# Brown gives new meaning to 'faceoff'

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Rangers reacted angrily to a crushing blow to the head of All-Star forward Tomas Sandstrom by Philadelphia's Dave Brown in Monday night's NHL game.

"If he wasn't trying for the face, then there isn't a steer in Texas," Rangers General Manager Phil Esposito said. "He was trying for the face; there's no doubt about it because if he's going to cross-check, he could have gotten him under the arms, on the shoulders, on the bicep, but he went right after the face."

Sandstrom was hospitalized overnight, but was expected to be released yesterday.

"The hospital says he had no post-concussion condition and no fractured jaw," a Rangers' spokesman said.

"I've been coaching for eight years in the league now and I've seen many things in hockey, but I've never seen anything like that." New York Coach Michel Bergeron said of the third-period incident during the game that ended in a 2-2 tie. "I'm too angry to say what I think about Brown now. If he did the same thing on the street tonight, he'd get 10 years in jail. He didn't just try to hurt him — he tried to kill him."

Brown was assessed a match penalty for a deliberate attempt to injure and was ejected from the game. NHL spokesman Shannon Shay said match penalties get an automatic review by Brian O'Neill, executive vice president of the NHL in Montreal, and a decision will be announced in a few days.

Bergeron said Brown should be suspended for more than the automatic three games for a match penalty.

"When a player attempts to injure someone like that, he should be suspended for a year," Bergeron said.

The incident happened at the 12:30 mark, after a play had stopped near the Flyers' net. Sandstrom hit the ice with a thud and had to be helped off.

"There's no room in the game of hockey for things like that," Esposito said on Madison Square Garden Network television. "If things like this were allowed to be done constantly in the game of hockey, then there's no room in hockey for me. Then I want out."

Esposito said he could retaliate the next time the Rangers play the Flyers, but "I don't do things like that. If we did that, then we're all barbarians and two wrongs don't make a right. The league better — and I repeat, they better — come down on this guy hard, because if they don't, then there's no alternative than to take matters into my own hands."

"I'm just trying to move him away from the goal," Brown said. "If he scores, and I'm the closest guy, then it's my fault.

The penalty carries an automatic three-game suspension, but some of the Rangers felt three years wouldn't be enough.

# Netwomen challenge Penn in Philadelphia

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When we last saw Penn's Lady Quakers they were walking off the courts at the Penn State Tennis Club, heads down, after a physically and emotionally draining 5-4 loss at the hands of the Lady Lions. The loss clinched a last-place finish for the visitors in the eight-team ITCA Qualifier Tournament.

Revenge may very well be a factor when Penn State visits the Ivy League school today in Philadelphia. But a strong return by Penn State's top-ranked Claudia Karabedian may eliminate Penn's chances altogether.

Karabedian will return to action this afternoon after being sidelined by a wrist injury for two weeks. Whether she will return to the team's top spot has yet to be determined, especially after the strong showings by interim No. 1 Darnell Adams. With Karabedian and Adams both healthy, Penn State could be considered a lock to win. But a wrench was thrown into the gears when Adams developed tendonitis in her wrist.

"I've been playing for tne past week," Karabedian said. "If Darnell's in the lineup, and I'm in the lineup, it will be easier for us."

Head Coach Jan Bortner was looking forward to having a healthy lineup for Penn. In each match this season, he has had to use a lineup minus a key player. Adams has been given permission to play by the doctor, but she needs to see if the pain will be tolerable. Her injury came at a time when Bortner was seeing great improvement in the team's play.

"I think we made a dramatic improvement from last week (at the ITCA tournament)," Bortner said. "Our doubles has vastly improved."

"We haven't been preparing for Penn as much as we have for the ECACs this (coming) weekend," he said. "One of the keys last week was that we won two of the three doubles matches. We'll have to do the same (today). They're well rested. They haven't played since we played them last week. We played a lot of matches at Old Dominion."

Lisa Thomas, whose victory last Sunday assured Penn State the win, expects another tough match.

"If we play as well as we're capable of playing, we can do very well against them," Thomas said. "We will need a solid performance from No. 1 to No. 6 in singles and No. 1 to No. 3 in doubles. Penn is definitely going to be geared up."


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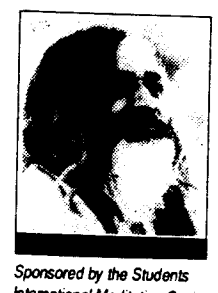
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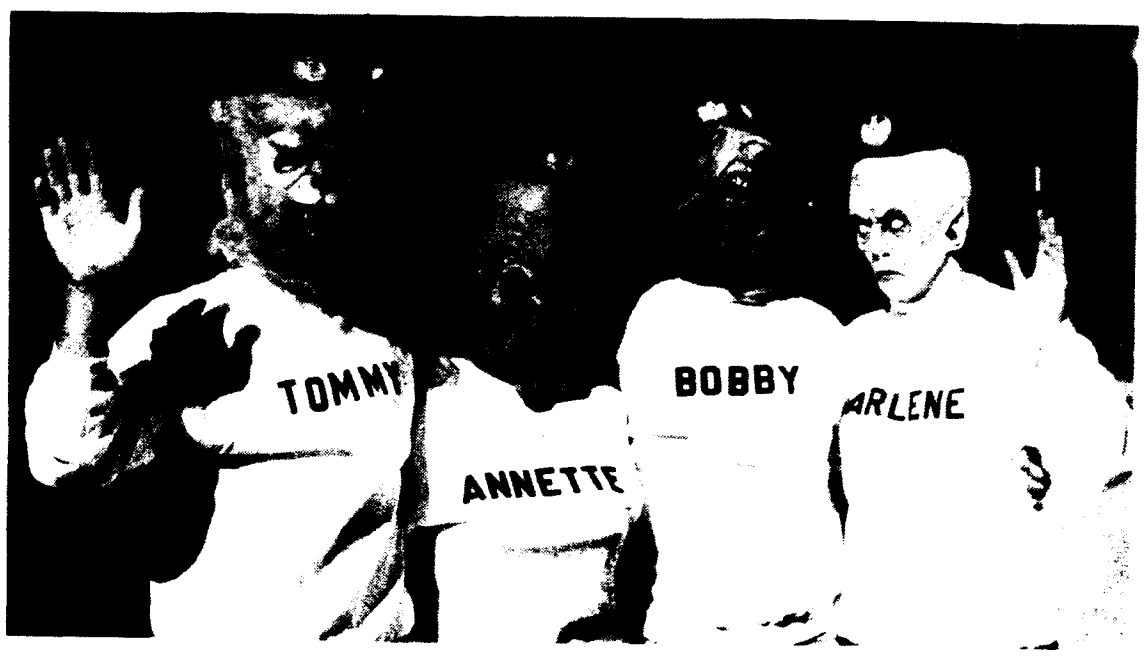

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