

National Football League Game Summary

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Date: Sunday, 12/31/2017

Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons

Start Time: 4:25 PM EST

at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, GA

Game Day Weather

Played Dome, closed on Turf: FieldTurf 360

Outdoor Weather: Cloudy, 35,

Officials

Referee: Vinovich, Bill (52)	Umpire: Stritesky, Bruce (102)	Down Judge: McKinnely, Phil (110)
Line Judge: Perlman, Mark (78)	Field Judge: Hill, Tom (97)	Side Judge: Cavaletto, Gary (60)
Back Judge: Meyer, Greg (78)	Replay Official: Butterworth, Mark (0)	

Lineups

Carolina Panthers			Atlanta Falcons				
Offense		Defense	Offense		Defense		
WR 17	D.Funchess	DE 90	J.Peppers	WR 11	Ju.Jones	DE 50	B.Reed
LT 75	M.Kalil	DT 98	S.Lotulelei	LT 70	J.Matthews	DT 92	D.Poe
LG 68	A.Norwell	DT 99	K.Short	LG 67	A.Levitre	DT 97	G.Jarrett
C 67	R.Kalil	DE 97	M.Addison	C 51	A.Mack	DE 90	D.Shelby
RG 65	A.Silatolu	WLB 58	T.Davis	RG 71	W.Schweitzer	LB 42	D.Riley
RT 60	D.Williams	MLB 59	L.Kuechly	RT 73	R.Schraeder	LB 45	D.Jones
TE 88	G.Olsen	SLB 54	S.Thompson	WR 14	J.Hardy	LB 59	D.Campbell
QB 1	C.Newton	LCB 24	J.Bradberry	WR 12	M.Sanu	CB 23	R.Alford
RB 22	C.McCaffrey	RCB 26	D.Worley	QB 2	M.Ryan	CB 21	D.Trufant
TE 84	E.Dickson	SS 29	M.Adams	RB 24	D.Freeman	S 37	R.Allen
WR 12	K.Clay	FS 42	C.Jones	FB 26	T.Coleman	S 22	K.Neal

Substitutions

P 5 M.Palardy, K 9 G.Gano, WR 11 B.Bersin, WR 19 R.Shepard, CB 27 K.Seymour, S 31 J.Byrd, RB 34 C.Artis-Payne, FB 40 A.Armah, CB 41 C.Munnerlyn, RB 43 F.Whittaker, LS 44 J.Jansen, LB 53 B.Jacobs, LB 55 D.Mayo, LB 57 A.Gachkar, C 69 T.Larsen, T 72 T.Moton, G 73 G.Van Roten, TE 82 C.Manhertz, DE 91 B.Cox, DT 92 V.Butler, DT 93 K.Love, DE 95 C.Johnson, DE 96 W.Horton

Substitutions

K 3 M.Bryant, P 5 M.Bosher, WR 18 T.Gabriel, WR 19 A.Roberts, S 20 S.Neasman, S 27 D.Kazee, RB 28 T.Ward, CB 33 B.Wreh-Wilson, CB 34 B.Pooler, S 36 K.Ishmael, FB 40 D.Coleman, OLB 44 V.Beasley, LS 47 J.Harris, LB 53 L.Reynolds, G 63 B.Garland, T 68 A.Pasztor, T 74 T.Sambrailo, DT 79 A.Rubin, TE 81 A.Hooper, TE 85 E.Saubert, DT 91 C.Upshaw, DE 98 T.McKinley, DE 99 A.Clayborn

Did Not Play

QB 3 D.Anderson

Did Not Play

QB 8 M.Schaub

Not Active

QB 4 G.Gilbert, WR 14 M.Frazier, S 20 K.Coleman, CB 23 L.Gunter, RB 28 J.Stewart, G 70 T.Turner, DE 77 Z.Moore

Not Active

WR 15 N.Williams, WR 17 M.Hall, DB 35 L.McFadden, LB 56 S.Weatherspoon, G 64 S.Harlow, G 75 J.Douglas, TE 80 L.Toilolo

Field Goals (made () & missed)

G.Gano	(42)	M.Bryant	(30) (42) (30) (56) (33)
		1	2
VISITOR:	Carolina Panthers	0	7
HOME:	Atlanta Falcons	7	0
		3	4
		OT	Total
		0	10
		6	9
		0	22

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Falcons	1	10:32	D.Freeman 19 yd. pass from M.Ryan (M.Bryant kick) (10-75, 4:28)	0	7
Panthers	2	0:50	D.Funchess 4 yd. pass from C.Newton (G.Gano kick) (16-78, 8:25)	7	7
Falcons	3	6:31	M.Bryant 30 yd. Field Goal (13-68, 6:55)	7	10
Falcons	3	3:44	M.Bryant 42 yd. Field Goal (5-15, 2:00)	7	13
Falcons	4	14:11	M.Bryant 30 yd. Field Goal (8-60, 3:26)	7	16
Panthers	4	10:34	G.Gano 42 yd. Field Goal (7-51, 3:37)	10	16
Falcons	4	6:37	M.Bryant 56 yd. Field Goal (8-37, 3:57)	10	19
Falcons	4	2:27	M.Bryant 33 yd. Field Goal (4-8, 1:41)	10	22

Paid Attendance: 74,141

Time: 3:09

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Final Team Statistics

	Visitor Panthers	Home Falcons
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	15	20
By Rushing	5	3
By Passing	9	16
By Penalty	1	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	5-15-33%	6-16-38%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-1-100%	0-0-0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	248	371
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	60	72
Average gain per offensive play	4.1	5.2
NET YARDS RUSHING	87	60
Total Rushing Plays	24	26
Average gain per rushing play	3.6	2.3
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	4-10	2-6
NET YARDS PASSING	161	311
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	2-19	1-6
Gross yards passing	180	317
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	34-14-3	45-28-0
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	4.5	6.8
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	3-3-3	7-6-6
PUNTS Number and Average	7-47.0	5-46.6
Had Blocked	0	0
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
Net Punting Average	44.4	43.6
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	15	41
No. and Yards Punt Returns	2-15	4-18
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	1-19	0-0
No. and Yards Interception Returns	0-0	3-23
PENALTIES Number and Yards	5-35	7-60
FUMBLES Number and Lost	2-0	1-0
TOUCHDOWNS	1	1
Rushing	0	0
Passing	1	1
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	1-1	1-1
Kicking Made-Attempts	1-1	1-1
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	1-1	5-5
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	1-2-50%	1-5-20%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	1-2-50%	0-0-0%
SAFETIES	0	0
FINAL SCORE	10	22
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:18	34:42

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Ball Possession And Drive Chart

Carolina Panthers

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	10:32	9:24	1:08	Kickoff	CAR 25	3	-2	0	-2	0	CAR 23	Punt
2	6:03	3:57	2:06	Punt	CAR 17	6	29	0	29	2	CAR 46	Punt
3	1:35	14:43	1:52	Punt	CAR 10	4	8	0	8	1	CAR 18	Punt
4	12:16	11:15	1:01	Punt	CAR 40	3	0	0	0	0	CAR 40	Punt
5	9:15	0:50	8:25	Punt	CAR 22	16	73	5	78	7	* ATL 4	Touchdown
6	15:00	13:26	1:34	Kickoff	CAR 22	3	6	0	6	0	CAR 28	Punt
7	6:31	5:44	0:47	Kickoff	CAR 25	2	3	0	3	0	CAR 28	Interception
8	3:44	2:37	1:07	Kickoff	CAR 25	3	7	0	7	0	CAR 32	Punt
9	14:11	10:34	3:37	Kickoff	CAR 25	7	51	0	51	1	ATL 24	Field Goal
10	6:37	5:27	1:10	Kickoff	CAR 25	3	1	-5	-4	0	CAR 21	Punt
11	4:20	4:08	0:12	Punt	CAR 25	1	0	0	0	0	CAR 25	Interception
12	2:27	0:08	2:19	Kickoff	CAR 25	10	66	-10	56	4	* ATL 19	Interception

(286) Average CAR 24

Atlanta Falcons

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	15:00	10:32	4:28	Kickoff	ATL 25	10	75	0	75	4	* CAR 19	Touchdown
2	9:24	6:03	3:21	Punt	ATL 15	7	28	0	28	2	ATL 43	Punt
3	3:57	1:35	2:22	Punt	ATL 21	5	29	0	29	1	50	Punt
4	14:43	12:16	2:27	Punt	ATL 12	3	9	0	9	0	ATL 21	Punt
5	11:15	9:15	2:00	Punt	ATL 25	5	10	0	10	1	ATL 35	Punt
6	0:50	0:00	0:50	Kickoff	ATL 25	5	44	-5	39	2	CAR 36	End of Half
7	13:26	6:31	6:55	Punt	ATL 20	13	73	-5	68	4	* CAR 12	Field Goal
8	5:44	3:44	2:00	Interception	CAR 39	5	10	5	15	1	* CAR 24	Field Goal
9	2:37	14:11	3:26	Punt	ATL 28	8	45	15	60	3	* CAR 12	Field Goal
10	10:34	6:37	3:57	Kickoff	ATL 25	8	37	0	37	2	CAR 38	Field Goal
11	5:27	4:20	1:07	Punt	ATL 30	3	4	0	4	0	ATL 34	Punt
12	4:08	2:27	1:41	Interception	CAR 23	4	8	0	8	0	* CAR 15	Field Goal
13	0:08	0:00	0:08	Interception	ATL 20	1	-1	0	-1	0	ATL 20	End of Game

(384) Average ATL 30

* inside opponent's 20

Time of Possession by Quarter		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Visitor	Carolina Panthers	4:49	9:43	3:28	7:18		25:18
Home	Atlanta Falcons	10:11	5:17	11:32	7:42		34:42

Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average Panthers: 7 - CAR 25 Falcons: 3 - ATL 25

First Quarter

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Play By Play

CAR wins the coin toss and elects to defer. ATL elects to Receive, and CAR elects to defend the east goal.

G.Gano kicks 65 yards from CAR 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Atlanta Falcons at 15:00

1-10-ATL 25	(15:00) (Shotgun) D.Freeman right guard to ATL 29 for 4 yards (M.Addison).	
2-6-ATL 29	(14:28) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. M.Ryan pass incomplete short right to Ju.Jones.	
3-6-ATL 29	(14:23) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to Ju.Jones to ATL 42 for 13 yards (C.Munnerlyn).	P1
<u>1-10-ATL 42</u>	(13:42) M.Ryan pass incomplete short middle to Ju.Jones (M.Adams). ATL-Ju.Jones was injured during the play. His return is Probable.	
2-10-ATL 42	(13:38) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short right to D.Freeman to ATL 48 for 6 yards (T.Davis).	
3-4-ATL 48	(13:00) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to M.Sanu to CAR 34 for 18 yards (C.Munnerlyn, D.Worley).	P2
<u>1-10-CAR 34</u>	(12:17) T.Coleman left end to CAR 32 for 2 yards (W.Horton).	
2-8-CAR 32	(11:37) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. T.Coleman left end to CAR 31 for 1 yard (T.Davis).	
3-7-CAR 31	(10:57) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to T.Coleman pushed ob at CAR 19 for 12 yards (M.Adams).	P3
<u>1-10-CAR 19</u>	(10:39) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to D.Freeman for 19 yards, TOUCHDOWN [V.Butler].	P4
	M.Bryant extra point is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-M.Bosher.	

CAR 0 ATL 7, 10 plays, 75 yards, 4:28 drive, 4:28 elapsed
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M.Bosher kicks 65 yards from ATL 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Carolina Panthers at 10:32

1-10-CAR 25	(10:32) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short right to E.Dickson.	
2-10-CAR 25	(10:25) K.Clay left end to CAR 23 for -2 yards (D.Trufant).	
3-12-CAR 23	(9:38) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short left to C.McCaffrey.	
4-12-CAR 23	(9:32) M.Palardy punts 52 yards to ATL 25, Center-J.Jansen, fair catch by A.Roberts. <i>PENALTY on ATL-B.Poole, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at ATL 25.</i>	

Atlanta Falcons at 9:24

1-10-ATL 15	(9:24) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete short left to T.Gabriel.	
2-10-ATL 15	(9:17) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short right to Ju.Jones to ATL 27 for 12 yards (J.Bradberry).	P5
<u>1-10-ATL 27</u>	(8:43) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to M.Sanu pushed ob at ATL 33 for 6 yards (S.Thompson).	
2-4-ATL 33	(8:13) T.Coleman right end ran ob at ATL 39 for 6 yards (L.Kuechly).	R6
<u>1-10-ATL 39</u>	(7:49) M.Ryan pass incomplete short right.	
2-10-ATL 39	(7:43) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. M.Ryan pass short right to D.Freeman to ATL 46 for 7 yards (T.Davis).	
3-3-ATL 46	(6:54) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to D.Freeman to ATL 43 for -3 yards (D.Worley) [W.Horton].	
4-6-ATL 43	(6:12) M.Bosher punts 40 yards to CAR 17, Center-J.Harris, fair catch by K.Clay.	

Carolina Panthers at 6:03

1-10-CAR 17	(6:03) (Shotgun) C.Newton right end ran ob at CAR 34 for 17 yards (K.Neal).	R1
<u>1-10-CAR 34</u>	(5:32) T.Moton reported in as eligible. C.McCaffrey right end to CAR 42 for 8 yards (A.Rubin).	
2-2-CAR 42	(4:58) T.Moton reported in as eligible. C.McCaffrey left tackle to CAR 46 for 4 yards (K.Ishmael; D.Jones).	R2
<u>1-10-CAR 46</u>	(4:19) C.Newton pass incomplete short left to K.Clay (R.Alford).	
2-10-CAR 46	(4:15) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short left to D.Funchess (R.Alford).	
3-10-CAR 46	(4:11) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete deep middle to D.Funchess (D.Trufant).	
4-10-CAR 46	(4:01) M.Palardy punts 33 yards to ATL 21, Center-J.Jansen, fair catch by A.Roberts.	

Atlanta Falcons at 3:57

1-10-ATL 21	(3:57) D.Freeman right tackle to ATL 23 for 2 yards (V.Butler).	
2-8-ATL 23	(3:16) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short right to D.Freeman to ATL 49 for 26 yards (K.Love).	P7
<u>1-10-ATL 49</u>	(2:32) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. D.Freeman left tackle to 50 for 1 yard (T.Davis; L.Kuechly).	
2-9-50	(1:54) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete short right to M.Sanu [B.Cox].	
3-9-50	(1:50) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete deep left to Ju.Jones (M.Adams).	
4-9-50	(1:43) M.Bosher punts 40 yards to CAR 10, Center-J.Harris, fair catch by K.Clay.	

Carolina Panthers at 1:35

1-10-CAR 10	(1:35) (Shotgun) C.Artis-Payne right guard to CAR 22 for 12 yards (D.Jones; T.McKinley).	R3
<u>1-10-CAR 22</u>	(:52) (Shotgun) C.Newton FUMBLES (Aborted) at CAR 16, recovered by CAR-C.Artis-Payne at CAR 16. C.Artis-Payne to CAR 18 for 2 yards (K.Neal; C.Upshaw).	
2-14-CAR 18	(:06) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete deep left to D.Funchess.	

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	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies		
Score	Poss	R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down	
Carolina Panthers	0	4:49	3	0	0	3	0/2	0/0
Atlanta Falcons	7	10:11	1	6	0	7	3/5	0/0

Second Quarter

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Play By Play

Carolina Panthers continued.

- 3-14-CAR 18 (15:00) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete deep middle to G.Olsen (D.Jones).
 4-14-CAR 18 (14:54) M.Palardy punts 60 yards to ATL 22, Center-J.Jansen. A.Roberts to ATL 45 for 23 yards (B.Jacobs).
PENALTY on ATL-L.Reynolds, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at ATL 22.

Atlanta Falcons at 14:43

- 1-10-ATL 12 (14:43) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to D.Freeman to ATL 15 for 3 yards (T.Davis).
 2-7-ATL 15 (13:58) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to D.Freeman to ATL 21 for 6 yards (T.Davis).
 3-1-ATL 21 (13:16) Direct snap to M.Sanu. M.Sanu right guard to ATL 21 for no gain (L.Kuechly).
 4-1-ATL 21 (12:25) M.Bosher punts 54 yards to CAR 25, Center-J.Harris, fair catch by K.Clay.
PENALTY on ATL-D.Kazee, Fair Catch Interference, 15 yards, enforced at CAR 25.

Carolina Panthers at 12:16

- 1-10-CAR 40 (12:16) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short right to C.McCaffrey.
 2-10-CAR 40 (12:09) (Shotgun) F.Whittaker left tackle to CAR 40 for no gain (T.McKinley; D.Poe).
 3-10-CAR 40 (11:28) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short left to G.Olsen (R.Alford) [D.Campbell].
 4-10-CAR 40 (11:24) M.Palardy punts 35 yards to ATL 25, Center-J.Jansen, fair catch by A.Roberts.

Atlanta Falcons at 11:15

- 1-10-ATL 25 (11:15) T.Coleman right guard to ATL 30 for 5 yards (S.Thompson; C.Jones).
 2-5-ATL 30 (10:32) T.Coleman left guard to ATL 35 for 5 yards (J.Bradberry; T.Davis). R8
1-10-ATL 35 (9:44) T.Sambailo reported in as eligible. M.Ryan pass incomplete deep left to Ju.Jones.
 2-10-ATL 35 (9:38) M.Ryan pass incomplete short right to D.Freeman.
 3-10-ATL 35 (9:33) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete deep middle to M.Sanu [J.Peppers].
 4-10-ATL 35 (9:24) M.Bosher punts 51 yards to CAR 14, Center-J.Harris. K.Clay to CAR 22 for 8 yards (D.Riley).

Carolina Panthers at 9:15

- 1-10-CAR 22 (9:15) C.Artis-Payne right guard to CAR 24 for 2 yards (B.Reed).
 2-8-CAR 24 (8:33) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to C.McCaffrey to CAR 21 for -3 yards (D.Jones).
 3-11-CAR 21 (7:49) (Shotgun) C.Newton scrambles left end to CAR 37 for 16 yards (D.Campbell). R4
1-10-CAR 37 (7:04) C.Newton pass short left to K.Clay ran ob at ATL 48 for 15 yards (R.Alford). P5
1-10-ATL 48 (6:26) (Shotgun) C.Newton right tackle to 50 for -2 yards (G.Jarrett).
 2-12-50 (5:51) (Shotgun) C.McCaffrey left guard to ATL 47 for 3 yards (D.Poe; B.Reed).
 3-9-ATL 47 (5:11) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to G.Olsen to ATL 37 for 10 yards (B.Poole). P6
 Atlanta challenged the pass completion ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field stands. (Timeout #1 at 05:03.)
1-10-ATL 37 (4:45) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short right to C.McCaffrey pushed ob at ATL 33 for 4 yards (D.Jones; B.Poole).
 2-6-ATL 33 (4:23) (Shotgun) C.Newton left guard to ATL 33 for no gain (D.Campbell; B.Reed).
PENALTY on ATL-D.Poe, Defensive Holding, 5 yards, enforced at ATL 33 - No Play. X7
1-10-ATL 28 (3:54) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to F.Whittaker to ATL 19 for 9 yards (D.Campbell).
 2-1-ATL 19 (3:11) T.Moton reported in as eligible. C.Artis-Payne right end to ATL 19 for no gain (D.Shelby).
 3-1-ATL 19 (2:23) T.Moton reported in as eligible. C.Artis-Payne right guard to ATL 19 for no gain (A.Rubin).

Two-Minute Warning

- 4-1-ATL 19 (2:00) C.Newton left guard to ATL 18 for 1 yard (D.Riley). R8
1-10-ATL 18 (1:13) (Shotgun) C.McCaffrey right end pushed ob at ATL 20 for -2 yards (K.Neal).
 2-12-ATL 20 (1:06) (Shotgun) C.Newton sacked at ATL 31 for -11 yards (G.Jarrett).
 Timeout #2 by ATL at 01:02.
 3-23-ATL 31 (1:02) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass deep left to B.Bersin pushed ob at ATL 4 for 27 yards (R.Alford). P9
 Timeout #3 by ATL at 00:55.
1-4-ATL 4 (:55) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to D.Funchess for 4 yards, TOUCHDOWN. P10
 G.Gano extra point is GOOD, Center-J.Jansen, Holder-M.Palardy.

CAR 7 ATL 7, 16 plays, 78 yards, 1 penalty, 8:25 drive, 14:10 elapsed

G.Gano kicks 65 yards from CAR 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Atlanta Falcons at 0:50

- 1-10-ATL 25 (:50) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to D.Freeman to ATL 36 for 11 yards (T.Davis). P9
1-10-ATL 36 (:34) (No Huddle, Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short right to A.Hooper to ATL 45 for 9 yards (L.Kuechly).

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Timeout #1 by CAR at 00:18.

- 2-1-ATL 45 (:18) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete deep left to Ju.Jones.
- 3-1-ATL 45 (:13) (Shotgun) PENALTY on ATL-A.Hooper, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at ATL 45 - No Play.
- 3-6-ATL 40 (:13) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to A.Hooper to CAR 36 for 24 yards (M.Adams) [K.Short].
- 1-10-CAR 36 (:01) M.Ryan spiked the ball to stop the clock.

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Carolina Panthers	7	9:43	2	4	1	7	3/6	1/1
Atlanta Falcons	7	5:17	1	2	0	3	1/3	0/0

Third Quarter

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Play By Play

CAR elects to Receive, and ATL elects to defend the East goal.

M.Bosher kicks 62 yards from ATL 35 to CAR 3. K.Clay to CAR 22 for 19 yards (K.Neal).

Carolina Panthers at 15:00, (1st play from scrimmage 14:54)

- 1-10-CAR 22 (14:54) C.Artis-Payne left end to CAR 24 for 2 yards (K.Ishmael).
 2-8-CAR 24 (14:19) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short left to G.Olsen.
 3-8-CAR 24 (14:14) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short middle to C.McCaffrey to CAR 28 for 4 yards (D.Jones).
 4-4-CAR 28 (13:41) M.Palardy punts 48 yards to ATL 24, Center-J.Jansen. A.Roberts to ATL 47 for 23 yards (R.Shepard).
PENALTY on ATL-L.Reynolds, Illegal Block Above the Waist, 10 yards, enforced at ATL 30.

Atlanta Falcons at 13:26

- 1-10-ATL 20 (13:26) D.Freeman left end to ATL 19 for -1 yards (L.Kuechly).
 2-11-ATL 19 (12:46) D.Freeman right end to ATL 24 for 5 yards (T.Davis).
 3-6-ATL 24 (12:10) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to Ju.Jones ran ob at ATL 37 for 13 yards (D.Worley). P11
1-10-ATL 37 (11:46) M.Ryan pass short left to M.Sanu ran ob at ATL 45 for 8 yards (D.Worley).
 2-2-ATL 45 (11:19) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. T.Coleman right end to ATL 46 for 1 yard (L.Kuechly).
 3-1-ATL 46 (10:38) *PENALTY on ATL-R.Schraeder, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at ATL 46 - No Play.*
 3-6-ATL 41 (10:19) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to Ju.Jones to CAR 44 for 15 yards (C.Munnerlyn). P12
1-10-CAR 44 (9:38) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. M.Ryan pass short right to J.Hardy pushed ob at CAR 27 for 17 yards (C.Jones). P13
1-10-CAR 27 (9:02) M.Ryan scrambles right tackle to CAR 25 for 2 yards (S.Thompson).
 2-8-CAR 25 (8:16) (Shotgun) M.Ryan scrambles right tackle to CAR 12 for 13 yards (J.Bradberry). R14
1-10-CAR 12 (7:30) D.Freeman left end to CAR 12 for no gain (K.Short).
 2-10-CAR 12 (6:48) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to M.Sanu for 12 yards, TOUCHDOWN [B.Cox].
 The Replay Official reviewed the pass completion ruling, and the play was REVERSED.
 (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete short middle to M.Sanu (L.Kuechly) [B.Cox].
 3-10-CAR 12 (6:41) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete short right to J.Hardy (C.Munnerlyn).
 4-10-CAR 12 (6:35) **M.Bryant 30 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-M.Bosher.**

CAR 7 ATL 10, 13 plays, 68 yards, 6:55 drive, 8:29 elapsed

M.Bosher kicks 65 yards from ATL 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Carolina Panthers at 6:31

- 1-10-CAR 25 (6:31) (Shotgun) C.Newton left guard to CAR 28 for 3 yards (T.McKinley).
 2-7-CAR 28 (5:51) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short middle intended for B.Bersin INTERCEPTED by R.Allen at CAR 43. R.Allen to CAR 39 for 4 yards (K.Clay).

Atlanta Falcons at 5:44

- 1-10-CAR 39 (5:44) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to M.Sanu pushed ob at CAR 27 for 12 yards (D.Worley). P15
1-10-CAR 27 (5:14) T.Coleman right end pushed ob at CAR 24 for 3 yards (S.Thompson).
 2-7-CAR 24 (4:49) (Shotgun) *PENALTY on CAR-C.Johnson, Neutral Zone Infraction, 5 yards, enforced at CAR 24 - No Play.*
 2-2-CAR 19 (4:40) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. T.Coleman left end to CAR 24 for -5 yards (D.Worley).
 3-7-CAR 24 (3:53) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete short left to D.Freeman (K.Short).
 Timeout #1 by CAR at 03:49.
 4-7-CAR 24 (3:49) **M.Bryant 42 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-M.Bosher.**

CAR 7 ATL 13, 5 plays, 15 yards, 1 penalty, 2:00 drive, 11:16 elapsed

M.Bosher kicks 65 yards from ATL 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Carolina Panthers at 3:44

- 1-10-CAR 25 (3:44) (Shotgun) C.Newton scrambles right end to CAR 32 for 7 yards (K.Neal).
 2-3-CAR 32 (2:59) C.Newton pass incomplete short right to G.Olsen.
 3-3-CAR 32 (2:54) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short right to C.McCaffrey.
 4-3-CAR 32 (2:49) M.Palardy punts 49 yards to ATL 19, Center-J.Jansen. A.Roberts pushed ob at ATL 28 for 9 yards (D.Mayo; R.Shepard). ATL-A.Roberts was injured during the play.

Atlanta Falcons at 2:37

- 1-10-ATL 28 (2:37) D.Freeman left tackle to ATL 33 for 5 yards (W.Horton).
 2-5-ATL 33 (1:58) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to J.Hardy to ATL 48 for 15 yards (M.Adams). FUMBLES (M.Adams), and recovers at ATL 48. P16
 J.Hardy to ATL 48 for no gain (M.Adams).
1-10-ATL 48 (1:14) D.Freeman right end to ATL 48 for no gain (K.Short).
 2-10-ATL 48 (:36) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short right to M.Sanu to CAR 36 for 16 yards (C.Munnerlyn) [K.Short]. P17

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PENALTY on CAR-J.Byrd, Unnecessary Roughness, 15 yards, enforced at CAR 36. Official announced penalty as Late Hit.

1-10-CAR 21 (:08) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete deep right.

2-10-CAR 21 (:03) (Shotgun) T.Coleman right guard to CAR 21 for no gain (K.Short).

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Carolina Panthers	7	3:28	0	0	0	0	0/2	0/0
Atlanta Falcons	13	11:32	1	6	1	8	2/4	0/0

Fourth Quarter

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Play By Play

Atlanta Falcons continued.

3-10-CAR 21 (15:00) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to M.Sanu to CAR 12 for 9 yards (J.Byrd).

4-1-CAR 12 (14:15) **M.Bryant 30 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-M.Bosher.**

CAR 7 ATL 16, 8 plays, 60 yards, 1 penalty, 3:26 drive, 0:49 elapsed

M.Bosher kicks 65 yards from ATL 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Carolina Panthers at 14:11

1-10-CAR 25 (14:11) (Shotgun) C.McCaffrey left end to CAR 30 for 5 yards (A.Rubin).

2-5-CAR 30 (13:28) (Shotgun) C.Newton FUMBLES (Aborted) at CAR 25, recovered by CAR-C.Artis-Payne at CAR 26. C.Artis-Payne to CAR 28 for 2 yards (C.Upshaw).

3-7-CAR 28 (12:45) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass deep right to D.Funchess to ATL 28 for 44 yards (D.Trufant). P11

1-10-ATL 28 (12:02) (No Huddle, Shotgun) C.Newton right end to ATL 20 for 8 yards (D.Campbell).

2-2-ATL 20 (11:20) (Shotgun) C.McCaffrey left tackle to ATL 24 for -4 yards (G.Jarrett).

3-6-ATL 24 (10:42) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short right to G.Olsen.

4-6-ATL 24 (10:38) **G.Gano 42 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Jansen, Holder-M.Palardy.**

CAR 10 ATL 16, 7 plays, 51 yards, 3:37 drive, 4:26 elapsed

G.Gano kicks 65 yards from CAR 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Atlanta Falcons at 10:34

1-10-ATL 25 (10:34) M.Ryan pass short middle to A.Hooper to ATL 27 for 2 yards (L.Kuechly).

2-8-ATL 27 (9:53) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to Ju.Jones pushed ob at CAR 46 for 27 yards (T.Davis). P19

1-10-CAR 46 (9:19) D.Freeman right guard to CAR 44 for 2 yards (L.Kuechly).

2-8-CAR 44 (8:43) M.Ryan pass short right to D.Freeman ran ob at CAR 34 for 10 yards (J.Bradberry). P20

1-10-CAR 34 (8:08) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to T.Coleman to CAR 32 for 2 yards (C.Munnerlyn).

2-8-CAR 32 (7:31) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete short left to Ju.Jones.

3-8-CAR 32 (7:25) (Shotgun) M.Ryan sacked at CAR 38 for -6 yards (sack split by L.Kuechly and M.Addison).

4-14-CAR 38 (6:43) **M.Bryant 56 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-M.Bosher.**

CAR 10 ATL 19, 8 plays, 37 yards, 3:57 drive, 8:23 elapsed

M.Bosher kicks 65 yards from ATL 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Carolina Panthers at 6:37

1-10-CAR 25 (6:37) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short right to B.Bersin.

2-10-CAR 25 (6:32) (Shotgun) PENALTY on CAR-G.Olsen, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at CAR 25 - No Play.

2-15-CAR 20 (6:32) (Shotgun) C.Newton scrambles right end to CAR 21 for 1 yard (C.Upshaw).

3-14-CAR 21 (5:42) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short left to G.Olsen. ATL-T.McKinley was injured during the play.

4-14-CAR 21 (5:32) M.Palardy punts 52 yards to ATL 27, Center-J.Jansen. A.Roberts pushed ob at ATL 30 for 3 yards (S.Thompson).

Atlanta Falcons at 5:27

1-10-ATL 30 (5:27) T.Coleman left guard to ATL 32 for 2 yards (C.Jones).

2-8-ATL 32 (4:44) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to M.Sanu to ATL 34 for 2 yards (D.Worley; S.Thompson).

Timeout #2 by CAR at 04:33.

3-6-ATL 34 (4:33) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass incomplete short right to M.Sanu.

4-6-ATL 34 (4:29) M.Bosher punts 48 yards to CAR 18, Center-J.Harris. K.Clay ran ob at CAR 25 for 7 yards (D.Coleman).

Carolina Panthers at 4:20

1-10-CAR 25 (4:20) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass deep middle intended for G.Olsen INTERCEPTED by K.Neal [G.Jarrett] at CAR 42. K.Neal to CAR 23 for 19 yards (D.Funchess).

Atlanta Falcons at 4:08

1-10-CAR 23 (4:08) D.Freeman right tackle to CAR 18 for 5 yards (C.Jones; J.Bradberry).

2-5-CAR 18 (3:21) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. D.Freeman right end to CAR 18 for no gain (M.Adams).

3-5-CAR 18 (2:35) (Shotgun) T.Coleman left guard to CAR 15 for 3 yards (L.Kuechly).

Timeout #3 by CAR at 02:31.

4-2-CAR 15 (2:31) **M.Bryant 33 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-M.Bosher.**

CAR 10 ATL 22, 4 plays, 8 yards, 1:41 drive, 12:33 elapsed

M.Bosher kicks 65 yards from ATL 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Carolina Panthers at 2:27

1-10-CAR 25 (2:27) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short middle to E.Dickson to CAR 36 for 11 yards (D.Jones, R.Allen). P12

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1-10-CAR 36 (2:09) (No Huddle, Shotgun) C.Newton pass short middle to E.Dickson to CAR 47 for 11 yards (D.Jones; D.Campbell). P13

Two-Minute Warning

1-10-CAR 47 (1:58) (Shotgun) C.Newton scrambles left end ran ob at ATL 45 for 8 yards (D.Jones).

2-2-ATL 45 (1:49) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to B.Bersin ran ob at ATL 36 for 9 yards. P14

1-10-ATL 36 (1:45) (Shotgun) C.Newton sacked at ATL 44 for -8 yards (V.Beasley).

2-18-ATL 44 (1:08) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to C.McCaffrey to ATL 29 for 15 yards (R.Allen; D.Jones).

3-3-ATL 29 (:38) (No Huddle, Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to C.McCaffrey to ATL 9 for 20 yards (D.Jones). P15

1-9-ATL 9 (:22) (No Huddle) C.Newton spiked the ball to stop the clock.

2-9-ATL 9 (:21) (Shotgun) PENALTY on CAR-G.Olsen, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at ATL 9 - No Play.

2-14-ATL 14 (:21) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass incomplete short middle to G.Olsen.

3-14-ATL 14 (:16) (Shotgun) PENALTY on CAR-M.Kalil, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at ATL 14 - No Play.

3-19-ATL 19 (:16) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass deep left intended for D.Funchess INTERCEPTED by R.Alford at ATL -1. Touchback.

Atlanta Falcons at 0:08

1-10-ATL 20 (:08) M.Ryan kneels to ATL 19 for -1 yards.

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Carolina Panthers	10	7:18	0	5	0	5	2/5	0/0
Atlanta Falcons	22	7:42	0	2	0	2	0/4	0/0

Miscellaneous Statistics Report

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Ten Longest Plays for Carolina Panthers

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
44	4	3-7-CAR 28	(12:45) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass deep right to D.Funchess to ATL 28 for 44 yards (D.Trufant).
27	2	3-23-ATL 31	(1:02) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass deep left to B.Bersin pushed ob at ATL 4 for 27 yards (R.Alford).
20	4	3-3-ATL 29	(:38) (No Huddle, Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to C.McCaffrey to ATL 9 for 20 yards (D.Jones).
17	1	1-10-CAR 17	(6:03) (Shotgun) C.Newton right end ran ob at CAR 34 for 17 yards (K.Neal).
16	2	3-11-CAR 21	(7:49) (Shotgun) C.Newton scrambles left end to CAR 37 for 16 yards (D.Campbell).
15	2	1-10-CAR 37	(7:04) C.Newton pass short left to K.Clay ran ob at ATL 48 for 15 yards (R.Alford).
15	4	2-18-ATL 44	(1:08) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short left to C.McCaffrey to ATL 29 for 15 yards (R.Allen; D.Jones).
12	1	1-10-CAR 10	(1:35) (Shotgun) C.Artis-Payne right guard to CAR 22 for 12 yards (D.Jones; T.McKinley).
11	4	1-10-CAR 25	(2:27) (Shotgun) C.Newton pass short middle to E.Dickson to CAR 36 for 11 yards (D.Jones, R.Allen).
11	4	1-10-CAR 36	(2:09) (No Huddle, Shotgun) C.Newton pass short middle to E.Dickson to CAR 47 for 11 yards (D.Jones; D.Campbell).

Ten Longest Plays for Atlanta Falcons

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
31	3	2-10-ATL 48	(:36) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short right to M.Sanu to CAR 36 for 16 yards (C.Munnerlyn) [K.Short].
27	4	2-8-ATL 27	(9:53) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to Ju.Jones pushed ob at CAR 46 for 27 yards (T.Davis).
26	1	2-8-ATL 23	(3:16) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short right to D.Freeman to ATL 49 for 26 yards (K.Love).
24	2	3-6-ATL 40	(:13) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to A.Hooper to CAR 36 for 24 yards (M.Adams) [K.Short].
19	1	1-10-CAR 19	(10:39) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to D.Freeman for 19 yards, TOUCHDOWN [V.Butler].
18	1	3-4-ATL 48	(13:00) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to M.Sanu to CAR 34 for 18 yards (C.Munnerlyn, D.Worley).
17	3	1-10-CAR 44	(9:38) T.Sambrailo reported in as eligible. M.Ryan pass short right to J.Hardy pushed ob at CAR 27 for 17 yards (C.Jones).
15	3	3-6-ATL 41	(10:19) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short left to Ju.Jones to CAR 44 for 15 yards (C.Munnerlyn).
15	3	2-5-ATL 33	(1:58) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to J.Hardy to ATL 48 for 15 yards (M.Adams). FUMBLES (M.Adams), and recovers
13	1	3-6-ATL 29	(14:23) (Shotgun) M.Ryan pass short middle to Ju.Jones to ATL 42 for 13 yards (C.Munnerlyn).

Touchdown Scoring Information

		Offense	Defense	Special Teams
VISITOR	Carolina Panthers	1	0	0
HOME	Atlanta Falcons	1	0	0

Player Scoring Information

Club	Player	TD	Rush TD	Rec TD	KO TD	Punt TD	Int TD	Fum TD	Misc TD	FG	XP	2Pt Rush	2Pt Rec	Sfty	Points
CAR	D.Funchess	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
CAR	G.Gano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
ATL	M.Bryant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	16
ATL	D.Freeman	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

Possession Detail

	First Half		Second Half		Game	
	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home
Largest Lead	0	7	0	12	0	12
Drives Leading	0	4	0	6	0	10
Time of Possession Leading	0:00	10:10	0:00	12:19	0:00	22:29
Largest Deficit	-7	0	-12	0	-12	0
Drives Trailing	5	0	6	0	11	0
Time of Possession Trailing	14:32	0:00	9:12	0:00	23:44	0:00
Times Score Tied Up		1		0		1
Lead Changes		1		1		2

Playtime Percentage

Percent of playtime per player on offense, defense and special teams

Carolina Panthers

Atlanta Falcons

		Offense	Defense	Special Teams				Offense	Defense	Special Teams	
D Williams	T	61	100%	2	7%	R Schraeder	T	72	100%	6	20%
A Norwell	G	61	100%	2	7%	J Matthews	T	72	100%	6	20%
A Silatolu	G	61	100%	2	7%	W Schweitzer	G	72	100%	6	20%
C Newton	QB	61	100%			M Ryan	QB	72	100%		
R Kalil	C	61	100%			A Mack	C	71	99%		
M Kalil	T	61	100%			B Garland	G	67	93%	6	20%
G Olsen	TE	57	93%			M Sanu	WR	61	85%		
D Funchess	WR	53	87%			A Hooper	TE	58	81%	6	20%
C McCaffrey	RB	52	85%			J Hardy	WR	57	79%	10	33%
K Clay	WR	42	69%	8	27%	J Jones	WR	54	75%		
B Bersin	WR	35	57%			T Coleman	RB	41	57%		
E Dickson	TE	29	48%	9	30%	D Freeman	RB	38	53%		
C Artis-Payne	RB	12	20%	11	37%	D Coleman	FB	13	18%	22	73%
R Shepard	WR	8	13%	17	57%	T Sambrailo	T	11	15%	9	30%
C Manhertz	TE	8	13%	3	10%	E Saubert	TE	10	14%	11	37%
T Moton	T	5	8%	2	7%	A Roberts	WR	9	12%	10	33%
F Whittaker	RB	4	7%	15	50%	T Gabriel	WR	9	12%	1	3%
J Bradberry	CB		72 100%	10	33%	A Levitre	G	5	7%		
M Adams	SS		72 100%	8	27%	R Alford	CB		61 100%	9	30%
L Kuechly	LB		72 100%	8	27%	K Neal	FS		61 100%	7	23%
T Davis	LB		72 100%	6	20%	D Jones	LB		61 100%	2	7%
D Worley	CB		66 92%	10	33%	D Campbell	LB		61 100%		
M Addison	DE		51 71%	2	7%	D Trufant	CB		61 100%		
K Short	DT		49 68%	8	27%	R Allen	SS		61 100%		
C Jones	FS		39 54%	23	77%	B Poole	CB		47 77%	7	23%
S Lotulelei	DT		39 54%	8	27%	G Jarrett	DT		45 74%	2	7%
S Thompson	LB		37 51%	11	37%	D Poe	DT		45 74%	2	7%
J Peppers	DE		35 49%	8	27%	V Beasley	LB		34 56%		
J Byrd	FS		33 46%	3	10%	A Clayborn	DE		32 52%		
K Love	DT		31 43%			T McKinley	DE		30 49%		
C Munnerlyn	CB		29 40%			B Reed	DE		21 34%	7	23%
V Butler	DT		25 35%	6	20%	D Shelby	DE		18 30%	8	27%
W Horton	DE		22 31%			C Upshaw	DE		11 18%	5	17%
B Cox	DE		19 26%	11	37%	D Riley	LB		9 15%	23	77%
C Johnson	DE		17 24%			A Rubin	DT		8 13%		
K Seymour	CB		12 17%	21	70%	K Ishmael	FS		5 8%	24	80%
D Mayo	LB			24	80%	D Kazee	SS			23	77%
B Jacobs	LB			21	70%	L Reynolds	LB			22	73%
A Gachkar	LB			20	67%	B Wreh-Wilson	CB			21	70%
A Armah	RB			19	63%	S Neasman	SS			19	63%
M Palardy	P			9	30%	M Boshier	P			18	60%
J Jansen	LS			9	30%	T Ward	RB			15	50%
G Gano	K			5	17%	J Harris	LS			11	37%
T Larsen	G			5	17%	M Bryant	K			6	20%
G Van Roten	C			4	13%						

