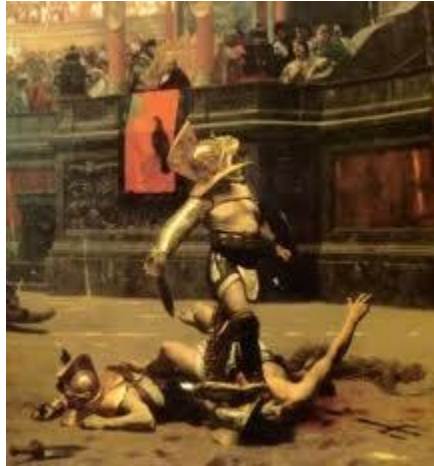


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GLADIATOR HOCKEY



THREE YOUNG HOCKEY PLAYERS DIE UNNECESSARILY FROM CONCUSSION INJURIES SUFFERED BY PLAYING NHL HOCKEY

Derek Boogaard's brother charged in overdose death

Further to news reports concerned with the death of Derrick Boogaard's and recent charges against his brother Aaron. Upon reflection, I suggest that the primary legal action should be against Mr. Gary Bettman, the Commissioner of the National Hockey League, and the various managers and coaches Derrick has had during his NHL career. They should be charged as accessories to the fact by the evidence that surround his NHL career and his admission to various "Rehab" centers, both League sponsored and others. His last contract with the NY Rangers paid him a four-year, \$6.5 million contract, while they knew full well that he was suffering from the effects of a concussion and in need of help with these ailments, but they needed his talent as an enforcer, that is a player that will most likely instigate or engage in a fight during a game and usually win by evidence of his height and weight.

Everyone in Hockey knows the game rulers as written in the Official Rule Book, but Mr. Gary Bettman has made sure that the referees in a game do not call too many penalties as they occur as they are remodeling NHL games to be Gladiator Hockey where most of the infractions are not called, as they wish to play to the appetite of the American and

Canadian hockey fans for this style of hockey. More than anything else Derrick's death was caused by what he did for a living! Playing NHL Hockey.



Derek Boogaard

If the Boogaard family retains a smart lawyer, they could bring a strong Law Suit against the National Hockey League of New York City

The Minneapolis Star-Tribune reported that he was found dead in his apartment in the Warehouse District of Minneapolis at 6:10 pm. Friday by members of his family. Sgt. Bill Palmer, a Minneapolis police spokesman, said emergency medical technicians were called to Boogaard's apartment shortly after 6 pm. Boogaard was dead when they arrived, he said.

The Hennepin County medical examiner's office confirmed those details and said an autopsy was pending on Saturday. Palmer said the police did not suspect foul play because Boogaard's body showed no sign of physical trauma. The police will not comment about a possible cause of death, he added, until the medical examiner completes toxicology tests and releases its final report, which is expected to take about two weeks.

Boogaard's only season with the Rangers ended prematurely on Dec. 9, when he sustained a concussion in a fight with the Senators' Matt Carkner in Ottawa. Boogaard sustained a previous concussion with Minnesota in September 2009, when he was hit by a stick during an exhibition game. He missed the first five games of that season.

"Derek was an extremely kind and caring individual," Glen Sather, the Rangers' president and general manager, said in a statement. "He was a very thoughtful person, who will be dearly missed by all those who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and teammates during this difficult time."

Boogaard, a 6-foot-7, 265-pound forward from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, signed a four-year, \$6.5 million contract with the Rangers last summer after playing with the Minnesota Wild for five seasons.

Several times, in polls of N.H.L. players he was voted the toughest fighter and most intimidating player in the league.

Sather said he signed Boogaard because he was "the biggest and toughest."

"I'm not afraid to do what I do," Boogaard said upon joining the Rangers. "New York knows what type of player I am."

Boogaard was a popular player with the Wild, even though his skills and his conditioning were limited. His No. 24 was one of the highest-selling Wild replica sweaters among Minnesota fans.

Last summer at the Rangers' training camp in Greenburgh, N.Y., he was seen frequently gasping for air during endurance drills. During the season he rarely played more than a few shifts each game.

Boogaard engaged in seven fights with the Rangers while recording one goal and one assist in 22 games.

That goal, on Nov. 9 at Madison Square Garden during a loss to Washington, was his first since Jan. 7, 2006 — a span of 234 games, the longest drought in N.H.L. history.

After the seventh fight, the 70th of his N.H.L. career and his 206th since joining the Regina Pats of the junior Western Hockey League as a 17-year-old, he went home to Minnesota to recover. He returned to the Rangers for a skate-around on March 15 and stayed at his apartment on West 57th Street. Before the end of the regular season, he went back to Minnesota to continue his convalescence.

The Star-Tribune reported that Boogaard said in March that he found it difficult to leave his New York apartment and had to wear sunglasses outdoors because he was bothered by the sunlight.



Derek Boogaard's Funeral

21 May 2011

Private funeral services were held for former National Hockey League enforcer Wade Belak in Tennessee on Sunday afternoon.

The much-loved NHL veteran was found dead in a downtown Toronto hotel on Wednesday.



Funeral Nashville, Tennessee
Sunday September 4, 2011



Nashville Predator Players

Hundreds attend funeral for NHL Player Rick Rypien

20 Aug 2011

Near the make-shift altar hung a framed Vancouver Canucks' jersey – No. 37 and autographed – next to a Regina Pats poster that read Pure Hockey. Beneath the caption was a photo of Rick Rypien, corralling a loose puck.



Rick Rypien

That image of Rypien in action, full of life and hope, served as the backdrop for Saturday's memorial

service in the Alberta Stella Arena where he had played his minor hockey. Described as the little guy who could, Rypien had worked his way into the National Hockey League and become a hero here in the Crowsnest Pass only to lose the one fight he couldn't win.

Penalties not being called often enough by game referees

BOARDING

A simple rule that prohibits a player body checking an opponent violently into the boards usually checking the opponent from behind – a dangerous and violent
blindside hit

CHARGING

As the word implies a dangerous and violent collision with an opposing player without reducing skating speed knowing that the opponent is in no position to slip
the charge

INTERFERENCE

Checking or interfering an opposing player that does not have puck possession

Hockey, is a fascinating, high speed game of talent, skills and intelligence, that never fails to exhilarate players, spectators and television audiences. Making the right move, the right pass, the right play anticipation, the right shot and hopefully putting the puck in the top right-hand corner is always the mental and physical quest for any player, at any age, at any level anywhere in Canada. Boarding an opponent violently from behind is not an acceptable maneuver to be learned, taught or practiced -- it's thug hockey and a gross misuse of the boards of a hockey arena. They are there to set off the area of play, not to be used as battering rams to harm or injure an opponent.

The dumbest hockey quote I have ever heard was *“play the man not the puck, golly gee wis every hockey player should know that by now* (Howie Meeker CBC Analyst)

The smartest quote I have ever heard was *“Dickie, just play Hockey”* When Dick Duff was traded to Montreal Toe Blake told him that he would be playing with Jean Beliveau and Dick asked The Great One “where do you want me to play. (source John Duff)



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