

Sports

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Eagles hold off Green Bay Packers

Nigel Bradham intercepts Aaron Rodgers' pass with 20 seconds left to seal win

By Les Bowen

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — The tattered Eagles defense, playing with its back to the goal line one more time, got a deflection from new cornerback Craig James, in for an injured Avonte Maddox, and Nigel Bradham caught the Aaron Rodgers pass, with 20 seconds remaining, sealing a huge 34-27 Eagles victory.

The Eagles had just watched Maddox leave the field on a stretcher after colliding with teammate Andrew Sendjo. Rodgers was 34-for-52 for an incredible 422 yards when he stepped to the line, and nearly everyone at Lambeau Field not wearing Eagles colors thought he was going to pull out another magical victory.

Bradham, who dropped a sure interception earlier, had other ideas, as did James, just up from the practice squad, who jumped the slant to Marquez Valdes-Scantling.

The Eagles are 2-2.

Carson Wentz and the Eagles offense showed up Thursday night determined to reclaim their status as top NFC contenders against the unbeaten Packers.

The Eagles defense wasn't reading from the same script at first, as the evening became a tennis match between Wentz and future Hall of Famer Rodgers, on Rodgers' home court.

The defense helped Wentz break serve, stopping Rodgers four times on the Eagles' 1-yard-line, giving Wentz the ball with a 34-27 lead and nine minutes remaining.

From there, the Eagles' offensive line and suddenly potent running game almost



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Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Zach Brown is called for a face mask penalty in the first quarter at the expense of Green Bay Packers wide receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling (83) at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on Thursday

took over, pounding a defense that had given up a total of 35 points in the first three games. The visitors had 177 rushing yards on 32 carries as the clock ticked to the two-minute warning. But by that time, Rodgers had the ball back — Wentz missed Alshon Jeffery on third-and-6 from the Packers' 49, a few first downs short of a field goal attempt that might have put the game away.

Rodgers was 3 yards from a tying touchdown when he threw the fatal interception.

The defense's troubles began very early. On the Packers' first play, Rodgers dumped the ball to running back Jamaal Williams, who was stood up by Nigel Bradham at the line of scrimmage, the Green Bay 11. This seemed encouraging, until Derek Barnett came flying in, helmet-first, and leveled Williams.

That was worth 15 yards, probably should have brought an ejection, and did bring a stretcher onto the field. Williams was wheeled away to be evaluated for a head and neck injury. It was an ugly night in that regard, Maddox going out the same way with 1 minute, 6 seconds remaining.

The Williams hit began a five-play, 89-yard Green Bay touchdown drive, keeping alive the Eagles' perfect record of allowing opponent points on the first drive of the game in every game so far. The key play came when the Eagles blitzed on second-and-1 from the Packers' 35, and Rodgers floated a beauty to Davante Adams for a 58-yard gain, singeing Sidney Jones, who soon left with a hamstring problem.

The Eagles secondary seemed to dissolve into chaos. Adams caught six passes for

107 yards in the first quarter, the first 100-yard quarter for a Packers receiver in 15 years. He had eight catches for 158 at halftime. He left the game with a toe injury after catching 10 for 180.

When Mason Crosby added a 30-yard field goal, the Eagles had dug a double-digit hole for the fourth successive time.

Miles Sanders got the Eagles back into the game with a 67-yard kickoff return to the Green Bay 34. Five plays later, Wentz found Alshon Jeffery for a 6-yard touchdown.

It was 13-7 Green Bay when Crosby, not wanting to get burned by another return, tried to place a kickoff in the corner and put it out of bounds instead. Wentz authored an 11-play scoring drive, finding Dallas Goedert on a slant from 3 yards out that gave the Eagles a 14-13 lead.

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MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-New York	102	57	.642	
Tampa Bay	95	64	.597	7
Boston	83	76	.522	19
Toronto	65	94	.409	37
Baltimore	52	107	.327	50
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Minnesota	99	60	.623	
Cleveland	93	66	.585	6
Chicago	70	88	.443	28½
Kansas City	58	101	.365	41
Detroit	46	112	.291	52½
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Houston	104	55	.654	
Oakland	96	63	.604	8
Texas	76	83	.478	28
Los Angeles	72	87	.453	32
Seattle	66	93	.415	38

x-clinched division

Thursday's Games
Minnesota 10, Detroit 4
Texas 7, Boston 5
Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 0
Oakland 3, Seattle 1
L.A. Angels 4, Houston 3, 12 innings
Today's Games
All Times PDT
Detroit (Alexander 1-4) at Chicago White Sox (Nova 11-12), 1:40 p.m., 1st game
Cleveland (Plesac 8-6) at Washington (Voth 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Glasnow 6-1) at Toronto (Zeuch 1-1), 4:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Wojciechowski 3-8) at Boston (Eovaldi 2-0), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Paxton 15-6) at Texas (Palumbo 0-2), 5:05 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 9-11) at Chicago White Sox (López 9-15), 5:10 p.m., 2nd game
Minnesota (Berrios 13-8) at Kansas City (Skoglund 0-2), 5:15 p.m.
Houston (Urquidy 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Sandoval 0-3), 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (Fiers 15-4) at Seattle (Sheffield 0-1), 7:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games				
Baltimore at Boston, 10:05 a.m.				
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.				
Cleveland at Washington, 1:05 p.m.				
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 4:10 p.m.				
Minnesota at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 5:05 p.m.				
Houston at L.A. Angels, 6:07 p.m.				
Oakland at Seattle, 6:10 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Atlanta	97	62	.610	
y-Washington	90	69	.566	7
New York	83	76	.522	14
Philadelphia	79	80	.497	18
Miami	56	103	.352	41
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
z-St. Louis	90	69	.566	
z-Milwaukee	89	70	.560	1
Chicago	82	77	.516	8
Cincinnati	73	86	.459	17
Pittsburgh	68	91	.428	22
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Los Angeles	103	56	.648	
Arizona	82	77	.516	21
San Francisco	77	82	.484	26
San Diego	70	89	.440	33
Colorado	68	91	.428	35

South				
W	L	T	Pct.	
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333
Carolina	1	2	0	.333
North				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750
Detroit	2	0	1	.833
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667
Chicago	1	1	0	.500
West				
W	L	T	Pct.	
L.A. Rams	3	0	0	1.000
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000
Seattle	2	1	0	.667
Arizona	0	2	1	.167

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card
z-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 3
L.A. Dodgers 1, San Diego 0
San Francisco 8, Colorado 3
Washington 6, Philadelphia 3
Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Pittsburgh 9, Chicago Cubs 5

Today's Games
All Times PDT
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 9-9) at Pittsburgh (Braut 4-6), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Plesac 8-6) at Washington (Voth 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Miami (Lopez 5-8) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 7-8), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 8-5) at N.Y. Mets (Stroman 9-13), 4:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 10-7) at Colorado (González 2-6), 5:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (TBD) at St. Louis (Hudson 16-7), 5:15 p.m.
San Diego (Lauer 8-10) at Arizona (Weaver 4-3), 6:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 13-4) at San Francisco (Cueto 1-1), 7:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Cleveland at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.
Milwaukee at Colorado, 5:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 5:10 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
East Division				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Buffalo	3	0	0	1.000
New England	3	0	0	1.000
N.Y. Jets	0	3	0	.000
Miami	0	3	0	.000
South				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Houston	2	1	0	.667
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333
North				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000
West				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000
Oakland	1	2	0	.333
L.A. Chargers	1	2	0	.333
Denver	0	3	0	.000

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
East				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Dallas	3	0	0	1.000
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333
Washington	0	2	0	.000
West				
W	L	T	Pct.	
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000
Seattle	2	1	0	.667
Arizona	1	2	0	.333
Carolina	1	2	0	.333

Thursday's Game
Philadelphia 34, Green Bay 27

Sunday's Games
All Times PDT
Carolina at Houston, 10 a.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 10 a.m.
Oakland at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
L.A. Chargers at Miami, 10 a.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1:25 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 1:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Denver, 1:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 5:20 p.m.

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King Felix bids farewell to Seattle Mariners

Pitcher makes what's likely the final start of his 15-year career, all of which he spent as a Mariner

By Tim Booth

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — When the time finally arrived for Félix Hernández to say goodbye to Seattle and all the history of 15 seasons with one franchise, his manager had a message as he walked off the mound.

"You will always be the king in this town," Scott Servais said to Hernandez as he took the ball.

With tears in his eyes, the emotional Hernández walked off the mound as a Mariner probably for the last time in his career on Wednesday night. He was the losing pitcher in a 3-1 loss to Oakland as the Athletics moved to the brink of clinching an AL wild-card berth.

It was his final start in his final year under contract with Seattle, the only place he's called home as a professional. Both sides seem ready for a separation, which turned the night into a farewell and thank you all wrapped into one.

He wasn't the "King Felix" of his dominant years on this night. He was a 33-year-old pitcher looking for one more magical outing to thrill the thousands of fans who turned out for his farewell.

"I didn't want to just give up five runs in five innings. I wanted to go out there and do my job and just give the team a chance to win," Hernandez said. "That was a fun night."

Unfortunately for Hernández (1-8), the A's have something to play for and weren't willing to go along with festivities. Oakland can clinch one of the two wild-card spots in the AL with a win or Cleveland loss on Friday.

Even in the middle of a playoff race, the A's understood the magnitude of the night.

"That was awesome. I grew up watching him, definitely watched a lot of YouTube videos on him just trying to kind of do mechanics like him in my living room at the house," winning pitcher Sean Manaea said. "Lot of memories watching him pitch, and seeing him walk off the mound like that was pretty incredible. I'm glad I got to watch that. It was really, really cool."

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Timbers take 2-0 lead but settle for a 2-2 draw

By Anne M. Peterson

AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND — Jeremy Ebobisse scored a pair of goals for Portland but a stoppage-time penalty kick gave the New England Revolution a 2-2 draw with the Timbers on Wednesday night.

The Timbers (13-13-6) have just two victories in their last eight games — all of which have been played at home. Portland had gone 319 minutes without a goal before Ebobisse broke through with his first in the 49th minute.

The Timbers were up 2-0 until Gustavo Bou's goal narrowed it in the 87th minute and Carles Gil converted on the penalty kick, awarded after video review. The draw extended the Revolution's winless streak to five games.

Both teams were still jockeying to make the playoffs with two games remaining. The Timbers went into the match sitting at eighth in the Western Conference and just outside playoff picture, but Philadelphia's 2-1 victory over San Jose Wednesday night pushed Portland up the table to sixth.

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