

Q&A WITH OMAR KELLY OF THE SUN-SENTINEL



Welcome to the latest edition of Roberto's Fins Friday. Since the start of Fins Friday I have kept things fresh and new every week for the members of Finheaven .com. For this week's special edition I contacted Omar Kelly of the Sun-Sentinel for a Q & A with VIP members of the site. Omar was nice enough to answer questions for us that will shed light on how the Dolphins might be thinking regarding the Draft, trades and players. This is a great opportunity for us here on Finheaven.com, I hope you all enjoy.

FH: What do you see the Dolphins doing about their need for a number one wide receiver?

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OK: The Dolphins have plenty of receivers, they just need a special one. When I say special I'm referring to someone who can stretch the field with 4.4 speed, and also juke a defender to produce run-after-catch yards. If the Dolphins plan to run a power offense they need the threat of the deep ball to stretch the field. Only one receiver on the roster can do that right now and it's Ted Ginn Jr. The Dolphins need to find another, and I have a hard time believing they can find one using anything outside of one of the picks in the first three rounds. The Dolphins need a dynamic receiver that scares opponents. Not just another body.

FH: How do you think the front office feels Dez Bryant stacks up against the talented wide receivers coming out in this year's draft? Does this knock him down our draft board, or is he in consideration at 12?

OK: It's clear to everyone who evaluates the draft that Bryant is the best receiver in this class. I'm told he could be Andre Johnson, or he could be Charles Rogers. It all depends on the makeup of his character because he has the talent. The question is, does Bryant have enough smarts to pick up an NFL offense, and can he adjust his routes to what NFL defenses do? Considering he was brought in to meet Bill Parcells I have a hard time believing his visit was a smokescreen, so I suspect he's a viable option at No. 12.

FH: Rumors of several Dolphins players such as Ronnie Brown, Ted Ginn, Tyler Thigpen and others have surfaced as names who could be considered for trades come draft day or shortly there after. Is there any truth to these rumors?

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OK: You guys left out Justin Smiley, my favorite player (shedding a tear now). Remember, he's being dangled out there as trade bait, and I understand why considering this is a weak guard draft. This regime has made it clear they like trades, and are one of the more active teams at talking trades in the NFL. Just think about how many trades they've made so far. Jeff Ireland has also stated that everyone is up for discussion when it comes to trades, so it wouldn't surprise me if Ronnie Brown, Ted Ginn Jr., Tyler Thigpen or tight end Anthony Fasano are traded before, or during the draft. It all depends on what's offered, and what the Dolphins feel they could find with those picks. I personally think Brown is too valuable running the Wildcat (you saw what happened last year when he got injured), so he shouldn't be moved for anything short of a late-first, early second-round pick. I'm told Ginn could be had for anything north of a fifth-round pick since last years trading deadline.

FH: What is your opinion on owner Stephen Ross and how he is running the Miami Dolphins organization?

OK: I like Ross because he puts the fans first. That's smart business right there. He's not in this to make money. I sense he actually loves the team and the game. He's put up the money for everything the Trifecta has asked for, so they can't complain. He also doesn't micromanage them. I like the orange carpet because it adds excitement to the game. Ross is innovative and creative, and he's also richer than Wayne Huzienga, so it's all good to me

FH: Is there any talk or rumors of the Dolphins possibly trading up in the Draft?

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OK: Too early for that, and I really don't think they would give up more draft picks to move up a couple of slots. This regime loves early draft picks. I have a hard time believing they want anyone, including Tennessee safety Eric Berry, that bad. However, I wouldn't shock me if they moved down to pick up an extra second, third or fourth-round pick. Those are the selections with great value, and the Dolphins need another. They have plenty of sixth and seventh-round picks to package to assist them.

FH: Since finding out Justin Smiley was on the trade block little has been said or done. Do you see a trade for Smiley happening or will he be cut?

OK: The Trifecta obviously have something brewing since they asked Smiley not to attend the offseason programs. But I have a hard time believing he'll be cut if he's not traded because they'd be giving away a starter for nothing. Trading Smiley now makes sense because his salary balloons in 2011 and 2012 to nearly double what he's making now. But he's being paid decent starter money in 2010, and it's not like Donald Thomas, Nate Garner or Richie Incognito have outperformed him. I think it's possible he's brought back if not traded by the deadline. But I've been wrong before. Considering I love the way Smiley plays I'm hoping he is brought back and plays with a chip on his regularly injured shoulder.

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