

NFL Recap: How Did The Buckeyes Do Around the League In Week Two?



After each week, Buckeye Sports Bulletin will look at how former Ohio State football players performed in their NFL games over the previous weekend. From Justin Fields to Malcolm Jenkins, there are quite a few Buckeyes around the league. We offer updates on all — or almost all — of them.

CINCINNATI BENGALS vs. CHICAGO BEARS

In a battle of former Ohio State quarterbacks, Justin Fields' Chicago Bears defeated Joe Burrow's Cincinnati Bengals 20-17 in week two.

Burrow struggled mightily against the Bears. He finished 19 of 30 for 207 yards and two touchdowns, which, at face value, isn't terrible. But then you see that he threw three interceptions. And then, you look deeper. Burrow threw three interceptions on three consecutive pass attempts. All of the interceptions went to different Bears defenders.

ROQUAN SMITH PICK SIX!!

Joe Burrow tried to tackle him on the goal line.

(via @NFLBrasil) pic.twitter.com/eWeUJ1n11L

— ESPN (@espn) September 19, 2021

Justin Fields stood opposite of Burrow and helped guide the Bears to a victory. The rookie signal-caller took over for an injured Andy Dalton and completed 6-of-13 passes for 60 yards and one interception. While not his best performance, Fields led Chicago to a victory and might receive some significant playing time moving forward depending on the prognosis for Dalton.

Defensive end Sam Hubbard added five tackles and a half-sack for the Bengals. Safety Von Bell also racked up five tackles for Cincinnati.

DALLAS COWBOYS vs. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Ezekiel Elliot did not lead the Dallas Cowboys in rushing yards on Sunday. That honor belonged to his backup, Tony Pollard. Still, Elliott received a bulk of the carries and contributed to a Dallas win. The Cowboys defeated the Chargers, 20-17, and Zeke had 16 carries for 71 yards and a score.

The Cowboys kept former Ohio State defensive lineman Joey Bosa from causing havoc. After collecting a sack and four tackles against Washington, Bosa failed to take down Dak Prescott. The No. 4 overall pick in the 2015 NFL Draft did contribute three tackles from the edge.

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM vs. NEW YORK GIANTS

Terry McLaurin put together another excellent game for Washington and is a significant reason the Football Team edged out a 30-29 win over the Giants. He snagged 11 receptions for 107 yards and a touchdown.

Chase Young's stats against the Giants don't stand out on paper — he only had three tackles. Still, Young made his presence felt throughout the contest, frequently causing New York quarterback Daniel Jones to flood the pocket and move with the ball. His athleticism was also on full display in the Big Apple:

It was **great** to see this from Saquon

But also watch 265-pound Chase Young run nearly stride-for-stride with him 
pic.twitter.com/NWjJereB28

— Field Yates (@FieldYates) September 17, 2021

Curtis Samuel missed the game with a groin injury. He can return to the Football Team in week four after finishing his three-week stint on the injured reserve.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS vs. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Trey Sermon made his NFL debut in week two against Philadelphia. His first carry went eight yards, but that was it for the rookie running back. Sermon took a hit to the head, causing him to fumble to the ball and exit the game. The Eagles defender was called for targeting, and it was later revealed that Sermon entered concussion protocol.

Nick Bosa continued to wreak havoc for the 49ers. The third-year pro collected two sacks, three tackles, one tackle for loss and two quarterback hits against the Eagles — a nice encore to his one sack, four tackle performance from a week ago.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS vs. CAROLINA PANTHERS

A week after demolishing the Green Bay 38-3 in their season-opening game, the Saints lost in a blowout

to the Carolina Panthers, 26-7. Malcolm Jenkins tallied five tackles on the afternoon.

Marshon Lattimore sat out the contest due to a thumb injury he suffered against the Packers. Lattimore chipped a bone in his hand and underwent surgery at the beginning of last week. If he continues to progress in the right direction, he has a chance to play for the Saints in week three.