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PHILADELPHIA - During a moment of truth showing on a national stage, Cam Newton was the man of the hour as Carolina out performed Philadelphia in a Monday night (Nov. 26) show in the City of Brotherly Love.

Newton competing in his first Monday night NFL contest, in this his second year as a starter, led the Panthers to a 30-22 win over the embattled Eagles, who dropped their seventh consecutive game; and is now 3-8 on the season.

In downing the Eagles in primetime, Newton, instrumental in all four touchdowns scored by the visitors from the Tar Heel State, helped the Panthers (3-8) halt a two-game slide. The four TD's by the Carolina signal caller included two by air and the same amount by him running with the pigskin.

Before many disappointed Eagle supporters, Newton helped the victorious Panthers to accumulate 398 total net yards, which was highlighted by his passing sum of 306 that came via an 18-28-0 showing.

The much needed win by Carolina apparently lifted Newman in a special sort of way; however, he opted to focus on team and not just himself.

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"When we win, it takes a total team effort. All parts have to come together for us to win," said the former Auburn standout. "We are a team; and the way we played tonight prove that we can play. I'm just so happy for us."

Lauding his top QB, Ron Rivera cited Newman's ability to adjust.

"We've taken a lot off his plate and he has adjusted to that very well," the Panthers coach said. "His play has helped us to this point (in the season) and we expect him to improve as we go forward."

Although allowing the Eagles to rush for 204 yards, highlighted by running back Bryce Brown's 178 on 19 carries, the Panther defense was stout enough to not allow the Eagles to seriously threatened to take over the game; especially during second half action.

As the Panthers go forward in play, they are scheduled to test Kansas City in Kansas on this Sunday (Dec. 2). Kick-off time in this NFC-AFC duel is slated for 1:00 p.m. via FOX television.