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this season. New additions Andre Johnson (seven receptions, 51 yards) and Frank Gore (23 carries, 88 yards) haven't contributed as expected and Luck has a 54.7 completion percentage. His passer rating under pressure is just 35.4.

Saints' Brees bruised, not ruled out for Week 3

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees received a supporting second opinion on his bruised right shoulder and could play Sunday against the Carolina Panthers.

Brees has a rotator cuff con-

Notebook to his throwing shoulder early in the second quarter in the Saints' Week 2 loss to the Buccaneers. Response to therapy this week will determined whether Brees can play against the Panthers.

Brees avoided major injury but admitted a direct hit he took on the shoulder from the Bucs' Jacquies Smith just as he started his throwing motion affected him on a few passes later in the game. After the hit, Brees shook his arm and rotated his shoulder while waiting for the next play call to come in.

Head coach Sean Payton also acknowledged Monday that Brees was affected by the hit, but said it was too early to tell if the 15-year veteran would miss any playing time. In nineplus seasons with the Saints, tusion, the result of a hard hit Brees, who turns 37 in Janu-

ary, has never missed a snap because of injury.

"Today's the day after. ... You take a peek and see how he's feeling, coming along, and see where we're at Wednesday," Payton said. "Certainly, we'll do the best thing for him and for where he's at. But I think it's early to say.

"I'm not worried about Drew, but certainly, when he takes a shot like he took yesterday, and I didn't see it until watching the film today, you want to make sure he's healthy and he's upright. He's been throwing it outstanding, but he takes that shot, and obviously, that can affect you once you get hit like that."

Witten, McClain latest Cowboys' casualties

Jason Witten is hurting,

but the veteran ironman tight end could still take the field with the Dallas Cowboys this week.

The injury news wasn't as encouraging for Cowboys defensive tackle Terrell Mc-Clain, who won't be back on the field for the remainder of the season after being placed on injured reserve Tuesday with a badly sprained big toe. The 27-year-old played in both games so far this year and had two tackles.

Witten injured both ankles and sprained his knee Sunday at Philadelphia.

The Cowboys beat the Eagles but lost quarterback Tony Romo (clavicle) one week after wide receiver Dez Bryant (foot) was injured.

weeks, and Bryant is likely to be gone 7-10 weeks.

Witten confessed he was injured Sunday but termed the three different issues "typical football stuff."

Cowboys place Romo on IR list

In a procedural move that was expected, the Cowboys placed Tony Romo on injured reserve/designated return.

The club was holding auditions for a backup quarterback Tuesday, working out Matt Flynn, Christian Ponder, Josh Johnson and McLeod Bethel-Thompson. As of early Tuesday afternoon, no determination had been made which, if any, of those quarterbacks would be Romo could miss eight signed, a source said.

Romo suffered a distal clavicle fracture in the victory over Philadelphia, an injury club officials believe will sideline the Pro Bowl quarterback for eight weeks. That tracks with the IR/return list, which states a player must miss eight weeks but is eligible to resume practicing with the team in six.

He'll be allowed to return Nov. 17, which is five days before the Cowboys travel to South Florida to face the Miami Dolphins.

Here's the twist: the team quickly follows up the game against the Dolphins with its annual Thanksgiving Day matchup. Two games in five days is a heavy workload for someone returning from a major injury.

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how they didn't go in. Their goalie was real good," said

Bragg opened the scoring by roofing a rebound after Spieker stopped Erynne Sauda's point-blank header.

An unmarked Gutheinz equalized with a glancing header off an Eliza Roy corner.

"I was hoping to flick it to someone else but it went in,' said Gutheinz, the school's alltime leading scorer.

Anderson scored off a Messer feed after Messer was able to avoid a slide tackle at the top of the penalty area. Anderson ran freely down the left side and put a 12-yard shot inside the far post. Gilmore made nine saves on

JV: Bangor 4-0



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Camden Hills' Kassie Krul ends up on her head after being fouled by Bangor's Grace Morris (left) during Tuesday night's game in Bangor. The Windjammers won 4-1.

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Falcons

I don't think anyone expected the Falcons to be 2-0 after going 10-22 the previous two seasons, but here we are. And then there's Atlanta's remaining opponents, who don't scare anyone: the Romoless Cowboys, Texans (meh), Redskins (meh), Saints (old, beaten-up QB), Titans (can't beat Browns), Bucs (can't beat Titans), 49ers (meh), Colts (a mess), Vikings (meh), Panthers (OK, fine) and Jags (meh). That's a lot of meh left on the schedule

Panthers

the Seahawks, Packers and week. That will be a bellsuddenly resurgent Falcons, there isn't much to worry about on Carolina's schedule, either. Only the Jets have allowed fewer points over two games than the Panthers, too.

Broncos

Denver has the league's worst-performing offense after two games, and Peyton Manning is showing his age early in the season (instead of late in the season, like usual). Still, there's a good chance the Broncos will enter their bye week at 6-0, because the Lions, Vikings, Raiders and Browns (their next four opponents) are mostly mediocre. But then Denver gets the Packers at maining, but besides that, home for a Sunday nighter the schedule is far from Apart from games against immediately out of the bye frightening.

wether for the rest of the

Jets

Is it time to start accepting the fact that the Jets might just be good again? They've allowed allowed just 17 points and forced 10 turnovers through two games. Quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, meanwhile, has put forth an acceptable performance so far, and his connection with receivers Eric Decker and Brandon Marshall seems strong (though Decker may miss a game or two with a PCL injury suffered Monday night). Yes, there are two games with the Patriots re-

The final verdict Without Romo and Bryant, the Cowboys aren't going to be able to navigate that schedule. They're out. I'm going with the Falcons over the Panthers in the NFL South. Carolina's out. That leaves us with one more team that faces bitter disappointment, and I'm going with the Broncos. I just don't see that offense getting any better, and the defense will tire because it's on the field so

Orono

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Junior Brinsley Chasse is game-changing central midfielder Dyjak calls "one of the most creative and competitive players I've ever coached. She is talented and plays with a tremendous amount of heart. She is always aware of what is happening on the field.'

She is joined in the central midfield by senior Lizzie White, another top-notch player.

Senior Jordan Hernandez capably marshals the back line as a center back and the two strikers are dynamic speedster Becky Lopez-Anido, a junior, and talented Norwe-

gian exchange student Aashild Fridtun.

"Jordan is a wonderful communicator; Becky has a rare combination of skill and speed, and Aashild is a very technical player who is a great passer and is very calm," said Dyjak.

The experienced back line is formidable with seniors Lauren Stoops and Samantha Round. Composed and skilled freshman Brooklynne White joins them in the back.

Junior Elise Kenney and sophomore Isabelle Henderson have nicely complemented Chasse in the midfield.

Katelyn Richards is a second-year starter in goal and has been strong.

Orono will host Bucksport on Wednesday.

Racing

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Sprint Cup debut for Go FAS Racing in Richmond earlier this month, finishing 40th.

It has been a struggle for St. Hilaire's team this season.

The best finishes have been a 24th by Bobby Labonte in the Daytona 500 and a 26th by road course specialist Boris Said in Sonoma, California. All of the other finishes have been 31st or lower, and they have failed to qualify four times.

St. Hilaire said Labonte will run the restrictor plate races against next year - Talladega and Daytona — and he will probably secure a Canadian specialist for the road courses (Sonoma, Watkins Glen). 'We haven't done as well as

we had hoped," said St. Hilaire. "I knew it would be tough." Having nine different driv-

ers hasn't helped. "It takes two days just to put

in a new seat," said St. Hilaire. Earnhardt, who will drive the No. 32 Ford Fusion, said in a news release he was "really excited" to join Go FAS Racing.

'With Can-Am supporting our team, we're certain to increase our competitiveness throughout the 2016 season," he

Phillies name Pete Mackanin manager

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

The Philadelphia Phillies removed interim from manager Pete Mackanin's title on Tuesday.

The Phillies announced that Macka-

who nin. NOTEBOOK took over for

Ryne Sandberg during the season, will be retained as manager for the 2016 season with a club option for 2017.

MLB

"The Phillies are pleased that Pete has accepted the position of manager for the 2016 season," Phillies president Andy MacPhail said. "We believe that Pete is the best fit for the role.

excellent rapport with our baseball career includes players and has also connected well with the media moving into coaching. and our fans. Equally as important is his eagerness to take on the challenge of rether developing our players. We look forward to his contributions.'

The 64-year-old Mackanin has guided the Phillies to a 30-46 record since he assumed the interim job. They were 26-48 before he stepped in as Sandberg's replacement.

Mackanin previously served as an interim manager with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2005 and the Cincin-"Since assuming the in- nati Reds in 2007 but had liever with about two weeks terim manager position in never landed the permanent left.

June, Pete has developed an job before Tuesday. His nine years as a player before

The Phillies are still searching for a general manager to replace Ruben building the team and fur- Amaro Jr., who was let go earlier this month.

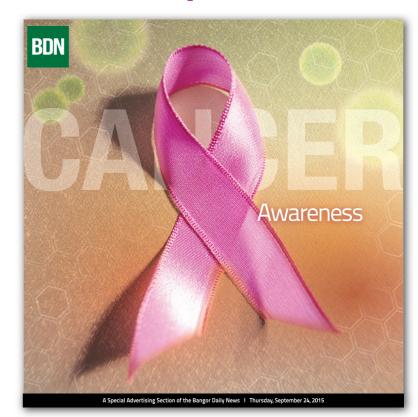
Tigers tell Rondon to go home

The Detroit Tigers sent closer Bruce Rondon home for the remainder of the season because of what the team called problems with his effort level.

Tigers manager Brad Ausmus did not offer any other details about the decision to shut down the re-

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