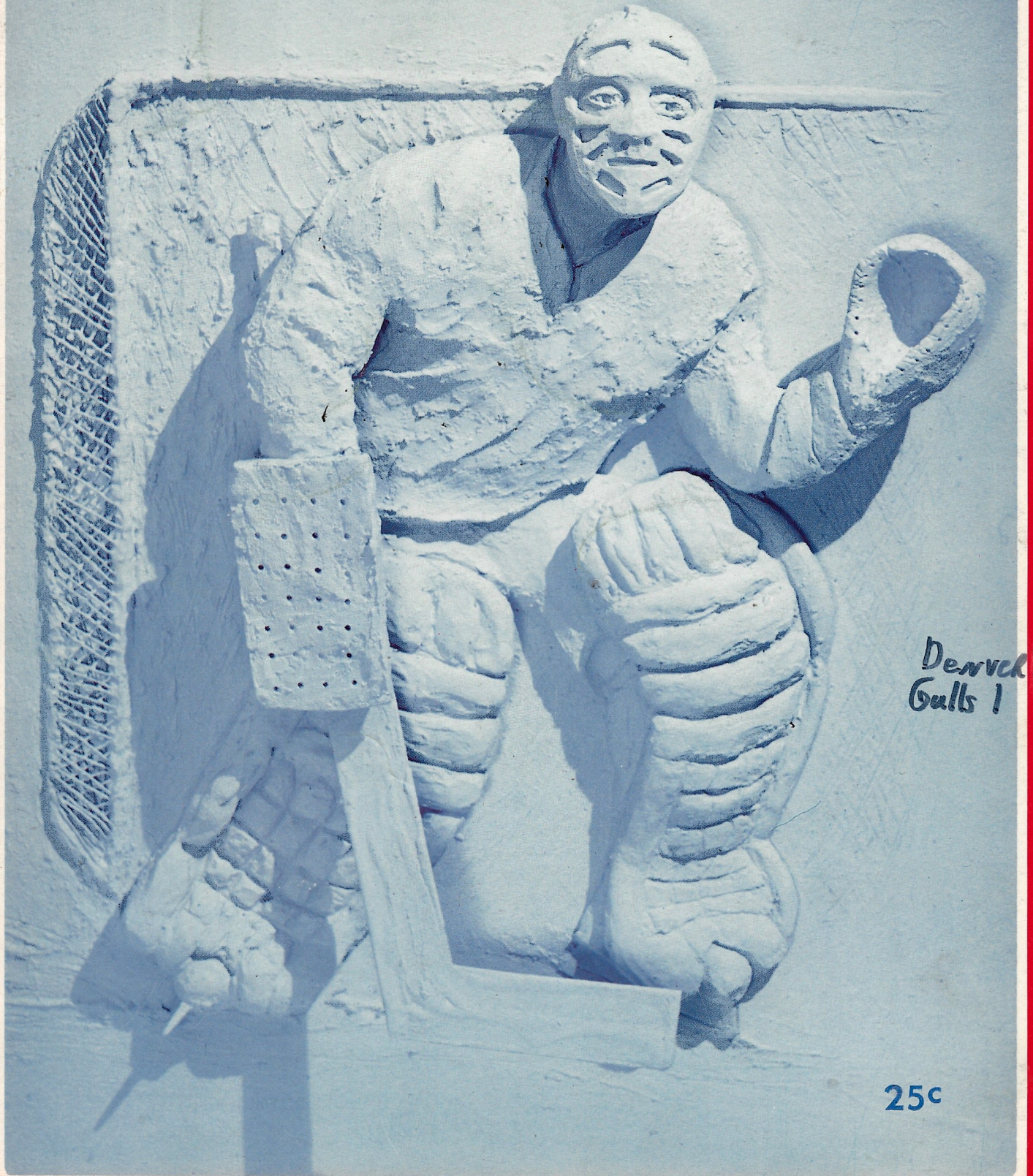


Lester Patrick Cup Playoffs

1972 SEMI-FINAL ROUND

DENVER SPURS vs. SAN DIEGO GULLS



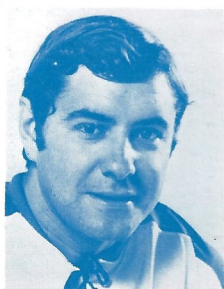
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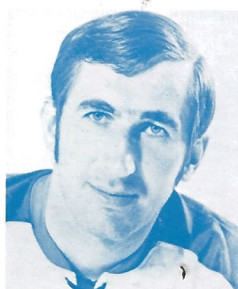
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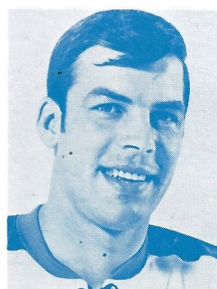
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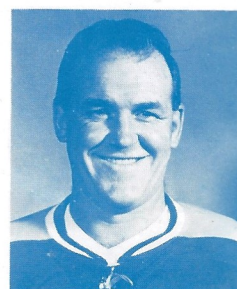
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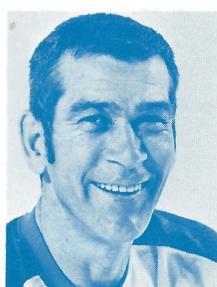
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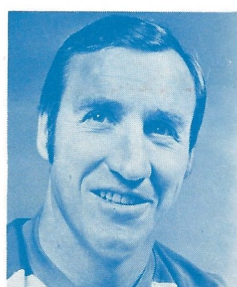
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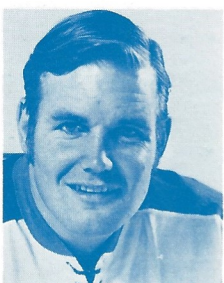
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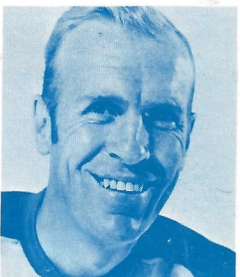
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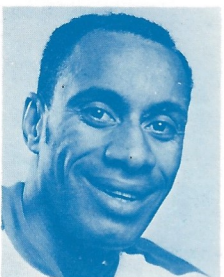
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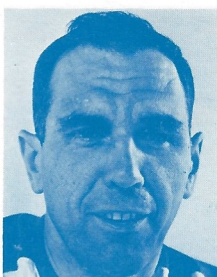
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Left Wing



30 JACK McCARTAN
Goal



BILL BOZAK
Trainer

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

1972 SEMI-FINAL ROUND

SAN DIEGO GULLS

No.	Name	Pos.	G	A	P
1	KEN BRODERICK	G			
2	JOHN MISZUK	D			
3	JIM CARDIFF	D			
4	JACK EVANS	D			
5	AL LeBRUN (A)	D			
6	DUNC McCALLUM	D			
7	BRIAN McDONALD	C			
9	BOB COURCY	RW			
11	AL NICHOLSON	LW			
12	GEORGE SWARBRICK	RW			
14	EARL HEISKALA (C)	LW			
15	LEN RONSON (A)	LW			
16	RENE LeCLERC	C			
17	OREST KINDRACHUK	C			
19	GERRY GOYER (A)	C			
20	WILLIE O'REE	RW			
22	BRUCE COWICK	LW			
30	JACK McCARTAN	G			

General Manager/Coach—Max McNab

Trainer—Bill Bozak

DENVER SPURS

No.	Name	Pos.	G	A	P
1	PETER McDUFFE	G			
2	BOB McCORD (C)	D			
4	GLEN PATRICK	D			
5	HAL WILLIS	D			
6	GORDON KANNEGIESSER	D			
7	CLAUDE LaFORGE (A)	LW			
8	ROGER LAFRENIERE	LW-D			
9	MILAN MARCETTA (A)	C			
10	RON BUCHANAN	C			
11	MICKY OJA	RW			
14	DON BORGESON	RW			
15	FRAN HUCK (A)	C			
16	CHUCK HAMILTON	RW-D			
17	GARY VENERUZZO	RW			
18	FLOYD THOMSON	LW			
20	JIM SHIRES	LW			
27	BRIAN GLENWRIGHT	LW			
30	BOB JOHNSON	G			

Coach—Jean-Guy Talbot

Trainer—George Wilson

SAN DIEGO GULLS' FINAL SCORING, 1971-72

NAME	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
Courcy	70	34	37	71	17
Goyer	71	22	48	70	27
Nicholson	72	26	36	62	26
Ronson	68	21	33	54	37
Kindrachuk	61	18	36	54	77
McDonald	63	24	22	46	88
Swarbrick	53	25	19	44	105
McCallum	61	10	30	40	99
Miszuk	72	5	33	38	118
Heiskala	72	15	22	37	169
O'Ree	48	16	17	33	42
Evans	72	0	20	20	87
LeBrun	72	2	17	19	67
Cardiff	72	6	9	15	106
Cowick	65	6	8	14	92
LeClerc	28	6	7	13	39
Broderick	42	0	2	2	6
McCartan	36	0	0	0	10

GOALIES

NAME	GP	MINS.	GA	AVG.	SAVES	SO	W-L-T
Broderick	42	2359	128	3.25	1070	3	18-16-7
McCartan	36	1955	112	3.44	915	0	14-15-2

DENVER SPURS' FINAL SCORING, 1971-72

NAME	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
Huck	72	28	63	91	83
Veneruzzo	72	41	45	86	41
Buchanan	69	38	42	80	10
Marcetta	72	22	45	67	19
LaForge	56	15	31	46	12
Shires	43	18	27	45	82
Glenwright	66	21	20	41	28
Borgeson	72	16	21	37	50
Larose	66	12	23	35	63
Lafreniere	71	10	24	34	87
Kannegiesser	70	8	25	33	57
McCord	69	4	29	33	33
Hamilton	71	14	18	32	29
Willis	66	3	14	17	234
Thomson	17	6	6	12	8
Johnson	37	0	3	3	24
Oja	4	1	0	1	0
Patrick	6	0	1	1	6
McDuffe	21	0	0	0	6

GOALIES

NAME	GP	MINS.	GA	AVG.	SAVES	SO	W-L-T
Johnson	37	2030	96	2.83	879	1	21-8-5
McDuffe	21	1126	65	3.46	517	1	7-8-3

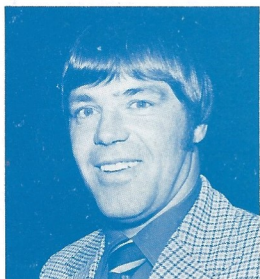
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TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS.	GF	GA
Denver	72	44	20	8	96	293	209
Phoenix	72	40	27	5	85	283	235
Portland	72	38	31	3	79	301	271
San Diego	72	32	31	9	73	241	243
Salt Lake	72	29	33	10	68	250	254
Seattle	72	12	53	7	31	175	331

WHL SCORING LEADERS

NAME	TEAM	GP	G	A	TP
Art Jones	Portland	68	38	86	124
Larry Lund	Phoenix	66	30	66	96
Fran Huck	Denver	72	28	63	91
Gary Veneruzzo	Denver	72	41	45	86
Bill Saunders	Portland	70	37	46	83
Ron Buchanan	Denver	69	38	42	80
Bob Whitlock	Phoenix	65	33	46	79
Cliff Schmutz	Portland	68	40	37	77
Andre Hinse	Phoenix	66	33	43	76
Guyle Fielder	S.L.C.-Port.	70	14	62	76
Bob Courcy	San Diego	70	34	37	71
Gerry Goyer	San Diego	72	22	48	70
Milan Marcetta	Denver	72	22	45	67
Andy Heberton	Portland	72	30	34	64
Frank Hughes	Phoenix	53	34	28	62
Al Nicholson	San Diego	72	26	36	62

DENVER SPURS



JEAN-GUY TALBOT
Coach



1 PETER McDUFFE
Goal



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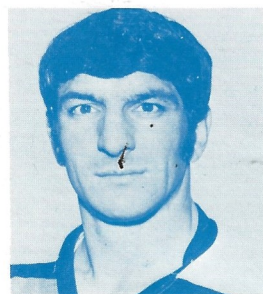
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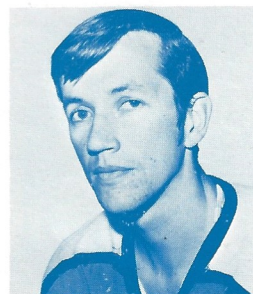
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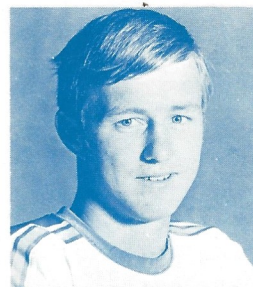
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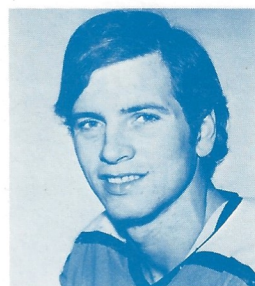
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30 BOB JOHNSON
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GULLS CLASH WITH SPURS

The fourth-place San Diego Gulls take on the league champion and Coleman Hall Cup winning Denver Spurs in the semifinal round of the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs, and something is bound to give.

Neither Denver nor the Gulls have ever gained the final round of the Patrick Cup playoffs, and one of them will accomplish that in this series.

Denver won the league title in 1963-64 when they were the Denver Invaders, but were knocked out of the playoffs in the semifinal round by Los Angeles. Last season, the Spurs were knocked out in the semifinals by Phoenix.

The Gulls have gained the playoffs for the fifth straight season, but have been losing semifinalists for the past four seasons. The Gulls, who have faced the league champion in the first round of each of their five playoff appearances, have lost three series to Portland and one to Vancouver.

The Gulls and Spurs had a good series during the regular season, with Denver coming out on top by a slim 6-5-3 margin over the Gulls. Denver had a 4-2-1 record at the Denver Coliseum, while the Gulls held a 3-2-2 edge at the Sports Arena.

The Spurs were a wire-to-wire league champion. They got off to a fast early start and stood off all challengers to nail down their league title with 10 days of the season left.

The Gulls finished the season with a seven-game winless streak—gaining only a tie in their last seven starts.

The playoffs, however, are a brand new season. Everyone starts even and one of the two teams in this series will get its first shot at the Lester Patrick Cup.

That should be incentive aplenty to make the series a thrilling one from start to finish.

SERIES SCORING—GULLS VS. DENVER—1971-72

SAN DIEGO

Name	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
Courcy	11	8	6	14	0
O'Ree	11	4	6	10	6
Nicholson	14	4	5	9	8
Kindrachuk	13	2	7	9	13
McDonald	13	7	1	8	26
Ronson	12	2	5	7	4
Miszuk	14	0	6	6	46
McCallum	12	1	4	5	24
Swarbrick	10	2	2	4	20
LeBrun	14	1	3	4	19
Goyer	13	0	4	4	4
Cardiff	14	2	1	3	29
LeClerc	6	1	2	3	2
Evans	14	0	3	3	25
Cowick	11	1	1	2	18
Heiskala	14	1	1	2	29
Broderick	10	0	0	0	2
McCartan	5	0	0	0	2
NLWC	—	1	0	1	4

DENVER

Name	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
Buchanan	14	7	6	13	0
Marcetta	14	3	9	12	0
LaForge	10	5	6	11	2
Veneruzzo	14	4	6	10	15
Huck	14	4	6	10	6
Borgeson	14	2	6	8	8
Glenwright	13	2	5	7	8
Lafreniere	14	2	5	7	26
Shires	9	4	2	6	32
McCord	13	0	4	4	7
Thomson	3	1	2	3	0
Hamilton	13	0	3	3	8
Kannegiesser	14	0	3	3	18
Larose	13	0	2	2	22
Oja	1	1	0	1	0
Willis	0	0	1	1	18
McDuffe	7	0	0	0	0
Johnson	4	0	0	0	10
NLWC	—	6	4	10	34

GOALIES' RECORDS

Name	Team	GP	Mins.	GA	Avg.	Saves	SO	W-L-T
Broderick	Gulls	10	542	20	2.21	256	2	4-3-2
McDuffe	Denver	7	380	18	2.86	153	1	2-2-2
Johnson	Denver	4	219	12	3.29	97	0	1-2-1
McCartan	Gulls	6	298	21	4.23	148	0	1-3-1

SAN DIEGO GULLS ROSTER

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Birthplace	Last Club
GOALIES						
1	Broderick, Ken	5-11	175	2-16-42	Toronto, Ont.	Galt
30	McCartan, Jack	6-1	195	8-5-35	St. Paul, Minn.	San Diego
DEFENSE						
3	Cardiff, Jim	5-8	176	8-29-44	Dauphin, Man.	San Diego
4	Evans, Jack	6-1	195	4-21-28	Garnant, S.W.	San Diego
5	LeBrun, Al	6-0	195	12-1-40	Timmins, Ont.	San Diego
6	McCallum, Dunc	6-1	195	3-29-40	Flin Flon, Man.	Pittsburgh (NHL)
2	Miszuk, John	6-2	200	9-29-40	Naliboki, Poland	San Diego
FORWARDS						
9	Courcy, Bob	5-11	170	1-4-36	Granby, Que.	San Diego
22	Cowick, Bruce	6-1	200	8-18-51	Ottawa, Ont.	Victoria (Jr.)
19	Goyer, Gerry	6-1	196	10-20-36	Belleville, Ont.	San Diego
14	Heiskala, Earl	6-0	190	11-30-42	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	San Diego
17	Kindrachuk, Orest	5-10	175	9-14-50	Nanton, Alta.	Saskatoon (Jr.)
16	LeClerc, Rene	5-11	170	11-12-47	Ville de Vanier, Que.	Tidewater (AHL)
7	McDonald, Brian	5-11	200	3-23-45	Toronto, Ont.	Salt Lake
11	Nicholson, Al	6-1	195	4-26-36	Estevan, Sask.	San Diego
20	O'Ree, Willie	5-10	175	10-15-35	Fredericton, N.B.	San Diego
15	Ronson, Len	5-8	176	7-8-36	Brantford, Ont.	San Diego
12	Swarbrick, George	5-10	185	2-16-42	Moose Jaw, Sask.	Hershey (AHL)

DENVER SPURS ROSTER

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Birthplace	Last Club
GOALIES						
1	McDuffe, Peter	5-9	180	2-16-48	Milton, Ont.	St. Louis
30	Johnson, Bob	6-1	180	11-12-48	Detroit Mich.	Michigan State
DEFENSE						
6	Kannegiesser, Gordon	6-0	190	12-21-45	North Bay, Ont.	Seattle
8	Lafreniere, Roger	6-0	190	7-24-42	Montreal, Que.	Denver
2	McCord, Bob	6-1	202	3-30-34	Matheson, Ont.	Denver
4	Patrick, Glen	6-2	195	4-26-50	New York, N.Y.	Columbus (IHL)
5	Willis, Hal	6-2	215	6-8-46	Liverpool, N.S.	Seattle
FORWARDS						
14	Borgeson, Don	5-11	175	5-20-45	No. Battleford, Sask.	Nashville (EHL)
10	Buchanan, Ron	6-3	170	11-15-44	Montreal, Que.	Kansas City (CHL)
27	Glenwright, Brian	6-4	210	10-8-49	Windsor, Ont.	Kansas City (CHL)
15	Huck, Fran	5-7	165	12-4-45	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	Hershey
16	Hamilton, Chuck	5-11	175	1-8-39	Regina, Sask.	St. Louis (NHL)
7	LaForge, Claude	5-9	175	11-7-36	Sorel, Que.	Denver
9	Marcetta, Milan	6-1	195	9-19-36	Cadomin, Alta.	Denver
11	Oja, Mickey	6-1	190	11-15-49	Antigonish, N.S.	Kansas City (CHL)
20	Shires, Jim	6-0	190	11-15-45	Edmonton, Alta.	St. Louis (NHL)
18	Thomson, Floyd	5-11	184	6-14-49	Sudbury, Ont.	St. Louis (NHL)
17	Veneruzzo, Gary	5-8	170	6-28-43	Ft. William, Ont.	Seattle

MVP SWARBRICK LEADS GULLS AGAINST DENVER

by Wayne Lockwood
Sports Writer - San Diego Union

Hockey is a game of breaks. Just ask George Swarbrick.

In the eight years since the popular Gull winger began playing the game for a living, he has broken a shinbone, a toe, a finger, a cheekbone and his jaw (twice).

To some, that would be a hint that perhaps they are in the wrong profession. Or at least that they are going about it the wrong way.

Such thoughts never occur to Swarbrick. He loves what he is doing and, if anything, does it even more aggressively than he did as Western Hockey League rookie of the year at San Francisco in 1964-65.

He has only one gear and it is not reverse.

Even Swarbrick, however, was not quite prepared for the series of misfortunes that have befallen him since he donned a San Diego uniform last fall.

His first season as a Gull reads more like a casualty report from the Anzio beachhead.

It all began in the next-to-last exhibition game at Trail, B.C. Swarbrick broke around Salt Lake City defenseman Larry Palanio and was storming the goal when Palanio hooked his skates from behind.

Swarbrick crashed head-first into the goal post at top speed and for several frightening minutes his teammates feared the worst.

By Swarbrick standards, however, it was

nothing—merely some bad bruises and a couple of cracked ribs. Although sore, he opened the season. And promptly broke a toe.

Still, George kept playing. It took a mid-year attack of pneumonia to finally drive him out of the lineup.

Swarbrick chafed over every game he missed, returned to duty perhaps sooner than he should have and promptly had his jaw broken by a Kerry Bond check in Phoenix.

By now it would have become obvious to anyone else that the winter of '71-72 was not designed for Swarbrick's benefit. He just shrugged, got his jaw wired, put on a protective mask and returned to action once more.

Still, the fates refused to smile upon him. Swarbrick was felled once again with an attack of the flu and, as a grand finale, was thrown out of the regular season's last game on a match penalty from referee Alf LeJeune that turned out to be a bum rap.

In all, he missed 18 games and played hurt in at least that many more. He also enjoyed his best scoring year since logging 31 goals for the Seals in 1966-67.

"It's just incredible, the things he's done," says San Diego coach Max McNab.

"At the start of the year, I projected 30 goals from him and he came pretty close

(25), despite everything that happened. That's like a 50-goal season for a normal guy under normal circumstances."

Normal, of course, is not a word usually associated with Swarbrick.

A hard-nose on the ice, he is the blithe spirit of this team in the dressing room—a leader by example and a prankster by nature.

He can sell rookie Bruce Cowick's leather coat to trainer Bill Bozak one minute and get his team ready to play the next.

"You've got to have a few laughs in this game," is George's creed. "If you don't you'll go bonkers."

But he is all business when the puck is dropped.

Several of the Gulls, including McNab, were incensed when Swarbrick was hurt by Bond's blindside check while being waltzed around by Bob Barlow.

But George wouldn't complain.

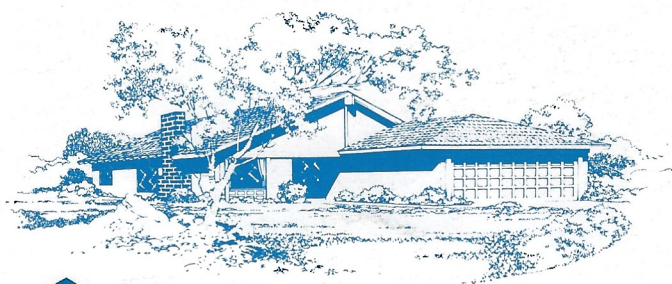
"It was a check," he said through teeth wired shut. "I didn't see it coming. Maybe the next time he won't see me coming."

Swarbrick asks no quarter of this game and he gives none. Not even change.

He's quite a man, broken bones and all. He also is the first San Diegan ever named Most Valuable Player and Union-Tribune Gull of the Year in the same season.

Think what he might have done healthy.

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