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 the FA is promising to continue research into whether heading football can lead to long-term brain damage a study by UK scientist suggest there may be some evidence the players who had balls could be more prone to developing conditions like dementia later in life the research looked at the brains of 5 people who played football for an average of 26 years

and all of them develop dementia in their Sixties or door as well as the daughter of the former England West Brom footballer Jeff fast or she told 5 live breakfast this morning about his deterioration with the brain disease CTE the south-east current was certain that the sort of the latter stage but we knew the disease it really got a hold of me he was surrounded by England caps FA Cup winner's medal League Cup winner's medal everything need morning football but to remember not to think it didn't even know we had a good footballer everything football gave him football and taken away and he did not recognise me and my sisters he was just a shell and my dad was the most the most unique character he was he was laughing and joking all day long it is crazy absolutely this is is laughing and joking and and it was just desperately sad desperately group was ready to lose a and

urge I just feel very sad III feel very angry that a felt that football at the coroner's inquest football tried to sweep his death 100 cockpit did one now did anyone think that football could be a killer and and sadly it and you know what it is cake Candy Professor Tony belly as a consultant neurosurgeon from the University of Birmingham and sits on the FAs independent head injury panel Professor barely yellow colour when you look through the evidence does seem to be a credible link between playing football heading the ball regularly and developing either dementia or CTE later in life well there is certainly evidence of a link the question really how strong the link he is and this is what we are a lot of people are trying to establish through through research but I think the fact there is a link between for example repeated concussion end and cried rushing car full of the seas which

is what we're talking about a is it is pretty well established various big eared link between head in the ball and end dementia including CTE is actually leave the been less clear was saying there is certainly some evidence and that would point to props the need for more research but rather than anything conclusive Yeah how long how long will it take what kind of figures evidence do we need to try and prove as you say how strong that linking its this study they have obviously a bit quite strong as well reports in the media but the deal always them tend to be small studies in this one you just mention he's only just use a handful of players what we need is a is a fear if you want a very robust them all equally launched reading study with people have followed up over a number of years and mercilessly a much larger group way you could draw many meaningful conclusions from it is very difficult to see really quantify vary from from a small group and see if you look at the evidence from this

Particular study you may get impression as almost everyone who plays the ball gets CT but it's not the case we know that we don't have the evidence that he has a been millions millions of people play football and they have received their rhones millions of people who develop CTE so clearly there is a link them what what we need to establish a strong link really is we heard Dawn Astle obviously talking very emotional about the inquest into her father's death in particular the fact that nobody wanted to believe in her words that football was a killer do you think that that the sport is taking the threat seriously enough think it's certainly started to a thing day we would probably say that he is a certain sports are props that lid a bit more ahead of the curve and the others and they are Sicily the sports including football is now taking you seriously and then obviously I can understand dawn frustration things are not moving fast enough mean father died many years ago she's been

complaining for this for for every long time but a thing it was say that he hoped workers not been in vain and the authorities are listening to stories like dawns in the papers and Venus every case reports consist of researching researchers beginning to happen then obviously we'll want it to happen in a prat Libya faster we say but clearly there is a while and I'm not some of our Adam would say the the sports authorities for ignoring the issue because things are moving now that the some sports clubs and American youth football clubs for example his band heading the ball because we don't know what it can do is is that they the kind of lead we should be following here do no I'm afraid not convinced that any need a strong rationale for that thank you Phew Phew we will really mustn't forget tina sport is very good for for society is really good for children in a few if you take here the the what we know about sport his action those in an overwhelmingly protective effect against dementia race one and

the number one risk factors for dementia and in another other conditions is is physical inactivity benefits of sport although the risk is actually scaring people put in the mud put in the off particular apparent in from doing sports only be good for for their children but in terms of ahead in the ball is with the question is whether oppressive removing some elements of that sport Iraq more questionable or more dangerous would actually further improve the benefits of sport something as per the real question if you look at the evidence for heading the ball in children and risk of any problems later in life I think the evidence is very very we can and are would go as far as saying that we should be banning head in the ball that much my position is just my personal position it traps we we should and all that or do I mean it's asleep there is an element of props coaching children to head the ball properly teach them skills end and then East are he obviously unnecessary headers during training or game I'm trying to do something I can't see the need for in her head in the ball repeatedly 2030 times in training for example that could connect ago but says he would be wrong to remove it completely because then the argument may protect the 10 year old her own but what happens when you get to the age of 11 he a few never been coached to do properly without increased risk later life his brain every 11 year old less important and brain of a 10 year old so you shift you you you you you shift the problem further down the line home in the evidence is not strong enough to two warranty no ban under a certain age man in my view at Professor Tony barely thank you consultant neurosurgeon at the University of Birmingham it is a real concern in the game reasonable the game does go on and it goes on time big start