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And The Defense Wins

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Raymond Pink was injured following the conclusion of a youth hockey game in Rome, New York, in November of 2006. Mr. Pink was a spectator and intervened to stop a fight that arose between two women who were affiliated with different teams. He suffered a traumatic brain injury as the result of a fractured skull. He brought suit against a number of parties, including Rome Youth Hockey, alleging that the Hockey League had failed to provide reasonable security at the rink and failed to prevent his injury in the face of continuing fights among a crowd in the stands. The New York Court of Appeals issued a unanimous decision granting summary judgment to Rome Youth Hockey and reversing the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, which had affirmed a lower Court's finding in favor of the plaintiff against Rome Youth Hockey. The court noted that the Youth Hockey League could not have foreseen a criminal action and therefore, there was no duty on them to prevent it.

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