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SAFETY OF SOCCER QUESTIONED

SOCCER may cause brain damage—even more brain damage than contact U.S. football, Finnish researchers say. Eleven out of 15 amateur soccer players showed potential signs of brain damage, compared to seven out of 17 U.S. football players, a team from the University of Helsinki found. They said the helmets worn by U.S. football players could be protecting them.

The researchers used magnetic resonance imaging to look inside the brains of 15 soccer players, 17 football players, and 20 non-athletes of similar age and background.

Lesions were found in most of the soccer players, although they were small. Only five out of the 20 non-athletes had them.

Soccer players always run the risk of clashing heads, and are required to head the ball, often when it is travelling very fast.

— Reuter, The Record, May 2, 1997