

## Fears of Preseason Football become reality

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Back on July 28th, I wrote a blog titled "NFL Fans Worst Fears". In that article, I wrote about how fans were so happy for preseason football because it meant the NFL season was not far away.

Also mentioned in that article was the fears that all fans have in regards to injuries, big injuries. At the time the Baltimore Ravens had lost TE Dennis Pita and Philadelphia had lost Jeremy Maclin for the year. Pita with a dislocated hip and Maclin with a torn ACL. My hope was for the Dolphins to make it thru the preseason without any major injuries heading into the regular season.

That came to a sad end last night as the Dolphins have likely lost TE Dustin Keller for the year with what looks to be a very bad knee injury during the Dolphins preseason game with the Houston Texans, a game the Dolphins lost 24-17. The injury occurred on a play in which Texans safety, rookie D.J Swearigan came up to make the tackle and went low on Dustin's knee. Dphins4me posted a picture of the shot and it does not look good at all.

Keller had been developing a nice chemistry with QB Ryan Tannehill and Keller was giving the Dolphins that seam threat that they so desperately need. Now with Keller likely gone for the season, the Dolphins must look to Charles Clay, Michael Egnew and rookie Dion Sims.

For Dustin, this is a HUGE blow, as he signed a one year deal with Miami hoping to prove that he could stay healthy and put up numbers and become a free agent coming off a solid year. Instead, he will now likely be headed for a grueling rehab of a severe knee injury hoping to be ready for the 2014 season.

As a Dolphin fan, my worse fear became a reality with the injury to Keller, and it a tough pill to swallow.

UPDATE: It has been reported by ESPN's Adam Schefter that Keller suffered an ACL, MCL and PCL tear along with a dislocated knee cap. The Dolphins doctors also fear there could be nerve damage to the knee as well. Needless to say that this is a tremendously bad knee injury. Best Wishes go out to Dustin.