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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE FALMOUTH FALCONS MUGGLE-BORN TRAINEE HEALER, HERMIONE GRANGER

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It's truly something to sit down with the Wizarding World's own Muggle-born Wunderkind today. You'll know her, of course, as Harry Potter's rather resourceful Muggle-born friend. Now, apparently, as a trainee Healer, Hermione Granger is trying her hand at working with the Falmouth Falcons for the League Cup season. She's nothing if not ambitious.

Let's start with the erumpent in the room. Word has it the Falcons' sudden improvement is due in part to your new, rather bohemian, Muggle-inspired training program. Oliver Wood is a talented and traditional Captain; how did you possibly convince him to entertain these sorts of ideas?

Oliver was a fantastic collaborator on this project. He's hard working and extremely knowledgeable about Quidditch. I was not very familiar with Muggle sports medicine or training, but given the opportunity I found the subject fascinating. Oliver and I developed a plan to improve every aspect of what we do by consulting with Muggle expertise on the subject. There are 6 billion Muggles and it would be foolhardy to discount their knowledge.

We've certainly heard the whispers about your... unique approach to treating Cho Chang's alleged overexposure to the Cruciatus Curse. And while there's certainly some buzz about this 'ground-breaking' new potion of yours, don't you think it's a bit presumptuous to claim ownership over intellectual property you developed entirely while working for Lord Malfoy? Especially when it's clearly within the scope of your paid employment?



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QUIDDITCH ROBES THAT HONOR
TRADITION WHILE CONQUERING THE
PITCH.

And yet, you've wormed your way into working quite closely with Lord Malfoy. You've managed to convince him to put his name on your rather disruptive and unnecessary QUILL proposal to inject Muggle-inspired changes into the venerable Quidditch rulebook. We understand you didn't grow up playing Quidditch, so perhaps the traditions of Quidditch are simply beyond you, but it truly beggars belief that you managed to talk Lord Malfoy into this.

It is because of my "unique approach" that the treatments have been so effective. I'm hopeful that with more testing and refinement this same approach could be used to treat any number of magical maladies. But the ultimate goal is to improve lives, not squabble over galleons. For what it's worth, I am a trainee Healer at St. Mungo's currently on an educational training rotation working with the Falmouth Falcons Quidditch team. As always, my professors at St. Mungo's are thrilled with my progress. I do not report to the Falcons' management team or the team's owner as you have insinuated.



Quidditch is unnecessarily dangerous. My job the past few months has been to keep players flying only for them to get injured again, thanks to your negligently dangerous "venerable Quidditch rulebook." QUILL is going to address only the most basic safety concerns that anyone with a bit of common sense can see are needed. As for Draco's involvement, I can only assume he supports my solutions because they are obviously necessary. They don't hamper play - in fact, they'll likely improve it for everyone: the players, the fans, and their Healers.



Now, we all know “Draco” has been making an effort to, shall we say, rehabilitate his image since the war. But enabling your rather ambitious machinations with the Quidditch rulebook seems entirely out of character for him. One has to wonder what leverage you possibly have to convince him to go along with something so... unnecessary. Is there something we should know about your working relationship with him?

Frankly, I find your persistent insinuation unprofessional and irrelevant to the work I'm doing. My professional collaboration with anyone, including Draco Malfoy, is purely on the merits of improving magical healthcare and the sport of Quidditch. Since Seeker Weekly appears to be more interested in baseless gossip than in genuine innovation and player safety, I think we are finished here. Thank you so much for having me.

Thank you for your frankness today, Miss Granger. One does hope your next professional rotation proves a more appropriate fit for your rather infamous talents, particularly your well-documented disregard for established wizarding traditions. After all, some things are simply not meant to be meddled with by outsiders.



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