Dolphins 30, Jets 9 - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

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The Good

Special teams are at the top of the list. And special teams actually make up their own list:

- An onside kick recovered by Jason Trusnik, gutsy call by Philbin early in the game
- A punt blocked by Jimmy Wilson and recovered by Olivier Vernon for a touchdown
- A field goal attempt blocked by Olivier Vernon
- A 57 yard kick-off return by Marcus Thigpen that led to a touchdown drive
- Dan Carpenter 3 for 3 on field goals
- Brandon Fields with a 53.5 yard punt average and 4 punts inside the 20

Matt Moore coming off the bench and going 11 of 19 for 131 yards and a TD (96.6 rating). Moore showed the same poise and leadership he displayed last year when winning the team MVP.

Chris Clemons had a monster game on defense, with 9 tackles and an interception in the red zone that prevented the Jets from scoring.

Kevin Burnett also had a nice game with 6 tackles, 1 sack and a pass defensed.

Defense overall with 4 sacks, two turnovers and holding the Jets scoreless in the first half and to only 9 points the entire game. Kevin Coyle found ways to create pressure using corner blitzes and everything else he could throw at Mark Sanchez. Nolan Carroll and Jimmy Wilson both had sacks, Wilson forcing a fumble on his that was recovered by Paul Soliai.

The Bad

Ryan Tannehill getting hurt on a play which Jonathan Martin didn't pay attention to Calvin Pace coming off the edge. That was a missed assignment that caused your quarterback of the future to get hit and injured.

Reggie Bush was somewhat effective running the ball, but he still doesn't look like the same player we saw the first couple of weeks. He also fumbled once.

Not much else you can put in this category when you beat a division rival 30-9.

The Ugly

The Jets season. They are in a tailspin. For all their bravado, tough talk and trash talking, they are 3-5, have a quarterback controversy brewing and probably continue to have a splintering lockerroom.

Nothing ugly about the Dolphins today.

Overall

The Dolphins are 4-3 and in 2nd place in the AFC East. They have a favorable schedule the rest of the season and have competed in every game they've been except the Houston game.

Things are looking up for Joe Philbin and the Dolphins. By creating a certain mindset in the locker room and now winning a few games, Philbin has this team in a certain state of mind where they are confident in the coaches, confident in their teammates and confident in themselves.

What a turnaround from the way 2011 started!

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