

## Sense of Urgency/Buffalo vs Miami

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Miami faces a huge game today to keep there fading playoff hopes alive as the face the AFC East division leader Buffalo Bills, who come into the game off of a 23-14 win at home over the San Diego Chargers and are 5-1. Meanwhile, Miami comes into the game with a 2 game losing streak, the last of which was a disapointing 27-13 loss to the Baltimore Ravens at home and are 2-4.

Buffalo, like Miami is one of the youngest teams in the league and have been somewhat of a surprise with there start this year, but people felt like the Bills would be a very competitive team and they have more than surpassed those expectations. The Bills are a balanced team that features Trent Edwards at QB, the 2nd year player out of Stanford along with Marshawn Lynch, the 2nd year RB out of Cal as well as the explosive Lee Evans at WR. Defensively the Bills have been given a big boost with the addition of Marcus Stroud to help fortify there defensive front and added additional pieces during free agency and the draft to make this a solid defensive team.

Special Teams are very solid for the Bills, unlike our Dolphins and they could play a big key in this game today.

Keys for this game once again will be containing the run game for the Bills and taking Marshawn Lynch out of the game. A big, big key to this will be the health of Jason Ferguson. He got hurt early in the 1st quarter of the game against the Ravens and it opened up the door for the Ravens to rush for 140 yards against Miami, the highest total this year given up by Miami. Jason has been able to practice the last few days and if he can go, it would be a huge boost. Having Paul Solairi back from suspension will help out as well

Another key will be containing Lee Evans and the big play, something that has plagued this secondary all year long. Someone else once again besides Joey Porter needs to step up and be a factor in the pass rush and hopefully Miami will be more aggressive with the blitzes. Yes, that does open up things in regards to the big play, but I believe Miami needs to be more aggressive to generate pass rush. Also, this could be a big opportunity for Jason Allen to show that he has deserved a chance to be on the field and contribute much earlier in the season.

Lastly, Miami at the very least have to play Buffalo to a draw from a special teams standpoint, and as mentioned earlier, Miami has struggled from a special teams standpoint.

There is a sense of urgency for Miami in this game and to keep there fading hopes of making a run at the playoffs alive they need to win this game. Will they, we will know at 4:00 today.