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# Letters | Andrew Luck

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During the course of the relatively brief, but brilliant career of the Indianapolis quarterback, Andrew Luck, my son and I would cringe each time he chose to assume the role of a running back, crossing the opposition's defensive line in an effort to gain more yardage. More often than not, his 6-foot-4 frame appeared to take a beating from the defense. We believed he was doing significant damage to his longevity in the NFL and more so, to his athlete's body.

It is not surprising that his physical injuries and mental state had finally taken their toll. While a high degree of sadness comes with his shocking retirement, I was pleased to learn of his decision. He is an intelligent young man who knows full well that his health must be the primary consideration.

The 29-year-old married his longtime girlfriend, Nicole Pechanec, during the off season and on June 14th, the newlyweds announced they will be having their first child. There will be much greater accomplishments and more special memories the affable Mr. Luck will come to cherish beyond his stellar career.

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