

Jaguars win 9-6, for first win in America since 2020

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville had the better Josh Allen on this Sunday, with the standout linebacker intercepting a pass, making a sack and recovering a fumble in a 9-6 upset of the Buffalo Bills.

Buffalo's star quarterback with the same first and last names turned over the ball three times, including twice in the second half. He didn't have a second-half turnover in any previous game this season.

The Bills (5-3) lost for the

second time in seven games. The Jaguars (2-6) rebounded from a debacle at Seattle a week ago.

Buffalo's Allen completed 31 of 47 passes for 264 yards, with the two interceptions and a fumble.

The first of two deciding moments came on a third-and-2 play at the Jaguars 37 with about 5 1-2 minutes remaining. Allen fumbled after getting pressured by Dawuane Smoot. The other Josh Allen recovered.

Buffalo got the ball back in the waning minutes and advanced to the Jaguars 39. But Smoot sacked Allen on third down. It was Jacksonville's fourth sack of

the day.

Allen got the first one. It was the first time a player sacked a quarterback with the same name since the NFL started counting sacks in 1982.

Allen and Allen had been looking forward to this meeting, although Buffalo's Allen made it clear he didn't want to get acquainted with Jacksonville's Allen in the backfield. It nonetheless happened when Allen beat Dion Dawkins off the edge.

The players with the same first and last name had never met before Sunday even though they were both selected with the sev-

enth pick in consecutive NFL drafts. They have exchanged messages via social media.

MULTIPLE MISSES

Jaguars kicker Matt Wright missed three straight field-goal attempts — all left — in a matter of minutes in the third quarter.

Wright hit the left upright from 42 yards, but a false start penalty on the Jaguars gave him another chance from 47. He yanked that one left, too. But Bills reserve running back Taiwan Jones was flagged for running into the kicker



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Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Urban Meyer shouts to players on the field during the first half against the Buffalo Bills.

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GA, BHS players earn all-region softball honors

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The 2021 Region 2-6A softball all-region teams were announced last week, featuring five Glynn Academy players and three Brunswick High players.

After a 16-12 season where they reached the second round of the 6A State Playoffs, the Lady Terrors were honored with five players on either the first or second-team all Region 2-6A teams.

Earning first-team honors were senior Kamila Vicente (pitcher), junior Madysen Wilborn (catcher), and senior Anna Lee Mancil (infielder).

Earning second-team honors were junior Katie Wagner (infielder) and junior Bella Theus (utility).

After a 7-11 season and battling through COVID-19 during the beginning of the season, the Lady Pirates had three players make the all 6A region teams.

Earning first-team honors was senior Jayla Hollingsworth (utility)

Earning second-team honors were sophomore Ridleigh Rowell (catcher) and sophomore Jenny Braddy (infielder)

Congratulations to all on their stellar seasons.

Larson wins 1st NASCAR title

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AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kyle Larson won.

That was the expected result of NASCAR's season-ending championship race, right?

Larson closed his comeback season in NASCAR with his first championship Sunday. He capped his return from a nearly yearlong suspension with a title-winning victory at Phoenix Raceway.

"I can't believe it," Larson

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STATE CHAMPIONS



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Frederica Academy's girls cross country team hold the GISA Class 3A state title after its strong performance.

Frederica Academy girls cross country earn first title in over a decade

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Finally.

That's what head coach Christi Bumgartner said when the Frederica Knights girls cross country team claimed the GISA-3A state title.

On a cold windy morning with the highs peaking at 40 degrees, the Knights had every right to be unprepared for such brutal weather unlike any they usually encounter in the Golden Isles.

Instead, the girls and boys teams came out looking for silverware.

Bumgartner is in her eighth year as the head coach of the cross country teams, and she knew four years ago that both of these teams would be special.

"I knew it was possible that we would win state one day, we have always been really close," Bumgartner said of the girls team. "Their sophomore year, the girls came in second, and then last year the girls came in third. This year the girls won it and for the past four years, we have kind of been in the hunt for it. This year with a combination of the experience of the seniors and a lot of underclassmen that ran for the first time, a lot of freshmen made a huge impact. We just were fortunate that we got some talent this year and coupled it with our experience and it



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Frederica Academy's boys cross country team smile with their GISA-3A runners up trophy.

was just a perfect match really."

The mixture of the Knights team showed in the meet as they raced their way to the first state title in over a decade.

For the second year in a row, Ellie Runyan took home the individual title with a time of 21:19.43.

It only got better for the Knights with eighth-grader Maggie Dorminy finishing

second with a time of 22:01.43.

This gave Frederica a quick lead over the 13 team competition and they only added to the cushion they brought early in the race.

All remaining seven runners finished inside the top 70, and Bumgartner knew her team had a good chance of winning due to their

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Ryan passes for 343 yards, 2 TDs as Falcons top Saints 27-25

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NEW ORLEANS — Matt Ryan hit Cordarrelle Patterson for a 64-yard gain with a minute to go, setting up Young-hoe Koo's 29-yard field goal as time expired, and the Atlanta Falcons defeated the mistake-prone New Orleans Saints 27-25 on Sunday.

Ryan passed for 343 yards, connected twice with Olamide Zaccheaus for touchdowns, and the veteran quarterback also ran for a score on a bootleg. Ryan's second scoring pass gave the Falcons a 24-6 lead with 10:39 left in the fourth quarter. But the Saints rallied to

briefly take the lead on Trevor Siemian's 8-yard pass to Kenny Stills with 1:01 left.

New Orleans then missed a 2-point conversion try for the second time in the game, leaving the door open for the Falcons to win with a field goal.

Ryan needed just one play to burn the Saints' defense for his fourth completion of more than 30 yards in the game — and his second long connection with Patterson. The versatile running back beat rookie Paulson Adebo down the right sideline to give him six catches for 126 yards on the day.

Even with top Falcons receiver Calvin Ridley unavailable while addressing

mental health issues, Ryan completed 23 of 30 passes without a turnover. Russell Gage caught seven passes for 64 yards, rookie tight end Kyle Pitts caught three for 62 yards and Zaccheaus caught three for 58 yards.

Saints coach Sean Payton started Siemian on the heels of Jameis Winston's season-ending knee injury a week ago, and intermittently mixed in Tayson Hill behind center. Siemian passed for 249 yards and two touchdowns without an interception, and Hill completed both of his passes for 33 yards. But both



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Atlanta Falcons running back Cordarrelle Patterson makes the catch against New Orleans Saints defensive back Chauncey Gardner-Johnson.

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