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Subject: Ravens vs. Bills: The good

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Ravens vs. Bills: The good <http://www.ravensauthorizedshops.com/authentic-marshall-yanda-jersey> , the bad and the ugly While I've joked multiple times now about yesterday's win as the sixth preseason game for the Ravens, this team is, in fact, 1-0 on the season. There is a lot of good, but there still is some bad and a little bit of ugly to mention.

**The Good:**A dominant win over an AFC opponent: The Ravens didn't let this game be close. Far too often we witness Baltimore play to their opponent. If they're bad, the Ravens play bad. When they compete against a top team, they answer with their best. Yesterday, they didn't give Nathan Peterman or Josh Allen room to breath. They devoured LeSean McCoy at the line of scrimmage and the Ravens racked up 40 points before pulling starters from multiple offensive positions. They didn't keep this a one- or two-possession game; Baltimore buried the Bills in points and cruised to an easy victory. Joe Flacco shared the wealth: With a new set of weapons, we all wondered if Joe's chemistry was ready for live action. A new trio of receivers is great, but they must be on the same page to find success. Flacco answered with three touchdowns, one for each free agent signing. Safe to say they are not only on the same page, but the same sentence.

**Pass rush surplus:** The Ravens didn't depend upon Terrell Suggs alone for pressure. They hit both Peterman and Allen with successful slot-corner blitzes, Suggs notched his sack and Tim Williams made his mark in the fourth quarter with a redzone sack. Also, in his contract year Cheap Maurice Canady Jersey , Za'Darius Smith was unrelenting in his pursuit of the quarterback.

**Secondary produces impressive results sans Jimmy Smith:** The Ravens' star cornerback missed the first of his four games from his suspension, but Marlon Humphrey and Brandon Carr picked up the slack. Carr had another Week 1 interception and Humphrey batted down multiple passes thrown his way. To imagine this defense when Jimmy returns is an exciting thought for Ravens fans and terrifying for the rest of the NFL.

**Resting the starters:** The Ravens play on Thursday night against an AFC North opponent. This is a rapid schedule shift. While it would have been fun to see Joe throw a few more touchdowns to further embarrass Buffalo, it's wise to get out of a dreary, rain-filled football game without an injury to a key producer on the roster.

**The Bad:**The offensive line is still uncertain: While the offense put up 47 points, the Ravens didn't give Alex Collins much to work with. On seven carries, the starting tailback only rushed for 13 yards. Flacco's quick release and footwork also opened up many more plays than initially noticed. They also had Flacco rolling out and this moved the pocket to keep the Bills guessing. Against a stout Bengals defense with the tandem of Carlos Dunlap and Geno Atkins, we'll see if they can replicate the success.

**Drops were overcome, but there were still drops:** Nitpicking a 47-3 game feels silly, but Michael Crabtree dropped two passes. The rain pouring sideways was clearly a factor but these are failed plays Pittsburgh or New England take advantage of.

**The Ugly:**Fumbling: Twice against the Bills, Baltimore coughed up the football. One from Alex Collins which occurred from a perfect tackle by Bills' rookie Tremaine Edmunds and a second from Janarion Grant muffing the punt. Turnovers lose football games. Those turn into touchdowns against better teams. Rain or shine, you must secure the football. The effective play of rookie Lamar Jackson as a starting quarterback has left Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh with a decision to make if veteran Joe Flacco returns this week from a right hip injury. Does Flacco get back the starting job Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons? Or does Harbaugh stick with the hot hand in Jackson, who guided Baltimore (6-5) past Cincinnati and Oakland in his first two NFL starts?

Flacco was examined by a doctor on Monday, Harbaugh said. If the 11-year veteran is cleared to return, he will likely practice Wednesday for the first time since the injury occurred on Nov. 4 in a loss to Pittsburgh. "The biggest criteria is the protection of

the hip <http://www.ravenscheapshops.com/cheap-authentic-john-brown-jersey>," Harbaugh said. "There's no big tear in there that I'm aware of. The hip has to be strong and not agitated for Joe to really protect himself. That's the concern, Joe's safety." Once Flacco returns, the clock begins ticking for Harbaugh to decide between the pocket passer he's guided since 2008, or the rookie who's been slashing and darting all over the field for an offense that's surpassed 400 yards in each of the last two weeks. "I feel very, very confident that I have a good handle on what we need to do when the time comes, which is not here yet," Harbaugh said. "I don't think you start making these decisions until you get to the bridge. We'll cross that bridge when we get to it. I'll be ready to make that decision when the time comes." When the Ravens selected Jackson with the 32nd overall pick in the NFL draft, Harbaugh vehemently asserted that the Louisville star and 2016 Heisman Trophy winner would sit behind Flacco on the depth chart. The 33-year-old Flacco started the first nine games, throwing for 2,465 yards and 12 touchdowns with six interceptions, but Baltimore dropped three straight on the back end of that stretch and was in danger of dropping out of the playoff hunt. Jackson had been used periodically before taking over for the injured Flacco on Nov. 18 against the Bengals. The rookie ran for 117 yards in a 24-21 victory, and built on that performance Sunday by running for a score and passing for a touchdown in a 34-17 rout of the Raiders. With an assist from rookie running back Gus Edwards, the Jackson-led Ravens ran for 265 yards against Cincinnati and 242 against Oakland. Prior to that, Baltimore's season high for yards rushing was 123. Asked if the Ravens' improved ground game could be attributed to Jackson and Edwards (who has surpassed 100 yards in two straight games) Sam Koch Jersey, Harbaugh replied: "Both of those things, plus I think our offensive line is blocking really well. The tight ends are blocking really well." Flacco's has the edge in experience and is the better passer. Jackson is a threat to run at any time, a skill that drives opposing defenses crazy. "When you can establish the inside run, the perimeter offense, all the bells and whistles with Jackson, they're very hard to defend," Raiders coach Jon Gruden said. In a way, Harbaugh will choose his starting quarterback as if his job depended on it. Because maybe it does. Baltimore has failed to reach the playoffs in three straight seasons, and another miss could put the coach on the hot seat. Should Harbaugh reach a decision before the Ravens face the Falcons (4-7), don't expect him to publicly announce it. "If I decide to do it one way or the other, I don't want our opponent to know," he said.

next opponent. That's the way we'll go this week."