

## Controversial Tuck Rule is deep sixed

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I've never been a fan of the tuck rule. I'm not sure outside of NE Patriot Fans you can find one decent NFL Fan supporting this ridiculous rule. The rule says that a QB attempting to "tuck" a football from a throwing position who fumbles, hasn't really fumbled. It was so silly that it had rarely ever been called before the famous call in NE that sent the Patriots to a superbowl and the Raiders home scratching their heads. I guess that is the good news. The bad news, the braintrust ruled that a RB can't lead with the crown of their helmets. Seriously? Did Goodell and Company just break into the US Senate over the weekend and steal all their stupid pills? This is one of those stupid rules where a RB is going to do it every time and it will only be called where, and when, the guys in stripes feel like it. Can anyone imagine a RB going into a goal line pile with his head up? How about when he gets to the 2nd level and there's a LB there to greet him...you think he's going into that head up? I'm curious as to how their going to teach the Refs to call this.

FA - Miami now has a gaping hole at LT and really need to sign Eric Winston. Winston isn't flashy and is at best a journeyman. But he has been a starter since 2007 which puts him at the head of the line right now. The problem might be a demand issue: Miami isn't the only team interested. I think the re-signing of Nate Garner is one of those break-glass-in-case-of-emergency signings because he can play the tackle position. Neither you, me, nor Ryan Tannehill are hoping that happens. Other FA in for a visit include Jet's OG Brandon Moore. He's a solid veteran which will push John Jerry. Jerry always seems to need a fire under his largess to play at a high level.

This might sound wierd but the top of my wish list right now are 3 guys that currently have no interest from Miami. John Abraham, Dwight Freeney and Elvis Dumervil. All of these guys would make excellent pass rushing specialists to complement Cameron Wake. With Dumervil entering the market and not happy with the offer from the Broncos it has suddenly become a buyers market. Don't discount that a solid pass rush from the other side will instantly improve our secondary. There were games last year when they doubled/tripled Wake and the QB was untouched. Our secondary didn't fare well in those games. Signing one of these guys to a 1 year deal would instantly upgrade the pass rush.

Cap space: Miami still has about 14 million in cap space with another 7 million after June 1. Last year's rookie class counted about 2.4 million against the 2012 cap so you can figure slightly more this year due to more picks. With that said, there's still plenty of room to sign a couple more guys that could make an immediate impact. Personally, I'd love to see a CB and LT signed from the veteran ranks. Then, if room, a DE. All 3 would be like hitting the trifecta and the Kentucky Derby. In any case, our off-season started with a bang and is still fairly hot in terms of "what ifs" that might happen. Stay tuned and ..oh yeah...Go PHINS!!!! Just because I want to leave you with a smile on your face, here's a photo I found on the web this week.