Panthers Turn a Wild Back-and-Forth Battle Into a 35-33 Win

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

A Door Opens

Carolina trailed 12-0 early, and the game already seemed to be slipping away. Baltimore scored first when Mike Green tackled Bryce Young in the end zone for a safety, worth two points. The Ravens then used a clever direct snap, where the ball went straight to Derrick Henry, before Jacoby Brissett threw a 52-yard touchdown to Rashod Bateman. A 28-yard field goal added to the lead.

But Young started the reply before the first quarter ended. He connected with Jalen Coker for 35 yards, then hit Mitchell Evans for a 23-yard touchdown with one second left. The score cut Baltimore's lead to 12-7 and opened the door for Carolina.

The Lead Keeps Moving

That door swung wider in the second quarter. Justice Hill ran 36 yards for Baltimore but lost the ball out of the end zone. The ball then went to Carolina. Soon after, Baltimore mishandled a punt, and the Panthers recovered at the Ravens' 23-yard line. Chuba Hubbard raced 18 yards for a touchdown, putting Carolina ahead 14-12.

Baltimore answered right away when Devontez Walker returned the kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown. Yet Young kept attacking. Tetairoa McMillan caught a 7-yard touchdown pass, and Hubbard added a two-point run for a 22-19 lead. Brissett and Hill answered before halftime with a 19-yard touchdown run, sending Baltimore ahead 26-22.

One Last Stop

After halftime, Hubbard gave Carolina a steady push. He broke free for 26 yards, then scored from 1 yard out for a 29-26 lead. He finished with 120 rushing yards and two touchdowns. But a Panthers pass was intercepted in the end zone, and Baltimore made the most of its next long drive. Henry scored on a 15-yard run, putting the Ravens ahead 33-32.

Young led the Panthers back with key throws to McMillan, Coker, and Tommy Tremble. Ryan Fitzgerald made a 37-yard field goal with 1:44 left for a 35-33 lead. Then, with 36 seconds left, Tyrel Dodson stepped in front of Brissett's pass and caught it at the Ravens' 44-yard line. The interception gave Carolina the ball and ended Baltimore's final drive. Young took two kneels to run out the clock, lifting the Panthers to 5-5 while Baltimore fell to 4-7.

WORDS TO KNOW From the story.

clever (adj.): Clever means quick to understand or skillful at finding a smart way to do something.

READING Fill in the bubble for the best answer. Write full sentences.

1 **What does the phrase "the game already seemed to be slipping away" suggest about Carolina's situation early in the game?**

- (A) Carolina had a large lead to protect.
- (B) Carolina was waiting for halftime to make changes.
- (C) Carolina was in danger of falling far behind.
- (D) Carolina had stopped Baltimore's scoring drives.

2 **How does the article explain the Ravens' direct snap play?**

- (A) The ball was kicked to Rashod Bateman.
- (B) The ball was passed to Mike Green.
- (C) The ball went straight to Derrick Henry.
- (D) The ball was handed to Jacoby Brissett.

3 **Which event most directly gave Carolina a short field before Chuba Hubbard's 18-yard touchdown run?**

(A) Devontez Walker returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

(B) Justice Hill lost the ball out of the end zone.

(C) Brissett scored on a 19-yard touchdown run.

(D) Baltimore mishandled a punt at its 23-yard line.

4 **Which statement best expresses a central idea of the article?**

(A) Field goals were the only way either team scored points.

(B) Carolina's defense prevented Baltimore from scoring all game.

(C) Carolina turned an early deficit and several lead changes into a close victory.

(D) Baltimore's rushing attack controlled every quarter of the game.

5 **How did Tyrel Dodson's interception help Carolina win?**

(A) It moved the game into an extra period.

(B) It gave Carolina the ball and ended Baltimore's final drive.

(C) It gave Carolina a touchdown that increased the lead.

(D) It forced Baltimore to attempt a long field goal.

6 **Explain how Carolina changed the game from an early 12-0 deficit into a 35-33 win. Use details from across the article to describe important scoring plays, changes in possession, and the final defensive stop.**

MATH Math practice. Show your work.

1 PRACTICE

The training room has a 9.52-kilogram bag of electrolyte powder. It takes 0.476 kilograms of powder to make a bottle of energy drink. How many bottles of energy drink can be made?

(A) 10
(B) 5
(C) 20
(D) 0

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 PRACTICE

The concession stand counted 50 bags of popcorn during its first inventory check. This is 74% of all the bags. How many bags are there in total? Round to the nearest whole number.

(A) 68
(B) 192
(C) 124
(D) 87

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 PRACTICE

In the 2024 and 2025 seasons, Derrick Henry scored 0.9412 and 0.9412 rushing touchdowns per game, respectively. What is the sum of the values? Round to the nearest thousandth.

(A) 1.882
(B) 0.941
(C) 0.000
(D) 18.824

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 PRACTICE

In week 8, Giants player Devin Singletary recorded 12 receiving yards with a reception count of 2. Find the average yards per reception. Round to the nearest hundredth.

(A) 1.20
(B) 10.00
(C) 6.00
(D) 5.00

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 PRACTICE

In the 2025 season, Ja'Marr Chase scored 8 receiving touchdowns. Suppose he played 7 games. How many receiving touchdowns did he score per game? Round to the nearest hundredth.

(A) 1.14
(B) 11.43
(C) 0.88
(D) 1.00

SHOW YOUR WORK

6 PRACTICE

In the 2025 season, Jacoby Brissett scored 23 passing touchdowns. Suppose he played 15 games. How many passing touchdowns did he score per game? Round to the nearest hundredth.

(A) 15.33
(B) 1.53
(C) 8.00
(D) 0.65

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Answer key starts on the next page. Keep it back before handing out.

ANSWER KEY

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 **C** Carolina was in danger of falling far behind.

Baltimore built a 12-0 lead early, so Carolina appeared to be at risk of losing control of the game. Young's late touchdown began to change that situation.

2 **C** The ball went straight to Derrick Henry.

The article directly defines a direct snap as a play in which the ball went straight to Derrick Henry.

3 **D** Baltimore mishandled a punt at its 23-yard line.

After Baltimore mishandled a punt, Carolina recovered the ball at the Ravens' 23-yard line. Hubbard then ran 18 yards for a touchdown.

4 **C** Carolina turned an early deficit and several lead changes into a close victory.

The article follows Carolina from a 12-0 deficit through repeated changes in the lead to its 35-33 win. Key details include Young's scoring drives, Hubbard's touchdowns, Fitzgerald's field goal, and Dodson's late interception.

5 **B** It gave Carolina the ball and ended Baltimore's final drive.

Dodson caught Brissett's pass with 36 seconds left, giving Carolina possession. Young then took two kneels to run out the clock.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong response explains that Carolina answered the early deficit with Young's touchdown pass to Evans, took advantage of Baltimore's lost ball and mishandled punt, and kept responding as the lead changed. It should also include later details such as Hubbard's touchdowns, Fitzgerald's late field goal, and Dodson's interception that ended Baltimore's final drive.

MATH

Correct answers are filled in.

1	C	20
2	A	68
3	A	1.882
4	C	6.00
5	A	1.14
6	B	1.53