

Resolution

The athlete was examined by the neurologist. He was prescribed aspirin. An MRI of the brain was ordered. The initial differential diagnoses included Bell's palsy, meningitis, migraine headaches, stroke, multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Guillain-Barré syndrome. The MRI findings included numerous oval-shaped T2/Flair hyperintensities in periventricular and deep white matter within the frontal, parietal, and temporal lobes bilaterally. The overall constellation of findings was most consistent with manifestations of a demyelinating disease related to multiple sclerosis. The athlete was started on copaxone, a self-injection of 20 mg once per day, which he currently continues. He was cleared to play golf by the neurologist with no restrictions 3 weeks after the initial presentation. Once released to activity, he continued to practice golf. He began competing in golf tournaments 6 months after his diagnosis.

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