

NFL Recap: How Did The Buckeyes Do Around The League In Week Three?



After each week, Buckeye Sports Bulletin will look at how former Ohio State football players performed in their NFL games over the previous weekend. From Justin Fields to Malcolm Jenkins, there are quite a few Buckeyes around the league. We offer updates on all of them.

CLEVELAND BROWNS vs. CHICAGO BEARS

Well, Justin Fields NFL Debut was a debut. The rookie quarterback completed 6-of-20 passes for 68 yards and added 20 yards on three carries.

The Browns made Fields' life hard in his first-career start. Cleveland sacked him eight times — with Myles Garrett leading the way with four-and-a-half sacks — and made Fields familiar with the green grass of First Energy Stadium. When Fields wasn't running for his life, Denzel Ward and company made it difficult for the signal-caller to find open receivers.

It wasn't the most glorifying start to the season, but it won't be the end of Justin Fields in a Bears uniform. He will improve and get better, but we will see how quickly that improvement can happen.

The Browns defeated the Bears. 26-6.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS vs. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The Saints defeated the Patriots 28-13 on Sunday behind a strong performance from two former Ohio State defensive backs.

Malcolm Jenkins intercepted New England quarterback Mac Jones and returned it 74 yards for a touchdown, giving New Orleans a 21-3 lead. It was Jenkins' first pick-six since 2016 — over five years ago. The veteran cornerback also added seven tackles and two pass breakups.

Marshon Lattimore sealed the win for the Saints, intercepting Jones with 11 seconds left in the contest. He collected 10 tackles in the contest and excelled in coverage, sparsely separating from New England's receivers.

CINCINNATI BENGALS vs. PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Cincinnati has a consistent contributor in its defensive end, Sam Hubbard. The former Ohio State

lineman recorded six tackles, one tackle for loss and two quarterback hurries. He also was one of four Bengals to register a sack and take Ben Rothlisberger to the ground.

Vonn Bell and Eli Apple played in the Cincinnati secondary. Bell had four tackles and a pass breakup, while Apple had seven tackles and a deflection. Isaiah Prince also started on the offensive line.

For the Steelers, defensive end Cameron Heyward had five tackles, including one tackle for loss.

The Bengals defeated the Steelers, 24-10, and are off to a 2-1 start.

DALLAS COWBOYS vs. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

The Dallas Cowboys made many Ohio State fans happy on Monday night. Ezekiel Elliott returned to his former glory against the Eagles, rushing for 95 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries in a 41-21 win in primetime. Zeke also caught three passes on three targets that totaled 21 yards, placing him over 100 all-purpose yards for the first time in 2021.

MIAMI DOLPHINS vs. OAKLAND RAIDERS

It feels wrong to have waited this long to mention the fantastic season Jerome Baker is putting together in Miami. After agreeing to a three-year extension in the offseason, the former Ohio State linebacker has 23 tackles through three games for the Dolphins, including eight tackles against the Raiders on Sunday.

Last week, Baker recorded three tackles against the Bills and 12 tackles in the Dolphins season-opening game with the Patriots.

The Raiders defeated the Dolphins, 31-28, in overtime on Sunday afternoon.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

BALTIMORE RAVENS

LB Malik Harrison: 3 tackles, TFL

HOUSTON TEXANS

P Cameron Johnston: 6 punts, 44.5 avg

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

WR Parris Campbell: 2 rec, 9 yards

DL Tyquan Lewis: 3 tackles

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

DT DaVon Hamilton: 1 tackle

TE Luke Farrell: 1 rec, -1 yard, FUM

RB Carlos Hyde: 8 car, 44 yards

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

DE Joey Bosa: 3 tackles, 0.5 sacks

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM

WR Terry McLaurin: 4 rec, 62 yards

DE Chase Young: 3 tackles

LOS ANGELES RAMS

S Jordan Fuller: 5 tackles

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

DE Nick Bosa: 4 tackles, 1 TFL

RB Trey Sermon: 10 car, 31 yards, 1 TD