

Awards and Honors a Rare Treat

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AFC Offensive Player of the Week. Motorola Coach of the Week. FedEx Ground Player of the Week. GMC Defensive Player of the Week. The accolades continued to roll in for the Miami Dolphins after the thrashing of the NE Pats. Dolphins everywhere found themselves in an unusual position, that of Dragonslayer. They had killed Vermithrax himself, the deadly monster that had ravaged villages and codes of ethics for 21 straight games. They had ended the scourge (namely 'Big Evil', aka Bill Belichick and his necromancer cabal of Cheaters) that had darkened the countryside since 2006, and brought the glorious rain of victory to a drought-filled community (the greater Dade-Broward hamlet). As you can tell, the beautiful hangover of that sweet annihilation is still flush on my mind and keyboard, and will be for some time.

Enjoy this, Dolphins everywhere. No matter what happens from here on out, this was an epic, historic beating of the bully that had pummelled the NFL and dominated the AFC East. This was catching the guy down the street that had taken your lunchmoney when you were a kid and giving him the shiner. It felt and feels good.

The NFL is a copycat league, because whatever wins will be used and whatever doesn't get tried in Cincinnati. Our 'Wildcat' isn't ours at all, it was just ours first. It requires something every team doesn't have, a phenominal athlete who can take over a game. It is also still just a gadget play, not anything that will become a staple. 3-5 times a game when the opponent least expects it, we can unleash the Wildcat. More than that, it will start to become a negative play, because every Defensive Coordinator in the NFL has been forced to look at it from the angle of trying to stop it.

For one glorious Sunday, however, it was the NFL's Play of the Week, to go with all our other honors. It was the irresistible force, and the immovable object was nowhere to be seen.