

## Put Down Some "Coin" On The Dolphins This Weekend.

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When it comes to my money I am not a gambling man, but I do believe that would be it worth it to put down some money on the Dolphins for this weekend's game. In fact, why not use our advertisers at the bottom of this post to do so as they paid for half the bills to the site. I would definitely appreciate it since I will be hitting them up next month to renew our partnership.

Those that have known me for the 8 and a half years this site has been in existence know that I am decently balanced when it comes to the Dolphins. Lately I have been saying during games in the chat room that "we are going to win". I do this to help balance the negative "bitties" in there, but I am also getting a sense of a slight change in momentum in favor of our Dolphins during those games. This gets me fired up and helps get some of the others fired up as well. Also, what do I have to lose?

Since the game has not started yet, I cannot sense any change in the momentum in tomorrow's game. I do know what I read and just about every single "expert" believes the Ravens will beat the Dolphins. In fact, Vegas is making our Dolphins 3 point underdogs at home. They automatically give the home team 3 points, so, what they are saying is that the Ravens would beat the Dolphins by 6 points on neutral territory and 9 points in Baltimore.

That is what happens when you do not dominate any of your victories in the first 3 and a half quarters of football. Miami has beaten "bad" teams barely and "good" teams barely. This has been the mark of a Parcels-coached team in the past and appears to be the mark of his buddy, Coach "Mini-Me" Sparano. In fact, this past summer after a practice, Parcels was so proud of his buddy that he yelled at him beamingly that Sparano reminded him of someone he knew.

A lot of the "experts" are talking about how hot Indianapolis and San Diego are, but do they not realize that the Dolphins have won 9 of their last 10 games since they lost to these Ravens? Let's talk about some of those "bad" teams that we have recently beaten:

\* Seattle SeaHawks: dominated the Jets 13-3 in week 16.

\* Oakland Raiders: beat the Texans and Buccaneers (two teams on the fringe of making the playoffs) the last two weeks of the season.

\* San Francisco 49ers: in the last 5 weeks of the season their only loss was to the Dolphins. They beat every AFC East team in that span except for us. They closed out the Redskins season in the last week of the season. They played so well that it earned Singletary the head coaching position.

\* St Louis Rams: lost to the SeaHawks, 49ers, and Falcons by a total of 8 points to close out the season.

\* Kansas City Chiefs: they had the Broncos and the Chargers beaten until those teams performed a great comeback at the end of those games. In fact, they dominated the Dolphins the following week for half the game until the Dolphins made good adjustments at halftime in the Dolphins coldest game ever played in their franchise history.

\* Buffalo Bills: even though they collapsed the last half of the season, they played 4 teams with winning records the last month of the season, won one of them, and had the Jets beaten until the end of the 4th quarter.

None of those games were gimme games for the Dolphins and Coach Sparano was smart enough to get them to focus on the season one game at a time. Many coaches preach this but not many are able to accomplish it.

So, if you have "Ulysses S. Grant" to spare, you may want to put it on the Dolphins this weekend. I have a good feeling about it. While they have a dominating defense, our coaches have the experience of a game against them to come up with a better game plan. Expect some new wrinkles designed just for that aggressive defense. Defensively our run defense has got to make the Ravens one dimensional by forcing the pass. Rookie quarterbacks do not have a lot of success in the playoffs. If the game is close going into the 4th quarter, I have confidence in the accuracy and savvy of our QB Chad Pennington.

Miami Dolphins 24 - New York Jets 17

Check out Scott's video presentation on last week's Fins/Jets game. You can thank me for last week's win over those cursed Jets. I used my Birthday wish on it. Why did I not wish for a Super Bowl appearance? Because I am following my

coach's lead by focusing one game at a time. You betcha!

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Who Is Coaching the Jets in 2009?

It's not going to be either Bill Cowher or Mike Shanahan. They have both declined the job. I think the Jets pulled the trigger too quickly on Eric Mangini. While he may not be head coaching material, another year would have shown some light on things better. When he was first hired I did not think he surrounded himself with experienced coaches. That is his fault, of course, but having him change his offensive coordinator this year would have been a better choice in my opinion. Also, I was not sold on all of those high priced free agents they brought in this year. I felt they overpaid for players who's best years were behind them. I would have replace Tannebaum as the GM. I think he's failed as GM the past couple of years.

Many people that know Mangini know him as having a very good mind for the game of football. At the age of 37 he has the chance to make mistakes just as anyone else.

Chuck?

This is a little off topic, but "Chuck" is my favorite tv show. In fact I watch Chuck, Fringe, Psych, Monk, and Ghost Whisperer (ok, the story line is bogus but I enjoy ghost stories with beautiful women as the star) each week. I never miss them. Here's the original version of the theme song from the group "Cake". As you will see, there is a beautiful babe in the tv show, but all the characters are hilarious. They took a page from Seinfeld and have several different story lines going on at the same time. If you like action packed remantic comedies that has a babe lead character that can kick your rear-end then you may like Chuck.

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