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Rodgers wins in return from COVID, Bucs implode in Washington shock

Newton leads Panthers to win over Cardinals; Pats thump Browns

LOS ANGELES: AJ Dillon ran for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter as the Green Bay Packers shut out the Seattle Seahawks 17-0 on Sunday in a game where both clubs welcomed back their starting quarterbacks. Playing in a light snowfall, Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers returned from a tumultuous 10 days and delivered a mediocre performance, but did just enough to get the Packers victory.

zone as the Seahawks were held scoreless for the first time since 2011. Running back Dillon finished with 66 yards on 21 carries, scoring touchdowns with a three-yard run at 10:37 of the fourth and from two yards with just under two minutes remaining.

Washington stun Brady

Elsewhere, Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady threw two interceptions in the first quarter as the Super Bowl champion Buccaneers were shocked 29-19 by the Washington Football Team. The Bucs' second straight NFL defeat came in the wake of their bye week and was made more painful by the late-game departure of injured defender Vita Vea.

Superstar signal-caller Brady threw two interceptions, connecting on 23 of 34 passing attempts for 220 yards and two touchdowns. Washington quarterback Taylor Heinicke completed 26 of 32 passing attempts for 256 yards and a TD, his team improving to 3-6 as the Bucs fell to 6-3.

The Buccaneers' bad day included a welter of penalties in the first half, when for just the fifth time since Brady arrived last season they failed to score a touchdown before the break. Washington's 13-point halftime lead was their biggest of the season.

Although Brady rebounded in the second half with scoring passes to Cameron Brate and Mike Evans to cut the deficit to 23-19, Tampa Bay couldn't complete the rally. Heinicke piloted a 19-play drive, the longest in the league this season, that drained the clock and ended in Antonio Gibson's one-yard touchdown plunge with 29 seconds remaining.

Newton's 'high frequency'

In Arizona, Cam Newton ran for a touchdown and threw for a score in his first game back with Carolina as the Panthers stunned the Arizona Cardinals 34-10. Newton signed with Carolina, which had made him the top pick in the 2011 draft, late in the week as a free



GREEN BAY: Aaron Rodgers #12 of the Green Bay Packers hands the ball off to Aaron Jones #33 during the first quarter at Lambeau Field on Sunday in Green Bay, Wisconsin. — AFP

agent. "I'm just floating at an all-time-high frequency," Newton said. "It's almost scary."

The former league MVP Newton made his presence felt on his first play of the game, entering on third down and running for the touchdown to give the Panthers a 7-0 lead. On Carolina's next drive, Newton threw a two-yard touchdown pass to Robby Anderson.

In other games, the New England Patriots thumped Cleveland 45-7, the Browns also seeing quarterback

Baker Mayfield exit in the third quarter with a knee injury after a hit from linebacker Matt Judon.

The Dallas Cowboys also posted a lopsided win, pummeling the Atlanta Falcons 43-3 as they bounced back from a loss to the Denver Broncos last week. In the late game, Patrick Mahomes threw five touchdown passes as the Kansas City Chiefs moved into first place in the AFC West with a 41-14 victory over the Las Vegas Raiders. — AFP



Cowboys bounce back to pummel Falcons

The reigning NFL Most Valuable Player missed last week's 13-7 loss to Kansas City after testing positive for COVID-19. He came in for criticism when it emerged he hadn't received the COVID-19 vaccine, despite saying in August he was "immunized."

Rodgers was activated from the COVID-19 list on Saturday after a 10-day quarantine and completed 23 of 37 passes for 292 yards with one interception in front of a crowd of 54,300 at Lambeau Field. He received a loud ovation by the Packers fans at the start of the game. "I don't take these things for granted, walking off the field as a winner," Rodgers told reporters. Asked why he didn't seem more excited, he replied, "It's been a long 10 days." Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson also returned Sunday after missing three games after finger surgery — the first missed games of his career. Wilson looked rusty, completing 20 of 40 passes for 161 yards with two interceptions as the battle between the NFC teams turned into a defensive struggle.

Both of Wilson's interceptions took place in the end

Young shines as Hawks clobber Bucks, Lakers sink Spurs

LOS ANGELES: Trae Young finished with 42 points and 10 assists as the Atlanta Hawks snapped a six-game losing skid by routing the reigning NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks 120-100 on Sunday. Young shot 16-of-26 from the floor and made a career-high eight three pointers in his second consecutive game with 30-plus points. "We all know where we want to be at," Young said. "We know we've got to turn it around and get some wins."

John Collins scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half, and Clint Capela added 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Hawks, who improved to 4-1 at home this season. "The guys are learning what it's like when expectations are a little higher," said Hawks coach Nate McMillan.

Giannis Antetokounmpo, who returned from missing Friday's contest with a sprained ankle, scored a team-high 26 points and dished out six assists for the visiting Bucks, who lost their second straight. Jrue Holiday added 19 points and Grayson Allen scored 18 in the loss. Milwaukee played without Brook Lopez (back injury), George Hill (back) and Khris Middleton (COVID-19 protocol).

Elsewhere, Anthony Davis scored 27 of his 34 points in the first half and had 15 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the San Antonio Spurs 114-106. LeBron James missed his sixth straight game for the Lakers with an abdominal strain. Los Angeles is 4-4 this season in games that James hasn't played. "I wanted to come out and dominate the game and do whatever I could to get the team going," Davis said. "That's the type of energy you need from our bench, our star players, our role players."

Talen Horton-Tucker scored 17 points in his season debut for Los Angeles, while Malik Monk scored 16 points and Russell Westbrook posted 14 points and 11 rebounds. Dejounte Murray finished with a triple-dou-



ATLANTA: Trae Young #11 of the Atlanta Hawks shoots a three-point basket during the game against the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday at State Farm Arena in Atlanta, Georgia. — AFP

ble of 22 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the Spurs, who dropped their second consecutive game. Keldon Johnson scored 24 points, Devin Vassell scored 19 points, Thaddeus Young 17, and Derrick White 10 in the defeat.

Meanwhile, Kevin Durant scored 33 points to lead the Brooklyn Nets to a 120-96 road win over the Oklahoma City Thunder. The Nets have won three consecutive games and eight of their last nine, finishing a season-long six-game road trip 5-1.

A number of Western Conference playoff contenders had their seven-game winning streaks stopped on Sunday. Miles Bridges scored 22 points and LaMelo Ball had 21 as the Charlotte Hornets edged the Golden State 106-102 to halt the Warriors' win streak at seven. The Warriors lost for just the second time in 13 games. In Los Angeles, DeMar DeRozan scored 33 points as the Chicago Bulls beat the Los Angeles Clippers 100-90, ending the Clippers' winning streak. — AFP

Japanese baseball star Ohtani 'honored' by Babe Ruth comparisons

TOKYO: Japanese sensation Shohei Ohtani said yesterday that he is "honored" to be compared to the legendary Babe Ruth and aspires to go down in baseball folklore. The Los Angeles Angels star has picked up an array of awards over the past month and is now favorite to win the American League's Most Valuable Player Award.

The 27-year-old is following in the footsteps of Ruth by playing as a pitcher and a batter, and has become MLB's biggest star after a breakthrough season. "It's an honor to even be compared to him," Ohtani said at Japan's National Press Club of Ruth, the last player to pitch and hit on a regular basis, 100 years ago. "It's not just his statistics that made him a great player. There aren't so many players who are remembered for so many years and that's something that I as a player must aspire to. I never saw him play live but lots of people know Babe Ruth. I would like to be a player like him."

Ohtani has already won the MLB Players Choice Outstanding Player prize and the Commissioner's Historic Achievement Award. He has been named on a short-list of three for AL MVP, with the winner to be announced Thursday. But Ohtani is already looking beyond that. "I want to be able to win those awards again next year and I want to make the mental switch to look ahead now," Ohtani said. "I appreciate that what I achieved this year is being recognized in this way, but I want to look forward to next year now."

Ohtani hit 46 home runs — just two short of the MLB lead — and won nine games as a pitcher. He also became the first player to appear in the MLB All-Star game as both a hitter and a starting pitcher, and was named among Time magazine's 100 most influential people of 2021. — AFP

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