

Buffalo, Denver and Seattle, but "Victory Monday" was scrapped for New England week. "From my end, we had had three victory Mondays in a row. Players earned that and that's nice to have, but from a coaching standpoint, on Wednesday, you really don't want to make it a habit all of the time of spending time talking about what you did on Sunday," Sparano said. "I kind of wanted to get that out of the way and not have any distractions when we walk through the door here on Wednesday, so nobody's asking questions about Oakland."

This and that

DT Anthony Toribio, who was released from the Dolphins practice squad, signed with Green Bay's practice squad. ... The Elias Sports Bureau changed the ruling of a sack in the Seattle game. It ultimately was ruled as a half sack for both Randy Starks and Vonnie Holliday after Starks initially shared the sack with Matt Roth. ... Jeremiah Bell's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said he's had discussions on a new deal for the safety, who is scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent after the season.

Carey 'The Man' for Dolphins

If the Dolphins are going to make it back-to-back winners for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year award, then it will be Vernon Carey following Jason Taylor.

The offensive tackle recently was announced as the Dolphins' Man of the Year and their nominee for the leaguewide award, given to recognize community involvement as well as performance on the field.

A Miami native, Carey's endeavors include mentoring 10 children, hosting 20 different children at every home game and hosting his own Thanksgiving turkey giveaway at his old high school, Northwestern.

Injury Update

Tackle Jake Long and wide receiver Greg Camarillo both left the New England game because of leg injuries, but Long (ankle) was able to come back after missing a few series.

Camarillo's injury (to his left knee) appeared more serious, although no details were available as of press time. Camarillo was hurt on the fourth-quarter Chad Pennington pass that was intercepted.

Speaking of Pennington, he wasn't on the injury report during New England week after being added the day before the Oakland game. Pennington, who was listed as probable and played the whole game without a problem, had some swelling in his right foot.

Making moves

Linebacker Rob Ninkovich experienced the highs and lows of a fringe player when he was signed off the practice squad, played in his first game of the season against Oakland, then was waived a couple of days later.

Ninkovich was replaced on the roster by another linebacker, rookie Erik Walden, who was claimed off waivers from Kansas City.



Walden, who set Middle Tennessee's career record with 22.5 sacks, was a sixth-round pick of the Cowboys this year before joining the Chiefs after being claimed off waivers by them.

Ninkovich had been signed to the active roster to take the place of guard Matt McChesney, who was placed on injured reserve.

Four days before the first move involving Ninkovich, the Dolphins made a switch at safety by waiving Brannon Condren and signing Courtney Bryan, who was on the team last season but was among this year's final cuts.

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