The mark, especially the “high mark” and “spectacular grab”, distinguishes Australian Rules football from more earthbound varieties.\textsuperscript{1} Photographs taken at a recent South Australian National Football League match revealed a high mark where hyperextension of the proximal interphalangeal joint of the right index finger occurred. Interview with the player and examination of the affected digit 4 days after the match revealed no injury to the finger, although some bruising of the right thenar web space and mild tenderness of the first metacarpophalangeal joint were evident.

A previous report concluded that virtually all pure hyperextension injuries of the proximal interphalangeal joint result in rupture of the distal end of the volar plate,\textsuperscript{2} but fracture dislocation appears to depend on joint angle at the time of injury.\textsuperscript{3} A review of published literature and photographic libraries failed to reveal a similar incident. Further research is required to characterise the biomechanical forces necessary to cause digital injury in sports requiring barehanded capture of a travelling ball.

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