


Tampa Bay Buccaneers Must Move On From Josh McCown

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers lost yet again Sunday, this time to the Detroit Lions. It wasn't a game anyone expected the Bucs to win, and that's pretty much how they played. The defense wasn't as bad as you might think, considering they gave up 34 points. They actually did a fairly nice job of limiting the Lions' offense.

Of course, Calvin Johnson had his way most of the afternoon, but what helped even more was the consistent favorable field position. The Bucs' offense couldn't move the ball and twice turned it over in their own territory. The defense can play well at times, but any unit is doomed when they are constantly set up to fail.

Josh McCown was a big reason the offense was so bad, something that is becoming quite common. Two once again ridiculous interceptions and a botched snap just further proved how incompetent of a quarterback he is. Now, with the Bucs officially eliminated from playoff contention (not like they had a chance anyways), it is time to say goodbye to the McCown project.

I don't know if I agree with Lovie Smith's assessment that McCown gave the Bucs the best chance to win, but even that doesn't matter now. He clearly wasn't the man for this job (or any job honestly), and he needs to be shown the door.

Mike Glennon should start the season's final three games, if only to showcase how bad he really is as well. Maybe Smith has just been lying to us this whole time saying that Glennon is the QB of the future, but any chance that he may be serious is scary. I'm confident that if Glennon starts the rest of the season, he will seal his fate in Tampa, too.

Neither him nor McCown have anything unique about them or make the other players around them better. A quarterback must have at least one, if not both of those attributes to be successful.

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Marcus Mariota is likely to win the Heisman this year and could very well be the first QB taken in the 2015 NFL Draft. Right now, the Bucs are tied with four other teams at 2-11, but currently have the weakest strength of schedule, giving them the first overall pick (if the season ended today).

That may change, but regardless, the Bucs will have a very high draft pick. The offensive line desperately needs the help of a top prospect, too, but taking a QB may be necessary as the Bucs clearly don't have a capable one on the roster right now.

While 2014 has definitely been a disappointing season for the Bucs, they are not as bad as their record indicates. The losses have been getting worse recently, but they played close, competitive games much of the season. It wouldn't be crazy to think of the Bucs much like the 2013 Houston Texans, who went 2-14, landed the first pick, and have been much better in 2014.

With nothing but pride left to play for, hopefully Smith and Co. will be able to properly evaluate everyone on the team, especially McCown and Glennon, so that they feel comfortable moving on from unnecessary parts this offseason.

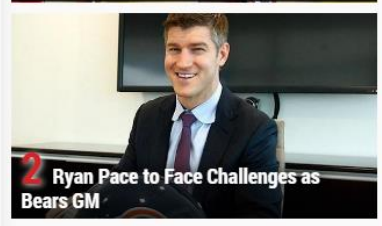
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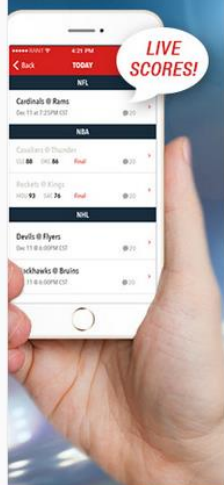
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