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## Regehr has Nolan seeing red

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Robyn Regehr has plenty of fans who like his rough and tumble style of play.

Owen Nolan isn't one of them.

Nolan, who missed one game after taking a crosscheck from Regehr just before being traded to Toronto and missed his last game as a San Jose Shark, voiced his displeasure with the Calgary Flames defenceman after another run-in during last night's game at the Saddledome.

"It seems to be the only hit he can do, a crosscheck," said Nolan. "What are you going to do about it?"

"A guy that big should be playing physical. He doesn't need a stick."

When pressed for more comment on Regehr, Nolan spat: "I'm not even wasting my breath on that guy. He's a waste of time. Next question."

In the first period of last night's game, Regehr was assessed an elbowing penalty after hitting Nolan into the boards.

Nolan was down on the ice for a couple of moments but got to his feet and went after the Flames defenceman in the ensuing scrum. He was given a roughing penalty after the melee.

Regehr dished out a few other punishing checks on the new Leaf.

Toronto head coach Pat Quinn also waded into the fray.

"There was a little carry over, it was Regehr that hit him from behind and hurt him a couple of weeks back," Quinn said. "I don't know if there's a code or not anymore. These kids are nuts sometimes."

For his part, Regehr was unrepentant.

"My job is to go there and be a physical presence and make it as difficult as I can. A guy like Owen Nolan, I'm not just going to let him sit in front of the net and score goals on us," said the 6-ft. 3-in., 235-lb. blueliner.

"I don't think I only use my stick. There's lots of stickwork out there, by no means am I the only one," he continued. "We've got guys like Jarome Iginla taking serious abuse in their zone, in the corners and in front of the net.

"It's a tough game. I don't know what more to say."

Regehr said he wasn't concerned that Nolan would go after him for retribution over the previous hit.

"I didn't think he was going to come after me from behind. I was ready to face him later on in the period," he said. "I heard he has a bad shoulder and didn't want to do anything.

"It's not just myself, there's guys like Denis Gauthier and Bob Boughner, we've got to be physical against their best players. We threw off their team a little bit tonight by being physical in the early going and it really frustrated them."

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