

When will Buffalo learn?

It wasn't too long ago that Doug Flutie was the talk of the NFL. His short stature and ability to thread a football past big Ted Washington and into the hands of his less than super wide receivers took Buffalo by storm, putting the Bills in Super Bowl contention once again. There was finally a worthwhile story in Buffalo besides the four appearances and four losses in Super Bowl showings in the early 90s.

The story sounded good. Flutie swept into Buffalo to rescue a dying franchise.

That was, until Wade Phillips decided to rest the Bills' savior for one game. Rob Johnson stepped in and flung some passes into the hands of those same receivers that Flutie spoiled all season. For one game, Johnson performed well in his back-up role. That one game was enough to convince Phillips and the Bills' offices that Johnson should start in the opening week of the playoffs.

Keep in mind, one game. One game that Flutie was forced to sit out to rest up for the playoffs. One more time...one game.

That one game of success for Johnson "earned" him the starting spot against the Titans. The Johnson-led Bills lost. Whether the Titans' miracle play was unprecedented or not, it hadn't reached the level of shock that a man who earned a playoff spot for the Bills, would watch his back-up lead the Bills to a loss in the first round.

That was one season ago. So you would think that the Bills' supposed attitude of opportunity and giving would

continue in 2000. They gave Johnson an opportunity of a lifetime by giving him the starting job for the 2000-2001 season, despite Flutie's presence. So Johnson led the Bills to a 3-4 start. Not quite the play needed to reach the playoffs, but it appears as though the Bills want to reach the playoffs about as much as the San Diego Chargers do.

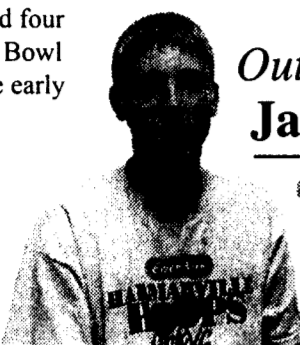
So Johnson gets hurt. Flutie steps in again and wins three straight games. Bills back in contention.

Johnson recovers. Wins one game, loses the next. Bills struggling to stay in contention. There seems to be some sort of confusing trend going on here. It seems that whenever Flutie starts, the Bills are playoff material. When Johnson starts, the Bills are almost .500.

So why can Johnson keep claim to a position that he hasn't proven himself in? When Flutie was on the bench last season, they allowed Johnson to steal the position after one week. When Johnson was on the sideline for three games this season, Flutie simply filled in until their starter was back.

If Buffalo has any intention of making the playoffs this season, Flutie should be sweeping through the backfield very soon. Johnson's days of throwing well, but losing, should require quick action.

I don't see other teams accepting losing because they have a quarterback they are trying to make something out of. I also don't see other teams with a player of Flutie's ability sitting the bench. Playoffs in Buffalo = Flutie on field.



Out of Bounds
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Men's Basketball
Franklin & Marshall Tournament
November 17 vs. Elizabethtown
L 80-66
November 18 vs. York
L 72-68
November 21 vs. W&J
W 70-62 (OT)
November 28 at Grove City
L 74-59

Women's Basketball
Behrend Tournament
November 17 vs. Dickinson
W 62-58
November 18 vs. Westminster
W 74-65
Maryville Tournament
November 25 vs. Thomas More
L 71-70
November 26 vs. Greensboro
W 67-51
November 29 vs. W & J
W 78-70

Swimming
November 16 at Grove City
Men finished 66
Women finished 66

November 21 at Gannon
Men finished 60
Women finished 48

AMCC STANDINGS

(Standings as of November 27, 2000)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	Conference record	Overall
Frostburg	0-0	2-0
Pitt-Bradford	0-0	1-1
Penn State Behrend	0-0	1-2
LaRoche	0-0	0-1
Lake Erie	0-0	0-2
Penn State Altoona	0-0	0-3
Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	0-3

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	Conference Record	Overall
Penn State Behrend	0-0	3-1
LaRoche	0-0	2-1
Penn State Altoona	0-0	2-1
Lake Erie	0-0	1-2
Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	1-2
Pitt-Bradford	0-0	0-2
Frostburg	0-0	0-3

National Football League

Games for Week 14

Sunday, December 3, 2000

1:00 PM
Arizona at Cincinnati
Seattle at Atlanta
Miami at Buffalo
St. Louis at Carolina
Dallas at Tampa Bay
Denver at New Orleans
New York Giants at Washington
Oakland at Pittsburgh
Tennessee at Philadelphia
4:15 PM
Cleveland at Jacksonville
Indianapolis at New York Jets
San Francisco at San Diego
8:35 PM
Green Bay at Chicago

Monday, December 4, 2000

9:00 PM
Kansas City at New England

BCS Ranking

Rank	School	BCS Rating
1.	Oklahoma	3.96
2.	Florida State	5.18
3.	Miami (Fla.)	5.79
4.	Washington	10.18
5.	Virginia Tech	12.31
6.	Oregon State	14.28
7.	Florida	16.48
8.	Nebraska	18.79
9.	Kansas State	20.65
10.	Oregon	24.35
11.	Notre Dame	25.97
12.	Texas	27.22
13.	Georgia Tech	31.73
14.	TCU	32.41
15.	Clemson	33.28



Josh Heupel looks to lead Oklahoma over Kansas State in the Big XII Championship game tomorrow.



Associated Press College Basketball Top 10:

Men's Basketball

School	Points
1. Duke	1740
2. Kansas	1583
3. Michigan State	1579
4. Stanford	1550
5. Arizona	1473
6. North Carolina	1410
7. Tennessee	1266
8. Seton Hall	1238
9. Illinois	1197
10. Florida	1100

Women's Basketball

School	Points
1. Connecticut	1000
2. Tennessee	960
3. Duke	912
4. Notre Dame	877
5. Rutgers	796
6. Purdue	770
7. Georgia	732
8. Iowa State	701
9. Louisiana Tech	693
10. Texas Tech	654

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