

Week 12



- All-out blitz scheme caps late-game redemption for defense. R3
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Redskins 23, Seahawks 17

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The Redskins enjoyed success passing and rushing as receiver Anthony Armstrong (above) hauled in a 50-yard touchdown pass from Rex Grossman (8) with 6:18 to play, and Roy Helu (below) churned out 108 yards — including this up-and-over move on Roy Lewis — and a touchdown on 23 carries.

WON-DERFUL

Six-game skid ends with rally in fourth quarter

By RICH CAMPBELL
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

SEATTLE | Trent Williams, all 318 pounds of him, jumped into Perry Riley's arms. Linebackers coach Lou Spanos bear-hugged LaRon Landry from behind. Even coach Mike Shanahan cracked a smile.

When DeAngelo Hall's interception in the final moments secured the Washington Redskins' 23-17 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday, eight weeks of frustration and tension released. Players and coaches spilled onto the field, their joy unrestrained.

"Now we at least have something to be happy about," said receiver Anthony Armstrong, fresh off his game-winning 50-yard touchdown catch. "The hard work has paid off."

The Redskins fought their way out of hell in front of 66,007 fans at rainy, windy CenturyLink Field. They hadn't tasted victory since Oct. 2. For weeks, they struggled to be competitive with a brand of football that bordered on unwatchable. Injuries and overall offensive ineptitude resulted in a six-game losing streak that demolished the expectations inflated by a hot start.

Sunday's win lifted their record only to 4-7, but this undermanned group proved it still has some fight left.

They scored 16 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to claw back from a 17-7 deficit. Rex Grossman threw for 314 yards and two touchdowns, and rookie Roy Helu had 108 rushing yards and a fourth-quarter touchdown to help

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Helu provides optimism amid tough season

SEATTLE

The game felt lost, like so many others. Then, for an instant, Roy Helu seemed to float. And the Washington Redskins rookie transformed the raw afternoon where wind and miscues and seagulls swirled around CenturyLink Field and provided the team something as rare as a dry day here.

Progress. Not another tease. But actual progress for the Redskins in this lost season that sheets of rain pelting fans in neon green ponchos Sunday afternoon couldn't wash away.

Before Helu went airborne in the fourth quarter, the Redskins trailed the Seattle Seahawks by 10 points. A seventh straight loss appeared inevitable, after a penalty-marred game dominated by fisticuffs, finger-wagging, jawing and even a neck-stomp between plays that left the officiating crew scurrying around like bouncers after a bar's last call.

Twenty-eight hundred miles from Washington, the Redskins found themselves in familiar territory, from quarterback Rex Grossman's ill-advised throws on two interceptions (plus two



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FLIPPING OUT BEFORE THE COIN TOSS



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Umpire Garth DeFelice holds back Seahawks running backs Marshawn Lynch (left) and Leon Washington (right) after a shoving match broke out before the start of Sunday's game at CenturyLink Field with Redskins linebacker London Fletcher (59) and cornerback DeAngelo Hall, who are being contained by referee Clete Blakeman. More on the pregame altercation in Redskins notes, **R4**.



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other passes the Seahawks nearly picked off) to critical penalties and Graham Gano's fourth blocked field goal attempt this season.

Enter Helu, the 22-year-old rookie running back, who grabbed a pitch in the shotgun formation, sprinted to the left and hurdled cornerback Roy Lewis with the all the difficulty of stepping over a pair of cleats. Helu's stride didn't break.

An armful of air and awkward meeting with the turf rewarded Lewis, while Helu crossed into the end zone 5 seconds later with a 28-yard touchdown.

The rally was on. So is Helu's ascent.

Coach Mike Shanahan wanted to heft the offensive load on Helu on Sunday, wanted to see what he could do against the NFL's eighth-ranked rush defense.

So, the rookie touched the ball on 12 of the Redskins' first 21 plays. Not so long ago, Shanahan worried about putting too much pressure on Helu, the 105th overall pick in April's draft.

"He's not ready for that," Shanahan said.

That changed Sunday.

Thirty touches. One hundred sixty-two total yards. One hundred eight yards rushing for the Redskins' woeful ground attack, ranked 30th in the NFL. The first half wasn't over before he surpassed his career-high of 10 carries, helped by the absence of the injured Alan Branch, the Seahawks' immense run-stuffing defensive tackle.

After the work, it was a wonder Helu had the energy to leap Lewis in a single bound.



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Redskins running back Roy Helu (29) took 23 handoffs from Rex Grossman on Sunday, rushing for 108 yards against a stingy Seattle defense, including a hurdle of cornerback Roy Lewis. His previous career high in carries was 10.

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Helu wasn't spectacular. No ankle-breaking moves or game-breaking runs. Play after play, he pounded the ball or caught swing passes out of the backfield. Simple. Effective. And a step forward for the Redskins' running back carousel.

Ex-starter Tim Hightower is out for the year with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Tashard Choice was

cut after a three-week stint. Evan Royster, a rookie from Penn State, was active Sunday for the first time. And last year's backfield revelation, Ryan Torain, has been, at best, erratic.

Helu showed Sunday he can be a piece of the long-term solution to the Redskins' offensive woes.

Questions, of course, remain about Helu. Can he break big runs in the NFL like he did at Nebraska, where he averaged 6.6 yards per carry? Can he hold up to a season's worth of shots? Can his pass blocking continue to improve?

Those can wait.

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Moss' return a bright spot, even with only four catches

By DAVID ANDRIESEN

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON TIMES

SEATTLE | Santana Moss didn't exactly arrive with a bang, but he arrived. And for a Redskins team in the throes of a losing streak, the return of their best receiver Sunday was a rare bit of good news.

Moss, playing for the first time since breaking his left hand against Carolina on Oct. 23, caught four passes for 29 yards as the Redskins snapped a six-game losing streak with a 23-17 win over the Seahawks.

"I was just glad for the win, whatever role I could play," Moss said. "Once I got hit a couple of times here and there, it started to feel good."

With rain and wind in play for most of the game, and two of the NFL's least productive offenses on the field, the stage wasn't exactly set for a breakout receiving performance. But just having No. 89 lined up in his familiar spot was a bright spot for a team that hadn't won a game in his absence.

The Redskins got Moss involved at the outset, Rex Grossman hitting him for a short gain on the game's second play and then throwing deep down the left side on the ensuing play. Cornerback Brandon Browner denied Moss 38 yards downfield, but notice had been served that Washington's big-play threat was back.

The ball didn't go to Moss much — he had three catches in the first half for 16 yards — but he appeared to be the first read on several other plays

that turned into short gains for others as Grossman completed 16 of 19 in the half.

"It feels good to be able to take some of the looks that have been missing," Moss said. "Just being out there, I knew I was contributing however I could."

Grossman attempted another deep ball for Moss early in the third quarter, throwing 46 yards down the middle. Unfortunately, Moss had run about 50 yards, and the underthrown ball found the hands of Seattle's Richard Sherman as the Redskins wasted good field position.

"At the start of the second half, the only thing I was unhappy with Rex was that Santana was wide open on a play," Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said. "He has got to make that throw every time. You have to make that throw; it's your read."

Grossman overthrew Moss on a 20-yard sideline route later in the quarter.

Moss, in his seventh season in Washington, had 301 yards on 25 catches and two touchdowns before his injury, which occurred when he fell on the hand while making a low catch against the Panthers. He underwent surgery and missed four games, having pins removed from the hand Nov. 14. He returned to practice Wednesday.

"Early in the season, we had a good rhythm with Rex and had some things working," he said. "It's good to sort of get back toward getting that back. Today was a positive step."

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Second time's a charm with all-out blitz scheme

What failed at Dallas works in Seattle win

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SEATTLE | Washington fans had seen this one before: Critical situation, a desperate opponent with a long way to go, and the Redskins leaving a whole lot of open space behind the defense.



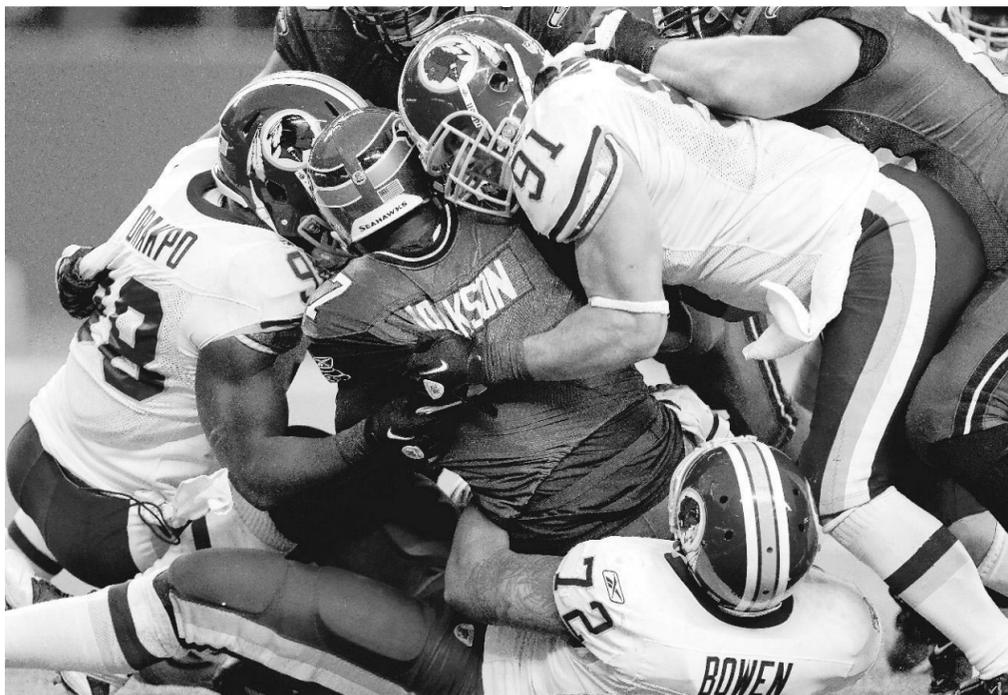
Landry

In Week 3 in Dallas, with the Cowboys facing third-and-21 from their 30, Redskins defensive coordinator Jim Haslett called for an eight-man blitz. Tony Romo beat the blitz

to complete a 30-yard pass that keyed a winning drive.

So there might have been some expletives hurled at Beltway televisions Sunday when Haslett made the same call in a similar situation. With the Seahawks down three, facing fourth-and-5 from their 23, there was once again no nickel package. The Redskins crashed everyone into the box, and this time it worked, as Seahawks quarterback Tarvaris Jackson was swarmed for a 9-yard loss. Moments later, Graham Gano kicked a field goal that capped a 23-17 comeback victory.

"When Haslett did that everyone was probably like, 'Why can he keep calling this play after what happened in Dallas?'" Redskins linebacker Brian Orakpo said. "It doesn't matter.



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In addition to a critical third-down stop by LaRon Landry, a swarming sack of Tarvaris Jackson by Brian Orakpo (left), Stephen Bowen and Ryan Kerrigan (right) on fourth down set up a lead-extending field goal late in Sunday's game.

We just have to execute it.

"I love Haz, man. He's a gutsy guy. He doesn't care about anything that happened in the past. Regardless of the outcome, regardless of what happened in the past, he's confident in his calls and he's confident in his players to get the job done."

In a game in which the defense often failed to get the job done, it was ultimately challenged by an unexpected development: the late arrival of the offense, which put together a

16-point fourth quarter. Having been let down by the offense plenty in recent weeks, Redskins defenders wanted to make sure they brought this one home.

"The offense did what they did, and they gave us the chance to close it out," nose tackle Barry Cofield said. "It feels great to have a real team effort like that."

Before the comeback, it seemed as though missed defensive chances would again cost the Redskins, as the

28th-ranked Seahawks offense was able to, if not thrive, at least avoid disaster. Cornerbacks Josh Wilson and DeAngelo Hall missed out on potential interceptions that will make them grimace when they watch the game film. It was thought that Washington could victimize ineffective and injured quarterback Jackson, but Jackson didn't turn the ball over until the game's final minute.

Symbolic of the defensive frustrations was a play early in the fourth

quarter, with the Seahawks facing third-and-6 at midfield. Jackson connected with undersized rookie receiver Doug Baldwin, who bounced off hard-hitting veteran safety LaRon Landry and rambled 24 yards, setting up the touchdown that put Seattle on top 17-7.

There was a time when third down defense was one of the Redskins' strengths, but that element of the game largely abandoned them during their six-game losing streak. Through the first four games, the Redskins allowed opponents to convert on just 26 percent of third downs (13 of 50), among the best rates in the league, and didn't allow any opponent better than a 33 percent conversion rate. But in the next six games, they allowed opponents to convert at a 44 percent clip (37 of 85).

Sunday, Landry, who is hampered by a nagging groin injury, would have his shot at redemption on another critical fourth-quarter third down. With the Redskins having rallied for a 20-17 advantage, Seattle was looking at third-and-11 from its 39, and Jackson again targeted Baldwin, deep down the middle of the field. This time Landry made the play he was supposed to make, and Seattle's drive was over.

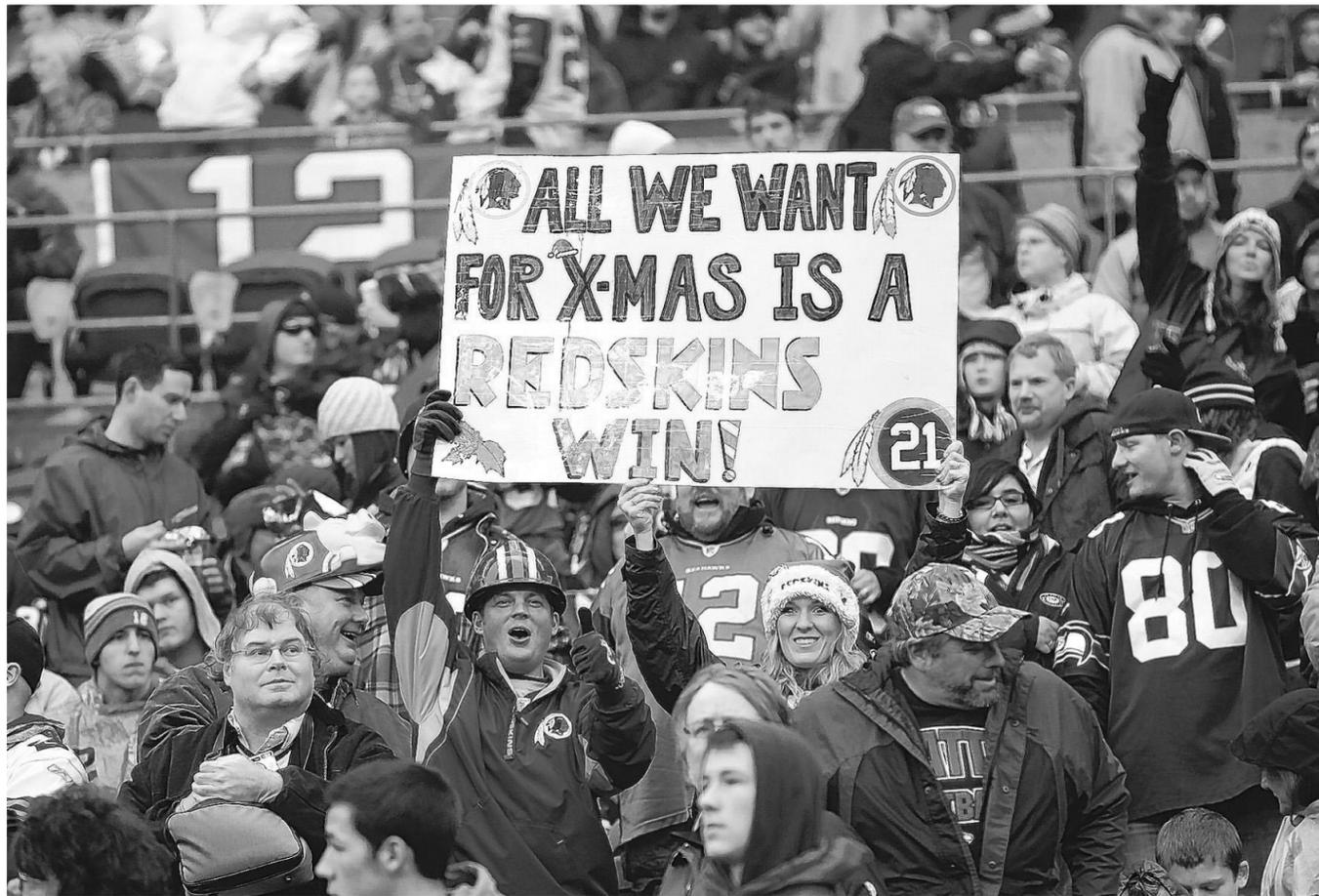
"I just had to persevere through it and make it happen," Landry said.

Orakpo said the offensive rally should give the team confidence, and so should the defense's resilience in holding the lead.

"We can build off this, man," he said. "We get the lead, and [opponents] have to get one-dimensional and pass the ball. I think we have one of the best front sevens in the game, and we just have to get put in those positions and we can make things happen."

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— Rex Grossman



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Redskins fans at CenturyLink Field had plenty to cheer after Washington rallied for a 23-17 victory that snapped a six-game losing streak.

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them overcome two interceptions, a blocked field goal attempt and a stuffed extra-point try.

"Any time you fight back like we did, you feel good about your football team," Shanahan said.

No one inside the jubilant visitors' locker room embodied that fight more than Armstrong.

A year ago in his first NFL season, he caught 44 passes for 871 yards in 11 starts. Entering Sunday, however, Armstrong hadn't caught a pass since Oct. 23. He started twice during that span. His season totals entering Sunday's

game: five catches, 47 yards and one touchdown.

That didn't matter, though, when the Redskins sent him in on third-and-19 from midfield, trailing 17-14 with 6:26 remaining.

Grossman stepped up in the pocket as Seattle's pass rush formed around him, reset and, with the wind at his back, launched a high-arching throw toward Armstrong in the back of the end zone.

Armstrong, Washington's fastest receiver, ran underneath the ball. Cornerback Brandon Browner didn't turn in time. Armstrong jumped to compensate for his 5-inch height disadvantage and caught it in the back of the end zone.

"It's been a long, stressful kind of season, the last few weeks, especially losing and not really being able to get on track," Armstrong said. "To be able to make a play is huge."

And apparently you can't spell 'resilient' without R-E-X.

Sunday's game was a microcosm of his season. He completed 8 of 9 passes on the Redskins' opening drive, which ended with Fred Davis' 2-yard touchdown catch. Then he threw a pair of interceptions. The Seahawks scored a touchdown on the play after his first pick.

But Washington's offense has steadily improved in each of the three games since Grossman was reinstated as the starter. He pushed it over the

final hurdle on Sunday.

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The touchdown on third-and-a-mile gave Washington a 20-17 lead. From there, the defense finished the type of complete team performance the Redskins have yearned for.

On the next series, they got off the field on third down with a seven-man blitz. Remember the cover-zero blitz that burned the Redskins in their Week 3 loss to Dallas? Well, this one worked,

REDSKINS 23, SEAHAWKS 17					
Washington	7	0	0	16	-23
Seattle	0	7	3	7	-17
First Quarter					
Was—Davis 2 pass from Grossman (Gano kick), 7:11.					
Second Quarter					
Sea—Lynch 20 pass from Jackson (Hauschka kick), 11:01.					
Third Quarter					
Sea—FG Hauschka 36, 5:58.					
Fourth Quarter					
Sea—Tate 15 pass from Jackson (Hauschka kick), 12:45.					
Was—Helu 28 run (Gano kick), 9:51.					
Was—Armstrong 50 pass from Grossman (kick blocked), 6:18.					
Was—FG Gano 25, 1:06.					
A—66,007.					
	Was	Sea			
First downs	22	15			
Total Net Yards	416	250			
Rushes-yards	29-110	30-124			
Passing	306	126			
Punt Returns	3-7	2-1			
Kickoff Returns	2-34	2-86			
Interceptions Ret.	-1-3	2-23			
Comp-Att-Int	26-35-2	14-30-1			
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	2-18			
Punts	4-44.5	6-44.5			
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0			
Penalties-Yards	10-115	9-91			
Time of Possession	33:20	26:40			
LEADERS					
RUSHING —Washington, Helu 23-108, Royster 1-3, Grossman 5-(minus 1), Seattle, Lynch 24-111, Washington 4-9, Rice 1-3, Forsett 1-1.					
PASSING —Washington, Grossman 26-35-2-314, Seattle, Jackson 14-30-1-144.					
RECEIVING —Washington, Helu 7-54, Gaffney 5-72, Davis 4-58, Moss 4-29, Young 2-22, Paulsen 2-14, Armstrong 1-50, Sellers 1-15, Seattle, Baldwin 5-60, Obomanu 3-26, Lynch 1-20, Tate 1-15, A.McCoy 1-13, Robinson 1-7, Miller 1-2, Forsett 1-1.					
MISSED FIELD GOALS —Washington, Gano 23 (BK), Seattle, Hauschka 51 (WR).					

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resulting in an incompleton.

Washington survived two more Seattle possessions. One ended with Brian Orakpo and Stephen Bowen's sack of Tarvaris Jackson, and one with Hall's second interception of the season.

And the Redskins, finally, flew home happy.

"It'll definitely be a little less tense on this plane," Hall said.

REDSKINS SCHEDULE

WEEK 1



vs. Giants
W, 28-14

WEEK 2



vs. Cardinals
W, 22-21

WEEK 3



at Cowboys
L, 18-16

WEEK 4



at Rams
W, 17-10

WEEK 6



vs. Eagles
L, 20-13

WEEK 7



at Panthers
L, 33-20

WEEK 8



at Bills (Toronto)
L, 23-0

WEEK 9



vs. 49ers
L, 19-11

WEEK 10



at Dolphins
L, 20-9

WEEK 11



vs. Cowboys
L, 27-24 (OT)

WEEK 12



at Seahawks
W, 23-17

WEEK 13



vs. Jets
Sun., Dec. 4

WEEK 14



vs. Patriots
Sun., Dec. 11

WEEK 15



at Giants
Sun., Dec. 18

WEEK 16



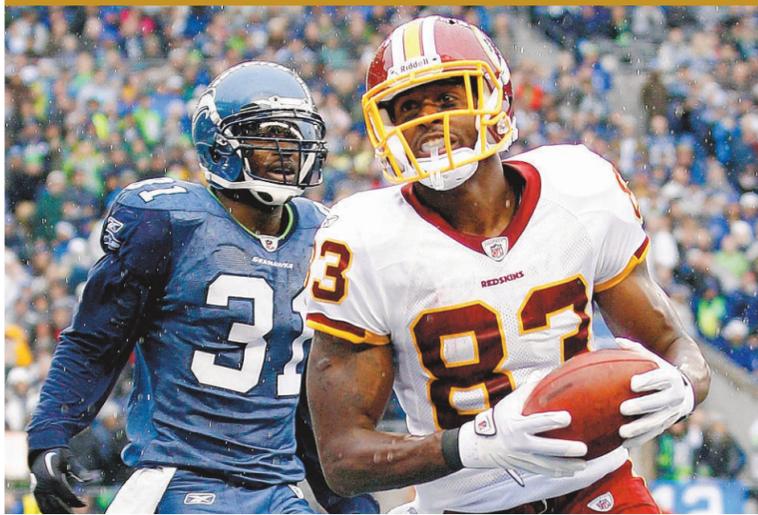
vs. Vikings
Sat., Dec. 24

WEEK 17

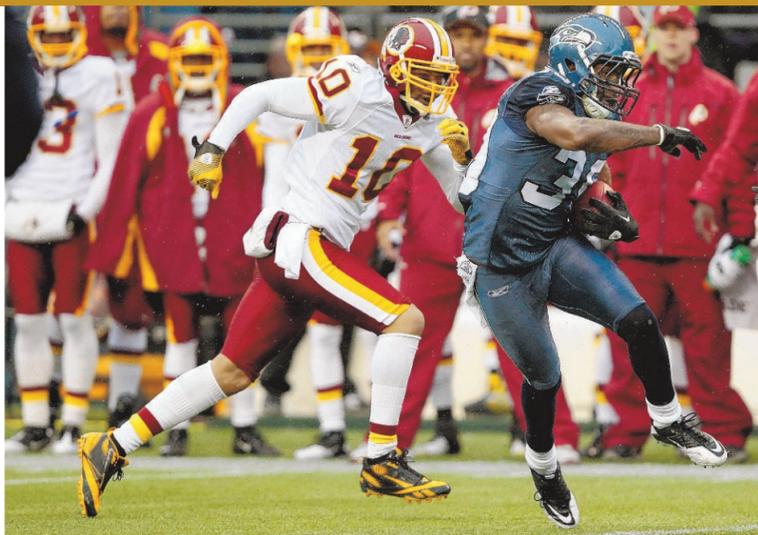


at Eagles
Sun., Jan. 1

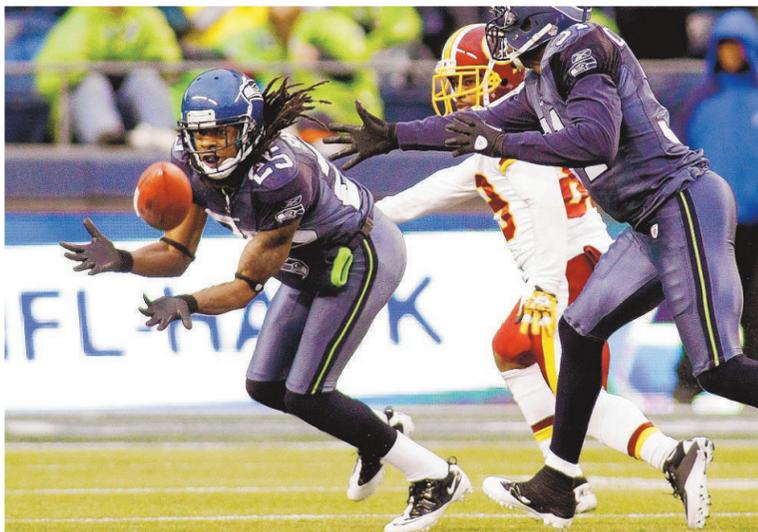
REDSKINS 23, SEAHAWKS 17: QUARTER-BY-QUARTER



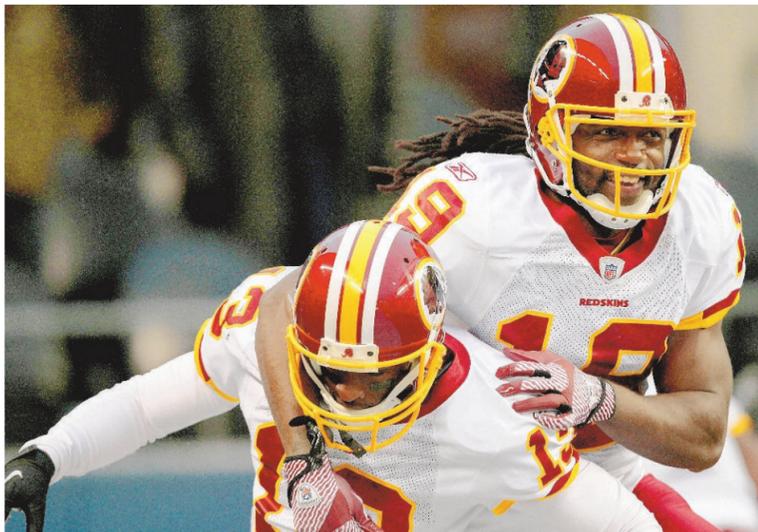
FIRST QUARTER: Tight end Fred Davis leaves Seahawks safety Kam Chancellor in his wake after his 2-yard touchdown catch helped the Redskins to a 7-0 lead.



SECOND QUARTER: Seahawks cornerback Brandon Browner reverses direction after intercepting a pass intended for Redskins receiver Jabar Gaffney.



THIRD QUARTER: Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman prepares to grab an interception as Redskins receiver Santana Moss and Seahawks safety Kam Chancellor trail on the play.



FOURTH QUARTER: Receiver Anthony Armstrong (left) is congratulated by receiver Donte Stallworth after his 50-yard touchdown catch with 6:18 to play put Washington ahead to stay.

1 There's no doubt the Redskins showed signs of life in last week's loss to the Cowboys, but in the opening quarter Sunday they looked like a completely different team than they have throughout their six-game skid. The Shanahans' offense finally found its perfect foil in a Seahawks defense that couldn't do a thing with Washington's play-action game, thus allowing Rex Grossman to operate with Tom Brady-like efficiency. The Redskins dominated the opening quarter, holding the ball for 12:23 and outgaining Seattle 172-23 as they racked up 10 first downs. They possessed the ball for nearly half the quarter on the game's opening drive, with Grossman hitting his targets as Roy Helu showed off his dual-threat abilities. The Bad Redskins showed their face briefly in the form of Fred Davis' unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, but it was Davis who had a 31-yard catch that put the Redskins at the 2 and a TD catch two plays later.

2 For all the positive vibes accumulated in the first quarter, it was just that — a quarter of the work to be done. Momentum fizzled quickly for the visitors in the second as Grossman committed the inevitable key turnover. Brandon Browner's interception early in the quarter gave the Seahawks their first offensive hope of the day, and they cashed in immediately with Tarvaris Jackson dumping off to Marshawn Lynch for what became a 20-yard touchdown. The Redskins seemed to hold their poise after that turn of events, promptly driving the ball to the Seattle 4-yard line. But after an apparent TD reception by Jabar Gaffney was ruled incomplete because the receiver had run out of bounds, Washington ended up settling for a Graham Gano field goal attempt. And naturally, it was blocked. The rest of the half was highlight free for both teams, but the Redskins' chance to pull away early was long gone.

KEY PLAY

The situation was not ideal for Rex Grossman, who had just taken an intentional grounding penalty to give the Redskins a third-and-19 at midfield, trailing 17-14 midway through the fourth quarter. But Kyle Shanahan went for it all, having Grossman heave the ball downfield for Anthony Armstrong, who was one-on-one with Brandon Browner down the left sideline. Browner was all over Armstrong and flagged for pass interference, but it didn't matter. The receiver hauled the ball in for a TD that proved to be the winning play.

3 A low-quality game deteriorated coming out of halftime, with both teams failing to take advantage of the few opportunities they generated. The first series of the half summed things up nicely, with the Seahawks starting in prime field position at their 48 following Leon Washington's 51-yard kickoff return. But they made limited headway after that before kicker Steven Hauschka missed a 51-yard field goal wide right. That in turn put the Redskins in good shape with a drive starting at their 41, but Grossman opened the possession by making the mind-boggling decision to throw into triple coverage and was intercepted at the Seattle 15. Seattle eventually found a way to put some points on the board, thanks in large part to a horrible pass interference call against Josh Wilson that cost the Redskins 44 yards. The gain was enough to set Hauschka up for a 36-yard field goal, and he made it this time to give Seattle its first lead of the afternoon.

4 The Redskins bookended their strong start to the game with an even more impressive finish — one not many could have seen coming given their ineptitude for the nearly two-month span since their last win. After falling behind 17-7 thanks to a Golden Tate touchdown reception early in the fourth quarter, the Redskins finally found a way to respond. Four straight completions set up Helu for the signature play of his budding career, a defender-hurdling 28-yard scoring run that gave the Redskins some rare late-game momentum. After the defense punctuated a three-and-out with a sack of Jackson, Grossman hit Anthony Armstrong for the 50-yard touchdown that reclaimed the lead. Just before the two-minute warning, another sack of Jackson — this one on fourth down — gave the Redskins a chance to extend their lead with a field goal shortly before DeAngelo Hall's interception sealed a long-awaited win.

REDSKINS NOTES

Heated coin toss sets tone for chippy encounter

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BY THE NUMBERS

15: Games between touchdowns on their opening possession for the Redskins. Fred Davis' 2-yard reception Sunday was the first since Davis caught a 10-yard score from Donovan McNabb last Nov. 28 against the Vikings

4: Redskins field goals blocked this season after Graham Gano's failed 23-yard attempt in the second quarter

25: Consecutive games with a turnover for the Redskins, the longest streak in the NFL

50: Yards on the scoring play from Rex Grossman to Anthony Armstrong. It was Washington's longest play from scrimmage this year.

19: Total penalties for the two teams, who lost a total of 206 yards to flags

SEATTLE | Cornerback DeAngelo Hall and his Washington Redskins teammates didn't wait until the opening kickoff to mix things up with the Seattle Seahawks.

Hall and fellow captains London Fletcher and Santana Moss had to be separated from the Seahawks' captains at midfield after Hall and Seattle fullback Michael Robinson exchanged heated words before the pregame coin toss.

The Seahawks took exception to the Redskins breaking down their pre-game huddle on the midfield logo, Hall and Redskins left tackle Trent Williams said afterward.

"We're like, 'Dude, we do this everywhere we go. We break down at the middle of the field. Deal with it,'" Hall said.

Referees stepped in to break up the two sides, and Seattle coach Pete Carroll came all the way to the midfield logo to discuss the matter with officials. No punches were thrown.

Only Hall and Robinson were permitted to stay at midfield for the coin toss. Their feud carried over to the game.

On Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch's 5-yard run near the end of the first half, Robinson blocked Hall onto his back on the left edge of the defense. TV replays showed that Robinson stepped hard

on Hall when the fullback got up. Hall's helmet came off and he had to be tended to by trainers. He didn't miss a play, though, because of the two-minute warning.

Asked whether Robinson stomped on his neck, Hall said: "Yeah, he definitely got a good shot on me."

Animosity between the teams was evident throughout. Players jawed back and forth between plays. Redskins tight end Fred Davis received an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after a first-quarter reception. And Seattle right tackle Breno Giacomini was flagged for a personal foul because he plowed into a Redskins defender near the pile when the play was almost dead.

Gano struggles

Graham Gano's struggles continued a week after missing a potential game-winning field goal against Dallas.

Gano had a field goal and extra-point attempt blocked, then sent a late-game kickoff out of bounds in a mistake that kept alive the Seahawks' comeback hopes.

"We won the game," Gano said. "That's all that matters."

Seahawks defensive lineman Red Bryant blocked both kicks, including the fourth field goal Gano has had blocked this season. Bryant bowled over Redskins lineman Will Montgomery and swatted away the

23-yard field goal with his right arm in the second quarter.

Injuries to the offensive line, particularly Williams' left knee, prompted personnel shuffling on the field-goal protection unit Sunday.

"I was the right tackle on that," Montgomery said. "We had a couple different right guards. It was a combination of me getting a little bit of push and also the right guard stuck a better hand in there, also."

Gano's botched extra point after Anthony Armstrong's 50-yard touchdown catch late in the fourth quarter kept the Seahawks within a field goal at 20-17.

Extra points

The Redskins scored a touchdown on their opening drive for the first time in 16 games dating to last November. They baffled the Seahawks' defense with play-action and marched 80 yards on 14 plays. It culminated with Davis' 2-yard catch in the end zone.

•Rookie left guard Maurice Hurt returned from an injured left knee and started the game in place of Tyler Polumbus.

•Sav Rocca's punt with 39 seconds left in the first quarter resulted in his first touchback this season.

•Rookie running back Evan Royster gained 3 yards in the second quarter on his first career carry.

**WEEK 13
REDSKINS VS. JETS**



Kickoff: 1:05 p.m. **TV:** CBS

Radio: AM-980, FM-92.7, FM-94.3

What to watch: The Redskins return home to begin what promises to be a difficult three-game stretch — not that anything comes easily to them these days. Before playing playoff contenders New England and the New York Giants, Washington faces a Jets team that has lost four of its five road games this season.

•The Jets' offense has taken a giant step backward, especially in the running game. With Shonn Greene and Joe McKnight carrying the load in LaDainian Tomlinson's absence, they entered Week 12 averaging just 3.59 yards per carry.

•Linebackers Bart Scott and David Harris lead the NFL's eighth-ranked defense. Cornerbacks Darrelle Revis and Antonio Cromartie have seven interceptions combined.

Shonn Greene

