



MIAMI DOLPHINS POSTGAME NOTES



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 24, MIAMI DOLPHINS 10 | SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 2026 | 1:00 P.M. ET

DOLPHINS DEFENSE MAKES KEY PLAYS

- The Dolphins stopped the Chiefs on downs in the second quarter, ending Kansas City's drive in the red zone.
 - Miami stuffed Chiefs RB Kenneth Walker for no gain on third and fourth down.
 - It was just the second time in 22 red zone drives this season that the Chiefs did not score.
- **ILB Jacob Rodriguez** intercepted Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes with 2:00 left in the second quarter and returned it 18 yards to Miami's 47-yard line.
 - It marked the first interception of Rodriguez's career.
 - Alongside **S Michael Taaffe's** interception in Week 1, it marked the eighth time since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger that the Dolphins have had two rookies record an interception in a season and the first since 2022 (Kader Kohou & Verone McKinley).
 - Through Sunday's 1 p.m. games, the Dolphins are one of two teams in the NFL to have two rookies record an interception this season (Las Vegas; Hezekiah Masses & Treydan Stukes).
- Miami held Kansas City, who entered Week 3 as the NFL's second-best rushing offense averaging 186.0 rushing yards per game, to a season-low 25 carries for 88 rushing yards (3.5 avg.).
 - Through today's 1 p.m. slate, the Dolphins have allowed just 3.5 yards per carry over the first three weeks of the season, the fifth-best mark in the NFL.

RODRIGUEZ TALLIES IMPRESSIVE STAT LINE

- **ILB Jacob Rodriguez** recorded six tackles (four solo), three tackles for loss, an interception and a passes defended.
 - His interception of Patrick Mahomes in the second quarter was the first of his career.
- He's the first rookie in the NFL to record at least five tackles, three tackles for loss and an interception in a single game since Tampa Bay's Lavonte David at Denver on Dec. 2, 2012.
 - He's the first Dolphins player since at least 2008 to record such a stat line in a single game.
- Since tackles became officially tracked in 1994, Rodriguez's 28 tackles through the first three games of the season are the fourth most by a Dolphin in their first three games with the organization and the second most among rookies, only trailing Zach Thomas:

MOST TACKLES IN FIRST 3 GAMES WITH THE DOLPHINS

RK.	PLAYER	YEAR	TACKLES
1.	Zach Thomas*	1996	36
2.	Kiko Alonso	2016	30
	Dannell Ellerbe	2013	30
4.	JACOB RODRIGUEZ*	2026	28
5.	Derrick Rodgers*	1997	27

*denotes rookie

JORDYN BROOKS MAKES 100TH APPEARANCE

- **ILB Jordyn Brooks** played in his 100th career game on Sunday and racked up a team-high 10 tackles (three solo).
 - It marked his 39th career games with 10-plus tackles, tied for the fourth most in the NFL since he entered the league in 2020.
- Since tackles became officially tracked in 1994, Brooks's 860 career tackles are the eighth most by a player in their first 100 appearances:



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MOST TACKLES IN A PLAYER'S FIRST 100 GAMES (SINCE 1994)

RK.	PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEARS	TACKLES
1.	Ray Lewis	Bal.	1996-12	967
2.	Luke Kuechly	Car.	2012-19	942
3.	Zach Thomas	Mia./Dal.	1996-08	907
4.	Roquan Smith	Chi./Bal.	2018-Pres.	906
5.	Paul Posluszny	Buf./Jax.	2007-17	895
6.	Bobby Wagner	Sea./LAR/Was.	2012-25	883
7.	Patrick Willis	SF	2007-14	867
8.	JORDYN BROOKS	SEA./MIA.	2020-PRES.	860
9.	Derrick Brooks	TB	1995-08	845
10.	D'Qwell Jackson	Cle./Ind.	2006-16	840

MIAMI CAPITALIZES ON OPENING POSSESSION

- On Miami's first offensive possession, the Dolphins drove down the field on a 17-play, 91-yard drive lasting 9:27 that was capped off by a three-yard rushing score by **RB Ollie Gordon II**.
 - The Dolphins converted three third downs on the drive and added another third down conversion by way of a Kansas City penalty.
 - Miami's seven first downs on the drive were the most by the team in a single possession since notching seven in a drive at San Diego on Sept. 27, 2009.
- It marked Miami's longest opening drive that ended with a score in terms of plays (17) and time (9:27) since at least 2000.
 - It was the Dolphins' longest opening drive that ended with a touchdown in terms of yards (91) since having a nine-play, 93-yard touchdown drive on the opening possession vs. Oakland on Nov. 16, 2008.
- It marked the Dolphins first touchdown drive with at least 17 plays and 90 yards since having a 21-play, 94-yard touchdown drive vs. the N.Y. Jets on Jan. 1, 2012.
- Along with Miami's 17-play, 63-yard drive that ended with a field goal at San Francisco, today's drive marks the first time since at least 2000 that the Dolphins had multiple 17-play scoring drives in the same season.

DOLPHINS' OFFENSE HELPED BY WIDESPREAD PRODUCTION

- QB Malik Willis** completed 20-of-36 pass attempts (55.6 pct.) for 210 yards, an interception and added nine carries for 56 yards (6.2 avg.).
 - Willis connected with **WR Chris Bell** for a gain of 44, **TE Greg Dulcich** for 42 yards and **WR Malik Washington** for a gain of 30 on the afternoon, bringing his season total of completions of 25-plus yards to eight, tied for the third most in the NFL through Sunday's early afternoon slate:

MOST COMPLETIONS OF 25-PLUS YARDS

RK.	PLAYER	TEAM	PASSES OF 25+
1.	Bryce Young	Car.	11
2.	Josh Allen	Buf.	9
3.	MALIK WILLIS	MIA.	8
	Patrick Mahomes	KC	8

- His 56 rushing yards are tied for the fourth most by a Dolphins quarterback in a game in franchise history.



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- **WR Chris Bell** set career highs with four receptions for 67 yards (16.8 avg.), including a 44-yard reception from Willis in the second quarter.
 - With **WR Caleb Douglas's** 94-yard performance in Week 1, it marks the first time since 2009 (Brian Hartline & Lex Hilliard) that the Dolphins have had two rookies record games of 60-plus yards in a season.
- **WR Malik Washington** totaled five receptions for 56 yards (11.2 avg.), two carries for five yards (2.5 avg.) and two kickoff returns for 55 yards (27.5 avg.).
 - Through Sunday's 1 p.m. slate, Washington is one of three players in the NFL to record 100-plus all-purpose yards in the first three weeks of the season (Detroit RB Jahmyr Gibbs & Seattle WR Jaxon Smith-Njigba).
- **TE Greg Dulcich** caught five passes for 55 yards, including a career-long reception of 42 yards in the third quarter.
- Sunday marked the first time the Dolphins have had three players with 50-plus receiving yards in the same game since Nov. 28, 2024 vs. Green Bay (Jonnu Smith, 113; Tyreek Hill, 83; De'Von Achane, 56; and Jaylen Waddle, 53).
- **RB Ollie Gordon II** had 17 carries for 41 yards (2.4 avg.) and a touchdown and caught three passes for 14 yards (4.7 avg.).
 - The touchdown marked Gordon's fifth touchdown of his career and his first at Hard Rock Stadium.
- The Dolphins did not allow a sack against Kansas City. Combined with the team's 119 rushing yards today, Miami became just ninth team this season to not allow a sack and record 100-plus yards on the ground in the same game (through Sunday's 1 p.m. games).

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- **WR Kevin Coleman Jr.** recorded two kickoff returns for 59 yards (29.5 avg.) and one reception for four yards, the first reception of his career.
- **S Dante Trader Jr.** made nine tackles (four solo) and added a pass defended.
- **CB Chris Johnson** made eight tackles (five solo), including one tackle for loss.
- **DL Zach Sieler** tallied three stops (two solo) and a tackle for loss.
- **DL Jordan Phillips** had two solo tackles and a tackle for loss, the second of his career.
- **K Riley Patterson** converted his lone field goal attempt – from 37 yards – and added one extra point.

INJURIES REPORTED IN THE PRESS BOX

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- RB De'Von Achane, first quarter – knee (questionable, downgraded to out).
- RB Ollie Gordon II, third quarter – cramping (questionable, returned to game).

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

- No injuries reported in the press box.

CAPTAINS

- RB De'Von Achane, C Aaron Brewer, ILB Jordyn Brooks and DL Zach Sieler.

QUICK HITS

- **TE Justin Joly** made his NFL debut.
- Today's game kicked off the Dolphins' 40th season at Hard Rock Stadium and marked a rematch of the first ever regular season game played at the venue, a 42-0 win for Miami over Kansas City on Oct. 11, 1987.
- 59,216 tickets were distributed for today's game.
- Miami won today's coin toss (heads) and deferred.