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1965

- March 3 Minneapolis lawyer Joseph Robbie meets AFL Commissioner Joe Foss in Washington, and Foss advises Robbie to apply for an expansion franchise in Miami.
- May 6 Joseph Robbie meets Miami Mayor Robert King High to ascertain the availability of the Orange Bowl stadium, and the mayor agrees to invite the AFL to Miami.
- June 7 AFL Executive Committee votes to expand in 1966 at a meeting in Monmouth Park, N.J.
- Aug. 16 AFL awards its first expansion franchise to Joseph Robbie and television star Danny Thomas for \$7.5 million.
- Nov. 27 Miami picks Kentucky QB Rick Norton and Illinois RB Jim Grabowski in first round of AFL's college draft.
- Dec. 16 Miami Dolphins, Ltd. organizes as a Florida limited partnership. Joseph Robbie becomes managing general partner and Danny Thomas Sports, Inc., becomes the other general partner.

1966

- Jan. 15 Miami picks 31 players from eight teams in AFL expansion draft. One of the draftees, T Norm Evans of Houston, would play 10 seasons at right tackle.
- Jan. 29 George Wilson becomes first head coach after eight years coaching the Detroit Lions (57-46-6 and NFL champions in 1957) and one year as a Washington assistant.
- June 8 AFL merges into NFL with Pete Rozelle as commissioner. An AFL-NFL championship game is scheduled for the next January followed by a common draft.
- July 5 Dolphins open first training camp at St. Petersburg Beach as 83 players report.
- Aug. 7 Training camp moves to St. Andrews School in Boca Raton, Fla.
- Sept. 2 Joe Auer returns opening kickoff 95 yards for Dolphin TD in first regular-season game, but Oakland wins, 23-14, at Orange Bowl before 26,776 spectators.
- Oct. 16 Dolphins end string of nine losses (four in preseason) by defeating Denver, 24-7, for first win in franchise history.
- Oct. 23 Miami earns club's first road win with a 20-13 decision over Houston at Rice Stadium.

1967

- June 1 Joseph Robbie and W. H. Keland purchase the interest of Danny Thomas and agree to equalize present holdings in Miami Dolphins, Ltd., whenever either acquires outside holdings.
- Aug. 19 Record crowd of 50,822 sees first interleague game, which Atlanta wins, 27-17.
- Sept. 17 QB John Stofa breaks his right ankle shortly after scoring a TD, and rookie Bob Griese directs 35-21 victory over Denver at Orange Bowl. RB Abner Haynes gains 151 yards in season opener. Griese throws 68-yard TD pass to Joe Auer.
- Nov. 26 Dolphins end eight-game losing streak by defeating Buffalo, 17-14, on a fourth-down, 31-yard TD pass from Bob Griese to Howard Twilley with 1:01 remaining.

1968

- Aug. 17 Dolphins gain first interleague victory, 23-7 over Philadelphia at Orange Bowl.
- Aug. 31 AFL-record crowd of 68,125 at Orange Bowl sees Coach Don Shula's Baltimore Colts win interleague game, 22-13.

1969

- May 10 Pro football realignment for 1970 places Dolphins in AFC East with Boston, Buffalo, New York Jets and NFL's Baltimore.
- May 16 Joseph Robbie becomes majority partner of the Dolphins when he is joined by five Miami businessmen in purchasing the interest of W. H. Keland.

1970

- Feb. 18 Don Shula, 40, becomes head coach and vice president after seven years coaching the Baltimore Colts (71-23-4).
- April 13 NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle gives the Dolphins' 1971 first-round draft pick to Baltimore as compensation for loss of Don Shula.
- April 20 Don Shula completes coaching staff with Mike Scarry (defensive line), Monte Clark (offensive line), Bill Arnsparger (defensive coordinator), Howard Schnellenberger (offensive coordinator), Carl Taseff (offensive backs) and holdover Tom Keane (defensive backs).
- April 25 Don Shula meets 47 players for indoctrination camp at University of Miami.
- July 12 Rookies report to new training headquarters at Biscayne College in North Miami.
- Aug. 29 Record crowd of 76,712 sees fourth consecutive preseason victory, 20-13 over Baltimore.
- Dec. 20 Dolphins extend winning streak to six games and clinch franchise's first playoff berth with 45-7 victory over Buffalo at Orange Bowl.



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1970

- Dec. 27 Dolphins drop a 21-14 decision to the Oakland Raiders at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in club's first-ever playoff game.

1971

- Oct. 17 QB Bob Griese sets NFL record with three consecutive passes for TDs in first quarter of 41-3 victory over New England at Orange Bowl.
- Nov. 7 Dolphins post first-ever shutout, 34-0 over Buffalo at Orange Bowl, although Bills gained 364 yards.
- Dec. 19 Record regular-season crowd of 74,215 paid sees Dolphins win first AFC East title by defeating Green Bay, 27-6. FB Larry Csonka becomes club's first 1,000-yard rusher with 1,051 yards, and K Garo Yepremian leads NFL with 117 points.
- Dec. 25 Dolphins win longest game (82 minutes, 40 seconds) in pro football history, 27-24 at Kansas City, as Garo Yepremian kicks 37-yard field goal in second overtime of AFC semifinal playoff. The victory marked the first postseason win in franchise history.

1972

- Jan. 2 Dolphins stymie Baltimore, 21-0, for first AFC Championship before 78,629 spectators at Orange Bowl. Colts are scoreless for first time in 97 games and S Dick Anderson returns interception 62 yards for TD.
- Jan. 16 Dallas rushes for 252 yards in defeating Dolphins, 24-3, in Super Bowl VI before 81,035 spectators at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans.
- April 25 Dolphins claim 16-year pro QB Earl Morrall, age 38, on waivers from Baltimore.
- Oct. 1 Dolphins end season ticket sale at record 69,303.
- Oct. 15 QB Earl Morrall replaces injured Bob Griese (broken right leg, dislocated ankle) at Orange Bowl and finishes 24-10 victory over San Diego for 5-0 record.
- Nov. 12 Don Shula becomes first NFL coach to win 100 regular-season games in 10 seasons as Dolphins smother New England, 52-0, with 501 total yards at Orange Bowl.
- Dec. 16 Dolphins achieve NFL's first 14-0 regular-season record and break NFL rushing record with 2,960 yards by defeating Baltimore 16-0 at Orange Bowl.
- Dec. 31 QB Bob Griese comes off bench in 7-7 battle in third quarter after 10-game absence and rallies Dolphins to 21-17 victory at Pittsburgh to repeat as AFC Champions.

1973

- Jan. 14 Dolphins cap a perfect season in Super Bowl VII at Los Angeles by defeating Washington, 14-7, for NFL's first and only unbeaten, untied record. A 28-yard TD pass from Bob Griese to Howard Twilley and interceptions by LB Nick Buoniconti and S Jake Scott are key plays. Scott, who recorded two interceptions on the day, is named game's MVP, becoming the first defensive back to earn such recognition.
- April 18 Dolphins surpass NFL record with 74,961 season ticket sales. Kansas City held old record of 72,855 in 1972.
- Sept. 30 RB Mercury Morris sets a Dolphins single-game rushing record of 197 yards on 15 carries with three TDs (24, 70, 35) in 44-23 win over New England at Orange Bowl. It's a regular season record that stands until 2002 when Ricky Williams eclipses the mark.
- Dec. 15 WR Paul Warfield catches four TD passes (21, 7, 16, 4) from Bob Griese in first half of 34-7 victory over Detroit at Orange Bowl. Dolphins compile best two-year record (26-2) in NFL history.
- Dec. 30 Dolphins rush for 266 yards in defeating Oakland 27-10 for unprecedented third straight AFC Championship at Orange Bowl.

1974

- Jan. 13 Dolphins overpower Minnesota, 24-7, in Super Bowl VIII at Rice Stadium in Houston for second consecutive NFL Championship. FB Larry Csonka gains 145 yards on 33 carries as Dolphins outscore three playoff foes, 85-33. Csonka is honored as game's MVP.
- Jan. 20 Garo Yepremian kicks five field goals for AFC, including 42-yarder with 21 seconds remaining, for 15-13 victory in Pro Bowl at Kansas City. Yepremian becomes the first Dolphin to be named MVP of the Pro Bowl.
- March 31 FB Larry Csonka, WR Paul Warfield and RB Jim Kick sign \$3.3 million package deal in Toronto to play for John Bassett in World Football League.
- July 1 NFL Players Association declares strike, and Dolphin Managing General Partner Joseph Robbie charges NFLPA with search and destroy mission.
- July 10 Chicago Tribune Charities cancels July 26 College All-Star Game with Dolphins due to strike.
- July 17 Seven veterans cross picket line: C Jim Langer, S Jake Scott, TE Jim Mandich, LB Bob Matheson, QB Earl Morrall and RBs Don Nottingham and Mercury Morris.
- Aug. 14 Strike ends after seven weeks.
- Dec. 15 Dolphins rally from 24-point deficit to defeat New England 34-27 for 31st consecutive victory (excluding preseason) at Orange Bowl. QB Earl Morrall passes for 288 yards as Miami closes with 11-3 record.



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1974

- Dec. 21 Raiders spoil Dolphins' bid for third consecutive NFL Championship, 28-26, in AFC semifinal at Oakland on 8-yard TD pass from Ken Stabler to Clarence Davis with 26 seconds remaining.

1975

- Sept. 22 Winning streak at Orange Bowl stops at 31 games after 31-21 loss to Oakland.
Oct. 22 World Football League folds after losing \$30 million, but three ex-Dolphins remain under contract to John Bassett.

1976

- Jan. 22 Prescription Athletic Turf (grass) approved for Orange Bowl stadium at a cost of \$244,500.

1977

- March 14 Dolphins agree to 10-year lease for use of Orange Bowl with three-year cancellation notice. New lease doubles rent to \$45,000 per game, but is less than City of Miami's proposed 10 percent of gross ticket sales.
Sept. 11 QB Bob Griese, forced to wear eyeglasses because of problems with contact lenses, passes for two TDs in 27-21 preseason victory at New York Giants. Griese becomes the first quarterback to successfully wear eyeglasses in NFL game action. The glasses Griese wore in the 1978 AFC NFL Hall of Fame Game are on display in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
Nov. 24 QB Bob Griese becomes first NFL quarterback since 1972 to throw six TD passes in a game, and Dolphins set records of 55 points and 503 yards in 55-14 rout on Thanksgiving Day at St. Louis.
Dec. 15 Maxwell Club of Philadelphia names QB Bob Griese as its Pro Player of Year.

1978

- Feb. 17 Chuck Connor, 40, becomes director of player personnel after three years of scouting for BLESTO.
Nov. 12 Delvin Williams becomes NFL's first 1,000-yard rusher of 1978 with 144 yards and two TDs in 25-24 triumph at Buffalo, marking 18th straight win over Bills. Williams sets a then-Dolphin record of 1,258 yards rushing in season.
Dec. 10 LB Larry Gordon intercepts three passes in 23-6 rout of Oakland Raiders at Orange Bowl to clinch wild-card berth in playoffs.
Dec. 18 Garo Yepremian ties NFL record with 16th consecutive field goal, capping 23-3 victory over New England and boosting Dolphins to 11-5 record.

1979

- Feb. 22 FB Larry Csonka, 32, re-signs with Dolphins as a free agent after four-year absence in World Football League (1975) and with NFL's New York Giants (1976-78).
Oct. 14 Tony Nathan escapes on record 86-yard punt return for TD as Dolphins defeat Buffalo, 17-7, for 20th consecutive win in series, the NFL's longest consecutive win streak by one team over another.
Dec. 9 QB Bob Griese completes 17 of 22 passes for 229 yards in 28-10 win at Detroit which clinches AFC East title.

1980

- Sept. 5 Don Shula signs four-year contract through 1983 season, canceling old pact which had one year remaining.
Sept. 7 In season opener, RB Joe Cribbs rushes for 60 yards, catches nine passes for 71 yards and scores a TD in Buffalo's 17-7 win at Rich Stadium, ending the Dolphins' 20-game winning streak over the Bills.
Sept. 21 QB Bob Griese wins his 100th game, coming off bench and passing for two TDs in fourth quarter for 20-17 victory at Atlanta.

1981

- July 1 Dolphin LB Rusty Chambers is killed in an automobile accident in Hammond, La.
Sept. 27 Coach and son clash as Shula Bowl I has Don Shula opposed by Baltimore rookie punt returner David Shula. Dolphins outlast Colts, 31-28, for fourth straight win in Baltimore.
Oct. 4 Wide receiver Nat Moore sets Dolphin record (since broken) with 210 receiving yards (on seven catches) as Miami and New York Jets play to 28-28 tie.
Nov. 1 Shula Bowl II, as the Dolphins defeat the Colts and David Shula 27-0 in Miami.
Nov. 8 Don Shula captures 200th NFL coaching victory when LB Bob Brudzinski intercepts pass in overtime to set up Uwe von Schamann for 30-yard field goal in 30-27 triumph at New England.



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1982

- Jan. 2 Dolphins overcome 24-0 deficit but succumb in overtime, 41-38, to San Diego in highest-scoring playoff game in history. Rolf Benirschke ends four-hour struggle with 29-yard field goal. It is the first game in NFL history where two QBs, Miami reliever Don Strock and San Diego star Dan Fouts, both passed for more than 400 yards. Orange Bowl crowd of 73,735 comprised fourth sell-out of season.
- Sept. 21 NFLPA calls players strike with games not resuming until November 21.
- Dec. 12 In one of the most bizarre incidents in Miami Dolphin history, a work release parolee (Mark Henderson) cleared a space on the snow-frozen turf at New England's Sullivan Stadium that enabled the Patriots to kick a late fourth-quarter field goal and win the game, 3-0, before 25,716 fans.
- Dec. 27 Miami extends its streak against Buffalo to 16 consecutive home games without a loss. The Dolphins score 20 unanswered points in the second half to defeat the Bills.

1983

- Jan. 8 For the first time in nine years, the Dolphins win a playoff game, defeating the New England Patriots, 28-13, before 68,842 fans at the Orange Bowl.
- Jan. 16 The Dolphins hold off the San Diego Chargers' famed offense and defeat them, 34-13, before 71,383 fans. The Chargers were held to only 247 yards in total offense, 203 yards below their league-leading average. The win enabled the Dolphins to reach their fourth conference title game in team history and the first since the 1973 season.
- Jan. 23 A.J. Duhe sets an AFC playoff record with three interceptions, including one for a 35-yard touchdown romp, as the Dolphins defeat the New York Jets for the third time in one season to win the AFC crown, 14-0.
- Jan. 30 In Pasadena, California, the Dolphins appear in their fourth Super Bowl, and in spite of leading with only 10 minutes to play, they lose, 27-17, to Washington before a sell-out crowd of 103,667 at the Rose Bowl and a TV audience estimated at 115 million. Fulton Walker sets a Super Bowl record with a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown as he returns four kickoffs for a total of 190 yards.
- June 25 Starting LB Larry Gordon dies of a rare heart disease while jogging in Arizona at the age of 28. Gordon had been the Dolphins' first-round draft choice in 1976 out of Arizona State.
- Oct. 9 QB Dan Marino and WR Mark Duper make their first-ever starts for the Miami Dolphins, with Marino passing for 322 yards and Duper netting seven catches for 202 yards. The offensive explosion produces 971 total yards between the Dolphins and Bills, with Buffalo winning the Orange Bowl encounter, 38-35 in overtime.
- Nov. 28 Dolphin Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Joseph Robbie announces the signing of Head Coach Don Shula to a multi-year contract.
- Dec. 27 The Dolphins name 54-year-old Chuck Studley as their defense coach to replace Bill Arnsparger.

1984

- March 5 Miami Dolphin Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Joseph Robbie announces plans to build a new multi-purpose stadium in north Dade County. Mr. Robbie also announces acquisition of the land and discusses possible stadium funding.
- June 24 RB David Overstreet is killed in an automobile accident in Winona, Texas.
- Oct. 21 WR Nat Moore catches a 19-yard TD pass from QB Dan Marino for the 58th touchdown of his Dolphin career, surpassing Larry Csonka's all-time club record of 57.
- Nov. 11 The Dolphins remain the NFL's only unbeaten team as they improve their record to 11-0 (16 straight regular-season wins) with a 24-23 victory over Philadelphia. DE Doug Betters' block of an Eagle PAT with 1:52 remaining in the game seals the win.
- Dec. 2 The Dolphins lose a 45-34 decision to the Raiders, but QB Dan Marino breaks the all-time NFL record for TD passes in a season with his 37th. His record-breaking touchdown pass, which came on a four-yard toss to Jimmy Cefalo in the first quarter, was the first of four on the day for Marino as he reached the 40-touchdown plateau. He also shatters Dolphin single-game records for most yards passing (470), most completions (35) and most attempts (57).
- Dec. 17 Miami ends the regular season with the best record in the AFC (14-2) following a 28-21 victory over Dallas. WR Mark Clayton catches three touchdown passes to give him 18 for the season as he eclipses the all-time NFL mark in that category. Dan Marino becomes the first-ever NFL quarterback to pass for over 5,000 yards in a season as he ends up with 5,084. The most prolific passing season in NFL history also consists of 48 touchdown passes, 564 attempts, 362 completions and only 17 interceptions for a franchise record passer rating of 108.9. Both Clayton (73-1,389) and WR Mark Duper (71-1,306) surpass prior Dolphin records for receptions and reception yardage in one season.
- Dec. 20 QB Dan Marino is named as the NFL's Most Valuable Player by the Associated Press.

1985

- Jan. 6 The Dolphins defeat the Steelers, 45-28, in the AFC Championship game in Miami to earn a berth in Super Bowl XIX.
- Jan. 8 Joseph Robbie gives the go-ahead to prepare final plans and specifications to construct the new 75,000-seat Dolphin Stadium.



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1985

- Jan. 20 The Dolphins drop a 38-16 decision to the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XIX before 84,059 fans at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto, California.
- Feb. 15 Miami names 42-year-old Mel Phillips as its new defensive backfield coach. Phillips comes to the Dolphins after five seasons in the same capacity for the Detroit Lions.
- March 14 Following a presentation led by Joseph Robbie at the league meetings in Phoenix, Miami is selected as the site for Super Bowl XXIII (1989).
- Dec. 1 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Joseph Robbie officially breaks ground on the new 75,000-seat Dolphin Stadium.
- Dec. 2 Led by a swarming defense that produces six sacks and three interceptions, the Dolphins administer the only defeat to be suffered by the eventual Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears, 38-24. A season-high Orange Bowl crowd of 75,594 witness the Monday night affair.
- Dec. 8 The Dolphins record a 34-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field. The mercury at kickoff registers 23 degrees, marking the then-coldest conditions in which the Dolphins have won a game in franchise history at that time.
- Dec. 31 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Joseph Robbie obtains the construction loan and is granted permanent financing for the new Dolphin Stadium.

1986

- Jan. 4 The Dolphins rally from a 21-3 deficit to defeat the Cleveland Browns 24-21 in an AFC divisional playoff game. Miami is led offensively by Tony Nathan's 10 receptions for 101 yards and rookie Ron Davenport's two touchdowns.
- Jan. 12 Despite 20 tackles by LB Bob Brudzinski, the Dolphins commit six turnovers and lose, 31-14, to the New England Patriots in the AFC Championship game before 74,978 fans in the Orange Bowl. It marks Miami's first loss in an AFC title game in six tries.
- Jan. 21 Dolphin C Dwight Stephenson is named the recipient of the NFL's Man of the Year award at a press conference in New Orleans. The award is in recognition of Stephenson's outstanding performance on the playing field and in the community.
- Jan. 22 The Dolphins announce the retirement of Defensive Line Coach Mike Scarry, a member of Don Shula's staff since 1970. Dan Sekanovich, formerly of the Jets and Falcons, is named to replace him.
- Feb. 19 Miami appoints Receivers and Quarterbacks Coach David Shula to the position of assistant head coach. In addition, the club names Mike Westhoff as the special teams/tight ends Coach.
- June 3 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Joseph Robbie plants a ceremonial 30-foot Royal Palm tree to begin a million-dollar beautification project near Dolphin Stadium.
- Sept. 21 Miami suffers a heart-breaking 51-45 overtime loss to the N.Y. Jets in the Meadowlands as Dan Marino reaches 1,500 career attempts to qualify as the NFL's top-ranked passer of all-time. Marino finishes the afternoon 30 of 50 for 448 yards and six TDs. The six TDs are a personal high for Marino and tie the team record held by Bob Griese. Mark Duper (154) and Mark Clayton (174) each have over 100 yards receiving in the game.
- Oct. 12 In what was billed as "Marino-Kelly I," the Dolphins and Dan Marino (24 of 41 for 337 yards) defeat the Buffalo Bills and Jim Kelly (20 of 28 for 218 yards, two INTs) 27-14 at the Orange Bowl.
- Nov. 24 The N.Y. Jets enter the Orange Bowl with a nine-game winning streak and the league's best record at 10-1. They leave with a 45-3 loss as Lorenzo Hampton rushes for 148 yards and two TDs on 19 carries (7.8 average) including a 54-yard TD run. Hampton's 100 yards snap a streak of 36 regular-season games (41 overall) for Miami without a 100-yard rusher. Marino completes a personal-high 80.6 percent of his passes (29 of 36) for 288 yards and four TDs.
- Nov. 25 Less than 24 hours after the memorable 45-3 win over the Jets, General Manager Mike Robbie announces at a press conference that Don Shula has signed a multi-year contract to remain as head coach.
- Dec. 14 Dan Marino sets an NFL career record with the seventh 400-yard game of his career as he passes for 403 yards in a thrilling 37-31 overtime win in Anaheim, Calif., over the playoff-bound L.A. Rams. Marino completes 29 of 46 with five TDs, including a 20-yarder to Mark Duper in OT to win the game. Marino is named AFC Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts.
- Dec. 22 The Dolphins play their final game in the Orange Bowl – a 34-27 loss to the New England Patriots. New England captures the AFC East title with the win. The Dolphins finish 21 years in the Orange Bowl with an impressive 110-38-3 (.738) regular-season record. Marino sets NFL single-season records for completions (378) and attempts (623).

1987

- Jan. 10 John Offerdahl is named Old Spice NFL Rookie of the Year.
- Jan. 20 Tom Olivadotti, an assistant for the Cleveland Browns, is named defensive coach for Miami. He is put in charge of the overall defense with the prime responsibility of pass defense. Chuck Studley is re-assigned as linebackers coach, with prime responsibility of run defense.
- Jan. 27 Former Dolphin greets Larry Csonka and Jim Langer are among a group of seven named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. They join Paul Warfield as the only members of the franchise to earn the honor, with induction scheduled for August 8.



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- Aug. 16 The Dolphins play host to the Chicago Bears in the first game ever played in Joe Robbie Stadium. The date marks the 22nd anniversary of the Dolphin franchise. The Bears put a damper on the festive evening with a 10-3 preseason victory before 63,451. QB Dan Marino (dislocated ring finger on right hand) and LB John Offerdahl (torn right bicep) suffer injuries. Marino is out for three weeks; Offerdahl will miss the first six regular-season games.
- Sept. 22 NFL Players Association goes on strike; the Dolphins' home contest with New York Giants (first regular-season game in Joe Robbie Stadium) on September 27 is canceled because of strike.
- Oct. 4 The Dolphins' "replacement" team takes the field for the first time, traveling to Seattle to meet the Seahawks. The Dolphins lose, 24-20.
- Oct. 11 Miami's replacement team records a 42-0 shutout victory over the Kansas City Chiefs in the first regular season game played in Joe Robbie Stadium. S Liffort Hobley (two interceptions, 55-yard fumble recovery for a TD, four tackles, two passes defended) is named AFC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts. Don Shula and Joe Robbie are given game balls by the replacement team following the contest in honor of Miami's first win in the new stadium. The next week (October 18), the replacement team loses its last game, 37-31 in overtime, to the N.Y. Jets at the Meadowlands.
- Oct. 25 After four missed weeks of action (one game cancellation, three replacement games), the regular Dolphin players return to action. Miami loses, 34-31, in overtime at home to the Buffalo Bills. The 21-point comeback by Buffalo is the best ever by an opponent against a Dolphins team at the time.
- Nov. 1 Don Shula wins his 250th regular-season game as the Dolphins defeat Pittsburgh 35-24 at Joe Robbie Stadium.
- Dec. 30 RB Troy Stradford is named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year by the Associated Press

1988

- Feb. 29 Former Dolphin Larry Seiple is named receivers coach.
- July 31 The Dolphins make their first ever trip abroad and take on the San Francisco 49ers at Wembley Stadium in London for the third-annual American Bowl. Miami comes from behind to defeat the 49ers, 27-21, before 70,535 British fans to open the preseason.
- Oct. 9 The Dolphins reverse history by defeating the Raiders, 24-17, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. It marks Miami's first win ever against the Raiders in their home stadium and the Dolphins' first victory over the Raiders in 10 years. The game is played in 96 degree heat - the warmest game in Dolphins' history.
- Oct. 23 Dan Marino records the second-best single-game passing yardage total in NFL history - 521 yards (Norm Van Brocklin holds the single-game record of 554 yards) and completes 35 of a team record 60 attempts, all to no avail as the N.Y. Jets defeat the Dolphins, 44-30, at Joe Robbie Stadium.
- Oct. 30 Shula Bowl III - Head Coach Don Shula and his assistant head coach and son, David Shula, are on the opposite side of the field of Mike Shula, a coaches' assistant for Tampa Bay, as the Dolphins defeat the Bucs, 17-14, in Tampa Stadium.
- Dec. 12 Dan Marino becomes the first quarterback in NFL history to pass for over 4,000 yards four times in a career in the Dolphins' 37-31 win over Cleveland. He also throws for his 193rd career touchdown, setting a new Dolphin record and surpassing the total of former QB Bob Griese, who had previously held the mark. Marino tops the record that took Griese 14 seasons to accomplish in only six-plus seasons. Also, WR Mark Clayton surpasses Nat Moore in the record books as he catches a pass in his 37th consecutive game.

1989

- Jan. 25 Former Miami Hurricanes defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt joins the Dolphins coaching staff as linebackers coach.
- Feb. 27 David Shula, the Dolphins' assistant head coach and passing game coordinator, and Dave Wannstedt, the team's linebackers coach, resign their respective positions to accept new posts with the Dallas Cowboys.
- March 1 George Hill is named the new linebackers coach for the Dolphins, while John Sandusky, the Dolphins' offensive line coach, is promoted to assistant head coach.
- March 6 Gary Stevens, formerly of the University of Miami, is named quarterbacks/pass offense coach for the Dolphins.
- June 12 Tom Heckert is named Miami's director of college scouting.
- Sept. 17 In Miami's 24-10 win at New England, Dan Marino throws his 200th career touchdown pass, becoming the 13th player in NFL history to throw for 200 TDs. It was just his 89th career game, and he reaches the 200 touchdown pass mark faster than any quarterback in NFL history.
- Oct. 8 In Miami's 13-10 overtime win vs. Cleveland, Dan Marino goes over 25,000 yards passing in his career, becoming the 25th player in NFL history to reach the 25,000 yards passing milestone. Marino also breaks Bob Griese's Dolphin team record of 25,092 career passing yards.
- Nov. 12 Pete Stoyanovich kicks a then-team-record 59-yard field goal in a 31-23 victory over the New York Jets, a kick that also tied the third longest field goal in NFL history at the time.
- Nov. 19 Miami defeats Dallas, 17-14, in Shula Bowl IV, as Don Shula extends his record to 4-0 in Shula vs. Shula contests. This time Shula was opposed by son Dave, the assistant head coach of the Cowboys.
- Dec. 3 Dan Marino goes over 3,000 yards passing for the year in Miami's 26-21 loss at Kansas City. It was his sixth season passing for 3,000 yards and he ties Dan Fouts' NFL record of six 3,000 yard seasons.



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- Dec. 24 The Dolphins are eliminated from playoff contention with a 27-24 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs in the season finale at Joe Robbie Stadium. The game is played in 40-degree weather, the coldest home game in the history of the Dolphins.

1990

- Jan. 7 Joseph Robbie, founder, Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner of the Dolphins and the driving force behind the construction of Joe Robbie Stadium, dies of respiratory failure at age 73.
- Jan. 12 The Miami Dolphins and Robbie Stadium Corporation undergo an organization realignment to ensure continued administration of both entities by the Robbie family. Tim Robbie becomes President of the Dolphins, Dan and Janet Robbie are named Executive Vice Presidents of the team, while Eddie Jones is named Executive Vice President and General Manager of the club. In addition, J. Michael Robbie is named Executive Vice President of Robbie Stadium Corporation.
- Jan. 19 Dolphin President Tim Robbie announces that the Dolphins have signed Don Shula to a three-year contract to remain as head coach.
- Jan. 27 Former Dolphins great Bob Griese is among a group of seven named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Griese becomes the fourth player in Miami history to earn the honor with induction scheduled for August 4.
- Feb. 7 Monte Clark, former San Francisco and Detroit head coach and Dolphins assistant coach, is named Miami's director of pro personnel, while Charley Winner is given expanded duties and is named the club's director of player personnel.
- March 7 H. Wayne Huizenga, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Blockbuster Video, purchases 50 percent of the Robbie Stadium Corporation (the parent company of Joe Robbie Stadium) as well as a 15 percent limited partnership in the Miami Dolphins.
- Sept. 9 Sammie Smith rushes for an opening-day record 159 yards and a touchdown as the Dolphins break a five-year losing streak in season openers with a 27-24 win at the New England Patriots.
- Sept. 16 Team founder Joe Robbie is the first enshrinee on the "Dolphin Honor Roll" at Joe Robbie Stadium. The Dolphins record a 30-7 triumph over the Buffalo Bills, marking Don Shula's 200th career regular season win as the team's head coach.
- Oct. 18 In Miami's 17-10 win over the New England Patriots, Don Shula coaches in his 400th career regular season game as a head coach in the NFL.
- Nov. 19 During halftime of Miami's 13-10 loss to the Los Angeles Raiders, the team's four Hall of Fame enshrinees, Larry Csonka, Bob Griese, Jim Langer and Paul Warfield, are inducted into the "Dolphin Honor Roll."
- Nov. 25 Miami improves its record to 9-2 and clinches the team's first winning season since 1987 with a 30-13 win over the Cleveland Browns. Also, Dan Marino goes over 30,000 yards passing in his career, becoming the 11th player in NFL history to reach the 30,000-yard mark. It is just his 114th career game, and he reaches the 30,000-yard plateau faster than any quarterback in NFL history.
- Dec. 9 The Dolphins earn a 23-20 overtime win over the Philadelphia Eagles and clinch the team's first playoff berth since 1985.
- Dec. 16 In Miami's 24-17 win over the Seattle Seahawks, Dan Marino goes over 3,000 yards passing for the year. It is his seventh season passing for 3,000 yards and he ties Joe Montana's NFL record of seven 3,000-yard seasons.
- Dec. 19 Richmond Webb becomes the first rookie offensive tackle – and second rookie offensive lineman overall – to be selected to the NFL's annual Pro Bowl contest.
- Dec. 23 Dan Marino throws his 20th touchdown pass of the season in Miami's 24-14 loss at the Buffalo Bills. It is his eighth season with 20 or more touchdown passes and he ties Johnny Unitas' NFL record of eight 20-plus touchdown seasons.

1991

- Jan. 5 The Dolphins return to the playoffs after a four-year absence with a 17-16 win over the Kansas City Chiefs at Joe Robbie Stadium. In the contest, Pete Stoyanovich sets an NFL playoff record with a 58-yard field goal.
- Jan. 27 Larry Csonka is named to the NFL's all-time Super Bowl Silver Anniversary team.
- Feb. 2 Richmond Webb is named NFL Rookie of the Year by The Sporting News.
- March 8 Mike Shula joins the Dolphins as a coaches' assistant.
- March 26 The Robbie Family and Wayne Huizenga purchase 107 acres of land adjacent to Joe Robbie Stadium for additional parking and future development.
- May 23 At the league meeting in Minneapolis, Joe Robbie Stadium is selected as the site for Super Bowl XXIX (1995).
- Aug. 3 The Dolphins make the longest road trip in team history as they travel 14,912 round-trip miles to Tokyo to battle the Los Angeles Raiders at the Tokyo Dome in American Bowl '91. Miami comes from behind to defeat the Raiders, 19-17, before 51,122 Japanese fans.
- Aug. 20 Dan Marino signs a five-year contract extension to remain as quarterback of the Miami Dolphins.
- Sept. 22 Don Shula captures the 300th win of his coaching career with Miami's 16-13 win over the Green Bay Packers. With career coaching win number 300, Shula joins the immortal George Halas (324 wins) as the only NFL coaches to win 300 or more games.



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1991

- Nov. 10 In Miami's 30-20 win over New England, both Mark Duper and Mark Clayton surpass Nat Moore's team record of 7,547 career receiving yards. Duper is the first to move past Moore with a 17-yard reception in the first quarter, while Clayton passes Moore with a 32-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter.
- Nov. 18 During halftime of Miami's 41-27 loss to the Buffalo Bills, former Dolphin great LB Nick Buoniconti is inducted into the Dolphin Honor Roll.
- Dec. 1 Dan Marino sets an NFL record as he goes over 3,000 yards passing in a season for the eighth time in his career in Miami's 33-14 win over Tampa Bay. Marino entered the 1991 campaign with seven such seasons and was tied with Joe Montana for the record.
- Dec. 9 Miami defeats Cincinnati 37-13 in Shula Bowl V as Don Shula extends his record to 5-0 in Shula vs. Shula contests. This time, Shula teamed with son Mike, a Dolphins coaches assistant, and was opposed by son David, the receivers coach for the Bengals. In the contest, Dan Marino sets an NFL record by throwing his 20th touchdown pass of the season. It is his ninth season with 20 or more touchdown passes. He entered 1991 with eight such seasons and was tied with Johnny Unitas for the record. Also, Mark Clayton breaks Nat Moore's team record for career TDs (75) and career receiving scores (74) with a 16-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter to give Clayton his 76th career score (75 catch, one punt return) and 75th receiving TD.
- Dec. 15 Pete Stoyanovich breaks Garo Yepremian's single-season team record of 28 field goals in Miami's 38-30 loss to the San Diego Chargers. Stoyanovich boots his 29th of the year with a 24-yarder in the first quarter. He would go on to hit on 31 field goals during the 1991 season which tied for the league high with Washington's Chip Lohmiller.

1992

- Feb. 1 Former Dolphin All-Pro center Dwight Stephenson rejoins Miami as assistant offensive line coach.
- Feb. 3 Hall of Fame DT Joe Greene is named as the Dolphins' defensive line coach.
- May 20 Dolphins sign a long-term agreement to build a new training facility at Nova University in Davie, to be ready by the start of the 1993 training camp.
- June 1 Charley Winner announces his retirement as Miami's director of player personnel. Winner, who had served 37 years in the NFL as a coach and administrator, originally joined the Dolphins in 1981.
- June 4 Tom Heckert is named as the Dolphins' Director of Player Personnel. Heckert had worked the previous three years as Miami's director of college scouting.
- June 12 Tom Braatz, a 27-year NFL executive with the Atlanta Falcons and Green Bay Packers, is named as Miami's director of college scouting.
- July 17 Don Shula signs a two-year contract extension to continue as the Dolphins' Head Coach through the 1994 season. The extension takes effect at the conclusion of Shula's current contract which expires following the 1992 season.
- Aug. 16 The Dolphins travel 9,908 round-trip miles and earn a 31-27 preseason win over the Denver Broncos before a crowd of 60,813 fans at Berlin's Olympic Stadium. The game marks the third time overall and second consecutive season that the Dolphins have traveled abroad to play a preseason contest and the win improves Miami's record to 3-0 in games played on foreign soil.
- Aug. 31 Miami's season opening contest, scheduled for September 6 at Joe Robbie Stadium against the New England Patriots, is rescheduled for October 18, the National Football League announces. The date change is made in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, which struck the South Florida area on August 25. Both teams originally were off that weekend, based on the NFL's 16-games-over-17-weeks schedule which allows each team one bye during the season. The Patriots and Dolphins had their Open Week on September 6, which marked the beginning of the 1992 regular season.
- Sept. 29 The Dolphins dip into the free agent market and sign perennial All-Pro TE Keith Jackson, a week after a federal-court ruling in Minneapolis made a free agent of Jackson, in addition to Garin Veris, Webster Slaughter and D.J. Dozier.
- Oct. 4 In a 37-10 win over the Buffalo Bills at Rich Stadium, S Louis Oliver records three interceptions and returns one of his interceptions for a 103-yard touchdown. Oliver's return ties for the NFL's all-time longest interception return with a 103-yard return by San Diego's Vencie Glenn against Denver on November 29, 1987.
- Oct. 18 Dan Marino throws four touchdown passes as Miami earns a 38-17 win over the Patriots at Joe Robbie Stadium in a game that is rescheduled from September 6 due to the effects of Hurricane Andrew. Marino throws four-or-more touchdowns in a game for the 17th time in his career and ties the all-time NFL record for most career games with four or more touchdown passes with Johnny Unitas.
- Nov. 16 During halftime ceremonies of Miami's 26-20 loss to the Buffalo Bills, the 1972 Miami Dolphins team, holders of the only perfect season in NFL history and winners of Super Bowl VII, are honored and inducted into the Dolphin Honor Roll.
- Dec. 20 The Dolphins clinch the team's second trip to the playoffs in the last three seasons with a 19-17 come-from-behind win over the New York Jets at Joe Robbie Stadium. In the contest, Dolphins QB Dan Marino throws the 290th touchdown pass of his NFL career and ties Johnny Unitas for second place on the NFL's all-time touchdown pass list.



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1992

- Dec. 23 Dan Marino is named to his team-record seventh Pro Bowl team. He breaks the former team record of six Pro Bowl appearances which he shared with Bob Griese, Bob Kuechenberg and Jim Langer. In addition, Marino is named as a starter in the NFL's annual all-star game for the fifth time in his career and he ties the team record held by Jim Langer.
- Dec. 27 The Dolphins clinch the AFC East title with a 16-13 overtime win over the New England Patriots at Foxboro Stadium. Miami closes the regular season with an 11-5 record and coupled with Buffalo's 27-3 loss at Houston later in the day, the Dolphins win the team's first division championship since 1985. In addition, the win marks the 300th regular season victory of Dolphins' Head Coach Don Shula's coaching career.

1993

- Jan. 10 The Dolphins earn a 31-0 win over the San Diego Chargers in the AFC Divisional Playoffs before a crowd of 71,224 at Joe Robbie Stadium. Miami's 31-point margin of victory is the largest by the team in a playoff game. The previous largest margin of victory in the postseason by the Dolphins was three 21-point wins as Miami had a 21-0 win over the Baltimore Colts on Jan. 2, 1972; a 34-13 win over the San Diego Chargers on Jan. 16, 1983; and a 31-10 win over the Seattle Seahawks on Dec. 29, 1984.
- Jan. 26 Kim Helton is named the team's offensive line coach. John Sandusky, who served as assistant head coach/offensive line, remains with the team as assistant head coach and assumes the responsibility of coaching the tight ends. In addition, assistant offensive line coach Dwight Stephenson resigns to pursue his interests in the construction and real estate business.
- Jan. 30 Former Dolphins great Larry Little is among a group of five named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The former Dolphins guard becomes the fifth player in Miami history to earn the honor, joining RB Larry Csonka, QB Bob Griese, C Jim Langer and WR Paul Warfield.
- Feb. 7 The Dolphin coaching staff leads the AFC to a 23-20 overtime win over the NFC in the Pro Bowl contest played in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Feb. 11 Mike Shula resigns as a coaches assistant and is named as tight ends coach of the Chicago Bears.
- Feb. 22 Tony Nathan, who spent the past five years as a coaches' assistant on the Miami Dolphins coaching staff, is promoted to offensive backs coach. In addition, Carl Taseff, who served as the team's offensive backs coach since joining the Dolphins in 1970, will become more active in other areas of the football operation, including personnel scouting and evaluation, and will maintain a continued involvement in various coaching responsibilities.
- May 21 Kim Helton resigns as offensive line coach to become head coach at the University of Houston. John Sandusky, who served as offensive line coach from 1976-92, resumes his offensive line coaching responsibilities.
- June 1 Rich McGeorge is named as assistant offensive line/tight ends coach of the Dolphins.
- June 4 Dolphins hold last practice session at St. Thomas University, which had served as host to team's training facility since July 12, 1970.
- July 11 Ribbon cutting ceremonies officially open the Dolphins' new training facility on campus of Nova University in Davie, Fla.
- Sept. 12 Dan Marino surpasses the 40,000-yard passing mark during Miami's 24-14 loss to the N.Y. Jets. He joins Fran Tarkenton (47,003), Dan Fouts (43,040) and Johnny Unitas (40,239) as the only quarterbacks to gain 40,000 passing yards. Marino attains the 40,000-yard mark in only 153 regular-season games and accomplishes the feat faster than any QB in league history. The previous record for fastest ascent to 40,000 yards was 168 games by Dan Fouts.
- Oct. 10 Scott Mitchell comes off the bench and replaces an injured Dan Marino (torn right Achilles) and throws a pair of touchdown passes to lead the Dolphins to a 24-14 win at the Cleveland Browns. Mitchell enters the game just before halftime and completes 10 of 16 passes for 118 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. Mitchell is named as AFC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against the Browns. Marino is placed on injured reserve on October 13 and misses the remainder of the season.
- Oct. 24 Dan Marino misses his first starting assignment in 145 consecutive non-replacement regular season games as Miami earns a 41-27 win over Indianapolis. The game marks the first-career NFL start at quarterback for Scott Mitchell as he hits on 12 of 19 passes for 190 yards with a touchdown. Mitchell becomes the eighth player to start at quarterback for the Dolphins since Don Shula was named head coach in 1970.
- Oct. 31 Don Shula wins the 324th game of his coaching career and ties George Halas for the all-time record for most wins by an NFL head coach as Miami earns a 30-10 win over the Kansas City Chiefs. Shula achieves the coaching milestone in his 31st year (482nd game) of his NFL coaching career as compared to 40 seasons (506 games) for Halas to accomplish the feat. On the field, Scott Mitchell throws for 344 yards and three touchdowns and becomes the first Dolphin quarterback other than Dan Marino to pass for over 300 yards and throw three or more touchdown passes since David Woodley gained 408 yards and threw three scores on October 25, 1981, at the Dallas Cowboys.
- Nov. 14 The Dolphins endure another QB injury as Scott Mitchell suffers a separated shoulder during Miami's 19-14 win at Philadelphia. The win enables Don Shula to record the 325th triumph of his coaching career as he becomes the winningest coach in NFL history surpassing George Halas. In the contest, Doug Pederson replaces Mitchell and enters the game in the third quarter with Miami trailing 14-13. He guides the Dolphins to a pair of field goals and the defense holds the Eagles scoreless in the second half to garner the victory.



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- Nov. 25 The Dolphins post a come-from-behind 16-14 win over the defending and eventual Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys on Thanksgiving Day on a sleet covered field at Texas Stadium. Miami improves 3-0 on Thanksgiving as the team had posted victories at St. Louis (55-14 on November 24, 1977) and at Dallas (14-7 on November 22, 1973). In the contest, Miami trails 14-13 with just 15 seconds left in regulation and Pete Stoyanovich's 41-yard field goal attempt for the win is blocked by the Cowboys' Jimmie Jones. However, Dallas' Leon Lett attempts to pick up the loose ball and fumbles and Miami's Jeff Dellenbach recovers the ball on the one-yard line with three seconds remaining. Stoyanovich converts on his second chance and boots a 19-yard field goal on the game's final play to win the contest. The win improves Miami's record to an NFL best 9-2, but the team will fail to win another game during the remainder of the season.
- Dec. 13 During halftime ceremonies of Miami's 21-20 loss to Pittsburgh, former Dolphin great and Hall of Famer Larry Little is honored and inducted into the Dolphin Honor Roll.
- Dec. 14 Don Shula is named Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year. He is the first professional coach to receive the honor.

1994

- Jan. 24 The trustees of the Miami Dolphins sign a definitive agreement with H. Wayne Huizenga to purchase the Robbie family's interests in the Dolphin franchise. The agreement also includes an option for Huizenga to purchase the Robbies' interest in Joe Robbie Stadium.
- Feb. 8 Joel Collier joins the Dolphins as a staff assistant, replacing Carl Taseff.
- March 16 John Gamble is named as the Dolphins' strength coach.
- March 23 The National Football League clubs approve transfer of the majority interests in the Miami Dolphins from the Robbie family to H. Wayne Huizenga at the annual league meetings in Orlando, Fla.
- May 6 Rick Weaver, who had served as play-by-play announcer for the Dolphins since 1970, announces his retirement at the club's annual awards dinner.
- June 28 H. Wayne Huizenga's purchase of the Robbie Family's remaining 85 percent of the Miami Dolphins as well as their 50 percent share of the Joe Robbie Stadium is finalized. The closing leaves Huizenga with 100-percent controlling interest of both the Dolphins and Stadium.
- July 21 H. Wayne Huizenga announces that he has entered into a new agreement with Head Coach Don Shula that extends through the 1996 season. Under the new contract extension, Shula assumes the position of vice president/head coach, and also becomes a partner of the team.
- Sept. 4 After missing the final 11 games of the 1993 season with a torn right Achilles' tendon, Dan Marino returns to action as he throws for 473 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Dolphins to a 39-35 win over the New England Patriots at Joe Robbie Stadium. Marino sets an NFL record by throwing for four or more touchdown passes in a game for the 18th time in his career, breaking his tie with Johnny Unitas, and also throws the 300th touchdown pass of his career to join Fran Tarkenton (343 touchdowns) as the only quarterbacks in NFL history with 300-plus career touchdowns.
- Oct. 2 Shula Bowl VI makes sports history as it marks the first time in the history of the four major American professional sports (football, baseball, hockey and basketball) that a father and son battle as head coaches with Don Shula and the Dolphins taking on his son, Head Coach David Shula, and the Cincinnati Bengals. The elder Shula improves to 6-0 when coaching against teams which feature one of his sons as a coach or player as the Dolphins earn a 23-7 win over the Bengals.
- Nov. 27 QB Dan Marino makes history once again with his famous "Clock Play". With the Dolphins trailing the Jets by 18 points in the second half at the Meadowlands, Marino orchestrates a 28-point second-half outburst, including 22 straight to close the contest, as Miami claims a 28-24 victory. All four scores in the second half occur on Marino to Mark Ingram touchdown passes. The game winning points come on first-and-goal with just 22 seconds to play, when Marino approaches the line of scrimmage, appearing poised to clock the ball. However, he takes everyone in the stadium by surprise as he receives the snap, drops back and tosses an eight-yard touchdown pass to Ingram, who ties the Paul Warfield's single-game record of four touchdowns and 24 points, which Warfield achieved against Detroit on December 15, 1973.
- Dec. 7 Don Shula suffers a torn Achilles' tendon in his right leg and undergoes surgery on the injury on December 9 by Dr. Peter Indelicato and Dr. Dan Kanell. He misses a regular-season practice for the first time in his 25 seasons with the team. Shula returns to practice on December 10 and coaches for the remainder of the season on a golf cart.
- Dec. 12 Bernie Parmalee rushes for 127 yards and scores a pair of touchdowns (one rushing and one receiving) as the Dolphins clinch a playoff spot with a 45-28 win over the Kansas City Chiefs at Joe Robbie Stadium. In the contest, Dolphins Head Coach Don Shula wins his 318th career regular season game and ties George Halas (318 regular season coaching wins) for the all-time record for most career regular season wins by an NFL coach. Center Dwight Stephenson is inducted into the Dolphin Honor Roll during halftime ceremonies.



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- Dec. 25 The Dolphins earn a 27-20 win over the Detroit Lions and clinch the AFC East title. Miami and the New England Patriots both finish with 10-6 records, however the Dolphins win the division title by virtue of a two-game head-to-head sweep over New England during the 1994 season. Dolphins Head Coach Don Shula wins the 319th regular season game of his coaching career and surpasses George Halas (318 regular season coaching wins) for the all-time record for most career regular season wins by an NFL coach. Miami plays on Christmas Day for the second time in team history with the only other Christmas game for the Dolphins being the longest game in NFL history as Miami earned a 27-24 playoff win in double overtime at Kansas City on December 25, 1971.
- Dec. 27 DT Tim Bowens is named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year by the Associated Press. He becomes the first Dolphins player to win the Associated Press' defensive rookie award since A.J. Duhe in 1977.
- Dec. 31 Dan Marino throws a pair of touchdown passes to lead the Dolphins to a 27-17 win in a First-Round playoff contest against the Kansas City Chiefs at Joe Robbie Stadium. The game is billed as Marino-Montana III and the duel between the two future Hall of Famers lives up to its pregame hype. Marino completes 22 of 29 passes for 257 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions and Montana counters by hitting on 26 of 37 passes for 314 yards with two scores and an interception. Marino sets an NFL playoff record as he throws for a touchdown pass in his 11th consecutive post-season game and moves past a tie with Montana (San Francisco/Kansas City) and Ken Stabler (Oakland) for the longest all-time streak in NFL post-season history.

1995

- Jan. 18 Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line John Sandusky announces his retirement. A veteran of over three decades of NFL coaching (he concluded his 36th season in 1994), Sandusky was one of only two coaches to serve as offensive line coach on a Don Shula coached team. Sandusky was offensive line coach with the Colts (1963-69) and Dolphins (1976-94) under Shula, while Monte Clark coached the offensive line with the Dolphins under Shula from 1970-75.
- Feb. 6 Monte Clark is named as the team's offensive line coach. Clark enters his third tour of duty with the Dolphins.
- Feb. 9 Dolphins Executive Vice President and General Manager Eddie Jones signs a two-year contract to remain in that capacity through the 1996 season.
- May 19 The Miami Dolphins sign a 9-year agreement with WCMQ radio (1210 AM) to be the Spanish radio outlet for Dolphins games. WCMQ replaces WQBA radio, which had been the team's Spanish station for the previous 13 seasons.
- Sept. 3 The Dolphins open the season with an explosive offensive display in a 52-15 win over the N.Y. Jets at Joe Robbie Stadium. The 52 points are the second-highest single-game total in team history (behind 55 points at St. Louis on November 24, 1977). In addition, the game is played in 94-degree weather, making it the warmest home game in team history.
- Oct. 1 The Shula coaching family again makes sports history as father and son battle as head coaches with Don Shula and the Dolphins taking on his son, Head Coach David Shula, and the Cincinnati Bengals. The elder Shula improves to 7-1 when coaching against teams which feature one of his sons as a coach or player with a 26-23 win at the Bengals.
- Oct. 8 Dan Marino passes Fran Tarkenton (3,686 completions) to become the NFL's all-time leader in career pass completions with a six-yard toss to FB Keith Byars during the Dolphins' 27-24 overtime loss at Joe Robbie Stadium.
- Nov. 12 Dan Marino becomes the NFL's all-time career passing yardage leader as he jumps past Fran Tarkenton (47,003 career yards) with a 9-yard pass to Irving Fryar in the first quarter of the Dolphins' 34-17 loss to the New England Patriots at Joe Robbie Stadium.
- Nov. 26 Dan Marino tosses a 6-yard touchdown pass to FB Keith Byars with 1:03 remaining in the first half for his 343rd career scoring pass and becomes the NFL's all-time touchdown pass leader (surpassing Fran Tarkenton's 342 TDs) during Miami's 36-28 loss at Indianapolis.
- Dec. 11 G/T Bob Kuechenberg is inducted into the Dolphin Honor Roll during halftime ceremonies of Miami's 13-6 win over Kansas City at Joe Robbie Stadium. In the contest, Dan Marino breaks the last of Fran Tarkenton's major passing records (6,467 career attempts) with a pass attempt to WR Randal Hill in the fourth quarter.
- Dec. 24 The Dolphins post a 41-22 win at St. Louis to finish the regular season with a 9-7 record. The team clinches a playoff berth for the second consecutive season later in the day as the Denver Broncos come from behind late in the contest to win at Oakland and eliminate the Raiders from playoff consideration. Miami's win marks the 347th and final victory in the illustrious head coaching career of Don Shula.
- Dec. 30 Miami's season ends following a 37-22 loss in an AFC First-Round Playoff Contest in Buffalo. The game is an offensive shootout as the teams combine for an NFL postseason record of 1,038 yards. Dan Marino leads the Dolphins by completing 33 of a career-high 64 pass attempts for 422 yards and a pair of scores, while WR O.J. McDuffie sets team playoff records with 11 catches for 154 yards. The game marks the final contest in Head Coach Don Shula's career.



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- Jan. 5 Don Shula, the winningest coach in the history of the NFL, moves from his role as head coach of the team as he assumes another role within the Dolphins organization. He continues to serve as a partner to Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner H. Wayne Huizenga and becomes vice chairman of the board of directors in addition to his status as a partner of the team. Shula leaves the sidelines with an overall record 347-173-6 in his 33 years as a head coach, including the last 26 years with the Dolphins (1970-95). He won Super Bowl titles with Miami in 1972 and 1973, posting a combined 32-2 record in those two seasons, and his 1972 team went 17-0, the only undefeated season in NFL annals.
- Jan. 11 Jimmy Johnson signs a four-year contract to become head coach of the Dolphins, becoming the third head coach in club history, joining George Wilson (1966-69) and Don Shula (1970-95). Johnson joins the team with one of the most successful coaching records in football on both the professional and collegiate levels before spending the previous two years as an NFL analyst for FOX Sports. He is the first head coach in football history to win both a Super Bowl title (Dallas, 1992 and 1993) and a national collegiate championship (University of Miami, 1987).
- Jan. 16 Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner H. Wayne Huizenga announces that Eddie Jones has been named president and chief operating officer of the team, and Jimmy Johnson has been named as the club's general manager/head coach. Jones had spent the last six seasons with the team as the club's executive vice president and general manager.
- Jan. 17 The Dolphins name Cary Gonet (defensive line), Pat Jones (tight ends) and Bill Lewis (defense nickel package) to the coaching staff.
- Jan. 19 Kippy Brown joins the Dolphins coaching staff as running backs coach.
- Jan. 24 Bob Ackles is named as the director of football operations.
- Feb. 16 The Dolphins name Larry Beightol as assistant head coach/offensive line, replacing Monte Clark. In addition to his coaching the offensive line, Beightol also assumes additional administrative responsibilities involving the entire football staff.
- March 1 The Dolphins name Kevin O'Neill as head athletic trainer and Brad Roll as assistant strength and conditioning coach.
- Aug. 26 Pro Player, a sports apparel company, enters into a 10-year agreement with Joe Robbie Stadium, home of the Dolphins since 1987, to re-name the stadium Pro Player Park. The deal is worth \$2 million annually over the term of the contract.
- Sept. 1 The Dolphins defeat the New England Patriots, 24-10, at Pro Player Park, in Jimmy Johnson's debut as head coach. Of the three head coaches in team history, Johnson is the only one to record a victory in his initial game. Also, rookie RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar rushes for 115 yards and a TD on 26 carries in Miami's victory over the Patriots, the first Dolphin rookie since Sammie Smith on November 5, 1989, against Indianapolis to rush for 100 yards. He also becomes the first player in Dolphins history to rush for 100 yards in his NFL debut.
- Sept. 10 Pro Player Park is re-named Pro Player Stadium.
- Oct. 27 QB Dan Marino plays in his 191st regular season game, against Dallas at Pro Player Stadium. In the process, he breaks Bob Kuechenberg's club career record for regular season games played of 190. The game is witnessed by 75,651 fans, the highest attendance figure in Pro Player Stadium history. The previous high was 75,129 for Super Bowl XXIII between San Francisco and Cincinnati on January 22, 1989. The former record for a Dolphins game was 73,080 for a November 20, 1995 contest against San Francisco.
- Oct. 29 WQAM Radio (560 AM) signs a five-year contract for broadcast rights to the Dolphins, Florida Marlins and Florida Panthers. Dolphins football will be aired on WQAM beginning in the 1997 season and through the year 2001. The Dolphins' flagship station had been WIOD Radio since the team's inception in 1966.
- Oct. 31 At the NFL fall meetings in New Orleans, the league awards the 1999 Super Bowl to the city of Miami. The game will be played at Pro Player Stadium.
- Nov. 10 A 36-yard completion to O.J. McDuffie in the second quarter puts quarterback Dan Marino over the 50,000-yard mark for his career, the first quarterback in NFL history to reach that plateau. His eight-yard completion to Fred Barnett in the second quarter is the 4,000th completion of Marino's career, also making him the first quarterback in league history to achieve that feat. These accomplishments occur in a 37-13 victory over Indianapolis at Pro Player Stadium.
- Nov. 25 At halftime of a 24-17 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday Night Football at Pro Player Stadium, former Head Coach Don Shula is inducted into the Dolphin Honor Roll.

1997

- Jan. 14 Miami Dolphins unveil a modified team logo and new uniforms for the 1997 season. The basic logo and team colors remain the same. The sunburst on the logo is more prominently displayed with the elimination of the hashmarks around the sun's perimeters, while the dolphin's features are accentuated by navy highlights. The home and road jerseys added a script "Dolphins" below the collar, and several subtle accents were added to the uniform to highlight and strengthen the team's traditional colors.
- Jan. 25 Former Head Coach Don Shula (1970-95), the NFL's all-time winningest coach with 347 victories, is selected for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.
- March 11 At the NFL spring meetings in Palm Desert, Calif., the league approves limited cross ownership, finalizing H. Wayne Huizenga's controlling-interest of the Dolphins.



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- March 21 Eddie Jones signs a two-year contract extension, which runs through 1998, to remain as the team's president and chief operating officer.
- April 17 Les Koenning is named as an offensive assistant.
- April 18 The Dolphins unveil the first "official" mascot in team history during a press conference at the team's training facility. He makes his public debut on April 19 at the team's Draft Day party at Pro Player Stadium.
- June 3 Doug Blevins is named as the team's kicking coach.
- June 4 "T.D." is picked as the name of the Dolphins' official team mascot, it is announced at the team's annual Awards Banquet. Sarah Fernandez and her two sons, Nelson and Vincent, win the "Name the Mascot" contest, and receive two tickets to Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego.
- July 26 Don Shula becomes the sixth former Dolphin to be enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.
- Aug. 4 The Dolphins travel to Mexico City and earn a 38-19 preseason win over the Denver Broncos before a crowd of 104,629 fans at Estadio Guillermo Canedo. The attendance is the most to ever witness a Dolphins game, surpassing the previous high of 103,667 that saw Miami's 27-17 loss to Washington in Super Bowl XVII on January 30, 1983, in the Rose Bowl. The game marks the fourth time overall that the Dolphins have travelled abroad to play a preseason contest and the win improves Miami's record to 4-0 in games played on foreign soil. Miami's previous American Bowl games had been in London (1988), Tokyo (1991) and Berlin (1992). The Dolphins became the first NFL team to win four American Bowl contests, and they also became the first team to win an American Bowl matchup in each of the three continents in which the games have been played.
- Aug. 31 The Dolphins defeat the Indianapolis Colts, 16-10, at Pro Player Stadium in their 1997 season-opener. It's the Dolphins' first-ever regular season game in the month of August. It also marks their sixth consecutive opening-day victory.
- Oct. 5 The Dolphins defeat the Kansas City Chiefs, 17-14, at Pro Player Stadium, marking the 300th victory in franchise history, including playoffs. The Dolphins become the second team from the old AFL to reach the 300-win plateau. The Oakland Raiders were the first.
- Dec. 22 In the season finale against New England at Pro Player Stadium, left tackle Richmond Webb starts his 110th consecutive regular season game, a new Dolphins record. His 109 straight starts were tied with Jim Langer. The Patriots win the game, 14-12, giving New England the AFC East title. A win by the Dolphins would have made them AFC East champions, but instead they enter the playoffs as a Wild Card team where they must go on the road to face the Patriots the following week, a 17-3 Dolphins loss on December 28.

1998

- Jan. 24 Former Dolphins C Dwight Stephenson (1980-87) is among a group of five who are elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- Feb. 11 Dolphins Head Coach Jimmy Johnson announces changes to the team's coaching staff: Kippy Brown, the Dolphins' running backs coach for the last two years, is named as offensive coordinator, replacing Gary Stevens; Larry Seiple, formerly the club's wide receiver coach, handles the quarterbacks; Joel Collier, a defensive assistant since 1994, coaches the running backs; Robert Ford, tight ends coach with the Dallas Cowboys since 1991, takes over as Miami's wide receivers coach; and Randy Shannon, an assistant at the University of Miami (Fla.), serves as a defensive assistant on the staff.
- March 23 Jimmy Johnson signs a one-year contract extension to remain the Dolphins' general manager and head coach through the year 2000. Johnson originally signed a four-year contract with the club on January 21, 1996.
- Aug. 1 C Dwight Stephenson becomes the seventh former Dolphin to be enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. He is inducted along with Anthony Muñoz, Mike Singletary, Tommy McDonald and Paul Krause.
- Nov. 29 In a 30-10 victory over the New Orleans Saints at Pro Player Stadium, quarterback Dan Marino throws three touchdown passes, all to O.J. McDuffie. The second one, a seven-yard strike in the fourth quarter, the 400th TD pass of Marino's career, the first QB in NFL history ever to reach that plateau.
- Dec. 21 The Dolphins record a 31-21 victory over the Denver Broncos at Pro Player Stadium in front of an ABC Monday Night Football audience. The win is Miami's 34th on Monday night, as they surpass Oakland as the winningest team in MNF history.
- Dec. 27 In a season-ending 38-16 loss to the Falcons in Atlanta, WR O.J. McDuffie catches five passes for 82 yards. His second reception of the afternoon, a 28-yard catch in the second quarter, is his 87th of the season, surpassing Mark Clayton (86 in 1988) as the Dolphins' single-season reception leader. McDuffie finishes the year with an NFL-high 90 receptions, the first Dolphin ever to lead the league in this category.

1999

- Jan. 2 The Dolphins defeat the Buffalo Bills, 24-17, in an AFC First-Round Playoff game at Pro Player Stadium. It represents Miami's first playoff win since December 31, 1994, when they posted a 27-17 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs in a First-Round contest at Pro Player Stadium.
- Jan. 14 Dave Wannstedt, head coach with the Chicago Bears from 1993-98, is named the Dolphins' assistant head coach.
- Jan. 21 Paul Boudreau is named offensive line coach.



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1999

- March 2 Eddie Jones signs a three-contract to remain as the team's president and chief operating officer.
- Sept. 13 The Dolphins defeat the two-time defending Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos, 38-21, in a season-opening Monday night game at Mile High Stadium. The win was the 300th during the regular season in Dolphins history.
- Oct. 10 The Dolphins set a franchise record by posting 25 fourth-quarter points, and in the process erase a pair of nine-point deficits to earn a 34-31 triumph over the Colts at the RCA Dome. QB Dan Marino throws a pair of touchdowns in the final period, including a 2-yard strike to Oronde Gadsden with 27 seconds to play, lifting Miami to victory. It marks the 35th time in Marino's career that he has led the Dolphins back from a fourth-quarter deficit for a win.
- Oct. 17 Dan Marino completes an 8-yard pass to Tony Martin in the first quarter against the New England Patriots at Foxboro Stadium. The completion, the first and only one of the game for Marino, puts him over the 60,000-yard passing plateau for his career, the only quarterback in NFL history to attain that mark. Marino leaves the game following the next series with a shoulder injury, forcing him to miss the next five contests. Damon Huard relieves Marino with the Dolphins trailing 7-0. After his first attempt is picked off and returned for a touchdown by Ty Law, Huard goes on to complete 24 of 42 passes for 240 yards with two touchdowns in leading the Dolphins to a 31-30 victory. The game-winning points occur on a 5-yard TD pass to Stanley Pritchett with 23 seconds remaining in the game. The Dolphins become the first team in NFL history to win back-to-back road games when trailing by seven or more points after the third quarter.
- Dec. 5 Former WR Nat Moore becomes the 12th member of the Dolphin Honor Roll during halftime ceremonies against the Indianapolis Colts at Pro Player Stadium.
- Dec. 12 K Olindo Mare accounts for two field goals against the Jets at the Meadowlands. His first field goal of the game, a 24-yarder, was his 32nd of the season, breaking Pete Stoyanovich's club single-season records of 31, which Stoyanovich had set in 1991.
- Dec. 21 CB Sam Madison, K Olindo Mare and LB Zach Thomas are named to the AFC Pro Bowl squad, the first selection for all three. Madison becomes the first cornerback in team history to be voted to the Pro Bowl squad.
- Dec. 27 K Olindo Mare boots a 37-yard field goal against the Jets in a Monday night game at Pro Player Stadium. The field goal was his 38th of the season, as he became the NFL's single-season field goal leader, surpassing John Kasay, who had amassed 37 field goals with Carolina in 1996. Mare would finish the season with 39 field goals.

2000

- Jan. 9 The Dolphins defeat the Seattle Seahawks, 20-17, in an AFC First-Round Playoff game at the Kingdome, the final football game at the stadium. The win is Miami's first road playoff victory since they defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1972 AFC Championship Game at Three Rivers Stadium. QB Dan Marino completes 17 of 30 passes for 196 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions in the victory, in which he guides a late drive that leads to the game-winning touchdown with 4:48 remaining.
- Jan. 15 The Dolphins drop a 62-7 decision to the Jacksonville Jaguars in an AFC Divisional Playoff game at ALLTEL Stadium. The contest is the final one in the playing career of QB Dan Marino and coaching career of Jimmy Johnson.
- Jan. 16 Jimmy Johnson, the Dolphins' general manager/head coach since 1996, retires. Dave Wannstedt, the team's assistant head coach in 1999, is named head coach.
- Jan. 24 Jim Bates is named defensive coordinator, replacing George Hill. Clarence Brooks is named defensive line coach, replacing Cary Godette.
- Feb. 1 Chan Gailey, the head coach with the Dallas Cowboys from 1998-99, is named offensive coordinator. Randy Shannon, a defensive assistant with the Dolphins from 1998-99, is promoted to linebackers coach.
- Feb. 7 Mike Shula, the offensive coordinator with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1996-99, re-joins the Dolphins as quarterbacks coach, replacing Larry Seiple. Shula previously had served as an assistant on Miami's coaching staff from 1991-92. Judd Garrett is named as an offensive assistant, and Robert Nunn is named as a defensive assistant.
- Feb. 10 QB Dan Marino, the Dolphins' first-round draft choice in 1983 and the NFL's all-time leading passer, voids the final two years of his contract, thus becoming a free agent.
- Mar. 13 Dan Marino announces his retirement from professional football.
- Apr. 14 The Dolphins unveil Dan Marino's permanent encased locker at the team's Nova Southeastern University training facility, the first of its kind in club history.
- May 3 The Dolphins name Rick Spielman as vice president-player personnel.
- June 12 Huizenga Holdings, Inc., the private company that represents many of the non-publicly traded business interests of the Huizenga family, announces that it retained the investment banking firm of Morgan Stanley Dean Whitter to explore strategic alternatives regarding the financial structure of the Miami Dolphins and Pro Player Stadium. Alternatives include the potential of additional investors in the team and the stadium, as well as naming rights for the stadium.
- Aug. 21 The portion of N.W. 199 Street in front of Pro Player Stadium is re-named "Dan Marino Boulevard." The new address for the Dolphins' home becomes 2269 Dan Marino Boulevard.



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2000

- Aug. 23 More than 50,000 fans show up at Pro Player Stadium for the public tribute to Dan Marino. The night's festivities include appearances by the five other members of the famed quarterback "Class of '83" – John Elway, Jim Kelly, Todd Blackledge, Tony Eason and Ken O'Brien – as well as former Dolphins Head Coach Don Shula and former Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw. The band "Hootie and the Blowfish" provide the musical entertainment, while the four-hour event concludes with a fireworks display.
- Sept. 3 Jay Fiedler opens at quarterback in the Dolphins' season-opener against Seattle at Pro Player Stadium. Fiedler is the first quarterback to start on opening day for the Dolphins other than Dan Marino since 1983. Fiedler completes 15 of 24 passes for 134 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions in the Dolphins' 23-0 win, the third shutout victory on opening day in franchise history and the first since 1983.
- Sept. 17 The Dolphins defeat the eventual Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, 19-6, in a game that was played through a steady rain at Pro Player Stadium. At halftime of the game, former quarterback Dan Marino has his jersey No. 13 retired, the second Dolphin ever to receive that honor. He also becomes the 13th member of the Dolphin Honor Roll.
- Dec. 24 The Dolphins earn a 27-24 victory over the Patriots on Christmas Eve at Foxboro Stadium to claim the 12th AFC East title in club history and the first since 1994. Thirty-five minutes following the apparent conclusion of the game, both teams are summoned back onto the field after it is determined that three seconds still remain with the Patriots having the ball at their own 40. Michael Bishop's final pass attempt of the game falls incomplete at about the Dolphins' 25.
- Dec. 30 The Dolphins erase a 14-0 third-quarter deficit by scoring 23 of the next 26 points en route to a 23-17 overtime win against the Colts in an AFC First-Round Playoff game at Pro Player Stadium. It marks the second-largest comeback win in Dolphins postseason annals. The winning points are scored on a 17-yard run by running back Lamar Smith with 3:34 to play in the first overtime. It caps a day in which Smith set an NFL playoff record with 40 rushing attempts. His 209 rushing yards is the second-highest figure in NFL playoff history and the most-ever by a Dolphin (regular season or postseason) at the time.

2001

- Jan. 15 Keith Armstrong is named special teams coach and Tony Wise is hired as offensive line coach.
- Jan. 27 Former LB Nick Buoniconti, who anchored Miami's "No-Name" defense, leading the Dolphins to two straight Super Bowl victories, becomes the eighth former Dolphin to be elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and the first defensive player.
- Feb. 2 Head Coach Dave Wannstedt signs a one-year contract extension through the 2003 season.
- Mar. 1 Bob Sanders is named linebackers coach, replacing Randy Shannon, who became the defensive coordinator at the University of Miami.
- May 9 Vice President of Player Personnel Rick Spielman signs a one-year contract extension through the 2003 season. In addition, Ron Labadie is promoted to director of college scouting, after serving as the Dolphins' Midwest scout since 1990. Tom Braatz, the team's director of college scouting since 1992, is named as a scout, and John Crea is named as the Dolphins' Midwest area scout.
- June 4 George Paton is named director of pro personnel.
- Aug. 4 Former LB Nick Buoniconti is inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the eighth Dolphin and first defensive player to earn that honor.
- Sept. 13 In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the NFL announces that it will cancel games for the weekend of September 16-17. The Dolphins game against the Buffalo Bills at Pro Player Stadium is rescheduled for Sunday, January 6.
- Dec. 10 The Dolphins earn a resounding 41-6 victory over the Indianapolis Colts on a Monday night at Pro Player Stadium, the last game that these two teams would play as AFC East opponents, prior to realignment in 2002. For the Dolphins, it is their 36th victory on Monday Night Football, as they surpass San Francisco as the winningest team in MNF history.
- Dec. 16 The Dolphins are handed a 21-0 shutout by the San Francisco 49ers at 3Com Park. Coupled with their 24-0 loss to the Jets at Pro Player Stadium on November 18, it marks just the third time in franchise history and the first time since 1970 that the Dolphins suffer two shutout losses in the same season.
- Dec. 22 Playing their third game in 13 days, the Dolphins drop a 20-13 decision to the New England Patriots in the last regular season game ever played at Foxboro Stadium.
- Dec. 30 With a 21-14 win over Atlanta at Pro Player Stadium, the Dolphins clinch their fifth playoff appearance in a row, as they become the only NFL team to reach the postseason in each of these five years, a span ranging from 1997-01.

2002

- Jan. 28 Bryan Wiedmeier is promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer and Rick Spielman is promoted to senior vice president – football operations/player personnel.
- Feb. 5 The Dolphins name Norv Turner as their assistant head coach/offensive coordinator.
- Feb. 13 Head Coach Dave Wannstedt signs a one-year contract extension through the 2004 season.



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2002

- March 14 The Dolphins and WQAM Radio sign a new two-year contract for the station to continue to serve as the team's flagship through 2003.
- June 5 At the team's annual Kickoff Banquet, President Eddie Jones announces that former RB Larry Csonka will have his uniform jersey No. 39 retired during halftime ceremonies of the Dolphins' December 9 game against Chicago at Pro Player Stadium. Csonka will become the third player to receive this honor, joining QB Bob Griese (No. 12 on May 6, 1982) and QB Dan Marino (No. 13 on September 17, 2000).
- Sept. 8 The Dolphins record their 11th consecutive opening day victory with a 49-21 decision over the Detroit Lions at Pro Player Stadium. Making his Dolphins debut, RB Ricky Williams rushes for 111 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries, the fifth-highest rushing total by a player in his initial appearance as a Dolphin.
- Sept. 22 The Dolphins snap an eight-game losing streak to the Jets with a convincing 30-3 win at Pro Player Stadium. The victory also marks the Dolphins' 17th straight at home during the regular season in the months of August/September. Ricky Williams rushes for 151 yards and a touchdown on 24 attempts, becoming the first player in team history to amass three straight 100-yard rushing games. Coupled with his 132-yard effort the previous week at Indianapolis, his two-game rushing total of 283 yards sets a new Dolphins record, surpassing the old mark of 273, which had been held by Bernie Parmalee since 1994. Williams will go on to break this two-game record three subsequent times during the course of the season.
- Oct. 13 In their first of four prime-time appearances of the year, the Dolphins register a 24-22 win over the Denver Broncos in their first-ever visit to INVESCO Field at Mile High. Jason Elam's 55-yard field goal with 45 seconds to play gives Denver a 22-21 lead. Olindo Mare counters with a 53-yarder with six seconds remaining to lift the Dolphins to the victory. It marks the first time in NFL history that a kicker from each team has accounted for a field goal of 50 yards or longer with less than a minute to play in a game.
- Nov. 24 Ricky Williams establishes a new club single-season standard with his sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season with a 143-yard, two-touchdown effort in a 30-3 victory over San Diego at Pro Player Stadium. He breaks the old mark of five, which was first set by Delvin Williams in 1978.
- Dec. 1 Ricky Williams further etches his name into the Dolphins' record book when he rushes for 228 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries in a 38-21 loss to the Bills in Buffalo. This single-game total surpasses the previous record of 209 yards, set by Lamar Smith in a 2000 First-Round Playoff victory over Indianapolis. In the process, Williams also surpasses Delvin Williams' club single-season record of 1,258 yards, achieved in 1978. In addition, with Williams overtaking the 1,200-yard rushing mark, the conditional third-round draft choice in 2003 that the Dolphins sent to the Saints in the trade for Williams on March 8, now becomes a second-round pick.
- Dec. 9 In a 27-9 victory over the Chicago Bears in a Monday night game at Pro Player Stadium, Ricky Williams becomes just the third player (fourth time) in NFL history to amass back-to-back 200-yard rushing games, as he runs for 216 yards and two touchdowns on 31 carries. He joins Hall of Famers O.J. Simpson (1973, 1976) and Earl Campbell (1980) as the only players to achieve this feat. His two-game rushing total of 444 yards is the fourth-most in NFL annals, while his 587 yards over the three-game span is third-most in league history. In the process, he breaks his own club record with his fourth consecutive 100-yard rushing performance. It also represents his fourth straight game with a pair of rushing scores. His total for the game gives him 1,500 yards for the season, as the second-round draft choice that the Saints get from the Dolphins as part of the trade now becomes a first-rounder in '03. At halftime of the game, former FB Larry Csonka has his jersey No. 39 retired, just the third Dolphin ever to receive that honor, joining QBs Bob Griese (No. 12) and Dan Marino (No. 13).
- Dec. 21 Jason Taylor is credited with 1.5 sacks as he ties Bill Stanfill's club single-season record for sacks with 18.5, during the game against the Vikings at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. Taylor also extends his streak of consecutive games with a sack to eight. That streak will come to an end in the season finale the following week as he is shut out by the Patriots. Taylor's sack total leads the NFL in 2002, as he becomes the first Dolphin ever to achieve that feat.
- Dec. 29 Ricky Williams rushes for 185 yards and two touchdowns on 31 attempts against the Patriots in Miami's first-ever visit to Gillette Stadium. His second score of the game occurs on a 14-yard run in the second quarter, his 16th rushing score of the season and establishes a new Dolphins single-season record for rushing touchdowns, surpassing the previous mark of 15 set by Karim Abdul-Jabbar in 1997. Williams also finishes the year as the team's single-season leader for rushing yards (1,853), attempts (383), 100-yard rushing games (10) and total yards from scrimmage (2,216). His rushing yardage total also leads the NFL in 2002, as he becomes the first Dolphin ever to earn that distinction.

2003

- Feb. 2 Ricky Williams rushes for 56 yards and two touchdowns on 11 attempts, catches three passes for 18 yards while also forcing a fumble on special teams in the AFC's 45-20 victory over the NFC in the Pro Bowl in Honolulu. For his efforts, Williams is named the game's MVP, just the second Dolphin ever to win that honor, joining K Garo Yepremian who came away with the award in the 1974 game.
- Feb. 13 The Dolphins name Glenn Pires as assistant defensive line coach.
- May 2 Tom Braatz, a veteran of 38 seasons as an NFL front office executive, announces his retirement. Chris Grier, the team's southeast college scout the past three years, is promoted to national scout.



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2003

- May 9 QBs Coach Mike Shula, who played quarterback at the University of Alabama from 1983-86, is introduced as the school's head coach.
- Oct. 27 The Dolphins record a 26-10 victory over the San Diego Chargers in a Monday night game at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona. The game originally was scheduled to be played at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, but is moved because of wildfires that devastate Southern California. After arriving in San Diego Sunday evening, the Dolphins board a flight to Phoenix the morning of the game, at approximately 11:00 a.m. (PT).
- Nov. 23 In a Sunday night game against Washington at Pro Player Stadium, the Dolphins don orange jerseys in a 24-23 win over Washington. It is the first time in franchise history that the Dolphins have worn a jersey color other than white or aqua.
- Nov. 27 The Dolphins improve their Thanksgiving Day record to 4-1 with a 40-21 victory over the Dallas Cowboys at Texas Stadium. The Dolphins wear their "throwback" jerseys, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the 1973 team that captured the club's second straight Super Bowl title.
- Dec. 15 At halftime ceremonies against the Philadelphia Eagles at Pro Player Stadium, former wide receivers Mark Duper and Mark Clayton become the 14th and 15th members of the Dolphins Honor Roll.
- Dec. 21 In a 20-3 win over the Buffalo Bills at Ralph Wilson Stadium, DE Jason Taylor registers three sacks, and in the process becomes the Dolphins' all-time sack leader, surpassing Bill Stanfill, whose mark of 67.5 had stood since 1976.
- Dec. 29 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner H. Wayne Huizenga announces that the Dolphins will restructure their football operations for the 2004 season, including the search for a general manager who will be responsible for all personnel matters on both the professional and college levels, as well as the makeup of the Dolphins roster. Head Coach Dave Wannstedt is given a two-year contract extension through the 2006 season.

2004

- Jan. 12 Rick Spielman is promoted to general manager from senior vice president-football operations/player personnel, a position in which he had served since 2002. He first joined the club as vice president-player personnel since 2000. In addition, Dan Marino is named senior vice president/football operations.
- Jan. 26 Joel Collier is promoted to offensive coordinator from running backs coach. He takes over the spot which became vacant when Norv Turner was named head coach with the Oakland Raiders. Marc Trestman is named assistant head coach/quarterbacks. Miami native Jerry Sullivan is appointed wide receivers coach.
- Feb. 2 Bernie Parmalee is promoted to running backs coach from assistant special teams/offensive assistant, while Chris Foerster is named tight ends coach after handling that same position with the Indianapolis Colts each of the previous two seasons.
- Feb. 3 Dan Marino resigns as senior vice president/football operations, saying, "I knew it would involve a significant lifestyle change but after further reflection, it became clear that those adjustments were ones that my family and I are not prepared to make at this time. As a result, I have decided that it would not be in the best interests of either my family or the Miami Dolphins to assume the role as the team's senior vice president of football operations."
- May 10 Head Coach Dave Wannstedt announces several adjustments to the coaching staff for the 2004 season. Chris Foerster, who was hired earlier in the offseason to coach the team's tight ends, was named offensive coordinator. Joel Collier will return to coaching the running backs, a position that he had held since 1998. Bernie Parmalee, who had been named running backs coach in the offseason following two years as an offensive assistant, will tutor the Dolphins' tight ends. These changes were necessitated because of health-related reasons on the part of Collier.
- July 25 RB Ricky Williams informs the Miami Herald of his intention of retiring from professional football.
- July 30 On the day the Dolphins report for the 39th training camp in franchise history, the club places Ricky Williams on its Reserve/Did Not Report list.
- Sept. 9 Because of the threat of Hurricane Ivan, the Dolphins regular season opener against Tennessee is moved up one day, from September 12 to September 11, at Pro Player Stadium.
- Sept. 26 Kickoff for the Dolphins-Steelers game at Pro Player Stadium is moved from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., one day after South Florida feels the effects of Hurricane Jeanne.
- Oct. 10 K Olindo Mare aggravates a calf injury during pre-game warm-ups prior to a game against New England at Gillette Stadium. It thrusts return man Wes Welker into kicking duties. Not only did Welker perform his usual punt and kickoff return chores, but he also converted both a 29-yard field goal attempt and a PAT, and kicked off as well, becoming the first player in NFL history to do all five in the same game. Although the Dolphins lost, 24-10, Welker was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Week.
- Nov. 9 Dave Wannstedt steps aside as head coach. Defensive Coordinator Jim Bates takes over on an interim basis.
- Nov. 21 In Jim Bates' first game as head coach, the Dolphins suffer a 24-17 loss at Seattle, dropping their record to 1-9, clinching the franchise's first losing season since 1988.
- Nov. 28 After spending the entire week in San Francisco preparing for their game against the 49ers, the Dolphins give Jim Bates his first win as an NFL head coach by virtue of their 24-17 victory at Monster Park.
- Dec. 25 While in Orlando, Fla., preparing for his team's Capital One Bowl game against Iowa, LSU Head Coach Nick Saban announces that he will accept an offer to become the sixth head coach in Dolphins history.



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- Dec. 27 Nick Saban signs a five-year contract to become head coach of the Dolphins.

2005

- Jan. 10 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner H. Wayne Huizenga announces major organizational and stadium changes through the creation of an innovative sports and entertainment company, Dolphins Enterprises, LLC. This company now will serve as an umbrella for all of the Huizenga sports and entertainment entities. In addition, Pro Player Stadium is re-named Dolphins Stadium. Improvements to the stadium include a remodeled club level and luxury suites, improved traffic flow, additional parking and state-of-art scoreboards.
- Jan. 10 Derek Dooley, Will Muschamp and Bobby Williams, all of whom were on Nick Saban's staff at LSU in 2004, are named as assistants on the Dolphins' staff. Scott O'Brien, the special teams coach with Carolina the past six seasons, is named coordinator of football operations. Jim Bates informs Nick Saban that he will not be returning to the Dolphins' coaching staff in 2005.
- Jan. 13 Former Dallas Cowboys and NFL executive Joe Bailey is named chief executive officer of Dolphins Enterprises, LLC.
- Jan. 19 Former Minnesota Vikings Offensive Coordinator Scott Linehan is named to the same post with the Dolphins. George Edwards, Travis Jones and Dan Quinn all are named assistants on the defensive side of the ball.
- Jan. 25 Charlie Baggett is named wide receivers coach and Hudson Houck is named offensive line coach.
- Feb. 2 Jason Garrett, who concluded his 12-year career as a player by spending the final six games of 2004 with the Dolphins, is named the team's quarterbacks coach.
- Feb. 5 In his first year of eligibility, former QB Dan Marino is one of four elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, becoming the ninth former Dolphin to earn this honor.
- Feb. 14 Tim Davis is named assistant offensive line coach and Bert Hill is named associate strength coach.
- March 1 Richard Smith is named defensive coordinator. In addition, Dolphins Head Coach Nick Saban announces the assignments of several coaches who had previously been hired to the staff; Derek Dooley-tight ends, George Edwards-linebackers, Travis Jones-assistant defensive line, Will Muschamp-assistant head coach/defense, Dan Quinn-defensive line, Bobby Williams-running backs. Among his responsibilities, Muschamp will work with the team's safeties and the nickel package.
- March 15 The Dolphins enter into a multi-year partnership with 790 The Ticket, in which the station will serve as the team's flagship through at least the 2006 season.
- June 3 General Manager Rick Spielman announces that he is leaving the organization.
- June 6 The Dolphins announce the hiring of Randy Mueller as general manager.
- June 8 At the team's annual Awards Banquet, it is announced that the Leadership Award is renamed the "Don Shula Leadership Award." In addition, former team President Eddie Jones is named the first winner of the new "Winning Edge Award."
- June 9 Former T Richmond Webb signs a one-day contract with the team, allowing him to retire as a Dolphin.
- July 14 Former WR Nat Moore is added to the Dolphins radio broadcast team on 790 The Ticket as the sideline reporter. He joins fellow former Dolphins Jimmy Cefalo (play-by-play) and Joe Rose (analyst), as the Dolphins become the only NFL team to have three alumni on their game broadcasts.
- Aug. 7 QB Dan Marino becomes the ninth former Dolphin and eighth player to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. More than 20,000 – most of whom are Marino fans – pack Fawcett Stadium. Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner H. Wayne Huizenga flies team employees and their families to Canton for the ceremonies.
- Oct. 6 Dolphins Stadium is awarded Super Bowl XLIV following the 2009 season, the second time in a matter of four years and the 10th time overall that the Super Bowl will have been staged in South Florida.
- Oct. 7 The Dolphins announce that the busts of their nine Hall of Famers will be on display at Dolphins Stadium from October 22-29 as part of the newly created "Gallery of Legends."
- Oct. 20 The impending arrival of Hurricane Wilma forces the Dolphins to move their Sunday, October 23 home game against the Kansas City Chiefs up two days to Friday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. It is the third time in two years that the Dolphins have had either the date or time of a home game altered because of a hurricane. The opening of the "Gallery of Legends," slated for October 22, also is postponed.
- Nov. 2 The "Gallery of Legends" makes its public debut at Dolphins Stadium.
- Nov. 6 At halftime of the Dolphins' game against the Atlanta Falcons at Dolphins Stadium, Dan Marino is presented with his Hall of Fame ring, an event that originally was scheduled to take place at the October 23 game against Kansas City, but postponed because of Hurricane Wilma.
- Dec. 4 Trailing the Buffalo Bills 21-0 in the second quarter, the Dolphins go on to score 24 of the game's next 26 points, including 21 in the fourth quarter, as they register the second-largest comeback win in team history, 24-23. Chris Chambers highlights the victory as he sets Dolphins single-game records for both receptions (15) and receiving yards (238).
- Dec. 11 The Dolphins earn a 23-21 victory over the San Diego Chargers at Qualcomm Stadium. It marks Miami's second win on the West Coast in a matter of three weeks, as they recorded a 33-21 victory over the Raiders in Oakland on November 27. It is the first time in team history that they have won two road games in the Pacific Time Zone in the same season.



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2005

- Dec. 21 WR Chris Chambers, DE Jason Taylor and LB Zach Thomas are named to the AFC Pro Bowl squad. For Thomas, it is the sixth selection of his career, the most of any defender in Dolphins history.

2006

- Jan. 10 Bryan Wiedmeier is elevated to President/COO of the Miami Dolphins. Wiedmeier had served the club since 1981, including the last four years as executive vice president/COO.
- Jan. 22 Former Buffalo Bills Head Coach Mike Mularkey is named offensive coordinator, taking over for Scott Linehan, who after just one year in his post with the Dolphins, was named head coach with the St. Louis Rams.
- Jan. 24 Former Carolina Panthers and Houston Texans Head Coach Dom Capers joins the Dolphins staff as a special assistant to Head Coach Nick Saban.
- Apr. 8 In conjunction with Season Ticket Holder Appreciation Day, Dolphins Enterprises CEO Joe Bailey announces a major repositioning of Dolphins Stadium. Anchored by the unveiling of a new stadium logo and the world's largest hi-definition video boards, the announcement included renaming the stadium "Dolphin Stadium" and a marketing strategy that will position the stadium to be one of the world's leading sports and entertainment facilities.
- Apr. 25 The NFL announces that RB Ricky Williams will be suspended for at least one year for violating the league's substance abuse policy.
- Nov. 19 Jason Taylor scores on a 51-yard interception return to lead the Dolphins to a 24-20 win over the Minnesota Vikings at Dolphin Stadium. Taylor's touchdown is the seventh of his career, which ties George Martin's NFL record for most career touchdowns by a defensive lineman. Taylor's interception return for a score, coupled with safety Renaldo Hill's 48-yard fumble return for a touchdown, marks just the second time in franchise history that the Dolphins have had a fumble return for a touchdown and an interception return for a touchdown in the same game.
- Dec. 3 Former S Dick Anderson becomes the 16th member of the Dolphin Honor Roll during halftime ceremonies of the game against Jacksonville at Dolphin Stadium.
- Dec. 19 LB Zach Thomas and DE Jason Taylor are named to the AFC Pro Bowl squad. For Thomas, it is the seventh such honor of his career, tying him with Richmond Webb for the second-most selections in franchise history.
- Dec. 25 At halftime ceremonies of the Jets game at Dolphin Stadium, former T Richmond Webb becomes the 17th member of the Dolphin Honor Roll.

2007

- Jan. 3 Head Coach Nick Saban resigns his post with the Dolphins after accepting the same position at University of Alabama.
- Jan. 5 DE Jason Taylor is named the Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year, becoming the third Dolphin to earn that honor, joining safety Dick Anderson (1973) and defensive end Doug Betters (1983).
- Jan. 19 Cam Cameron, the offensive coordinator with the San Diego Chargers since 2002, is named the seventh head coach in Dolphins history.
- Feb. 2 At an international press conference at the Miami Beach Convention Center, it is announced that the Dolphins will take part in the first-ever NFL regular season game to be staged outside of North America, as they will face the New York Giants on October 28, 2007 at London's Wembley Stadium.
- Mar. 16 Dennis Sym, more commonly known to Dolphins Fans as "Dolfan Denny" dies at the age of 72. Sym led Miami crowds in cheers and chants in his glittering orange and aqua hat from the Dolphins' first game in 1966, starting in the stands. In 1976, then team Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Joe Robbie asked Denny to move down to the field as the team's official motivator. Sym retired in 2000.
- Apr. 23 WQAM Radio enters into an agreement with the Dolphins to air Dolphins games once again, starting in 2007 and running through at least 2009.
- Oct. 7 Jason Taylor starts his 119th straight game in a matchup against the Texans at Houston's Reliant Stadium, setting a new Dolphins record, one that was formerly held by Richmond Webb.
- Oct. 21 In a 49-28 loss to the New England Patriots at Dolphin Stadium, Jason Taylor intercepts a Matt Cassel pass and returns it 36 yards for a TD, giving him eight career touchdowns. In the process, he sets an NFL record for most career touchdowns by a defensive lineman. He had been tied with former New York Giant George Martin.
- Dec. 16 Three plays after Matt Stover misses a 44-yard field goal attempt on the first possession of overtime, Cleo Lemon hits Greg Camarillo, who outraces a Ravens secondary for a 64-yard touchdown, as the Dolphins record a 22-16 victory over Baltimore at Dolphin Stadium, their lone win of 2007. At halftime of the game, the Dolphins honor their 1972 Perfect Season Team, who are celebrating its 35th anniversary of having gone 17-0.
- Dec. 20 Bill Parcells, a head coach in the NFL for 19 years, most recently with Dallas in 2006 and whose teams reached the Super Bowl three times, including a pair of championships, is named the Dolphins' executive vice president of football operations.
- Dec. 23 Jason Taylor plays in his 129th straight league game in a contest against the Patriots at Foxborough Stadium, establishing a new Dolphins record, one that was formerly held by Jim Langer.
- Dec. 31 It is announced that General Manager Randy Mueller will be leaving the club.



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2008

- Jan. 2 Jeff Ireland, a member of the Dallas Cowboys personnel department since 2001, including the past three seasons as vice president of college scouting, is named general manager.
- Jan. 3 Head Coach Cam Cameron and all but two members of his staff (George Edwards, Steve Hoffman) are released from their duties.
- Jan. 16 Tony Sparano, a veteran of nine seasons as an NFL assistant, including the past four with the Dallas Cowboys, is named the eighth head coach in Dolphins history.
- Feb. 3 Just prior to kickoff of Super Bowl XLII between the Patriots and Giants at University of Phoenix Stadium, Jason Taylor is named the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year for his work off the field. He becomes the third player to win this prestigious award as a Dolphin, joining a pair of Hall of Famers in Dwight Stephenson (1985) and Dan Marino (1998).
- Feb. 22 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Wayne Huizenga announces that Stephen M. Ross of New York and Palm Beach has become a 50 percent partner in the franchise, the stadium and the surrounding developable land. The transaction is contingent upon approval of the National Football League.
- March 31 At the NFL Annual Meeting in Palm Beach, Fla., the league unanimously approves the sale of 50 percent of the Miami Dolphins to Stephen M. Ross.
- Apr. 22 Owning the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft for the first time in team history, the Dolphins sign University of Michigan T Jake Long to a multi-year contract, making him the top pick in the draft, four days before the first day of the draft (April 26).
- Sept. 21 The Dolphins defeat the New England Patriots, 38-13, at Gillette Stadium, snapping the Patriots' 19-game regular season winning streak. In the game, the Dolphins unveil their Wildcat offense, which produces four touchdowns, each of which involves Ronnie Brown. They include three rushing scores while Brown also throws a touchdown. Brown racks up four rushing scores overall on the afternoon, a new Dolphins record.
- Dec. 7 The Dolphins and Bills take part in the NFL's first-ever regular season game staged in Canada as the Dolphins record a 16-3 victory at the Rogers Centre in Toronto.
- Dec. 14 At halftime of a 14-9 win over San Francisco at Dolphin Stadium, Bob Baumhower and Doug Betters become the 18th and 19th members of the Dolphin Honor Roll during halftime ceremonies.
- Dec. 21 The Dolphins rack up 403 yards of total offense en route to a 38-31 victory over Kansas City at Arrowhead Stadium. It's a game in which the lead changes hands seven times. The mercury at kickoff read 10 degrees, making it the coldest game in Dolphins history. With a wind chill, the temperature is minus-12 degrees.
- Dec. 28 The Dolphins cap a 10-game turnaround from 2007 with a 24-17 victory over the Jets at the Meadowlands, giving the Dolphins a record of 11-5 and the AFC East title, just one year after finishing 1-15. The 10-game improvement ties the 1999 Indianapolis Colts for the largest in NFL history.
- Dec. 30 The National Football League announces that Dolphin Stadium will host the Pro Bowl on January 31, 2010, one week prior to also hosting Super Bowl XLIV. It will be the first time the game is played prior to a Super Bowl and only the second Pro Bowl played in the same city as the Super Bowl. The Los Angeles Coliseum hosted the first Super Bowl on January 15, 1967 as well as that year's Pro Bowl.

2009

- Jan. 15 Dave DeGuglielmo is named offensive line coach.
- Jan. 20 Wayne Huizenga and Stephen M. Ross jointly announce that Ross has closed on the purchase of an additional 45 percent of the Miami Dolphins and Dolphin Stadium. Coupled with his earlier purchase of 50 percent of the franchise, the stadium, and the excess developable land last Feb. 22, Ross now has 95-percent controlling-interest of the Dolphins and the stadium while Huizenga will retain a five-percent share of both and remains a 50 percent partner in that land.
- Jan. 20 Rookie T Jake Long is added to the AFC Pro Bowl squad. He becomes just the fourth No. 1 overall pick in the draft to earn this honor since 1970, and the first one who was not a running back.
- Feb. 21 Darren Rizzi is named assistant special teams coach.
- May 3 Mike Dee is named as chief executive officer of the Miami Dolphins and Dolphin Stadium by Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen M. Ross.
- May 8 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner of the Miami Dolphins, Stephen M. Ross, and celebrated singer songwriter Jimmy Buffett announce that Dolphin Stadium will be renamed Land Shark Stadium. The unique branding brings Buffett's Margaritaville and Land Shark themes to enhance the game-day experience. To mark the announcement, Buffett performs three songs and unveils the new lyrics to his iconic song "FINS", written expressly for the team.
- June 25 Stephen M. Ross, Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner of the Miami Dolphins, announces that 19-time Grammy Award-winning producer Emilio Estefan and international superstar Gloria Estefan are joining the organization as limited partners of the franchise. The Estefans are the first Cuban-Americans to hold a stake in an NFL franchise and one of the few Hispanics league-wide to hold this unique distinction.
- July 21 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner of the Miami Dolphins, Stephen M. Ross announces that Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Marc Anthony is joining the organization as a limited partner of the franchise.



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- Aug. 7 Miami Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen Ross announces that world-renowned artist Romero Britto will bring Land Shark Stadium alive through his iconic art. The stadium's helixes and gate entrances will be adorned by Britto's high-energy and vibrant art, adding life and a touch of South Florida to the venue. In connection with the Dolphins celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, children from various community organizations under the Brazilian artist's direction help paint the helixes with Britto's pulsating colors and pop themes.
- Aug. 25 Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner of the Miami Dolphins, Stephen M. Ross announces that Venus and Serena Williams, who have 18 Grand Slam tennis singles titles combined and are residents of Palm Beach Gardens, are joining the organization as limited partners of the franchise. The Williams sisters are the first female African-Americans to hold a stake in an NFL franchise and one of the few African-Americans league-wide to hold this unique distinction.
- Sept. 21 The Dolphins open the 2009 home schedule with a prime time Monday night ESPN contest against the Indianapolis Colts, marking the team's first prime time home opener since a Thursday night against the Pittsburgh Steelers on September 10, 1981 and the first home opener on Monday night since September 22, 1975 against the Oakland Raiders.
- Oct. 12 For the third time in team history (all in home prime time games), the Dolphins wear orange jerseys and defeat the New York Jets, 31-27, at Land Shark Stadium in a Monday Night contest. The win gives the Dolphins a perfect 3-0 record in those contests, having defeated Washington, 24-23, on Nov. 23, 2008, and the New England Patriots, 29-28, on Dec. 20, 2004.
- Oct. 13 The National Football League approves Stacy Ann Ferguson as a proposed limited partner of the franchise during the NFL Fall Meetings that were held in Boston. Ferguson, who is better known by the stage name "Fergie", the female vocalist of the hip hop/pop group the Black Eyed Peas, is the sixth celebrity partner approved by the NFL and added to the franchise by Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen M. Ross.
- Nov. 1 In the Dolphins' 30-25 victory over the New York Jets at Giants Stadium, Ted Ginn, Jr. becomes the first player in NFL history with two touchdowns of 100 yards or more in the same game, running kickoffs back 100 and 101 yards for touchdowns, both in the third quarter. The third-year veteran also becomes the eighth player in NFL history with two kick return touchdowns in a game. Additionally, Ginn becomes the first player to record two returns for touchdowns in the same quarter since Green Bay's Travis Williams accomplished the feat November 12, 1967 vs. the Cleveland Browns in Milwaukee County Stadium. Ginn also records the second most kickoff return yards in a game in NFL history with 299 yards, which is second to Tyrone Hughes of the New Orleans Saints who registered 304 yards against the L.A. Rams on October 23, 1994.
- Dec. 20 Ricky Williams has 19 carries for 80 yards at Tennessee, eclipsing the 1,000-yard mark for the season. Williams finishes the season with 1,121 rushing yards and breaks the NFL record for longest span between 1,000-yard seasons. Williams' last 1,000-yard season came in 2003, six seasons earlier. He finished second to Ernest Byner by 98 yards for the most yards in a single season between 1,000 yard rushing seasons.

2010

- Jan. 19 Bill Sheridan is named linebackers coach.
- Jan. 20 Mike Nolan is named defensive coordinator, replacing Paul Pasqualoni.
- Jan. 20 The Miami Dolphins and the U.S. division of Sun Life Financial Inc. (NYSE: SLF, TSX: SLF) announce a multi-dimensional partnership that results in the team playing in what is now called "Sun Life Stadium."
- Jan. 31 The Miami Dolphins unveil the "Perfect Moment in Time" statue in honor of Hall of Fame Coach Don Shula. The bronze statue adorns the entrance of the new Dolphins corporate headquarters at Sun Life Stadium, marking the return of the Dolphins front office to Miami-Dade County after 16 years. In addition, the stadium address is announced as 347 Don Shula Drive in honor of the head coach's career victory total.
- Jan. 31 The 2010 Pro Bowl, the first contested prior to the Super Bowl and only the second Pro Bowl played in the same city as the Super Bowl, is staged at Sun Life Stadium. Houston Texans QB Matt Schaub is named the games' MVP while leading the AFC to a 41-34 win.
- Feb. 24 Joe Danna is named assistant defensive backs coach.
- Mar. 1 The Dolphins announce a six-year radio broadcast rights partnership with Clear Channel Communications that results in WBGG (105.9 FM) and WINZ (940 AM) becoming the Dolphins flagship stations.
- May 20 In an emotional press conference, Zach Thomas announces his retirement after signing a free agent contract with the Dolphins. It allows him to finish his career with the team that he played for in his first 12 seasons in the league (1996-2007), making seven Pro Bowls and registering 100 or more tackles in all but one season in that span.
- Oct. 5 Darren Rizzi is promoted to special teams coach. He had served as the team's assistant special teams coach since 2009.
- Oct. 19 The Dolphins break their own record for the largest total for a single-site, one-day blood drive in Florida history during the Second Annual Touchdown for Life Blood Drive at Sun Life Stadium. A record 1,567 participants registered, exceeding last year's record in which there were 1,003 blood donors.
- Nov. 14 The Miami Dolphins honor long-time Miami Herald columnist Edwin Pope by naming the press box at Sun Life Stadium the "Edwin Pope Press Box."



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- Nov. 18 During halftime ceremonies of the team's game against the Chicago Bears, former Dolphins S Jake Scott and defensive end Bill Stanfill become the 20th and 21st members to be inducted into the Dolphins Honor Roll. The pair were also teammates at the University of Georgia prior to joining the Dolphins.
- Nov. 20-21 More than 400 cyclists take part throughout two days of the inaugural Dolphins Cycling Challenge. DCC riders cycle across three South Florida counties and raised \$533,106 to support cancer research and treatment for the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Dec. 5 Dan Carpenter kicks a 60-yard field goal against the Cleveland Browns at Sun Life Stadium, which breaks the record for longest field goal in team history. The record had been set by Pete Stoyanovich who booted a 59-yard kick on November 12, 1989 at the New York Jets.

2011

- Jan. 2 With six carries at New England, Ricky Williams sets the team record for most career rushing attempts with 1,509. Williams passes Hall of Famer Larry Csonka, who held the record with 1,506 attempts.
- Jan. 8 Head Coach Tony Sparano signs a contract extension through the end of 2013 season.
- Jan. 19 Brian Daboll is named offensive coordinator.
- Jan. 20 The Dolphins name Jeff Nixon as running backs coach and Darren Krein as head strength and conditioning coach.
- Jan. 22 General Manager Jeff Ireland signs a multi-year contract extension.
- Jan. 24 Dan Campbell is named tight ends coach. Campbell originally joined the staff prior to the 2010 season, serving as a coaching intern/offense.
- Jan. 26 The Dolphins announce several changes to their coaching staff. Special teams coach Darren Rizzi is promoted to special teams coordinator, Karl Dorrell is now the quarterbacks coach after directing the team's wide receivers, former offensive quality control coach Steve Bush is now the wide receivers coach, Dave Fipp is named as the assistant special teams coach, Tony Sparano, Jr. is named offensive quality control coach and Ike Hilliard joins the team as assistant wide receivers coach.
- Feb. 21 Former Dolphins Pro Bowl linebacker Bryan Cox returns to the organization as the team's pass rush coach.
- May 4 A public memorial service to celebrate the life and achievements of former Dolphins tight end and long-time broadcaster Jim "Mad Dog" Mandich, who passed away on April 26 after a battle with bile-duct cancer, is held in front of a crowd of several thousand fans at Sun Life Stadium. At the celebration it is announced that Mandich will be inducted to the Dolphin Honor Roll as a "Special Contributor."
- Aug. 1 Jason Taylor re-signs with the Dolphins for the third stint with the team. A veteran of 15 seasons, the former NFL Defensive Player of the Year (2006) and NFL Man of the Year (2007) has played with Miami (1997-2007, 2009), Washington (2008) and the N.Y. Jets (2010).
- Aug. 19 Hall of Fame QB Bob Griese is added to the Dolphins radio booth, replacing Jim Mandich, who had passed away earlier that year in April. Griese rounds out the radio broadcast crew of play-by-play voice Jimmy Cefalo and color analyst Joe Rose.
- Sept. 12 Hours before the season opener against the Patriots, Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Steve Ross is accompanied by Tim Robbie and Hall-of-Famers Dan Marino, Bob Griese, Larry Little and Dwight Stephenson as he re-dedicates a statue of team founder Joe Robbie on the newly named Joe Robbie Alumni Plaza, located at Gate C of Sun Life Stadium. The plaza will be the place where Dolphins legends from the player side and the fan side will be honored going forward.
- Dec. 4 A little more than an hour before the Dolphins and Raiders game at Sun Life Stadium, original Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Joe Robbie and nine Dolphins legends took their place on the newly minted Walk of Fame. The shrine surrounds a statue of the late Robbie as the centerpiece of the Joe Robbie Alumni Plaza. Hall-of-Famers Don Shula, Dan Marino, Bob Griese, Nick Buoniconti, Jim Langer, Larry Little, Larry Csonka and Dwight Stephenson and Paul Warfield joined Robbie in having their names immortalized in bronze. At halftime, former Dolphins TE and broadcaster Jim Mandich became the 22nd member of the Dolphin Honor Roll.
- Dec. 12 Todd Bowles, who had served as Miami's assistant head coach/secondary since joining the organization prior to the 2008 season, is named as the team's interim head coach, replacing Tony Sparano.
- Dec. 18 Reggie Bush gains a career high 203 rushing yards in Miami's 30-23 win. The performance marks the fourth time in team history that a Dolphins running back surpasses the 200-yard rushing mark, joining Ricky Williams (228 yards at Buffalo on December 1, 2002 and 216 yards vs. Chicago on December 9, 2002) and Lamar Smith (209 yards vs. Indianapolis in an AFC Playoff contest on December 30, 2000).
- Dec. 24 Reggie Bush tops the 100-yard rushing mark for the fourth consecutive game with 113 yards at the Patriots and surpasses the 1,000-yard rushing mark. It marks the 12th time in team history that a Dolphins runner has posted a 1,000-yard rushing season. In the game, Bush and WR Brandon Marshall become first 1,000-yard rushing and receiving tandem in a single season in franchise history.



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- Jan. 1 Jason Taylor is carried off the field by his teammates in the final game of his record-setting career following Miami's 19-17 season-ending victory over the New York Jets. Taylor, who announced his retirement on December 28, 2011, finishes his career with 139.5 sacks (sixth-most in NFL history), an NFL-record six fumble returns for touchdowns and six Pro Bowl appearances. The win is the 400th regular season triumph in Dolphins history.
- Jan. 20 Joe Philbin is named as the 10th head coach in Miami Dolphins team history. Philbin joins Miami from the Green Bay Packers, where he originally joined the team on February 10, 2003 as assistant offensive line coach. He was promoted to tight ends/assistant offensive line on February 27, 2004 and was promoted by Head Coach Mike McCarthy to offensive line coach on January 17, 2006, and to offensive coordinator on January 15, 2007.
- Jan. 27 Mike Sherman is named as offensive coordinator and Kevin Coyle joins the organization as defensive coordinator.
- Jan. 29 Brandon Marshall catches six passes for 176 yards and four touchdowns in the Pro Bowl and is named as the game's MVP following a 59-41 AFC victory. Marshall joins K Garo Yepremian (1974) and RB Ricky Williams (2003) as the only Dolphins to be named as the MVP of the NFL's annual all-star game.
- Jan. 30 George Edwards is named as Miami's linebackers coach and Zac Taylor as assistant quarterbacks coach. The team also announces that tight ends coach Dan Campbell, strength coach Darren Krein and special teams coordinator Darren Rizzi have been retained on Head Coach Joe Philbin's staff.
- Feb. 2 Jim Turner is named as team's offensive line coach. The Dolphins also announce that Defensive Quality Control coach David Corrao, Assistant Special Teams Coordinator Dave Fipp, Assistant Strength Coach Dave Puloka and Defensive Line Coach Kacy Rodgers have been retained on the coaching staff.
- Feb. 4 The Dolphins name Lou Anarumo as defensive backs coach, Phil McGeoghan as assistant wide receivers coach and Ken O'Keefe as the wide receivers coach.
- Feb. 10 Coach Joe Philbin completes his coaching staff by naming Blue Adams as assistant defensive backs coach, Charlie Bullen as defensive assistant, Ben Johnson as offensive assistant, Chris Mosley as assistant offensive line coach and announcing that Running Backs Coach Jeff Nixon has been retained.
- April 3 The Miami Dolphins, Nike and the NFL reveal the team's new jersey at a special event in New York City. The primary change to the Dolphins uniform is performance-based with a new uniform material as well as cut of the jersey. The most noticeable design change is the "flywire technology" on the collar.
- May 29 Head Coach Joe Philbin announces that the Dolphins will participate in the 2012 season of Hard Knocks, a reality sports documentary television series produced by NFL Films and HBO. The show follows a single NFL team through its training camp and covers the team's preparation for the upcoming football season.
- June 28 Director of Player Personnel Brian Gaine is promoted to assistant general manager.
- Aug. 8 The Dolphins announce a comprehensive marketing and community partnership agreement with Doctors Hospital Center for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, a division of Baptist Health South Florida. The partnership includes the naming rights to the team's training facility in Davie, Florida with the complex now officially known as the Doctors Hospital Training Facility at Nova Southeastern University.
- Aug. 10 Senior Vice President of Football Operations Dawn Aponte is promoted to executive vice president of football administration.
- Sept. 9 Ryan Tannehill becomes the first rookie QB in franchise history to start a season opener when he lines up behind center at the Texans. Tannehill would go on to start all 16 regular season games and become the first rookie signal caller to accomplish that feat as well.
- Sept. 30 WR Brian Hartline sets a team record with 253 receiving yards in Miami's game at the Cardinals. Hartline's receiving yardage total surpasses the previous record of 238 yards set by Chris Chambers on December 4, 2005. In addition, QB Ryan Tannehill's throws for 431 passing yards which are the second most (now third) in NFL history by a rookie passer. Lastly, DE Cameron Wake records 4.5 sacks, the most by a Dolphins player in team history (since 1982 when sacks became an NFL official statistic).
- Oct. 14 Former Dolphins DE/LB Jason Taylor and LB Zach Thomas are inducted into the Dolphin Honor Roll during halftime of Miami's 17-14 win over the St. Louis Rams at Sun Life Stadium.
- Nov. 15 Kick returner Marcus Thigpen scores on a 96-yard kickoff return at Buffalo and becomes the first Dolphins player to return both a kickoff and a punt for a touchdown in the same season. Thigpen ran back a punt 72 yards for a score in the season opener at Houston on September 9.
- Nov. 25 With a 9-yard completion to WR Davone Bess against the Seahawks, QB Ryan Tannehill sets a team record for most passing yards in a season by a Dolphins rookie quarterback. Tannehill passes Dan Marino, who passed for 2,210 yards as a rookie in 1983. Tannehill would go on to finish his rookie campaign with 3,294 yards.
- Dec. 15 The world premiere of "More Than Perfect. One Team. One Town. The Impact Of The 1972 Miami Dolphins" takes place at the historic Olympia Theater at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in Downtown Miami. The film, produced by Bombo Sports & Entertainment in cooperation with NFL Films, is a one of a kind feature which sheds new light on one of team sports greatest achievements through a series of never-before-seen footage and exclusive interviews with both players and community leaders.



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- Dec. 16 During halftime ceremonies of Miami's 24-3 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars, the organization celebrates the 40th anniversary of the NFL's only perfect team, the 1972 Super Bowl champion Miami Dolphins. Led by Hall-of-Fame Head Coach Don Shula, a large contingent of the members of that championship team also honors their defensive coordinator, Bill Arnsparger, who has his name added to the Dolphin Honor Roll. Prior to the game, DT Manny Fernandez (1968-75), QB Don Strock (1974-87), QB Earl Morrall (1972-76), DT Tim Bowens (1994-2004) and WR Nat Moore (1974-86) are added to the team's Walk of Fame at the Joe Robbie Alumni Plaza in front of Gate C at Sun Life Stadium.

2013

- Jan. 30 Marwan Maalouf is named as assistant special teams coach. The team also announces a series of promotions, including defensive assistant coach Charlie Bullen to assistant defensive line coach, offensive assistant Ben Johnson to assistant quarterbacks coach and assistant quarterbacks coach Zac Taylor to quarterbacks coach.
- March 29 Dolphins CEO Mike Dee confirms the team's new logo, which still includes navy and white accents. The newly evolved logo remains aqua and orange, though the colors return to the hues worn by the '70s and '80s teams.
- April 25 The Dolphins officially debut the organization's logo and uniform evolution at the team's 2013 Fins on the Clock Draft Party at Sun Life Stadium. The event features a host of current and former Dolphins greats, including the evolution of the Dolphins uniforms featuring Bob Griese, Dan Marino and Jason Taylor in the uniforms of their time followed by the debut of the team's new uniform modeled by current players.
- May 29 Dolphins General Manager Jeff Ireland announces promotions within the player personnel department, including Anthony Hunt as director of pro scouting, Joe Schoen as assistant director of college scouting, Adam Engroff as national scout and Cody Rager as West Coast area scout.
- Aug. 4 The Dolphins debut their new logo and uniforms as the team kicks off the 2013 season against the Dallas Cowboys and makes its fourth appearance in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio.
- Aug. 20 President Barack Obama welcomes Head Coach Don Shula and more than 20 members of the 1972 Super Bowl champion Miami Dolphins to the White House to honor the NFL's only perfect season. It did not become common practice for Super Bowl champions to visit the White House until after 1980.
- Sept. 9 Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen Ross names Tom Garfinkel as president and chief executive officer of the Miami Dolphins and Sun Life Stadium.
- Sept. 22 QB Ryan Tannehill caps a 75-yard scoring drive with a 1-yard touchdown pass to rookie TE Dion Sims with 38 seconds left in the game to give the Dolphins a 27-23 comeback win against the Atlanta Falcons. The win against Atlanta has the Dolphins sitting at 3-0 for the first time since 2002.
- Oct. 24 The NFL announces the Dolphins will play the Oakland Raiders at London's Wembley Stadium as a part of the International Series in 2014. The game, which will take place on Sept. 28, will be the second regular season visit by the Dolphins to the United Kingdom since the International Series began in 2007 and the third regular season game played outside the United States in the franchise's 48-year history. The first came on Oct. 28, 2007 when Miami hosted the New York Giants in the inaugural International Series game in front of 81,176 fans at Wembley Stadium. The matchup of the two storied franchises was the first-ever regular season NFL game played in the United Kingdom. In addition to the first-ever International Series game in London in 2007 against the Giants, the Dolphins also participated in the Bills' Toronto Series as they faced the Buffalo Bills on Dec. 7, 2008 in Toronto, Canada.
- Oct. 31 DE Cameron Wake sacks Cincinnati QB Andy Dalton in the end zone for a safety to give the Dolphins a 22-20 overtime win on Halloween. This game marks only the third time in league history that a game in overtime ends on a safety. The other two times occurred when the Minnesota Vikings defeated the St. Louis Rams 23-21 (11/5/89) and when the Chicago Bears defeated the Tennessee Titans 19-17 (11/14/04). At halftime, former Dolphins LB and five-time Pro Bowl selection John Offerdahl becomes the 26th member of the Dolphins Honor Roll.
- Dec. 15 Signed off the San Francisco 49ers practice squad just five days prior to the game, S Michael Thomas seals the Dolphins' first victory against the Patriots since Dec. 6, 2009 when he intercepts New England quarterback Tom Brady in the end zone with 2 seconds remaining to preserve the 24-20 victory at Sun Life Stadium. For his efforts, Thomas will be named AFC Defensive Player of the Week.

2014

- Jan. 15 Head Coach Joe Philbin names Bill Lazor as offensive coordinator.
- Jan. 21 Mark Duffner is named linebackers coach by Head Coach Joe Philbin.
- Jan. 28 Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen Ross names Dennis Hickey as the team's general manager.
- Jan. 29 John Benton, who spent the previous eight seasons with the Houston Texans as their offensive line coach, is hired as Miami's assistant offensive line coach.
- March 1 Head Coach Joe Philbin announces the promotion of John Benton to offensive line coach and the hiring of Jack Bicknell Jr. as the team's assistant offensive line coach.
- May 15 Eric Stokes is named assistant general manager by General Manager Dennis Hickey.
- May 19 General Manager Dennis Hickey names Joe Schoen as director of player personnel.



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- June 17 The Sun Life Stadium modernization plan moves forward as the Miami-Dade County Commission approves by a 7-4 vote a Performance-Based Marquee Event Grant Agreement. Under the agreement, Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen Ross agrees to fund the modernization project with private funds. Upon completion, the stadium will become eligible for performance grants tied to marquee events such as Super Bowls, college football championships, college football semifinals, World Cup soccer matches, as well as other international soccer events for a period of 20 years.
- June 28 The Dolphins commence work on the modernization of Sun Life Stadium. The multi-year construction project, which will encompass a host of improvements, including all-new seats, a shade canopy, new video boards, and concourse and concession improvements, is expected to be complete by the start of the 2016 football season.
- Aug. 8 Miami Dolphins General Manager Dennis Hickey officially announces promotions and recent additions to the football operations staff. Ryan Herman is promoted to director of football administration after serving as manager of football administration, while former scouting assistants Chris Buford and Max Gruder are named college scout and pro scout, respectively. Additionally, the Dolphins name Mike Tannenbaum as consultant, Dennis Lock as head analyst, Dave Regan as sports science analyst, Brad Forsyth and Marcus Hendrickson as college scouts, J.P. McGowan as scouting assistant and Jonathan Gress as assistant athletic trainer/physical therapist.
- Aug. 24 Miami Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen Ross announces that former Dolphins quarterback and Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino has been named special advisor. In his role, Marino will work with the organization in a variety of different capacities.
- Sept. 7 The Dolphins outscore the New England Patriots 23-0 in the second half to pace a 33-20 win at Sun Life Stadium. The last time Miami blanked New England in the second half occurred on Dec. 23, 2007 at New England. Additionally, the last time Miami scored 30-or-more points in a season opener was in a 34-10 victory at home against Denver on September 11, 2005.
- Sept. 21 Prior to kickoff of the Dolphins and Chiefs game at Sun Life Stadium, former DE Jeff Cross, CB Sam Madison, RB Tony Nathan and G Ed Newman become the fourth class of Dolphins greats to be inducted into the team's Walk of Fame.
- Sept. 28 The Dolphins make their second regular season trip to London's Wembley Stadium a successful one with a 38-14 triumph against the Oakland Raiders. The final score represents Miami's most lopsided victory since Nov. 20, 2011 when they beat the Buffalo Bills 35-8.
- Oct. 26 S Louis Delmas (81 yards) and CB Brent Grimes (22 yards) return interceptions for touchdowns to lead Miami to a 27-13 victory against the Jacksonville Jaguars at EverBank Field. This marks the fifth time in franchise history the Dolphins had two interception returns for touchdowns in the same game, and the first time since 1998 when they did it against the Oakland Raiders. It also happened in 1983 against the New York Jets, in 1982 also against the Jets, and in 1973 against the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- Nov. 2 The Dolphins earn a 37-0 win against the San Diego Chargers at Sun Life Stadium. It is the Dolphins' first shutout victory since Dec. 10, 2006 when they beat the New England Patriots 21-0 in Miami. It also is the Dolphins' most lopsided shutout victory since 1987 when they beat the Kansas City Chiefs 42-0 in a strike replacement game. Additionally, it is the widest margin of victory for a shutout in the NFL since the Carolina Panthers defeated the New York Giants 38-0 on Sept. 22, 2013.
- Nov. 13 The Dolphins wear their all aqua uniform combination (aqua pants and jerseys) for the fourth time in franchise history for the team's 22-9 prime-time win against the Buffalo Bills. Miami improves to 3-1 when wearing all aqua. The previous times the Dolphins went with all aqua uniforms were Monday night, Dec. 9, 2002 against the Chicago Bears (27-9 win), Monday night, Dec. 15, 2003 against the Philadelphia Eagles (34-27 loss) and Sunday night, December 26, 2004 against the Cleveland Browns (10-7 win).
- Dec. 21 Rookie DE Terrence Fede blocks a punt through the end zone for a safety with 41 seconds left to give the Dolphins a 37-35 victory against the Minnesota Vikings at Sun Life Stadium. Miami becomes the first team in NFL history to produce a go-ahead safety in final minute of a fourth quarter. It is a team-record third blocked punt of the season and the fifth blocked kick for the Dolphins on the season, the most since the team blocked seven in 1977. At halftime, former Dolphins DT Manny Fernandez became the 27th inductee to the team's Honor Roll. In the postgame locker room, Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen Ross announces that Head Coach Joe Philbin will return as coach of the team in 2015.
- Dec. 28 In Miami's season finale game against the New York Jets, QB Ryan Tannehill throws for 259 yards to finish the season with 4,045 passing yards and RB Lamar Miller rushes for 178 yards to close with 1,099 rushing yards on the season as the Dolphins produce the first season in franchise history with a 4,000-yard passer and a 1,000-yard rusher. Miller records a 97-yard touchdown run in the third quarter of the game, setting the franchise record for longest run as well as the third-longest run in NFL history, behind a 98-yard run by Ahmad Green in 2003 and Tony Dorsett's 99-yard run for the Dallas Cowboys in 1982.

2015

- Jan. 6 Miami Dolphins Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen Ross names long-time NFL executive Mike Tannenbaum as executive vice president of football operations, effective Feb. 1. In his role, Tannenbaum will handle football administration. Tannenbaum had served as a consultant to the team since Aug. 8, 2014.



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| Jan. 13 | Dolphins President and CEO Tom Garfinkel names Todd Kline, formerly of the Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG), to the newly created position of senior vice president and chief commercial officer. In addition, Garfinkel announces Jeremy Walls and Jason Jenkins were promoted to senior vice president and chief marketing officer, and senior vice president of communications and community affairs, respectively. |
| Feb. 6 | Dolphins Head Coach Joe Philbin announces Terrell Williams as the team's defensive line coach. |
| April 28 | Dolphins President/CEO Tom Garfinkel announces at a press conference at Miami Norland Senior High School that the team will donate \$1 million each of the next four years to City Year Miami, a nonprofit organization that mentors at-risk students in public schools, for its programs at Norland and Carol City High School. The donation will come from the Miami Dolphins Foundation's educational pillar through funds raised during Fins Weekend. |
| May 9 | The Dolphins announce elements for the team's 50th season celebration, including a throwback jersey, commemorative book, voting for the top 50 players and greatest game in Dolphins history as well as themes that will surround each home game. The organization unveils a customized 50th season logo for the occasion. This logo will be displayed on all associated merchandise, campaigns, content on social platforms, video and all media as well as a patch on all player jerseys throughout the 2015 football season. Additionally, the Dolphins unveil the "Since" campaign, chronicling all five decades of the franchise from the fans' perspective and capturing the moments when the Dolphins became part of the fabric of their fandom. |
| June 17 | The Miami Dolphins name Myles Pistorius senior vice president, general counsel. |
| July 31 | The Miami Dolphins and 1210 ESPN Deportes (WNMA-1210 AM) announce they have entered into a multi-year agreement for the station to become the official Spanish radio broadcast partner of the franchise. |
| Oct. 5 | Stephen Ross relieves Joe Philbin of his duties as head coach. Later that day, the team announces that Dan Campbell will serve as interim head coach. Campbell had served as Miami's tight ends coach for the past five seasons (2011-15). He originally joined the Dolphins prior to the 2010 season as a coaching intern/offense. |
| Oct. 7 | The Dolphins announce coaching staff changes, including naming Ben Johnson as tight ends coach, Ken O'Keefe as senior offensive assistant, Al Saunders as senior offensive assistant and Mike Wahle as assistant tight ends coach. |
| Oct. 8 | The Dolphins announce changes to the coaching staff, including Lou Anarumo as defensive coordinator and Jeff Burris as assistant defensive backs coach. In addition, Kevin Coyle is relieved of his duties as defensive coordinator. |
| Oct. 12 | Special Teams Coordinator Darren Rizzi is promoted to assistant head coach/special teams coordinator. Rizzi is in his seventh season as both an NFL assistant and as a member of the Dolphins' coaching staff and fifth as special teams coordinator. He joined the Dolphins as assistant special teams coach in 2009. |
| Oct. 18 | With the win 38-10 win at the Tennessee Titans, Dan Campbell becomes the first interim head coach in the NFL to win his debut game since Romeo Crennel of Kansas City and Todd Bowles of the Dolphins both accomplished the feat on Dec. 18, 2011. |
| Oct. 25 | Miami's 44-26 win against the Texans sets numerous NFL and team records. QB Ryan Tannehill, by completing his last seven attempts the previous week at Tennessee and his first 18 attempts of this game, sets the NFL record with 25 consecutive completions. The previous mark was 24 by Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb in 2004. In addition, Tannehill completes 94.7 percent of his pass attempts (18-of-19), which sets the team record for highest completion percentage in a single-game, surpassing the previous record of 92.3 percent (12-of-13) by Bob Griese vs. New England on Dec. 18, 1978. With his 30-yard interception return against the Titans the previous week and his 23-yard interception return for a touchdown this week, S Reshad Jones becomes the first player in Dolphins history to have interception returns for touchdowns in consecutive games. Lastly, with the win, Dan Campbell becomes the first head coach to take over a team during a season to win first his two games since Leslie Frazier (Minnesota) and Jason Garrett (Dallas) in 2010. |
| Nov. 30 | Dan Campbell announces that Zac Taylor will serve as the team's play caller and remain as quarterbacks coach. In addition, Phil McGeoghan is promoted to wide receivers coach and Bill Lazor is relieved of his duties as offensive coordinator. |
| Dec. 6 | QB Ryan Tannehill surpasses the 3,000-yard passing mark for the season in the first quarter of Miami's 15-13 win against the Ravens with a 5-yard completion to RB Damien Williams. Tannehill has recorded 3,000-or-more yards passing in each of his four NFL seasons and joins Indianapolis' Peyton Manning (13 seasons), Cincinnati's Andy Dalton (four) and Carolina's Cam Newton (four) as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to record 3,000-yard passing seasons in each of their first four seasons. |
| Dec. 11 | The Dolphins host their Fifty Seasons Gala presented by Allegiance Crane & Equipment at the Diplomat Resort & Spa in Hollywood, Fla. Dick Enberg, one of the most renowned and versatile sportscasters in America, and Grammy award winning country music artist Darius Rucker serve as the master of ceremonies and entertainment, respectively. The once-in-a-generation event highlights the Dolphins' top 50 players and celebrates great moments in team history. |
| Dec. 14 | The Dolphins honor the top 50 players in franchise history and wear throwback jerseys styled after the team's inaugural season on a Monday night against the N.Y. Giants. The game marks the first time that the Dolphins wear throwback uniforms for a home game and just the second time overall in team history. The only other time the Dolphins wore a throwback uniform was on Nov. 27, 2003 in a 40-21 Thanksgiving Day game win at Dallas, where the organization commemorated the 30th anniversary of the 1973 team that captured Super Bowl VIII. |



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2015

- Dec. 27 With his 15-yard reception in the fourth quarter at the Chargers, WR Jarvis Landry records his 100th catch of the 2015 season and becomes the first player in team history to record 100-plus receptions in a season.

2016

- Jan. 2 The Dolphins announce that the team and General Manager Dennis Hickey have agreed to part ways. Hickey served as the team's general manager for the past two seasons (2014-15).
- Jan. 3 The Dolphins close the 2015 season with a 20-10 win against the Patriots. Miami wears its all-aqua uniforms for the fifth time in team history, the other games were against Chicago in 2002, Philadelphia in 2003, Cleveland in 2004 and Buffalo in 2014. This game marks the first time that the team wears their all-aqua uniforms during a day game.
- Jan. 4 Chris Grier is named as the team's general manager. In his role, Grier will oversee the draft and personnel departments, reporting directly to Executive Vice President, Football Operations Mike Tannenbaum.
- Jan. 9 Adam Gase is named the 12th head coach in franchise history. Gase brings a wealth of knowledge and success to Miami as the offensive coordinator for the greatest offense in NFL history. While Gase was the Denver Broncos' offensive coordinator in 2013 and 2014, the Broncos led the NFL in scoring offense (34.0 points per game), total offense (430.1 yards per game) and passing offense (315.8 yards per game).
- Jan. 12 The Dolphins announce that Vance Joseph has been named defensive coordinator. In addition, Matt Burke is named as linebackers coach, Shane Day as tight ends coach, Chris Foerster as offensive line coach and Shawn Jefferson as wide receivers coach. In addition, Eric Stokes will now serve as senior personnel executive.
- Jan. 20 Clyde Christensen is named as offensive coordinator. Additionally, Bo Hardegree is named as quarterbacks coach and Jeremiah Washburn as assistant offensive line coach.
- Jan. 25 The Dolphins announce several updates to the team's coaching staff. Additions to the offensive staff include Running Backs Coach Danny Barrett, Assistant Wide Receivers Coach Ben Johnson and Offensive Quality Control Chris Kuper. On defense, the Dolphins coaching staff additions include Defensive Backs Coach Lou Anarumo, Defensive Line Coach Terrell Williams, Assistant Linebackers Coach Charlie Bullen and Defensive Quality Control Rusty McKinney. The organization promotes Dave Puloka to head strength and conditioning coach and names Jim Arthur and Ted Rath as assistant strength and conditioning coaches. Additionally, Ken O'Keefe is named as the team's senior football research analyst and Blue Adams will serve as football research analyst.
- Feb. 12 Daronte Jones is named as assistant defensive backs coach. Additionally, the organization and Assistant General Manager Eric Stokes have mutually agreed to part ways.
- March 18 Jim Washburn is named senior defensive assistant/pass rush specialist. By joining with his son, Jeremiah, the team's assistant offensive line coach, the Washburns join the Shulas as the only father-son coaching duos in franchise history. Earlier, both Dave Shula (1982-88) and Mike Shula (1991-92, 2000-02) coached under their father, Don.
- May 19 The Miami Dolphins and Miami's Sportsradio 560 WQAM announce they have entered into a long-term partnership with the station becoming the official flagship radio partner of the franchise. The Dolphins previously had their games broadcast on Miami's Sportsradio 560 WQAM during the 1997-2004 and 2007-09 seasons. In addition, all Dolphins games will be simulcast on Kiss 99.9 "South Florida's NEW Country" and feature expanded pre, halftime and postgame shows.
- Aug. 17 The Miami Dolphins and Hard Rock International announce an 18-year agreement to name the newly renovated facility Hard Rock Stadium. Additionally, the iconic lifestyle brand becomes the official Miami Dolphins hotel and resort, casual restaurant partner and hospitality sponsor.
- Sept. 25 RB Jay Ajayi scores on an 11-yard touchdown run with 8:26 left in overtime to give the Dolphins a 30-24 victory against the Cleveland Browns in the first regular season game at Hard Rock Stadium.
- Oct. 16 The Dolphins defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers 30-15 at Hard Rock Stadium as RB Jay Ajayi put together one of the great rushing performances in Dolphins history. Ajayi rushes for 204 yards and two touchdowns, including a game-clinching 62-yard run with 50 seconds left. Ajayi joins Ricky Williams (twice), Lamar Smith and Reggie Bush as Dolphins players with 200-yard rushing performances.
- Oct. 23 RB Jay Ajayi has a second consecutive tremendous rushing performance and the Dolphins defeat the Buffalo Bills 28-25 at Hard Rock Stadium. A week after rushing for 204 yards against Pittsburgh, Ajayi finishes with 214 yards as he joins O.J. Simpson, Earl Campbell and former Dolphins RB Ricky Williams as the only players in NFL history with back-to-back 200-yard games. The Dolphins handle the league's top-ranked rushing offense, holding Buffalo to 67 yards on 22 carries.
- Nov. 13 LB Kiko Alonso returns an interception 60 yards for a touchdown with 1:01 left to give the Dolphins a 31-24 victory against the San Diego Chargers at Qualcomm Stadium. The play is the latest interception return in a game to give the Dolphins a lead since at least 1991 and the latest by any NFL player since Atlanta's Robert Alford had a 59-yard interception return in overtime to defeat Washington on Oct. 11, 2015.
- Dec. 17 QB Matt Moore, starting for the first time since the 2011 season finale because of Ryan Tannehill's knee injury suffered the previous week against the Arizona Cardinals, throws a career-high four touchdown passes to lead the Dolphins to a 34-13 victory against the New York Jets at MetLife Stadium. The victory, the Dolphins' eighth in their past nine games, moves their record to 9-5 and clinches the Dolphins' first winning record since 2008 when they won the AFC East title with an 11-5 record.



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- Dec. 24 The Dolphins outlast the Buffalo Bills to continue their playoff push as Andrew Franks kicks a 27-yard field goal in the final minute of overtime and the Dolphins defeated the Bills 34-31 at New Era Field. The victory improves the Dolphins record to 10-5 and they clinch a playoff berth with a Kansas City victory over Denver the following day. RB Jay Ajayi ends up with 206 rushing yards, his second 200-yard game against Buffalo during the season and third overall. Ajayi becomes the fourth player in NFL history to rush for 200 yards in at least three games in the same season, joining Tiki Barber (2005), Earl Campbell (1980) and O.J. Simpson (1973).

2017

- Jan. 12 Matt Burke, who served as linebackers coach for the Dolphins in 2016, is promoted to defensive coordinator.
- Jan. 19 Frank Bush is hired as assistant head coach/linebackers coach, Darren Rizzi is promoted to associate head coach/special teams coordinator and Chris Kuper is promoted to assistant offensive line coach.
- Feb. 4 Jason Taylor, who spent 13 of his 15 NFL seasons with the Dolphins, is elected as a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2017. Taylor becomes the Dolphins' 10th Hall of Fame member and only the second on the defensive side of the ball, joining LB Nick Buoniconti. He is the fifth former Dolphins player to be elected in his first year of eligibility, as he joins Don Shula, Dan Marino, Jim Langer and Paul Warfield.
- Feb. 10 Chris Foerster is promoted to run game coordinator/offensive line coach, Andre Carter is named assistant defensive line coach and Josh Grizzard is named offensive quality control.
- Feb. 22 The Dolphins re-sign QBs Bob Griese and Dan Marino, WR Nat Moore, G Larry Little, DE/LB Kim Bokamper and CB Sam Madison. Each player signs a contract and then officially retires as a member of the Dolphins. Each player was named as one of the top 50 players in franchise history and have combined for three Hall of Fame inductions, two NFL Most Valuable Player awards, two retired jerseys, 14 first-team All-Pro honors and 25 Pro Bowl selections (15 Pro Bowl starts).
- Sept. 6 Due to the potential impact of Hurricane Irma on South Florida, the NFL announces that the Dolphins' home game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, originally scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10 at Hard Rock Stadium, will instead be played in Week 11 on Sunday, Nov. 19. Week 11 was previously an open date for both clubs.
- Sept. 8 As a result of the impending arrival of Hurricane Irma, the Dolphins travel 3,000 miles to hold practices at the Dallas Cowboys' training camp facility adjacent to the River Ridge Golf Club in Oxnard, California. Miami practices in California for three days (Sept. 13-15) before making the 90-minute drive to Los Angeles ahead of the game against the Chargers at the StubHub Center on Sunday.
- Sept. 17 K Cody Parkey's 54-yard field goal with 1:05 remaining in regulation in Miami's 19-17 win at the Los Angeles Chargers is the longest game-winning field goal in Dolphins history and capped a perfect 4-for-4 day for the Jupiter, Florida native.
- Oct. 1 The Dolphins make their fourth regular-season visit to London and face the New Orleans Saints. Miami is 1-3 in its games in London, defeating Oakland in 2014 and falling to the N.Y. Giants in 2007, the N.Y. Jets in 2015 and Saints in 2017.
- Oct. 11 The Dolphins announce they have named Dave DeGuglielmo as senior offensive assistant. It is the second tour of duty for DeGuglielmo as he spent the 2009-11 seasons as the team's offensive line coach.
- Oct. 15 The Dolphins come back from a 17-0 deficit to defeat the defending NFC Champion Atlanta Falcons at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. It is tied for the sixth-largest comeback victory in Dolphins history and the team's largest since a 21-point comeback vs. Buffalo on Dec. 4, 2005. Additionally, the 17-point come-from-behind victory was Miami's largest comeback on the road since an 18-point comeback at the N.Y. Jets on Nov. 27, 1994, also known as the "Fake Spike" game.
- Oct. 22 Miami overcomes a 28-14 fourth-quarter deficit to defeat the N.Y. Jets at Hard Rock Stadium by a 31-28 score. It follows a game in which the Dolphins' rallied from a 17-point halftime deficit to win the previous week at Atlanta. The last time the Dolphins won consecutive games trailing by 14-plus points in a second half was a three-game streak from Sept. 14-28, 1980. The Dolphins were down 14-0 and won 17-14 vs. Cincinnati on Sept. 14, trailed 17-3 and rallied back to a 20-17 win at Atlanta on Sept. 21 and down 16-0 vs. New Orleans and came back to a 21-16 win on Sept. 28.
- Nov. 5 LS John Denney plays in his 200th NFL game against the Oakland Raiders, having played in every game since making his NFL debut on Sept. 11, 2005. He becomes one of just three Dolphins to appear in 200 games with the team, joining QB Dan Marino (242) and DE Jason Taylor (204).
- Dec. 11 The Dolphins record a 27-20 win over the defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots at Hard Rock Stadium. Miami holds the Patriots to zero third-down conversions (0-11). It's the first time in the Bill Belichick-era a New England offense was held without a third-down conversion. With the victory, the Dolphins defeat both Super Bowl participants from the previous season after Miami also defeated Atlanta in Week 6. The only other season the Dolphins have done this is 1993, when they beat the defending AFC champion Buffalo Bills on Sept. 26 and the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25.
- Dec. 31 WR Jarvis Landry records nine receptions against Buffalo and totals 112 receptions for the 2017, which leads the NFL and breaks his own single-season franchise record of 110 that he set in 2015. He joins O.J. McDuffie (90 receptions in 1998) as the only Dolphins to lead the NFL in that category.



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- Jan. 19 The Dolphins announce changes to their coaching staff. The team hires Dowell Loggains as offensive coordinator and Jeremiah Washburn as offensive line coach. Additionally, the following staff members have changed titles: Shawn Jefferson will be assistant head coach/offense, Ben Johnson will now serve as wide receivers coach and Clyde Christensen will be director of football and player development.
- Jan. 31 The Dolphins announce they have hired Eric Studesville as run game coordinator/running backs coach, Kris Kocurek as defensive line coach and Tony Oden as defensive backs coach.
- Feb. 9 Renaldo Hill is named assistant defensive backs coach. Hill, who played safety with the team from 2006-08, will be the 10th person to both play and coach with the Dolphins.
- April 19 The Dolphins re-sign T Vernon Carey, WR Chris Chambers, DE Jeff Cross, LB/DE A.J. Duhe, P Brandon Fields and DT Paul Soliai. Each player signs a one-day contract and officially retire as members of the Dolphins. The players combined to play 46 seasons for the Dolphins, totaling 681 games played and five Pro Bowl selections.
- July 10 Six former players are named to the team's Walk of Fame this season: S Dick Anderson, WR Mark Clayton, WR Mark Duper, T Jon Giesler, LB John Offerdahl and DE/LB Jason Taylor. The six combined to earn 22 Pro Bowl selections, seven first-team All Pro nods, won seven AFC Championships and two Super Bowl titles. The group collectively played 61 seasons for the Dolphins, appearing in 828 games with 741 starts.
- Sept. 9 As a result of two separate delays due to lightning in the area, the Dolphins' 27-20 win against the Tennessee Titans at Hard Rock Stadium's official game time of seven hours and eight minutes marks the longest game in NFL history since the merger in 1970, per the Elias Sports Bureau. The previous longest game in league history was a 2013 Bears-Ravens matchup in Chicago that lasted five hours and 16 minutes. The first delay comes with 1:11 remaining in the second quarter and lasts one hour and 57 minutes. Following the conclusion of the half, both teams remain on the field for a halftime of three minutes and 30 seconds. The second delay occurs with 6:57 left in the third quarter and halts play for two hours and two minutes. Play resumes again at 6:55 p.m.
- Sept. 16 The Dolphins improve to 2-0 on the season with a 20-12 win against the New York Jets at MetLife Stadium. In the game, RB Frank Gore records an 8-yard run in the third quarter to surpass Hall of Famer Curtis Martin for fourth place on the NFL all-time rushing leaders chart.
- Sept. 23 Miami's 28-20 win against the Oakland Raiders at Hard Rock Stadium improves the team's record to 3-0. In the contest, WR Albert Wilson finds a streaking WR Jakeem Grant Sr. on a trick play for a go-ahead 52-yard touchdown with 7:18 remaining in the game. The play marks the longest touchdown pass by a non-quarterback in Dolphins history. With a 74-yard touchdown reception later in the fourth quarter, Wilson becomes the first Dolphins player to throw and catch a touchdown pass in the same game as WR Mark Clayton against Buffalo in 1983. According to Elias Sports Bureau, Wilson becomes the fourth player in NFL history to record a passing and receiving touchdown of 50-plus yards in the same game. The three previous players to accomplish the feat are David Patten in 2001, Tom Tracy in 1960 and Jimmy Conzelman in 1923.
- Oct. 7 With his 70-yard punt return touchdown at the end of the first half of Miami's game at the Cincinnati Bengals at Paul Brown Stadium, WR Jakeem Grant Sr. becomes the first player in Dolphins history to score a touchdown via reception, kickoff return and punt return in the same season. Grant returned a kickoff 102 yards against Tennessee in the season opener and had a pair of touchdown receptions, including one for 52 yards, against Oakland in Week 3. Grant also becomes the second player in league history (Dante Hall, 2003) with a 100+ yard kickoff-return touchdown, 70+ yard punt-return touchdown and 50+ yard touchdown catch in a single season.
- Oct. 14 Rookie K Jason Sanders hits a 47-yard field goal as overtime expires to give the Dolphins a 31-28 win against the Chicago Bears at Hard Rock Stadium. RB Frank Gore rushes for 101 yards and becomes just the fifth NFL player since the merger in 1970 to rush for 100+ yards at the age of 35 or older. Additionally, WR Albert Wilson catches six passes for 155 yards. Wilson tied the game twice in the fourth quarter with a pair of touchdowns – one for 43 yards and one for 75 yards. His 150 receiving yards in the fourth quarter are the third-most in the fourth quarter of an NFL game since 1991.
- Nov. 4 With a 7-yard run in the third quarter, RB Frank Gore surpasses Hall of Fame RB Barry Sanders to move into sixth place in NFL history in career scrimmage yards during Miami's 13-6 win against the New York Jets at Hard Rock Stadium. He finishes the game with 20 rushing attempts for 53 yards and one reception for 6 yards, increasing his total career yards from scrimmage to 18,204.
- Dec. 9 On a thrilling final play, the Dolphins get the ball into the hands of RB Kenyan Drake, who weaves through New England defenders for 52 yards and scores the winning touchdown in a 34-33 victory against the New England Patriots at Hard Rock Stadium in a game known as the "Miami Miracle." Trailing 33-28 with 7 seconds remaining in regulation, the Dolphins have the ball at their own 31-yard line. QB Ryan Tannehill throws a pass over the middle that is caught by WR Kenny Stills, who laterals the ball to the right side of the field that is caught by WR DeVante Parker at midfield. Parker then tosses the ball to Drake, who runs the ball 52 yards for a touchdown to win the game. The total game-winning play encompasses 69 yards, which is the longest play to win an NFL game with no time remaining in the fourth quarter since the 1970 AFL/NFL merger. It is the first time in team history that the Dolphins win a regular season game with a walk-off game-winning touchdown. The play goes on to win the Bridgestone Performance Play of the Year Award at the 8th Annual NFL Honors Award Show on Feb. 2, 2019.



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- Dec. 18 CB Xavier Howard is selected to start for the AFC team in the 2019 Pro Bowl. It is the first Pro Bowl selection of Howard's career. His selection extends Miami's streak to 21 consecutive seasons with a defensive player elected to the Pro Bowl.
- Dec. 31 The Miami Dolphins announce that General Manager Chris Grier will oversee football operations reporting directly to Chairman of the Board and Managing General Partner Stephen Ross. The team will immediately conduct a search for a new head coach that will report to Grier. In addition, Head Coach Adam Gase has been relieved of his duties and Executive Vice President of Football Operations Mike Tannenbaum has been reassigned within the organization.

2019

- Jan. 29 Marvin Allen joins the organization as an assistant general manager. The team also announces the following promotions: Ron Brockington to senior national scout, J.P. Correia to player personnel scout, Adam Engroff and Anthony Hunt to co-directors of player personnel, Brandon Shore to vice president of football administration and Matt Winston to assistant director of college scouting.
- Feb. 4 Brian Flores is named the 13th head coach in franchise history. Flores joins the Dolphins after spending 15 years with the New England Patriots organization, where he helped the franchise win four Super Bowls – XXXIX, XLIX, LI and LIII.
- Feb. 8 The Miami Dolphins announce 16 members of their coaching staff for the 2019 season: Jim Caldwell (assistant head coach/quarterbacks), Danny Crossman (special teams coordinator), Patrick Graham (defensive coordinator), Chad O'Shea (offensive coordinator), Josh Boyer (defensive pass game coordinator/cornerbacks), Karl Dorrell (wide receivers), Pat Flaherty (offensive line), George Godsey (tight ends), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Rob Leonard (linebackers), Tony Oden (safeties), Jerry Schuplinski (assistant quarterbacks), Eric Stutesville (running backs), Josh Grizzard (quality control), Matt Lombardi (quality control) and Tiquan Underwood (quality control).
- Feb. 11 Brendan Farrell is named assistant special teams coach.
- Feb. 15 The Miami Dolphins announce senior level additions to the organization with the marketing, partnerships and ticketing departments. Steve Mullins is named vice president of corporate partnerships; Laura Sandall is named vice president of marketing; Moni Gerbini is promoted to the role of vice president of ticket sales; and Jamie Weinstein is promoted to vice president of membership and premium service.
- Feb. 18 Mike Judge is named quality control coach.
- Feb. 22 Long-time NFL executive Reggie McKenzie is named as a senior personnel executive. McKenzie joins the Dolphins after spending the previous seven years (2012-18) as the general manager of the Oakland Raiders.
- July 13 Assistant Head Coach/Quarterbacks Jim Caldwell takes a leave of absence to address health issues.
- July 29 The Dolphins promote analyst Dave DeGuglielmo to offensive line coach.
- Sept. 8 In the season opener against the Baltimore Ravens at Hard Rock Stadium, QB Ryan Fitzpatrick becomes the first player in NFL history to throw a touchdown pass for eight different teams after his 6-yard touchdown pass to WR Preston Williams in the second quarter. Williams, who joined the Dolphins as an undrafted college free agent, becomes the second undrafted rookie in team history to score in a season opener. He joins WR Andre Brown, who caught an 8-yard pass from QB Dan Marino on Sept. 10, 1989 vs. Buffalo.
- Oct. 20 QB Ryan Fitzpatrick becomes the 46th player in NFL history to pass for 30,000 yards in his career. He accomplishes the feat while completing 23-of-35 passes (65.7 pct.) for 282 yards and one touchdown against the Buffalo Bills at New Era Field.
- Nov. 3 In Miami's 26-18 win against the New York Jets at Hard Rock Stadium, QB Ryan Fitzpatrick earns his first win as starting quarterback of the Miami Dolphins. He has now won a start for his seventh different NFL team – an NFL record.
- Nov. 15 The Dolphins' 1972 Perfect Season team is named the greatest team in the 100-year history of the NFL as part of "NFL 100 Greatest."
- Nov. 17 WR Jakeem Grant Sr. takes a kickoff back 101 yards for a touchdown against the Buffalo Bills at Hard Rock Stadium. The score is the second via kickoff of Grant's career and his fourth special teams return touchdown. He also has two punt returns for touchdowns. His four special teams return TDs sets a Dolphins record, breaking the mark of three set by WR Ted Ginn Jr. (2 kickoff returns and 1 punt return), RB Freddie Solomon (1 kickoff return and 2 punt returns) and RB Mercury Morris (3 kickoff returns).
- Dec. 1 Trailing 28-14 in the third quarter, Miami overcomes a 14-point second-half deficit to defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 37-31. Facing fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line in the second quarter, P Matt Haack throws a touchdown to pass to K Jason Sanders to give the Dolphins a 14-13 lead. The play, known as "Mountaineer Shot," goes on to win the Bridgestone Performance Play of the Year Award at the 9th Annual NFL Honors Award Show on Feb. 1, 2020.
- Dec. 8 K Jason Sanders boots seven field goals against the N.Y. Jets at MetLife Stadium, breaking the single-game franchise record of six set by Olindo Mare on Oct. 17, 1999 at New England. He becomes the eighth player in NFL history to kick at least seven field goals in a game.
- Dec. 22 QB Ryan Fitzpatrick throws for 419 yards and four touchdowns in Miami's 38-35 overtime win against the Cincinnati Bengals at Hard Rock Stadium. He joins Dan Marino as the only quarterbacks in team history to throw for 400 yards and four touchdowns in a regular-season game. Marino did it seven times, the last on Sept. 4, 1994 vs. New England.



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| Jan. 20 | The Dolphins announce the promotion of Josh Boyer to defensive coordinator and the hiring of the following assistants: Chan Gailey as offensive coordinator, Robby Brown as quarterbacks coach, Austin Clark as outside linebackers coach, Curt Kuntz as assistant defensive backs coach and Steve Marshall as offensive line coach. |
| Feb. 20 | The Dolphins announce the hiring of Gerald Alexander as defensive backs coach, Anthony Campanile as linebackers coach and Lemuel Jeanpierre as assistant offensive line coach. The team also announces the promotion of Karl Dorrell to assistant head coach/wide receivers and Josh Grizzard to assistant wide receivers coach. Rob Leonard will move to assistant defensive line coach. |
| March 10 | The Dolphins announce Josh Grizzard is being promoted to wide receivers coach. |
| April 23 | For the first time in franchise history, the Dolphins select three players in the first round of an NFL draft. Miami uses those picks to select QB Tua Tagovailoa (5th overall), T Austin Jackson (18th) and CB Noah Igbinoghene (30th). Overall, this marks the sixth time the Dolphins have used multiple first-round picks in the same draft, having selected two players in the first rounds of the 1992, 1989, 1976, 1968 and 1966 drafts. |
| May 4 | Don Shula, the winningest coach in the history of the National Football League and the coach of the league's only perfect season, passes away. Born on Jan. 4, 1930 in Grand River, Ohio, Shula was 90. Shula's record as head coach of the Dolphins (1970-95) and before that as head coach of the Colts (1963-69) is unmatched in the NFL. In 1995, he concluded his 33rd season as an NFL head coach and his 26th season as head coach of the Dolphins. He fashioned a career record of 347-173-6 (.665), including a regular season mark of 328-156-6 (.676). Shula won Super Bowl titles in 1972 and 1973, one of only six coaches in NFL history to win consecutive Super Bowls. His 1972 team went 17-0, recording the only perfect season in NFL annals. On July 26, 1997, Shula capped an illustrious career with a unanimous election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. |
| Sept. 24 | QB Ryan Fitzpatrick completes 18-of-20 passes (90.0 pct.) in Miami's 31-13 prime-time win at the Jacksonville Jaguars. Fitzpatrick breaks the team's all-time record for completion percentage in a game with a minimum of 20 attempts. The previous record of 85.0 pct. (17-of-20) was set by QB Chad Pennington on Sept. 21, 2008 at New England. |
| Oct. 11 | The Dolphins travel west and earn a 43-17 win at the San Francisco 49ers. The last time the Dolphins scored at least 43 points in a road game was on Sept. 21, 1986, when they lost in overtime at the N.Y. Jets, 45-51. At the time, it tied for the sixth-most points in a road game in team history. |
| Oct. 18 | The Dolphins record their first shutout since the 2014 season with a 24-0 win over the New York Jets at Hard Rock Stadium. It's the 27th regular-season shutout in Dolphins history and third of the Jets. |
| Nov. 1 | The Dolphins score touchdowns on on offense, defense and a special teams return in a 28-17 win over the L.A. Rams at Hard Rock Stadium. It marks the first time since Nov. 1, 2009 (at N.Y. Jets) that the Dolphins scored touchdowns in all three facets of the game. In fact, the Dolphins had all three in the first half against the Rams and it's the first time since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970 the Dolphins have done all three in the first half of a game. |
| Nov. 15 | The Dolphins defeat the L.A. Chargers by a 29-21 score at Hard Rock Stadium as QB Tua Tagovailoa becomes the first rookie quarterback in Dolphins history to win his first three starts. |
| Nov. 29 | The Dolphins defense records two interceptions and three sacks as Miami defeats the N.Y. Jets, 20-3, at MetLife Stadium. The Dolphins held the Jets to just three total points in the two games against them in 2020, after posting a 24-0 shutout in Week 6. According to Elias Sports Bureau, the three total points allowed is the fewest by an NFL team in two meetings against the same opponent since 2009 when the Ravens allowed just three total points in two games against Cleveland. The three points allowed is the second-fewest by the Dolphins against an AFC East opponent in one season. Miami shutout the Baltimore Colts in both games played against them in 1972. |
| Dec. 6 | The Dolphins improve to 8-4 on the season with a 19-7 win over the Cincinnati Bengals at Hard Rock Stadium. QB Tua Tagovailoa ties a team record (with Jay Fiedler in 2000) by not throwing an interception in five consecutive starts. Tagovailoa becomes just the third NFL quarterback in the Super Bowl era to not throw an interception in his first five career starts (min: 100 pass attempts), joining QB Dak Prescott (2016) and QB Kyle Allen (2018-19). |
| Dec. 20 | The Dolphins recorded their ninth win of the 2020 season with a 22-12 win over the New England Patriots at Hard Rock Stadium. With the win, the Dolphins have posted a winning season for the first time since 2016 and just the second time since 2008. The Dolphins defense limited New England to just 12 points, all coming on field goals. It is the third time the Dolphins haven't allowed a touchdown in a game in 2020. The last time the Dolphins did this was 2011 (at Kansas City, vs. Washington, vs. Buffalo). |
| Dec. 26 | The Dolphins record their 10th win of the season and the 200th regular-season road win in team history with a come-from-behind 26-25 win at the Las Vegas Raiders before a national prime-time audience. The Dolphins took the lead twice in the final three minutes of the game and scored three times in the final five minutes. With just 19 seconds left and no timeouts on his own 25 yard-line, QB Ryan Fitzpatrick was facemasked as he completed a 34-yard pass to WR Mack Hollins. The added penalty set up a 44-yard field goal that K Jason Sanders converted to win the game. |



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- Jan. 19 Lemuel Jeanpierre is promoted to offensive line coach. Jeanpierre had spent the 2019 season as the Dolphins' assistant offensive line coach.
- Jan. 23 Charlie Frye is named quarterbacks coach.
- March 11 The Dolphins announce that they have promoted Danny Crossman to assistant head coach/special teams coordinator, George Godsey to co-offensive coordinator/tight ends and Eric Stutesville to co-offensive coordinator/running backs. Other promotions include Charles Burks to cornerbacks coach, Austin Clark to defensive line coach, Shawn Flaherty to assistant offensive line coach, Mike Judge to assistant tight ends coach and Rob Leonard to outside linebackers coach.
- July 20 The Dolphins unveil the team's new state-of-the-art Baptist Health Training Complex. Located at 20000 NW 27th Avenue in Miami Gardens, the best-in-class venue was meticulously planned to create a contemporary, welcoming training environment for players, coaches and staff. The facility was built by Moss Construction with interior design by Rockwell Group and architecture by ROSSETTI. It boasts a 125,000 square-foot training facility and 92,200 square foot indoor field for a 217,200 square foot complex and replaces the team's Baptist Health Training Facility at Nova Southeastern University, which housed the Dolphins in Davie from 1993-2021.
- Sept. 12 Miami opens the 2021 regular season with a win at Gillette Stadium against the Patriots. It's just the team's second victory at New England since 2009. CB Xavier Howard made a game-saving play when he stripped Patriots RB Damien Harris inside the 10-yard line with 3:35 left in a one-point game. The Dolphins offense was able to run out the clock to preserve the win.
- Oct. 2 The Dolphins hold a Celebration of Life for legendary coach Don Shula at Hard Rock Stadium. This is the first public ceremony honoring Coach Shula since his passing on May 4, 2020 and featured remarks from the Shula family with panel discussions from several Dolphins alumni.
- Nov. 11 The Dolphins win their second game in five days after defeating Baltimore, 22-10, on Thursday Night Football in front of a crowd of 65,948, which at the time was the fourth-highest crowd at Hard Rock Stadium since the venue was modernized in 2015. Miami had beaten Houston on the previous Sunday, Nov. 7. It was the first time Miami had won two games within five days since 2009. CB Xavier Howard forced a fumble, recovered it and had a 49-yard touchdown return in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.
- Nov. 28 Miami wins its fourth game in a row in a 33-10 effort over Carolina at Hard Rock Stadium. The Dolphins defense held Carolina passers to a 13.4 rating, which was the lowest in an NFL game this season (min. 15 attempts) and the lowest by a Dolphins opponent since Sept. 21, 2003 (Buffalo, 10.3). LB Jaelan Phillips becomes the first Dolphins rookie since 1992 (Marco Coleman) to have 3.0 sacks in a game.
- Dec. 5 In a 20-9 win vs. the N.Y. Giants, LB Jaelan Phillips breaks the Dolphins' single-season rookie sack record (8.5). WR Jaylen Waddle catches his 86th pass of the season, also a team rookie record.
- Dec. 15 The NFL announces the Dolphins have been granted access to three International Home Marketing Areas (IHMA) across Brazil, the United Kingdom and Spain. This initiative allows clubs access to international territories for marketing, fan engagement and commercialization as part of an important, long-term, strategic effort to enable clubs to build their global brands while driving NFL fan growth internationally.
- Dec. 19 RB Duke Johnson earned his first start for his hometown team and posted the first 100-yard performance of his career in a 31-24 home win vs. the N.Y. Jets. Johnson played at Miami Norland High School and the University of Miami before embarking on his NFL career.
- Dec. 22 CB Xavier Howard is once again selected to start for the AFC team in the 2022 Pro Bowl, his second consecutive selection. He was also a starter for the AFC team following the 2018 and 2020 seasons. Howard is just the second Dolphins cornerback to be selected as a Pro Bowl starter on three occasions, joining CB Sam Madison (1999-2001).
- Dec. 27 The Dolphins become the first team in NFL history to win seven games in a row after having a seven-game losing streak in the same season. Miami's 20-3 win over New Orleans on Monday Night Football gives them an 8-7 record going into the final two games of the season. WR Jaylen Waddle records 10 receptions, tying Hall of Fame WR Jerry Rice's record for most catches by a rookie in a Monday Night Football game. He also surpasses WR Chris Chambers (883) for the most receiving yards in Dolphins history by a rookie.

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- Jan. 2 TE Mike Gesicki has four receptions for 51 yards (12.8 avg.) at Tennessee, which moves him into third place on Miami's all-time tight end receiving yards chart. He finished the contest with 2,233 career receiving yards, moving ahead of TE Anthony Fasano (2,211).
- Jan. 9 WR Jaylen Waddle catches five passes for 27 yards (5.4 avg.) and one touchdown in Miami's season-ending win vs. New England. It gives Waddle 104 receptions on the season, breaking the NFL record for most receptions by a rookie, which was held by WR Anquan Boldin (101) since 2003. It's the highest-attended game (66,514) at Hard Rock Stadium since the stadium was modernized in 2015.
- Jan. 10 The Miami Dolphins announce that Head Coach Brian Flores has been relieved of his duties.
- Feb. 7 The Miami Dolphins announce the hire of Mike McDaniel as the 14th head coach in franchise history. McDaniel joins the team from San Francisco, where he spent five seasons (2017-21) and was most recently the team's offensive coordinator in 2021. The 49ers advanced to the NFC Championship game in McDaniel's only season in the role.



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Feb. 18 The Dolphins announce their coaching staff for the 2021 season, under Head Coach Mike McDaniel: Frank Smith (offensive coordinator), Matt Applebaum (offensive line), Darrell Bevell (quarterbacks/passing game coordinator), Jon Embree (assistant head coach/tight ends), Josh Grizzard (quality control), Chandler Henley (assistant quarterbacks), Lemuel Jeanpierre (assistant offensive line), Mike Person (offensive assistant), Aldrick Robinson (offensive assistant), Kolby Smith (offensive assistant), Eric Stutesville (associate head coach/running backs), Wes Welker (wide receivers), Josh Boyer (defensive coordinator), Mathieu Araujo (assistant defensive backs), Anthony Campanile (linebackers), Austin Clark (defensive line), Steve Ferentz (assistant linebackers), Steve Gregory (safeties), Derrick LeBlanc (assistant defensive line), Sam Madison (cornerbacks/pass game specialist), Ty McKenzie (outside linebackers), Ryan Slowik (senior defensive assistant), Patrick Surtain (defensive assistant), Danny Crossman (special teams coordinator), Brendan Farrell (assistant special teams) and Dave Puloka (head strength and conditioning).

March 23 The Dolphins execute a trade with the Kansas City Chiefs that brings six-time Pro Bowl WR Tyreek Hill to Miami. Hill is just the second wide receiver in NFL history to earn a Pro Bowl selection in each of his first six NFL seasons, joining WR A.J. Green. The Dolphins send five draft picks to Kansas City, including a first- and second-round pick in 2022. The last time Miami traded a first-round pick for a player was in 2002, when they sent two first-round picks and a fourth-round pick to New Orleans for RB Ricky Williams.

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Jan. 8 K Jason Sanders converts a 50-yard field goal with 18 seconds left to send the Dolphins to the postseason for the first time since 2016. Due to injuries, the Dolphins turned to rookie QB Skylar Thompson, a seventh-round pick, to start the must-win game and Thompson responded by completing 20-of-31 passes for 152 yards in the victory.

Jan. 19 The Dolphins announced they have parted ways with Defensive Coordinator Josh Boyer, Safeties Coach Steve Gregory, Outside Linebackers Coach Ty McKenzie and Assistant Linebackers Coach Steve Ferentz.

Jan. 30 LB Bradley Chubb is added to the Pro Bowl roster

Feb. 9 LB Zach Thomas is elected as a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2023. Thomas becomes the Dolphins' 11th Hall of Fame member and just the third on the defensive side of the ball, joining his teammate DE/LB Jason Taylor and LB Nick Buoniconti.

Feb. 15 Vic Fangio is named defensive coordinator.

March 10 The Dolphins announce their coaching staff for the 2022 season, under Head Coach Mike McDaniel: Frank Smith (offensive coordinator), Ricardo Allen (offensive assistant), Butch Barry (offensive line), Darrell Bevell (quarterbacks/passing game coordinator), Jon Embree (assistant head coach/tight ends), Josh Grizzard (quality control), Chandler Henley (assistant quarterbacks), Lemuel Jeanpierre (assistant offensive line), Mike Judge (offensive assistant), Max McCaffrey (offensive assistant), Kolby Smith (offensive assistant), Eric Stutesville (associate head coach/running backs), Wes Welker (wide receivers), Vic Fangio (defensive coordinator), Mathieu Araujo (assistant defensive backs), Kenny Baker (assistant defensive line), Anthony Campanile (linebackers), Austin Clark (defensive line), Steve Donatell (defensive assistant), Renaldo Hill (passing game coordinator/secondary), Joe Kasper (safeties), Sam Madison (cornerbacks/pass game specialist), Ryan Slowik (outside linebackers), Danny Crossman (special teams coordinator), Brendan Farrell (assistant special teams), Dave Puloka (head strength and conditioning), Adam Lachance (assistant strength and conditioning).

March 15 The Dolphins acquire six-time Pro Bowl CB Jalen Ramsey in a trade with the L.A. Rams. Ramsey was a three-time first-team All-Pro selection (2017, 2020-21) and won Super Bowl LVI with the Rams. In exchange, the Dolphins traded tight end Hunter Long and a 2023 third-round draft pick.

Aug. 5 LB Zach Thomas is enshrined in Canton, Ohio as part of the Hall of Fame Class of 2023. Thomas delivered the first speech of the ceremony and put on gold jacket No. 370.