Vikings head into title showdown confident after crushing Giants

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The real Vikings showed up two days night. Never has the team been a better

playoff team. For the first time in three years, they won a playoff game. The

Vikings secured their first postseason berth in 10 years and beat the Carolina Panthers 45-7.

The Vikings are now 12-4 and have clinched a wild-card berth. They will face the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC Wild Card on Sunday.

The Vikings' defense led the way, holding the Panthers to 240 total yards and five points. The offense scored 45 points, including two touchdowns from quarterback Kirk Cousins.

MINNEAPOLIS - The Vikings won their second straight playoff game on Sunday, defeating the Carolina Panthers 45-7 and advancing to the NFC Divisional Round.

The Vikings scored on their first possession of the game, with Cousins throwing a touchdown pass to wide receiver Adam Thielen. Cousins finished the game with 183 yards passing and three touchdowns.

On defense, the Vikings kept Carolina’s offense off the board for most of the game, allowing just one touchdown in the first quarter.

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As the air gets colder, this team continues to warm as a contender

Vikings running back Dalvin Cook took a knee to the head after attempting a pass in the third quarter and returning it for a 99-yard touchdown.

The Vikings' running game was crucial in the win, with Cook leading the way with 112 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries. The offensive line played well, opening holes for Cook and protecting Cousins.

On defense, the Vikings' defense was strong, holding Carolina to just 240 total yards and five points. The Vikings' defense forced three turnovers, including two interceptions.

The Vikings' special teams also played well, with punter Matt Wile averaging 42.8 yards per kick and kicker Dan Bailey making all three field goals.

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