Prior to the 2021 season, Kim Ha-sung signed a four-plus-one-year, 39 million-dollar contract with the San Diego Padres through the posting system to stage his dream big league. Contrary to expectations, Kim Ha-sung played in 117 games and recorded only 54 hits, eight homers, 34 RBIs, 54 runs and six steals with a batting average of 0.202 OPS of 0.622, but Fernando Tatis Jr. in the offseason was disciplined for taking banned drugs and took the wrist surgery table, securing a full-fledged "main game." And his performance also naturally improved.

In 150 games in the 2022 season, Kim Ha-sung grew to 130 hits, 11 homers, 59 RBIs, 58 runs, 12 steals, a batting average of 0.251 OPS 0.708, and he was selected as the final candidate for the Gold Glove in the National League shortstop category that year. And that winter, when San Diego recruited another shortstop resource called Xander Bogaerts, the number of clubs coveting Kim Ha-sung began to increase. However, despite endless trade rumors, Kim Ha-sung had his new season in San Diego and had his best year.

Kim Ha-sung, who moved from shortstop to second baseman, played in 152 games and succeeded in making another leap with 140 hits, 17 home runs, 60 RBIs, 84 runs, 38 steals, and a batting average of 0.260 OPS of 0.749. In particular, he was once again listed as a final candidate for the Gold Glove in the second base and utility categories, and this time, he held the golden glove in his arms at the utility. Since then, the number of teams salivating at Kim Ha-sung has increased to 17 as news of the San Diego team's poor finances has been heard. Still, Kim Ha-sung's future remained unchanged.

Rather, San Diego took over the shortstop position again to make full use of Kim Ha-sung's defense, which is his biggest advantage, and he played in 121 games until the 19th, playing with 94 hits, 11 homers, 47 RBIs, 60 runs, 22 steals, a batting average of 0.233 OPS of 0.700. Although he has been disappointed in terms of sophistication this year, he kept San Diego's infield based on his "health," which is considered the second advantage after his solid defense. However, an unexpected situation occurred in the game on the 19th (Korea time).

Kim Ha-sung, who stood up on his own, complained of pain to the extent that he grabbed his shoulder and spat out abusive language, and moved to the dugout before the trainer arrived. And while going down the dugout stairs, he threw his helmet and couldn't hide his anger, and eventually moved to the clubhouse immediately after going through the dugout. It was the moment when Kim Ha-sung, who has never been listed on the injured list (IL) since he wore a big league uniform, faced the biggest rock ahead of his acquisition of an FA (Free Agent).

After the game, Kim Ha-sung said, "The current condition is not good. I've never felt this way. As soon as the injury occurred, I knew I couldn't play anymore in today's game." First of all, Kim Ha-sung avoided listing on the injured list again this time. However, he did not play in the game on the 20th as his shoulder condition was not perfect. Manager Mike Shildt said, "The initial test results look good, but they could get worse. First of all, I'm satisfied that I'm not on the injured list, and I'm still collecting information."

In other words, the injury does not guarantee that he will be away for a long time at the moment. However, it is clear that San Diego is on high alert as it is uncertain when his condition will deteriorate. Major League Trade Rumors predicted on Tuesday that the injury will significantly affect Kim Ha-sung's ransom, who is set to acquire the free agent. If Kim Ha-sung, who is clearly recording a disappointing performance compared to last year, finishes the season without returning to the rest of the game, his ransom will inevitably drop.

"MLBTR" predicted, "Kim Ha-sung has not been on the injured list for four seasons since entering the Major League. That durability will be an important selling point for Kim Ha-sung when he becomes an FA in the upcoming offseason," adding, "The contract with San Diego has an \$8 million mutual option, but Kim Ha-sung will seek a long-term contract for a \$2 million buyout amount."

When will Kim Ha-sung, who was once mentioned as a \$100 million jackpot contract, return to the ground? Kim Ha-sung, who needs to raise his stat in the remaining games as he is set to become an FA.