscored Houston 65-24 in the final 23 minutes. It was Miami's largest comeback win since a 27-point rally against Cleveland in March 2013.

Marcus Thornton scored 21 points for Houston, and James Harden had 16. The Rockets have dropped their first three games of the season — all by exactly 20 points each.

Dwight Howard sat out to rest on the first night of a back-to-back. He's expected to play when the Rockets host Oklahoma City on Monday night.

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2, (RTRS) — Results & standings from the NBA games on Sunday.

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San Antonio 95 Boston 87

Miami 109 Houston 89

Toronto 106 Milwaukee 87

Chicago 92 Orlando 87

Oklahoma City 117 Denver 93

Dallas 102 LA Lakers 94

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	3	0	1.000	-
NY Knicks	2	1	.667	1
Boston	1	2	.333	2
Philadelphia	0	2	0	2-1/2
Brooklyn	0	3	0	3

Central Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	3	0	1.000	-
Chicago	3	1	.750	0-1/2
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1
Indiana	0	3	0	3
Milwaukee	0	3	0	3

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	3	1	.750	-
Washington	2	1	.667	0-1/2
Miami	2	1	.667	0-1/2
Orlando	0	3	0	2-1/2
Charlotte	0	3	0	2-1/2

Western Conference

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Oklahoma City	3	0	1.000	-
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	0-1/2
Utah	2	1	.667	1
Denver	1	2	.333	2
Portland	1	2	.333	2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
LA Clippers	3	0	1.000	-
Golden State	3	0	1.000	-
Phoenix	2	1	.667	1
Sacramento	1	2	.333	2
LA Lakers	0	3	0	3

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	2	1	.667	-
San Antonio	2	1	.667	-
Memphis	2	1	.667	-
Houston	0	3	0	2
New Orleans	0	3	0	2

Bulls 92, Magic 87

In Chicago, Pau Gasol and Nikola Mirotic each scored 16 points and Chicago withstood a late surge from Orlando.

Chicago led by 14 at halftime and 12 after three quarters, and the Bulls appeared to be headed for an easy win. But Orlando cut the lead to two with just under 3 minutes left before Chicago's Jimmy Butler jumped to intercept a pass and squelch the comeback bid.

Then, under the Bulls' basket after a Magic rebound, Butler came up with another takeaway to again foil Orlando. It was the third win in four games for Chicago. The Magic dropped to 0-3.

Derrick Rose is still playing with a face mask as he recovers from a broken orbital bone suffered before the start of the season. He was held scoreless in the second and third quarters and finished with just six points.

Hawks 94, Hornets 92

In Charlotte, NC, Kent Bazemore scored 20 points, Al Horford added 16 points and 12 rebounds and Atlanta held on to beat Charlotte for the second time in three days.

The Hornets had a chance to tie the game at the buzzer, but Kemba Walker's 17-footer from the left wing hit the back rim and bounced out. Walker also missed a 3-pointer in the final seconds of Charlotte's 97-94 loss to Atlanta on Friday night.

Jeff Teague had 18 points and Paul Millsap added 16 points, including a key 3-pointer to give Atlanta the lead for good with less than a minute to play.

Walker finished with 17 points and Nicolas Batum added 16 points and eight assists for winless Charlotte. Al Jefferson contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets.

Spurs 95, Celtics 87



Dallas Mavericks center Zaza Pachulia (left), of Georgia, and Los Angeles Lakers center Roy Hibbert battle for a rebound during the first half of an NBA basketball game on Nov. 1, in Los Angeles. The Lakers won 103-93. (AP)

In Boston, LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points and 14 rebounds, Kawhi Leonard added 19 points and San Antonio beat Boston.

Manu Ginobili scored 13 points and Boris Diaw had 10 for the Spurs.

Avery Bradley led Boston with 18 points and Marcus Smart had 17. Isaiah Thomas scored 15, but shot only 4 of 18 from the floor. Jared Sullinger had 10 points and eight rebounds.

San Antonio opened a double-digit lead early in the game and held off Boston's charges the rest of the way.

The Celtics closed a 14-point, fourth-quarter deficit to four points three times in the final 4 minutes, the last on Smart's 3-pointer from the right corner that made it 86-82 with 2:45 to play. But then Leonard nailed a jumper and Tony Parker had a fast-break layup with 2:02 to go.

Raptors 106, Bucks 87

In Toronto, Dwane Casey got his franchise-record 157th win as coach of Toronto with a victory over Milwaukee.

The milestone came in his 315th game with the Raptors, besting the previous record held by current Minnesota Timberwolves coach Sam Mitchell.

Jonas Valanciunas had 19 points and eight rebounds, and DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry had 15 points each.

The victory boosted Toronto's record to 3-0, just the third time in team history that it has been perfect through the season's opening three games, and the first time since 2008-09.

The Bucks dropped to 0-3 despite a game-high 20 points from Giannis Antetokounmpo. It's the first time the team has started a season with three consecutive losses since 1976-77, when it dropped five straight. Milwaukee previously had the longest streak in NBA history without starting 0-3.

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was heavily pressured by Gerald McCoy and Howard Jones, forcing a desperation pass that wasn't close to anyone.

Despite four turnovers, the Falcons rallied from a 20-3 deficit, benefiting from a highly questionable decision by Tampa Bay coach Lovie Smith to go on fourth-and-1 at the Bucs 40 with 2 minutes to go.

Cardinals 34, Browns 20

In Cleveland, Carson Palmer threw for four touchdowns, three in the second half, and for 374 yards as Arizona rallied.

Palmer had two TD passes in the third quarter when the Cardinals (6-2) overcame a 20-10 halftime deficit. His third TD of the second half, a 6-yarder to Larry Fitzgerald, gave Arizona a 31-20 lead.

Michael Floyd had a 60-yard TD catch and tight end Troy Niklas had two short TD receptions as the Cardinals overcame four turnovers and won in Cleveland for the first time since 1985.

The Browns (2-6) dropped their third straight, and cornerback Joe Haden and safety Donte Whitner sustained concussions on consecutive plays in the third quarter; Cleveland lost two defenders and the lead in a span of 7:25.

Quarterback Josh McCown had three TD passes. The 36-year-old also played much of the second half in pain after re-injuring his right shoulder and ribs.

Vikings 23, Bears 20

In Chicago, Adrian Peterson ran for 103 yards and Blair Walsh kicked a 36-yard field goal as time expired.

The Vikings had dropped seven straight at Soldier Field, and it looked like the streak would reach eight when Jay Cutler rolled to his right and plowed over safety Harrison Smith for a 4-yard touchdown with just under five minutes remaining. But two late scores lifted Minnesota (5-2) to its third straight win.



New York Giants wide receiver Dwayne Harris (17) pulls in a touchdown reception in front of New Orleans Saints defensive back Kyle Wilson (24) in the second half of an NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints in New Orleans on Nov. 1. (AP)



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (right), throws under pressure against the Green Bay Packers during the second half of an NFL football game on Nov. 1, in Denver. (AP)