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AP photo

Redskins safety LaRon Landry sits on the bench after Washington lost to Seattle in its playoff game Saturday.

HEARTBROKEN

Washington's emotional run ends in Seattle

The Washington Post

SEATTLE — Santana Moss stopped, figuring the pass was over his head. As Marcus Trufant scored on one of the most breathtaking interception returns of the season, the Redskins' wide receiver walked angrily back to the sideline.



Moss has to be one of the least likely candidates to give up on a play, but that's what happened. He also dropped one of Todd Collins' passes right in his hands early in the game on Saturday.

It's not news, yet neither he nor Clinton Portis, who rushed for 52 yards on 20 carries and often ran into instead of away from pursuit, had their best games.

This wasn't supposed to be how this season ended for the impish wide receiver who quieted the loudest mob in the NFL with a touchdown. Please see **HEARTBROKEN**, Page D6

Late field goal helps Jags halt Steeler comeback



AP photo

Jacksonville QB David Garrard's late run led to the winning kick.

Pittsburgh rallies from 18-point deficit only to fall short

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Never in the Steelers' 75 seasons had a team beaten them twice in Pittsburgh in the same season. The Jaguars beat history — Jacksonville and the Steelers — **31** despite a memorable fourth-quarter collapse that nearly cost Jacksonville its season. Josh Scobee saved the game by kicking a 25-yard field goal with 37

seconds remaining and the Jaguars came back after squandering an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter to beat the Steelers 31-29 on Saturday night in an AFC wild-card game that was wild in every sense of the word.

Pittsburgh 29 Jacksonville appeared to be done after Najeh Davenport's second 1-yard TD run of the game gave the Steelers a 29-28 lead with about six Please see **JAGS**, Page D2

Men's Basketball

Flames turn up defense in easy win

Liberty leads by only 8 at the break before breaking away

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Victories against Division II teams are expected at Division I schools, so the fact that Liberty cruised past Nyack, 74-57, on a sleepy Saturday afternoon at a mostly empty Vines Center wasn't exactly noteworthy.

That the Flames played some uninspired and shoddy defense throughout the first half against an overmatch opponent was significant, however, and the topic was fodder for conversation in Liberty's locker room at halftime.

"That was the general consensus, that we came out super soft on defense," said Flames center Alex McLean, who scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. "But we picked it up in the second half."

Liberty (7-7) led 40-32 at halftime, but it allowed the Warriors (4-8) to hang around much longer than it should have, mostly because Nyack got hot from outside, hitting 4 of 8 3-pointers before halftime. Please see **EASY**, Page D6



Nyack 57

Liberty 74

Women's Basketball

Liberty wins ugly against Richmond

Flames go 3-for-20 in the second half, but hang on

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Liberty junior Megan Frazee was understated in her assessment of the Flames' second-half offensive struggles Saturday night.

The numbers were pure ugly, pretty much like the entirety of the Flames' game against Richmond. Liberty from the field after halftime: 3-for-20.

"That's interesting," Frazee said.

What was more interesting is that the Flames were hardly challenged in dispelling the Spiders, coming out of Saturday's rock fight relatively unscathed, owners of a 45-38 victory.

LU coach Carey Green felt a little different than his standout wing.

"Let's be real here," Green said. "It was one of those physical, ugly ball games everybody goes through. I feel real fortunate. We scored three baskets in the second half, and we won the game."

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Richmond 38

Liberty 45



Staff photo by Kim Raff

LU's Megan Frazee (40) drives to the basket early.

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