



## PITTSBURGH STEELERS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS

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POSTGAME NOTES

### DOLPHINS DEFEAT STEELERS ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, 16-10

- On a night when the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1972 Perfect Season was celebrated, the Dolphins won their 500<sup>th</sup> game in franchise history (including playoffs). The Dolphins are the seventh NFL franchise since 1966, the team's inaugural season, to win 500 games.
- Miami is now 9-1 in its past 10 games at Hard Rock Stadium. It's the team's best 10-game stretch at home since they went 9-1 from Dec. 30, 2001 to Dec. 15, 2002.
- This is Miami's first win on Sunday Night Football since Dec. 26, 2004 vs. Cleveland.
- The Dolphins are now 20-9 overall on Sunday Night Football.
- Miami is 4-1 in their past five prime time games dating back to 2020. It's the team's best five-game prime time stretch since Dec. 9, 2002 to Dec. 15, 2003.

### IGBINOGHENE'S FIRST CAREER INTERCEPTION IS THIRD TAKEAWAY OF GAME

- **CB Noah Igbinoghene** made his first start of the season tonight and the fourth start of his career. It ended with a game-winning interception, the first of his career.
- With 25 seconds remaining in the game and Pittsburgh trailing by six points at the Miami 25-yard line, Pittsburgh **QB Kenny Pickett** rolled left and threw a pass to the front pylon of the end zone, intended for **WR Diontae Johnson**. Igbinoghene stepped in front of it and tapped both feet down to secure the interception and clinch the win for the Dolphins.
- The Dolphins entered tonight's game without an interception since the Week 1 win over New England but finished tonight's contest with three picks.
  - It's the most interceptions the Dolphins have had in a game since Nov. 18, 2021 vs. Carolina, when they also had three.
- Miami's first interception of the night came in the first quarter when **CB Justin Bethel** caught a deep pass on a second-and-4 snap.
  - It was Bethel's first interception since Sept. 10, 2017, when he picked off a pass at Detroit as a member of the Arizona Cardinals.
  - Bethel signed with the Dolphins on Sept. 1, 2022.
- The Dolphins got their second interception with 2:57 remaining in the game. **S Jevon Holland** stepped in front of a pass intended for Johnson and returned it 33 yards.
  - It was Holland's second interception of the season as he also had one in Week 1 vs. New England.
  - The two interceptions match his career-high of two in 2021.

### DOLPHINS OFFENSE STARTS STRONG

- The Dolphins offense started the game quickly with their first opening drive touchdown of the season.
- Miami drove 71 yards on nine plays in 4:15 to go up 7-0.
- **QB Tua Tagovailoa** completed six-of-seven passes (85.7 pct.) for 68 yards on the drive, capping it off with an 8-yard touchdown pass to **RB Raheem Mostert**.



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- It was the fourth receiving touchdown of Mostert's career and his first since Sept. 13, 2020 vs. Arizona when he played for San Francisco.
- Mostert has now scored a touchdown in three of his four career Sunday Night Football games.
- Miami's offense added two more field goals in the quarter, giving them a 13-0 lead.
  - It was the first time Miami had a double-digit lead at the end of the first quarter since Jan. 9, 2022 vs. New England (14-0).
- **WR Jaylen Waddle** had three receptions for 63 yards (21.0 avg.). It was the most receiving yards by a Dolphins player in the first quarter of a game since Dec. 22, 2019, when **WR DeVante Parker** had 77 vs. Cincinnati.
- Miami also had 10 first downs in the first quarter. It's tied for the second-most in a first quarter by the Dolphins since 2000. Miami had 12 first downs in the first quarter of its Thursday Night Football win vs. Jacksonville on Sept. 24, 2020.

### HILL FINISHES WEEK 7 ATOP NFL'S RECEIVING YARDS CHART

- **WR Tyreek Hill** led the Dolphins with seven receptions today. He accounted for 72 yards (10.3 avg.).
- The 72 yards bring his season total to 773. That mark leads the NFL this season and is the most through seven weeks in Dolphins history.
- Fellow **WR Jaylen Waddle** led the team with 88 receiving yards tonight on four catches (22.0 avg.). His 621 receiving yards this season rank fourth in the NFL and are fifth in Dolphins history through seven games:

#### MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN THE NFL (2022)

Rk	Player	Team	Rec.	Yds.
1.	<b>Tyreek Hill</b>	Mia.	57	773
2.	Stefon Diggs	Buf.	49	656
3.	Justin Jefferson	Min.	46	654
4.	<b>Jaylen Waddle</b>	Mia.	34	621
5.	Cooper Kupp	LAR	56	607

#### MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN DOLPHINS HISTORY THROUGH WEEK 7

Rk	Player	Year	Rec.	Yds.
1.	<b>Tyreek Hill</b>	2022	57	773
2.	Mark Duper	1984	38	752
3.	Mark Clayton	1986	31	679
4.	Paul Warfield	1971	26	631
5.	<b>Jaylen Waddle</b>	2022	34	621



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**TAGOVAILOA POST 92.7 RATING IN HIS RETURN**

- **QB Tua Tagovailoa** returned tonight after missing the last two games due to injury. He completed 21-of-35 passes (60.0 pct.) for 261 yards, one touchdown and a 92.7 rating.
- Tagovailoa’s 261 passing yards gives him 5,763 passing yards for his career. He surpassed **QB Ryan Fitzpatrick** (5,620) for seventh place in team history and is just 166 passing yards away from surpassing **QB David Woodley** (5,928) for sixth place.
- Tagovailoa has posted a 90+ rating without an interception in his fourth consecutive home start.
- Tagovailoa’s passer rating for the season is 105.9, which ranks fourth in the NFL this season:

**NFL PASSER RATING LEADERS (2022)**

Rk	Player	Team	Rating
1.	Patrick Mahomes	KC	109.5
2.	Josh Allen	Buf.	109.1
3.	Geno Smith	Sea.	107.7
4.	Tua Tagovailoa	Mia.	105.9
5.	Joe Burrow	Cin.	102.7

**SANDERS CONVERTS ALL THREE FIELD GOALS IN WIN**

- **K Jason Sanders** made field goals of 24, 42 and 47 yards in tonight’s win. Adding an extra point, he totaled 10 of Miami’s 16 points this evening.
- It’s the second time this season that Sanders has made three field goals in a game and the first time since Nov. 11, 2021 vs. Baltimore that Sanders was a perfect 3-for-3.
- Sanders is Miami’s all-time career leader in field goal percentage. His three makes tonight put his career percentage at 82.7 (110-for-133).

**INJURIES REPORTED IN THE PRESS BOX**

**MIAMI DOLPHINS**

- S Brandon Jones, third quarter – knee (out)

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

- None

**CAPTAINS**

**MIAMI DOLPHINS**

- LB Elandon Roberts, QB Tua Tagovailoa and members of the 1972 Miami Dolphins and Pro Football Hall of Famers Larry Csonka, Bob Griese, Larry Little and Paul Warfield



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### QUICK HITS

- There were 66,224 tickets distributed to today's game.
  - It's the second-largest crowd at Hard Rock Stadium since the venue was modernized in 2015. The largest was on Jan. 9, 2022 vs. New England (66,514).
- **DT Christian Wilkins** started his 50<sup>th</sup> NFL game today.
- **S Verone McKinley III** and **DL Ben Stille** made their NFL debuts today.
  - Stille recorded two assisted tackles while McKinley had one assisted tackle.
- **LB Jaelan Phillips** had 1.5 sacks tonight. It gives him 3.0 total sacks in his past four games.
- Miami forced Pittsburgh to punt six times tonight. Combined with last week's 10 punts by Minnesota, the Dolphins have forced opponents to punt 16 times in the past two games.
  - The last time the Dolphins forced 16 punts in back-to-back games was on Oct. 18, 2020 vs. the N.Y. Jets (10) and Nov. 1, 2020 vs. the L.A. Rams (6).
- **RB Raheem Mostert** has topped 80+ scrimmage yards in three of the past four games. He rushed for 79 yards and had 30 receiving yards for a total of 109 scrimmage yards.
  - It's also his fourth game against an AFC North team with 75+ scrimmage yards.

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