Will injury end Gretzky's career?

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Not Dr. Robert Watkins, an orthopedic surgeon and NHL's top knee specialist, but Lidia M. Look, the NHL's 15-year-old league lawyer, has been asked to testify on Gretzky's career-ending knee injury.

Not everybody, however, believes in the validity of a career-ending injury. Watkins said last night at a news conference in Los Angeles, "It can be very difficult to determine the extent of a career-ending injury. We have had a lot of experience with knee injuries, and I believe that the best way to approach this question is to consult with the opinion of the League's top knee specialists." Watkins, however, believes that the knee injury will affect Gretzky's performance in the long term.

Boy in coma awarded $9 million

By Joseph Hall
TORONTO STAR

A young boy who has been in a coma for seven years after being involved in a car accident is to receive $9 million, one of the largest medical settlements in Canada.

Joseph Hall, 15, was involved in a head-on collision with another car in March 1995. He was taken to the hospital where he was diagnosed with a severe head injury. He was kept in a coma for seven years before he was brought home in May 2001.

Hall was placed in the hospital's trauma unit, where he suffered a severe head injury that caused him to be in a coma. Dr. Watkins said it was the worst head injury he had seen.

"Our position was that the hospital failed to provide him with the necessary care," Dr. Watkins said.

"He was placed in a semi-conscious state, unable to be protected from his own movements. He remained in that state until today and will remain in that state forever." Watkins said.

"The hospital is also responsible for his injury," Watkins said.

The hospital was also required to pay $5,000,000 to the Ontario Health Insurance Plan and $11,500,000 to the provincial medical, legal and social services ministries.

"I cannot stop you from getting such a large settlement in Canada, but I can certainly stop the system from paying such a large amount," Watkins said.

Watkins said he believes that the settlement is fair and that it will help the boy and his family.

"He needs a lot of support," Watkins said.

"He needs help with his daily activities and he needs help with his education." Watkins said.

Callwood urges Yes vote

T'm tired of feeling sad about Canada

By Edward Seck
TORONTO STAR

OTTAWA — A blue-ribbon group of Canadians has launched a national campaign to tell the constitutional deal with a simple plea from social activist June Callwood: "I am tired of feeling sad and about the country and I am tired of being able to say Yes." This is an appeal to the Canadian people to say Yes in the Oct. 26 referendum.

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