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CHARLOTTE - Anger, hurt and frustration.

All of the above emotions were shared by a number of Carolina team members, following another close loss, in a season wherein the Panthers can't win for losing.

The occasion this time was on the heels of a crushing 19-14 setback to the Dallas Cowboys Sun. afternoon (Oct. 21), at Bank of America Stadium, which was the third almost win, in as many games for Rivera's (1-5) cats.

Prior to being topped by America's team, in the Uptown section of the Queen City of North Carolina, the Panthers were edged by Seattle 16-12 at the Bank, on Oct. 7 and nipped 30-28 by the Atlanta Falcons in the Georgia Dome, on Sept. 30.

Thus, the first emotion displayed was that of anger which was visibly shared by those players who chose not to talk about a loss that was close to being a win, until the Cowboys (3-3) overcame a late fourth quarter one point (13-14) deficit by tacking on two field goals, which continued the misery for the home players.

Hurt was mostly a silent emotion, as well, by some Panthers who quickly exited the team lockerroom hardly lifting their heads up.

Nonetheless, frustration was expressed in many forms and fashions.

Consider, if you will, the manner of talk by Brandon LaFell.

"Honestly; there are no excuses (for this)," said the Carolina wide receiver. "It's another loss we took because we couldn't convert on 3rd and 1 and 4th and 1. We can't continue like this. We got to get better and start winning some football games; or we're not going to make the playoffs.

"It's not like we don't have the talent here to win; because we do. We just have to work harder to get it done."

Jordan Gross agrees, adding that the loss to the Cowboys was definitely another winnable game.

"We're right there; just a play or two away. The thing is we just have to finish (the game), "the Carolina offensive tackle said.

Offered linebacker Thomas Davis, "Injuries we have; but that's no excuse. What we have to do is step up and get the job done. We're better than we've shown (so far). Now we have to go out and prove this."

Ron Rivera, too, cited finishing the job.

"We definitely had opportunities (today) to win the football game; but we didn't," said the second year Carolina coach. "We just need to finish; that's our problem.

"I still have confidence in my players and coaches; so we'll go back to work and try to fix things we need to fix (to get things right)."