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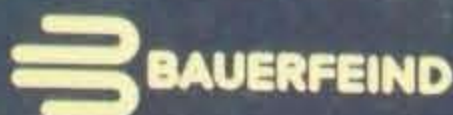
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SURGICAL TREATMENT OF GROIN PAIN IN ATHLETES

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Pubic pain is frequent in soccer players as in athletic activities strongly involving adductor muscles. The goals of this analysis of a series of 249 cases of athletic groin pain are to provide appropriate indications for the selection of either medical or surgical treatments.

From July 1986 to the end of 1991, operations were performed on 249 athletes most of them professional soccer players.

Criteria for the evaluation:

1. persistence of residual groin pain
2. persistence of other clinical manifestations
3. level of resumption of athletic activity

In each case reconstruction of annulus inguinalis was performed based most on Nesovic technique. This area was the primary site consisted of a bilateral reefing of the abdominal muscles on the pubis and inguinal ligament. It is aimed at equilibrate the unbalanced muscular equilibrium acting on the pubis secondary to strong predominant adductors involved. No surgery was ever required at the level of origin of adductor medius.