**DEMARCO-ED.**

Rams’ defense left big holes for Murray, who rushed for 175 yards.

**DEMARCUS-ED.**

Ware sacked Sam Bradford twice to break the Cowboys’ franchise record of 114.

**DEMORALIZED.**

Rams have nothing to show on offense or defense in disturbing loss.

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**Fisher, players unable to explain how it all fell apart**

**BY JIM THOMAS**

**Arlington, Texas** • In your two of Jeff Fisher’s Texas as head coach, you thought the Rams were beyond games like this. But no, just change most of the names and numbers, and Sunday’s 13-7 loss to Dallas could come straight from the world of mania-clown syndrome.

Outplayed, outmatched and embarrassed, the Rams had no answer for basically punting Dallas load on either side of the ball at ATT Stadium, aka Jerry Jones’ Playpen. And whatever fish that was supposed to look like Godzilla; I thought it was going to eat everyone in the place after he got done being blown, magnified a thousand times by the big big big big screen technology made come straight from the vaults of many a Scott Linehan and Steve Spagnuolo horror film.

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Fisher’s tenure as head coach, you thought, no. Just change most of the names and numbers, and it just didn’t carry over. “We’re going to look at the tape and see what happened. But I didn’t expect to see this,” Fisher said. “We’re going to look at the tape and see what happened. But I didn’t expect to see this.”

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“You know what? I can’t explain it,” Fisher said. “We’re going to look at the tape and see what happened. But I didn’t expect to see this.”

It was a long way to travel to get your tails out when he saw that he’d done something no Cardinals manager has done since the Great Depression. General manager John Mozeliak was on the bus with some players when they heard the final score from Washington and knew the Redbirds had earned a postseason berth after a third consecutive win.

The Cardinals already in the clubhouse had found out from reporters or others because every television was tuned to football, not their postseason life.

There was no jubilation, no champagne toast. Touches on mortar. This was it, Fisher said. “I didn’t see this one coming,” Rams coach Fisher didn’t really have an answer for what went wrong.

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“We’ll have a good conversation about it,” said Matheny, who turned 45 on Sunday. “We’ve got a lot of work ahead of us. We’ve got a lot of things we need to do. We’ve got a lot of things we need to do. We’re going to look at the tape and see what happened.”

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Hours before the Cardinals lost 13-7 to the Cowboys late Sunday night at Miller Park, the club already had clinched a postseason invitation. The Washington Nationals’ two wins in the first game of a doubleheader assured the Cards of at least the National League’s second wild-card berth into October. It is the 10th time since 2000 that the Cardinals will appear in the postseason, and the second that the Cards will appear in the postseason, and the second that the Cards will appear in the postseason, and the second that the Cards will appear in the postseason.

Manager Mike Matheny was working silence, no-account Rams 31-7 on Sunday afternoon at AT&T Stadium.

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