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 Stop With 36 Seconds

With 36 seconds left, the Panthers needed one more play to protect a two-point lead. Baltimore quarterback Jacoby Brissett threw toward a possible winning drive, but linebacker Tyrel Dodson stepped in front of the pass at the Ravens' 44-yard line. His interception gave Carolina the ball, and Bryce Young took two kneels to end a 35-33 win.

That final stop completed a game that swung wildly from one side to the other. Carolina entered Sunday at 4-5, hoping to build on its Week 10 victory and stay close in the NFC South race. Baltimore came in at 4-6 after three straight losses, needing a cleaner finish. Instead, both teams faced sudden changes from the opening minutes.

Ravens Jump Ahead

Baltimore began with a safety when linebacker Mike Green sacked Young in the end zone. A safety gives a team two points when it tackles the offense in its own end zone. The Ravens then used a direct snap to Derrick Henry before Brissett hit Rashod Bateman for a 52-yard touchdown pass. A 28-yard field goal made the score 12-0.

Young answered just before the first quarter ended. He connected with Jalen Coker for 35 yards, then found Mitchell Evans for a 23-yard touchdown with one second left. The second quarter brought even more sharp turns. Justice Hill ran 36 yards for Baltimore but lost the ball out of the end zone, giving Carolina possession. Soon after, the Panthers recovered a muffed punt at Baltimore's 23-

yard line, and Chuba Hubbard scored on an 18-yard run for a 14-12 lead.

The Last Wild Turn

Baltimore responded when Devontez Walker returned the kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown. Young kept Carolina moving, however, as Tetairoa McMillan caught a 7-yard touchdown and Hubbard ran in the two-point try. Brissett and Hill answered before halftime with a 19-yard touchdown run, putting the Ravens ahead 26-22.

After halftime, Hubbard became Carolina's steady force. He broke free for 26 yards, then scored from 1 yard out to give the Panthers a 29-26 lead. He finished with 120 rushing yards and two touchdowns, even while Baltimore had sacked Young three times. The Ravens later took a 33-32 lead on Henry's 15-yard touchdown run after a Panthers pass in the end zone was intercepted.

Young did not rush after that setback. Key completions to McMillan, Coker, and Tommy Tremble moved Carolina into field-goal range, and Ryan Fitzgerald made a 37-yard kick with 1:44 remaining. Dodson's interception then gave that score its meaning. The Panthers rose to 5-5 and will next face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, while Baltimore fell to 4-7 before meeting the Houston Texans.

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

1 **Which detail most strongly shows how Carolina secured the win in the final seconds?**

- (A) Brissett completed a long pass to Bateman in the first quarter.
- (B) Fitzgerald made a 37-yard field goal late in the game.
- (C) Dodson intercepted Brissett's pass, and Young took two kneels.
- (D) Hubbard scored an 18-yard rushing touchdown before halftime.

2 **What does the term “safety” mean as it is used in the article?**

- (A) A one-point score after a touchdown kick
- (B) A two-point score when the offense is tackled in its own end zone
- (C) A turnover caused by an intercepted pass
- (D) A penalty that moves the offense backward

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

- (A) Both teams relied mainly on field goals rather than touchdowns.
- (B) Baltimore’s early lead kept the game out of reach for Carolina.
- (C) Carolina won because one player controlled every part of the game.
- (D) The teams traded leads repeatedly, but Carolina made key late plays to win.

4 **How did Baltimore’s muffed punt affect the score before halftime?**

- (A) It moved the ball into Carolina’s end zone, resulting in a safety.
- (B) It gave Carolina the ball at Baltimore’s 23-yard line, leading to a Panthers lead.
- (C) It gave Baltimore the ball near midfield, leading to a Ravens touchdown.
- (D) It forced Carolina to attempt a field goal, keeping Baltimore ahead.

5 **What does the phrase “Carolina’s steady force” suggest about Hubbard’s role after halftime?**

- (A) He made the final kick that decided the score.
- (B) He directed the Panthers’ defense from the sideline.
- (C) He avoided carrying the ball during important drives.
- (D) He provided dependable progress for Carolina’s offense.

6 **Explain how the game changed from Baltimore's early lead to Carolina's final win. Use at least three details from across the article to show how important scoring plays, turnovers, or late decisions connected to the outcome.**

MATH

Use the game stats. Show your work.

1 **On Mia's stat sheet, in a week 11 game, Chuba Hubbard had an average of -3.55 + 7.99 yards per rushing attempt. Evaluate the expression.**

(A) -28.36
(B) 4.44
(C) -11.54
(D) 11.54

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 **In week 11, Chuba Hubbard averaged 4.4 yards per rush. Suppose his practice average is 2.2 yards higher. What is his practice average?**

(A) 4.6
(B) 26.4
(C) 9.7
(D) 6.6

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 **In week 11 of the 2026 season, Panthers running back Chuba Hubbard had 27 rushing attempts. A model predicts y = 3x + 30 rushing yards for x attempts. How many yards does this model predict for his attempt count?**

(A) 891
(B) 57
(C) 81
(D) 111

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 **Mia's week 11 stat sheet models Bryce Young's passing-yard adjustment as 356 + (-102). Evaluate the expression.**

(A) -458
(B) -254
(C) 254
(D) -36312

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 **On Mia's stat sheet, in a week 11 game, Derrick Henry had an average of 1.4 - (-5.8) yards per rushing attempt. Evaluate the expression.**

(A) 7.2
(B) -8.1
(C) -7.2
(D) -4.4

SHOW YOUR WORK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT · Chuba Hubbard (CAR)

Rushing yards: 120 **Rushing TD:** 2

6 **Chuba Hubbard's stats from this game (CAR): 120 rushing yards, 2 rushing touchdowns. Use the Player Spotlight above. Scoring: each rushing yard = 0.1 point; each rushing touchdown = 6 points. How many fantasy points did Chuba Hubbard score?**

(A) 24
(B) 12
(C) 25
(D) 122

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ANSWER KEY

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 **C** Dodson intercepted Brissett's pass, and Young took two kneels.

Dodson's interception stopped Baltimore's possible winning drive with 36 seconds left. Young's kneels then ended the game.

2 **B** A two-point score when the offense is tackled in its own end zone

The article directly explains that a safety gives a team two points when it tackles the offense in its own end zone.

3 **D** The teams traded leads repeatedly, but Carolina made key late plays to win.

The article describes several lead changes and scoring swings. Carolina's late field goal and Dodson's interception ultimately decided the close game.

4 **B** It gave Carolina the ball at Baltimore's 23-yard line, leading to a Panthers lead.

After Carolina recovered the muffed punt at Baltimore's 23-yard line, Hubbard scored on an 18-yard run. That score gave the Panthers a 14-12 lead.

5 **D** He provided dependable progress for Carolina's offense.

The phrase is supported by Hubbard's 26-yard run, his 1-yard touchdown, and his total of 120 rushing yards. These details show that he consistently helped move Carolina forward.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong response explains that Baltimore built an early 12-0 lead, while Carolina answered with touchdowns and took advantage of Baltimore mistakes. It should also describe later lead changes and explain how Fitzgerald's late field goal and Dodson's interception helped Carolina finish with the win. The response should use accurate details from multiple parts of the article.

MATH Correct answers are filled in.

1 B 4.44

2 D 6.6

3 D 111

4 C 254

5 A 7.2

6 A 24

120 rushing yards × 0.1 = 12
2 rushing touchdowns × 6 = 12
Total: 12 + 12 = 24