



MIAMI DOLPHINS POSTGAME NOTES

BUFFALO BILLS (11-6) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (11-6) | SUNDAY, JAN. 7, 2024 | 8:20 P.M.

DEFENSE FORCES THREE TAKEAWAYS ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

- Miami had three takeaways in tonight’s game, marking the fifth time this season Miami has had 3+ takeaways in a game.
- The Dolphins enter the postseason with an 11-game takeaway streak, the longest active streak in the NFL. No other team has a streak longer than six games.
 - It is the longest streak by the Dolphins since the 2020 season, when Miami had takeaways in 13 consecutive contests.
- Tonight’s takeaways came courtesy of interceptions in the end zone by **CB Eli Apple** and **S DeShon Elliott**, and a forced fumble and recovery by **DT Christian Wilkins**.
 - Both interceptions came in the first quarter.
 - It was the first time since Dec. 13, 2020 vs. Kansas City the Dolphins have intercepted two passes in the first quarter of a game.
 - It was only the second time this season an NFL team had two interceptions in the first quarter. Buffalo did so last week vs. New England.
 - It was the first interceptions of the season for both Apple and Elliott and their first interceptions as Dolphins.
 - It was the first forced fumble of the season for Wilkins and his second fumble recovery of the year, which sets a new career high.
- Miami picked up three more sacks tonight – 1.5 from **LB Melvin Ingram**, 1.0 from **DT Christian Wilkins** and 0.5 from **DT Zach Sieler** – and recorded a sack in all 17 games this season.
 - Sieler becomes the first defensive tackle in Dolphins history to record 10.0 sacks in a season.
 - He now has a sack in six of his past seven games and four in a row.
 - Wilkins’ 9.0 sacks this season are second-most in Dolphins history by a defensive tackle and he reached 20.0 career sacks tonight:

MOST SACKS BY A DEFENSIVE TACKLE IN DOLPHINS HISTORY (SINGLE-SEASON)

Rk.	Player	Year	Sacks
1.	Zach Sieler	2023	10.0
2.	Christian Wilkins	2023	9.0
3.	Bob Baumhower	1983	8.0
4.	Randy Starks	2009	7.0
	Mike Charles	1985	7.0

- Ingram becomes the 12th Dolphin to record a full sack this year.
- Miami’s 56.0 sacks this season ranked third in the NFL this season and are a team record:

MOST SACKS IN A SEASON IN DOLPHINS HISTORY

Rk.	Year	Sacks
1.	2023	56.0
2.	2005	49.0
	1983	49.0
4.	2021	48.0
	2000	48.0



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DOLPHINS REACH SEVERAL OFFENSIVE MILESTONES IN SEASON FINALE

- Miami finished the season ranked No. 1 in the league in total offense, averaging 401.3 yards per game. It marks the first time since 1994 (379.9) that the Dolphins have led the NFL in total offense.
 - It is just the second time ever that Miami has averaged 400+ yards per game in a full season. The Dolphins averaged 433.5 yards per game in 1984.

MOST TOTAL YARDS PER GAME IN A SEASON IN TEAM HISTORY

Rk.	Year	Rush YPG	Pass YPG	Total YPG
1.	1984	119.9	313.6	433.5
2.	2023	135.8	265.5	401.3
3.	1986	96.6	298.7	395.3
4.	1994	103.6	276.3	379.9
5.	1987	110.8	258.4	369.2

- The Dolphins finished the season with the NFL's top passing offense, averaging 265.5 passing yards per game. It is the first time since 1993 (272.1) the Dolphins ranked first in passing.
- With 108 rushing yards tonight, the Dolphins finished the season with 2,308 rushing yards as a team. It is the first time since 2002 the Dolphins have rushed for more than 2,300 yards in a season. All other instances Miami has done this in team history occurred in the 1970s.
- Miami finished the season with a 5.06 rushing average, which breaks the team record of 5.00 set in 1971.
- With **RB De'Von Achane's** 25-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, the Dolphins broke the team record for rushing touchdowns in a season. **RB Raheem Mostert** led the NFL with 18 rushing scores while Achane had eight and **RB Salvon Ahmed** had one:

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON IN DOLPHINS HISTORY

Rk.	Year	Rush TDs
1.	2023	27
2.	1975	26
	1972	26
4.	1975	25
5.	2002	24

- Miami started its 12th different offensive line combination of the season tonight – second-most in the NFL (N.Y. Jets) – and allowed just three quarterback hits. They led the NFL in fewest QB hits allowed this year:

FEWEST QB HITS ALLOWED (2023)

Rk.	Team	Sacks All.	QBHs All.
1.	Miami	31.0	59
2.	Philadelphia	39.0	69
3.	Baltimore	41.0	73
4.	Buffalo	24.0	75
5.	Green Bay	30.0	76
	New Orleans	35.0	76



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HILL BECOMES FIRST DOLPHIN EVER TO LEAD LEAGUE IN RECEIVING YARDS

- **WR Tyreek Hill** finished the night with seven receptions for 82 yards (11.7 avg.) and one touchdown.
- His 82 yards gave him 1,799 for the season, which led the NFL. He is the first Dolphins player to ever lead the league in receiving yards in a full season:

MOST RECEIVING YARDS (2023)

Rk.	Player	Team	Yds.
1.	Tyreek Hill	Mia.	1,799
2.	CeeDee Lamb	Dal.	1,749
3.	Amon-Ra St. Brown	Det.	1,515
4.	Puka Nacua	LAR	1,486
5.	A.J. Brown	Phi.	1,456

- Hill's 1,799 receiving yards are a franchise record and rank seventh-most in NFL history:

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Team	Year	Rec. Yds.
1.	Calvin Johnson	Det.	2012	1,964
2.	Cooper Kupp	LAR	2021	1,947
3.	Julio Jones	Atl.	2015	1,871
4.	Jerry Rice	SF	1995	1,848
5.	Antonio Brown	Pit.	2015	1,834
6.	Justin Jefferson	Min.	2022	1,809
7.	Tyreek Hill	Mia.	2023	1,799
8.	Isaac Bruce	StL	1995	1,781
9.	CeeDee Lamb	Dal.	2023	1,749
10.	Charley Hennigan	Hou.	1961	1,746

- He caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from **QB Tua Tagovailoa** in the second quarter to give Miami a 14-7 lead. It was his 13th touchdown catch of the season, which tied for the NFL lead and is third-most in franchise history:

MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS IN A SEASON IN TEAM HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Year	Rec.
1.	Mark Clayton	1984	18
2.	Mark Clayton	1988	14
3.	Tyreek Hill	2023	13
4.	Nat Moore	1977	12
	Mark Clayton	1991	12

- Hill has totaled 60+ receiving yards in 12 straight games, which is the longest active streak in the NFL.
 - It's the NFL's longest streak since L.A. Rams **WR Cooper Kupp** had 22 games in a row with 60+ receiving yards from Dec. 27, 2020 to Sept. 18, 2022.



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- With seven receptions tonight, Hill finishes the season with 119, which ties the Dolphins single-season record that he set last year:

MOST RECEPTIONS IN A SEASON IN TEAM HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Year	Rec.
1.	Tyreek Hill	2023	119
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3.	Jarvis Landry	2017	112
4.	Jarvis Landry	2015	110
5.	Jaylen Waddle	2022	104

- Hill now has 717 career receptions, which surpasses **WR Torry Holt** (712) and **WR Brandon Marshall** (712) for fourth-most in NFL history in a player's first eight career seasons.

TAGOVAILOA FINISHES AS LEAGUE LEADER IN PASSING YARDS

- QB Tua Tagovailoa** completed 17-of-27 passes (63.0) pct. for 173 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions today.
- His 173 passing yards gives him 4,624 for the season, which led the league:

MOST PASSING YARDS IN THE NFL THIS SEASON

Rk.	Player	Team	Yds.
1.	Tua Tagovailoa	Mia.	4,624
2.	Jared Goff	Det.	4,575
3.	Dak Prescott	Dal.	4,516
4.	Josh Allen	Buf.	4,306
5.	Brock Purdy	SF	4,280

- He becomes the first Dolphins player to lead the league in passing yards since **QB Dan Marino** did so in 1992 (4,116).
- His 4,624 passing yards are third-most in franchise history and he becomes just the second Dolphins quarterback to throw for more than 4,500 yards in a season:

MOST PASSING YARDS IN A SEASON IN DOLPHINS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Year	Pass Yds.
1.	Dan Marino	1984	5,084
2.	Dan Marino	1986	4,746
3.	Tua Tagovailoa	2023	4,624
4.	Dan Marino	1994	4,453
5.	Dan Marino	1988	4,434

- Tagovailoa finishes the season with a 101.1 passer rating. He and San Francisco **QB Brock Purdy** are the only two NFL quarterbacks with 100+ passer ratings in each of the past two seasons.



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- His 3-yard touchdown pass to **WR Tyreek Hill** in the second quarter was his 29th of the season, which moves him into fifth place in single-season team history.
- Tagovailoa finishes the season with a team record 69.3 completion percentage this year (min. 75 completions):

BEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE IN A SEASON IN DOLPHINS HISTORY (min. 75 completions)

Rk.	Player	Year	Comp-Att.	Pct.
1.	Tua Tagovailoa	2023	371-533	69.3
2.	Ryan Fitzpatrick	2020	183-267	68.5
3.	Tua Tagovailoa	2021	263-388	67.8
4.	Chad Pennington	2008	321-476	67.4
5.	Ryan Tannehill	2016	261-389	67.1

ACHANE SETS SINGLE-SEASON YARDS PER CARRY RECORD BY AN NFL RUNNING BACK

- **RB De'Von Achane** had 10 carries for 56 yards (5.6 avg.) today, including a 25-yard touchdown. It brings his season totals to 103 carries for 800 yards (7.8 avg.) and eight touchdowns.
- His 7.8 yards per carry average is the best in NFL history by a running back with at least 100 carries in a season:

BEST RUSHING AVERAGE BY A RUNNING BACK IN SINGLE-SEASON NFL HISTORY (min. 100 carries)

Rk.	Player	Team	Year	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
1.	De'Von Achane	Mia.	2023	103	800	7.8
2.	Mercury Morris	Mia.	1973	149	954	6.4
3.	Jamaal Charles	KC	2010	230	1,467	6.4
4.	Rashaad Penny	Sea.	2021	119	749	6.3
5.	Barry Sanders	Det.	1997	335	2,053	6.1

- Achane finished the season with 60+ scrimmage yards in eight of his last 10 games.
- His 800 rushing yards were third-most by a rookie in franchise history:

MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A ROOKIE IN TEAM HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Year	Games
1.	Karim Abdul-Jabbar	1996	1,116
2.	Ronnie Brown	2005	907
3.	De'Von Achane	2023	800
4.	Andra Franklin	1981	711
5.	Sammie Smith	1989	659

- His 11 touchdowns scored this year – eight receiving and three rushing – were tied for the most by any rookie in the league with Detroit **RB Jahmyr Gibbs**.



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- His 11 touchdowns were tied for second-most by a rookie in Dolphins history:

MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY A ROOKIE IN TEAM HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Year	Rec.
1.	Ron Davenport	1985	13
2.	De’Von Achane	2023	11
	Karim Abdul-Jabbar	1996	11
4.	Andra Franklin	1981	8
5.	Several tied with		7

INJURIES REPORTED IN THE PRESS BOX

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- S DeShon Elliott, first quarter – calf (questionable)
- LB Andrew Van Ginkel, third quarter – foot (questionable downgraded to out)
- LB Cameron Goode, fourth quarter – knee (out)

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- WR Gabe Davis, second quarter – knee (questionable downgraded to out)
- LB Tyrel Dodson, second quarter – shoulder (questionable downgraded to out)
- CB Rasul Douglas, second quarter – knee (questionable)
- RB Ty Johnson, third quarter – concussion (out)
- T Dion Dawkins, fourth quarter – hand laceration (questionable)

CAPTAINS

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- WR Tyreek Hill, FB Alec Ingold and DT Christian Wilkins

QUICK HITS

- There were 66,292 tickets distributed to today’s game.
- P **Jake Bailey** and FB **Alec Ingold** played their 75th NFL games today.
- S **DeShon Elliott** started his 50th career game today.
- K **Jason Sanders** made two extra points today, giving him 130 points this season. He surpasses K **Caleb Sturgis** (128 in 2014) for third-most in single-season team history.