

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION

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Enclosed please find the number that was assigned to me by the NFL  
Players Association: ID NO. 900000934, signifying that I am a  
Settlement Class Member and former player.

My basic objection to the BAP (Baseline Assessment Program) is the  
time invested in the league and the age at the time of the concussion(s)  
being the determining factors in considering the amount of the reward.

After considerable research, and based on my own experience with  
symptoms over the years, it is clear that concussions do not just  
disappear. The symptoms continue and worsen with the passing of time.  
Therefore, the years of suffering should not be disregarded.

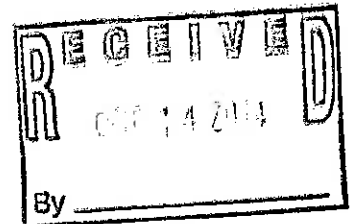
Many players who have suffered concussions at a younger age did not  
realize that their continuing problems were associated with those  
concussions. They were told, "You just got dinged" "You just got your  
bell rung" - "You'll be okay - shake it off and get back in the game."  
Then they had to take you out of the game because you couldn't  
remember your plays!

It is very convenient to blame the symptoms of a concussion and  
transfer them to a disease. A concussion is not a disease. It is  
a concussion, an injury to the brain. Most of the diseases listed  
in order to discredit the original and continuing problems associated  
with the concussions are normally diagnosed at a time later in life.  
So, why are the men who have experienced ongoing concussion problems  
become so depressed and desperate to escape them that they decide to  
commit suicide, believing it to be their only alternative, by middle  
age, or even younger?

Responsability for a player's health and physical welfare has been extremely lacking since the beginning, from the equipment used to attitude. The old but true expression of, "They use you, abuse you, and throw you out" was known by all and experienced by most. Doing the "right" thing cost too much, and money was, and is now, the name of the game. Injured players are expendable.

In my own experience, I have suffered from many of the symptoms listed by experts on concussions. Among those symptoms are:

constant gnawing headaches (unbearably painful at times)  
dementia and memory loss  
dizziness and light-headedness  
loss of balance/unsteadiness and weakness  
fainting attacks and falls  
hearing loss  
periodic ringing in the ears  
blurred vision and double vision - trouble focusing  
visual loss at times  
depression - confusion - cognitive impairment  
personality changes - social phobias - explosive behaviors  
(paranoia and rage)



Only recently has the problem of concussions come to be recognized, seriously researched and written about; and even today, many in the medical field are unaware of the seriousness of this terrible epidemic that has destroyed and ultimately taken so many lives. Because of this, good doctors have been unable to find an answer to the symptoms being suffered. Concussions are never suspected, just as the victim himself does not realize that the continuing results of the concussions he received as a player have been responsible for his debilitating challenges through the years.

Attached please find three sources of my personal attempts to find the truth on this subject. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the truths they reveal, assuming the courage and integrity required to determine the real truth of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

*Larry E. Barnes*


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ATTACHED SOURCES TO CONSIDER IN SUPPORT OF MY OBJECTION

1. Book: "Play Hard, Die Young" by Bennet Omalu, MD  
(with an MPH degree, also certified in  
anatomic pathology,  
clinical pathology,  
forensic pathology, and  
neuropathology)
  
2. Book: "The Concussion Crisis: Anatomy of a Silent Epidemic"  
by Linda Carroll and David Rosner  
(Research/Journalism for NY Times and  
Managing Editor for the magazine,  
"Neuropathology Patients")
  
3. DVD: "League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis" (PBS)  
-approximately 120 minutes long-

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