The Big Apple:

Giants entering brutal stretch as Knicks are slowly finding their footing

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Hopes were sky high for fans of the New York Giants with two minutes and 19 seconds to play after Jayden Daniels threw his second interception in four passes in Thursday's game against Washington. Only 20 seconds ran off the clock and the Giants were already punting the ball back to the Commanders, who could win the game with a touchdown. Down 21-17, Daniels quickly drove down the field and hit Stefon Diggs for a 32-yard touchdown with just under a minute to go.

Out trots JJ McCarthy with the game on the line along with his five straight wins as a starter, the longest for any quarterback in the NFL. McCarthy hit Malachi Fields on a 21-yard scamper and then three questionable play calls from Coach John Harbaugh resulted in an interception to lose the game. He wanted McCarthy to toss up three deep shots, as if it wasn't predictable whatsoever.

It cost Big Blue the game and potentially the division. Going into Week 10, the Giants had a comfortable lead in the division and beating the Commanders would have skyrocketed their odds to host that coveted playoff game at MetLife Stadium. The loss gives Dallas the upper hand, as they have a more favorable schedule than New York.

Next week, Dallas hosts Tennessee while New York welcomes a blistering hot Jacksonville Jaguars squad. Things won't get much easier from there: outside of a Week 12 matchup with the Colts, the Giants face a brutal gauntlet where every opponent has an above .500 record until Week 17.

These next two games are absolutely "must win" if the Giants want to take the division crown for the first time since 2011.

There hasn't been much talk on the New York Jets lately. Well, there haven't been many positives to talk about. They currently have a 2-8 record and are on a five-game losing streak. Geno Smith does not look like the NFL quarterback he once was, and the offense has been going through numerous injuries.

The good news is that they hold three picks inside the top 13 in the upcoming draft. They have the fourth, which is their own, the sixth pick from Indianapolis in the Sauce Gardner trade and pick 13 from Dallas in the Quinnen Williams deal.

In the last week, the New York Knicks dropped two games, one of which was in the NBA Cup against the Pacers. The loss was ugly. Indiana did not have Tyrese Haliburton, and it did not matter. Now, the Knicks are 0-2 in the NBA Cup and their chances of repeating in that department are almost out the window.

Their most recent contest, as of writing, was a thrilling comeback win against Toronto. Karl-Anthony Towns continued to show that he is one of the best big men in the league, putting up 28 points and 17 rebounds in the 112-108 overtime victory. That performance extended his double-double streak to 13 consecutive games, tying a franchise record.

The Knicks sit at 7-6, making them sixth in the Eastern Conference. Although it is early, teams that were expected to finish at the top of the East, like Boston and Philadelphia, are already starting to pull ahead from the rest of the bunch. The Knicks need to stack up wins if they want any chance to compete for that top seed in the East.



Karl-Anthony Towns of the New York Knicks going for a basket while being blocked by Kaob Poeltl of the Toronto Raptors. The Knicks won 112 to 108 against the Raptors on Nov. 15, 2026.

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Arvell Reese of the New York Giants going to tackle Tyler Allgeier of the Arizona Cardinals. The Giants won 35-24 against the Cardinals on Oct. 4, 2026.

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