

Late Akers FG leads to victory

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PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles enjoyed a rare fourth-quarter comeback so much they did it again.

David Akers kicked a 32-yard field goal with 1:48 remaining and the Eagles rallied for a 27-24 victory over the Washington Redskins on Sunday.

A week ago, Donovan McNabb led the Eagles (7-4) to a late touchdown in a 24-20 win at Chicago. It was the first time Philadelphia came from behind in the final quarter and won since a 33-25 victory at Washington on Nov. 11, 2007.

Make it two straight comeback victories now.

Akers made all four of his field goals, extending his streak to 16. Asante Samuel had two interceptions and McNabb threw for 260 yards and one TD.

Jason Campbell had 231 yards passing and two TDs for Washington, which fell short at the end for the second-straight week.

The injury-depleted Redskins (3-8) lost 7-6 at Dallas last weekend.

Trying to set an early tone and perhaps underestimating Washington, the Eagles opened with an onside kick that backfired. Then, already playing without star running back Brian Westbrook, the Eagles lost big-play receiver DeSean Jackson in the second half to head and neck injuries.

Four straight possessions lasted just three plays and the Eagles trailed 24-16 when they got the ball at their 10.

But McNabb drove the offense 90 yards for a TD and a 2-point conversion. McNabb connected for 46 and 20 yards to Jason Avant, Leonard Weaver's 12-yard run took Philly to the 1 and set up Eldra Buckley's first career TD run.

McNabb shoved to LeSean McCoy, who broke several tackles to get the conversion.

After forcing a punt, the Eagles moved 66 yards to set up the winning kick. McNabb hit rookie Jeremy Maclin for a 35-yard gain on the drive.

The Redskins played without defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth (ankle), running back Clinton Portis (concussion), tight end Chris Cooley (ankle), and cornerback DeAngelo Hall (sprained MCL).



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Philadelphia Eagles receiver Jeremy Maclin (18) pulls in a pass during the second half of the Eagles' 27-24 win over Washington Sunday. The victory pushes Philadelphia's record to 7-4, good for second in the NFC East.

But they still pushed the Eagles to the end.

The Redskins went ahead 21-16 on their first possession in the second half, driving 80 yards on nine plays, converting three times on third-and-long. Campbell hit Fred Davis for 29 yards on third-and-10, and completed a 35-yard pass to Devin Thomas on third-and-7 before connecting with Davis on a 10-yard TD pass on another third-and-7.

Justin Tryon's interception set up Shaun Suisham's 25-yard field goal that made it 24-16.

In the first quarter, McNabb

threw a 35-yard TD pass to Jackson. The Eagles ahead 10-7. McNabb scrambled out of the pocket and found a wide-open Jackson in the corner of the end zone for the shortest of Jackson's eight TDs this season.

Jackson has six TDs of 50-plus yards, including one punt return and one rush.

But the Redskins drove 80 yards for the go-ahead score on the ensuing possession. Campbell's 2-yard TD pass to Santana Moss made it 14-10. They also converted three times on third down during that drive.

The Eagles wasted another opportunity in the red zone after Samuel picked off Campbell's pass at the Redskins 21. They had a first down at the 10, but settled for a field goal that cut it to 14-13.

Samuel intercepted Campbell again in the final minute of the first half and returned it 17 yards to the Redskins 28. Akers nailed a 41-yarder for a 16-14 lead.

The Redskins needed just four plays to find the zone after Quinton Ganther returned the opening onside kick 25 yards to the Eagles 24. Campbell scored on a 1-yard run.



Rob Griffith/Associated Press

Tiger Woods lines up a putt during a tournament earlier this month. The world's No. 1 golfer again refused to meet with police Sunday.

Woods: Accident private

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WINDERMERE, Fla. — Tiger Woods canceled yet another meeting with state troopers but, for the first time, talked about his car crash on his Web site, saying it was his fault, that his wife acted courageously and that remaining details were private.

The statement was posted about an hour before troopers were to meet with the world's No. 1 golfer at his home inside the gates of Isleworth. A meeting was not rescheduled.

In a tape of a 911 call released Sunday, two days after the accident, a neighbor told dispatchers that a black Cadillac Escalade hit a tree and "I have someone down in front of my house."

Woods' neighbor never mentions the golfer by name, and the call is inaudible at several points because of the bad connection.

"I came out here just to see what was going on," the neighbor,

who was not identified, told dispatchers. "I see him, and he's laying down."

One woman is heard in the background yelling, "What happened?"

In his statement, Woods took responsibility for the accident.

"This situation is my fault, and it's obviously embarrassing to my family and me," Woods said. "I'm human and I'm not perfect. I will certainly make sure this doesn't happen again."

Woods said it was a private matter, and he wanted to keep it that way. What he failed to address was where he was going at that hour.

"Although I understand there is curiosity, the many false, unfounded and malicious rumors that are currently circulating about my family and me are irresponsible," he said.

Windermere police chief Daniel Saylor has said Woods' wife, Elin, used a golf club to smash out a rear window to help him get out of the SUV when she heard the crash from inside their home at 2:25 a.m. Friday.

"The only person responsible for the accident is me," Woods said.

"My wife, Elin, acted courageously when she saw I was hurt and in trouble. She was the first person to help me. Any other assertion is absolutely false."

Sgt. Kim Montes of the Florida Highway Patrol said Woods' attorney, Mark Neame, informed the patrol that Woods would not be meeting with troopers Sunday afternoon.

"It has not been rescheduled," Montes said. "He's not required by law to give us a statement, and we'll move forward with our investigation without it."

Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG, said in an e-mail Sunday:

"We have been informed by the Florida Highway Patrol that further discussion with them is both voluntary and optional. Although Tiger realizes that there is a great deal of public curiosity, it has been conveyed to FHP that he simply has nothing more to add and wishes to protect the privacy of his family."

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