PANTHERS BEAT BILLS IN HALL OF FAME GAME SLUG-FEST 24-21!

Carolina Panthers Kick-Returner Greg Jones #40 opens the Hall of Fame Game with a 100-yard touchdown run. Jones ended up with 227 yards and this spectacular run which ignited the Panthers!

(Canton, Ohio Hall of Fame Game, July 4, 2020). The Long Island Electric Football League kicked off its 2020 season with a BANG as the NFC LIEFL # 29 Ranked Carolina Panthers (6-4 in 2019 and 28-27 all-time) edged the tough LIEFL #12 Ranked Buffalo Bills (7-3 and 75-73 all-time), 24-21, in a

star-studded fast paced, action packed Hall of Fame Game in sweltering 4th of July heat!

On the opening kick-off Carolina Panther return specialist Greg Jones did it again, this time against OJ Simpson's Buffalo Bills. Jones took a soaring hundred-yard kick return back untouched into the endzone to get the early jump start and momentum for a 7-0, lead over the Buffalo Bills.

Nobody forgot what Jones did in the 2019 post season when he took the league by amazement in the Wild Card Game against Green Bay in that Panther 42-20 victory. Jones didn't touch the ball the entire season, but All-Pro running back DeShaun Foster needed the rest with the Panthers crushing the Packers that day. Jones finally got his chance, and what he did transformed the Panthers in the middle of the playoffs with astonishing results. This was no fluke! The Panthers decided to use Jones full-time as the set-up man on kick returns for Foster and what a one-two combination they have become. Jones has produced. Against Green Bay Jones ended up touching the ball three carries on special teams with devastating results against opponents, and apparently, he is not finished yet. The 179 yards and 100-yard kick return he had against Green Bay was just the beginning. He then stunned a very competitive Arizona Cardinals the following week in the NFC Divisional Championship Game 49-35 with Jones running wild! He totaled 382 kick-return yards on six attempts with two-100-yard touchdowns! And in the NFC Championship he made his final statement to the defending Super Bowl Champion Los Angeles Rams with 397 yards on kick returns and another 100-yard TD. That is a lot of damage in three games.

On the ensuing opening kick-off for Buffalo, Superstar All-Pro OJ Simpson was stopped at the Buffalo 20 yard-line. After three attempts to get the first down the "Electric Company" and front-line of Buffalo kicked it up a notch as Simpson darted seven yards for a Bills first down over Left Tackle Richie Incognito as Carolina's All-Pro Linebacker Kevin Greene stopped Simpson with a nice open field tackle. The Bills detonated on the next set of downs with OJ Simpson scorching past the Carolina defense with a 42-yard touchdown run tying the game at 7-7!

Buffalo's OJ Simpson#32 and the "Electric Company" pave the way for a 42-yard touchdown run to tie the game 7-7! Simpson had 8 for 120 rushing yards with three touchdowns on the day for the Bills, but it wasn't enough to stop the Panthers!

The Panthers came right back on the kick-off with another Greg Jones return for 45 yards, setting Carolina's power back DeShaun Foster up with great field position, but on the Panthers first set of downs, Buffalo's All-Pro Linebacker Shane Conlon made a big stop on Foster for a nearly 20 yards loss. Carolina recovered on the very next play as the stealthy DeShaun Foster exploded around the RT, All-Pro Stan Mc Clover for an incredible 78-yard touchdown dash putting the Carolina Panthers ahead 14-7 with one-minute left to go in the half as the clock ran down!

Carolina's DeShaun Foster rallies 78 yards for the score after being pushed back for a 20-yard loss, giving the Panthers a 14-7 lead with 1 minute in the half!

The second-half kickoff was spectacular OJ Simpson took the opening second-half kickoff back with 100-yard touchdown tying the game at 14-14 for Buffalo with 14:35 left to go in the second half!

The Bills came into this game prepared. After losing to Miami in their final game of 2019, they want revenge on the league. Somehow the Dolphins stopped OJ Simpson in that AFC Championship Game, but Buffalo should never be counted out of the mix in that challenging AFC East. The Bills will open up against the New York Jets August1, 2020. It should be an interesting game because the Jets earned three #1 draft picks after going (1-6) last season.

It was the Foster #20 and Mc Clover #74 show for Carolina as Foster bursts past Bills defenders for a 33-yard touchdown run making the score 21-14 Panthers, with 8:48 left in the game.

The Panthers came storming right back and after an swift 18-yard run and a 7-yard run by DeShaun Foster over Mc Clover again, Foster blazed the Bills defense with an incredible 33-yard touchdown giving Carolina a 21-14 lead with 8:48 left in the game!

On Buffalo's next kick-return, OJ Simpson was stopped on a 29-yard kick return, but the Bills were relentless as Simpson had consecutive first downs of 14 and 19 yards as the Bills took the ball right up the belly of the Carolina Panthers beef for three straight first downs. Simpson and Company weren't finished yet. On the next play after three first-downs, Simpson scored on a 38-yard touchdown run to tie the score at 21-21 with 3:57 remaining in the game. What a battle!

The consistent OJ Simpson #32, plowing his way through the belly of the Panthers.

With 2:33 left to go in the game Buffalo's LeSean McCoy collided with Carolina's Greg Jones at the 40, stopping Jones in his tracks this time. Jones finished with 227 kick-return yards on the day with one touchdown!

On the last set of downs for Carolina, the Panthers Jeff King broke loose with a 55-yard amazing catch to bring it to the Bills five yard line as the Panthers kicked-the field goal to win the game for the Carolina Panthers 24-21, in an exciting Hall of Fame dramatic finish! What a way to kick-off the 2020 season!