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Injured sports stars turn to Nevadan for care

A former Reno High School all-state athlete and Nevada pre-med major is now among the nation's top sports medicine surgeons. Dr. Warren D. King gains broader celebrity by easing hurts of athletes — and extending their work lives.

The Elko native, 36, practices at Palo Alto Clinic, south of San Francisco. His patients constitute a veritable Who's Who of pro sports. King was a key figure in Joe Montana's famous arm surgery; he repaired tennis star Ivan Lendl's shoulder; and he performed surgery last week on the elbow of San Francisco Giant pitcher Bud Black, who was on the disabled list for 85 days this season.



King

The orthopedic doctor studied medicine at Southern Cal, and did his residency in Los Angeles with Kirlan-Jobe Sports Medicine Clinic.

His parents live in Jiggs, at the base of Elko County's Ruby Mountains. Father Don had a 30-year career with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Mother Ginny taught in Reno schools for 25 years. Love of medicine and sports has been shared by King's siblings. Brother Brad, who died last year, was a sterling sports equipment manager at Reno High School. Sister Carolyn is a nurse in New York.