

SPATS IS TALKING ABOUT DOLPHINS AND COWBOYS; ALSO SEES A NUMBER OF LEGITIMATE CONTENDERS

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Local Sports Analyst Jimmy Spats eagerly admitted that he is excited about the up-coming football season, and is anxious to begin his passion - handicapping football.

Spats will introduce years of experience to a strange NFL season, when the regular season gets underway this Sunday. Spats also handicaps College Football, primarily played on Saturday, and admits that he and his staff are prepared to handle the most mentally-paralyzing time of the year in sports.

"It's here, there is no doubt about it," said Spats, speaking of course about the commence of the '93 campaign. "I put as much time in as possible, when studying teams and situations that occur throughout the season."

When asked about who impresses him the most this year, Spats will respond, "Miami!!!"

"With the added players on 'D,' strengthened lines, and new fresh blood receiving, I expect the Dolphins to have one of the best years ever," stated Spats.

With not much to mention about the Buffalo Bills, Spats confirmed his thoughts that they'd be there in the end. And although he thought Houston had just about the best talent, there erratic play left him skepti-

cal, jokingly calling them "psychos," while shrugging his shoulders. He also felt that if the Oilers' carelessness coupled with Pittsburgh's possible consistency at QB, the Steelers would be a team to reckon with.

In the West, Spats says he sees two teams with potential, but both missing key ingredients, leaving them with a rough season ahead. San Diego was high on his list, thanks to an awesome "D," but says without a quality QB calling the signals, it would be tough for them to get far. "I've certainly never seen a team win a Super Bowl without a decent QB," admitted Spats. He felt that the Chiefs would have to take time to learn to play comfortably with Joe Montana running the offense. Spats labeled Denver as his "surpriser" of the division.

In the NFC, Spats quickly guided the conversation to the Eastern Division.

"Dallas and Washington will fight for this division," said Spats. Comparing this season to last, Spats felt that this year, the 'Skins would resemble Philadelphia. Last season, the Eagles looked phenomenal in the beginning, then came Dallas. Something else Spats feels will happen some time in November this year. He did feel that this division could be decided during Week 15 when

the 'Skins travel to Dallas for Round #2. Round #1 takes place this Monday night in Washington D.C.

"Green Bay will win the most competitive division in the National Football League," convincingly said Spats, as he gives a stern look, then addresses his sports beeper, which is in the middle of an update. "Everyone

will be ready for the Vikes," he continued, "expect Detroit to battle Green Bay. The Lions' new interior will be able to pave the way for Barry Sanders."

Although he says that they're not the team they used to be, Spats says the 49ers will once again dominate the NFC West, stating, "you have to consider the rest of the division. Atlanta

has a lot of talent, but not enough, and New Orleans is on a down-fall."

Spats concluded by conceiving his top three teams in each conference: San Francisco, Washington and Dallas in the NFC, the Packers and Phoenix having an outside shot at success. In the AFC, fingers were pointed Miami, Buffalo and

Pittsburgh's way, with Houston getting an a slight nod. His disappointments for the league fell in Minnesota, New Orleans, San Diego and Kansas City.

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acquired during the off-season. The Central Division may get a kick out of Cleveland, who is looking to get on the right track. In the West - Not! Don't go there.

In the NFC East, it'll be the only team, other than Dallas, that was capable of knocking off both the 49ers and the Redskins last year. They caused a near-

casualty in Philadelphia, during the Eagles' early-season domination. Yes, watch for the Phoenix Cardinals to improve immensely this season. The Giants, will just be the same ol' Giants. As for the Central and the West, only one team stands out as an improving team, and
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Former Clark High School Star Running Back, Nick Bell, will become a main ingredient in the Los Angeles Raiders' backfield this season.



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