

A Weekend to be Thankful for

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Here is a list of things I am grateful for, brought sharply into focus this weekend.

The Phrase 'Control Our Own Destiny' We took a week hiatus, but are now back in the catbird seat. Win out and we are a lock for a minimum of the #3 seed. That's mind-boggling to say coming one year removed from the comedy of errors we endured.

Chad Pennington. Guy gets his #1 target scratched from the lineup, watches his blindside Guard leave the game headed to IR, yet still keeps his head together. No Ints. Some truly excellent throws. He has played excellent ball all season. The main reason we are able to talk playoffs right now is #10.

Bill Parcells. I can only imagine the egos involved at the highest level; what could it have been like to work for Jerry Jones? Hess? Kraft? I mean working for the Mara family was probably a great gig, but outside of them, he must think Miami is paradise. The owner(s) have money to spend and aren't the 'sit on the sidelines making suggestions' kind of folks.

What is now our Front Office/Staff is the kind of organization Bill Parcells believes is a winning one. Top to bottom, everyone on the same page with one goal: get better every game.

He's right.

Ronnie & Ricky & Pat & Lousaka & Casey We have the best backfield stable in the NFL. Our talent from top-to-bottom is second-to-none, and we will see the dividends of that in the next several weeks. Our current backfield five have 306 rushing attempts for 1274 yards @ 4.16 per carry (even Lousaka has a 4.0) and 14 TDs. They have 61 receptions for 626 yards @ 10.26 per catch and 4 TDs. The tall and short of it is that they have touched the ball 367 times and gotten exactly 1900 yards and 18 TDs. That is 5.17 yards per play. That, my friends, is getting it done.

Joey Porter We have no pass rush outside of #55. It is one of the reasons we don't have a good enough defense to compete for a SB. We are 7-5 with this group: get a guy on the other side that can rock and we might. He doesn't have to be a 12-15 sack guy like Porter: If he can produce 8 we'd be in business. When Porter is neutralized (as he was to a large extent by St. Louis) we have nobody to step in and fill the void.

A Weekend of Dolphins W, Jills L, Jests L and Patsies L The chorus sounds loudly: Ha-lelu-jah! I call it 'four on the floor'. It's 'fourtunate'.

A relatively Healthy 2008 (so far) Here's hoping this holiday season found you and yours in the same condition.

Blasts from the Past As I write this it is December 2nd. 12/2/1985 we handed da SB Shufflin' Bears their only loss of the season, 38-24. Marino: 3 TDs/1 Int McMahon 1 TD/3 Ints. The best single-game performance by a QB ever. That defense pummelled and pounded Montana, Everett, Simms and every other QB they faced until the night Danny shot out their eyes.

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