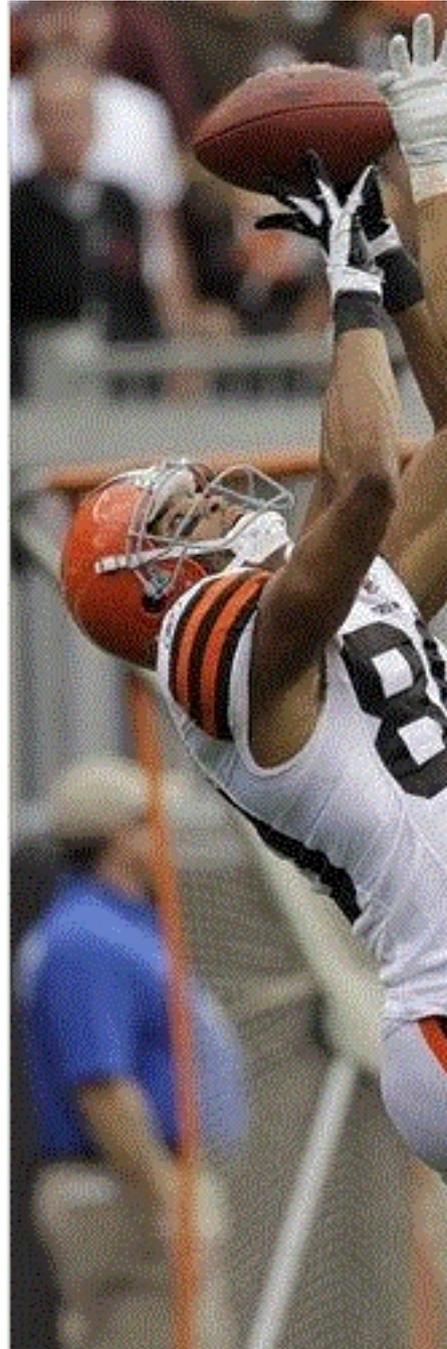


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DOLPHINS CAN'T FIND THE ANSWERS **LOSE 17-16 TO BROWNS**



Jimmy Wilson comes up short against Cleveland If there is one thing that was apparent in this game, and may be the epitaph on Tony Sparano and Jeff Ireland's career with the Miami Dolphins, is the lack of playmakers. Miami has shunned the big name acquisitions and popular draft choices and have chosen to build this team with lunch pale type players who are solid guys and standard NFL talent. The results is that this team has too few playmakers including Chad Henne. When I watched the Browns Colt McCoy drive down and make play after play to win the game, and then watched Miami unable to make 15 yards to give kicker Dan Carpenter a chance to win the game, it was so apparent that there is no on field leadership on this team. No one to rally the troops like Chad Pennington did for several years. The defensive unit is just...a mystery. Where is the linebacker play? No plays coming from that unit at all. Where is Jason Taylor? Where is the pass rush? Where is the coverage?

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Sunday Miami's lack of talent to make plays resulted in a a terrible red zone performance where Miami could not punch it in the end zone. How many TDs have been left on the field this year? This was a win the team had to have and yet some how it is again a loss. Don't get me wrong, there were glimpses of what should be, good drives, good plays. But they were very erratic and very inconsistent and when a conversion was needed and scores were there to be had, no one took charge and lead this team to victory.

Now the Dolphins must travel to San Diego and then have a bye week. What are the odds that we win? And what are the odds that Sparano makes it through the bye week if this team starts 0-4? The saving grace for Sparano may just be that there are no real candidates on staff to replace him even interim. Mike Nolan has experience but his defense is the worst in the league. Can you really make him the Head coach? Maybe. Either way this franchise is in trouble and the already disenchanted fan base will be calling for something to happen and if Stephen Ross isn't hearing them, then perhaps he will when the stadium is near empty for the remaining home games.

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