

Johnson wins for record 8th time at Dover

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson held off a teammate, passed a pair of Hall of Famers, and dominated once more at Dover.

His slice of track history was more than just another milestone to tack on his bio.

His latest win at his favorite track put the Chase field on notice that his run at a sixth championship in the No. 48 is gaining steam. Johnson never let Dale Earnhardt Jr. catch him down the stretch Sunday and won for a record

eighth time at Dover International Speedway.

Johnson had shared the mark of seven wins on the concrete mile with Bobby Allison and Richard Petty.

"Truthfully, it was the first thought that went through my mind when I crossed the finish line," Johnson said. "It wasn't long after I thought about the impact of winning in the Chase."

Johnson's win bumped him from third to second in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship stand-



JIMMIE JOHNSON

ings. Matt Kenseth, who won the first two Chase races, holds an eight-point over Johnson as the Chase heads to Kansas for the fourth race.

Led by Johnson's fifth win, the entire top 10 was made up of Chase drivers. Joey Logano, Jeff Gordon and Kyle Busch rounded out the top five. Kevin Harvick, Kenseth, Ryan Newman, Greg Biffle and Clint

Bowyer completed the top 10.

"You've got to win when you're at your best track," Johnson said. "We had to win here today. I think any points on the 18 or 20 would have been a very good day. Max points, it's an awesome day."

Not so much for Earnhardt, who had one of the fastest cars, but he missed pit road and gave up the lead early in the race. He had a strong enough No. 88 Chevrolet to get back into the race and contend for his first win of the season but couldn't pass Johnson.

"We left everybody in the mirror. We were clicking off some laps," Earnhardt said. "But just not fast enough to get to Jimmie."

Kenseth kept his points lead even as he fell short in trying to become the first driver to win the first three Chase races.

"For how bad I felt like we struggled with the car, that was a decent finish," Kenseth said.

Johnson dominated as he usually does at Dover and led 243 of

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Another lopsided defeat

Colts trample Jaguars 37-3

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts got away with a sluggish start.

It certainly helped that they were playing one of the worst teams in the league.

Andrew Luck threw two touchdown passes, Trent Richardson ran for a score and the Colts became the latest to beat the Jacksonville Jaguars by double digits, 37-3 Sunday.

The Colts (3-1) were a little sloppy in the first half — Luck threw interceptions on his first two drives and missed several open receivers — but it was hardly enough to make a difference against the Jaguars (0-4).

"It wasn't an ideal start," Luck said. "It was more of a terrible start to the game offensively for us."

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B3 woke up in the second half.

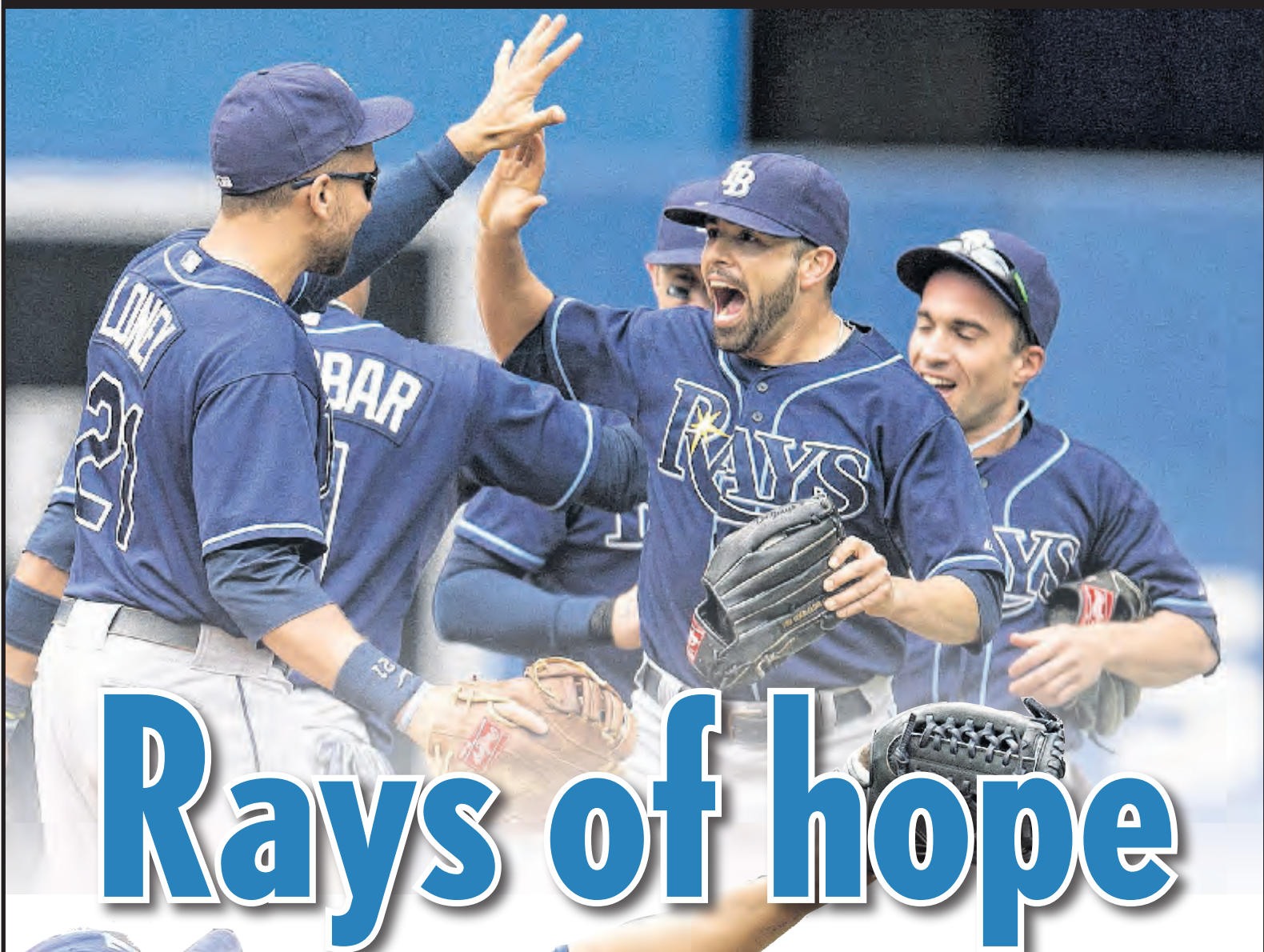
Those two scoring drives were big for us. That is what we needed."

Indianapolis led 20-3 at halftime — Jacksonville has been outscored 75-8 in the first half this season — and made it a laugher with consecutive touchdown drives in the third quarter.

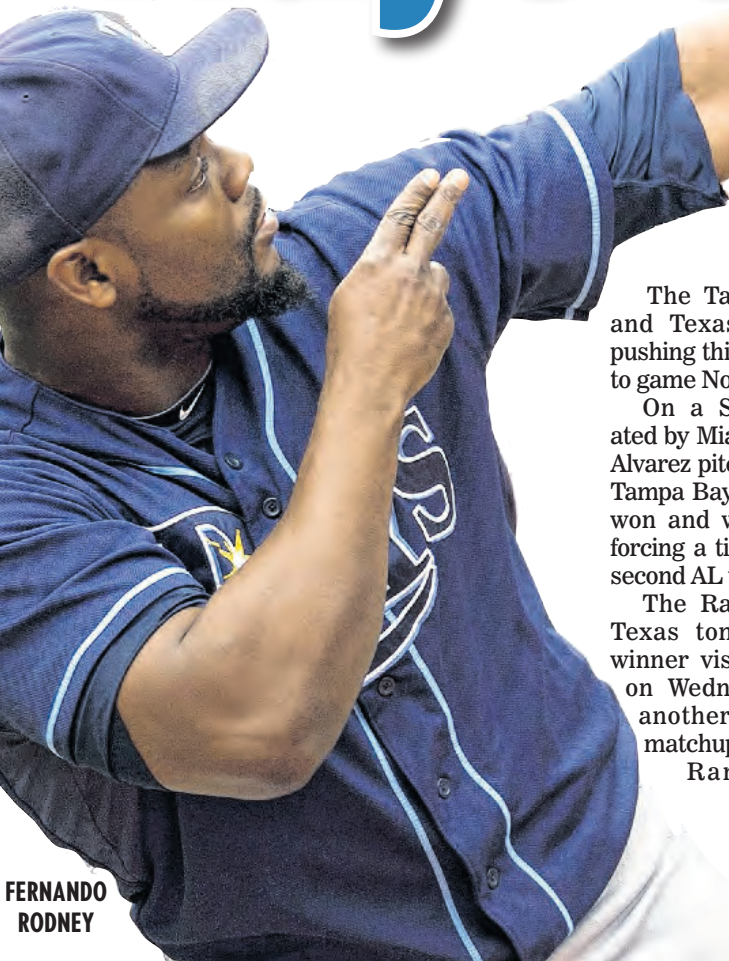
Luck found Coby Fleener for a 31-yard score, a play in which even Fleener was surprised he was so wide open, and then connected with Reggie Wayne in the back of the end zone from 5 yards.

That made it 34-3 and sent many of the Jaguars faithful heading to the exits.

Tampa Bay wins finale, will meet Texas in 1-game playoff for right to face Cleveland in wild-card round



Rays of hope



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The Tampa Bay Rays and Texas Rangers are pushing this regular season to game No. 163.

On a Sunday punctuated by Miami's Henderson Alvarez pitching a no-hitter, Tampa Bay and Texas both won and wound up even, forcing a tiebreaker for the second AL wild-card spot.

The Rays will play at Texas tonight, with the winner visiting Cleveland on Wednesday night in another all-or-nothing matchup.

Rangers rookie

Martin Perez starts against reigning AL Cy Young winner David Price. Texas gets a boost, too — All-Star slugger Nelson Cruz will be active after his 50-game penalty from Major League Baseball in the Biogenesis drug scandal.

"He's served his suspension," Rays star Evan Longoria said. "It is what it is. Justice has been served."

Asked if he expected to play, Cruz said: "I think so."

It will be baseball's first tiebreaker — officially, this is a regular-season game and the stats count — since Minnesota beat Detroit 6-5 in 12 innings for the 2009 AL Central title.

What was supposed to be the final

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WHEN: 7:07 tonight
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Top, Tampa Bay's James Loney, left, Matt Joyce and Sam Fuld celebrate after the win Sunday over Toronto.

Navarre's Leggett scores first TD for Clemson



AP Clemson tight end Jordan Leggett, left, celebrates his touchdown with quarterback Cole Stoudt.

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Saturday afternoon was a big day for Navarre graduate Jordan Leggett.

Leggett, a freshman tight end at Clemson, made an impact for the first time during his time with the Tigers. After fighting through an MCL injury that limited his playing time over the season's first few games, Leggett made his first career catch against South Carolina State two weeks ago.

On Saturday against Wake Forest, Leggett made his first

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trip to the end zone.

Leggett hauled in three catches for a career-high 38 yards against Wake, including a 19-yard third quarter touchdown from QB Cole Stoudt that gave the Tigers a 49-7 lead. Clemson would go on to win 56-7.

Picking up tackles

A week after setting a season-high with seven tackles at Mississippi State, Troy University safety Chris Pickett, a senior from

Crestview, blew that number away on Saturday with 11 total tackles. Pickett's big day also included two tackles for a loss and a forced fumble as Troy dropped a 38-31 decision at Duke.

Pickett wasn't the only local player making an impact for Troy, as Walton High grad Deon Lee registered four tackles while Fort Walton Beach alum Felton Payton caught four passes for 37 yards.

Solid Sager

Although South Florida fell 49-21 to in-state foe Miami, Niceville defensive tackle Luke

Sager, a senior at South Florida, collected four tackles and a fumble recovery for the Bulls.

Quick hits

- Niceville alum Roy Finch, a senior at Oklahoma, rushed three times for 15 yards as the Sooners rolled to a 35-21 win at Notre Dame.
- Choctaw grad Jordan Davis started and played every snap at left guard for East Carolina, which earned a historic 55-31 win over North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The 55-point total was the highest ever for ECU against UNC.