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Coleman, 49ers run over Panthers

Rodgers leads Packers past Mahomes-less Chiefs

SAN FRANCISCO: Tevin Coleman scored three of San Francisco's five rushing touchdowns and added a fourth on a 10-yard reception Sunday afternoon as the 49ers remained unbeaten with a 51-13 shellacking of the visiting Carolina Panthers. Coming off a 9-0 shutout of the Washington Redskins, the 49ers' defense sacked Kyle Allen seven times and forced three interceptions while limiting the Carolina offense to 230 total yards. Allen entered with no interceptions while going 4-0 in four starts this season. The outcome was never in doubt, as the 49ers (7-0) took the opening kickoff and quickly gobbled up 75 yards in 11 plays, capped by a 4-yard touchdown pass from Jimmy Garoppolo to newcomer Emmanuel Sanders. Acquired earlier in the week from Denver, Sanders finished with four catches for 25 yards. Coleman scored from 19, 48 and 1 yards, Deebo Samuel scampered 20 yards on a reverse, and Raheem Mostert capped the scoring on a 41-yard blast in the fourth quarter. The 49ers finished with 232 yards rushing and 388 overall.

PATRIOTS 27, BROWNS 13

Despite allowing just its fourth touchdown of the season, New England's defense still played the lead role in beating Cleveland in Foxborough, Mass., staying undefeated and giving coach Bill Belichick his 300th career win. Collecting turnovers on three consecutive plays in the first quarter, the Patriots (8-0) turned them into 14 points, giving them the cushion they lived off all game. New England's offense wasn't flashy while playing in a steady downpour, but did get 259 passing yards and two touchdowns from quarterback Tom Brady. Cleveland (2-5) got 131 yards on 20 carries from running back Nick Chubb, but he lost fumbles on back-to-back snaps that helped the Patriots get off to a fast start. Quarterback Baker Mayfield completed 20 of 31 passes for 194 yards with a touchdown and an interception while taking five sacks.

PACKERS 31, CHIEFS 24

Aaron Rodgers threw for 305 yards and three touchdowns, including 159 yards and two scores to running back Aaron Jones, as Green Bay won at short-handed Kansas City. Rodgers, coming off a perfect passer rating a week earlier against Oakland, was often hounded by a blitzing Chiefs defense but engineered scores on three straight possessions in the second half before running out the clock at the end. The Packers improved to 7-1. Jones also rushed 13 times for 67 yards. Drawing his first start since Week 12 of 2017 with Miami, Matt Moore passed for 267 yards and two touchdowns for the Chiefs (5-3), filling in for injured starter Patrick Mahomes. Kansas City has lost three straight at home.

TEXANS 27, RAIDERS 24

Deshaun Watson engineered two fourth-quarter touchdown drives as injury-ravaged Houston rallied past visiting Oakland. However, the Texans learned after the game that star defensive end J.J. Watt will miss the remainder of the season. Watson passed for 279 yards and three touchdowns, including scoring strikes of 4 and 9 yards to tight end Darren Fells in the final period to lead the comeback. Watson scrambled from pressure on the final touchdown pass to Fells, absorbing a kick through the facemask to his left eye before completing the toss that gave the Texans the lead for good with 6:26 left.

LIONS 31, GIANTS 26

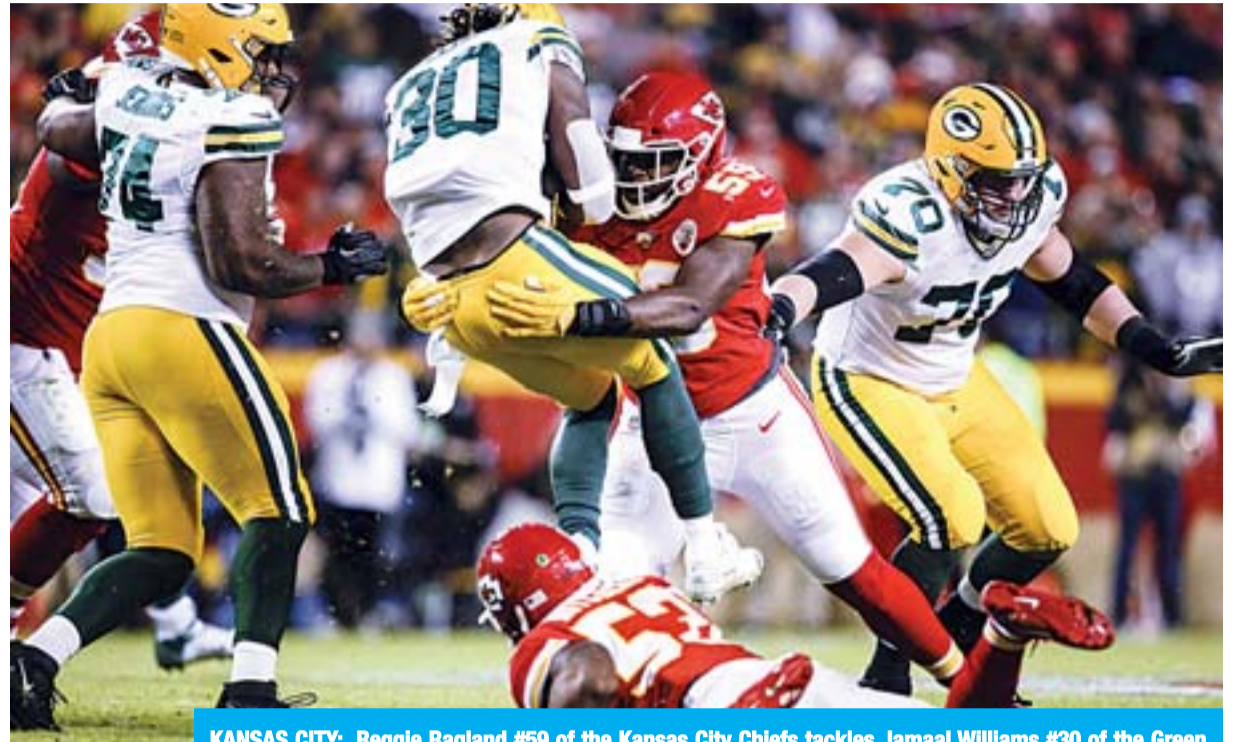
Matthew Stafford threw three touchdown passes, two to Kenny Golladay, and Detroit snapped a three-game losing streak by defeating visiting New York. Stafford passed for 342 yards and was intercepted once for the Lions (3-3-1). Rookie Daniel Jones passed for 322 yards and four touchdowns for the Giants (2-6), who have dropped four straight. New York's Saquon Barkley rushed for 64 yards on 19 carries and caught eight passes for 79 yards, including a 4-yard touchdown with 1:19 left. But the Lions recovered the onside kick to clinch the win.

RAMS 24, BENGALS 10

Jared Goff passed for 372 yards and two touchdowns, and Cooper Kupp had 220 receiving yards and a spectacular score on a trick play as Los Angeles defeated Cincinnati at London's Wembley Stadium. Todd Gurley rushed for a touchdown as the Rams (5-3) won for the second consecutive week after a three-game losing streak. Kupp's 65-yard second-quarter TD came on a double-reverse pitch back to the quarterback and broke a 10-10 tie as Los Angeles took the lead for good. Andy Dalton passed for 329 yards and one touchdown as the Bengals (0-8) remained one of two winless teams in the NFL along with the Miami Dolphins, who play today at Pittsburgh.

SEAHAWKS 27, FALCONS 20

Rookie DK Metcalf caught two touchdown passes from Russell Wilson, and Seattle built a 24-0 advantage and held off a second-half rally to win at Atlanta. The Falcons (1-7) played without quarterback Matt Ryan, whose streak of 154 consecutive starts was snapped because of a sprained ankle. Veteran backup Matt Schaub was 39-of-52 passing for 460 yards, with one touchdown and one interception. Julio Jones had 10 catches for 152 yards. Seattle's Chris Carson rushed for 90 yards and a touchdown, most of it in the first half as



KANSAS CITY: Reggie Ragland #59 of the Kansas City Chiefs tackles Jamaal Williams #30 of the Green Bay Packers in the third quarter at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri. —AFP

the Seahawks (6-2) built a 24-0 lead. Wilson completed 14 of 20 passes for 182 yards and two scores. Tyler Lockett had six receptions for 100 yards.

JAGUARS 29, JETS 15

Rookie Gardner Minshew II passed for 279 yards and a career-high three touchdown passes to lead host Jacksonville over New York and mistake-prone Sam Darnold. The Jaguars (4-4) have alternated a two-game losing skids with two-game winning streaks throughout the first half of the season. The Jets are 1-6 for the first time since 2014, when they opened 1-8. Minshew threw TDs to Keelan Cole, Chris Conley and DJ Chark. Josh Lambo kicked three field goals for and is now 21-for-21 this season. Darnold passed for 218 yards with two touchdowns to Ryan Griffin, but the Jaguars sacked him eight times and picked him off three times.

CHARGERS 17, BEARS 16

Philip Rivers passed for 201 yards and a touchdown, and Eddy Pineiro missed a potential game-winning 41-

yard field goal as time expired as visiting Los Angeles edged Chicago. The Chargers (3-5) exhaled with a victory as the Bears (3-4) sputtered down the stretch. Rivers connected with Austin Ekeler for a go-ahead 11-yard touchdown pass with 8:04 remaining to put Los Angeles ahead by the final margin. Bears rookie David Montgomery rushed for 135 yards and a touchdown on 27 carries, exceeding 100 yards for the first time in his career.

COLTS 15, BRONCOS 13

Adam Vinatieri kicked a 51-yard field goal with 22 seconds left, and host Indianapolis rallied to beat Denver. Vinatieri atoned for a missed PAT and missed field-goal attempt to lift the Colts (5-2) to their third straight win on a day in which quarterback Jacoby Brissett was held in check. Brissett finished 15 of 25 for 202 yards, ran for 34 yards and lost a fumble. Joe Flacco was 20-for-32 passing for 174 yards, taking a sack on the game's final play as time ran out. Phillip Lindsay had 59 yards rushing, and Royce Freeman ran for 40 yards and a touchdown for the Broncos (2-6). —Reuters

Salah fires Liverpool to comeback win over Spurs

LIVERPOOL: Mohamed Salah claimed the 50th Anfield goal of his Liverpool career from the penalty spot as the Premier League leaders restored their six-point advantage at the top of the table after surviving a major scare against Tottenham.

It was a comeback victory that had Liverpool's demanding manager Jurgen Klopp heaping praise on his players for their composure in responding after Harry Kane had shot Spurs into a shock lead with only 47 seconds played.

Salah struck a clinical 75th-minute penalty into the bottom right-hand corner after Serge Aurier tripped Sadio Mane, which took him to a half-century of home goals in just his 58th outing. It completed a second-half comeback, started when Jordan Henderson cancelled out a dramatic opening goal from Kane.

There was more good news for Liverpool supporters after the game when Klopp revealed that Salah, who limped off in the closing minutes with what appeared to be an ankle problem, was only removed as a precaution.

"When we were 1-0 down, we didn't chase it immediately. We just played it," said a delighted Klopp. "Very often the result is the result of the performance. The performance was really, really good. I liked it a lot. Being 1-0 down against Tottenham with the strength they have in counter-attacking is really tough."

He added: "The game I loved, a super game, how football should look, how we should play against a really strong, good organised side."

Kane struck inside a minute, becoming the joint-third highest scorer in the famous club's history with his 174th goal in Tottenham colours. It was also one of the simplest after Moussa Sissoko sparked a scrambling counter-attack and set Son Heung-min racing upfield.

The South Korean's powerful strike from the edge



LIVERPOOL: Liverpool's Dutch midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum (C) vies with Tottenham Hotspur's French midfielder Moussa Sissoko (L) and Tottenham Hotspur's English midfielder Dele Alli during the English Premier League football match between Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield in Liverpool, north west England. —AFP

of the area took a wild deflection off the head of Dejan Lovren before striking the woodwork but the rebound fell kindly for Kane to stoop and head into the gaping net.

It was a lead that lasted, somehow, until the 52nd minute when a Henderson cross was headed clear and turned back into the area by Fabinho. Danny Rose appeared to nudge Roberto Firmino in the back but, with referee Anthony Taylor unmoved, the ball continued to the corner of the six-yard area where Henderson hit it on the half-volley into the Spurs goal.

Minutes earlier, Spurs might have doubled their lead when Son was sent clear on the end of a long clearance by keeper Paulo Gazzaniga. He rounded Alisson Becker but could only strike the cross-bar from a tricky angle.

But the equaliser was no more than Liverpool

deserved after a dominant first-half spell in which only an inspired performance from stand-in goalkeeper Gazzaniga maintained the visitors' lead. In one breathless, four-minute spell, Liverpool carved out five excellent chances, with Gazzaniga peerless in dealing with them. "In this season we deserve more points on the table," said Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino, whose side are languishing in 11th spot in the table.

"It's a moment to stay strong, to keep pushing. Of course in a different season this could have finished two or three nil for us. But today for us it is a different way and it is important for us it is to stay calm and take the best decisions for the future."

"I've nothing (critical) to say because after five-and-a-half years it's a moment to be all together and show our support." —AFP

VAR decisions controversially overruled match referee Stuart Attwell.

Reds manager Solskjaer did not dwell too long on the drama after watching his side put in a dominant performance against a Norwich side who had already stunned rivals Manchester City this season.

Solskjaer admitted: "It's been too long but it's great to have it done. But of course the performance was the pleasing thing." United's puzzling form has seen them able to hold their own against this season's Premier League's big hitters, taking eight points from 12 against Chelsea, Liverpool, Arsenal and Leicester.

Yet, until today they had failed to beat Southampton, Newcastle, Wolves and West Ham on the road. The Norwegian said: "This is a difficult place to come to, but when we are as focused and concentrated and on the front foot as we were today then we can beat anyone away from home."

The most positive aspect of the performance was the chaos wreaked on the Norwich defence by in-form England striker Rashford and Martial, who has just returned from a two-month injury lay-off.

They were ably supported by Andreas Pereira and Daniel James, with Harry Maguire at the heart of a solid defence. Solskjaer believes Martial can have a huge impact on United's season if he can stay fit. —AFP

Man Utd end away-day misery despite penalty woe

NORWICH: Ole Gunnar Solskjaer breathed a huge sigh of relief after Manchester United ended their eight-month wait for a Premier League away win as his side beat Norwich City 3-1 on Sunday. Goals from Scott McTominay, Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial capped a stunning United performance in an entertaining game at Carrow Road.

After last weekend's gritty draw at Old Trafford ended Liverpool's 100 percent start to season, the thought of a block of four straight away league and cup games must have had Solskjaer squirming.

Yet his side, still missing Paul Pogba, saw off Partizan Belgrade in the Europa League on Thursday to clear the first hurdle.

With Norwich now also put to the sword, United will travel to Chelsea and Bournemouth in the coming week with a spring in their step. It could have even been worse for the hosts if Canaries keeper Tim Krul had not saved penalties from Rashford and Martial after two

Doubles for Icardi, Mbappe as PSG outclass old rivals Marseille

PARIS: Mauro Icardi and Kylian Mbappe both scored twice as Paris Saint-Germain demolished their old rivals Marseille 4-0 on Sunday in a game that further laid bare the gulf that exists between the sides and allowed the reigning champions to extend their lead at the top of Ligue 1.

Icardi scored twice in the first 26 minutes at the Parc des Princes and Mbappe, on his return to the starting line-up after a recent struggle with injury, added a brace of his own before the interval against Andre Villas-Boas's hapless visitors in the 'Classique'.

Again preferred to all-time club record goal-scorer Edinson Cavani in attack, on-loan Inter Milan striker Icardi now has seven goals in PSG's last five games. "Coming to PSG, I knew I would have to score goals. That is what I have always done and that is what I wanted to do here," Icardi told Canal Plus.

"I have played with some really great players but this is clearly the best team I have played in." Mbappe, scorer of a hat-trick in the 5-0 win at Club Brugge in the Champions League in mid-week, has six in his last three matches — he scored a hat-trick as a substitute in Belgium before starting here for the first time in two months.

PSG are eight points clear already at the top of Ligue 1, with this win coming after second-placed Nantes lost 1-0 at home to Monaco on Friday. Another league title already looks inevitable, with Thomas Tuchel's team once more far too strong for one of the clubs seen as their most likely challengers at the beginning of the campaign.

PSG were again without the injured Neymar, while Idrissa Gueye — their most impressive midfielder this season — was also sidelined, but neither was missed. There remains much hype around this fixture in France as it brings together the country's two best-supported clubs, yet it is a long time since Marseille have been a match for their rivals from the capital.

For a period in the 1990s, the sides were fighting it out with one another for the title. Now, with PSG transformed into the dominant force in Ligue 1 since the Qatari takeover of the club in 2011, Marseille simply cannot compete.

They have not beaten PSG since November 2011, with American owner Frank McCourt in attendance here to see their winless run in the intervening period stretch to 20 matches.

"I was very proud of the way we played in the second half but the result doesn't interest me against this team," admitted Villas-Boas, whose team remain seventh, two points adrift of the top three. "Our objective remains the podium." This game may have been very different had Valere Germain converted an excellent chance in the 10th minute. Instead, PSG went straight up to the other end of the field and seized the lead. —AFP

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Oxford United v Sunderland	beIN SPORTS	22:45	
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Deportivo Alaves v Atletico de Madrid	beIN SPORTS	21:00	
FC Barcelona v Real Valladolid	beIN SPORTS HD 3	23:15	
ITALIAN CALCIO LEAGUE			
Parma Calcio 1913 v Hellas Verona FC	beIN SPORTS	21:00	
Brescia v Internazionale Milano	beIN SPORTS HD 4	23:00	