

QB Josh McCown Traded to Carolina; How Many Games Will It Take to Reach our Preseason Win Total?

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So much for the JOSH MCCOWN quarterback experiment in Miami. FOX Sports' Alex Marvez is reporting that the Dolphins have traded him to the Carolina Panthers. This is another black eye to the free agent offensive talent evaluation process that also brought in WR Ernest Wilford who has not shown much of anything that he did at Jacksonville. What is tough about this is that we signed McCown to a 2 year, \$6.25 million contract with a \$2.5 million signing bonus. Carolina is on the books for his 2008 salary (\$1.95 million), but they can cut him after this year and not have to pay the escalated 2009 contract that he would have earned if he proved himself. The Dolphins are stuck with his signing bonus for this year.

You have to admire the Dolphins for pulling the plug on McCown. They have the cajones to cut him as he was not working out despite their investment in him. Unfortunately for McCown, he was not given much of a chance to shine in the preseason as he only had 30 offensive plays. Why? Because he was not getting it done in practice. Even he saw the writing on the wall, but he took it with class.

Of the four quarterbacks that I saw, McCown impressed me the least. Mentally, Beck still cannot handle a good pass rush, but he has some talent which should be further evaluated on his lofty high 2nd round draft status of only a year ago. Also, I am sure that while Beck was on the trade block that Parcells did not get the price that he was asking for him. Do not think that the Dolphins are done either. I would not fall out of my chair if the Dolphins traded Beck, too. Beck is not a Parcells type of quarterback and will be given the heave-ho at some point in his career.

Just be thankful that the Dolphins got something for McCown rather than having to outright release him. It looks like it is only a 7th round pick, but I'm just glad that I do not have to worry about getting the names McCown and NcNoun mixed up;)

How Many Games Will It Take to Reach our Preseason Win Total?

I have always been the perennial optimist when it comes to the Dolphins. Unfortunately, even with the hope that VP Bill Parcells brings to this team, I am very cautious when I try to figure out how things will look by the end of the season. We have very competitive divisional rivals and none of them are gimme games. In fact, you could say that your Dolphins are the weakest team in the AFC East at least on paper.

When did this slide happen? ESPN ranked the Dolphins fans at #28 based on the lack of sellouts and noone on the season ticket waiting list. This did not happen during the Don Shula years as there was hope every year that the Don and Dan the Man could get to a Super Bowl on will alone. Don't get me wrong, the Don did not do so well at the end of his coaching career as he lost that tough edge. I feel this slide actually happened the year that we traded Dave Wannstedt for Dan Marino. Owner Wayne Huizenga allowed Porkface to talk him into hiring Wannstedt as his head coach. Wannstedt forced Marino to retire even after Marino asked for just one more year. Wannstedt did to Marino what JJ could not do.

So, with our 14-10 win over the Saints behind us and riding a 3-1 preseason, how many games will it take to win 3 games? Here is how I see it:

Loss - Jets
Win - @ Cardinals
Loss - @ Patriots
Loss - Chargers
Loss - @ Texans
Win - Ravens
Win - Bills

I say 7 games. I do not see us beating the Jets even though it is at home. I see Brett Favre as a key to this Jets team this year. Can we ever beat the Texans? Not this year. And so, with that said, I am still crossing my fingers with the hope that we'll be 3-0 entering the bye week. Why? I am a Dolphins fan.

Go Fins!

I got my Dolphins DirecTV Remote Control

Did any of you order your Miami Dolphins DirecTV remote? Man, I love mine. In fact, I took it to work yesterday to show it off to the other guys who have the NFL Ticket for their teams. They're all jealous and got on the DirecTV site to order theirs, too. Unfortunately, the Bucs fan at my J-O-B asked me if mine had serial number 0001. LOL.

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