# New York Giants fans can't have anything nice

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With two brand new top 10 picks and star wide receiver Malik Nabers coming back from an ACL injury, it seemed the New York Giants were ready for the NFL season.

More importantly, they scooped head coach John Harbaugh as he brought his system to New York with a championship ring under his belt. Sunday Night Football saw this new Giants team for the first time and they were firing on all cylinders against the Dallas Cowboys.

Giants quarterback Jaxson Dart looked like a new person. Instead of scrambling from a stable pocket, he went through all his reads, completing 23 of 29 passes for 230 yards and three touchdowns. The defense looked strong and the clock management limited the Cowboys to just two possessions in the entire second half.

Going into Monday Night Football in California against the Los Angeles Rams, the Giants looked to go 2-0, but the season took a turn for the worse before the first quarter ended.

Dart took two hits at once, one around his shoulder, and the other to his lower body. The outside of his leg was smashed into, and the broadcast cut to the franchise quarterback holding his knee on the ground, with players kneeling around him.

Initially, he was thought to be out for just a few weeks, although this is still a substantial amount of time for a quarterback to be out injured.

Two days after Dart went down, he was ruled out for the season as he will undergo knee surgery. Any hope Giants fans had for the season were flushed down the drain as the NFL draft has become the top priority.

Dart wasn't the only Giant to exit the game on Monday, as edge rusher Brian Burns, offensive tackle Andrew Thomas and Nabers all exited the game with some injury at some point.

The Giants were dysfunctional last year, which makes these injuries that much worse. Nabers, Dart and running back Cam Skattebo have only played 3.5% of all offensive plays together.

Nabers tore his ACL in week four against the Los Angeles Chargers and missed the rest of the season. Skattebo, who took the league by storm with his rambunctious personality, suffered a gruesome ankle injury in week six against the Philadelphia Eagles.

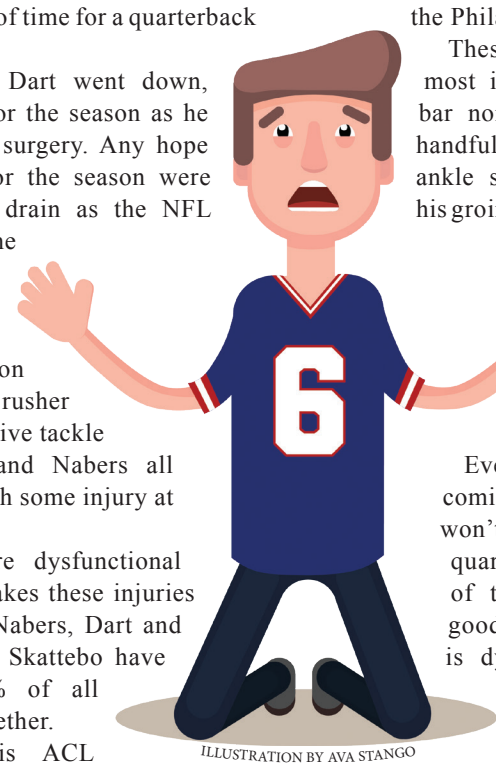


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These four players are the most important on the team, bar none. Burns will miss a handful of games with a low-ankle sprain, Thomas injured his groin but could make a return against the Tennessee Titans and Nabers hurt his shoulder but will likely play this weekend.

Even with those guys coming back, this team won't have its franchise quarterback for the rest of the season. Without a good quarterback, a team is dysfunctional, and will probably only win a few more games the rest of the season.

Giants fans don't deserve this. Only once in the last 10 years have the Giants won a playoff game, and they've only made it twice. It's not frustration, it's plain old disappointment.

Yes, having a good draft pick is nice, but the team isn't in a position where a top-10 draft pick is needed. The offensive line is in a good spot, receivers and tight ends are solid and the backfield is set for the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile, defensively, the only spots they really need to address are cornerback and defensive tackle. The most wins the Giants have gotten in the last five seasons stands at nine, with the last two totaling only seven.

The eyes of the Giants fans have already turned to next season, only two games in, as another year has gone down the drain. A hopeful result of the season could end with five, maybe six wins and decent draft position.

It's the same old story, just restructured. Fans are tired of seeing this team lose, and this was the season that was supposed to change. Sports aren't linear, so who knows what'll happen, but my hopes will never be high again.

# Apple's newest watches blur the lines between remembering and recording

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Apple unveiled its brand-new Apple Watch Series 12 and Apple Watch Ultra 4 during its Sept. 9 event. The watches themselves aren't a really special upgrade, with the most noticeable design change being a redesigned Health Sensing System that tracks your heart rate every five seconds.

What is intriguing is the new Live Rewind and Siri Recap that listen for audio all day long.


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Both watches hit stores Sept. 18 at $399 and $799, respectively, with this launch being the debut keynote for new Apple CEO John Ternus.

Each watch runs the new S11 chip, which includes the listening tools that Apple calls Audio Intelligence.

Apple's existing Sound and Music Recognition has been around for years, helping deaf users be alerted to sirens, alarms and doorbells while listening for a song that you can't remember, even when no iPhone is nearby.

Live Rewind displays the last 15 seconds of conversation as text after a double-press of the Digital Crown. Apple says the watch plays a chime each time, even on silent, and fills the screen with an animation so people nearby notice.

Siri Recap goes further. Once the feature is on, the watch listens through the day and turns conversations into a title and key points in the new Siri app.

Wearers can limit Siri Recap to certain times or places, and unsaved summaries are deleted after seven days.

There are no alerts for Siri Recap and Apple's support page tells wearers to "be mindful of those around you."

Attorney Brain J. McGinnis stated that "Apple left the job of warning others to the wearers."

Federal law requires only one person in a conversation to consent to a discussion being recorded, but 10 states require consent from everyone involved in the recording.

Multiple attorneys across the U.S. have warned that skipping stored audio may not protect wearers and would carry the legal risk onto them rather than Apple. Privacy attorney Colin Zick said, "The technology is getting ahead of the law," and advised asking permission first, before recording.

Apple built its defense into the hardware, saying the features never create audio recordings, and a walled-off part of the S11 called The Secure Enclave processes sound and deletes it right away.

Recaps do not label speakers and are designed to leave out details like financial data. Saved summaries sync with end-to-end encryption that Apple cannot unlock.

Apple admits that summaries from recaps may leave out or get important details wrong, so the watch could remember a person's words differently from what the person said.

However, Apple has already faced privacy concerns. Less than two years ago, Apple agreed to pay $95 million to settle a class action alleging Siri recorded private conversations after being accidentally activated. Apple denied any wrongdoing, but its $95 million settlement says otherwise.

Currently, neither watch had Live Rewind or Siri Recap at the time of shipment, so neither buyers nor reviewers can test either feature.

Apple has promised a Beta version later this year, which will allow the public to test the features before they are released in a future software update. Features that rely on Apple servers also carry daily usage limits the company has not published.

Whatever the reason for the wait, the most-debated part of the launch arrived as promised, not the features. Buyers will wear the watches for weeks, maybe months, before anyone sees how the listening works.

This isn't the first mainstream listening device to be produced in recent years. Meta's smart glasses have drawn backlash over covert recording and starting to listen when a button is pressed. Siri Recap needs no button once the feature is on, and audio listening runs all day regardless of whether Siri Recap is on or off.

OpenAI plans to release its own screenless, always-on AI portable smart speaker sometime in 2027, intended to serve as a humanlike AI companion. You can buy an AI recording device buy one for $50 to $100. These devices will only become more popular over time, especially if big-name companies like Apple are implementing them in their software.

Now, as we wait for these features to roll out, we have to see how a chip can lock away audio and how a filter can remove details from a written summary.

Because the harder thing to protect is how people talk once they know a watch might be listening.