

The Jaguars' defense had no answer for Ryan Fitzpatrick.

On Thursday night, in front of a 25% capacity crowd in Jacksonville, the Miami Dolphins defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars 31-13. It was Miami's first win of the 2020 season.

Fitzpatrick was the star of the game, finishing with 198 total yards (38 rushing) and three touchdowns--two passing and one rushing. Miami's 37-year-old quarterback connected on his first 12 pass attempts before throwing an incompletion with 46 seconds remaining in the first half.

"When you work hard for something and see the fruits of that labor, it builds confidence. It feels good to win," said Dolphins coach Brian Flores. "I'm proud of those guys."

Before the incompletion, Fitzpatrick was riding a streak of 21 straight completions extending back to the Dolphins' last game against the Buffalo Bills. The NFL record was 25 straight completions. He finished the game completing 18 of 20 passes.

"It's why I still play. Especially when you're having success, driving the ball down the field, scoring touchdowns," said Fitzpatrick. "I feel like the luckiest guy in the world sometimes getting to play football with my friends."

With 4:04 left in the third quarter, Miami defensive end Kyle Van Noy forced and recovered a fumble at the Jaguars' 6-yard line. The Dolphins would score on a Fitzpatrick run five plays after the Jacksonville turnover, extending Miami's lead to 28-7.

Van Noy and the Dolphins' defense accounted for four sacks, one interception, and a forced fumble. Jaguars' quarterback Gardner Minshew threw for 275 yards, but only completed 30 of 42 passes, including the one interception. Jacksonville was 3-for 10 on third-down attempts and 0-for-3 on fourth-down attempts.

"I just felt like we weren't in sync," said Jaguars coach Doug Marrone. "It just felt like we weren't playing how we wanted to play. It felt like we were chasing."

Both of Jacksonville's touchdowns were scored by running back James Robinson. He ended the game with 46 yards.

Miami's 18-point winning margin was their largest win in 39 games. It was the Dolphins' first win by over 10 points since December 3, 2017, when the Dolphins defeated the Broncos 35-9.

"We were beating ourselves on the field," said Jaguars linebacker Joe Schobert. "We have to turn [the loss] into a positive moving forward."

The Dolphins (1-2) host the Seattle Seahawks next Sunday, October 4th. The Jaguars (1-2) will visit the Cincinnati Bengals, also on Oct. 4.