

## Tragedy at the Bengals Vs. Bills Game

One of the most anticipated games of the 2022 - 2023 season in week seventeen was suspended due to a terrible accident leading to Bills twenty-four-year-old safety Damar Hamlin needing on-field resuscitation. Albert Breer, a senior NFL reporter, stated in a tweet “Bills assistant athletic trainer Denny Kellington, in administering CPR to Damar Hamlin on Monday, was absolutely vital” which would be true, even 30 seconds in cardiac arrest can cause permanent brain damage. After being resuscitated, Damar was immediately rushed to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center where he was put in ICU with a ventilator on 90 % pure Air. While this was very concerning doctors were able to tell that he was actually breathing which was a good sign. As of Thursday, January 5th, it was reported that Damar was awake and doing well, but would remain in ICU for further inspection. Signs are now pointing to the fact that Damar should make a full recovery. The pure personality and charisma of Damar was shown when the first question he asked was “did we win?” just minutes after being awake and communicating properly. An interview with Dr. Timothy Pritts stated “The answer is yes, Damar, you won. You’ve won the game of life.” On the night of January 5th Damar Hamlin’s breathing tube was removed. “His neurologic function remains intact and he has been able to talk to his family and care team,” said Dr. Pritts. This was a truly tragic event but I’m glad to say that Damar Hamlin will one day come back to play the game of football. As for the game, unfortunately, we will never truly see who would have come out on top because the game is no longer suspended and is now officially canceled. While everyone is looking forward to the conclusion of the regular season and the beginning of the playoffs everyone's number priority is seeing damar hamlin make a full recovery, and although the game of football is rough sometime and can divide this moment shows how we can all unite in the face of tragedy no matter what team you represent.

