

Helen Keller could see it was a cheap shot

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You know, I get tired of the apologists for guys like Swearinger. "Its just football" they say. "It was a bang-bang play and he was just trying to make a tackle" others argue. Is there ever a good outcome for the receiver when he has his back turned on a guy hitting him low? Throw in the simultaneous arrival of the tackler with the ball and it almost always results in an injury. So what happened to playing the ball? Or, how about tackling like your taught...ie never leave your feet, always keep your head up and your butt down, then hit, wrap and make the tackle. No one prescribes that you make yourself into a human missile and aim at a weak extremity. Sorry, the NFL got this wrong and is continuing to get it wrong by defending the tackle. Here's the challenge: Show me one video of Swearinger doing that in full contact practice in Houston against the big Houston TEs...and I'll publicly come on here and apologize. Guess what? You're not going to find it. Do you know why? Because Kubiack and every other sentient being on the planet know that this can likely end in an injury. So hang up your bogus apologies because I don't want to hear them. The NFL needs to protect guys who have their backs turned to the defender. Period.

Miami vs Tampa Bay 7:30 EST Saturday Night

The Bucs are considered one of the rising young teams in the NFL and at this point in their ascension would be considered slightly ahead of Miami on that curve. Their not a flashy team and their WRs don't scare anyone. However, they have a ground and pound style of physical football that wears opponents down. Their defense is very good and usually keeps the offense in the game long enough to win their share of them. Josh Freeman is a big, athletic guy who puts nice touch on his deep ball. Peyton Hillis is having a nice preseason yet when I took a quick peek he his still listed at 4th on the depth chart. The speaks volumes about guys like Doug Martin. This should be a great game to watch and the starters should get at least a half of football in. On an inside note, last week you noticed the defense was removed after a few series. That was due to the zone blocking scheme ran by Houston that will often lead to injuries along the defensive front. I don't think we'll see that this week so the defense should be in for at least a half.

Tannehill should have his work cut out for him. Tampa Bays Defense was number 1 against the run and dead last against the pass. So they abruptly went out and grabbed Darrelle Revis from the Jets. Revis is back at practice but it is still unclear whether he will play. The secondary though, wasn't Tampa Bays only issue. They only got 27 sacks on defense and that puts a lot of pressure on the secondary. It'll be interesting to see how Miami gameplans for Saturday. I'm guessing we'll see a lot of throwing with a few runs mixed in. In any case, enjoy the game!

Go Tannehill

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