

# Seahawks crush Vikings; Panthers stay unbeaten

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MINNEAPOLIS — The Seattle Seahawks scored five touchdowns in six drives and dominated the Minnesota Vikings 38-7 on Sunday.

**NFL ROUNDUP**  
Russell Wilson accounted for four touchdowns on the day and threw for 274 yards for the Seahawks (7-5), who won their third consecutive game and moved to within a game of the Vikings in the NFC wild-card standings.

Minnesota was embarrassed on its home field for the second time in three weeks; the Vikings lost 30-13 to the Green Bay Packers on Nov. 22. The loss dropped the Vikings into a first-place tie with the Green Bay Packers atop the NFC North at 8-4 with a road game against the NFC West-leading Arizona Cardinals on the docket on Thursday.

Wilson had three touchdown passes to stake Seattle to a 21-0 halftime lead.

**Cardinals 27, Rams 3**  
ST. LOUIS — Carson Palmer completed 26 of 40 passes for 356 yards and two touchdowns as Arizona trampled St. Louis for its sixth straight win.

In improving to 10-2, the Cardinals maintained a three-game lead over Seattle in the NFC West. The Rams (4-8) lost their fifth straight game and clinched their 12th consecutive non-winning season.

The Cardinals' defense had its way with St. Louis' struggling offense, which has managed only 54 points during its losing streak. Quarterback Nick Foles completed only 15 of 35 passes for 146 yards with an interception, while running back Todd Gurley managed 41 yards on nine rushes.

**Bengals 37, Browns 3**  
CLEVELAND — Cincinnati overwhelmed Cleveland behind three touchdowns by quarterback Andy Dalton.

The Bengals (10-2) were dominant from beginning to end and strengthened their hold on the AFC North lead. Dalton had a 3-yard run for a score and threw a pair of TD passes.

The Browns (2-10) lost their seventh straight. They have been outscored by the Bengals 98-13 in the last three games in the Battle of Ohio dating back to December of 2014 when the Bengals won 30-0 in Cleveland in the first game started by Johnny Manziel.

**Jets 23, Giants 20 (OT)**  
EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — New York Giants kicker Josh Brown's franchise record ended at 29 straight field-goal attempts made when he pulled a 48-yarder wide left, helping the New York Jets to an overtime win.

The Jets (7-5), down 20-10 at the half, got scores from receiver Brandon Marshall, who connected with quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick on 9-yard touchdown pass, and two field goals from kicker Randy Bullock, including the 31-yard game-winner, to keep their playoff hopes alive.

The Giants (5-7), who got a fifth-straight 100-yard receiving performance form Odell Beckham Jr. (six receptions for 149 yards, one touchdown), saw their dynamic receiver come up with a huge 72-yard second quarter touchdown that gave the Giants a 17-10 second-quarter lead.

**49ers 26, Bears 20 (OT)**  
CHICAGO — Blaine Gabbert's 71-yard touchdown pass to Torrey Smith after 2:10 of overtime gave San Francisco a most improbable victory over Chicago.

It was the 49ers' first road victory after five defeats, most of them by lopsided scores. It was a game in which the 49ers (4-8) looked like the sure loser even after they rallied to tie the game at 20 with 1:42 remaining, Gabbert doing most of the damage with his legs and scoring the tying touchdown on a 44-yard scramble up the middle.

Deonte Thompson returned the ensuing kickoff 74 yards to set the Bears up at the 49ers' 28-yard line. Chicago (5-7) ran the clock down to two seconds, called time out, and brought in Robbie Gould for a 36-yard field goal attempt as time expired, but it was wide left.

**Bills 30, Texans 21**  
ORCHARD PARK, New York — Tyrod Taylor accounted for four touchdowns and engineered a game-winning drive in the fourth quarter to lead Buffalo over Houston.

Taylor was 11-of-21 passing for 211 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 28 yards and another score as the Bills (6-6) snapped a two-game losing streak to help their playoff chances. Taylor also extended his streak without an interception to 187 attempts, a Bills record.

**Buccaneers 23, Falcons 19**  
TAMPA — Rookie Jameis Winston threw a touchdown pass to receiver Mike Evans with 1:39 left to give Tampa Bay a comeback win over Atlanta.

The Buccaneers (6-6) went 80 yards on the touchdown drive, with Winston converting a third-and-19 with a wild 20-yard scramble. Linebacker Lavonte David clinched the win by intercepting a Matt Ryan pass on the first play after the touchdown, the Bucs' first takeaway in two games.

The win keeps the Bucs alive for the wild card, while the Falcons (6-6) have dropped five in a row and six of seven games after a 5-0 start.

**Dolphins 15, Ravens 13**  
MIAMI GARDENS, Florida — Two rookies making their first NFL starts — wide receiver DeVante Parker and defensive tackle Jordan Phillips — made big plays to lead Miami past Baltimore.

The Dolphins (5-7) scored all their points within 20 seconds in the second quarter but nearly gave away their 15-point lead.

Dolphins running back Lamar Miller fumbled at his own 41 with 4:16 left in the game, but Ravens kicker Justin Tucker was wide right on a 55-yard field goal try that would have given Baltimore (4-8) a 16-15 lead with 2:37 remaining.

**Titans 42, Jaguars 39**  
NASHVILLE, Tennessee — Tennessee scored twice in 44 seconds late in the fourth quarter to end its 11-game home losing streak with a win over Jacksonville.

The Titans (3-9) were getting close to the NFL record of 14 straight home losses shared by Dallas (1988-89) and St. Louis (2008-10). The Titans' last home win was 16-14 over Jacksonville in October 2014.

Tennessee trailed by four when quarterback Marcus Mariota was forced out of the pocket and showed off his speed, racing to the end zone on an 87-yard touchdown run to give the Titans a 35-32 lead with 8:30 left. The Jaguars dropped to 4-8.

**Panthers 41, Saints 38**  
NEW ORLEANS — Cam Newton threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to receiver Jerricho Cotchery with 1:05 left — his fifth touchdown pass of the game — to lift the unbeaten Carolina Panthers to a comeback victory.

Newton, who completed 28-of-41 passes for 331 yards, drove the Panthers 75 yards in 11 plays for the game-winning score. The Pan-

thers (12-0) converted a fourth-and-4 when Newton scrambled to his left and tossed a short lob to tight end Greg Olsen, who snagged the ball before it hit the turf.

Saints quarterback Drew Brees threw three touchdown passes, and running back Mark Ingram ran 9 yards for a go-ahead touchdown with 5:21 left, but that just set up Newton's late-game heroics.

**Chiefs 34, Raiders 20**  
OAKLAND, California — Safety Tyvon Branch returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown with 3:14 left to play, and the Chiefs held on for their sixth straight victory.

The Chiefs (7-5) picked off three passes from Oakland quarterback Derek Carr in the fourth quarter as they solidified their strong position in the AFC wild-card race. Linebacker Josh Mauga and cornerback Marcus Peters also had interceptions and long returns, setting up touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Kansas City quarterback Alex Smith completed 16 of 22 passes for 162 yards and two scores. He also ran for a touchdown.

Carr completed 31 of 48 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns with three costly interceptions as the Raiders (5-7) took a huge blow to their wild-card chances.

**Broncos 17, Chargers 3**  
SAN DIEGO — Brock Osweiler improved to 3-0 and the Broncos breezed past the Chargers to tightened their grip on first place in the AFC West.

Osweiler won his third straight game in place of the injured Peyton Manning, completing 16 of 26 passes for a touchdown and 166 yards. He was intercepted once.

Sunday's loss was their fifth straight home defeat for San Diego and fifth in a row against the AFC West.



STEW MILNE | USA TODAY  
New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady attempts to tackle Philadelphia Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins as he returns an interception 100 yards for a touchdown during the third quarter at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, on Sunday. The Patriots lost their second straight game.

## Patriots

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dropped passes helped end the home team's hopes.

New England took a two-touchdown lead before a strange series of plays, starting with a failed drop kick (by former rugby player Nate Ebner) led to the Patriots allowing 35 unanswered points for the first time since 1993.

Strange?  
Eagles linebacker Najee Goode scored on a 24-yard return of the first New England punt block in 97 tries.

Philadelphia safety Malcolm Jenkins tackled Patriots running back James White for a 4-yard loss at the New England 1, then returned an interception 99 yards for a touchdown.

Sproles ran a punt back 83 yards for a score.

Oh, and Bradford, back after missing two games with a shoulder injury, threw two touchdown passes.

"You give up 21 points when your defense is not on the field, you're going to lose 98 percent of those games," New England coach Bill Belichick said.

Brady, who got wide receiver Danny Amendola back but was missing tight end Rob Gronkowski and slot receiver Julian Edelman, threw three touchdown passes, one to Amendola, ran for one and even caught a 36-pass from Amendola.

The New England quarterback was under pressure for the third consecutive game — this time by a defense that allowed 45 points to the opposition in each of the previous two games. Brady, clearly having communication trouble with the ever-changing cast of receivers, finished 29 of 56 for 312 yards and two interceptions. He was sacked four times.

He took the blame for the interceptions, calling the first one "bad quarterbacking" and the second "just a bad mental error."

Bradford completed 14 of 24 passes for 120 yards.

Sproles not only returned the punt for a TD, but he also ran 15 times for 66 yards and caught four passes for 34 more before the fumble.

"Sometimes they don't see in them what I see in them," Kelly said of his players. "I know we have a good football team. They showed it today."

The win was the second for the Eagles in Foxborough, their first since 1987. It was their first victory over the Patriots in five games, including a Super Bowl, since Dec. 19, 1999.

Brady's second-quarter touchdown pass was the 421st of his career, breaking a tie with Dan Marino for third place on the all-time list. His second TD pass gave him 30 for the year, his sixth 30-TD season, fourth all time. He also registered his 71st 300-yard game, third all time.

White caught a career-high 10 passes for a career-high 115 yards and a touchdown.

# Butler, Anderson help Husson men beat MMA

BANGOR — Trevon Butler and Raheem Anderson each scored a game-high 30 points to lead the Husson University Eagles to a 93-78 men's basketball victory over Maine Maritime Academy in the fifth annual Husson Sports Hall of Fame game in North Atlantic Conference action Saturday at Newman Gym.

Husson (3-1, 2-0 NAC) won its second straight while the Mariners of Castine (2-3, 1-1 NAC) dropped their last 51 of 53 matchups to the Eagles.

The Mariners led by as much as six points with 11:32 remaining in the first half, but the Eagles went on a 7-0 run to build a 25-21 lead courtesy of 18 points from Butler and 15 from Anderson, while Tyler Norris chipped in nine points and entered the intermission with the 48-34 advantage.

Butler led all players with nine rebounds while Norris contributed 11 points, seven boards and three steals. Zach Curran added 15 points. Tyler Thayer led the Mariners with a career-high 26 points and three rebounds. Brendan Newcomb added 25 points and five rebounds, and Tyler Gilson contributed seven rebounds and 10 points.

Husson recognized the university's 30th Sports Hall of Fame class during halftime: Shelby Bradford (2010, women's soccer, women's basketball, women's lacrosse), Adam Duplisea ('08, men's golf), Randy Fletcher ('03, men's basketball), Joey Melanson ('00, men's soccer), Shane Rogers '10, (football) and the 1995 baseball team. Husson also retired the jersey of Husson Hall-of-Famer Bob Cimbollek ('59).

**UMM 89, SMCC 83**  
At South Portland on Saturday,

Jorge Milo scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half to rally UMaine-Machias by Southern Maine Community College.

SMCC cut it to 84-81 with 19 seconds left, but Brandon Blakely nailed a 3-pointer to secure the UMM win.

Ben Teer chipped in with 20 points for UMM and Blakely added 15.

Jordan DeRosby paced SMCC with 16 points and eight rebounds. Zaire Wilson chipped in with 15 points, Ville Wuorenjuuri added 13 and Matthew Jarrett had 12.

**Conn. College 86, UMPI 79**  
At New London, Connecticut, Connecticut College took a 10-point halftime lead and then held off UMaine-Presque Isle in the second half after the Owls had cut the lead down to one point.

Tyler Rowe paced Conn. College (3-2) with 15 points and Sean McNally added 14.

Chase Vicair hit 5 of 8 3-pointers and finished 22 points to lead UMPI (3-4). Kevin Collins chipped in with 16 points and Brandon McGill added 12 points, eight rebounds and four assists.

**Colby 86, Bowdoin 81**  
At Wadsworth Gym in Waterville, Colby outscored Bowdoin 8-2 over the final 1 minute, 5 seconds to notch the win.

Chris Hudnut scored 21 points to lead Colby (5-1) and Patrick Stewart contributed with 18 points, five rebounds and four assists. Sam Willson added 13 points and Ryan Jann had 12.

Lucas Hausman paced Bowdoin (3-3) with 22 points while Jack Simonds and Liam Farley each added 15 points. Matt Palecki contributed eight points and eight rebounds

and Hugh O'Neil had 10 rebounds.

**Thomas 83, Castleton 72**  
At Castleton, Vermont, the Terriers of Waterville battled to a one-point lead at halftime and then outscored the Spartans 52-42 in the second half to notch a North Atlantic Conference victory.

Adam Carlsen and Tyheem Simon each scored 16 points to lead Thomas (3-5, 1-2 NAC) while Simon also had eight rebounds. Carlos Gonzalez chipped in with 12 points, Dayne Savage added 11 and Andrew Middleton had 10.

Chad Copeland paced Castleton (3-4, 2-1) with 13 points and eight rebounds.

**Women's Basketball**  
**Husson 72, MMA 60**

At Newman Gym in Bangor on Saturday, five players hit double-figure scoring to propel the Eagles by Maine Maritime Academy of Castine.

MMA hit 50 percent (20 of 40) of its shots from the field, but struggled from the line (18 of 27, 67 percent) while the Eagles hit 19 of 21 shots from the line (91 percent).

Rebecca Young paced Husson (2-1, 2-0) with 18 points and Kenzie Worcester added 13. Kylie Richards and Victoria McIntyre each chipped in with 11 and Chandler Guerrette netted 10. McIntyre also had four assists and Worcester had four steals.

Alayne Felix recorded 18 points and seven rebounds to lead MMA (2-3, 1-1) and Mikayla Charters added 13 points while Kristi Willey had eight points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals.

**UMPI drops two**  
The UMaine-Presque Isle Owls

slipped to 0-8 after losing to Bay Path 90-87 on Saturday in Northfield, Vermont, followed by a 54-49 setback to Lesley on Sunday in Cambridge, Mass.

Bay Path led by margins of 20 before holding off UMPI. Dallas Jackson paced Bay Path with 30 points.

Amanda Hotham led UMPI with 18 points and 11 rebounds while Kylee Alton and Katie Patendaude each chipped in with 17 points. Janie Libby added 11 points.

Theresa Pereira sparked Lesley (1-7) with 20 points.

Hotham turned in an impressive double-double with 24 points and 20 rebounds.

**St. Joseph's 66, UMFK 53**  
At Waterville, Saint Joseph's held UMaine-Fort Kent to just two points in the final 7:37 of hte fourth quarter en route to the victory on Saturday at the Colby College Women's Basketball Classic.

Morgan Cahill paced St. Joe's of Standish with 21 points, 10 rebounds, four blocked shots, two assists and two steals. Kelsi McNamara chipped in 16 points and Emily Benway added 12 points and seven rebounds.

Ericka Saucier recorded 16 points and 15 rebounds to lead UMFK (8-2). Romanalyn Inocencia chipped in with 14 points and four assists while Samantha Carapelucci chipped in with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

**SMCC 70, UMM 34**  
At South Portland, Amira Jones scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds to help Southern Maine Community College roll by UMaine-Machias on Saturday.

Destinie Montano chipped in with 10 points and three assists for SMCC.

Alicen Brooks paced UMM with 12 points and Mariah Kirshman grabbed 10 rebounds.

**UMF 76, Green Mountain 36**  
At Poultney, Vermont, Cheyenne Malloy scored 20 points to help UMaine-Farmington roll by Green Mountain on Saturday.

Meghan Smith added 15 points and four assists for UMF (3-4, 2-1 NAC).

Mercedes Rideout scored seven points to lead Green Mountain (0-5, 0-3).

**Castleton 60, Thomas 30**  
At Castleton, Vermont, every player in the Castleton lineup scored at least three points or more in the North Atlantic Conference win Saturday.

Ali Jones' 11 points topped Castleton (6-1, 2-1).

Ashleigh Gagne paced Thomas (1-5, 1-2) with 10 points.

**Colby 66, St. Joseph's 64**  
At Waterville, Carylanne Wolfington scored with 2.9 seconds left teammate Haley Driscoll stole the ball on St. Joseph's last offensive attempt to give the Mules the victory over the Monks of Standish on Sunday.

Driscoll finished with 17 points to lead Colby (6-1) while Wolfington added 11 points, three assists and three steals. Mia Diplock chipped in with 12 points and four assists.

Mogan Cahill hit 11 of 16 shots from the field and finished with 25 points to lead St. Joe's (6-2). She also had 13 rebounds. Kelsi McNamara added 12 points and Emily Quirion had 10.