

Jacksonville travels to Miami to battle the Dolphins

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The 2-11 Jacksonville Jaguars travel to Miami to take on the 5-8 Dolphins in a 1:00 kickoff, as both team work their way towards disappointing season.

Let's take a look at how these 2 teams matchup.

The Dolphins come into the game ranked 29th in total offense generating 310.6 yards a game. Miami ranks 23rd in passing offense at 203.5 yards a game, they rank 19th in rushing offense at 107.2 yards a game. The Dolphins come in ranked 27th in scoring at 18.5 points a game. They face a Jacksonville defense that is one of the worst in the NFL. They rank 31st in total defense giving up 394.5 yards per game. They rank 24th in pass defense at 248.8 yards per game and come in 31st in rush defense giving up 145.7 yards per game. The Jaquars come in 29th in points allowed giving up 27.6 points per game.

Miami is facing a bad Jacksonville defense, so you would think this would be a game were the Dolphins look to work with QB Ryan Tannehill in the passing game. The Dolphins should have success in the run game today, as the Jaquars rank next to last in the NFL in run defense. It's time for the Dolphins to start looking at some young players that have not garnered much playing time to see what they have, aka RB Lamar Miller.

Defensively, the Dolphins come into the game ranked 19th in total defense giving up 352.7 yards per game. The Dolphins ranked 25th in pass defense giving up 250.6 yards per game, while the come in 10th in rush defense giving up 102.1 yards per game. The Dolphins rank 13th in points allowed giving up 21.2 points per game. They face a Jacksonville offensive unit now led by former Dolphin QB Chad Henne. The Jaguars rank 31st in total yards at 282.9 yards per game. They rank 24th in pass offense generating 200.8 yards per game while ranking 29th in rush offense at 82.2 yards per game. Jacksonville comes in scoring only 16.6 points per game, which ranks 30th.

Henne has come in and actually played solid football for the Jags, but this still is a bad offensive football team that has showed flashes her and there. We all know that Henne mobility is limited, so the Dolphins will look to shut down a struggling Jaguar running game and get after Chad in the passing game.

With no hopes of making the playoffs, it is time for the Dolphins to look at younger players and finish out the season playing hard and winning some games. The continued development of QB Ryan Tannehill is very important as well as seeing if they have a player that can contribute to the team in 2013, like WR Reshard Matthews of Nevada and RB Lamar Miller out of the "U", aka Miami.

Go Dolphins.....