

## Someone pass me some tissues before I flood the place

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### The Cry-baby Manifesto:

Okay, let me preface all the below by saying I've never been a Jeff Ireland Fan. So armed with that prejudice, here's my rant: I hated the Davonne Bess Trade. All because a team loaded with money didn't want to pay him for another season. I guess if you're going to trade one of the better slot WRs in the league to another team, it couldn't have worked out better for Ireland that the team was Cleveland. No one goes to the mistake by the lake and has a career season on offense. However, that doesn't fix the value proposition. Ireland got virtually nothing for him. Bess has averaged over 65 catches a year for 5 years in some of the most anemic offenses on planet Earth. I can't even begin to imagine the kind of production a Peyton Manning or Brady would've gotten out of him. I'm guessing Bess would've had a few visits back to his native Hawaii in the off-season. Add to that, Bess was a team guy despite what rumors floated behind the scenes. I hate the trade and hate on Ireland a little more this week.

LT - I'm having shady memories of the Vontae Davis trade. Right before it, Miami was rich in DBs. They had just signed Richard Marshall and already had two decent starters. Davis loses favor with the new DC and HC then gets traded. Then Miami DBs started dropping like flies to injury and they were left panning the waiver wire for guys late in the season. To say that cost them a game or two...is an understatement. Fast forward to letting Jake Long go via FA. I wasn't a huge Jake Long fan because he was always getting hurt. But even hurt, he played at a higher level than most healthy guys. So here we are. Post draft, post big-name era FA and Miami still hasn't signed a LT. Furthermore, it has suddenly become a players market. Prior to the draft, Miami probably could've gotten one of the remaining guys out there a little cheaper. Not anymore, my guess is they'll end up paying Jake Long type of dollars to sign either Winston, Justice, Clabo or McKinnie. Remember how Ireland blew a hole in the WR corps last season? First it was Marshall for two nobodies. Then it was Chad Johnson because of one off-field incident. Make light of it, but Johnson was the best WR in camp that year. Anyway, Let's hope the hole blown open by Jake Long gets filled soon.

I'm through with my whining for now. I think I entered the "Whine and Cheese" sweepstakes soon enough so the award on our forum when to another guy. I guess like Ireland I was asleep at the wheel!

The draft you just felt....that was Miami's new OLB running around the LT. Since the two best tackles were off the board, DE makes perfect sense. The one big missing piece from Miami's DL was pressure from opposite Cameron Wake. That shouldn't be an issue next season and it could put Miami's defense in a category of its own if the young Mr. Jordan pans out. Some experts were thinking Miami is transitioning to a 3-4 but if you've watched tape on this guy he was even on the outside covering WR in college. Miami does a lot of zone blitz schemes and OLBs are often down like a 4-3 linemen, but they can also be up as in a 3-4, and occasionally you find them dropping into zone coverage. So here's a pick I like. I also loved the round 2 pick. Jamar Taylor can flat out play. Definitely going to nail down a job the minute he arrives in Miami.

Well, the kick off to the dullest part of summer just started. Can't wait for July and rookie camps!

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