

Proof of Life

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Well its Patriots Week in Miami. As much as I've hated the Jets over the years, the last 10 years have made me hate the Patriots even more. They've taken first place in my hater list. First off, they cheated their way through the first half of the decade. There was at least one good Dolphin Team that might have gone on to the superbowl, and probably a couple more division titles if not for facing a team that was secretly taping practices. Furthermore, they seem to garner the favor of the "officials of the NFL. When the replacements were in, they forgot to extend untouchable status to the Patriots. They called holding when there was holding. They called interference when there was interference. Say what you want about their botched calls, none were worse than the "refs over the years. So the Patriots weren't given their normal deference by the officials and they looked very vulnerable. They were 1-2 when the real refs returned and the results were evident in the first week as they pummeled Buffalo and have won 7 out of 8 games. Did I mention I hate the Patriots? The last 2 games in Miami, the Patriots dominated Miami. These games were very forgettable if you're a Dolphins Fan. 2009 Miami pulled off a rare upset of NE in Miami. They won the game 22-21. This was an early December game..hmmm...is there hope? Here's my take: Miami wins this game. I wish I could name one solid reason like better running game, better blocking, better defense, better ST's...but I really can't. However, I can't shake this gut feeling NE is primed for an upset and Miami is primed to do something it hasn't done in awhile, win a game it shouldn't win. Here's the deal: To be the best, you got to beat the best. Big if, but if Miami wins out, they're in the playoffs and probably division winners. If they lose just one game, its over. So its put up or shut up time. Is Ryan Tannehill the guy who is going to make S. Florida his home for a long, long time, or is he just another hopeful who is teasing us. The rubber meets the road on Sunday. He's going up against the finest QB ever to play the game. I don't know how much it pains me to say that but Brady is simply the best. He can make every throw and does it almost every game. Ryan Tannehill has to jump in the ring and match this heavyweight blow for blow if Miami is going to have a shot. Games like this are why they drafted RT. If they win this game, it doesn't mean they've arrived. If they win it, it means they've earned a shot at the title on the seasons' final game in NE. It would be nice for that to be an important game for the Dolphins. Go Tanny!!! GD2