

Toro Trottier, Sharks' McCaskill face suspension for stick duel

Sunday's stick-swinging duel between Toronto Toros' right-winger Guy Trottier and Los Angeles Sharks' centre Ted McCaskill may result in suspensions for both players.

They received match penalties from referee Bill Friday for attempting to injure each other at 5:45 of the third period in a World Hockey Association game at Varsity Arena.

WHA rules stipulate an automatic fine of \$200 for a match penalty, the same as the National Hockey League. But the league president can increase the fine or add a suspension if he feels either is warranted.

Gary Davidson has resigned as WHA president but is continuing in office while a replacement is found. Ed Fitkin is his assistant.

"In general, the decisions on suspensions are made by Fitkin and myself," said Vern Buffey, the WHA's referee-in-chief. Buffey was at the Sunday game.

"I will strongly recommend a suspension. There is no way I'll tolerate that kind of stuff."

Friday has submitted his written report to league headquarters at Santa Ana, Calif. but it is unlikely any action will be taken before Thursday. Toros play Wednesday in Houston, and Trottier is free to play in that game. Sharks are in Chicago tomorrow and Vancouver Wednesday, and the same holds true for McCaskill.

"Friday called the play perfectly," Buffey said. "As soon as they started swinging their sticks at each other they were gone. If I had been refereeing, I would have called it exactly the same way. Technically he could have made it harder on them by also giving them game misconduct penalties. That would have cost each player an additional \$100. But he didn't do that because with the match penalty, they were out for the rest of the game anyway."

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	GP	G	A	P	Pim
Carleton	14	7	9	16	8
Sentes	14	5	9	14	18
King	12	7	6	13	8
Simpson	14	9	4	13	14
Trottier	13	4	7	11	9
Dillon	14	3	6	9	9
Kirk	14	2	7	9	4
Selby	12	1	6	7	15

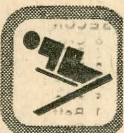
Gibson	14	5	1	6	19
Martin	13	3	3	6	2
Brewer	14	1	4	5	22
B. Gibbons	10	5	5	5	14
G. Gibbons	9	0	4	4	4
Cuddie	14	0	3	3	25
Marrin	11	0	2	2	2
Amodeo	13	0	2	2	28
Hickey	14	0	2	2	12
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