

### Discussion Board (Example)

On March 8th, 2004 during the National Hockey League(NHL) between the Vancouver Canucks and the Colorado Avalanche a controversial scenario in ice hockey occurred. In the altercation, a Vancouver Canucks player Bertuzzi grabbed a Colorado Avalanche player, Moore's jersey after skating, punched him in the face injuring his jaw, smashed his face before knocking him unconscious. This happened after Moore had hit a Vancouver player. After lying for ten minutes motionless, Moore was taken off using a stretcher. According to Mossman (2004), Moore suffered facial cuts leading to three of his neck vertebrae being fractured. Moore also suffered a concussion due to the intensity of the hitting and fall.

The incident resulted in criminal charges of assault, and causing bodily harm against Bertuzzi. Similarly, Steve Moore brought a civil suit alleging a civil conspiracy and negligence. Moreover, Moore alleges charges of battery and outrageous behaviors in the lawsuit. He recommended the suit be heard by a jury and asked for undisclosed damages (Mossman, 2004).

From a biblical point of view, the incident is unacceptable as the bible teaches forgiveness for those who wrong others (Mathew 6:14-15). The incident can be seen as revenge resulting from a previous assault by Moore on the Vancouver star and captain Markus Naslund that left him with a concussion.

It can be argued the incident was handled consistently as Bertuzzi's actions did not portray sportsmanship which advocates for discipline and tolerance (Cotton & Wolohan, 2013). The law is supreme and must be adhered to by all parties and those who break it should face the consequences. The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) and NHL suspension of Bertuzzi is justifiable as it allows them to bar a player from playing if his actions violate the rules, and are detrimental to the spirit of the game.

Violence in sports is unacceptable considering the presence of penalties resulting from any form of misconduct. Sports promote competition and interaction thus should be viewed as demonstrating the ability of a team to out-play another.

Most sports are physical a certain degree of violence can be tolerated as it can be seen as a competitive strategy (Cotton & Wolohan, 2013). However, strategies that violate formal regulations, and are against the norms of the game are considered too much aggressive hence punishable heavily. It can be noted that sports have become more violent as rules although the rules have not changed so much yet indiscipline cases continue to rise.

In conclusion, sports should be encouraged as they promote interactions and integration of societies. However, sportsmen should be disciplined and tolerant. After all, sports are seen as a business as opposed to a leisure activity.

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