

SHEDDING LIGHT, ON AND OFF THE FIELD



There are some grim stories related to brain injuries suffered by athletes, such as the 2006 suicide of former NFL defensive back Andre Waters and the behavioral problems endured by former Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson. Those athletes' stories received nationwide attention.

But sports concussions are hardly confined to the rich and famous. Just ask former Souhegan football player Sean Jellison, who is now able to play for the University of New Hampshire despite suffering multiple concussions in high school. Or former Alvirne baseball player Bobby Tewksbary, whose concussion sidelined him for weeks and seriously derailed a promising rookie season with the Worcester Tornadoes of the Can-Am League. Or Nashua trainer Jerry Holland, who works with young athletes and tries to educate players, coaches and parents on the dangers associated with head injuries.

The Telegraph's award-winning series last spring on sports concussions brought their stories to life and helped in that education process.

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