

SPORTS

PREP VOLLEYBALL | DIOCESAN TOURNAMENT

Macks take Diocesan Tournament



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

McDonnell's Emma Stelter swings for a kill against Marshfield Columbus on Saturday afternoon at McDonnell.

McDonnell wins home tourney for second weekend in a row

BRANDON BERG
Chippewa Herald

The McDonnell volleyball team won its second tournament in as many weekends on Saturday, going unbeaten en route to first place at the Diocesan Tournament hosted by the Macks.

McDonnell defeated Eau Claire Immanuel (16-25, 26-24, 15-12), Stevens Point Pacelli (25-11, 25-12), Marshfield Columbus (25-20, 25-22), Eau Claire Regis (25-23, 25-17) and Wausau Newman

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For more photos from Saturday's tournament, see chippewa.com.

(25-8, 25-14) in taking the top spot overall, winning their final 10 sets after dropping the first set of the day to the Lancers.

"We faced some good opponents that challenged us, some good offensive teams that forced us to pass well and be able to use our offense and we did that pretty consistently today," McDonnell coach Kat Hanson said. "We served really well and really aggressive and that was effective

in helping the other team get out of system."

Destiny Baughman had a team-high 30 kills for the Macks while Kait Ortman and Marley Hughes had 24 kills apiece and Grace Goettl added 19.

McDonnell went unbeaten with a 5-0 performance at last weekend's home Debbie Roesler Memorial Tournament.

The Macks enter the fall coming off a Division 4 state runner-up finish from 2020 with Saturday's five victories improving McDonnell's overall record to 19-4 on the young season. McDonnell opened Western

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GREEN BAY
PACKERS

Rodgers, LaFleur hope to rebound

JASON WILDE
For the Herald

GREEN BAY — Matt LaFleur tends to go into self-deprecating mode a lot. Sometimes, it's not all that convincing, like when it was recently pointed out to him that he's a pretty smart guy with a high football IQ.

"Well," LaFleur replied, haltingly, "there might be some objections to how smart I am."

But when the Green Bay Packers head coach was asked in the after-

math of his team's season-opening 38-3 shellacking at the hands of the New Orleans Saints on Sept. 12 to explain his impressive track record of having his team ready to respond to such defeats — so far in his tenure, the Packers have yet to lose back-to-back games — LaFleur's reply didn't sound like false modesty at all.

"Well," LaFleur began, "I don't think it's anything that I've done."

But it may very well be because of what LaFleur hasn't done — both in the past, and in the days that followed a performance against the Saints that LaFleur used phrases like "absolutely embarrassed," "all-around poor performance" and "very humbling" to describe and said he did "a pretty bad job" himself.

"I think it's just our process. We trust our process," offensive line coach Adam Stenavich said

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GREEN BAY PACKERS (0-1) VS. DETROIT LIONS (0-1)
Lambeau Field, Green Bay
7:15 p.m. Monday **TV: ABC**

PREP FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

Several Chi-Hi defenders bring down New Richmond running back Andrew Trandahl on Friday evening at Dorais Field.

Talented defenders

Chi-Hi defense on its game again in slowing down New Richmond

BRANDON BERG
Chippewa Herald

The Chi-Hi football team's defense has held up well in the face of some tough challenges early in the season.

The latest came Friday when the Cardinals squared off with unbeaten New Richmond and a powerful running game led by Andrew Trandahl.

The junior running back had run for a combined 464 yards and eight scores in New Richmond's previous two games versus Eau Claire Memorial and Superior but never fully got on track against the Cardinals as Chi-Hi earned a 21-14 win at Dorais Field.

Trandahl ran for 103 yards on

27 attempts as the Cardinals limited the Tigers to 106 rushing yards total, the lowest for an opponent through four games.

"That's exceptional," Chi-Hi coach Chuck Raykovich said of his team's effort on defense after the win. "That kid is special. That kid he hits a seam he's gone and I can prove that, I've got plenty of film on him."

How did the team slow down Trandahl? Raykovich said the Cardinals emphasized limiting seams for the speedy Trandahl to cut back into. That meant the defensive line didn't go as deep up field to keep cutback lanes flooded and allow linebackers to make plays.

New Richmond coach Reggie Larson was impressed with what he saw from the Chi-Hi defense and said the video they watched didn't do the team justice.

"They're fast. They're fast, they're physical," Larson said

of the Chi-Hi defense. "You look at them on film and you're like oh my goodness they're not overwhelmingly big, but they can move. Then you go through the handshake line and the guys have biceps like frickin' gorillas, so maybe the film is a little deceptive. But they're physical, they're aggressive, they're downhill. They do a nice job in the back half."

"They have some nice athletes to cover the pass so they can commit a lot of guys to the run and they did a nice job on our tailback."

Overall the Cardinals (4-1, 2-1) are allowing an average of 224.5 yards per game as Chi-Hi faces another physical test on the road Friday in Rice Lake.

Stanley-Boyd on track

It's been a tough few weeks for the Orioles.

Stanley-Boyd suffered its first

defeat of the season on Sept. 3 in a 47-20 loss to Durand where the Panthers ran for close to 500 yards. Last week the Orioles had to forfeit their scheduled game at Fall Creek for a second loss early in Cloverbelt Conference play. But the Orioles bounced back in exciting fashion Friday night with a 28-27 win over Mondovi, overcoming a 12-point deficit in the closing minutes.

Carsen Hause threw for 354 yards and four touchdowns including scores of 83 and 84 yards to Brady Potaczek, who had 11 catches for 217 receiving yards. Cooper Nichols caught a 12-yard touchdown pass with 1:02 left to bring the Orioles within five at 27-22 before the defense got the offense the ball back. Michael Karlen caught a 12-yard touchdown pass from Hause on the final play for the walk-off winner.

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BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

McDonnell's Dale Tetrault runs for yardage against Northwood/Solon Springs on Saturday afternoon at Dorais Field.

PREP FOOTBALL | MCDONELL 36, NORTHWOOD/SOLON SPRINGS 30

Macks rally to stay unbeaten

McDonnell scores three times in fourth to overcome 16-point hole

BRANDON BERG
Chippewa Herald

The McDonnell football team has quickly built a reputation as comeback kids.

The Macks earned their third straight come-from-behind victory on Saturday afternoon, rallying from a 16-point deficit with 10 minutes left to earn a 36-30 win over Northwood/Solon Springs in an eight-man contest at Dorais Field.

Xayvion Matthews' one-yard touchdown plunge with one minute and 54 seconds left put

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For more photos and video from Saturday's game, see chippewa.com.

the Macks in front for good before Ben Biskupski clinched the win by grabbing an interception on Northwood/Solon Springs' final drive of the game.

The Macks entered the fourth quarter in a two-score hole thanks to a combination of their own mistakes and opportunistic play from the Evergreens. McDonnell (4-0) committed three turnovers and allowed a kickoff return for a touchdown just before the half, but was able to mount a charge late when needed the most.

Freshman quarterback Grant Smiskey threw for 131 yards and two touchdowns in the first half for the Macks but McDonnell switched to a ground-based attack in the second half built primarily around Dale Tetrault and Matthews. Tetrault, primarily a wide receiver, lined up at quarterback on the first drive of the second half with a wildcat look as the Macks were able to move the ball before a fourth-and-long run from Smiskey fell just short for a turnover on downs.

"First half, they (Northwood/Solon Springs) came out with a good game plan," McDonnell coach Jason Cox said. "They were kind of doubling Dale pretty

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AREA SCHEDULE

MONDAY	
Girls Golf —Stanley-Boyd at Osseo-Fairchild (Osseo GC), 4 p.m.	
TUESDAY	
Cross Country —Chi-Hi at Hudson, 3:45 p.m.; McDonell, Stanley-Boyd, Thorp at Cadott (Whispering Pines GC), 4:30 p.m.; Bloomer, Lake Holcombe/Cornell, New Auburn at Barron, 4:30 p.m.	
Boys Soccer —Marshfield Columbus at McDonell/Eau Claire Regis, 4:30 p.m.; Chi-Hi at New Richmond, 7 p.m.	
Girls Tennis —Chi-Hi at River Falls, 4 p.m.; Bloomer at Altoona, 4 p.m.	
Volleyball —Eau Claire Regis at McDonell, 7:15 p.m.; Cadott at Bloomer, 7:15 p.m.; Stanley-Boyd at Thorp, 7:15 p.m.; Bruce at New Auburn, 7:15 p.m.; Cornell at Winter, 7:15 p.m.; Flambeau at Lake Holcombe, 7:15 p.m.; Colby at Gilman, 7:15 p.m.	

BRIEFLY

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Chi-Hi wins Waupun Invitational

WAUPUN — The Chi-Hi volleyball team went 5-0 on Saturday to win the Waupun Invitational.

The Cardinals defeated Brillion (25-12, 25-9), Appleton West (25-11, 25-7), Waupun (25-14, 25-14), Wabeno (25-18, 25-11) and Randolph (25-21, 22-25, 15-9) to take the top spot in the tournament.

Sami Perlberg had a team-high 44 kills for the Cardinals (21-1) while adding 18 digs. Sophie Robinson was close behind with 41 kills and Paige Steinmetz added 26 kills.

Steinmetz and Robinson led the team with 16 aces apiece Maddy Bauer had four aces and 112 assists while Perlberg had five blocks. Isabelle Eslinger had 27 digs for the Cardinals.

MLB

Cubs stop Brewers from sweep

MILWAUKEE — Patrick Wisdom set a Cubs rookie record with his 27th homer, hitting a three-run drive that capped a five-run comeback in the eighth inning and sent Chicago over the Milwaukee Brewers 6-4 on Sunday.

The Brewers' ninth-inning rally fell short and the magic number for wrapping up their first NL Central title since 2018 remained at three. Milwaukee (91-58) clinched its fourth consecutive playoff berth Saturday.

Wisdom's drive to center off Jandel Gustave topped the 26 homers that Kris Bryant hit during his rookie season in 2015.

Milwaukee trailed 6-2 before nearly coming all the way back against Rowan Wick in the bottom of the ninth.

Christian Yelich singled home two runs with a two-out single. Omar Narváez singled and Luis Urias walked to load the bases. The Cubs brought in Michael Rucker, who retired Jace Peterson on a fly to center to earn his first career save.

The Brewers had beaten the Cubs 11 consecutive times, one off the franchise record for consecutive victories over one opponent. The Brewers won 12 straight from the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2008.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

UW's Roberts enters transfer portal

MADISON — University of Wisconsin running back Antwan Roberts has entered the transfer portal less than three weeks after getting suspended from the team.

Roberts, a freshman, hadn't played in either of the 18th-ranked Badgers' first two games. Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst suspended Roberts and dismissed fellow freshman running back Loyal Crawford from the team on Aug. 31, shortly before the start of the season.

The punishments came after a fight in a dorm last month resulted in a citation for Crawford.

University of Wisconsin police spokesman Marc Loviccott said the 18-year-old Crawford was cited on misdemeanor charges of criminal disorderly conduct and disorderly conduct while armed.

Loviccott said police learned Aug. 22 about a fight between two people in a residence hall that had taken place the previous night. No one was stabbed or cut with the knife, he said. Crawford was the only person named in the police department's release.

Roberts, who is from Nashville, Tennessee, signed with Wisconsin in December as a consensus three-star recruit.

Wisconsin (1-1) faces No. 12 Notre Dame (3-0) on Saturday at Chicago's Soldier Field.

— From staff and wire reports

ON TV

MONDAY

FUTSAL: FIFA World Cup: U.S. vs. Serbia, Group F, Klaipeda, Lithuania, FS2, 11:50 a.m.

MLB: Texas at NY Yankees OR Baltimore at Philadelphia, MLBN, 6 p.m.; Houston at LA Angels OR Seattle at Oakland (Games Joined in Progress), MLBN, 9 p.m.

NFL: Detroit at Green Bay, ESPN, ESPN2, 7:15 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Athletes Unlimited: Team Ocasio vs. Team Osterman, Rosemont III., FS1, 6 p.m.; Athletes Unlimited: Team Jaquish vs. Team Chidester, Rosemont III., CBSSN, 9 p.m.

TENNIS: Metz-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Early Rounds, TENNIS, 5 a.m.; Metz-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Early

Rounds, TENNIS, 1 a.m. (Tuesday); Metz-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Early Rounds, TENNIS, 5 a.m. (Tuesday).

TUESDAY

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER: Notre Dame at Michigan, ESPNU, 6 p.m.

MLB: San Francisco at San Diego, FS1, 9 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: International Friendly: U.S. vs. Paraguay, FS1, 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS: Metz-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Early Rounds, TENNIS, 5 a.m.; Metz-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Early Rounds, TENNIS, 1 a.m. (Wednesday); Metz-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Early Rounds, TENNIS, 5 a.m. (Wednesday).

Macks

From A4

much the whole time and he's a playmaker. So we just look to get him the ball. We were just going to experiment with that the first drive of the second half and it worked well. We felt like we had the advantage up front, we thought like they were getting tired so we felt that we could just keep pounding it at them and Dale did an outstanding job, Xayvion as well. Landon (Moulton) did well in the first half especially running the football and our line just stuck with it, stuck with it and kept pounding and we got the job done."

Despite facing the deficit, the Macks stuck with the run game and started to grind out drives leading to points. Matthews capped the next drive with a three-yard score to bring McDonell to within eight at 30-22 with 9:50 to go. The Macks got the ball back after a three-and-out forced by the McDonell defense and leaned on the Evergreens in a scoring drive once again as Tetrault found pay dirt with from two yards with 4:42 left before

Northwood/Solon Springs stopped the game-tying conversion attempt to maintain a 30-28 lead.

The Macks defense hit the field once again looking to make a stop and get the ball back for the offense and did so quickly as a collision between Northwood/Solon Springs quarterback Syver Gulbrandsen and a wide receiver in motion across the formation at the snap led to a fumble the Macks pounced on to take over at the Evergreens 48.

"It really builds confidence for the offense when the defense isn't giving up anything and it's rude to the defense to not put up points if they're playing that great," Tetrault said.

Tetrault and Matthews accounted for all 48 yards of the drive on the ground with Matthews lunging for the goal line from a yard out with less than two minutes left to give his team the lead before Tetrault added the conversion run for a 36-30 advantage.

McDonell committed three turnovers in the first half, including an interception by Jared Schultz returned 15 yards for a touchdown coming on the second

drive of the game for the Macks to give the Evergreens a 7-6 lead. Tetrault hauled in a 13-yard touchdown pass from Smiskey on McDonell's opening drive and Smiskey also connected with David Andersen for a 46-yard score with 20 seconds left in the first half to pull McDonell to within eight at 22-14. But Schultz took the ensuing kickoff back 82 yards to help the Evergreens take a 30-14 lead into halftime.

"We didn't play well in the first half," Cox said. "We knew that, we were just making a lot of self-imposed mistakes. We knew we were better than them for the most part so we just had to keep things simple and really (it was) gut check time there in the second half and we did it. We made plays. Defense...this game was all on the defense. They made play after play."

Overall the McDonell defense was stingy, limiting the Evergreens to 188 yards of total offense including just six on the ground. Northwood/Solon Springs had just one first down in the second half as the defense kept the Macks in striking distance until the ground game came to life.

McDonell ran for a sea-

son-high 357 yards as a team, led by 161 from Tetrault on 22 second-half carries. Landon Moulton added 125 rushing yards on 11 attempts and Matthews had 59 yards on 14 carries with his two scores.

"Those guys up front did amazing in that second half," Tetrault said.

Two weeks ago the Macks won on the final play in a 32-28 victory over Greenwood before having to dig out of an early 20-0 hole in a 44-20 win at Port Edwards on Sept. 10.

"We prefer to come out strong," Moulton said of his team's starts, "really, any team does. But it's been amazing that we've been able to come back and our comeback game is strong but we've got to come out strong every time and that's where we do the best, when we come out strong every time."

Saturday's game with the Evergreens was schedule at the start of the week after the previous matinee matchup with Bruce was canceled amid COVID-19 concerns in the Red Raider program.

McDonell is set to start Central Wisconsin West Conference play on Friday at home against Alma Center Lincoln.

Volleyball

From A4

Cloverbelt Conference play last Tuesday with a five-set defeat at Fall Creek in a battle of state-ranked squads. The Macks were ranked fourth in Division 4 in the latest Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association Division 4 state poll while the Crickets were second in the Division 3 poll. McDonell won the first two sets of that matchup before Fall Creek rallied to win the match.

McDonell returns many familiar faces at the net and on defense, but has moved to a two-setter system this season with sophomores

Abby Bresina and Emily Cooper taking on the lion's share of maneuvering the offense in their first full seasons in the varsity lineup. Bresina had 56 assists for the Macks on Saturday and Cooper added 44 to go with eight aces.

"As a setter there's so much going on every play and so many decisions that have to be made quickly and both of them have fallen into that role and have improved every day," Hanson said. "I think that their work ethic is a testament to that and each time they touch the ball they've been working hard to fine tune things and we're getting better all the time be-

cause of that."

Those setters do have an experienced group of hitters to lean on with Baughman, Hughes and Ortmann leading a deep group of offensive threats.

"We always talk about how it's their job to better the ball, regardless of where the ball is they have to make a play on it," Hanson said of the hitters. "We've seen a lot of improvement in them as far as far as their range in their swing is much greater than it used to be and they find a way to get it done and when the ball is there they swing away."

Lauryn Deetz led McDonell with 46 digs, followed by 43 from Baugh-

man and 31 from Flanagan. Hughes had 13 blocks up front while Deetz and Ortmann had seven aces apiece.

The Macks jump back into Western Cloverbelt competition on Tuesday by hosting Eau Claire Regis before playing at Stanley-Boyd on Thursday with a tournament in Abbotsford set for next Saturday.

"It's been a great team effort to improve every day and that's just been our goal," Hanson said. "We knew that there was a lot of youth coming in and a lot of young faces mixed in with those returning faces and we've done a great job of getting better each time we go out and play."

Notebook

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"I think it was huge," Stanley-Boyd coach Jeff Koenig said of the comeback win on Friday. "It's homecoming for the kids, that game always means a lot for them and I was happy we were able to do that. But we really felt like we lost two weeks. Even though we played that Durand game our guys (in) hindsight we could tell some of them were sick and had some issues and we just weren't able to keep our normal season progress and our guys did a good job getting back up to speed and working out some of the kinks tonight. It was fun. It was a fun game to be a part of."

Stanley-Boyd started the season with a 51-0 win against Cadott and a 35-7

triumph over Marathon. The Orioles (3-2, 1-2) play at Osseo-Fairchild on Friday.

Bloomer offense stays hot

The Blackhawks scored at least 30 points for a third straight game as Bloomer routed Chetek-Weyerhaeuser 50-14 on Friday.

Marcus Harelstad ran for more than 100 yards for the fourth time in five games as he finished with 105 yards on 17 carries with three scoring runs while Bowen Rothbauer had two touchdowns runs of his own. Jack Strand was 18-for-27 with 286 passing yards and touchdown passes to Connor Crane and Evan Rogge. Crane had three catches for 98 yards while Rogge had a team-high five catches for 84 yards. Friday's win was the second straight game

the Blackhawks scored at least 50 points after a 56-28 win over Cameron on Sept. 10.

Bloomer (3-2, 3-0) will look to run its win streak to four games on Friday when the Blackhawks host Saint Croix Falls.

Drier leads Cadott in win

Cadott junior Tristan Drier played a big role on both sides of the ball as the Hornets edged Turtle Lake 17-14 in Dunn-St. Croix action.

Drier opened the scoring with his 60-yard touchdown run in the first quarter before putting the Hornets in front for good in the fourth quarter on a 26-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Peter Weir added a 36-yard field goal in the first quarter as the Hornets (3-

2, 2-1) moves back above the .500 mark on the season as they head for Elmwood/Plum City on Friday.

Eight-man defeats

New Auburn fell to unbeaten Gilman 44-6 on Friday evening in Central Wisconsin West Conference action while Cornell was defeated by Owen-Withee 40-6 and Almond-Bancroft edged Lake Holcombe 22-18 in Rogue Independent Conference competition.

Dylan Bowe returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown for the Chiefs while the Blackhawks ran for 266 yards and six touchdowns as a team.

Lake Holcombe (0-4, 0-3) hosts Athens on Thursday while Cornell (0-4, 0-1) welcomes Winter/Birchwood on Friday and New Auburn (1-2, 0-1) plays at Phillips.

FOOTBALL

College

AP Top 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sep. 18, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1.	Alabama (9)	3-0	1547	1
2.	Georgia (3)	3-0	1491	2
3.	Oregon	3-0	1385	4
4.	Oklahoma	3-0	1302	3
5.	Iowa	3-0	1298	5
6.	Penn St.	3-0	1197	10
7.	Texas A&M	3-0	1158	7
8.	Cincinnati	3-0	1145	8
9.	Clemson	2-1	1074	6
10.	Florida St.	2-1	976	9
11.	Ohio State	2-1	930	11
12.	Notre Dame	3-0	874	12
13.	Mississippi	3-0	717	17
14.	Iowa St.	2-1	664	14
15.	BYU	3-0	603	23
16.	Arkansas	3-0	537	20
17.	Coastal Carolina	3-0	526	16
18.	Wisconsin	1-1	513	18
19.	Michigan	3-0	456	25

Baseball

MLB American League

East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	92	58	.613	—
Boston	86	65	.570	6½
Toronto	84	65	.564	7½
New York	83	67	.553	9
Baltimore	47	102	.315	44½
Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	85	64	.570	—

National League

East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	70	.521	—
Philadelphia	76	72	.514	1
New York	72	77	.483	5½
Miami	63	86	.423	14½
Washington	61	88	.409	16½
Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Milwaukee	91	58	.611	—
z-Cincinnati	79	69	.534	11½
St. Louis	77	73	.513	14½
Chicago	67	83	.447	24½
Pittsburgh	56	93	.376	35
West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Francisco	97	52	.651	—
z-Los Angeles	96	54	.640	1½
San Diego	76	73	.510	21
Colorado	70	79	.470	27
Arizona	48	101	.322	49
Saturday's results				
L.A. Dodgers 5, Cincinnati 1				
Colorado 6, Washington 0				
Pittsburgh 6, Miami 3				
Arizona 6, Houston 4, 10 inn.				
Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 4				

Monday's games

Kansas City (TBD) at Cleveland (Allen 1-7), 3:10 p.m., 1st game	
Chicago White Sox (Roddón 12-5) at Detroit (Manning 4-6), 5:40 p.m.	
Baltimore (Means 5-7) at Philadelphia (Suárez 6-4), 6:05 p.m.	
Texas (Arihara 2-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Cortes Jr. 2-2), 6:05 p.m.	
Kansas City (Hernández 6-2) at Cleveland (McKenzie 5-6), 6:10 p.m., 2nd game	
Toronto (Ray 12-5) at Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 3-1), 6:10 p.m.	
Houston (Valdez 10-5) at L.A. Angels (Barria 2-3), 8:38 p.m.	
Seattle (Anderson 6-9) at Oakland (Manaea 10-9), 8:40 p.m.	
Tuesday's games	
Chicago City at Cleveland, 5:10 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 5:40 p.m.	
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.	
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets at Boston, 6:10 p.m.	
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.	
Minnesota at Chicago Cubs, 6:40 p.m.	
Houston at L.A. Angels, 8:38 p.m.	
Seattle at Oakland, 8:40 p.m.	

Sunday's games

Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 3	
St. Louis 3, San Diego 2	
San Francisco 2, Atlanta 0	
Sunday's games	
Washington 3, Colorado 0	
L.A. Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 5	
Miami 6, Arizona 6	
Houston 7, Pittsburgh 5, 10 innings	
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 4	
St. Louis 8, San Diego 7	
Atlanta at San Francisco, (n)	
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, (n)	
Monday's games	
Pittsburgh (Peters 1-2) at Cincinnati (Gutierrez 9-6), 5:40 p.m.	
Washington (Fedde 7-9) at Miami (Luzardo 5-8), 5:40 p.m.	
Baltimore (Means 5-7) at Philadelphia (Suárez 6-4), 6:05 p.m.	
St. Louis (Woodford 2-3) at Milwaukee (Peralta 9-4), 6:40 p.m.	
Atlanta (Toussaint 3-3) at Arizona (Weaver 3-5), 8:40 p.m.	
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Washington at Miami, 5:40 p.m.	
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets at Boston, 6:10 p.m.	
Minnesota at Chicago Cubs, 6:40 p.m.	
N.Y. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.	
Atlanta at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.	
San Francisco at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.	

AFC STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	51	23
Miami	1	1	0	.500	17	51
New England	1	1	0	.500	41	23
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	20	44
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	1	0	.500	58	52
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	13	38
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	40	55
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	34	60
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	44	44
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	60	54
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	40	42
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	27	33
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	50	26
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	33	29
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	59	44

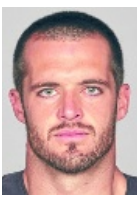
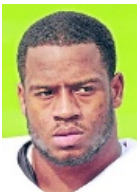

NFC STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	43	23
Washington	1	1	0	.500	46	49
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	29	31
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	42	57
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	45	21
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	31	29
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	45	29
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	6	32
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	34	51
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	33	41
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	3	38
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	24	27
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	38	13
L.A. Rams	2	0	0	1.000	61	38
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	58	44
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	28	16

SCORES AND SCHEDULE

Thursday's result	Thursday, Sept. 23
Washington 30, N.Y. Giants 29	Carolina at Houston, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday's results	Sunday, Sept. 26
Buffalo 35, Miami 0	Arizona at Jacksonville, noon
Carolina 26, New Orleans 7	Atlanta at N.Y. Giants, noon
Chicago 20, Cincinnati 17	Baltimore at Detroit, noon
Cleveland 31, Houston 21	Chicago at Cleveland, noon
Denver 23, Jacksonville 13	Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon
L.A. Rams 27, Indianapolis 24	Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon
Las Vegas 26, Pittsburgh 17	L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, noon
New England 25, N.Y. Jets 6	New Orleans at New England, noon
San Francisco 17, Philadelphia 11	Washington at Buffalo, noon
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, (n)	Miami at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, (n)	N.Y. Jets at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Chargers, (n)	Seattle at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Seattle, (n)	Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, (n)	Green Bay at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.
Monday's game	Monday, Sept. 27
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.	Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS

TOP PASSERS	PLAYER, TEAM	YARDS	CP-AT	TD
	D. Carr, LV	382	28-37	2
	T. Bridgewater, DEN	328	26-34	2
	S. Darnold, CAR	305	26-38	2
	B. Roethlisberger, PIT	295	27-40	1
TOP RUSHERS	PLAYER, TEAM	YARDS	ATT	TD
	N. Chubb, CLE	95	11	1
	C. McCaffrey, CAR	82	13	1
	E. Mitchell, SF	72	24	1
	J. Mixon, CIN	69	20	0
TOP RECEIVERS	PLAYER, TEAM	YARDS	REC	TD
	K. Kupp, LA	163	9	2
	C. Sutton, DEN	159	9	0
	M. Pittman, IND	123	8	0
	Q. Watkins, PHI	117	2	0

AROUND THE LEAGUE

Dolphins QB Tagovailoa leaves with rib injury

Miami quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was carted off the sideline during the first quarter of Sunday's game against Buffalo with a rib injury. Tagovailoa was hit by the Bills' A.J. Epenesa on the final play of Miami's second series. The Dolphins went for it on fourth-and-2 from near midfield, Epenesa was completely unblocked as Tagovailoa dropped back and drove Miami's quarterback to the turf as he threw.



Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa is assisted off the field in the first half of Sunday's game against the Bills in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Colts legends Manning, James get HOF rings

The Indianapolis Colts welcomed back their newest Hall of Famers, Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James, with a rousing halftime ovation. Both were presented with their Hall of Fame rings and team owner Jim Irsay ordered watches for each player, too. Both had returned previously to Lucas Oil Stadium for their inductions into the Colts Ring of Honor.

"Edgerrin never had to go through a 3-13 season," Manning said after the ceremony. "We weren't very good until he got here. Let's face it, once he got here, things picked up quickly. It was a fun run. It was a fun time to play. It was a great place to play and the fans were a big part of it." Manning played in the NFL for 18 seasons, including 14 with the Colts. He was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1998 NFL draft by the Colts. He won Super Bowl titles with the Colts and Denver.

Steelers' LB Watt suffers groin injury

Pittsburgh Steelers star outside linebacker T.J. Watt sustained a groin injury in the second quarter against Las Vegas. Watt, who signed a contract on

SUNDAY'S GAMES



Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford throws during the first half of Sunday's game against the Colts in Indianapolis.

Stafford leads Rams to 27-24 win over Colts

INDIANAPOLIS — Matthew Stafford led Los Angeles on two late scoring drives and Matt Gay made a tiebreaking 38-yard field goal with 2:23 to play Sunday, giving the Rams a 27-24 victory.



Raiders defensive end Solomon Thomas, right, and defensive tackle Johnathan Hankins, left, celebrate sacking Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger in the second half of Sunday's game in Pittsburgh.

The Rams have won three straight in this series and have taken all five road openers under coach Sean McVay.

Stafford wasn't as proficient as he was in the season-opening victory over Chicago but he did play well — even after appearing to hit his right thumb on the helmet of Colts defensive tackle DeForest Buckner in the first half. He did not miss a play. He finished 19 of 30 for 278 yards, two TD passes and one interception.

Cooper Kupp caught nine passes for 163 yards and two scores for the Rams. The Colts are 0-2 for the first time in coach Frank Reich's four-year tenure and now face a daunting three-game road trip.

Indy charged back from a 17-6 deficit to take the lead at 21-17 when Rams long snapper Matt Orzech hit protector Nick Scott in front of punter Johnny Hekker. The ball bounced into the end zone and was recovered by Ashton Dulin. Stafford only needed four plays to find Kupp for a 10-yard TD pass to make it 24-21.

Indy tied it again on a 35-yard field goal with 7:22 left, but quarterback Carson Wentz injured his right ankle on the play before the field goal and did not return. The injury doomed Indy's comeback hopes as Jacob Eason was intercepted on his second NFL pass.

49ERS 17, EAGLES 11: Jimmy Garoppolo threw one touchdown pass and ran in for a score, leading

San Francisco to a road victory over Philadelphia.

Nick Bosa had two sacks and the 49ers' stingy defense shut down Jalen Hurts a week after the Eagles dominated Atlanta.

Hurts completed just 12 of 23 passes for 190 yards. He ran for 82 yards, including a 1-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

BRONCOS 23, JAGUARS 13: Courtland Sutton's career day helped visiting Denver beat woeful Jacksonville, handing the Jaguars a 17th consecutive loss.

Sutton finished with nine catches for 159 yards, including a shoe-string grab in the third quarter that surely rates among his best plays in four seasons.

BROWNS 31, TEXANS 21: Baker Mayfield came back after hurting his left shoulder to throw a touchdown pass and run for a TD, leading host Cleveland to a win over Houston, which was in it until starting quarterback Tyrod Taylor got hurt.

Nick Chubb had a 26-yard touchdown run for the Browns, who bounced back from a Week 1 loss at

Kansas City to thrill their first capacity home crowd since 2019.

PATRIOTS 25, JETS 6: Mac Jones was smart and efficient, Damien Harris and James White had touchdown runs and New England took advantage of a nightmarish outing by Zach Wilson in a road victory over host New York.

With the spotlight on the Mac vs. Zach matchup of rookie first-round quarterbacks, it was Jones who shined as Wilson was intercepted four times — twice by J.C. Jackson.

PANTHERS 26, SAINTS 7: Sam Darnold threw for 305 yards and two touchdowns, and Carolina's defense turned in another strong performance in a home win over New Orleans.

Darnold improved to 2-0 as the Panthers' starter, connecting on TDs to Brandon Zylstra and D.J. Moore as Carolina jumped to a 17-0 lead by outgaining the Saints 274-65 in the first half.

RAIDERS 26, STEELERS 17: Derek Carr threw for 382 yards and two touch-

downs, including a pretty 61-yard strike to Henry Ruggs midway through the fourth quarter, as Las Vegas toppled host Pittsburgh.

Carr completed 28 of 37 passes against a Pittsburgh defense that finished the game without a handful of starters.

BILLS 35, DOLPHINS 0: Josh Allen threw two touchdown passes, Zach Moss ran for two scores and the Bills knocked off Miami on the road.

Devin Singletary rushed for 82 yards and another touchdown for the Bills. Buffalo has won six consecutive games in the series, doing so by an average of 20 points per game.

BEARS 20, BENGALS 17: Justin Fields played the second half after Andy Dalton exited with a knee injury against his former team, and the rookie quarterback used Chicago's stellar defensive performance to direct the Bears to a victory over Joe Burrow and visiting Cincinnati.

Fields completed just 6 of 13 passes for 60 yards. He also ran for 31 yards.

10K performance for Bills QB Allen

Buffalo quarterback Josh Allen went over the 10,000-yard passing mark for his career in a game against the Dolphins on Sunday. He is the sixth player to do so for the Bills.

Allen hit the milestone — he was only 23 yards shy entering Sunday — in his 45th start, matching the number of starts that Hall of Famer Jim Kelly needed to throw for that many in his Buffalo days.

BRIEFLY

STREAK ENDS: Browns wide receiver Jarvis Landry injured a knee on the second offensive play against the Texans and didn't return. Landry had caught at least two passes in 111 consecutive games, the fourth-longest streak in history, before failing to do so on Sunday.

MURRAY INJURED: Chargers linebacker Kenneth Murray suffered an ankle injury on the opening drive against the Dallas Cowboys and was questionable to return.

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