

Tale of the Tape - Miami vs Oakland

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News that dominated the South Florida sports world on Tuesday was not the Dolphins victory over the Raiders, or the Jets coming into town this weekend. Instead a story broke out about a mini-altercation a fan had with Jeff Ireland.

The man involved in this called into 790 The Ticket Tuesday morning to tell his story, and many witnesses backed up the story by calling into the show. Apparently a fan went up to Ireland at Half Time and told him that he should fire himself, and listed all the bad moves the GM has made over the last few years. Ireland then walked by the man and said, "Good suggestion...asshole."

Jeff Ireland later admitted to this account of the story, apologizing for the comment, saying he thought he said it under his breath.

I'm not a supporter of Ireland, but that fan is lucky all he got was a harmless name called at him. Ireland had every right to punch him in the mouth.

Dolphins-Jets preview

One of the major things we learned - or perhaps a better word would be "reminded" - on Sunday that not nearly enough people are talking about, is how big of an advantage having 1 p.m. September home games are. Oakland was completely gassed in the second half and it had everything to do with the heat in those black jerseys. The Dolphins have another chance to take advantage of this on Sunday against the Jets.

The Dolphins are going to need a much better performance from their edge rushers if they want to beat NY this week. While I'm not concerned about the Jets' running game, I am concerned about their passing game. Not because I respect Sanchez or his weapons, but because our pass rush and secondary are atrocious. We have nobody opposite Wake, and Wake himself hasn't been allowed to get after the QB because the replacement officials don't know what "holding" means. The secondary is getting roasted consistently, especially down the middle because our safeties can't cover and Coyle has them playing very deep.

Miami also won't score 35, or even 25 against the Jets. Hartline won't be open against Revis, and the run game won't dominate against a Rex Ryan stout front 7. Miami's Defense will have to be on their A game if they hope to win.

My prediction, as much as it pains me:

Jets 20

Dolphins 10

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