

Loss Of Tyreek Hill Hurts Kansas City Chiefs In Competitive AFC West

Tyreek Hill of the Kansas City Chiefs runs after a pass near Kareem Jackson of the Denver Broncos ... [+] at Arrowhead Stadium on Dec. 5, 2021 (Photo by David Eulitt/Getty Images)

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As the AFC West's groups keep including skill, the department leader for the last 6 years traded away one of its finest gamers.

After stopping working to workout a agreement extension with Tyreek Hill, the Kansas City Chiefs traded the large receiver to the Miami Dolphins for 5 draft chooses over the next 2 years.

Quarterback Patrick Mahomes is certainly the most crucial gamer on the Chiefs, however Hill was mostlikely best behind him.

"Tyreek is the finest receiver I've ever seen play the videogame, guy," tight end Travis Kelce stated, "and that's without the ball in his hands and with the ball in his hands. He's the supreme fighter."

While recording 479 captures and 56 getting goals throughout his whole Chiefs period, Hill has actually exceeded 1,180 getting lawns in 4 of his last 5 seasons with Kansas City.

Perhaps the fastest gamer in NFL history, Hill formed a best mix with Mahomes' effective arm.

But Hill was more than simply a burner. He had excellent capability to track the ball, something he associated to playing center field growing up.

The Chiefs utilized him on jet sweeps or insomecases ran him in movement as a decoy simply to force defenses to focus on him and therefore releasing up other gamers. Kelce pointed to that latter ability when stressing Hill's capability without the ball in his hands.

Because of Hill's myriad capabilities, the Chiefs had one of the most feared offenses in the NFL, however the Chiefs' grip on the department they have actually owned for 6 straight years may be loosening up.

In truth, due to the prominent gamers that their divisional challengers had got this offseason, the Chiefs' hold currently had actually been more rare.

The Denver Broncos included quarterback Russell Wilson, the Los Angeles Chargers reinforced their

defense by including Khalil Mack and J.C. Jackson and the Las Vegas Raiders included Chandler Jones and Davante Adams.

Adams signed a five-year, \$141 million agreement to make him the highest-paid broad receiver in football.

The Dolphins are supposedly going to indication the 28-year-old Hill to an extension to competitor or possibly top that.

The advantage is that the Chiefs now have actually released up about \$20 million in income cap area, and by dealing Hill, they acquire the Dolphins' 2022 first-round choice (No. 29), a 2022 second-round choice (No. 50), a 2022 fourth-round choice, a 2023 fourth-round choice and a 2023 sixth-round choice.

And this year's draft is packed in getting skill.

But finding a replacement for Hill won't be simple.

Hill constantly had elite speed. He ran a 4.26 40-yard dash at his college pro day. While at Coffee High in Georgia, he ran the 200 meters in 20.14 seconds in 2012 — the 2nd fastest high school mark at the time and one that would have actually positioned him 6th at that year's Olympics Games.

What was uncommon is that somebody so filled with fast-twitch muscles might have such endurance, something head coach Andy Reid frequently applauded.

In addition to his physical abilities, he has a excellent work principles.

Hill went into the NFL as a running back/returner prior to refining his path running and sharpening his basics (like dropping his hips at the leading of the path and producing separation at the line of skirmish) to end up being a total receiver.

"He's actually progressed his videogame," Mahomes stated.

Now in the tough AFC West, the Chiefs will have to develop theirs.

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