

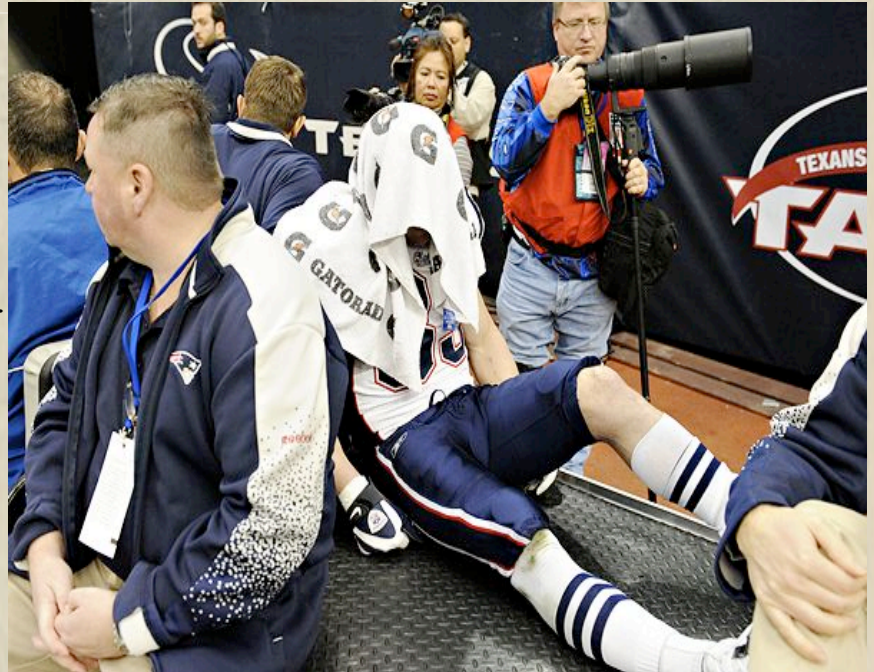
# Wes Welker

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On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with 8 minutes 55 seconds left in the first quarter Wes Welker tore his ACL and MCL. Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick blamed the field's poor conditions for the injury. Welker was playing against the Houston Texans at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas. Belichick said it was the field because no one had pushed the football star, Welker.

When the rising star was taken off the field, he was crying on the bench, not because of the pain, but because he knew he wasn't going to be back for the playoffs. The team doctors told him a MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) was necessary.

Wes Welker hurt his knee because when he caught the pass, he slipped and fell forwards which bent the knee back. This happened to both legs so it really hurt Welker. A tear to the ACL and MCL are really serious, so it's really bad. An ACL and MCL is an even more serious injury for a football star. It means he



is out of football for at least 4 months, which is very, very bad.

Here are his stats that will prove Wes Welker will be missed. This season alone he has caught 123 passes for 1,348 receiving yards. He has also caught 4 touchdowns (This is a lot for a receiver). Wes Welker also made the Pro Bowl, which only the best players get into. That is why this injury is such a big deal.

Wes Welker will hopefully be back for next season, but if he hurts it again then he won't be back for the start of the regular season.