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The Dolphins offense for the second straight week was very flat, and could hardly move the ball against the New York Jets on Sunday. The offense could only manage 131 total yards all day, and Henne threw for only 55 yards. Henne however, did not throw any interceptions and connected with Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Marshall in the first quarter for a 6 yard touchdown pass. At that point in the game, the Dolphins had extended their lead to 10-0. Other than that, the Dolphins offense practically could do nothing, another telling sign that these are likely offensive coordinator Dan Henning's last few weeks with the Dolphins.

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The 10 points the Dolphins scored in the first half ended up being just enough to knock off the overrated preseason Super Bowl pick Jets. While the Dolphins offense couldn't move the ball, the Jets' offense wasn't much better. Quarterback Mark Sanchez did throw for 216 yards, but he only completed 39% of his passes, threw no touchdowns and was picked off once by rookie Nolan Carroll. The Dolphins pressured Sanchez all day and shut down one of the better rushing attacks in the league. The Jets as a team only had 87 yards rushing, Sanchez was sacked five times and turned over the ball twice.

Cameron Wake continued his path to the 2011 Pro Bowl, as he sacked Sanchez two times in the final three Jets' offensive snaps of the game. His second sack of the game came on a 4th and 16 with 54 seconds left in the game to clinch the Dolphins victory. With his two sacks, Wake continues to be the league sack leader with a now extremely impressive 14 total sacks. Expect Wake to get a HUGE payday this upcoming offseason.

The Dolphins are now sitting at 7-6 with three games left in the 2010 season. They kept their playoff hopes alive for one more week, but the odds are very much against a trip to the postseason. Still though, a strong finish by the team will help boost confidence going into the offseason and will likely keep head coach Tony Sparano his job. While the win against the Jets might have been an ugly win, it is still impressive to beat a 9-3 Division rival on the road in mid December. With today's win, and two winnable home games coming up against the Buffalo Bills and Detroit Lions, Sparano is likely to be this team's head coach in 2011.

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