MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Third-year pro Don Strock will start at quarterback against Buffalo Sunday, Miami Dolphins Coach Don Shula announced Thursday.

A Dolphins' spokesman said Strock would replace regular quarterback Bob Griese so that Shula can evaluate the young player's performance.

Late last season, Strock was thrown into the Dolphins' lineup against Buffalo when quarterbacks Griese and Earl Morrall were sidelined by injuries. Strock completed 11 consecutive passes, including two touchdown passes to Howard Twilley, and finished the day with 12 out of 15 as the Dolphins triumphed over Buffalo 31-21.

In the 1976 preseason, Strock hit 26 of 52 passes for 290 yards and four touchdowns. Strock, a graduate of Virginia Tech, is playing out the option year of his contract. He has seen only very limited action with Miami, playing behind both Griese and the aging Morrall. This year Strock had hoped to be the Dolphins No. 2 quarterback, but when Griese was injured, Morrall was called on.