

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Hopefully this day finds you fat, happy and ready for more football along with a side of turkey. As Miami fans we have a lot to be thankful for. It was about this time last year that Greg Camarillo caught a slant pass across the middle against Baltimore and raced to the endzone. The outcome of the game was meaningless to the playoff picture. It was meaningless to the NFL pundits and it was meaningless to the AFC East. However, it wasn't meaningless the thousands of Dolphin Faithful who filled the stadium and watched it on TV. It was the end of a long, long, l-o-n-g drought and the win brought more joy to Miami Fans than any win in recent history. I can even remember jumping around like we'd just won the superbowl. This year has been quite different. Our expectations have been slowly raised as the wins began to out-number the losses. This reached a pinnacle with last week's showdown between the 6-4 Miami Dolphins and the 6-4 New England Patriots. With the status of wildcard driver's seat on the line along with a possible shot at the division title, Miami fumbled. Miami is now 6-5 and fresh off a beat down by the hated New England Patriots. If that wasn't bad enough, I suffered my 3rd straight loss in fantasy football after leading my league for several weeks. It goes without saying that those fantasy losses came at the hands of good friends who have my cell phone number. It is fair to say this weekend left me with a football hangover the size of Darth Belichick's ego. It would have been easy to come on here and complain about everything from the officiating to The Evil Sith Lord's in-your-face slam dunk at the end of regulation; however, there were some good things that happened Sunday. First, Bill's self-edifying score may serve as an excellent motivator for these young Dolphins. It might give them that little "extra" to get back into the playoffs and face NE one more time. It also shows exactly how far the Miami Dolphins, and their fans, have come. The expectations of players and fans are back to where they should be. Thanks to good coaching and good management, both the players and fans expect to win. Yes, the NE game was a huge disappointment; but, it was far from the final chapter of this wonderful Cinderella Season. The Miami Dolphins still have the ability to write a memorable end to the 2008 Season and there are 5 games left with 4 of them being very winnable. 10-6 whether they make the playoffs or not, will be as sweet as pumpkin pie. The very fact they are even in contention for the playoffs is truly a gift, a miracle of sorts. So sit back, relax and enjoy the rest of this great season. Give thanks to God for football, family and friends. Say a quick thank you for the soldiers in harm's way and remember T-Rock's family and keep them in your prayers. Finally, cherish every moment that you are able to spend with your loved ones on this Thanksgiving Day. Here's a parting gift that I hope brings a smile to your face. <http://www.dallasnews.com/video/dallasnews/hp/index.html?nvid=306232> Cheers and blessings to you and your family on this great day.

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