

Turning the Corner

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Don't be afraid to say it. Do not tread with trepidation into our new reality. This team has established a foundation for the future in a few months time. It is a foundation made of consistency, discipline and effort. It is the fundamental building block of winning football.

Control the line of scrimmage. Keep plays in front of you. Hit them in the mouth. Over the past two games, this team has embodied those fundamentals. Over the past two games, this team has been scary.

They were scary good last week in scoring touchdowns using an unorthodox formation. They used that unorthodox formation again this week, demonstrating that to the Dolphins, it is not a gimmick, but a serious part of the playbook. The Chargers had to have spent time preparing for the Wildcat, and yet it still produced 11 carries for 49 yards and a touchdown.

They were scary good this week, suffocating the Chargers All-Pro laden offense. Holding them to 202 yards. Holding fantasy football hero LaDanian Tomlinson to 35 rushing yards. Rendering Antonio Gates invisible. This Dolphins defense has presented us with Exhibit A, demonstrating that it can contain even the most explosive offenses.

After a couple of ho-hum weeks to start the season, this coaching staff is now demonstrating an ability to adjust, be creative and cutting edge, and demonstrate confidence in it's players. It all starts there and trickles down.

Chad Pennington has had two incredible weeks, showing his trademark efficiency.

Ronnie Brown is 100%. Ricky Williams is an excellent compliment.

Greg Camarillo is emerging as a solid player for the Dolphins. Every week he surprises at least once or twice in the passing game. He is a very crafty player.

This secondary is flying around. These linebackers are making plays in the backfield. This defensive line is immovable.

This is a confident team. Turning the corner before our very eyes.