

# **Athletes who have collapsed during play or training in 2021 / 2022**



## **Are the COVID-19 vaccines causing heart and respiratory problems in athletes?**

Much has been made about athletes collapsing on the pitch, in the middle of games, practices or working out. While most people have talked about soccer (football) players, athletes from many different sports have had heart or breathing related issues, some even ending in death.

Many people wonder if all the stories they hear of athletes events are related to COVID-19 vaccines. Most vaccine proponents are quick to reject this idea and fail to even consider the possibility that

vaccines could be responsible, while on the other hand, people who are against COVID vaccines are dead set on the idea that the vaccines are definitely the cause. Both hard line positions are wrong, as is usually the case with people whose judgement is clouded by cognitive bias. The truth, of course, lies somewhere in between. Sometimes the vaccines are absolutely responsible while other times it may not have anything at all to do with an event.

**While in many cases there is no way to be certain if the vaccine was completely responsible for an athlete who suffers a cardiac related event or death, the question should absolutely be brought up and considered when there have been many reports of issues like the ones we have listed below.**

The table below includes news stories of athletes who have had an issue that may be related to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. This does not mean that each case was caused by the vaccine but further investigation is warranted.

*Note: This table is scrollable, so scroll to the right to see more columns if you are on a smaller device. We are working on updating this table so there are links to the news sources that have reported these stories.*

Athlete Name	Age	Sport	What happened	Date	Team
Ousmane Coulibaly	32	Soccer	<a href="#">Football game abandoned after player collapses on field.</a>	1/10/22	Al Wakrah
Nikoloz Basilashvili	29	Tennis	<a href="#">World tennis number 22 forced to quit Australia Open after clutching chest and being 'out of breath'</a>	1/7/22	

Fabienne Schlumpf	31	Running	<a href="#">Olympic Athlete Develops Myocarditis post vaccine, Possible End Of Career</a>	1/7/22	
Jordan Glynn		Basketball	<a href="#">Almost one year after he suffered cardiac arrest, Wisconsin Lutheran's Jordan Glenn collapses on basketball court for a second time</a>	1/7/22	
Miroslav Strbak	32	MMA Fighter	<a href="#">Suffers heart attack during training</a>	1/7/22	
Soufian Lokar	30	Soccer	<a href="#">Collapses during game due to heart attack, passes away</a>	12/26/21	
Thottiyanda Somanna	23	Hockey	<a href="#">Dies in the middle of a game; heart attack suspected</a>	12/25/21	
Marin Cacic	23	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses during training, passes away due to heart failure</a>	12/24/21	Croatia
Omani Al Raqadi	29	Soccer	<a href="#">Oman international footballer collapses during warm-up, passes away</a>	12/23/21	
Kevin Gourdon	31	Rugby	<a href="#">Ends career due to cardiac issues</a>	12/21/21	
Oscar Cabrera	26	Basketball	<a href="#">Collapses on court mid-game.</a>	12/19/21	
Martin Terrier	24	Football	<a href="#">Taken off pitch after pointing to chest</a>	12/17/21	Rennes
Richard Harward	24	Basketball	<a href="#">Out for season due to cardiovascular issue.</a>	12/14/21	BYU
Piotr Zielinski	27	Soccer	<a href="#">Napoli mid-fielder taken off pitch after he motioned to chest and neck</a>	12/12/21	Napoli
Dimitri Lienard	33	Soccer	<a href="#">Midfielder collapses during game</a>	12/9/21	FC Strasbourg
Jake Lever	25		<a href="#">collapses during training</a>	12/8/21	Melbourne
Stefan Jelovac	32	Basketball		12/6/21	AEK Athens
Fabio Pedretti	27	Runner	<a href="#">suffers cardiac arrest during night trial, passes away</a>	12/4/21	Italian professional

Joachim Gerard	32	Tennis	<a href="#">collapses during game in Tokyo after heart problems</a>	12/2/21	Belgian Paralympic
Siobhan Cattigan	26	Rugby	<a href="#">passes away suddenly</a>	12/1/21	Stirling County
Charlie Wyke	29	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses at training, out for foreseeable future</a>	11/25/21	Wigan Athletic
Adam Traore	26	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses on pitch during champions league game</a>	11/24/21	
Adama Traore	25	Soccer	<a href="#">Went down clutching his chest while playing against Real Madrid</a>	11/24/21	Sheriff Tiraspon
John Fleck	30	Soccer	<a href="#">midfielder collapses mid-game</a>	11/23/21	Sheffield United
Greg Luysen	22	Cyclist	<a href="#">forced to end his cycling career after developing heart problems caused by the COVID-19 vaccine.</a>	11/21/21	Belgian
Caen Moore	22	Wrestler	<a href="#">dies unexpectedly</a>	11/18/21	
Héctor Vilellas	27	Runner	<a href="#">died in hospital after suffering heart attack during a track race</a>	11/17/21	NSU
Tirell Williams	19	Football	<a href="#">freshman lineman passes away after collapsing on pitch during practice</a>	11/14/21	Fort Scott
Florian Dagoury	34	Freediver	<a href="#">World Record holder in static breath-hold freediving diagnosed with myocarditis post Pfizer</a>	11/6/21	
Boris Sadecky	24	Hockey	<a href="#">dies of heart attack during hockey game</a>	11/4/21	Slovak
Sergio Aguero	33	Soccer	<a href="#">Diagnosed with cardiac arrhythmia</a>	11/2/21	Barcelona
Emil Palsson	28	Soccer	<a href="#">Required resuscitation after cardiac arrest</a>	11/2/21	Icelandic
Vittoria Campo	23	Soccer	<a href="#">suffers cardiac arrest and passes away</a>	Nov-1	Palermo
Benedikt Kirsch	25	Soccer	<a href="#">Midfielder and captain collapses during game</a>	11/1/21	Bayreuth
Doudou Faye	35	Basketball	<a href="#">Passed away unexpectedly due to heart attack</a>	11/1/21	Sportif Sfaxien
Blaine	28	Hockey	<a href="#">high school hockey player collapses and stops</a>	11/1/21	

Minnesota			<a href="#">breathing on ice</a>		
Sergio Aguero	33	Soccer	<a href="#">Barcelona star striker admitted to hospital for cardiac exam after match</a>	10/31/21	Barcelona
Emil Palsson	28	Soccer	<a href="#">midfielder collapses due to cardiac arrest during game</a>	10/31/21	Sognal
Mohammad Islam	30	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses mid game, passes away</a>	10/28/21	Raziq Football Club Chaman
Raphael Dwamena	26		<a href="#">BW Linz forward collapsed due to heart attack during Austrian Cup third-round against Hartberg</a>	10/28/21	
Jayson Kidd	12	Basketball	<a href="#">died after collapsing while doing basketball warm-ups at middle school</a>	10/28/21	
Tevita Bryce	28	Rugby	<a href="#">Collapsed on the field while playing. He was in the ICU for days, following a heart attack on the field and then another on the operating table.</a>	10/27/21	Montclair Norsemen
Benjamin Taft	31	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses after game, passes away due to heart attack</a>	10/25/21	SV Unterferrieden
Michaël Englebert	37	Soccer	<a href="#">passes away due to heart attack following game</a>	10/25/21	FC Ortho
Halil Elitok	25	Soccer	<a href="#">midfielder collapses on pitch due to cardiac arrest, in coma</a>	10/25/21	SG Gahmen
Elly Böttcher	17	Soccer	<a href="#">Collapses during away game, transported to hospital</a>	10/25/21	Rostock FC
Cienna Knowles	19	Equestrian	<a href="#">A "super healthy" teen equestrian competitor who was hospitalised last week with blood clots in her chest has blamed the potentially "life-changing" injuries on the Pfizer vaccine.</a>	10/21/21	
Meghan Roth	34	Runner	<a href="#">collapses during Boston marathon due to cardiac episode</a>	10/20/21	

Ronaldo Cisneros	24	Soccer	<a href="#">suffers heart problem that could end his career</a>	10/18/21	Chivas
Ava Azzopardi	14	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses and suffers cardiac arrest in the under-14/15s grand final.</a>	10/18/21	Runaway Bay
Avi Barot	29	Cricket	<a href="#">cricketer suffers cardiac arrest, passes away</a>	10/16/21	Saurashtra
Felipe Defender	18	Soccer	<a href="#">suffers cardiac arrest during training</a>	10/13/21	Atlético-GO
David Jenkins	31	Diver	<a href="#">Olympic silver medalist diver unexpectedly passes away</a>	10/12/21	
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Ewan Fraser	30	Hockey	<a href="#">Suffered cardiac arrest</a>	10/11/21	Glasgow
Ryan Bowman	29	Soccer	<a href="#">striker suffers heart palpitations mid-match during Town's League One game with Ipswich Town</a>	10/9/21	Schremsbury
Kyle Warner	27	Pro BMX	<a href="#">pro BMX cyclist has pericarditis post vaccine</a>	10/8/21	
Jeremy Chardy	34	Hockey	<a href="#">forward out indefinitely due to myocarditis</a>	10/3/21	Oilers
Josh Archibald	28	Hockey	<a href="#">Oilers hockey forward out indefinitely due to myocarditis</a>	10/3/21	Oilers
Brandon Goodwin	26	Basketball	<a href="#">career over due to blood clots</a>	10/3/21	Atlanta Hawks
Jacob Downey	19	Hockey	<a href="#">passes away after medical emergency</a>	10/1/21	Queens
Antoine Méchin	31	Triathathlete	<a href="#">suffers pulmonary embolism following Moderna. puts an end to his season and "would not get vaccinated again if it had to be done again"</a>	9/27/21	Saintais
Ivan Hicks	16	Football	<a href="#">dies from cardiovascular issues</a>	9/27/21	Philadelphia High School
Jamie Hamilton	19	Football	<a href="#">dies from cardiovascular issues</a>	11/6/21	Philadelphia High School

Tom Felton	34	Golf	<a href="#">Collapses during golf game</a>	9/24/21	
John Stokes	21	Golf	<a href="#">hospitalized with heart inflammation and developed myocarditis from the vaccine.</a>	9/22/21	Tennessee Uni
Alex Stalock	34	Hockey	<a href="#">goalie out for the season due to heart condition</a>	9/22/21	NHL Oilers
Helen Edwards		Referee	<a href="#">referee taken off court during World Cup qualifier due to heart issues</a>	9/21/21	
Kingsley Coman	25	Soccer	<a href="#">star striker under goes heart surgery after he was discovered to have an irregular heartbeat, his club confirmed.</a>	9/17/21	Bayern Munich
Name Unknown	19	Soccer	<a href="#">suffers cardiac arrest during training with team</a>	9/17/21	FC Nantes
Raul Marte	19	Soccer	<a href="#">SC Austria Lustenau midfielder diagnosed with pericarditis</a>	9/16/21	
Parys Haralson	37	Football	<a href="#">Died unexpectedly</a>	9/13/21	Former 49ers/Saints Linebacker
Abou Ali	22	Soccer	<a href="#">professional footballer collapses on pitch during game</a>	9/12/21	Inter Milan
Frederic Lartillot		Soccer	<a href="#">collapses in changing room, passes away due to heart attack after game</a>	9/11/21	Nurieux-Volognat
Dylan Rich	19	Soccer	<a href="#">suffered sudden cardiac arrest on the field, passes away</a>	9/9/21	
Dave Hyde	29	Rugby	<a href="#">Collapsed in the changing rooms, passes away</a>	9/8/21	Henley
Jens De Smet	27	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses on field, passes away of heart attack</a>	9/6/21	FCC Filsoof
Florian Ploner	22	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses during game due to heart attack</a>	9/5/21	SC Ferlach
Okafor Kelechi	21	Football	<a href="#">newly recruited footballer dies after collapsing during training</a>	9/4/21	Lion heart Football Club
Ewan	30	Field Hockey	<a href="#">Heart stopped for over 10 minutes after he collapsed</a>	9/4/21	



Fraser			<a href="#">in the middle of game</a>		
Vinny Curry	33	Football	<a href="#">out for season due to blood clots</a>	8/25/21	Jets
José dos Reis	29	Soccer	<a href="#">collapsed during game</a>	8/24/21	Red Black Pfaffenthal
Roy Butler	23	Soccer	<a href="#">suffers massive "brain bleed," dead four days after experimental Johnson &amp; Johnson viral vector DNA injection</a>	8/23/21	Watford FC
Lee Moses	29	Football	<a href="#">He suffered chest pains during practice and died after an unexpected heart attack</a>	8/23/21	Palmerston North FC
Fabrice Nsakala	31	Soccer	<a href="#">collapsed on pitch during game</a>	8/22/21	Besiktas
Dimitri McKee	19	Football	<a href="#">Collapsed during a team practice due to heatstroke. Three days later, McKee died at a hospital in Birmingham.</a>	8/21/21	Robert E. Lee
Cameron Dale	29	Sailor	<a href="#">dies after catastrophic stroke</a>	8/20/21	
Jente van Genechten	25	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses on field due to heart attack</a>	8/18/21	Lanaken
Samuel Kalu	24	Soccer	<a href="#">collapses minutes into game</a>	8/16/21	Bordeaux
Quandarius Wilburn	19	Football	<a href="#">died after collapsing during football practice.</a>	8/10/21	Virginia Union University
Rune Coghe	18	Soccer	<a href="#">suffers cardiac arrest on pitch after vaccine</a>	8/7/21	Royal Dottignies
Daniel Brito	23	Baseball	<a href="#">Minor league baseball player collapses on pitch due to stroke</a>	7/31/21	Philadelphia
Ricardo Ladinetti	20	Soccer	<a href="#">Italian professional football player ends season due to heart disorder</a>	7/30/21	Cagliari
Whitnee Abriska	19	Handball	<a href="#">handball professional passes away following cardiac arrest</a>	7/26/21	
Santo Giuliano	33	Dancer	<a href="#">suffered cardiac arrest following Pfizer vaccine</a>	7/26/21	



Kjeld Nuis	31	Olympic Skater	<a href="#">Diagnosed With Pericarditis After Receiving Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine</a>	7/22/21	Netherlands
Pedro Obiang	29	Soccer	<a href="#">Professional footballer Pedro Obiang has been diagnosed with myocarditis after his COVID-19 vaccination. Obiang, 29-years-old, received his COVID shot in July and was hospitalized shortly after with heart problems.</a>	7/21/21	
Mirko Kido	36		<a href="#">Collapsed during a training session. Footage shows the French striker suddenly collapsing to the ground and receiving urgent medical attention.</a>	7/14/21	
Mike Salase		Rugby	<a href="#">dies while playing the game</a>	7/10/21	Northland
Jen Gouveia	38	Runner	<a href="#">suffered cardiac arrest during a run</a>	7/8/21	
Yusuke Kinoshita	27	Baseball	<a href="#">Dies 5 Weeks After Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine. Kinoshita was hospitalized after collapsing during practice on July 6th and then put on a ventilator until his death on August 3rd. He had received his vaccine just eight days prior to his collapse.</a>	7/6/21	
	16	Weightlifting	<a href="#">A 16-year-old youth collapsed following a weightlifting session six days after his first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty Covid-19 vaccine.</a>	7/5/21	
Chinelle Henry	26	Cricket	<a href="#">suddenly collapsed and later on her very close friend and team mate Chedean Nation collapsed too</a>	7/3/21	
			<a href="#">Collapse on Field During</a>		

Chedean Nation	35	Cricket	<a href="#">2nd T20I Against Pakistan Women</a>	7/3/21	
Frédéric Loth	40	Soccer	<a href="#">suffers cardiac arrest during training</a>	7/1/21	FC Salouël
Kamila Label-Farrel	19	Basketball	<a href="#">Uni Basketball Star died unexpectedly</a>	6/17/21	Basketball
Paul Zisper	27	Basketball	<a href="#">has emergency surgery after brain hemorrhage related to J and J</a>	6/15/21	Munich
Christian Eriksen	29	Soccer	<a href="#">Collapses at Euros due due to heart failure. Suffered heart attack</a>	6/12/21	Denmark
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Victor Lindelof	27	Soccer	<a href="#">Breathing problems in middle of game and after had to train with heart manitor.</a>	5/11/21	Manchester United
Josh Downie	24	Cricket	<a href="#">dies after heart attack at practice</a>	5/10/21	
Roider Carbera	30	Basketball	<a href="#">suffers cardiac arrest and collapses on pitch</a>	5/4/21	AEK Athens
Luis Ojeda	20	Soccer	<a href="#">football player unexpectedly passes away</a>	4/26/21	Argentine
Devaraj Anchan	33	Volleyball	<a href="#">Collapsed while playing in a tournament and died on the way to hospital</a>	3/28/21	
Charlie Wyke	28	Soccer	<a href="#">Collapsed in training, was given CPR.</a>	3/26/21	Wigan
Jack Draper	19	Tennis	<a href="#">collapses at Miami Open</a>	3/26/21	
Moussa Dembele	29	Soccer	<a href="#">Collapsed in training</a>	3/23/21	
Emmanuel Antwi	18	Football	<a href="#">died after collapsing during game</a>	3/22/21	Kennedy High
Raymond van Barneveld	54	Darts	<a href="#">Collapses and recieves paramedic attention</a>	3/19/21	
Miguel Lugo	17	Football	<a href="#">Collapsed and died after football practice</a>	3/2/2021	Wallkill High School

Logan Luker	27	Rugby	<a href="#">rugby player who 'gave his heart' to the game dies suddenly</a>	2/11/21	Penygraig RFC
Garissone Innocent	20	Soccer	<a href="#">Fell unconscious during game</a>	1/30/2021	SM Caen
Greg van Aevermat	36	Cyclist	<a href="#">loss of form since vaccine</a>	1/9/21	
Alex Apolinario	24	Soccer	<a href="#">Brazilian soccer player dies after collapsing on pitch during match</a>	1/8/21	