

NFL

Seahawks looking for another second-half surge

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SEATTLE — When the calendar turns to November, Pete Carroll and the Seattle Seahawks get going.

In each of the past five seasons, the Seahawks have posted a winning record once November arrives. Since 2012 when Russell Wilson landed in Seattle, the Seahawks are a combined 28-6 over the final two months of the regular season.

With that history, the Seahawks are looking to start another second-half run when they host the Buffalo Bills on Monday night.

"I count on it now. I count on us improving and playing better as we get down the stretch and the closer we get to the finish the better we want to play," Carroll said. "That's kind of how we've constructed our mentality."

Seattle is in the unfamiliar situation of going two straight weeks without a win after a tie that felt like a loss two weeks ago, followed by last week's loss at New Orleans.

The previous time Seattle went three straight games without a win was the 2011 season — also the most recent time the Seahawks didn't make the playoffs.



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Seattle Seahawks free safety Earl Thomas (29) returns a fumble for a touchdown in the first half of an NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints in New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016.

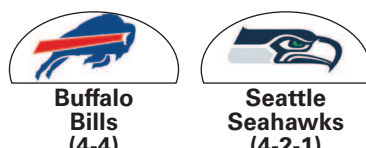
But this matchup — the first time Buffalo is traveling to Seattle since 2004 — has even more importance for the Bills. Having dropped two straight after a promising 4-2 start, including last week's home loss to New England, the Bills don't have much leeway left.

"It's definitely a big road game for us and just a big game for the season," Buffalo quarterback Tyrod Taylor said. "Guys are definitely excited for the opportunity to go

out there and show what we could do, and showcase it in front of the world."

Buffalo may get running back LeSean McCoy back after missing last week's game with a hamstring injury, but the Bills could be without standout defensive tackle Marcel Darius after suffering a groin injury against New England.

Here's what else to watch:
GROUND FORCE: Buffalo's run game has been the key to its



• **Monday, 5:30 p.m.**
• **at Century Link Field**
• **TV: ESPN**

offensive success this season.

In their four victories, the Bills have rushed for 847 yards, thanks largely to the running of McCoy. In the four losses, the Bills have run for only 385 total yards.

Surprisingly, this may be a week for the Bills to get their run game going. Seattle has allowed a 100-yard rusher in two straight games and three of the past five. The Seahawks had gone 24 straight games without allowing a 100-yard rusher until Carlos Hyde reached that mark in Week 3.

"I think you've got to be patient with our running game because like we say, that team is very athletic," Ryan said.

WATCH THE FLAGS: Seattle was penalized 11 times last week against New Orleans. But the Seahawks seemed most upset about a pair of non-calls on New Orleans for possible offensive pass interference that led to a pair

of key receptions, one of them a touchdown.

Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman said the league told the team both of those plays should have been penalties.

"We probably lead the league in NFL apologies the next day," Sherman said.

HE'S BACK: Buffalo has suffered so many injuries at wide receiver, it was forced to bring Percy Harvin out of retirement earlier this week.

And just in time to possibly face one of his former teams.

"I'm self-motivated regardless of what team it is and who I'm playing against," Harvin said. "I just want to be the best I can be and play at the level I know I can. So, playing a team doesn't really matter to me."

Harvin had an eventful 1 1/2 seasons with Seattle that included hip surgery, internal conflicts with teammates, a memorable kickoff return touchdown in the Super Bowl and ultimately a stunning midseason trade to the New York Jets when it was clear Harvin was being more divisive than helpful.

Harvin played in five games last season for Buffalo and had 19 catches for 218 yards and one touchdown.

TIGERSCOTS:

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finals in Friday night's final match. The Bulldogs had gone 3-0 against the TigerScots in Columbia Basin Conference play this season, and had swept them less than two weeks ago in the district championship.

The TigerScots didn't flinch in their fourth meeting, and rallied to win in five. After winning the first two 25-23, 25-14, Weston-McEwen was unable to keep its momentum as Culver stormed back for wins of 25-14, 25-13. But the TigerScots came back strong in the fifth set to win 15-10 and earn the program's fifth state championship berth. The TigerScots are 2-2 in championships with their last title coming in 2010.

They will play No. 3 Imbler at 8:30 p.m. Imbler beat No. 2 Grant Union in four sets 25-23, 25-21, 14-25, 27-25. It's the first time Imbler will play for the 2A title, but the Panthers have won three 1A state championships with their most recent in 2009.

Revenge could be a motivator once again for the TigerScots. The meeting will be the fourth of the season between the two eastern Oregon teams, and Imbler has won all three.

No. 11 ADRIAN 3, No. 3 ARLINGTON 2 — In the 1A bracket, the Adrian Antelopes scored their second straight upset of the state playoffs by defeating the Arlington Honkers in five sets 25-14, 20-25, 27-25, 21-25, 15-8.

Adrian had defeated No. 6 Powder Valley to make it to the final site, and handed the streaking Honkers a loss for the second time this season.

Arlington will now regroup for its consolation game against No. 7 Crane, which will start at 8 a.m. today.

TIGERS: Grogan rushes for game-high 223 yards

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team on (our backs) so we just had to step up," Barnes said. "We didn't drive the blocks as much as we could've we tried a lot more shield blocks instead, but we practiced that all week and just came out and got it done."

"They did great," Stanfield senior Dylan Grogan said of the offensive line. "We knew when we were watching film and saw the (big guys) we just thought 'Well, we'll have to do the best we can' and those guys did it. The holes were huge for us to run through and it was nice."

Grogan benefited the most from the blocking performance, as the quarterback ran for a team-high 223 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns on the ground, and also threw for 187 yards and two touchdowns through the air. Running back Thyler Monkus also followed his blockers well, and ran for 166 yards on 16 carries with a pair of touchdowns as well.

Stanfield wasted no time in the game to show their offensive prowess, as on the Tigers second play from scrimmage Grogan took the snap and ran to the right, straight through the Cobra defense and down the sideline for a 40 yard gain. And on the next offensive play, Monkus took a sweeping handoff to the left side of the field before making his cut right through the defense and then sprinted 30 yards for the touchdown to give the Tigers a 6-0 lead with just 28 seconds expired off the game clock.

Monkus added his second touchdown on Stanfield's next drive, when he took a sweeping



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Stanfield quarterback Dylan Grogan runs the ball in the Tigers' 55-14 win against Central Linn on Friday in Stanfield.

handoff to the right side of the field, broke through a few arm tackles and then bounced back to his left to find the crease and sped 29 yards for the touchdown and the 12-0 Tiger lead.

Central Linn responded to the score with one of its few successful offensive drives in the game, as a drive that started at its own 37 quickly advanced down inside the Stanfield five. And with a little more than five minutes remaining in the first quarter the Cobras leaned on their 335-pound fullback Andre Holmes who barreled his way into the end zone to cut the lead to 12-7.

Holmes was Central Linn's second leading rusher in the game, carrying the ball 15 times for 61 yards and a score. Grogan, who also plays linebacker for the Tigers, said it was not always easy to tackle Holmes.

"Oh it was hard to get him. It wasn't just one person it had to be

a group and you had to go low," Grogan said. "I hit him hard a couple times and he still didn't go down. He's a real big boy."

But after the score the Tigers quickly grabbed the momentum back as a few quick plays put Stanfield back in Cobra territory. Facing a 2nd-and-3 from the 38, Grogan took the snap and a quick three-step drop and fired the ball toward receiver Brody Woods, who caught the ball on a slant route and outran the defense up the middle for the touchdown and a 20-7 lead. Grogan said that was the biggest drive of the game for the Tigers.

"It changed the momentum back because they kind of had it after getting the score," he said.

The Tigers prettiest touchdown of the game came midway through the second quarter still leading 20-7. Facing a 3rd-and-5 from its own 40, Grogan again took the snap and dropped into a

play-action pass, and then cocked back his arm and fired a rocket down the field to find a streaking Justin Shelby all alone behind the Cobra defense for a 60-yard touchdown to put Stanfield up 28-7.

"I saw (Justin) and didn't see anyone around him so I just kind of threw it up and put it in a spot where he could get to it," Grogan said.

The pass at the time seemed like the final nail in the coffin from the Cobras, who just couldn't consistently put drives together against the stingy Stanfield defense. Running back Braden Nightengale scored the Cobras only other touchdown of the game on a 90-yard run in the third quarter.

The win moves Stanfield to the quarterfinals where it will play the winner of today's game between No. 7 Lost River and No. 10 Santiam.

"This win gives us confidence," Barnes said. "We were a little bit nervous coming into this game, (Central Linn) was far better than a 3-6 team but this gives us momentum we need to carry into the next round."

CLHS	7	0	7	0	14
SHS	20	15	14	6	55
Statistics					
PASSING — CLHS: A. Anderson 1-3-1, 31. SHS: D. Grogan 9-14, 187. 2 TD.					
RUSHING — CLHS: B. Nightengale 16-134, TD; A. Holmes 15-61, TD; D. Owens 6-22; A. Anderson 2-5; SHS: D. Grogan 16-223, 2 TD; T. Monkus 16-166, 2 TD; M. Blankenship 6-40, TD; J. Keeney 4-31; J. Galarza 1-12; M. Smith 1-9, TD.					
RECEIVING — CLHS: B. Nightengale 1-31. SHS: B. Woods 5-99, TD; J. Shelby 1-60, TD; T. Monkus 3-29.					

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SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP FOOTBALL	
Today	#13 Gold Beach at #4 Heppner (2A first round), 1 p.m.
	#13 Arlington at #4 Days Creek (1A first round), 1 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 11	#2 Stanfield vs #10 Santiam/#7 Lost River winner (2A quarterfinals), TBD
PREP VOLLEYBALL	
Today	#3 Arlington vs. #7 Crane (1A consolation semifinals at Ridgeview HS), 8 a.m.
	#5 Weston-McEwen vs. #3 Imbler (2A championship at Ridgeview HS), 8:30 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER	
Today	#7 Hermiston at #2 Woodburn (5A quarterfinals), 6 p.m.
	#5 Gervais at #4 Riverside (3A/2A/1A quarterfinals), TBA
PREP CROSS COUNTRY	
Today	3A/2A/1A State championships (Lane Community College), 10:35 a.m.
	5A State championships (Lane Community College), 1:50 p.m.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
Saturday	Rocky Mountain at Eastern Oregon, Noon
Saturday, Nov. 12	Eastern Oregon at Carroll, 11 a.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL	
Wednesday, Nov. 9	Blue Mountain at Yakima Valley, 6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 11	TBD at Eastern Oregon (CCC semifinals), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 12	CCC Finals, TBD (at La Grande), 3 p.m.
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL	
Today	Eastern Oregon at William Jessup, 6 p.m.
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
Sunday	Eastern Oregon at Eastern Washington (exhibition), 1 p.m.

Sherwood 47, Century 26	20, 21-25, 24-26, 15-11 (3-2)
Sprague 28, Sunset 27	4A quarterfinals
Tigard 58, McNary 28	VALLEY CATHOLIC def. Tillamook 25-21, 25-18, 25-18 (3-0)
West Linn 55, Southridge 7	CROOK COUNTY def. Baker 25-10, 25-5, 25-10 (3-0)
West Salem 42, Oregon City 30	SISTERS def. Henley 25-19, 25-18, 25-16 (3-0)
Westview 52, Jefferson PDX 19	BANKS def. Hidden Valley 13-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-23 (3-1)
Class 5A First Round	4A semifinals
Ashland 30, Mountain View 7	SISTERS def. Banks 25-15, 23-25, 25-10, 22-25, 15-10 (3-2)
Central 38, Sandy 7	VALE def. Santiam Christian 25-20, 25-15, 25-17 (3-1)
Dallas 50, Eagle Point 14	Crook County def. VALLEY CATHOLIC 25-14, 25-12, 25-22 (3-0)
Lebanon 52, Hillsboro 7	3A quarterfinals
Redmond 35, Silverton 27	GLIDE def. Westside Christian 25-14, 25-22, 25-20 (3-0)
St. Helens 12, Hermiston 7	CRESWELL def. Burns 28-26, 22-25, 25-10, 22-25, 15-10 (3-2)
Summit 50, Crater 21	CASCADE CHRISTIAN def. Coquille 25-14, 25-18, 25-20 (3-0)
Wilsonville 62, Thurston 13	VALE def. Santiam Christian 25-20, 25-15, 25-19 (3-0)
Class 4A First Round	3A semifinals
Astoria 48, Gladstone 14	CASCADE CHRISTIAN def. Vale 25-20, 25-22, 25-22 (3-0)
Banks 27, Marshfield 20	Creswell def. GLIDE 26-24, 25-21, 25-14 (3-0)
Cascade 40, Mazama 21	2A quarterfinals
Cottage Grove 35, North Valley 17	CULVER def. Reedsport 25-9, 25-15, 25-19 (3-0)
Estacada 26, Sisters 6	Weston-McEwen def. BONANZA 25-18, 25-21, 25-14 (3-0)
North Bend 69, La Grande 13	GRANT UNION def. St. Paul 24-26, 25-17, 25-17 25-12 (3-1)
Class 3A First Round	IMBLER def. Central Linn 25-14, 25-19, 25-21 (3-0)
Blanchet Catholic 21, Amity 0	2A semifinals
Regis 42, Monroe 20	Imbler def. GRANT UNION 25-23, 25-21, 14-25, 27-25 (3-1)
Stanfield 55, Central Linn 14	Weston-McEwen def. CULVER 25-23, 25-14, 14-25, 13-25, 15-10 (3-2)
Toledo 54, Union 14	1A quarterfinals
Class 1A First Round	COUNTRY CHRISTIAN def. Days Creek 23-25, 25-15, 26-24, 25-20 (3-1)
Dufur 54, Falls City 2	Crosshill Christian def. HOSANNA CHRISTIAN 25-23, 25-18, 17-25, 25-16 (3-1)
North Douglas 50, Echo 28	NORTH DOUGLAS def. Crane 21-25, 25-20, 25-13, 25-16 (3-1)
Powder Valley 58, Hosanna Christian 54	Adrian def. ARLINGTON 25-14, 20-25, 27-25, 21-25, 15-8 (3-2)
Sherman 66, Triad School 34	1A semifinals
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL	NORTH DOUGLAS def. Adrian 19-25, 25-20, 25-18, 25-18 (3-1)
6A quarterfinals	COUNTRY CHRISTIAN def. Crosshill Christian 25-9, 25-19, 25-16 (3-0)
Sunset def. JESUIT 15-25, 16-25, 25-22, 27-25, 15-10 (3-2)	
CENTRAL CATHOLIC def. Barlow 25-21, 25-19, 25-15 (3-0)	
Clackamas def. WEST SALEM 25-21, 25-19, 20-25, 25-20 (3-1)	
SOUTH EUGENE def. Glencoe 22-25, 22-25, 25-13, 25-20, 15-7 (3-2)	
6A semifinals	
Clackamas def. SOUTH EUGENE 25-20, 25-22, 25-13 (3-0)	
CENTRAL CATHOLIC def. Sunset 25-11, 23-25, 25-23, 25-22 (3-1)	
5A quarterfinals	
MARIST CATHOLIC def. Hood River Valley 25-11, 25-20, 25-13 (3-0)	
BEND def. La Salle Prep 25-21, 25-19, 25-15 (3-0)	
CORVALLIS def. Sandy 25-19, 25-15, 25-20 (3-0)	
LEBANON def. Summit 25-23, 25-16, 25-11 (3-0)	
5A semifinals	
Lebanon def. CORVALLIS 25-22, 25-17, 20-25, 19-25, 15-10 (3-2)	
Bend def. MARIST CATHOLIC 25-15, 25-	

College Standings

VOLLEYBALL			
JUCO	Conf	Ovr	
NWAC East		14-2	19-12
x-North Idaho		12-2	24-8
x-Walla Walla		10-4	23-13
x-Spokane		10-5	21-15
x-Blue Mountain		7-8	17-25
Columbia Basin		6-9	13-12
Yakima Valley		5-10	11-24
Wenatchee Valley		2-11	9-19
Treasure Valley		0-15	1-29
Big Bend		0-15	1-29
x-Clinched NWAC championships berth			

Basketball

NBA	
Friday's Games	Washington 95, Atlanta 92
	Charlotte 99, Brooklyn 95
	Toronto 96, Miami 87
	L.A. Clippers 99, Memphis 88
	New York 117, Chicago 104
	Phoenix 112, New Orleans 111, OT
	Portland 105, Dallas 95
	L.A. Lakers 117, Golden State 97
Today's Games	Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 3 p.m.
	Chicago at Indiana, 4 p.m.
	Cleveland at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
	Denver at Detroit, 4 p.m.
	Washington at Orlando, 4 p.m.
	Houston at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
	Sacramento at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
	L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games	Utah at New York, 9 a.m.
	Portland at Memphis, 12:30 p.m.
	Sacramento at Toronto, 3 p.m.
	Milwaukee at Dallas, 4 p.m.
	Denver at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
	Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.
Monday's Games	Houston at Washington, 4 p.m.
	Indiana at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
	Utah at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
	Miami at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
	Orlando at Chicago, 5 p.m.
	Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.
	New Orleans at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
NFL	
Thursday's Game	Atlanta 43, Tampa Bay 28
Sunday's Games	Dallas at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
	N.Y. Jets at Miami, 10 a.m.
	Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
	Jacksonville at Kansas City, 10 a.m.
	Detroit at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
	Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
	New Orleans at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m.
	Carolina at Los Angeles, 1:05 p.m.
	Tennessee at San Diego, 1:25 p.m.
	Indianapolis at Green Bay, 1:25 p.m.
	Denver at Oakland, 5:30 p.m.
	Open: Washington, Arizona, Chicago, New England, Houston, Cincinnati
Monday, Nov. 7	Buffalo at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.
NCAA	
Top 25 Tuesday's Game	No. 17 Western Michigan 52, Ball State 20
Thursday's Games	No. 12 Oklahoma 34, Iowa State 24
	No. 21 Colorado 20, UCLA 10
Friday's Game	No. 24 Boise State 45, San Jose State 31
Today's Games	No. 1 Alabama at No. 15 LSU, 5 p.m.

No. 2 Michigan vs. Maryland, 9 a.m.	Chicago at Dallas, 5 p.m.
No. 3 Clemson vs. Syracuse, 12:30 p.m.	Calgary at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
No. 4 Washington at California, 7:30 p.m.	Pittsburgh at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
No. 5 Louisville at Boston College, 9 a.m.	Sunday's Games
No. 6 Ohio State vs. No. 9 Nebraska, 5 p.m.	Edmonton at Detroit, 2 p.m.
No. 7 Texas A&M at Mississippi State, 9 a.m.	Colorado at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
No. 8 Wisconsin at Northwestern, 9 a.m.	New Jersey at Carolina, 3 p.m.
No. 10 Florida vs. Arkansas, 12:30 p.m.	Dallas at Chicago, 4 p.m.
No. 11 Auburn vs. Vanderbilt, 9 a.m.	Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
No. 13 Baylor vs. TCU, 12:30 p.m.	Calgary at Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.
No. 14 West Virginia vs. Kansas, 4 p.m.	Monday's Games
No. 18 North Carolina vs. Georgia Tech, 9:30 a.m.	Buffalo at Boston, 4 p.m.
No. 19 Florida State at NC State, 4 p.m.	Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.
No. 20 Penn State vs. Iowa, 4:30 p.m.	Tampa Bay at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
No. 22 Oklahoma State at Kansas State, 12:30 p.m.	
No. 23 Virginia Tech at Duke, 12:30 p.m.	
No. 25 Washington State vs. Arizona, 1 p.m.	
PAC-12 Conference Thursday's Game	
No. 23 Colorado 20, UCLA 10	
Today's Games	
Oregon State at Stanford, 12:30 p.m. (FS1)	
Arizona at Washington State, 1 p.m. (P12)</	