



# Redskins fail to finish job

Washington outscored 21-0 in second half



The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — After 10 quarters of going nowhere football, the New York Giants finally rediscovered the secret to winning in the NFL. Play defense, take control of third down, make sure Plaxico Burress catches the ball, and make an inspiring goal line stand at the end of the game.

A Giants defense that had allowed 80 points in its first two games allowed only 81 yards after halftime, and stopped the

**N.Y. Giants** 24  
**Washington** 17

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Washington Redskins on four plays from first-and-goal at the 1 in the final minute to preserve a 24-17 victory Sunday.

New York scored the game's final 21 points and rallied from

a two-touchdown deficit. Burress, who had three drops and no catches in the first half, had five receptions for 86 yards in the second. The ankle injury that caused him to miss two practices last week didn't seem to affect him on the game-winning score — a 33-yard catch-and-run in which he received the ball in the left flat and put a move on Carlos Rogers before outrunning Sean Taylor to the end zone with 5:32 remaining.

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AP photo  
Ladell Betts is tackled by Kawika Mitchell short of the goal line.



AP photo  
Brett Favre celebrates his pass to tie for the all-time NFL record for passing touchdowns.

## Favre ties TD record

Downplays record due to win over San Diego

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre goes out of his way to say he cares about winning, not going after records.

He managed to do both at the same time on Sunday.

Favre found Greg Jennings on a slant pattern for the record-tying 420th touchdown pass of his career. The 57-yard completion, erased a four-point deficit to the San Diego Chargers with just over two minutes left and rallied the undefeated Packers to a 31-24 win. Favre is now tied with Dan Marino for the most touchdown passes in NFL history.

"I could care less about the record," Favre said, who was 28-of-35 for 369 yards and three touchdowns. "Everyone's over there celebrating, cheering and congratulating me and I said look, this will mean nothing if I don't win this game."

Favre's 38th career fourth-quarter comeback came one series after the Chargers defense stopped Favre and the Packers could on fourth-and-goal.

However, the Chargers (1-2) gave up the record-tying touchdown minutes later, continuing their early slide under new coach Norv Turner. San Diego has now lost as many regular season games as it did all of last season.

Reigning MVP LaDainian Tomlinson swallowed hard as he stepped to the interview podium after the game, at a loss for words to describe the disappointing start.

"It's still a long season," said Tomlinson, who carried 22 times for 62 yards. "But I mean, right now we just — I don't know. I'm lost."

Suddenly facing heightened expectations in Green Bay, Packers coach Mike McCarthy said he expects more from Favre in the weeks to come.

"Every time he takes the field, he's adding another log on the fire of such a brilliant career that will continue to burn, hopefully, for a while," McCarthy said.

Marino said it was only fitting Favre tied the record in a come-from-behind win.

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**NASCAR** **DODGE DEALERS 400** **TOP 5**

1. Carl Edwards
2. Greg Biffle
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.
4. Mark Martin
5. Kyle Busch

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# Concrete Mixup

Edwards wins race, fails inspection

The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — His car parked on the track because of a late-race red flag, Carl Edwards had time to catch replays on the big screen of the crash that wiped out other Chase drivers.

Edwards could only think about how lucky he was that he would get away from Dover unscathed.

"This place has great potential for disaster," he said.

Edwards avoided trouble on the track Sunday to win at Dover International Speedway, but he found it in the garage. The No. 99 Ford failed the post-race inspection because the right rear fender was too low, and NASCAR this week will likely hit Edwards with a fine and dock him crucial points.

NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Potson said there was no evidence of intentional tampering.

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AP photo  
ABOVE: Race winner Carl Edwards celebrates his third Cup win of 2007 with his signature flip.

**Standings\***

+1	1. Jeff Gordon	5340
+1	2. Tony Stewart	-2
+5	3. Carl Edwards	-3
-3	4. Jimmie Johnson	-4
-	5. Kyle Busch	-10
-2	6. Clint Bowyer	-18
-1	7. Martin Truex Jr.	-46
+3	8. Jeff Burton	-75
+1	9. Kevin Harvick	-115
-3	10. Matt Kenseth	-116
+1	11. Kurt Busch	-148
-3	12. Denny Hamlin	-158

\*Points subject to change

# Nationals bid farewell to RFK Stadium with win

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was a day for a bit of nostalgia at the old ballpark. Well, for some people, anyway.

The fans sure turned out Sunday to say goodbye for the season to the Washington Nationals and goodbye forever — when it comes to baseball, at least — to RFK Stadium, with an attendance of 40,519 making it the team's largest crowd of 2007.

And when D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, backed by a group of city council members, called for a pregame round of applause for the stadium, the spectators obliged, loudly.

The players, however, did not. They're thrilled to be going from a leaking, crumbling place that opened in 1961 to a new stadium slated to open in 2008.

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"I'm not going to say we're going to miss it, because we won't," third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said before Washington beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 in the Nationals' last home game of the season. "But it's been a great place for baseball to come back to. They did a great job with what they had here to make it, I guess, as good as they could for three years."

This was a day to say farewell to the park originally called D.C. Stadium, then renamed in 1969 to honor the late Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. A multipurpose stadium, it hosted baseball's Senators until 1971 and football's Redskins until 1996.

And it was the first home of the Nationals, who brought baseball back to Washington in 2005, sharing the place with Major League

Soccer's D.C. United, which will continue to play at RFK.

The Nationals went 122-121 at home the past three seasons, and first baseman Robert Fick called Sunday's victory "some kind of going away gift or something that (fans) can take with them."

Indeed, whatever complaints players or spectators might have about the stadium, it was a site for sore eyes when the ex-Expos moved from Montreal. Nationals rookie manager Manny Acta, who was given a model replica of RFK by one of the team's owners, won't forget the place, either.

"It's always going to be a special place for me," Acta said, "because regardless of whatever I do or how long I'm going to stay on this earth, this was my first big league managing home."

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AP photo  
Nationals fans stayed after the game for a closing ceremony.

**INGE'S DAY**  
SUNDAY VS. ROYALS  
► 0-3, 2 strikeouts  
IN 7-2 WIN

**NEXT GAME:**  
► TODAY vs  
MINNESOTA

**SEASON STATS**  
AVG. HR RBI  
.238 14 68

Detroit Tigers third baseman  
Brandon Inge is a  
Brookville High School graduate.

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remain undefeated  
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**Today's TOP TV games**

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8:30 p.m., ESPN

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7 p.m., MASN