

NFL

Super letdown: Chiefs rout Patriots in NFL season opener



Kansas City Chiefs running back Kareem Hunt (27) gives a stiff arm to New England Patriots safety Duron Harmon (30) during the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday in Foxborough, Mass.

By BARRY WILNER Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — There were big plays all over the field. The Chiefs, not the Patriots, were making them.

Alex Smith threw two long touchdown passes and rookie Kareem Hunt, after fumbling on his first NFL carry, scored three times to help Kansas City stun New England 42-27 on Thursday night in the season opener.

Coming off their sensational Super Bowl rally to a fifth Lombardi Trophy,



the Patriots faded badly in the second half. A raucous sold-out crowd of 65,878 celebrated the unveiling of yet another championship banner, and there was plenty of talk about Tom Brady leading them to a 19-0 record.

After Week 1, though, they are winless.

It was the first time the Patriots lost at Gillette Stadium when leading at

halftime, a span of 82 games. They were no match for the Chiefs in the last two periods.

Tyreek Hill scored on a 75-yarder and Hunt put the Chiefs in front with a 78-yarder to punctuate Kansas City’s charge after trailing 17-14 at halftime. Hunt also had a 58-yard scamper and finished with 141 yards rushing and 98 receiving. Hill had 133 yards through the air, and Smith went 28 for 35 for 368 yards and four touchdowns.

Brady, the 13th quarterback to start an NFL game at age 40, didn’t look too spry. He struggled mightily in the

second half and didn’t throw for a touchdown, finishing 16 for 36 for 267 yards.

Patriots newcomer Mike Gillislee scored on three short runs, becoming the first player since Terrell Owens of Philadelphia in 2004 to score three touchdowns in his debut with a new team.

And Kansas City aided the Patriots’ cause with 15 penalties for 139 yards. Yet, in the end, the Chiefs looked like world-beaters.

UP NEXT

Chiefs: Host Philadelphia on Sept. 17.

Patriots: Visit New Orleans on Sept. 17.

BUCKAROOS: Start league play at Hood River next

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the next level.

“You have to over-exaggerate things to come into a match like this and create your own fire and that’s what we saw tonight.”

A big reason for the Buckaroos’ dominance Thursday was the continued solid play by senior middle Maureen Davies, who tallied eight kills and four blocks, two aces and one assist. She recorded five kills and one block in the second set alone, where Pendleton really flexed its muscles against the Tigers (3-2).

In that second set, Pendleton worked out to an early 5-3 lead before its quick offense and solid defense frazzled the Tigers, ending the set on a 20-5 run.

“We’ve been working really hard and mainly focusing on starting off our play strong,” Davies said of the performance. “The setters

do an awesome job of getting the ball to the hitters and the hitters are doing what we do best.”

Davies has established herself as a force in the middle for Pendleton this season, the latest step in her career evolution. Davies first saw the court for Pendleton as a sophomore with obvious potential but raw talent bundled up with her 6-foot-2 frame. And over the past three seasons she has slowly transformed herself into a vital part of the Buckaroos.

“Over the last few years we’ve really see her grow into her own,” Lapp said. “She’s putting her work in, she’s determined, wants to play after high school and doing what she can to make sure she’s taking herself to the next level no matter what.”

Davies has made a noticeable stride from her junior season to now, which she said she owes to simply more time on the court.

“I played in the offseason on a traveling team during the winter and the spring,” she said, “and kept my skills going and I think that’s helped a lot. I think it’s been working out for us, too.”

The senior played an important role for her team in the third set on Thursday, as La Grande had worked out of an early 5-0 hole to tie the game at 8-8. Davies was on the bench for the early part of the set, but rotated back on and helped steady the team. The teams traded points back-and-forth for a bit before Pendleton took a 12-11 lead on a kill by Jaiden Lemberger and they never looked back from there.

It was really the only hiccup for the Buckaroos on a night where they didn’t show many flaws.

“We saw that in practice yesterday bleeding through a bit,” Lapp said. “When we got the timeout there, I said ‘You know, we have to win in

three, not in two and we have to continue working hard.’ We looked like we were getting tired, getting slow but we had to push through it and make sure we are taking that next step, and we did.”

Behind Davies on offense, Lemberger and Elisabeth House each tallied two kills apiece while Elli Nirschl, Kalan McGlothlan and Rylee Gentner each had one. McGlothlan also tied Davies for the team lead in blocks with four.

Also, Lauren Richards had a team-high 12 assists and Kirah McGlothlan led with four digs.

UP NEXT

Pendleton will open up league play on Tuesday, hitting the road to play the defending CRC champion Hood River at 6:30 p.m.

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Ellen Nirsch (3), of Pendleton, plays the net Thursday during a non-league game against La Grande.

LACY: Contemplating a “Lambeau Leap” if he scores

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start to the season before the ankle injury. Lacy rushed for 360 yards in five games and had a career-best 5.1 yards per attempt.

The Seahawks added weight clauses to his contract, which he’s apparently cleared at every check point. Lacy gained 51 yards on 14 carries in limited action during the preseason.

“He’s ready. He’s had a great run with us getting to this point. He’s done everything we have asked of him, for weeks and weeks now,” head coach Pete Carroll said.

“We’ve seen him for years. We know what kind of player he is, so he’s had enough glimpses of the look in preseason that you can see him get to rumbling with the football. We’re fired up about him

playing and he’s ready for a full load.”

Lacy said he’s spent the last few days contemplating whether he would attempt a “Lambeau Leap” if he managed to find the end zone against his former team.

“Part of me wants to but I don’t want to get pushed down,” Lacy said. “I don’t know how the crowd will react to that. Maybe I can find a small patch of Seahawks fans and do it there, but I’ve thought about it.”

Ultimately, he’s looking forward to getting on the field again and facing his former teammates.

“It’s just a real historic place and the fans take pride in making it as loud and as uncomfortable as they can,” Lacy said. “For me, it’s going to be the first time being on the opposite side of that. I’ll get to see how it is from the other side.”

PREPS: TigerScots drop road match

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Sept. 14 at Umatilla at 6 p.m.

HELIX 3, RIVERSIDE 0 — At Helix, the Grizzlies made quick work of the of the Riverside Pirates by winning 25-8, 25-6 and 25-7 on Thursday night.

Charmayne Bennett was the standout performer for Helix, going a perfect 30-30 from the serving line with six aces.

Helix will next play on Saturday morning in its tournament.

coach Shawn White said. “It was good for us to have, we got pushed hard and did some good things, we just need to do some good things more often.”

“It was just a good, hard-fought match.”

Alyssa Finifrock led Weston-McEwen (7-3) with 12 kills, Hailey Weaver had 11 and Maddi Muilenburg had seven. Also having strong games were Bryce Thul (25 assists, 9 aces), Chelsea Quaempts (14 digs, 4 aces), Tyree Burke (3 kills, 4 blocks), and Finifrock also added five blocks and four aces.

Weston-McEwen next plays in the Les Schawb Invitational in Reedsport on Saturday, matching up with North Douglas first at 10 a.m.

in a tri-match on Thursday night.

Against Elgin, Mac-Hi (1-4) dropped the first set 25-22 before rallying to win the final three 25-20, 25-22 and 25-22. Britany Wells had a solid game with eight digs, six aces and five kills, while Anney Banek had 17 assists, five aces and three kills.

“I was so proud of how hard they fought for the win,” Mac-Hi coach Amanda Nelson said. “Each (set) they left it all on the court.”

Then against Waitsburg, Mac-Hi fell 25-14, 25-23, and 25-10. Jadie Jackson led the Pioneers with three kills, two aces and one block, and Elizabeth Johnson had two aces and two kills.

Mac-Hi next plays in the Helix Tournament on Saturday.

Coaches can report game scores and statistics by calling 1-800-522-0255 or emailing sports@eastoregonian.com.

BEAVERS: Freshman safety Morris impressed against Vikings with six tackles

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“The D-line’s been squared away. They’re hitting their gaps and coming off the ball,” Clune said. “The ‘backers have been squared away, they’ve been hitting their areas and doing what they’re supposed to do. The DBs are on the right page communicating.”

“In here it’s one thing and on Saturday it’s another thing. They’ve got to do it on game day.”

Clune said he wasn’t sure why it has taken the defense until the third game of the season to get squared away.

“Kids are kids and we’re doing everything we can as coaches to get them right and as coaches we’re trying to get right, we’re trying to do everything we can,” Clune said. “And they’ll get it, coaches have just got to get them right.”

YOUTH MOVE-MENT: A few freshmen saw action against Portland

State and performed well for the Beavers.

Safety David Morris had six total tackles, one for a 10-yard loss. Outside linebacker Kee Whetzel had four tackles and linebacker Kesi Ah-Hoy had six tackles with one for loss.

“Tremendous athletes and the mental side of the game is coming around for them finally,” Clune said. “I think they’re finally seeing it and the game’s slowing down a bit.

“David showed some good things and there are things he can fix. Kesi showed some good things and there was a couple things that maybe you guys don’t see on film, but he can get fixed. Kee’s doing a great job. He’s doing a great job special teams-wise and he’s ready to prove it on Saturday.”

WILLIS WORKING INSIDE: Linebacker Jonathan Willis has been getting reps on the inside.

Willis began the season as an outside linebacker after playing inside last season.

“Every Sunday we’re trying to find the best 11 and then the best 11 against the squad that we’re going to face,” Clune said. “He’s had a great first two games and so his role is going to expand.”

HUNGALU’S IMPACT: Inside linebacker Manase Hungalu may be playing but is not 100 percent healthy

and was held to fewer snaps against Portland State.

Nevertheless, Hungalu led OSU with nine tackles, with two for loss, and an interception return for a touchdown.

“Manase only played 43 plays but he was in on about 11 tackles, and that was a tremendous production rate for just 43 plays,” Clune said. “Maybe he didn’t play 60 reps like normal but he was (more productive) than in the first two games.”

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Union at Riverside, 7 p.m.
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Heppner at Grant Union, 7 p.m.
Stanfield at Cascade (WA), 7 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Echo, 7 p.m.

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Joseph at Nixyaawii, 1 p.m.
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PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday

Pendleton at Sandy, 4 p.m.
Irrigon at Hermiston (JV2), 4:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Columbia Christian, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday

Catin Gabel at Riverside, 1 p.m.
Putnam at Hermiston, 1:45 p.m.
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Thursday

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Saturday

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Friday

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Eastern Oregon at Puget Sound, 2 p.m.

Saturday

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Eastern Oregon at Pacific Lutheran (Tacoma, Wash.), 2 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday

Eastern Oregon vs. Montana-Western, 1 p.m.

Baseball

MLB

American League

East Division

Boston

79

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564

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New York

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Baltimore

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Tampa Bay

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Toronto

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Central Division

Cleveland

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Minnesota

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Kansas City

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Detroit

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Chicago

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West Division

Houston

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Los Angeles

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Texas

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National League

East Division

Washington

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Miami

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Atlanta

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New York

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Philadelphia

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Central Division

Chicago

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St. Louis

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Pittsburgh

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Cincinnati

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West Division

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Arizona

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Wild Card Standings

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Friday

Irrigon at lone, 1 p.m.
Echo vs. Irrigon (at lone), 3 p.m.
Echo at lone, 5 p.m.
Enterprise at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.

Saturday

Irrigon at Waitsburg (WA) tournament, 8:30 a.m.
lone vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Condon), 9 a.m.
Helix, Umatilla, Mac-Hi, at Helix Tournament, 9 a.m.
Weston-McEwen at Reedsport Invite, 9 a.m.
Wallowa at Echo, 10 a.m.
Union vs. lone (at Condon), 11 a.m.
Pilot Rock vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Condon), Noon
Joseph at Nixyaawii, 1 p.m.
Pilot Rock vs. lone (at Condon), 2 p.m.
Pasco (WA) at Hermiston, 3:45 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Echo, 3 p.m.
Union vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Condon), 3 p.m.
lone vs. Heppner (at Condon), 4 p.m.
Enterprise at Stanfield, 4 p.m.
Heppner vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Con-

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday

Pendleton at Sandy, 4 p.m.
Irrigon at Hermiston (JV2), 4:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Columbia Christian, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday

Catin Gabel at Riverside, 1 p.m.
Putnam at Hermiston, 1:45 p.m.
Banks vs. Mac-Hi (at The Dalles), 5 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday

Riverside at La Grande, 4 p.m.
Umatilla at Portland Christian, 6:15 p.m.
Irrigon at Hermiston (JV), 4:30 p.m.
Sandy at Pendleton, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Banks vs. Mac-Hi (at The Dalles), 11 a.m.
Putnam at Hermiston, Noon
Portland Christian at Riverside, 1 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday

Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Heppner, Helix,
Weston-McEwen, Umatilla, Stanfield at
Runner's Soul XC Fest (Hermiston), 10 a.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday

Blue Mountain at George Fox University, 7 p.m.

Friday

Blue Mountain vs. Umpqua (at Clackamas CC), 2:30 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Friday

Blue Mountain vs. North Idaho, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday

Blue Mountain vs. Spokane, 2:15 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday

Blue Mountain vs. North Idaho, 2 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Puget Sound, 2 p.m.

Saturday

Blue Mountain vs. Spokane, Noon
Eastern Oregon at Pacific Lutheran (Tacoma, Wash.), 2 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday

Eastern Oregon vs. Montana-Western, 1 p.m.

Baseball

MLB

American League

East Division

Boston

79

61

564

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New York

75

64

540

3½

Baltimore

71

69

507

8

Tampa Bay

70

71

496

9½

Toronto

64

76

457

15

Central Division

Cleveland

83

56

597

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Minnesota

72

67

518

11

Kansas City

69

69

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13½

Detroit

59

80

424

24

Chicago

54

84

391

28½

West Division

Houston

86

53

619

—

Los Angeles

72

68

514

14½

Texas

70

69

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Seattle

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Oakland

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27

National League

East Division

Washington

85

54

612

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Miami

67

73

482

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Atlanta

62

77

446

23½

New York

60

79

432

25

Philadelphia

53

86

381

32

Central Division

Chicago

75

63

547

—

St. Louis

72

67

518

4

Milwaukee

72

68

514

4½

Pittsburgh

67

73

479

9½

Cincinnati

61

79

436

15½

West Division

Los Angeles

92

48

657

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Arizona

82

58

586

10½

Colorado

75

65

536

17

San Diego

62

78

443

30½

San Francisco

55

87

387

38½

Friday's Games

Detroit (Farmer 3-2) at Toronto (Stroman 11-6), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Miley 8-11) at Cleveland (Clevinger 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 9-8) at Boston (Pomeranz 14-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 11-10) at Texas (Perez 11-10), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Moore 4-13) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 14-7) at Kansas City (Kennedy 4-10), 8:15 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 2-2) at Oakland (Cotton 7-10), 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Nolasco 6-12) at Seattle (Leake 8-12), 10:10 p.m.

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