

Reality Sets In

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There you have it, folks. The Dolphins couldn't run the ball. The Dolphins couldn't stop the run. The Dolphins couldn't rattle a rookie quarterback who came into the game with 1 touchdown versus 7 interceptions.

Just when you think they are turning the corner, they keep turning and wind up going in circles.

Today, the defense resembled the defense of 2007. The Ravens were able to rush for 140 yards. But more importantly, Joe Flacco was able to complete 17 of 23 passes for 232 yards and 1 touchdown. The man calling the plays for the Ravens offense?

Cam Cameron.

Talk about adding insult to injury. Not only did the Dolphins lose by two touchdowns in front of their homecrowd to a rookie QB. But they lost in large part because the head coach they fired last year after he led the team to a 1-15 record put together a pretty good offensive gameplan using the run and some very effective screens to catch the Dolphins out of position.

You would think the Dolphins defense would know Cameron's offensive system well enough to have an idea of what was coming. A lot of passes to running backs.

The Dolphins ground game was as equally inept as the Dolphins defense. The Dolphins gained 71 yards on the ground, but 25 of those were gained by quarterback Chad Pennington, who is not exactly known for being fleet of foot.

On a positive note, it appears the Dolphins wide receivers are beginning to emerge a bit more. Greg Camarillo caught 6 passes for 74 yards and is on pace for over 70 catches and almost 900 yards. Ted Ginn and David Martin contributed with 4 catches a piece. The passing game gained 288 yards, but Chad Pennington threw a critical interception that was returned for a touchdown by Terrell Suggs in the 2nd quarter.

All in all, it was more of what we've seen the past couple of years from the Dolphins. A team with huge holes. A team that can't overcome mistakes. A team that still has a long way to go before we start talking playoffs.