

Miami down to 53 as Dolphins now get ready for Cleveland in the season opener

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NFL teams got down to the 53 man rosters yesterday and Miami for now has their 53 man roster in place. All teams tweak their rosters as they scan the waiver wire, and look for Miami to make some additional moves as we head to the season opener against the Browns. The Dolphins worked out 6 players on Friday, one of them being WR Da'Rick Rodgers, the talented but troubled young player that was signed as an undrafted free agent by Buffalo. The Dolphins only kept 4 wide receivers, Mike Wallace, Brian Hartline, Brandon Gibson and Rishard Matthews, so the Dolphins could look to bring Rodgers into the fold.

Miami ended up keeping 3 quarterbacks, 5 running backs, 9 offensive linemen, 3 tight ends, 3 specialist, 7 linebackers, 8 defensive linemen and 11 defensive backs.

Some thought the Dolphins would only keep 2 quarterbacks, but decided to keep QB Pat Devlin. The only real surprise for me was DT Kheeston Randall. The 7th round pick from 2012 had been a contributor in 2012 and looked to be having a solid preseason. 7th round pick S Don Jones made the 53 man roster, which was a slight surprise to some, but I thought that the Dolphins would hold on to all of the 2013 draft class, and they did.

With the 53 man roster in place, the Dolphins now will prepare for the season opener at Cleveland. This begins a brutal 5 game stretch for Miami, and it could help determine what the Dolphins season will be and how good this young team is. Miami opens with road games at Cleveland and Indianapolis, then they come home to Atlanta followed by a road game in New Orleans before ending the gauntlet with a home game against the defending Super Bowl Champ Ravens followed by a much needed bye.

As the saying goes, take things one at a time, and right now, Miami main focus is on the Cleveland Browns. Join myself, Rich and Hen at 7:00 next Sunday Night as we breakdown the game.

Let the games begin.....Go Dolphins.