

Big Game?

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vs

Thursday Night

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@Buffalo

This will be an epic battle of ineptitude between the Bills and Dolphins. The last two weeks the Dolphins have lost two games against teams that may not even make the playoffs by a total of 60-23. The Bills have lost the last two weeks to the two top teams in the AFC, Houston and NE respectively by a total of 58-30. The Bills have arguably been the better team the last two weeks.

If we look over a season the two teams are somewhat similar with the Bills having a slight edge in most meaningful offensive categories. While on paper, Miami has a fairly sizeable edge on defense. The Bills are giving up 160yds a game on the ground. If Miami's ground game can't find life this week, it will be time to put out an APB in S. Florida to look for it because it would officially be MIA...that's missing in action for all those in Dade County. So on paper this looks like last week...just another game Miami should win. Now we pop back into reality. They have to do it on the field too. Last week's debacle had the coach scratching his head which didn't leave me too inspired. He benched his best RB and LG...are we in peewee leagues here? We're going to find out Thursday Night if Philbin has the attention of his team, or if he's lost complete control. A blowout by the Bills will probably start some in-fighting. Who am I kidding a loss to the Bills will do that...a blowout will cause someone to rent a billboard with an obnoxious message. In any case, I didn't exactly pencil Buffalo in as a must-win prior to the season but it is.

BTW, if there is a sub-plot, it is Ryan Tannehill and how he bounces back from his awful performance last week. You better believe the Bills will do the same this week. They'll be dropping those LBs into those passing lanes and waiting. Can RT get rid of quick clock in his head, and buy some time in the pocket or make plays with his feet? Will he be allergic to the endzone or will he have his 2nd game of the season with multiple TDs?

The other sub-plot is can the Dolphins do a better job of containing this weeks ankle-breaker (CJ Spiller) than last weeks (CY2K)? 3 weeks ago I would've said no problem...he's toast. However, given my mood after last weeks complete lay down in all phases...I sincerely have no idea.

I guess the bottom line is pop some popcorn and act like you're watching a suspense thriller. If it turns ugly quickly, go walk the dog. The exercise will do you good. Miami's season will be over and we'll have plenty of time to talk about who to replace and how.

Go Tannehill

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