Patrick Corbin teams up with the AAO to promote National Facial Protection Month

Throughout April, the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) partnered with Arizona’s starting pitcher, Patrick Corbin, to promote National Facial Protection Month. An all-star example of safety on the field, Corbin wears a mouthguard for his position on the pitching mound and while at bat. Corbin is dedicated to facial protection and created a radio public service campaign to encourage athletes of all ages to cover their bases when it comes to protecting their mouth, teeth and face. His goal is to remind players of the importance of wearing a mouth guard and the serious repercussions of an injury to the teeth.

National Facial Protection Month is an annual initiative that reminds athletes to play it safe by wearing a mouth guard and appropriate safety gear at every practice and every game. Corbin, all-star starting pitcher for Arizona, is a prime example of a professional athlete who takes protecting his teeth seriously. When baseballs can be hit at speeds of more than 100 mph, Corbin protects himself on the pitching mound by always wearing a mouth guard.

“Wearing a mouth guard on the field is just as important as any other protective gear,” Corbin said. “In baseball, a line drive can come at you when you least expect it, and it’s crucial to be protected.” National Facial Protection Month is sponsored annually by the AAO, AAOMS, AAPD, the Academy for Sports Dentistry and the ADA.

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