Dolphins Bills

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Miami Closes its season out with games against familiar foes. First the Bills come to Miami then Miami will travel to Foxboro for the final game against the Patriots. Mathematically, and if the world does end on Saturday, the Dolphins could make the playoffs. Put your favorite low odds statement here. Before I get into the meat and potatoes, here’s some appetizers for this week.

Egnew will get to play in the place of Charles Clay. Every year there’s a player who doesn’t show anything in practice. He then enters the game and bam! He leaves you wondering where that has been all year. Is Egnew that guy? As for me and every other Dolphin Fan, Jeff Ireland included, we’re hoping he is.

Lamar Miller – will see extensive duty over the final two games because Daniel Thomas is out for the year with a knee injury. I’m excited to watch Miller’s explosive moments but it’ll be interesting to watch him pass block.

ReggieBush – is sitting at 895 yds. He’ll probably get his 1000 yards given the increased duty because of the knee injury to Thomas.

Sean Smith – Given he was moved into the number 1 role at CB and the fact teams have thrown a lot against Miami, Smith has 2 INTs. Another year in the books andanother resulting disappointment for fans. It is apparent to any objective fan that letting Davis go to start the season was a huge mistake. Yeah, yeah I get the fact Davis has been injured but he was this teams best corner before he left and Smith has made no one forget him.

The not-so Marks Brothers. That would be Hartline and Bess. My prediction is both will not eclipse 1000yds. Bess has 782 yards and would need a monster finish. In any case Miami will be in the hunt for a true #1 guy in the off-season. Someone remind me again who we got for Brandon Marshall…oh that’s right Egnew and Olivier Vernon and his 2.5 sacks. No pressure Egnew…no pressure….well maybe on Ireland.

Ryan Tannehill – I am no more convinced today, than I was when he took his first snap as to whether he’s the guy. Arizona game, I thought he had turned a corner. But then came the rest of the season and more importantly the games against other struggling teams that he needed to win to get Miami into meaningful games this time of year. He then lost 3 in a row with some pretty stinky play. Lately he’s played better, but only marginally outside of the last game against the Jags where he looked pretty solid. He has to continue to build on last week and finish strong. A couple of stinkers and Phiblin might have to seriously look at drafting another QB in April.

Okay, so the main course…that would be Buffalo, fresh, a little burned on the outside with a slightly red center. The Bills and Miami are two teams stuck in about the same place. They’re wildly inconsistent. They get sporadically good play. The QB position can be good, once-in-awhile great, but most of the time pedestrian. So this should be an outstanding game to watch for football enthusiasts. Its not going to be 41-34 9’ers vs Patriots good, but it should be close at the end. No expectations but a blowout or loss to the Bills at home could make fans restless.

Around the East – Patriots lost…haha! Love that. The Jets are in turmoil…love that. The funny part about the Jets is they have a guy in Tim Tebow, when given the opportunity to play has a propensity to win. Yet Sexy Rexy just promoted the 3rd string guy right over the top of him. It was an in your face move to a guy who has been a class act all season, as usual. The Bills will probably fire Gailey even if he wins. That’s bad news. At least in Gailey we could count on a mediocre Bills team.

Anyway, everyone have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year

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