

Sports View

Q. What is your opinion regarding the bench-clearing brawl that erupted last Sunday at the World Junior Hockey Championship?

Photography Al MacDonald

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Andy King CP XV

If the Russians ever have a chance at the gold, I hope that Canada brawls and causes them to lose.



Melanie Gordon CE III

In my mind Canada is till number one



Bunny of Death CHSR 97.9

It was a premeditated plot by the Kremlin



Regan Legassie BA IV

It's too bad that it had to happen, but at least Canada won the fights.



Margret Leahy STU BAI

The last people to blame are the Canadian coaches and players. If anyone is to blame it's the officials.

More at stake than honor

By TIM LYNCH

Fighting in hockey is commonplace in North America. The N.H.L. tolerates it and many fans enjoy it. However, it is not acceptable in international hockey.

If a player engages in a fight, he is disqualified from the game. Last Sunday's match-up between the Canadian and Russian junior national hockey teams featured a second period, bench-clearing brawl that accentuated the application of this rule. The referee, Hans Ronning, decided to suspend the game since too many fights had materialized. Ronning later stated the Soviets were the first team to send players over the boards.

Not only did the Canadians lose their chance at a medal, be it the ensured bronze, silver, or even gold, but the dignity of these young players was shat-



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tered. They certainly did not disgrace Canadian hockey fans. These young superstars, many of whom are N.H.L. bound, did what they thought was correct. This was to defend fellow team members. They did not want to fight. After all, they were represen-

ting their country in a foreign country, and were engaged in a game that would ultimately determine the gold medal winners.

One wonders if Canada was the aggressor and was out of medal contention as the 2-3-1 Soviets were, would the same disciplinary action have been taken? It certainly would not have. Just ask Don Cherry or Allan Eagleson.

Both teams broke the rules and deserve to be penalized. The International Ice Hockey Federation believes that a precedence must be established. It appears that both teams will suffer grave consequences. The IIHF does not want this to happen again.

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