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Seahawks wide receiver David Moore (83) catches a 17-yard touchdown over Dolphins cornerback Noah Igbingohene (23) late in Seattle's victory over Miami at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens Sunday.

Seahawks down Dolphins, improve to 4-0 for first time since 2013 season

■ Russell Wilson throws for 4 touchdowns in Seattle's 31-23 win

By Paul Gereffi
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MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The unbeaten Seattle Seahawks revived their blueprint from years past, winning with repeated defensive stops and one pivotal pass.

Russell Wilson's record production pace slackened slightly, but his long completion in the final seconds of the first half helped the Seahawks begin to pull away, and they beat the Miami Dolphins 31-23 Sunday.

Wilson threw for 360 yards and two touchdowns, and Seattle improved to 4-0.

"For us to be 4-0 is a huge thing," Wilson said. "Just keep winning one game at a time, and that's what's really important to us."

The Seahawks swept their first four games only one other time in franchise history — in 2013, when they won their only Super Bowl. They've scored 30 or more points in four consecutive games for the first time since 2015.

But it was defense that made the difference against the Dolphins (1-3), who fell be-

hind as they settled for Jason Sanders field goals on their first five scoring drives.

"We kept them in front of us all day long and made them earn their way," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Wilson connected with David Moore for 57 yards in the final seconds of the first half to set up a touchdown that gave Seattle a 17-9 halftime lead. First-round draft pick Noah Igbingohene blew the coverage on the play.

"I knew what to do," Igbingohene said. "I just made a mistake."

The Seahawks' headsets went out to start the drive, and Wilson called the plays himself.

"I'm always prepared for those moments. ... I know the game plan," Wilson said. "I know how we want to attack them."

Wilson, who went 24 for 34, tied Peyton Manning's record of 16 touchdown passes in the first four games of a season. Manning did it in 2013.

Jet lag and the subtropical heat weren't issues for the Seahawks. Neither were injuries

that left them short-handed in the secondary.

Ryan Fitzpatrick was 29 for 45 and 315 yards but threw two interceptions for Miami. He also rushed for a touchdown and was the leading rusher for Miami with six carries for 47 yards.

"The story of the day was being able to move the ball effectively, and not being able to do anything in the red zone, whether it was a penalty or poor execution or a bad read by me," Fitzpatrick said. "I felt like there were a lot of guys on our team that played well enough to win. Unfortunately was not one of them."

Fitzpatrick scored Miami's only touchdown with 1:50 left, but Seattle recovered the ensuing onside kick.

DK Metcalf had four catches for 106 yards, Moore had three for 95 yards, and Chris Carson rushed for 80 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Carson was questionable coming into the game because of a sprained knee.

"Chris is a stud football player and isn't backing down from anything," Carroll said.

Rams hold off Giants, 17-9

By Greg Beacham
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INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Until Jalen Ramsey and Golden Tate traded postgame punches in the culmination of an estranged family's feud, there wasn't much drama in the New York Giants' visit to Los Angeles.

The Rams hung on to win a mostly dismal game with just enough big plays on offense and a redemptive interception by Darius Williams.

Jared Goff hit Cooper Kupp for a 55-yard touchdown with 6:56 to play, and the Rams grinded out a 17-9 victory over New York on Sunday before the wild fight between Ramsey and Tate.

Williams made a diving pick at the Los Angeles 7 with 52 seconds to play as the Rams (3-1) barely stayed unbeaten at new SoFi Stadium and kept first-year Giants coach Joe Judge winless. Los Angeles managed 240 total yards and went nearly 45 minutes between its two touchdowns, but it was enough.

"Being 3-1, it's still a good start," Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald said. "Definitely

made mistakes here and there, but I'd rather fix things off of winning instead of off a loss."

Daniel Jones passed for 190 yards and rushed for 45 for the Giants (0-4), who haven't scored a touchdown in their last two games. New York had two chances with the ball after Kupp's TD, but the Giants turned it over on downs before Jones drove them deep into Rams territory.

That's when Williams stepped up. The fourth-year cornerback was whistled for a debatable pass interference penalty on fourth down in the final minute of the Rams' 35-32 loss at Buffalo last week, and the Bills scored the winning TD on the next play.

One week later, Williams came up huge on a pass by Jones intended for Damion Ratley, diving to get both hands on the ball just above the turf. Williams said he recognized the Giants' play call from earlier in the game, allowing him to anticipate the throw.

"I felt like they were going to come back to it," Williams said. "Basically just seeing that play, seeing him, everything, I knew that was kind of his play. Luckily I just made a play on it."

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