

Sports

Seahawks' season ends with loss to Packers

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers have relied more on character and resilience than offense or defense this season, lagging well behind past editions in aesthetics.

This divisional round win over Seattle, though, was a vintage Rodgers performance. He helped the Packers pull within a game of the Super Bowl with an array of clutch completions at the most critical of moments.

Rodgers connected with Davante Adams eight times for 160 yards and two touchdowns, Green Bay's spruced-up defense fended off a spirited Seahawks rally, and the Packers held on for a 28-23 victory Sunday night to reach the NFC championship game for the third time in six years.

"It's one of those feelings that starts to creep up in warmups, when you really feel like you're locked in," Rodgers said, "and I was glad it translated to the field."

Aaron Jones rushed for 62 yards and two first-half scores for the Packers (14-3), who will travel next weekend to take on top-seeded San



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Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch (24) is stopped by the Green Bay defense in the first quarter on Sunday.

Francisco. Rodgers, who went 16 for 27 for 243 yards in his 17th career postseason start, Rodgers has 38 touchdown passes in the playoffs. That's good for fifth in league history.

"He's definitely hungry for another Super Bowl. He deserves it, so we're doing everything in our power to put him in that position," said Adams, who set Green Bay's postseason record for receiving yards.

Russell Wilson carried the Seahawks (12-6) on yet another comeback, this time from a 21-3 halftime deficit,

but the Packers forced a punt shortly before the two-minute warning on the second sack of the game by Preston Smith. That was Green Bay's fifth of the game.

"Five minutes left, we're getting the ball back, the thing's going to be over. We're going to win it," Wilson said. "I think everybody in the stadium, and I think everybody watching felt like that, too."

The Seahawks never got the ball again.

Rodgers sealed the win with two third-down throws: a 32-yard strike to Adams on

third-and-8 with 2:19 left and then for 9 yards to Jimmy Graham on third-and-9 right after the two-minute warning to take down a Seahawks team that was 8-1 on the road this season entering the game.

"I'm just going to enjoy a nice glass of scotch tonight," Rodgers said, "and get on to the film of San Fran and get ready for a tough opponent."

Rodgers exacted some payback for five years ago, when the Packers blew a 16-0 halftime lead in the NFC championship game at Seattle and were beaten 28-22

in overtime. The Seahawks lost their next game to New England when Wilson was infamously intercepted late at the goal line and haven't been back to the conference title game since then.

Rodgers is running out of time faster than Wilson, though, nine years after his only championship. Though many of Green Bay's performances haven't been pretty, with so many hold-on-at-the-end wins, Rodgers and Matt LaFleur have sure meshed well in the coach's rookie season.

"Let's be honest, I don't know that even our fans felt supremely confident in us," Rodgers said.

The Seahawks had just a plus-seven scoring margin during the regular season, making quite the habit of second-half rallies. Wilson did some of the finest work of his eight-year career in 2019, helping the Seahawks stay on track despite a steady stream of injuries, including the late setbacks in the backfield that prompted the emergency call for Marshawn Lynch.

Racking up 64 yards rushing on seven scrambles and completing 21 of 31 passes for 277 yards, Wilson directed

touchdown drives of 69, 84, 79 right out of the gate after halftime. Lynch finished two of them with scores, and Wilson threw on the run to Tyler Lockett, who had 136 yards on nine receptions, for the other one.

"Every time I looked up, he was making somebody miss in the pocket, creating and extending plays," LaFleur said. "That's what he's done his whole career."

Lynch's second touchdown with 9:33 left cut the lead to 28-23, but Jaire Alexander blew up the 2-point conversion attempt with a sack on an unblocked blitz. The Packers gave the ball back to the Seahawks with a second consecutive punt, this time with 4:54 left at the Seattle 22, but Wilson ran out of tricks in his seemingly bottomless bag of them.

"He tested our cardio and heart and endurance today," Smith said.

Lynch, who has 12 rushing touchdowns in 13 career postseason games to tie for fourth in NFL history, had only 26 yards on 12 carries.

"We made it exciting," Wilson said. "We just wish we would have left here with a win."

Community

BHS student arrested for phone threat

A Baker High School student is in the custody of juvenile authorities today on a charge of first-degree disorderly conduct after he allegedly made threats to shoot people at the school and to take his own life.

The 16-year-old boy was arrested at 1:39 a.m. today, Baker City Police Chief Ray Duman stated in a press release.

(The Baker City Herald doesn't report the names of juveniles accused of misdemeanor crimes.)

The investigation began at 11:39 p.m. Sunday when the Baker County Dispatch Center received a call from a national suicide hotline stat-

ing that the boy had called the hotline and detailed his plans.

Police began the investigation after determining the call had been made from Baker City, Duman said. The suicide hotline provided officers with the cellphone number used to make the call. The number was traced to the boy's home and then to a different location where the phone was found and the boy was taken into custody.

"The officers did a good job of recognizing the situation and dealing with it accordingly," Duman said this morning.

A Juvenile Court counselor transported the boy to the Northern Oregon Regional Corrections juvenile detention

center at The Dalles. They arrived there at about 7 a.m. today, said Staci Erickson, Juvenile Department director.

A court hearing on the disorderly conduct charge, a Class A misdemeanor, will be scheduled either today or by 3 p.m. Tuesday, Erickson said. She will ask the Court to retain the boy at the detention center. He is serving a probation term for an earlier crime of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, she said.

Duman said school officials were notified of the threat and the investigation is continuing.

Superintendent Mark Witty expressed his appreciation for the work of law

enforcement officers and the systems in place to help keep students safe.

"I'm grateful that law enforcement got after it and took care of the situation ... even before school started today," he said.

Witty added that he appreciates that there are different ways for people to report problems, including self-reporting as happened in this case.

He noted that the school district works closely with New Directions Northwest to help address mental health needs of students.

"There are reasons we have systems in place to identify students who are having problems," he said.

Library patrons will need their card during software upgrade Wednesday

Baker County Library users will need to bring their library card to check out items on Wednesday while the catalog system is down for a software upgrade.

Normally, borrowers can present a photo ID or "Forgot Your Card" form and check out items even if they don't have

their card.

Other changes in effect Wednesday only:

- A checkout limit of 5 movies per card rather than the customary 10 items.
- No searching of the library inventory or user account information
- New accounts cannot be

created.

- Cannot process payment of overdue fees or lost charges
- Library2Go accounts will be unavailable.
- Returned items will not be checked in until the system is back online

"This update should set the groundwork for offering a mo-

bile device app and payment of fees online through the catalog system, enhancements to come later this year," Library Director Perry Stokes said in a press release. "Thanks to everyone for your patience and please stay tuned."

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The case will go before a grand jury on Thursday

where final charges will be decided, Baxter said.

The investigation began on Dec. 12 when the Sheriff's Office received a report of

child sexual abuse. Investigators applied for a search warrant and conducted a search of Gonyer's property at 35001 Stices Gulch Road

on Dec. 24.

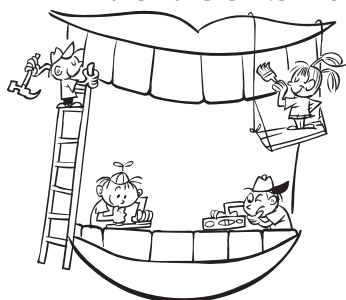
After learning that Gonyer was in Boise, they worked with Idaho police to arrange for his arrest.

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OREGON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 2 Ducks rebound from loss, top Arizona

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TUCSON, Ariz. — Oregon had a rare loss of composure late in a loss to Arizona State.

Faced with a similar challenge against Arizona two days later, the Ducks survived with a simple plan: Get the ball into Sabrina Ionescu's hands.

Ionescu had 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for her NCAA record-extending 22nd triple-double, helping the second-ranked Ducks bounce back from their second loss of the season with a 71-64 win over No. 18 Arizona on Sunday.

"When it counted late in the game, she was the one who made the plays at both ends of the floor," Oregon coach Kelly Graves said. "When you're an All-American, player of the year candidate, in these kind of games you've got to step up."

The Ducks (14-2, 3-1 Pac-12) looked like the inexperienced team Friday night, allowing the Sun Devils to charge back from a 12-point deficit in the fourth quarter and win 72-66.

Against Arizona, Oregon built a 13-point lead midway through the third quarter before the Wildcats made a run.

Mostly a distributor early, Ionescu took over late. She had a three-point play after Arizona pulled within three, scored another late basket and hit two free throws with 20.7 seconds left. Ionescu has more triple-doubles than any player in NCAA history, man or woman.

Ruthy Hebard had 19 points and 14 rebounds, Satou Sabally added 18 points and Oregon had a 36-18 advantage in the paint.

"It's nice to know we can win a grind-it-out game," Graves said. "We haven't yet this year on the road."

Arizona (12-3, 2-3) overcame a long scoring drought to end the second quarter, pulling within 65-52 on Aari McDonald's 3-pointer with 1:23 left. The Wildcats couldn't finish it off, losing their third straight to top-10 opponents after opening the season with 14 straight wins.

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