

Raiders 13, Dolphins 35 - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

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The Good

Ryan Tannehill, 18 of 30 for 200 yards and 1 TD, throw in 14 rushing yards and a rushing TD as well.

Reggie Bush had a monster game with 172 yards on the ground and 2 TD runs. He also chipped in 25 receiving yards.

Rookie and former UM standout Lamar Miller chipped in 65 yards and a rushing TD.

The Dolphins running game produced 263 yards on the ground and 4 rushing TDs.

Brian Hartline had a breakout game, catching 9 passes for 111 yards.

Reshad Jones intercepted a pass and had a terrific game overall. It is the first turnover the Dolphins have forced in this young season.

Dansby also had a terrific game, with 8 tackles and some nice plays in coverage.

The Dolphins defense overall allowed 23 yards on the ground, shutting down Darren McFadden and forcing Carson Palmer to carry the offense.

Special teams kept the Raiders in tough starting position all day, minus one play in which they allowed a nice return by Phillip Adams.

Third down efficiency: Dolphins 9/17 - 52%, Raiders 1/12 - 8%.

Time of possession: Dolphins 34:41, Raiders 25:19

The Bad

The Dolphins pass defense didn't sack Carson Palmer once, although the pass rush did create good pressure at times.

There were times that the Raiders were able to pick up chunk yards through the air, allowing a total of 373 passing yards. The worst of these was a 64 yard touchdown screen to back-up running back Mike Goodson.

The Ugly

The Dolphins playcalling in the 2nd quarter was questionable. They went pass happy and put their rookie QB under a lot of pressure, despite a very good running game gaining 73 yards in the first half.

Jake Long has been giving up plays in the first two games. Hopefully he's working through some things that will get corrected in the coming weeks.

Overall

A much needed win for the Dolphins and some much needed establishing of identity by finding success running the ball to help our young rookie quarterback. This is a great building block for the Dolphins and they know they can rely on guys like Reggie Bush to help Ryan Tannehill succeed.

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