

In Bill We Trust?

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We're just going to start off with a big question, **what the hell are doing here Bill?!** Last year we went 7-9 and it was just a poor display of football. The quarterback play was awful and guess what! Cam Newton is coming back! For \$13 million more a year! Well, I'm so glad the quarterback search is over. If you listened to our podcast, I asked Jesse, Beantown Takes' other contributor, who he believed would be the week 1 starter for New England and he had the right prediction. Unless Jarrett Stidham blows the doors off in camp next year, Newton will be starting again.

The Franchise tag period has come and gone and no Patriot was tagged meaning David Andrews, Joe Thuney and J.C. Jackson will all hit the open market. Although the Patriots have the most cap room after the Marcus Cannon contract dump, there seems no buzz from Foxboro, no sense of urgency to start spending. With some big names at important positions like WR's, TE's, Edge rushers and LB's, this is not an offseason to sit idly by and let young superstars go to other teams.

With Free Agency starting tomorrow, the only hope for Bill the GM is to spend, spend, SPEND! JuJu Smith-Schuster, Corey Davis, Shaq Barrett, Hunter Henry Jonnu Smith, Trey Hendrickson and the list goes on. Now obviously you can't pay for everyone but if you could bring in the right cast around Stidham and Newton, maybe, just maybe, one of them could be mediocre enough to get you into the playoffs.

Lately it seems like Bill's clock in this organization has been ticking faster and faster. The time to win is now and it feels like Bill isn't doing that. Last year, Bill had an out to tank and lose and suck last year and rebuild through the draft and free agency but he didn't. Bill could have had the best quarterback prospect since Andrew Luck, Peyton Manning, or John Elway in Trevor Lawrence and then surrounded him with top weapons in the league such as JuJu, Kenny Galloday, and Hunter Henry. I would have taken a 0-16 season last year for the chance to retool in one year and have the next dynasty for another 10 years. But now? Well Patriots' fans, we're stuck in purgatory between elite franchises and the worst franchises in the league. Be prepared for another 7-9 unwatchable season.