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Back troubles further sideline Clippers' Livingston

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LOS ANGELES -- [Los Angeles Clippers](#) guard [Shaun Livingston](#), whose rookie season was curtailed by an injury, has a back ailment that will further delay his return to the court.

A tall, promising point guard with a somewhat frail physique, Livingston has been sidelined with a sore lower back since the beginning of training camp. On Friday, he was examined by back specialist Dr. Robert Watkins at Health South Sports Medicine.

Watkins also examined results of the MRI Livingston underwent Thursday and determined that a continued irritation remains in the injured area of his lower back. Livingston was advised to limit all basketball-related activity until the irritation subsides.

On Monday, Livingston, 20, is scheduled to undergo further tests with back specialist Dr. William Dillin to determine the extent of the injury.

The 6-foot-7-inch, 182-pound Livingston averaged 7.4 points, 5.0 assists and 3.0 rebounds as a rookie but missed 52 games due to a knee injury. He returned late in the season and won Rookie of the Month honors for April.

Selected fourth overall directly out of high school in 2004, Livingston is being groomed as the future point guard of the Clippers and was expected to back up newly acquired veteran Sam Cassell this season.

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