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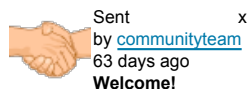
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[pedrog263](#) Had a great day today. But had a difficult time putting together my latest post on my blog, I was reflecting on 9 years ago today.
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[pedrog263](#) is looking forward to spending the next few Sundays at the Kings Highway location for my participation in the LOSE FOR GOOD campaign! A great way to give back to the community that has helped me change my life and now, I can help others!
9/10/10 01:51 PM

[pedrog263](#) Things are looking better now! Tonight is the gym for hopfully, a spin class. If not, the treadmill and tomorrow will be an elevate convert at my church!
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What my Friends are up to

[pedrog263](#) wrote on [pedrog263's blog](#).

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NFL's Eagles don't value 'Return-to-play'

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Written by [kylestack](#) on 09/14/2010 11:52:45 AM

The old saying "actions speak louder than words" couldn't ring truer when NFL teams decide if a player suffering from a head injury should sit or play. The NFL has taken many strides the last couple years to better treat player's head injuries, including refining return-to-play rules last December. Perhaps it hasn't been enough.

This past Sunday, two Philadelphia Eagles players were permitted to return to play after suffering concussions. This brings into question how seriously NFL teams follow the guidelines set by the league in that revised policy from December.

Quarterback Kevin Kolb's head was drilled into the turf during a sack in the second quarter vs. the Packers Sunday. He laid on the ground for several seconds and looked shell-shocked as he walked off the field. Linebacker Stewart Bradley had it worse. A FOX camera caught Bradley's head slamming against a teammate's leg as he tried to make a tackle, also in the second quarter. The camera stayed on him as he made it halfway up onto his feet only to stumble around before falling back to the ground. It was a chilling sight.

Eagles head coach Andy Reid permitted both to return in the second half because he said they checked out fine after trainer's tests. However, once they hit the field many of the symptoms they originally felt returned, leaving Reid no choice but to take them out a second time. I believe it was an irresponsible move by Reid and the training staff to clear either player.

The return-to-play policy states a player who gets a concussion shouldn't return to action on the same day if certain signs or symptoms are displayed. Those include inability to remember plays, gaps in memory and continual headaches and/or dizziness. Furthermore, a doctor independent from the team or league is supposed to examine the player. It appeared that didn't take place. (This was also pointed out on Twitter by sports injury expert [Will Carroll](#).)

It's not surprising that a coach would re-incorporate key players into a game; I just think there's a right way to do it. Following a policy set in-place to protect players from exacerbating their injuries is an action that proves more meaningful than simply declaring an awareness of players' health.

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