



## Concussions at World Cup 2014

Below are stories about the high-profile players in this year's World Cup who are suspected to have sustained concussions on the field. Some of the return-to-play decisions have been recognized around the world as problematic for FIFA and the players.

There is an outcry from the international media regarding the management of concussions in "football." This may give us an opportunity to begin the concussion discussion in earnest internationally.

Although the international rugby community has already caught on, their community is smaller and has significantly less resources than the "football" community.

### GERMANY | Christoph Kramer



#### Kramer's head injury revives concussion concerns

Kramer's head injury revived concerns about the way football deals with concussions. Kramer continued playing for 14 minutes in the first half after taking a heavy blow to the face in a collision with Argentina defender Ezequiel Garay.

*Kramer appeared to be disoriented as he was helped off the field by medical staff.*

- [Latest World Cup Head Injury Shows FIFA Really, Really Doesn't Care About Concussions](#)
- [VIDEO Germany Player Concussion: Christoph Kramer Taken Out Of World Cup Final](#)
- [Christoph Kramer Concussion Injury: 5 Fast Facts You Need to Know](#)
- [Germany's Kramer continuing in World Cup final after head injury revives concussion concern](#)
- [Christoph Kramer gets nailed in the face](#)
- [World Cup: Christoph Kramer Of Germany Out With Head Injury](#)
- [Christoph Kramer leaves World Cup Final with possible concussion](#)
- [World Cup Injuries Spark Soccer Concussion Debate](#)

## ARGENTINA | Pablo Zabaleta



### FIFA warned to get their house in order...

Tighten up concussion protocols or face a ‘massive’ legal bill. Argentina’s semi-final win over Holland was overshadowed by two players being allowed to play on, despite showing clear signs of concussion.

*Dirk Kuyt beckons for medical assistance as Pablo Zabaleta lies on the ground.*

- [FIFA warned to get their house in order over concussion after Javier Mascherano and Pablo Zabaleta play on](#)

## ARGENTINA | Javier Mascherano



### Soccer’s governing body accused of being less than comprehensive when it comes to head injuries and collisions

After stumbling to the ground, clutching his forehead, Mascherano received cursory exam and returned to complete the remainder of the 120 minutes.

*Javier Mascherano slumps to the ground after a sickening collision of heads with Geroginio Wijnaldum.*

- [Javier Mascherano status for World Cup final to be decided Thursday](#)
- [Concussion experts rip FIFA over handling of Javier Mascherano’s World Cup injury](#)
- [Argentina Player Stumbles All Over The Place After Scary Head-To-Head Collision, Allowed To Stay In Game](#)
- [Did Javier Mascherano suffer a concussion? Argentina midfielder plays on after sickening clash of heads](#)
- [Did Argentina's Player Have A Concussion? Who Knows – Because FIFA's Protocol Is A Joke](#)
- [After Javier Mascherano Collision, FIFA Must Take Head Injuries More Seriously](#)
- [Javier Mascherano Returned To Pitch After Head To Head Collision](#)
- [Javier Mascherano’s Head Collision Looked Like A Concussion](#)
- [Javier Mascherano head blow at World Cup sparks debate over FIFA concussion rules](#)
- [Brain injury charity slams FIFA over Mascherano incident](#)
- [Scary World Cup Head Injuries Show Why Soccer Needs to Change](#)



## Football concussions are more frequent than you think

Big controversy over Alvaro Pereira being allowed to remain in the game after taking a knee to the head against England. FIFA's current protocols are not good enough to protect the footballers, which is why players' union FIFPro is calling for more action.

*Alvaro Pereira of Uruguay receives treatment after a collision at Arena de Sao Paulo on June 11 in Sao Paulo.*

- [Soccer Concussions Are More Frequent Than You Think](#)
- [Álvaro Pereira's injury should force Fifa to revise concussion rules](#)
- [World Cup Concussion Highlights Need for FIFA to Protect Players](#)
- [Alvaro Pereira, knocked out then raring to go](#)
- [FIFA accused of failing to protect its players after Pereira concussion](#)
- [FIFPro criticises handling of Pereira concussion incident](#)
- [Alvaro Pereira injury highlights FIFA's lack of concussion protocol](#)
- [World soccer players' union calls on FIFA to conduct concussion investigation after Alvaro Pereira's injury](#)
- [Protect footballers from concussion risk, says journal](#)
- [Football must act to protect players with head injuries](#)



## Retired due to Concussion

After his retirement, Twellman started the Think Taylor Foundation to improve awareness of, and education about traumatic brain injuries. Headaches and post-concussion symptoms continue to affect him in his broadcasting career.

*Twellman states his health has improved more over the past eight or nine months than it did in the previous six years.*

- [After concussion ends playing career, Taylor Twellman is again a rising star](#)
- [Wikipedia: Taylor Twellman](#)
- [Taylor Twellman Concussions](#)
- [Taylor Twellman says he was 'helpless'](#)
- [Ex-Terps men's soccer standout Taylor Twellman is once again a rising star](#)
- [Video: Soccer Player On Concussions](#)
- [Wake-up call](#)
- [Football must act to protect players with head injuries](#)