Phinfever Miami Mock Draft 3.0

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Now that we are a few weeks into free agency, let take a look at how things are looking to shape up in regards to what Miami might look to do in the draft.

1) Ryan Tannehill, QB, 6'4, 221 lbs, Texas A & M - As we know by now, the Dolphins missed out on Peyton Manning and decided not to dole out big money to Matt Flynn, who ended up in Seattle. While the Dolphins did sign David Garrard to challenge Matt Moore, they still need their quarterback of the future. Miami will have to sweat out Cleveland at #4, but all indications are the Browns will not look to take Tannehill that high. Ryan brings experience in the West Coast offense as he played for new OC Mike Sherman, the former Texas A & M coach. Tannehill has all the physical traits you want in a quarterback, size, very good arm, nice foot work and mobility and a terrific athlete, as he played wide receiver for his 1st 2 plus years with the Aggies. There in lies the problem, as he has 19 starts as a quarterback, meaning he is raw and has work to do in regards to footwork and throwing off his back foot. These are some comments from Greg Cosell, someone I think does a good job of breaking down and evaluating players. " Tannehill better prospect than Ponder. Nice feel in pocket. Good pocket mobility re: lack of experience. Willing to make stick throws". "Tannehill needs work with progession reading but can be coached. Must learn to validate safeties after snap. Threw well outside the numbers." This is a little high to take Ryan, as he probably fits in the mid first round, but I don't see Miami taking the chance to miss out of him if he is at their slot at #8.

2) Vinnie Curry, DE, 6'3, 266 lbs, Marshall - The Dolphins have to get a complmentary pass rusher opposite of Cameron Wake. Miami signed Jamaal Westerman from the Jets, and he has talent, but he is FAR from a proven commodity. Curry has 23.0 sacks the last 2 years with the Thundering Herd, 12.0 in 2010 and 11.0 in 2011. Relentless pass rusher that comes hard of the edge and has a non stop motor, plays with intensity and is solid against the run.

3) Shea McClellin, DE/OLB, 6'3, 260 lbs, Boise State - Miami has shown a propensity for doubling down on picks, and here we have another player that has a non stop motor and has been solid against the run and provides pass rush pressure. McClellin has 15.5 sacks his last 2 years, 8.0 in 2010, 7.5 in 2011. He is also very versatile and has lined up as ILB, OLB and as a DE in the 4-3 defense. Ran a 4.63 40 at the combine.

3) Ladarius Green, TE, 6'5, 238 lbs, Louisiana-Lafayette - Green has the ability to be the Dolphins version of Green Bay's talented tight end Jermichael Finley. Quick release and can shake press coverage, threat to stretch the field vertically and is an instant red zone threat. Good with the ball after the catch. Needs work as an inline blocker. 22 career touchdown catches.

4) Marvin McNutt, WR, 6,2, 216 lbs, Iowa - Miami needs to add wide receivers after the trade of Brandon Marshall and the switch to the West Coast offense. Joe Philbin likes to have many weapons, not just one stud wide receiver. The Packers like production from players they draft, and that will carry over to Miami. McNutt fits that mode with a career 170 catches for 2,681 yards and 28 touchdowns. Big, physical wide receiver that will go across the middle and creates seperation with with good body control to shield defenders. Nice soft hands. 82 catches for 1,315 yards with 12 touchdowns and a 16.0 yards per catch average in 2011.

5) A.J Jenkins, WR, 6'0, 190 lbs, Illinois - This is a deep WR class and the Dolphins will look to add multiple wide receivers after trading Brandon Marshall. Jenkins has been a productive player for Illinois, as he has 146 catches for 2,022 yards and 15 touchdowns the last 2 years. In 2011 he had 90 catches for 1,276 yards and 8 touchdowns. Ran a 4.39 40 at the combine.

6) Tom Compton, ORT, 6'5, 314 lbs, South Dakota State - ORT was a problem for Miami last year with Marc Colombo and he was allowed to walk as a free agent. Miami feels that OT Lyndon Murtha can man the position and he has the talent to do the job. His problem has been staying healthy. Compton is a young man the Dolphins have talked with and he has the measurables you like. He is a strong run blocker with long arms, 33 7/8" and a mean disposition. He will struggle with speed at the next level and needs to improve his footwork, but moves well for a man his size and with some more development and coaching, he could be a solid ORT.

6) Ron Brooks, CB, 5'10, 190 lbs, LSU - Part of a very good LSU secondary, Brooks has been used primarily as a nickel and dime cornerback and started a couple of games this past season when Tyronn Mathieu was suspended. Very good speed with a 4.39 40, solid cover guy and a solid tackler. The NFL is becoming more and more of a passing league, and you can never have enough good cornerbacks. Projected compensatory pick.

7) Tysyn Hartman, FS, 6'3, 206 lbs, Kansas State - Former backup QB that moved to FS and was named All-Big 12 on two occasions. Smart, intelligent safety that finished with 258 career tackles, 7 pass breakups and 10 career interceptions.