

New Era Dolphins Have Many Believing

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It sure does feel good being 2-0. Its Friday, and we have the home opener against what most consider a top NFL team. It's a great measuring stick for our young team, and the perfect opportunity for them to take advantage of the home field to make a statement. While I am a lot more confident in this team now than I was a few weeks ago, I still will look at them as a young team finding their identity.

Facing our old defensive coordinator Mike Nolan is never fun. While his tenures at teams seems more temporary, while he is there he tends to get results. They will be without LB Weatherspoon and DE Bierman due to injuries, so I am expecting them to mix things around upfront to try and create confusion. Nolan will look to get after Tannehill and try and disrupt his rhythm. This week may be a great time for offensive coordinator Mike Sherman to open the playbook a little more. Last week we saw Lamar Miller in motion with a fake hand off, and a quick toss to Wallace in open space. The defense was exploited, the DB plays so far off him and we were able to capitalize on that early and fast. I am hoping to see more of that this week.

Our defense has been impressive to say the least. While most realized it was the strong point of our team, I don't think I expected them to be playing so well this early, at least not with all the changes. The Falcons passing offense is explosive, and I am not buying into the injury reports with White and Jones. They will not look hurt come Sunday. They have struggled to run the ball so far this season, and Jackson being out leads me to believe they will just run it to keep us honest.

Keys to the game are to play tight cover on the WR's and TE, with all the talk about Jones, White and Jackson it seems Gonzales has been looked over. Our defense has struggle against TE's and we face one of the best to play the position. While he has been quiet so far this year, I expect to see him this week. It will be important for or LB's to stay on him. Offense needs more of the same. Success running the ball, players stepping out of the shadows to make big plays, and as usual a heavy dose of Wallace in the passing game.

And as always limit mistakes. I can't say I remember watching a game, any team for that matter and not see a penalty. That is pretty impressive, and let's hope it continues this week. Win the turnover margin, and limit mistakes and the odds are in our favor.

Happy Friday!! Lets Go Dolphins

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