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## Chiefs hold off Patriots to win AFC West title

# Ravens clinch playoffs berth

Niners edge Saints in thrilling NFC showdown

**BUFFALO, NY, Dec 9, (AP): Lamar Jackson threw three touchdown passes and the Baltimore Ravens became the AFC's first team to clinch a playoff berth following a 24-17 win over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.**

Baltimore extended its franchise-best winning streak to nine and improved to 11-2, its best record through 13 games in team history.

Jackson finished 16 of 25 for 145 yards and appeared to blow open the game by putting the Ravens up 24-9 following a 4-yard touchdown pass to Willie Snead with 9:49 left.

Buffalo's Josh Allen responded with a seven-play, 78-yard touchdown drive capped by his 3-yard pass to Cole Beasley, who dived inside the left pylon. The same two then hooked up on a 2-point conversion.

The outcome wasn't decided until there were 63 seconds remaining. Facing fourth-and-8 at the Baltimore 16, Allen's pass over the middle intended for John Brown was broken



Minnesota Vikings tight end Irv Smith (84) is tackled by Detroit Lions defenders Darius Slay (left), and Devon Kennard (right), after catching a pass during the second half of an NFL football game on Dec 8 in Minneapolis. (AP)

before putting the Bucs ahead for good with a 12-yarder to Breshad Perriman with 3:51 remaining.

### Falcons 40, Panthers 20

In Atlanta, Matt Ryan threw the longest touchdown pass of his career and became the 10th quarterback in NFL history to reach 50,000 yards.

The Panthers (5-8) were officially eliminated from playoff contention with their fifth straight loss, which ruined the debut of interim coach Perry Fewell. He took over at the beginning of the week after longtime coach Ron Rivera was fired.

Atlanta (4-9) snapped a two-game losing streak and swept the season series with its 1-85 rivals. The Falcons won the first meeting 29-3 at Charlotte on Nov 17.

Throwing from his end zone, Ryan finished off the Panthers with a 93-yard touchdown pass to little-used O l a m i d e Zacccheaus in the third quarter. It was a milestone play for both: the longest TD of Ryan's 12-year career, and the first career reception for Zacccheaus, an undrafted rookie.



Ryan

### Broncos 38, Texans 24

In Houston, rookie Drew Lock threw for 309 yards and three touchdowns, Kareem Jackson had an interception and returned a fumble 70 yards for a touchdown against his former team.

Lock, who made his NFL debut in a win over the Chargers last week, threw for 235 yards with three TDs in the first half. It was the most yards passing in a first half by the Broncos since Peyton Manning had 282 in Week 5 of 2014.

The Broncos (5-8) scored on their first five possessions to build a 38-3 lead early in the third quarter. They scored more than 24 points for the first time since Oct 19, 2018.

### Browns 27, Bengals 19

In Cleveland, Nick Chubb ran for 106 yards — 99 after halftime — and Baker Mayfield and Kareem Hunt had rushing touchdowns.

The Bengals have lost 10 straight AFC North games.

Denzel Ward returned an interception 61 yards for Cleveland's first score and the Browns (6-7) got a huge late break. Mayfield's third interception was reversed with a rare interference call to bounce back after a discouraging loss at Pittsburgh last week.

Cleveland needs to run the table to have any chance of ending its 17-year postseason drought, the NFL's current longest.

### Jets 22, Dolphins 21

In East Rutherford, NJ, Sam Ficken kicked a 44-yard field goal as time expired after New York benefited from a pass interference call determined by the league's officiating office.

Sam Darnold got the winning drive going with a short pass to Vyncint Smith, who turned it into a 37-yard gain that included a high-step over a would-be tackler. After a sack two plays later put the ball at the Dolphins 46, Darnold threw an incomplete pass to Smith — but the Jets argued that Nik Needham interfered with the receiver by wrapping his right arm around Smith's right shoulder.

Officials overturned the incompletion after a video review — giving the Jets a first down and new life. A 12-yard catch by Ty Montgomery got the ball to the 26. Two plays later, Ficken won it, helping the Jets (5-8) avoid a season sweep by the lowly Dolphins (3-10).

### Vikings 20, Lions 7

In Minneapolis, Danielle Hunter had three of Minnesota's five sacks to spearhead a resurgence by the defense to stick the Lions with their sixth straight loss.

Kirk Cousins passed for 242 yards and a touchdown in an efficient if unspectacular performance. Dalvin Cook had 75 yards from scrimmage and a rushing score on 20 touches over three quarters as the Vikings (9-4) took it easy on their star tailback after an injury to his collarbone area forced him out of the previous game.

The defense stole the show, even though the opponent was undrafted rookie quarterback David Blough. Detroit's Matthew Stafford was sidelined by hip and back injuries for the fifth straight game.

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up by Marcus Peters at the goal line.

Jackson upped his record to 17-3 since being selected with the final pick of the first round in the 2018 draft. Allen, drafted with the seventh pick overall, dropped to 14-10.

Buffalo (9-4) had a three-game winning streak snapped, and fell short 10 days since grabbing national attention following a 26-15 win at Dallas on Thanksgiving Day.

### Chiefs 23, Patriots 16

In Foxborough, Mass, Kansas City clinched the AFC West when Bashaud Breeland knocked away Tom Brady's fourth-down pass attempt to Julian Edelman in the end zone.

The Chiefs survived a series of mistakes and questionable calls by the officials to hold off the Patriots. Combined with Oakland's loss to Tennessee, the Chiefs (9-4) took their division. And the loss ended the Patriots' 21-game home win streak in the regular season and playoffs, which was tied for the longest in team history. It also was the third-longest string in NFL history.

New England (10-3) has lost two in a row.

Patrick Mahomes was 26 of 40 for 283 yards, a touchdown and interception. Travis Kelce added a 10-yard TD run. Brady was under pressure all night and finished 19 of 36 for 169 yards, a touchdown and interception.

Trailing 23-16, New England got the ball back on their 32 with 5:04 to play. The Patriots immediately gained 35 yards on a pass from quarterback James White to Jakobi Meyers to get into Kansas City territory. Officials appeared to miss a clear pass interference call on a deep pass to Phillip Dorsett and the Chiefs forced a fourth-and-6 at the 29.

### 49ers 48, Saints 46

In New Orleans, Jimmy Garoppolo passed for 349 yards and four touchdowns, Robbie Gould kicked a 30-yard field goal as time expired. Garoppolo's clutch completion to tight end George Kittle for a 39-yard gain — plus a defensive facemask penalty — on fourth-and-2 from the San Francisco 33 helped set up Gould's winning kick.

The Saints took their last lead on Drew Brees' fifth touchdown pass of the game — an 18-yarder to Tre Quan Smith with 53 seconds left. But Brees' pass on an attempted 2-point conversion fell incomplete, leaving New Orleans' lead at one point.

The victory kept San Francisco (11-2) in strong position to capture the top seed in the NFC playoffs. The Niners can clinch a playoff berth if Seattle loses to the Rams in a night game.

### Rams 28, Seahawks 12

In Los Angeles, Jared Goff passed for 293 yards and two touchdowns, Todd Gurley ran for 79 yards and a fourth-quarter TD and Los Angeles prevented Seattle from clinching a playoff berth.

Robert Woods and Cooper Kupp caught TD passes while the Rams (8-5) kept their playoff hopes burning and ended the Seahawks' five-game winning streak.

With an aggressive, inventive game plan on both sides of the ball, Los



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Diontae Johnson (18) runs in an 85-yard punt return for a touchdown against the Arizona Cardinals during the first half of an NFL football game on Dec 8 in Glendale, Ariz. (AP)

Angeles recaptured a measure of the excitement from its previous two seasons on offense while also playing superb defense against Russell Wilson, who was sacked five times.

### Titans 42, Raiders 21

In Oakland, Calif, Ryan Tannehill threw for 391 yards and three touchdowns, Derrick Henry ran for two scores and the Titans won their fourth straight game.

The Titans (8-5) bounced back from a deflected interception on the opening drive to score TDs on five of their next seven possessions to improve to 6-1 with Tannehill as the starting quarterback. The win moved them into a tie for first place in the AFC South with Houston, with the teams set to meet twice in the final three weeks.

Tennessee broke open a tight game with a three-touchdown barrage in a span of just over seven minutes of the second half that all but ended the playoff hopes for the Raiders (6-7) in their final season in Oakland.

### Steelers 23, Cardinals 17

In Glendale, Ariz, Diontae Johnson returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown and caught a pass for another score.

Pittsburgh's defense had three crucial interceptions in the second half — two by Joe Haden and another by T.J. Watt — to end Arizona drives, including two that had ventured into Steelers' territory.

Pittsburgh (8-5) won for the seventh time in eight games to stay in the AFC playoff race. Rookie free agent quarterback Devlin Hodges made his third career start, completing 16 of 19 passes for 152 yards and a touchdown.

Hodges didn't need to make many tough throws but came through with a good one in the third quarter, hitting Johnson in the front corner of the end zone for a 2-yard touchdown that gave

## NFL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Dec 9, (RTS): Results and standings from the NFL games on Sunday.

American Football Conference							National Football Conference								
AFC East							NFC East								
W	L	T	PF	PA	PCT		W	L	T	PF	PA	PCT			
Atlanta	40	Carolina	20	Cleveland	27	Cincinnati	19	TB Bucs	38	Colts	35	GB Pacs	20	Redskins	15
NY Jets	22	Miami	21	LA Chargers	45	Jaguars	10	SF 49ers	48	Saints	46	Pittsburgh	23	Arizona	17
Broncos	20	Detroit	7	Titans	42	Raiders	21	Baltimore	38	Houston	24	KC Chiefs	23	NE Patriots	16
Baltimore	24	Buffalo	17	LA Rams	28	Seattle	12								
AFC North							NFC North								
W	L	T	PF	PA	PCT		W	L	T	PF	PA	PCT			
NE Pats	10	3	0	338	168	.769	Dallas	6	7	0	334	267	.462		
Buffalo	9	4	0	274	212	.692	Eagles	5	7	0	274	284	.417		
NY Jets	5	8	0	226	301	.385	Washington	3	10	0	188	310	.231		
Miami	3	10	0	221	399	.231	NY Giants	2	10	0	230	339	.167		
AFC South							NFC South								
W	L	T	PF	PA	PCT		W	L	T	PF	PA	PCT			
Baltimore	11	2	0	430	236	.846	GB Pacs	10	3	0	309	270	.769		
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	259	242	.615	Vikings	9	4	0	339	249	.692		
Cleveland	6	7	0	273	291	.462	Chicago	7	6	0	243	232	.538		
Cincinnati	1	12	0	198	325	.077	Detroit	3	9	1	287	335	.269		
AFC West							NFC West								
W	L	T	PF	PA	PCT		W	L	T	PF	PA	PCT			
KC Chiefs	9	4	0	371	281	.692	SF 49ers	11	2	0	397	229	.846		
Oakland	6	7	0	258	366	.462	Seattle	10	3	0	341	321	.769		
Denver	5	8	0	236	261	.385	LA Rams	8	5	0	311	262	.615		
LA Chargers	5	8	0	289	251	.385	Arizona	3	9	1	272	374	.269		

the Steelers a 20-10 lead.

Hodges also finished with 34 yards rushing.

### Chargers 45, Jaguars 10

In Jacksonville, Fla, Philip Rivers threw for 314 yards and three touchdowns, including an 84-yarder to Austin Ekeler that was the longest completion of the quarterback's 16-year NFL career.

It was Jacksonville's fifth consecutive lopsided loss, all by at least 17 points. The 1986 Tampa Bay Buccaneers were the last NFL team to drop five straight by at least 17.

Jacksonville's last two have been embarrassments at home — both essentially settled before halftime.

The Chargers (5-8) scored on four of five possessions in the first half, picking apart Jacksonville's beleaguered defense and taking a 24-3 into the locker room. It was a welcome cushion for a team whose eight losses each came by seven points or fewer.

It was more of the same for the Jaguars (4-9), who trailed by as many as 25, 32, 24 and 23 in their previous four blowouts.

### Packers 20, Redskins 15

In Green Bay, Wis, Aaron Jones rushed for a season-high 134 yards and a touchdown on just 16 carries. Jones had his third 100-yard rushing game of the season and hauled in six catches for 58 yards. With fewer than three minutes left in the game, the third-year running back had more total yards (192) than the Redskins (187).

Dwayne Haskins completed 16 of

27 passes for 170 yards and a touchdown with an interception for Washington (3-10), which was officially eliminated from playoff contention. The rookie quarterback was sacked four times.

Adrian Peterson became the sixth back in NFL history to reach the 14,000-yard mark, running for 76 yards and a score. He now has 14,036 yards in a 13-year career. Curtis Martin is fifth all-time with 14,101 yards.

### Buccaneers 38, Colts 35

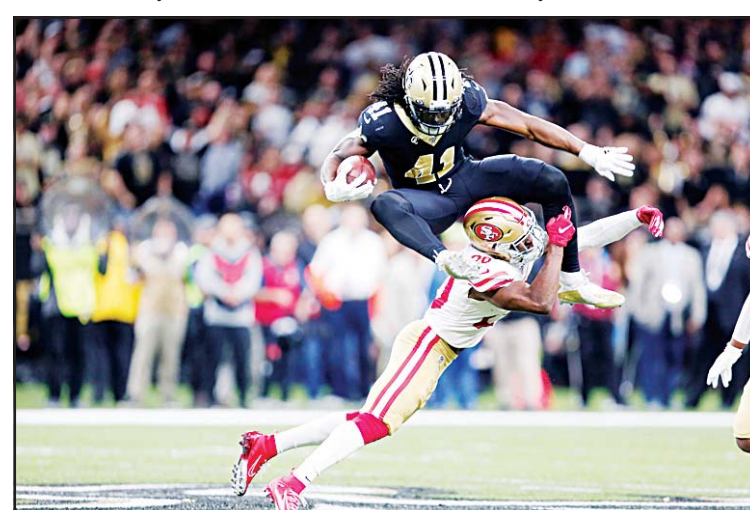
In Tampa, Fla, Jameis Winston threw for 456 yards and four touch-

downs, helping the Buccaneers rally to beat the reeling Colts.

Winston overcame throwing three more interceptions and having one returned for a TD for the fifth time season to wipe out a 14-point second-half deficit. He led the Bucs (6-7) to their third straight win and fourth in five games.

The Colts (6-7) have dropped five of six following a 5-2 start, falling from first place to third in the AFC South.

Winston threw for TDs of 61 yards to Mike Evans, 3 yards to Cameron Brate and 17 yards to Justin Watson



New Orleans Saints running back Alvin Kamara (41) hurdles over San Francisco 49ers free safety Jimmie Ward (20) in the first half of an NFL football game in New Orleans on Dec 8. (AP)