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T.O. suicide try shows job stress

They get to play a game for a living and get paid millions of dollars to do it. While the rest of us work a "9-5 job" and get paid enough for rent. Professional athletes have nothing to worry about except the game they play...right?

Amidst all the money and accolades, we do forget that pro athletes are people, just like us, too. By now, most of us have heard about the reported suicide attempt by Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens. Owens, who used to play for the San Francisco 49ers and with the Philadelphia Eagles, ingested 35 pain killers, and reportedly told paramedics that he tried to harm himself. Although Owens, and those around him deny his apparent suicide attempt during Wednesday's press conference in Dallas, the evidence of the 35 ingested pain killers and the answers to paramedics on the way to the hospital Tuesday night where he was treated for an overdose. During the Cowboys game against the Washington Redskins on Sept. 17, Owens body language on the sideline showed that he just wasn't happy. Do any 49er fans remember the game against the Green Bay Packers a couple years back? Terrell Owens caught a pass from then 49ers quarterback Steve Young for a touchdown that helped San Francisco win the game. When he got back on the sideline, he started crying uncontrollably. For your information, those weren't tears of joy.

We see Terrell Owens as an arrogant wide receiver, who once accused former teammate Jeff Garcia of being gay, and Donovan McNabb of playing scared and throwing up in the huddle during Super Bowl XXXIX about two years ago. Former Philadelphia Eagle Hugh Douglas, who was a teammate of Owens, said in an interview with ESPN's Steven A. Smith that people "looked at T.O. the football player, they didn't look at T.O. the man and what he's dealing with outside of football." Terrell Owens' issues aren't from football. His arrogance is a cover for all his issues.

We, as the fans, do not look at professional athletes as regulars, we look at them as arrogant. But how much of it is a cover from having to deal with the real world? At the end of the day, players want to play well so they can get paid and live their lives and not be under the microscope.

Suicide accounts for the deaths of 30,000 people per year, most of the victims of suicide suffered from cases of depression. More people die from suicide than those who die from HIV/AIDS.



Photo by Manika Casterline

Jaimee Munson aims for the volleyball while her teammate Elaina Lara concentrates on the team strategy, while opponents from Monterey focus on their next move.

Volleyball team loses to Monterey

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A rough start by the Women's Volleyball Team just got a bit rougher.

After an 0-3 start to the season, the Lady Renegades volleyball team looked to rebound against Monterey Peninsula College last night at home.

A 3-0 loss last night wasn't exactly what they had in mind. The team did, however, seem to show signs of improvement. Head Coach Jamie Cortez said the goal this year is to have the team improve each day. That is still in the works.

Monterey Peninsula seemed near unstoppable in the first match, as their counterparts from Ohlone

seemed confused. Monterey Peninsula won the first match 30-7. The teams play the best three out of five matches.

The Lady Renegades would show signs of life, let alone improvement in the second match with Aleece Chastain, Jaimee Munson and Melanie Inouye leading the way. However it wasn't enough, as Monterey Peninsula would end up winning the second match 30-19, making the score 2-0 in favor of Monterey Peninsula.

Ohlone would not be able to gain any momentum in the third match, as Monterey Peninsula would win the third match 30-18, and the game 3-0.

In spite of the tough loss, Coach Cortez does look forward to the rest

of the season, and the development of ex-swimmer turned volleyball player Maija Sjogren.

The Lady Renegades volleyball team looks forward to their next game, and maybe a win as they will travel to San Jose to take on San Jose City College tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

They will end up playing four of their next five games at home. The team will play West Valley College on Oct. 4, and Cabrillo College on Oct. 11, both games at Ohlone. They will travel to Cañada College in Redwood City on Friday, Oct. 13 for their only road game of the month, then will return home a week later to take on Gavilan College on Oct. 20, and San Jose City College on Oct. 25.



Over time

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Saints come marching in

Take that, Katrina! The Saints are finally home. In what many had anticipated as another dismal season, a triumphant homecoming changed all that.

The New Orleans Saints had their home opener, in primetime on Monday Night Football, seen by more than 11 million viewers. With a sold-out, \$185 million renovated Superdome, thousands still displaced from their homes and a city still a long way from being fully restored and rebuilt, the Saints defeated a playoff contender team in the Atlanta Falcons.

Strutting a new lineup on offense with Drew Brees at quarterback, soon-to-be breakout runningback Reggie Bush and a new coaching staff led by head coach Sean Payton, the Saints overcame all odds and lifted a city's spirit that was still suffering from Hurricane Katrina nearly 13 months later.

Just 90 seconds into the game, the Saints blocked a punt attempt from Atlanta and recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. From that moment, the party had started! The crowd became loud and boisterous and didn't subside until the next morning. Along with three John Carney field goals, an 11-yard run by Devery Henderson and the blocked punt for a touchdown, the Saints defeated the Atlanta Falcons 23-3, to improve their record to 3-0 on the young season. For a defense to hold the "Michael Vick Show" to three points is superb.

The Falcons rushed for over 300 yards in the previous week against Tampa Bay with Warrick Dunn and Michael Vick both rushing for over 100 yards. However, on Monday night, the Saints defense beat up Vick and Dunn and held them to just a 117 rushing yards total. Vick's lousy game continued only completing 12 of 37 pass attempts for 137 yards. Alge Crumpler dropped a pass in the end zone with no one around him, which would have tied the game for the Falcons. Even the referees, who also seemed to have been drawn in by the uplifting spirit of New Orleans, allegedly helped out by picking up a flag on a questionable pass interference call that would have extended the Falcons' drive late in the third quarter. The only thing that didn't go right for the Saints was Reggie Bush still not scoring his first career touchdown. He'll look to achieve that in Carolina next week.

With the nation at their side, the Saints' third win tied their total amount of wins all last year.

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