

SPORTS

Minnesota beats Purdue 39-38 to go 3-0 in Big Ten

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota took an 11-point deficit into halftime of the homecoming game against a Purdue team the Gophers were favored to beat by nearly two touchdowns. That here-we-go-again, just-when-this-was-getting-good feeling spread among the fans. Coaches and players, though, saw this differently. Calm confidence founded a comeback, and Minnesota finished the afternoon alone in first place in the Big Ten West Division. David Cobb rushed for 194 yards and a touchdown, Ryan Santoso kicked a 52-yard field goal with 4:59 left for the lead and the Gophers beat the Boilermakers 39-38 for their first 3-0 start in conference play since 1990. Cedric Thompson had two interceptions for Minnesota (6-1, 3-0), including a diving pickoff of Austin Appleby with 2:28 remain-

ing to seal it. “My first year, once we were down, we were like, ‘It’s over,’” Thompson said. “But going into the half, us being down, we had no worries at all. We said we were going to fight and go out there and win this game.” This was the first time in 23 games under coach Jerry Kill that the Gophers rallied from behind to win. Purdue led 31-20 with 304 total yards at the break. “When I walked into the locker room, I said, ‘Hey men, this is going to define who you are,’” Kill said. The definition for now is Big Ten contenders. With the West wide open, the Gophers badly needed this game and next week’s at



David Cobb

Illinois to stay relevant in the race facing a daunting November schedule: Iowa and Ohio State followed by trips to Nebraska and Wisconsin. A one-point win over the Boilermakers, who are 1-11 in the conference under coach Darrell Hazell and lost 38-17 at home this year to Central Michigan, won’t do much for Minnesota’s resume come time for bowl game bids. But it did ensure the Gophers are eligible — and deepen their belief they can rally when they need to. “It’s just a start. So it depends on how we finish,” said Cobb, who passed the 1,000-yard mark for the second straight season. Appleby threw three first-half touchdown passes for the Boilermakers (3-5, 1-3), but he was only 4 for 10 for 18 yards in the second half. Raheem Mostert rushed for 115 yards on just five carries and Akeem

Hunt added 98 yards on 17 attempts, but another upset bid fell short. Last week, Purdue had the ball in the closing minutes trailing Michigan State by seven before the Spartans scored on an interception return. “I think we’re on the verge of a breakthrough,” wide receiver Danny Anthropol said. “This one’s going to hurt, but we’ve just got to worry about the next one.” Mitch Leidner tallied two scores and 165 yards on 9-for-18 passing and had 84 yards and a touchdown on 13 rushes for the Gophers. Santoso missed an extra point pushed back by penalty in the second quarter, and his run up the middle on a fake attempt in the third quarter was stuffed at the goal line. But Kill said he never hesitated to send the redshirt freshman out for the long try. The Boilermakers, bracing for

another fake, didn’t even rush to try for a block. “I’m just thankful coach Kill has confidence in my ability,” Santoso said. Gabe Holmes and DeAngelo Yancey caught passes for touchdowns, and Mostert put Purdue in front for the first time at 21-20 with a 42-yard burst. His 69-yard gain set up a touchdown run by Appleby that stretched the lead to 38-29 midway through the third quarter. But the Gophers started to tackle better and put more pressure on Appleby, and Leidner did his part with deep passes to Donovan Jones (42 yards) and Isaac Fruechte (45 yards) to set up a touchdown and a field goal. Then Leidner finished a drive kept alive by an overturned call of his fumble, finding K.J. Maye for a 37-yard completion that Maye punctuated with a somersault into the end

zone to bring the Gophers within 38-36. In the second quarter, Cobb lost a fumble that appeared to occur after his arm hit the ground, but officials disagreed. Then Appleby’s pass three plays later to Anthropol was ruled incomplete, though replays suggested a catch and a fumble. The call stood, and Purdue kicked a short field goal for a 24-20 lead. Thompson’s interception on the first play from scrimmage set up a score by Cobb with 20 seconds elapsed on the clock, the fastest score by Minnesota in four seasons under Kill. Three plays later, Damien Wilson picked off Appleby for a 42-yard touchdown return wiped out by Theiren Cockran’s offside penalty. Then the Boilermakers shifted the tone of the entire game, with a 55-yard score off a bubble screen pass from Appleby to Anthropol.

Vikings try to recover from late defensive lapse

EDEN PRAIRIE (AP) — Trying to get Minnesota’s secondary aligned right, Chad Greenway had his head turned as Buffalo quickly snapped the ball on a last-chance fourth-and-20. The ninth-year veteran linebacker recovered enough from the split-second delay to match strides with tight end Scott Chandler, his former college teammate, on a route up the seam. But the ball thrown by Kyle Orton eluded Greenway’s outstretched right arm and landed softly in Chandler’s hands, giving the Bills a first down. Seven plays and 36 yards later, the Vikings were beaten again. “We got into those situations last year where losing those ball games is on the defense, and this just feels too weirdly similar to that,” Greenway said after the 17-16 loss that came on a touchdown pass from Orton to Sammy Watkins with 1 second left and dropped the Vikings to 2-5. Last season, the Vikings lost four times and tied once after leading in the final

minute of the fourth quarter in all five of those games. The 15-play, 80-yard drive the Bills used to score Sunday had a familiar result for a team that gave up more points last year than any other team in the NFL. Except this edition of the Vikings has been vastly improved on defense. They had six sacks and forced four turnovers against the Bills, allowing only 293 yards over the first 56-plus minutes. That’s what made the late lapse all the more frustrating. “Got to get off the field,” said safety Harrison Smith, who came up to tackle Chandler on the crucial completion. “We had them in positions where we could’ve, and those are what the good teams do. The good teams win the game right there.” At three times in his Monday news conference, Vikings coach Mike Zimmer



Mike Zimmer

said he should have called timeout before the fourth-and-20 play to give his players a chance to get settled. Sure, that would’ve stopped the clock for the Bills, but if Greenway wasn’t looking the wrong way when the ball was snapped he wouldn’t have Chandler better covered. Greenway was turned around motioning to cornerback Captain Munnerlyn, who was returning to position from the previous play and too deep at the time. “I got to a good spot, but you’ve got to make the play in that situation,” Greenway said. “Hand was right in the pocket, but the ball just didn’t come out.” The Bills converted a third-and-12 on that drive, too, when Watkins beat cornerback Josh Robinson on a slant pattern. “It was poor technique,” Zimmer said. Zimmer’s agitation was palpable after the last two losses, to Green Bay and Detroit, but despite the frustration of the last-second defeat in Buffalo he struck a more optimistic tone regarding

the performance and direction of his team. “I don’t want to ever give the indication that we’re thinking about the future or anything like that,” Zimmer said. “I understand that we’re a young football team, I guess is what I’m saying, and that we’re going to have some learning experiences with some of these situations.” The Vikings play at Tampa Bay (1-5) this week and host Washington (2-5) the game after that before their bye, so there is space for them to get in a groove and at least make themselves relevant down the stretch even if catching the Packers (5-2) and Lions (5-2) will be a long shot. They have to start by winning a game or two. The amount of promising young players on the roster doesn’t really serve as consolation. “This is a now business. Everything is right now,” Smith said. “You want to win right now. That’s just the world that we live in. That’s what we’ve got to do. We have to do it as fast as possible.”

Bills beat Vikings 17-16 on Watkins’ 2-yard catch

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Quarterback Kyle Orton keeps delivering in the clutch since taking over the starting job in Buffalo. And receiver Sammy Watkins is certainly showing signs of playing up to his dynamic first-round draft-pick promise for the Bills. The 10-year NFL journeyman and 21-year-old rookie combined for a 2-yard touchdown with 1 second left in a 17-16 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday. “Any time you get a chance to go on a game-winning drive, it’s awesome,” Orton said. “We hung in there, made some mistakes, but in the end we got the win, and that was our goal.” Facing second-and-goal, Orton accepted the shotgun snap and immediately turned to his left, where he zipped a pass to Watkins who was a few yards deep in the end zone and had a step on cornerback Xavier Rhodes. The touchdown capped a 15-play, 80-yard drive in a game the Bills offense turned the ball over four times and lost starting running backs C.J. Spiller and Fred Jackson to injuries. Orton shook off an interception and a lost fumble to finish 31 of 43 for 283 yards and two touchdowns, both to Watkins who finished with nine catches for 122 yards. “To make the last play to win the game in Buffalo, it’s the best feeling ever,” said Watkins. The player selected with the No. 4 pick out of Clemson then smiled and referred to his teammates when asked about his rookie status, “I never really feel like a rookie except

when those guys make me feel like one.” Orton, who signed with Buffalo a week before the start of the season, improved to 2-1 since replacing second-year starter EJ Manuel. He won his first start three weeks ago with a drive that set up Dan Carpenter’s 58-yard field goal with 4 seconds left in a 17-14 win at Detroit. The Bills (4-3) snapped a two-game home losing streak, and bounced back from a 37-22 loss to New England. The Vikings (2-5) lacked finish on both defense and behind the Teddy Bridgewater-led offense that managed one touchdown — Cordarrelle Patterson’s 4-yard catch — and three field goals on five trips inside the Bills 40. “There are no words that can describe this loss,” defensive tackle Shariff Floyd said. “It’s the last play of the game. I’ve got nothing to say about that except it hurts.” The Vikings had their opportunities, only to give Orton new life on the final drive that began with 3:07 left. Orton extended the drive by converting a fourth-and-20 with a 24-yard pass to tight end Scott Chandler over the middle. Three plays later, Orton hit Watkins on a crossing pattern for an 18-yard gain on third-and-12. And Orton set up the decisive score by threading a 28-yard pass to Chris Hogan at the 2 along the left sideline.



Teddy Bridgewater

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Koochiching County Zoning Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners relative to proposed amendments to the 1975 Koochiching County Zoning Ordinance.

The proposal is to eliminate verbiage in Section 4.52, Subsection (6), Parts (a), (b) and (c), pertaining to Quarrying, Mining and Gravel Operations that were in existence prior to the adoption of the ordinance in 1975.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Koochiching County Board Room, Koochiching County Courthouse, 715 4th St., International Falls, MN 56649. Time and date of the hearing will be 11:00 a.m. on November 4, 2014.

For a copy of the existing verbiage contact the Koochiching County Environmental Services Department in the Koochiching County Courthouse. Anyone unable to attend the Hearing may submit written comments to the above mentioned office until 4:00 p.m. on November 3, 2014.

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