



Re: Fwd: Concussion Working Group

Colin Campbell to: Julie Grand, Bill Daly, Brendan Shanahan,
Kris King, Gary Meagher, Frank Brown

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This guy is an absolute freaking idiot!

From: Julie Grand
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Subject: Fw: Fwd: Concussion Working Group

Attached is an email from Ottawa's trainer - who is a trainer rep on the CWG - expressing the views of his fellow trainers. We will tailor our presentation to the Trainers in Vegas to address these issues.

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See below from Gerry Towend.
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Hi Ruben,

I just wanted to follow up in regards to our suggestion about prevention and possible treatments for concussions.

I have talked to a good number of our guys and they really feel these are the 2 most important issues when it comes to the concussion issue. Some of the guys are really frustrated in regards to solutions in help their players recover from post concussion syndrome. Here are some of the comments I took in and very often the statements were said multiple times:

They understand there are no definitive solutions but we are the ones dealing with the snake oil salesman everyday and it is becoming tougher and tougher.

We have a major issue with education of our players, still unsure if they get the information they need. The GM's and coaches are still not up to speed in regards to understanding how complicated the issue is. The league does not take it seriously as refereeing is atrocious and that is a major reason we are still seeing head shots

Players do not understand the issue, PA has done a terrible job of educating them

The league has given us nothing in regards to treatment so I have had to turn to Carrick because I have agents and GM's breathing down my neck.

I have many more but I think you get the idea.

They have related the same thing in regards to our Las Vegas meeting, they want treatment options, an explanation of how players, coaches, and GM's are being educated. The big one is this, how is the league going to deal with head shots, visor issues, and refereeing.

Please do not shoot the messenger but they do not want stats as I know you know.

I hope this helps you understand the therapists concerns. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks and take care,

Gerry

Gerry Townend
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