

Bills 31-10 Dolphins

The week kicked off with a highly anticipated matchup between the Dolphins and the Bills. Unfortunately, the game was overshadowed by a severe concussion injury to Tua Tagovailoa, placing him on IR. In terms of performance, both quarterbacks had modest stats, with Allen passing for 139 yards and a touchdown, while Tua threw for 145 yards, a touchdown, and three interceptions. The stars of the game were the running backs, as Cook racked up 78 rushing yards and two touchdowns, plus a 17-yard reception for another score. Achane led the Dolphins with 96 rushing yards and 69 receiving yards, adding a touchdown.

On defence, the Dolphins struggled to pressure Josh Allen, failing to record any sacks or quarterback hits. Meanwhile, the Bills' defence sacked Tua twice and hit him five times. Ingram was a standout with two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown. The Dolphins will need a stronger defensive showing as they adjust to life without Tua.

49ers 17-23 Vikings

One of the week's biggest surprises came with the Vikings' upset win over the 49ers. Justin Jefferson shone with 133 receiving yards, including a 98-yard touchdown. Sam Darnold had a solid outing with 268 passing yards, two touchdowns, and one interception. Brock Purdy, on the other hand, threw for 319 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Mason rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown, while Deebo Samuel recorded 110 receiving yards.

Both defences had strong performances, with the 49ers registering four sacks—two from Nick Bosa. The Vikings countered with six sacks, including two from Pat Jones. Linebackers Cashman (18 tackles) and Pace (14 tackles) played a critical role in the Vikings' victory.

Seahawks 23-20 Patriots (OT)

In an overtime thriller, the Seahawks edged out the Patriots. Geno Smith led the way with 327 passing yards, utilising key weapons DK Metcalf, who had 129 receiving yards and a touchdown, and Jaxon Smith-Njigba, who had his best game yet. The Patriots kept things close with a strong run game, as Gibson rushed for 96 yards and Stevenson added 81 yards and a touchdown. Hunter Henry was also a key player with 109 receiving yards.

Both defences made significant contributions. Seattle tallied three sacks, five tackles for loss, and eight quarterback hits, with Leonard Williams leading the way. The Patriots also recorded three sacks, with Keion White continuing his strong start to the season.

Giants 18-21 Commanders

Rookie quarterback Jayden Daniels secured his first career win as a starter, leading the Commanders to a narrow victory. All of Washington's points came from kicker Austin Seibert, but Daniels contributed with 226 passing yards and 44 rushing yards. Brian Robinson Jr. added 133 rushing yards. For the Giants, rookie Malik Nabers was a bright spot with 127 receiving yards and a touchdown, while Devin Singletary rushed for 96 yards and a touchdown.

On defence, Frankie Luvu stood out for Washington with 17 tackles, while Bobby Wagner contributed 14. The Giants' defence impressed with five sacks, two of which came from Jason Pinnock. Both teams showed resilience, setting up a competitive future.

Chargers 26-3 Panthers

In a lopsided contest, the Chargers easily dispatched the struggling Panthers. Bryce Young was benched after a poor start to the season, and his struggles continued in this game, where he passed for only 84 yards and an interception. The Chargers dominated on the ground, with J.K. Dobbins rushing for 131 yards, while Justin Herbert managed 130 passing yards.

Defensively, the Chargers excelled with Joey Bosa adding another sack to his tally. Linebackers Daiyan Henley (16 tackles) and Denzel Perryman (12 tackles) were also key contributors. For the Panthers, Shaq Thompson (22 tackles) and Josey Jewell (19 tackles) made big defensive plays, but it wasn't enough to stop the Chargers.

Saints 44-19 Cowboys

In one of the week's biggest upsets, the Saints routed the Cowboys. Derek Carr threw for 243 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception, while Alvin Kamara was unstoppable with 115 rushing yards, three rushing touchdowns, and a receiving touchdown. Rasheed Shaheed contributed 96 receiving yards and a touchdown. Dak Prescott passed for 293 yards, with 90 yards and a touchdown going to Ceedee Lamb, but he also threw two interceptions.

The Saints' defence played exceptionally well, breaking up nine passes, with Tyrann Mathieu defending two. Carl Granderson recorded 1.5 sacks and applied constant pressure on Prescott. The Cowboys struggled, with Chauncey Golston registering their only sack.

Colts 10-16 Packers

Malik Willis secured his first win as the Packers' starting quarterback in a close game against the Colts. Willis was supported by Josh Jacobs, who rushed for 151 yards. The Colts were underwhelming, with Anthony Richardson completing just 50% of his passes, throwing one

touchdown and three interceptions. Jonathan Taylor was a bright spot with 103 rushing yards.

Defensively, the Packers excelled, with Xavier McKinney, Evan Williams, and Eric Wilson each grabbing an interception. Devontez Wyatt recorded a sack and two tackles for loss. The Colts struggled to stop the run, although Nick Cross contributed 25 tackles.

Browns 18-13 Jaguars

The Jaguars' search for their first win continued as they were let down by inconsistent quarterback play. Trevor Lawrence completed just 14 of 30 passes for 220 yards, while rookie Brian Thomas Jr. was a standout with 94 receiving yards. Deshaun Watson showed flashes of his former self, but Jerry Jeudy was the Browns' top receiver with 73 yards.

The Jaguars pressured Watson effectively, recording two sacks and eight quarterback hits, with Josh Hines-Allen leading the charge. The Browns' defence was strong, registering four sacks and seven quarterback hits. Alex Wright scored a safety, with Myles Garrett causing havoc on the play.

Jets 24-17 Titans

The Jets held on for a win against the Titans, thanks to their running backs. Breece Hall and rookie Braelon Allen scored all three of the Jets' touchdowns. Will Levis made a costly interception for the Titans but also connected with Calvin Ridley for a stunning touchdown.

Will McDonald IV dominated on defence for the Jets, recording three sacks and three tackles for loss. Harold Landry III led the Titans with two sacks and two tackles for loss in an impressive display.

Buccaneers 20-16 Lions

Despite the expectations of a shootout, the Buccaneers' victory over the Lions was more subdued. Baker Mayfield showcased his versatility with 117 passing yards and a rushing touchdown. Chris Godwin was a key target with 117 receiving yards. For the Lions, Jared Goff threw for 307 yards but made two costly interceptions, with Amon-Ra St. Brown leading the team with 119 receiving yards.

On defence, Aidan Hutchinson stole the show with 4.5 sacks and four tackles for loss. The Buccaneers didn't register a sack but applied pressure with 10 quarterback hits and two interceptions.

Raiders 26-23 Ravens

The Raiders pulled off a stunning comeback against the Ravens, scoring 13 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to win 26-23. Gardner Minshew played efficiently, completing 30 of 38 passes. He connected with Davante Adams for 110 yards and a touchdown, while rookie Brock Bowers added 98 receiving yards. Zay Flowers led the Ravens with 91 yards and a touchdown, while Derrick Henry rushed for 84 yards and added a touchdown as well.

Maxx Crosby was a force on defence for the Raiders, recording two sacks and four tackles for loss. The Ravens also pressured the Raiders, with Odafe Oweh collecting 2.5 sacks and Kyle Van Noy adding two sacks, though it wasn't enough to stop the late-game Raiders surge.

Rams 10-41 Cardinals

The Cardinals delivered a surprising blowout, dominating the Rams 41-10. Kyler Murray found rookie Marvin Harrison Jr. twice for touchdowns, with Harrison finishing with 130 yards. Murray threw for 83 yards and two touchdowns in the first quarter alone, and James Conner added 122 rushing yards and a touchdown to round out Arizona's offensive explosion.

The Rams struggled, particularly after losing Cooper Kupp at halftime. Stafford turned to DeMarcus Robinson, who gained 50 yards, but it wasn't enough to keep pace. Defensively, Kobie Turner recorded a sack and Jared Verse had three tackles for loss, but the Rams were overwhelmed by Arizona's offence. Dennis Gardeck led the Cardinals' defence with three sacks, contributing to the impressive team performance.

Bengals 25-26 Chiefs

A last-second field goal by Harrison Butker sealed a 26-25 victory for the Chiefs in a game clouded by controversy due to officiating on Kansas City's final drive. Joe Burrow looked sharper for Cincinnati, throwing for 258 yards and two touchdowns, with Mike Gesicki emerging as his top target, accumulating 91 receiving yards. However, the Bengals' run game still lacked consistency.

Patrick Mahomes was forced to lean on Isiah Pacheco for much of the game. Pacheco had 91 rushing yards before being injured and placed on IR. Rashee Rice added 75 receiving yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Trey Hendrickson stood out for the Bengals with two sacks, while Germaine Pratt and Logan Wilson combined for 42 tackles. The Chiefs' defence, while solid, featured contributions from multiple players with no clear standout.

Steelers 13-6 Broncos

The Steelers won a defensive struggle against the Broncos, with the only touchdown of the game coming from Justin Fields, who completed 13 of 20 passes for 117 yards. Denver quarterback Malik Nix had moments but was plagued by two costly interceptions. Josh Reynolds was the primary offensive threat for Denver, finishing with 93 receiving yards.

Defensively, Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt recorded another sack and two tackles for loss, while Damontae Kazee and Cory Trice each had interceptions, with Trice's sealing the game. Denver's defence, led by Johan Elliss with a sack and two tackles for loss, held firm but couldn't muster enough pressure on Fields to change the game.

Bears 13-19 Texans

Caleb Williams continued to struggle for the Bears, throwing two interceptions and failing to score a passing touchdown, while facing relentless pressure behind a weak offensive line. CJ Stroud led the Texans, passing for 260 yards and a touchdown, with 135 of those yards going to Nico Collins, who has been in exceptional form this season.

Tremaine Edmunds was a standout for the Bears' defence, registering a sack and leading the team with 19 tackles. However, the Texans' defence dominated with seven sacks, including 1.5 each from Danielle Hunter and rookie Will Anderson Jr. Both Derek Stingley Jr. and Kamari Lassiter intercepted Williams, helping secure the Texans' win.

Falcons 22-21 Eagles

The Falcons edged out the Eagles in a thrilling 22-21 victory. Bijan Robinson was the offensive star for Atlanta, rushing for 97 yards. Kirk Cousins found Darnell Mooney for 88 yards and a touchdown to complement Robinson's ground game. The Eagles' run game was strong, with Saquon Barkley rushing for 95 yards and Jalen Hurts adding 85 rushing yards along with 183 passing yards.

The Falcons' defence was led by Jessie Bates, who grabbed a crucial interception and had 19 tackles. Matthew Judon also recorded his first sack as a Falcon. For the Eagles, Milton Williams registered the only sack, but they struggled to apply consistent pressure on Cousins throughout the game.

These matchups brought plenty of surprises and pivotal moments in this week of NFL action!