

PRESENT: All the Justices

PRO-FOOTBALL, INC., T/A
WASHINGTON REDSKINS AND
GULF INSURANCE COMPANY

v. Record No. 020343

PER CURIAM

January 10, 2003

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FROM THE COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

In this appeal, the Court reviews a judgment of the Court of Appeals of Virginia which affirmed an award of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission. Pro-Football, Inc. v. Uhlenhake, 37 Va. App. 407, 558 S.E.2d 571 (2002). While several issues were before the Court of Appeals, the only assignment of error before us is as follows: "The Court of Appeals departed from precedent and expanded the standard for compensability under the Workers' Compensation Act by deleting the requirement that an accidental injury must be unusual and unexpected."

The Court of Appeals held that "[t]he commission correctly ruled that professional football players are not exempt from the coverage of the [Workers' Compensation] Act when they suffer injuries in the game they are employed to perform." Id. at 417, 558 S.E.2d at 576.

For the reasons set forth in the opinion of the Court of Appeals, we will affirm that court's judgment insofar as it pertains to the assignment of error before this Court.

Affirmed.