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Concussion Testing for London Gryphon Academy Athletes

The London Gryphons Soccer Academy is proud to announce that all of its athletes competing in this coming 2009 United Soccer League Super Y season will be baseline tested on the **ImPACT** concussion management program.

ImPACT is the number one tool used in the NHL, NFL, MLB and MLS. It is used by thousands of colleges and is now available for athletes 10 years of age or older.

The London Gryphons athletes will be encouraged to participate in the baseline testing with the Academy covering the cost of the baseline assessments.

ImPACT team members have dedicated the past 15 years to the scientific study of sports-related concussion and clinical application of this knowledge throughout professional and amateur sports. **ImPACT** team members are widely acknowledged as world leaders in the field of concussion management and are committed to ongoing development of increasingly advanced concussion management tools.

ImPACT is a sophisticated, research-based software tool developed to help sports-medicine clinicians evaluate recovery following concussion. The **ImPACT** program evaluates and documents multiple aspects of neurocognitive functioning including memory brain processing speed, reaction time and post-concussive symptoms. In addition, the **ImPACT** program provides a user-friendly documentation system that facilitates the tracking of the injury from the field through the recovery process.

ImPACT is easy to administer, sensitive to subtle changes in brain function, is valid and reliable.

The baseline test takes 25 minutes to complete on any computer with internet access. Once a baseline has been completed, athletes who might have suffered a concussion or are experiencing symptoms of a concussion will be seen by a physician experienced in using **ImPACT**. The follow-up test will be used as part of their concussion assessment protocol in order to assist them in a return to play decision.

The data is stored at the not-for-profit Research Park Data Centre, University of Western Ontario Research Park, London, Ontario and utilizes the **PrivIT** software system to ensure privacy compliance. The **PrivIT** privacy system allows for researchers to view aggregated, de-identified patient data to enhance concussion management.

The London Gryphons Soccer Academy is an elite girls soccer program in London, Ontario. Its Academy teams compete in the United Soccer League's Super Y Midwest Divisions. To learn more about the London Gryphons, log on to www.londongryphonsoccer.ca or www.uslsoccer.com.

To learn more about ImPACT and concussion management log on to www.impacttest.ca or contact us at our London, Ontario location at 1-866-992-8749.