

Dolphins to pick #12 in 2013 NFL Draft.

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Dolphins finish 7-9 again.

Thus ends another losing season for the Miami Dolphins as the New England Patriots never dropped a sweat-bead during their 28-0 beat-down of our beloved team. What it showed us all is that after 5 years of rebuilding during the Parcels/Ireland regime, we are no closer to bridging the talent gap between our Miami Dolphins and the division owning New England Patriots.

On the bright side, the Dolphins are the 2nd youngest team in the NFL, and it appears that Belichick has finally put together a good defense to go with Brady who has been carrying his team for a while. So, did anyone really expect us to win that game? We did play better than the Texans did against these same Patriots.

And, Ryan Tannehill looks to be our future. I like his accuracy, his ability to take off and run with the ball with vision, his ability too make quick decisions, and his ability to throw accurately on the run. Now, let's get him another target to throw to and a cohesive offensive line that can play consistently from one game to the next.

The Dolphins pick 12th in the upcoming draft and that is good news as far as having the option to select the better players available to us in the draft. Unfortunately, it also tells us that we are the 12th worst team in the NFL. Or, there are 20 better teams out there. 5 years of rebuilding and this is what we have. There is still a lot of work to do and it appears there is progress being made ... but at a snail's pace.

Who is to blame?

Since Jeff Ireland has only really had full control of the last two draft and free agent periods, a lot of fans in Dolphinland are willing to say that it's only been a 2 year rebuilding program. I can understand that and almost get on board with that. I am also willing to give Jeff Ireland another year as I have been encouraged by his two drafts, but can all of our problems really be on Bill Parcels who rebuilt programs that that had playoff success after he left? Are the Dolphins the only team that he has failed at? You see, that has me scratching my head on this. Even though Parcels has admitted to making the moves the first 3 years, can Ireland get a 3 year mulligan? I really don't think so. I'm not brain dead.

Anyways, one thing that is certain is that the Dolphins must get better on the offensive line. Tannehill threw some sweet passes in the game, but he only had three seconds to throw the ball on most passing plays as the pocket collapsed as soon as the ball was snapped. To me, that makes me more impressed with Tannehill. The Dolphins must find a Right Tackle in the offseason. Garner is not the answer.

Also, we noticed at times that there was no one open to throw to on some plays. Ireland's biggest failure this year was not having a replacement for Brandon Marshall. Maybe he believed the Kewl Aid that new head coach Philben when he said that his offense does not need playmaking wide receivers. Yeah, right.

So, the upcoming 2013NFL Draft is what we have to look forward to ... and, oh yes ... the logo change. It is my hope that our organization does not throw salt into the wound by putting together a logo that we cannot be proud of wearing and showing off. I do not mind an aggressive change such as the below image that was created a few years ago (by Nike?).

NFL Draft Order

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Miami's Picks

These are the picks that the Miami Dolphins have going into the 2013 NFL Draft:

1st Round (Assigned – #12 Overall)
2nd Round (Assigned – #42 Overall)
2nd Round (Colts – #56 Overall)
3rd Round (Assigned – #77 Overall)
3rd Round (Chicago – #82 Overall)
4th Round (Assigned)
5th Round (Assigned)

6th Round (Colts – Conditional)
7th Round (Assigned)

These picks have been traded away:

6th Round (San Francisco)

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Miami's first round picks since 1999.

Wanny: 2001-2004
Saban: 2005-2006
Mueller/Cameron: 2007
Parcells/Ireland: 2008-2010
Ireland: 2011-present

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