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Browns embarrass lifeless Oilers as showdown fails to materialize


#### Abstract

HOUSTON (AP) - Cleveland's the field," Minniefield said. "He put following Sunday's $40-7$ victory ove the Houston Oilers Sunday in showdown that was supposed to be a close battle for the AFC Central division lead. Instead he Browns' was a rout, courtesy of the NFL this season. Cornerback up the Browns, intercepted three passes to lead leas, intercepted three lanked defense. The Browns held Houston's of fense to 247 total yards and allowed quarterback Warren Moon one pass Cleveland's defense forced six urnovers and the Browns' offense turned four of them into points emerge as the sole divisional leader They trotted into the dressing room following the game, barking in unison. "I thought Moon put the ball up thinking he had the best athletes on  have played this season and we still squand squandered away some opportuni- ties in the second quarter," Kosar said. "That's a great sign. We plased good but we know we can still better." Cleveland leads the division witha $7-3$ record and the Oilers dropped to $6-4$. "We just kept making mistakes ton Coach Jerry Glanvelile said. "We didn't have much go right, we didn' execute well. lit wasn't letdown it was foolish things. Everyone must tal share of this loss, expecially me." The Browns' defense preserved their shutown until the third quarter when Ernest Givins zig-zagged 83 when Ernest Givins zig-zagged 83 yards with a pass from Warren Moon. It broke up a $33-0$ Browns lead with $5: 19$ to go in the quarter. Moon was just t-for- 8 with thre terceptions in the second half.


Rookie running back leads Miami to 20-14 win over anemic Pokes

IRVING (AP) - Rookie Troy
Stradford rushed for 169 yards and Dan Marino threw a touchdown pass Sunday night to give Miami a $20-14$
victory over the up-and-down Dallas Cowboys.
The victory left Dolphins in a five-
way tie for the lead in the AFC East way tie for the lead in the AFC East
with Indianapolis, New England, with Indianapolis, New
Buffalo and the New York Jets. Miami increased its record to 5
while the Cowboys drepped to while the Cowboys dropped to $5-5$
following 1987 starting debut by Steve Pelluer at quarterback. The Dolphins' Marino, who has
now thrown a touchdown pass in 30 now thrown a touchdown pass in 30
consecutive games, hit James Pruitt with a 2 -yard scoring toss for the
game-clincher with 8:42 left to play in the contest.

The touchdown came after a conMroversial 41-yard pass completion to out of the hands of Dallas rookie Instant replay official Norm
Schachter ruled the play woul Schachter ruled the play would
stand as the crowd of 56,519 at Texas Stadium fans booed heartily. Pelluer, starting for Danny White, who was plagued with a sore wrist,
threw his first pass of the year for a touchdown, an eight-yarder to
Timmy Newsome on Dallas' first possession.
He also hit Newsome with an 18 He also hit Newsome with an
yard touchdown toss with $5: 18$ to
play game.

However, Miami quickly tied it on Stradford's 19 -yard scoring run.
A 26 -yard field goal by Fuad Reveiz after a 51 -yard run by Stradford
gave the Dolphins a $10-7$ lead as the gave the Dolphins a 10-7
first half came to a close. A 34 -yard pass from Marino to by Reveiz for a 13 a 33 Miami lead after field goal
three three quarters.
Stradford, who had 17 carries,
caught six passes for 83 yards, in caught six passes for 83 yards, in.
cluding a four-yard reception that
gave Miami a vital first gave Miami a vital first down with
2:20 left in the fourth period. Marino hit 22 of 39 passes for 265
yards, while Pelluer completed Marino hit 22 of 39 passes for 265
yards, while Pelluer completed 12 of
18 for 134 yards.


