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Silvan's sprint with 3:34 left in the third quarter gave Tennessee (2-3) a 7-6 lead. His run was the first TD Washington State (3-1) had given up in 16 quarters going back to the second quarter in last season's final game.

Washington State retook a 9-7 lead on the first play of the fourth quarter on Tony Truant's 32-yard field goal, his third of the game.

But the Vols responded with a drive to the Cougars 10, and John Becksvoort kicked a 27-yard field goal with 10:15 left for the winning points.

Tennessee began the winning drive at its 35. On a fourth-and-1 at the Vols 44, quarterback Peyton Manning kept on a sneak and managed the first down by inches.

Three plays later, Manning hit Kendrick Jones for 41 yards to the Cougars 12 to set up Becksvoort's game-winning kick.

The Cougars had the ball three times after that, but the closest they could get was the Tennessee 39.

The ensuing series was typical of the difficulties the Cougars had on offense Saturday. Frank Madu, who finished with 133 yards on 23 carries, was stopped for no gain. Chad Davis dropped the snap and lost 3 yards, the Cougars were penalized 5 yards for illegal procedure — the 10th of their 11 penalties — and Davis was sacked on third-and-long.

The Cougars came into the game having allowed 12 points, all on field goals.

They kept it up in the first half, leading 6-0 at the break on Truant's field goals of 30 and 45 yards. The first was set up by Ron Childs' recovery of a fumble at the Tennessee 34. The second ended a 57-yard drive featuring a 29-yard run by Madu.

The Cougars had 280 yards but the 11 penalties for 95 yards were damaging. Davis completed 17-of-27 passes for 134 yards but was sacked six times.

The Cougars defense, best in the nation against the rush, held Tennessee to 149 yards in 38 carries.

Manning, a freshman making his first start because of injuries to two other quarterbacks, completed 7-of-14 passes for 79 yards.

California 55, San Jose State 0

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Matt Clizbe turned a bungled punt into a 62-yard touchdown run as part of a 28-point first quarter and California went on to rout San Jose State 55-0 Saturday.

The Spartans (1-4), who gave up 35 first-quarter points in a 54-20 loss to Baylor last month, had one breakdown after another in their worst loss ever to Cal in a 33-game series dating to 1899. The defeat surpassed San Jose State's 52-3 loss to Cal in 1977.

The Golden Bears (2-2) have won seven straight against the Spartans, and have won the last four by a combined 188-49.

It went bad from the outset for the Spartans, who couldn't take advantage of a staggering penalty rate by Cal, flagged 16 times for 178 yards.

Jacobbi Williams fumbled the opening kickoff and Bobby Shaw recovered at the San Jose State 5. Nine seconds into the game, Tyrone Edwards ran in for the touchdown from 2 yards out.

Top NFL contenders fall in week 5

(AP) — Time to regroup, San Francisco. Back to reality, Dave Brown.

Three of the NFL's top contenders — San Francisco, Buffalo and the New York Giants — came crashing to earth Sunday, shocked by teams with unimpressive credentials.

The 49ers' revamped defense will need to vamp itself yet again following a 40-8 thrashing by the Philadelphia Eagles, who got great games from Randall Cunningham and Charlie Garner.

"Not in my wildest dreams

did I think this could happen," San Francisco safety Tim McDonald said.

"What happened today was we used our talent like we never used it before," said Cunningham, 20-of-29 for 246 yards and two TDs. "This game should give us respect and it should be a real confidence booster."

Not for the 49ers.

It was the worst regular-season loss for San Francisco in coach George Seifert's six seasons and the worst overall defeat since a 49-3 playoff loss to the Giants in 1986.

The previously undefeated Giants suffered an embarrassment themselves — falling 27-22 to the lowly New Orleans Saints. Brown, New York's poised young quarterback, got sacked seven times by a rejuvenated New Orleans defense.

Then there were the Bills, who had trouble moving the ball all afternoon against Chicago.

"I know we're a lot better team," said Jim Kelly, who completed 19 of 33 passes for 116 yards and two interceptions. "Offensively, we stunk."

In other games Sunday, Dallas

routed Washington 34-7, Chicago beat Buffalo 20-13, Arizona defeated Minnesota 17-7, Atlanta beat the Los Angeles Rams 8-5, Indianapolis defeated Seattle 17-15, Cleveland beat the New York Jets 27-7, Tampa Bay beat Detroit 24-14 and New England edged Green Bay 17-16.

Later, it was Miami at Cincinnati. On Monday night, Houston visits Pittsburgh.

San Diego, Denver, Kansas City and the Los Angeles Raiders are off this week.

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