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(Post Draft Withdrawel Syndrome)

Farewell Junior. You were an awesome player and a good citizen who will be missed. This is a terrible loss for your family, the NFL and your community. My thoughts and prayers are with the Seau Family and hope that God provides them with some comfort through this tragedy.

The Dolphins Draft is being hailed by most as a reasonable success. On the surface, it does look pretty good. I like picks 2, 3 and Miller in round 4. Martin is a huge body that will instantly upgrade the right side. Miller might be the steal of the draft. The kid just has that ability to make a move at full speed. You can see it in his videos. The slight move inside is just enough to make a guy take a poor angle. He also has that burst. My guess is he'll instantly upgrade the kick return duties and spell Bush on occasion. As with any draft, hindsight will ultimately paint the picture of success or failure. We've seen way too many great college prospects just fizzle at the professional level and conversely, way to many nobodies just do it. Davone Bess is a great example of that.

As much as I like rounds 2-7, the 8th overall pick in the 2012 draft will forever be tied to its final grade. Alhtough, no one expects Tannehill to come out and start right away. Most are hoping he gets a chance to learn sitting behind Moore for a year. Kind of the Aaron Rodgers approach to grooming a QB. With that said, he is a first round pick and with that come expectations. A lot of guys simply crumble under that pressure. Brady Quinn comes to mind. The kid has skill. You can see it during his preseason outtings but then on gameday, he simply falls apart. Sort of opposite of a Tebow-like player who is average at best most of the time, but then when it counts is the best player on the field. The latter wins championships (Manning the younger). The former would remain a perennial tease. As for Tannehill, there's no question he has talent. He has the height, the arm and mobility to be a success in the NFL. Does he have it upstairs? Only time will tell.

The draft is over and now begins the long off-season which won't end until late July. That's a tough period for most diehards. I'm with you. I wish the season started in a month. I can't wait to see some of the rookies perform. In the meantime, like you, I'll dream of the 2-3 pro bowlers we just drafted and how it will get Miami to the post-season at the end of the year. Fantasy? Probably, but I am that kind of fan.

Cheers,

..oh and GO PHINS!!!!!