

I was listening to my favorite Chicago podcast DaBearMinimum, and I was flabbergasted to hear the boys say they wouldn't be down for trading a THIRD ROUND PICK for D.J. Moore. "That's it!" I shouted to my goodest girl Stella, "a blog has to be rit! (written? I dunno I ain't an English teacher)"

D.J. Moore is one of the many young players throughout the NFL in a bad situation, looking for a way out. I believe that the Chicago Bears should be his way out. The culture in Chicago hasn't been the same since the double doink.

*Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart.
My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I
stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to
find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me.*

Sorry, I am not sure what happened there, I must have blacked out for a second. Where was I? Oh yes, changing the culture.

So often in this league, a young up and coming offense is one piece away from a massive jump in offensive efficiency. Let's look at the Buffalo Bills as an example. Yes, the Bills built most of their team through the draft, Tre'Davious White, Dion Dawkins, Matt Milano, etc. The major question mark going into the 2020 NFL season was Josh Allen. Through his first 16 games, Allen had a dreadful 54% completion rate, 13 TDs and 18 INTs. His next 16 games? He completed 62% of his passes, and threw 29 TDs with only 4 INTs. What was the biggest change in 2020 for Josh Allen? The Bills traded for pass catcher Stefon Diggs and shored up the offensive line. Justin Fields through his first 16 games? 58% completion rate, 10TD's and 14INT's.

Josh Allen not enough for you? How about looking at Geno Smith. Geno is tearing up the league with Tyler Lockett and D.K. Metcalf. Ok, that's a small sample size. How about another... Tua Tagovailoa (I swear I spelt that right the first try), gets Tyreek Hill and a sophomore season from Jaylen Waddle and all the sudden he is lighting the world on fire. Ok... that's another small sample size. But the eye test shows these receivers making such a difference in the modern NFL.

So, D.J. Moore... Who's 25 years old? D.J. Moore. 4.4 speed? D.J. Moore. Only Wide Receiver in the league with 1200 scrimmage yards all of the last three years? D.J. Moore. 4 receivers in the history of the NFL have done that before the age 24, Randy Moss, Mike Evans, OBJ, and.... D.J. MOORE. Who has he had throwing passes to him? The ghost of Cam Newton, Taylor Heinicke, Kyle Allen, Will Grier, Teddy Bridgewater, P.J. Walker, Sam Darnold, Cam Newton (again), and Baker Mayfield. Give this man some stability and the sky's the limit in Chicago.

Ok, so the contract was a big issue with the boys. Yes, D.J Moore is making \$20.6M a year. But, he is locked up at that rate until 2025. With the cap space the beloved are working with, it will not affect the Bears ability to sign top tier playmakers. Use the next 2 and a half seasons to

have your young QB develop with quality targets in Mooney and D.J. Moore. Make the big jump and then make another splash in Free Agency.

You play it safe through the draft and make splash plays in trades and free agency. Sure you avoid moves like Marcell Darius or Lev Bell circa 2018, but you can eat that money and still be successful. Playing it safe in Chicago gives you long playoff droughts, and then you make a splash and trade for Demar Derozen (Past his prime) and the Bulls are all the sudden a hotspot for free agency. I understand it a little bit of apples to oranges but, Ryan Poles, please, don't let the fear of making bad moves in free agency or on the trade market let you miss your chance of turning Justin Fields into Josh Allen. D.J. Moore is that fucking good.

But hey, I could be wrong.

-Life Long Bears Fan, Shawn Loomis