



Cowboys 31, Rams 7

UP NEXT: 7:25 p.m. Thursday vs. 49ers, NFL Network, KPLR (11)



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

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



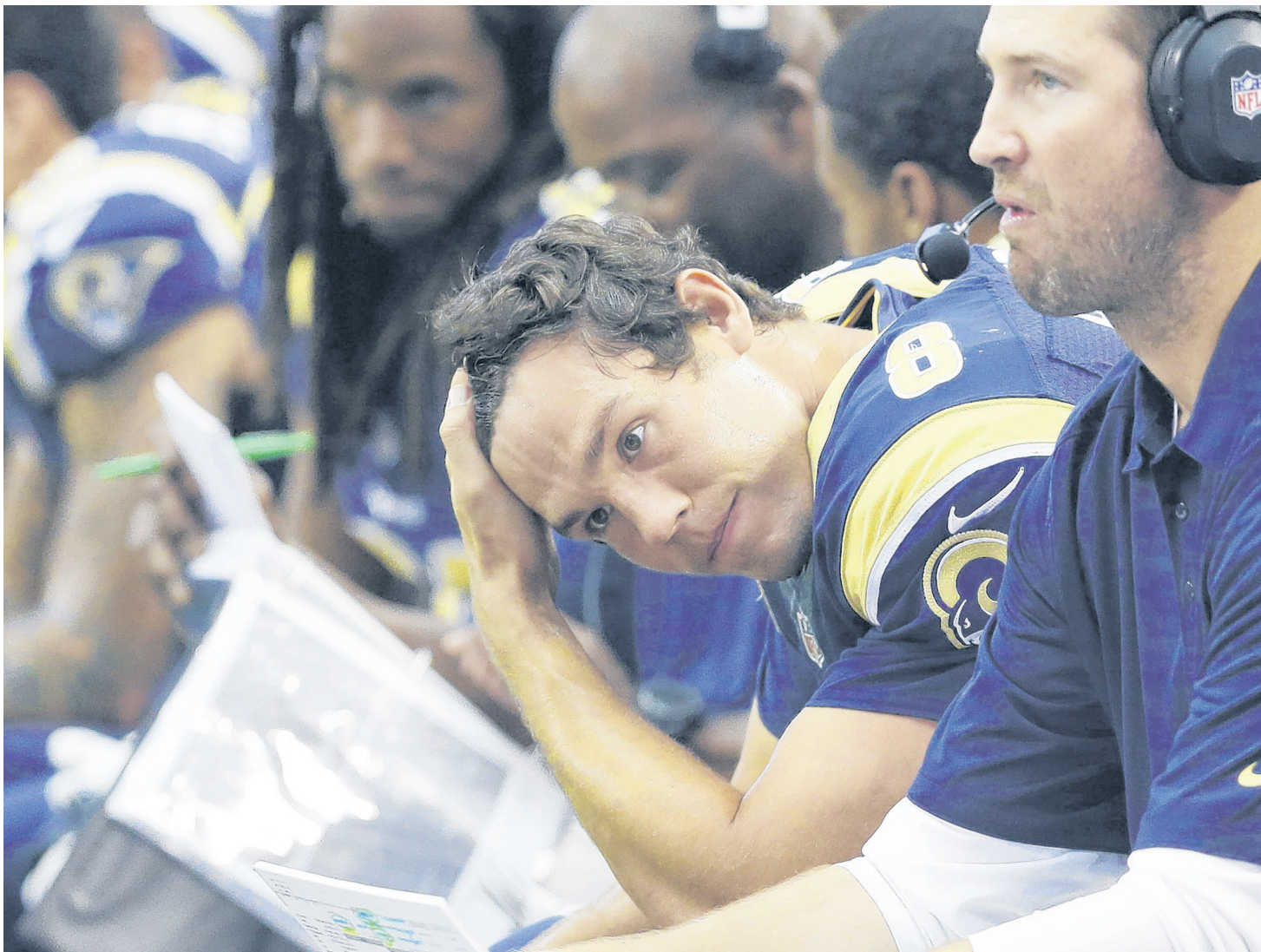
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DEMORALIZED.

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

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS • In year two of Jeff Fisher's tenure 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 31-7 loss to Dallas could come straight from the vaults of many a Scott Linehan and Steve Spagnuolo horror film.

Outplayed, outmatched and embarrassed, the Rams had no answer for basically anything Dallas tried on either side of the ball at AT&T Stadium, aka Jerry Jones' Playpen. And afterward, Fisher didn't really have an answer for what went wrong.

"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 happen. I'm disappointed. Our players are disappointed. We had a really good (practice) week, and it just didn't carry over."

Not by any stretch of the imagination.

It was a long way to travel to get your tails

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| Texans | 9 | Chargers | 17 |
| Lions | 27 | Patriots | 23 |
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| Saints | 31 | Browns | 31 |
| Cardinals | 7 | Vikings | 27 |
| Bengals | 34 | Jets | 27 |
| Packers | 30 | Bills | 20 |
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Rams star in grotesque horror show

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS • I feel bad for those who had to watch the game at home, on television, when the Cowboys demolished the sorry, no-account Rams 31-7 on Sunday afternoon at AT&T Stadium.

Please know this: You were better off in your safe houses, hundreds of miles from this gruesome scene.

You should have seen what the Rams' horror show looked like on the Cowboys' continent-sized jumbo, jumbo, jumbo, jumbo-tron. The Rams' hideous display of football was blown up, magnified a thousand times and sharpened by high definition.

The big big big big screen technology made Cowboys pass-rushing beast DeMarcus Ware look like Godzilla; I thought he was going to eat everyone in the place after he got done with Rams quarterback Sam Bradford.

"I didn't see this one coming," Rams coach coach Jeff Fisher said. "I can't explain it."

He couldn't prevent it, either.

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MORRY GASH • Associated Press
Cardinals third baseman David Freese can't come up with a ball hit by Milwaukee's Martin Maldonado during the second inning Sunday night.

Cards clinch playoff berth

Brewers 6, Cards 4

Washington loses before Redbirds play, guaranteeing at least a wild-card position.

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MILWAUKEE • Birthday boy Mike Matheny was working out when he saw that he'd done something no Cardinals manager had 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 post-season berth for the third consecutive season.

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

There was no jubilation, no champagne iced. Toasts can wait.

"We'll have a good conversation about it," said Matheny, who turned 43 on Sunday. "We've got work ahead of us. We've got things we need to do."

Hours before the Cardinals lost 6-4 to the Brewers late Sunday night at Miller Park, the club already had clinched a postseason invitation. The Washington Nationals' loss to Miami 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 time in as many seasons as manager that Matheny has led the team into the playoffs.

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