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Bradshaw: The NFL Doesn't Take Care of Retired Players

Long: We're Beginning To See Long Term Effects of Head Trauma in the NFL

NFL Insider Jay Glazer: Goodell Expected to Issue Stricter Guidelines Regarding Head Injuries

Strahan: Giants Lack Enthusiasm and Leadership on the Field

FOX NFL SUNDAY Co-host Terry Bradshaw on the NFL's treatment of retired players: "It's sad when an outside source for example, Congress, has to bring in the Commissioner of the NFL and ask him questions. So instead of being proactive, the NFL is reactive. They wait until someone else says, 'you've got a problem' and then they fix it. Behind closed doors, they tell us, 'we're going to fix that, good idea' but they don't. Mike Webster, my former center in Pittsburgh, passed away. He had a lot of head problems. He was living in a car, living under a bridge and did the NFL take care of him? No. Not at all."

Analyst Jimmy Johnson on concussions in the NFL: "Today there are so many people making decisions about concussions without knowing the long term effects. As a coach, I would eliminate a lot of drills in practice where we've had concussions in the past."

Analyst Howie Long added: "Our generation of players just didn't say anything. Now we're beginning to see the long term effects of head trauma on previous generations. The league is talking about expanding the season from 16 games to possibly 18 games. I think the rosters are too small and need to be expanded. If you decide to play 18 games, the roster definitely needs to be expanded and I think that you'd have to add an extra bye week. This game is bigger stronger and faster."

FOX NFL Insider Jay Glazer reports that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is expected to issue strict in game guidelines regarding head injuries: "Roger Goodell is expected to issue a memo to all teams to expand the grounds for removal from a game due to head injuries. Right now, if a player is knocked out during a game he can't go back in. The league wants to expand that. If a player shows signs of head trauma or a concussion, is woozy or has memory loss he would be required to be removed from the game."

Analyst Michael Strahan on the New York Giants: "There is a lack of enthusiasm and a lack of fight. The Giants need leadership on the field."

Strahan on whether Rams RB Steven Jackson is the best RB in the league: "It's a fair argument and if he played in Minnesota, it wouldn't be close because the Vikings have a great offensive line."

Johnson on the Lions leaving QB Matthew Stafford in during the Thanksgiving Day game: "He's a rookie and is going to have to take his lumps and he's going to learn from that. And why ask for a problem if you put Daunte Culpepper in and he does well?"

Bradshaw on the undefeated Saints playing at home against the Patriots tomorrow night: "I don't think there is any way that the Saints lose at home. They have more talent than New England and the Superdome will be loud."



Analyst Johnson was 'Fired Up' about teams being smart when choosing a Quarterback: "Once again, teams are going to be quarterback shopping in the NFL draft. Keep this in mind: If you pick the wrong quarterback at the top of the draft and give him too much guaranteed money, your team will be ruined for years. Look at Oakland. They're giving former No. 1 pick JaMarcus Russell \$31 Million dollars guaranteed and they have the NFL's worst record since 2003 and they're not alone. It took the Chargers years to recover from Ryan Leaf. Desperate teams stretch and make mistakes at this position hoping they get a franchise player. The point is this: there are bargains out there if teams look hard enough. Remember, Tom Brady was a 6th round pick. Kurt Warner came from the Arena Football League and Tony Romo went undrafted."

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