

N. Nevada football game concussions on the rise

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If a concussion can happen to one of the most talented, highly recruited football players to come out of Northern Nevada, it can happen to anyone.

Brandon Kaho, who has offers to play college football at more than 20 major college programs, had to sit out a game last season after suffering a concussion.

Player safety in high school athletics has become a high priority in recent years, especially as concussions have become a topic of national discussion spurred by some players in the NFL suffering debilitating effects.

Concussions sustained in high school football practices dropped sharply from 2015 to 2016 – coaches have curtailed the amount of hitting players take during practice, for example. But there was a slight increase in concussions reported during games over that same time frame.

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