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THE THUNDERBIRD.....insignia of the Los Angeles THUNDERBIRDS, National Roller League Team.

According BIRD wa lightning. Representing the home city of the National Skating Derby, the T-BIRDS as they are affectionately known by the fans, have more than once during the past season caused "thunder and lightning" on the banked track as they swept to a NRL record mark of nineteen straight wins. The T-Birds have captured the hearts of the Southland's sport fans and have won the respect of their opponents. To all Roller Game fans everywhere......The Los Angeles THUNDERBIRDS salute you.

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It's the fans that bring out the best in the skaters-pictured is a portion of the crowd of more than 10,000 cheering fans who watched the final Saturday night game at the Long Beach Veterans Memorial Stadium in the recent summer season. During the 1962 season the National Roller League played to record-breaking crowds everywhere-at the Olympic in Los Angeles, Bakersfield, San Bernardino, Phoenix and elsewhere.

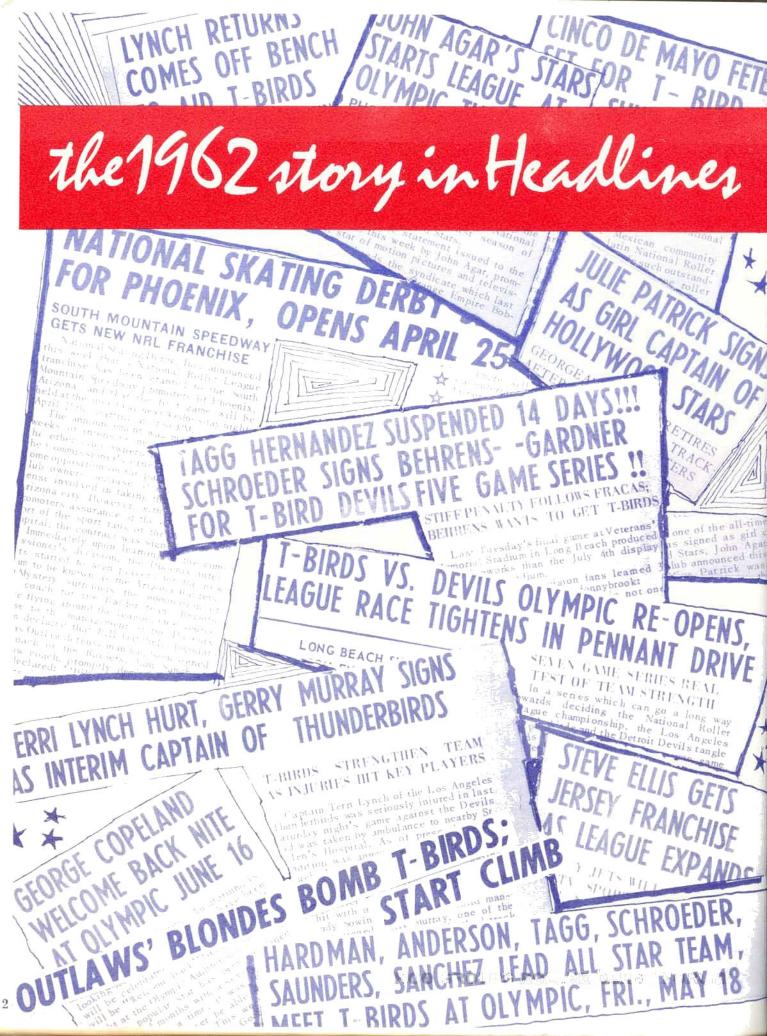
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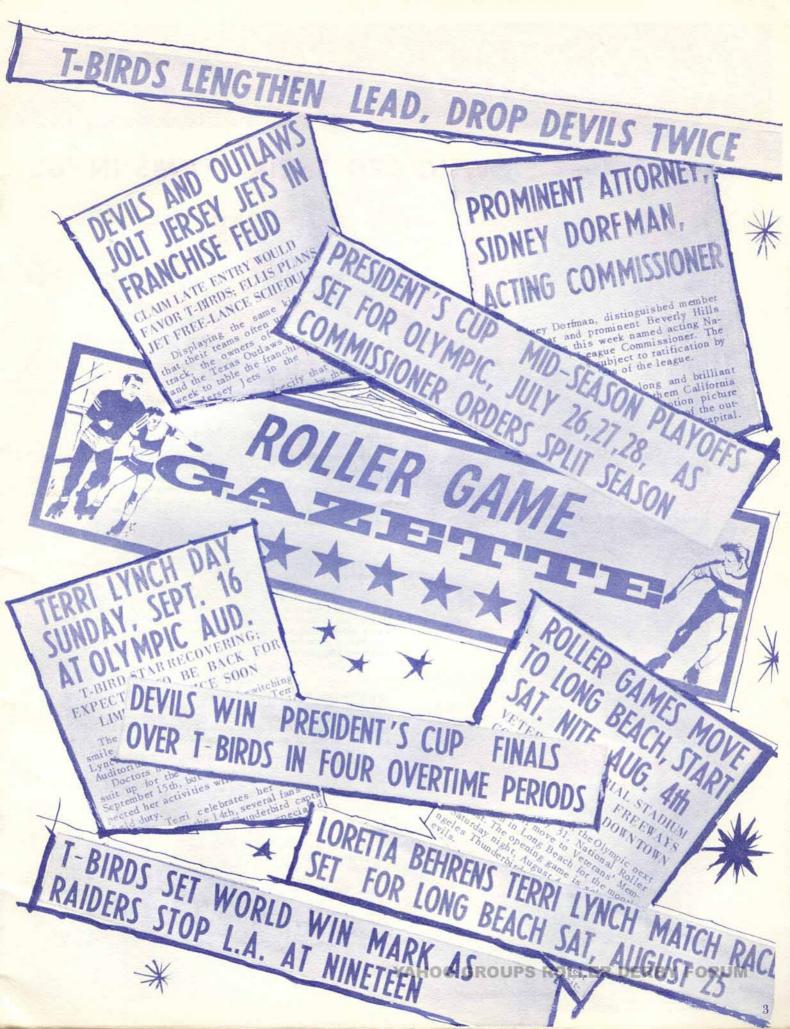
DEDICATION

Since the first skaters appeared on the banked track nearly a quarter of a century ago, volumes have been written about the Roller Game sport. The color, the personalities, the background and the rugged play on the Masonite track. There have been countless idols and outstanding players among the thousands of young men and women who have dedicated themselves to this contact sport. Their deeds and accomplishments, through the passing years, have already become legends among the followers of the game. To single out any player or players among these fine athletes for singular recognition, would be an injustice to the unsung players who night after night have given the last full measure of their strength and ability in making the game what it is today. In order to show in some small manner the appreciation that the management of National Skating Derby and the fans feel is due these athletes, who have made National Roller League competition the finest in the world of professional banked track skating, this volume is respectfully dedicated to..... The Skater.





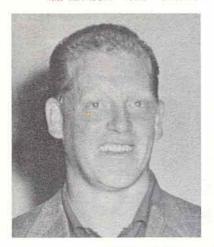




The Captains and Coaches

WHO LED THEIR TEAMS IN '62

COACH
WM. MARION "RED" SMARTT



CAPT. TERRI LYNCH



CAPT. RALPH VALLADARES





William Marion "Red" Smartt - Coach, Los Angeles Thunderbirds. Born: Chattanooga, Tenn. Birthday: Jan. 11, 6', 160 lbs. Married to Joyce Beasley Smartt, daughter, Linda Ann, 10. Started skating in Chattanooga, 1948. Has skated all over the U. S., Canada, Cuba, Hawaii. Holds record of fastest 5 pointer ever scored. Has had many severe skating injuries including broken leg, nose, hand and cheek bone. Owns the Red Cap Sign Co., Paramount, California. Likes to ski. Food favorites include steak, chicken, Italian and Chinese dishes. Favorite colors: Alvarado green and gray.

Terri (Teresa) Lynch. Born in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Birthday: September 14. Unmarried. 5' 3½", 116 lbs. Started skating in New Jersey with the Jolters in 1951. Has skated all over U. S., Europe, Africa, Hawaii. Scored five points in final game of world series when a rookie. Has had four concussions, broken finger, dislocated shoulder and severe back injuries. Likes water skiing and enjoys reading poetry. Favorite food: Steak and baked potatoes. Favorite color: red. Hopes to operate a full time training school when she retires.

Ralph Dwight Valladares. Born in Guatamala. Birthday: July 31, 1936. Married to Honey Sanchez, no children. Former apprentice jockey. Started skating in Los Angeles, 1954. Has skated in Europe, North Africa, Hawaii and all over U. S. Holds all time record of most poinst scored in one game, 35 points.

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As the Los Angeles home team, the Thunderbirds have in a comparatively short time, built up a tremendous following among not only Los Angeles fans but among followers of the Roller Games wherever they have played or appeared on televised games. The T-Birds are known fortheir skating skill and speed, as opposed to the hard-blocking and more aggressive tactics of their opponents. Although beset by injuries during most of the 1962 season, they managed to come out on top in the first half of the National Roller League season, although dropping a close one to the Devils in the finals of the President's Cup playoffs.

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CAPT. TONI TAGG



CAPT. JERRY RAPP

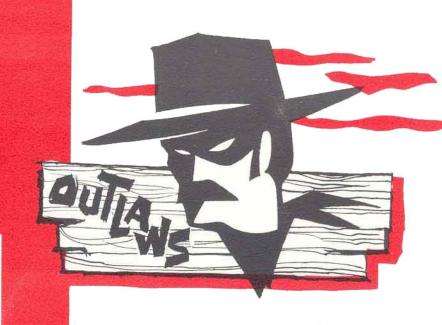


Roger Schroeder - Coach, Detroit Devils. 6', 235 lbs. Birthday: April 6, 1934, Mt. Vemon, New York. Now lives in Woodland Hills. Started skating professionally in 1950. Was the youngest player to ever become coach of a major league professional skating team. Has skated all over the world. Wife's name: Diane. They have a son, Dean Paul, 3. Hobbies: gun collecting and hunting. Favorite color: black. Ambition: to become an aerospace technician.

Antoinette (Toni) Tagg. Born in Chicago, Illinois. Birthday: April 20.5'6", 138 lbs. Now lives in Los Angeles. Graduate: St. Mary's Academy, Los Angeles. Has skated all over the world including Europe, Far East and Hawaii. Unmarried. Started skating professionally seven years ago. Likes to bowl, read and listen to Sinatra and Doris Day records. Favorite color: blue.

Gerald A. (Jerry) Rapp. Bom in St. Paul, Minnesota. Birthday: Feb. 19, 1936. 5' 8', 160 lbs. Now lives in Gardena. Wife's Name: Cecelia, Children: Janelle, 3 years and Cheryl Lynn, 6 months. Started skating professionally in 1954. Two years in U. S. Army. Hobbies: Swimming, skin diving, horseback riding, and mountain climbing. Favorite color: black.

The Detroit Devils were the Cinderella team of the National Roller League during the first half of the 1962 season. In the cellar most of the season, the Devils came from behind to a decisive win in the President's Cup playoffs to take the mid-season championships from the favored Los Angeles Thunderbirds in four overtime periods. The Devils are known for their jamming speed combined with hard blocking from their defensive heavyweights. This balance has been achieved by some fortunate player trades, which have again made the Devils the team to watch in the coming skating world series.



COACH LOU (TIGER) SANCHEZ



CAPT. SHIRLEY HARDMAN



CAPT. JOHN HALL



Lou (Tiger) Sanchez. Coach, Texas Outlaws. Birthday: June 11, 1932, El Paso, Texas. 5' 11", 160 lbs. Now lives in Santa Susana, Calif. Wife's Name: Dee. Children: Yvonne, 10; Lou, Jr., 8; Michael, 5. Turned professional in Los Angeles, 1954. Skated in San Francisco and Texas. Has had broken legs, hands, shoulder and ribs. Considered one of the hardest working players in the history of the game. Favorite colors: brown and charcoal. Ambition: To be coach of the greatest team the banked track has ever known.

Shirley (Ann) Hardman. 5' 6'', 140 lb. Birthday: June 7, 1939. Bom in Seattle, Washington. Nowlives in Los Angeles. Unmarried. Has been skating professionally for seven years. Has skated in Hawaii, Japan, Europe, Africa and all over U. S. Has broken both her leg and jaw. Greatest skating thrill was appointment to her first captain's job with the Outlaws. Likes to bowl, water ski and fish. Favorite color: blue.

John Hall - Bom in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Birthday: June 22. 6' 1", 180 lbs. Turned professional in Los Angeles in 1958. Has skated all over the U. S., in Paris, Canada and North Atrica. Has never had a serious skating injury. Military service: U. S. Army. Unmarried. Now lives in Los Angeles.

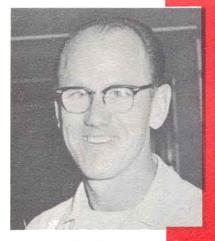
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One of the most colorful teams in the history of the banked track, the Texas Outlaws have captured the imagination of Roller Game fans all over the Southwest. When they take the track, whether it is in Los Angeles or Phoenix, they are greeted with a roar of mixed cheers and boos. One thing is certain, no one is neutral in their feelings regarding the Outlaws. The team plays every game to win and features a slam-bang type of play. The girls as well as the men's team will skate over, around or through the opposition. The team has been hard hit by injuries to key players during the season and their position in the standings does not reflect their true potential. The Outlaws have a tremendous following everywhere with active fan clubs in several cities.

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COACH
CHARLIE "SPEC" SAUNDERS



CAPTAIN JULIE (ACE) PATRICK



CAPTAIN CECIL (STRETCH) HATFIELD





Charles (Spec) Saunders - Coach, Hollywood Stars. Birthday: May 12, 1925, born in Louisville, Ky. Started skating professionally in 1942 in Louisville. Has skated all over the U. S. and in Europe, South Pacific, Cuba, Canada and Hawaii. Has been named to every all-star team, and won every speed skating and all-around skating award on the books. Holder of every world's speed skating for banked track. Likes to water ski, snow ski, play tennis, camera enthusiast. Married to Joan Hill. Children: Gary Lee, 9; Charles, 6; and Jo Ann, 3. Favorite color: blue. Ambition: to own and operate his own skating rink and training school.

Julie (Ace) Patrick. 5°2½", 124 lbs. Born in Buffalo, New York. Birthday: May 7. Now lives in Bell Gardens. One of the all-time greats. Started skating in Buffalo, New York. Has skated all over U. S., Europe, Spain, London, Paris. Is the owner and operator of two beauty shops. Unmarried.

Cecil (Stretch) Hatfield, 6'1", 180 lbs. Born January 1, 1935 in Drumwright, Oklahoma. Wife's Name: Bonnie. Started skating in 1954. Has been a coach. Has skated all over U. S., Hawaii, Australia, Japan, Korea, Phillipines, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Canada. Has broken neck, ankles, fingers. Hobbies: Flying, photography, skiing, bowling, radio. Is a licensed pilot. Favorite color: blue.

One of the mysteries of the current National Roller League season is why aren't the Hollywood Stars the number one team in the league. Any analysis of their personnel would indicate that they have one of the best balanced and strongest teams on the banked track. Led by one of the all-time greats of the Roller Game, both the girls' and the men's team have speed and power. The franchise was purchased in the mid-season from the Orange Empire owners by a Hollywood syndicate headed by motion picture star, John Agar, and the name was changed from the Bobcats to the Stars. In the past, the Stars have been known primarily as a team of speedsters, but in recent games have been adopting a more aggressive style of game which has improved their standing in the league. The Stars could take it all in world series skating.

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COACH BILL GATCHELL



CAPT. DARLENE ANDERSON



CAPT. RONNIE KOLSOOZIAN





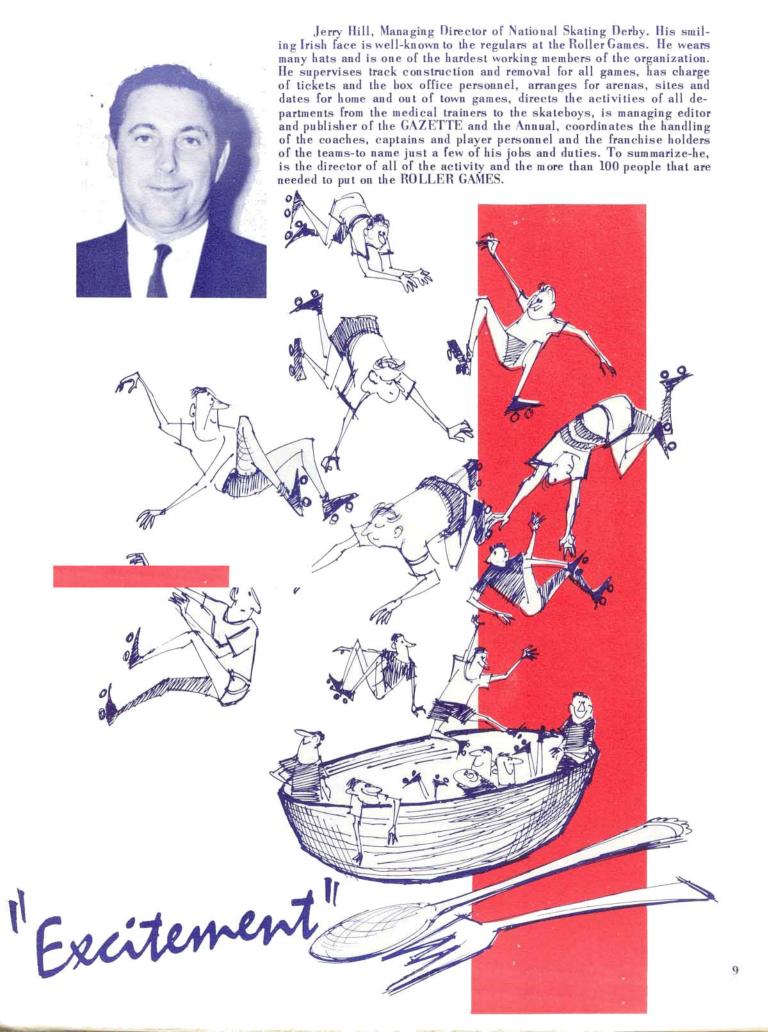
William (Bill) Gatchell, 6'1", 195 lbs. Born November 12, 1936 in Birmingham, Alabama. Unmarried. Now lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Started skating in 1956 in San Diego. Has skated all over the world, in Paris, North Africa and various cities in the United States. Only injury was a broken nose. His contract was purchased this year from the Texas Outlaws when the Arizona franchise was formed. He likes outdoor sports of any kind. Steak is his favorite food. Favorite color. Blue. Would like to go into the FBI when he retires from active competition.

Darlene Anderson, Born in Pasadena, Califomia. Birthday: March 19. 5'5'', 122 lb. Unmarried and lives in Pasadena. Was an outstanding athlete at Muir High in Pasadena. Started skating in Los Angeles in 1957 and has skated all over the U.S., and in Hawaii. Has broken a bone in her back as her only serious skating injury. She is a championship dancer and one of the fastest girlskaters i: the history of the banked track. Hopes to retire and raise a family when the "right man comes along."

Ronnie Kolsoozian, born in Los Angeles, September 11, 1938. 6°1", 175 lbs. Graduated from Hoover High, Glendale, Calif. Now lives in Los Angeles. Unmarried. Formerly played football and competed in track and field. Started skating in 1954, turned professional in 1956 in San Francisco. Has skated in Japan, Hawaii and all over the U. S. Owns the AA Lawn Service. Favorite food: Shish-Kabob. Favorite color: green.

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The newest team in the National Roller League. The franchise was formed during the 1962 season from the demands of fans in the Arizona area for major league professional banked-track skating. Franchise is owned by the South Mountain Speedway promoters in Phoenix, Arizona. Because of their late entry into the league and limited schedule the Commissioner has nuled that the Raiders are not eligible for the world series in the fall. They have been one of the surprises of the league, however, and have maintained a respectable won-loss record. The Raiders play an aggressive game and have defeated all of the teams in the league on their home court. They gave the Detroit Devils their only defeat in the President's Cup playoffs.



Like these Moments to Remember



AL COSTA DOWN TO HIS LAST SHIRT. LIZ AND TONI WERE SUS-PENDED.



LIZ AND TONI STORMING OFF THE TRACK AFTER RECEIVING TWO WEEK'S SUSPENSION FROM AL GOSTA.



"NO ROGER NO."

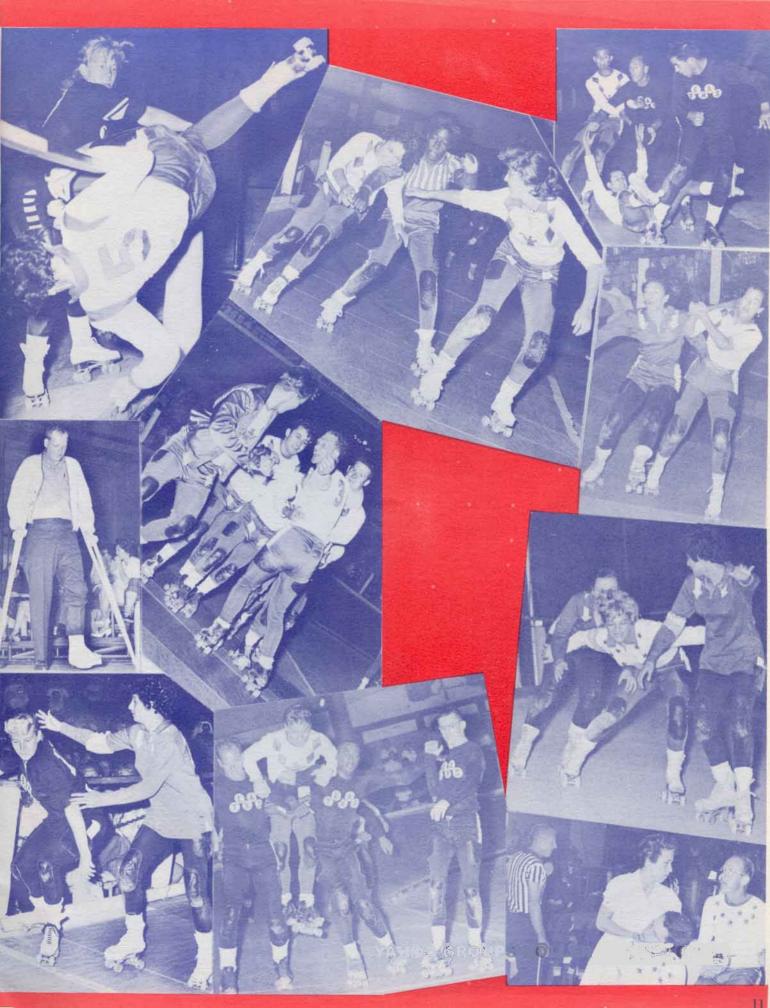


HONEY SANCHEZ TRYING TO CONVINCE SHIRLEY OF THE ERRORS OF HER WAYS. AL COSTA AND DOC STEELE TRYING TO BREAK UP THE "DEBATE."

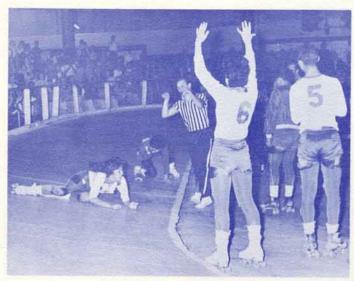




STRETCH HATFIELD GOES OVER.



and don't forset....



JUDY DEFEATS LIZ IN MATCH RACE. TERRI HELPS OUT WITH A CHEER.



AL COSTA AND LIZ HERNANDEZ IN "POLITE" DISCUSSION.



LITTLE IODINE TRIES TO CON-VINCE BILL GRIFFITHS THAT SHE SHOULD HAVE A PARTY. LIKE TERRI LYNCH.



THE PARTY'S OVER. A STUDY IN STILL LIFE. THIS IS WHAT HAP-PENS WHEN LORETTA IS NOT IN-VITED TO TERRI'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



"RED" SMARTT-JOYCE BEASLEY NIGHT.





THE BAND PLAYED ON. CALIFORNIA CADET CORPS BAND AT VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM IN LONG BEACH. OVER 10,000 WERE THERE.



A GANG OF ARIZONA RAIDERS ROUGH UP THE T-BIRDS.



"LITTLE" IODINE CHALLENGES TERRI TO MATCH RACE. JERRY HILL IN THE MIDDLE.

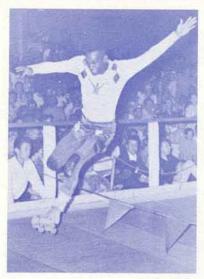


THE 'LITTLEST OUTLAW", DEE GUERRERO.



WELCOME BACK JULIE PATRICK.

It's tough to be graceful at bigh speed the camera stopped the action



GEORGE COPELAND LEAPS FINAL HURDLE IN MATCH RACE WITH ROGER SCHROEDER. WHERE IS ROGER?



HERE'S ROGER. HE FINISHED SECOND, IN TWO-MAN RACE.



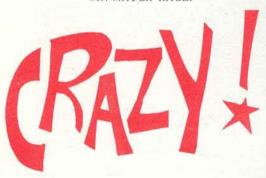
ADELINE HOCKER WISHING THE CAMERA WASN'T THERE.



SHIRLEY HARDMAN GOES DOWN AS TERRI LYNCH SKATES ON TO WIN MATCH RACE.



HONEY WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO RALPH?





SCHROEDER-BILL GRIFFITHS
'MATCH' RACE



OUCH! SHEILA McKENNA FEELS THE FAMED, HARDMAN SHOULDER BLOCK.

Or look your best when hit by a pie



"LITTLE IODINE" BEHRENS IN A DIGNIFIED POSE. GERRY MUR-RAY AND JEANNIE PORTER LOOK ON. JEANNIE BEAT LORETTA IN MATCH RACE.



LITTLE RALPH BLOCKS OUT BIG ROGER TO WIN MATCH RACE. A PIE WAS BET.



THE T-BIRD GIRLS TOGETHER. A RARE PICTURE. INJURIES HIT THEM HARD THIS SEASON. RALPH TRIES OUT THE '63 T-BIRD, THE CAR VERSION.



LITTLE RALPH PAYS OFF THE BET.



HONEY TWISTS UP A STORM AT "TWIST CONTEST NITE."



THE GAME IS OVER. ANOTHER GAME NEXT WEEK



COACH LOU SANCHEZ OF THE TEXAS OUTLAWS ASSUMES THE FAMED BLOCKING STANCE THAT BROUGHT HIM THE TROPHY AS THE NRL'S "OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER".



JOHN AGAR, OWNER OF THE HOLLYWOOD STARS, CONGRAT-ULATES SPEC SAUNDERS, STAR COACH, WHO HAS JUST RECEIVED THE AWARD AS "OUTSTANDING OPPONENT" IN THE MID-SEASON PLAYOFFS AT THE ANNUAL BILLY BOGASH AWARDS NIGHTS.



TONI TAGG, GIRL CAPTAIN OF THE DETROIT DEVILS HOLDING BACK AN APPOSING JAMMER. THIS WAS THE KIND OF PLAY THAT EARNED HER THE AWARD AS "OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER" AT THE MID-SEASON AWARDS NIGHT.



THE COVETED "CAPTAIN'S A-WARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEAD-ERSHIP''IS PRESENTED TO TERRI LYNCH, GIRL CAPTAIN FOR THE L.A. T-BIRDS BY BILLY BOGASH AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT.

Mampion



ROGER SCHROEDER, COACH OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP DETROIT DEVILS, RECEIVES THE PRESIDENT'S CUP AT THE THRILLING CONCLUSION OF THE FINAL GAME OF THE MID-SEASON PLAYOFFS. THE DEVILS BEAT THE L.A. THUNDERBIRDS IN FOUR OVERTIME PERIODS.



MISS AND MR. NATIONAL ROLLER LEAGUE SPEED SKATING CHAMP-IONS FOR 1962. LIZ HERNANDEZ, OF THE DETROIT DEVILS AND CAPTAIN RALPH VALLADARES OF THE L.A. T-BIRDS.



THE IMMORTAL BILLY BOGASH, ANOTHER ALL-TIME GREAT OF THE BANKED TRACK, PRESENTS THE BILLY BOGASH AWARD FOR "SPORTSMANSHIP, EXCELLENCE IN PLAY AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN THE ROLLER GAMES, TO COACH RED SMARTT OF THE L.A. T-BIRDS.



SHIRLEY HARDMAN, THE BLONDE BOMBER GIRL CAPTAIN OF THE TEXAS OUTLAWS BREAKS UP A REVERSE WHIP TO END A T-BIRD SCORING THREAT. SHIRLEY WON THE AWARD AS "OUTSTANDING OPPONENT" IN THE PRESIDENT'S CUP PLAYOFFS.

the President's Cup





IT'S A HAPPY BUNCH OF DEVILS FOLLOWING THEIR WIN IN THE PRESIDENT'S CUP PLAYOFFS. L-R, FOREGROUND, SYLVIA ELBERT, LIZ HERNANDEZ, JOANN KOONS: CENTER ROW, L-R, ROY BREWER, CAPT. J. RAPP, COACH SCHROEDER, CAPT. TONI TAGG: REAR, L-R, JEANETTE HART, GIL MORA, LEE FRODELLI, ROSIE BARDWELL, DON RIXMAN, AL WILSON.





George Adams, Stars; Bom Natick, Mass.; on Aug. 26. Now lives in Redondo Beach, Calif. 5'5", 150 lbs. Married. 3 years skating experience.



Jess Adams, Stars. Born Memphis, Tenn. on Oct. 13, 1935. 5'11", 160 Ibs. Married with one child.



Rosalee Bardwell, Devils. Bom Lynwood, Calif. May 15, 1939, 5°, 1131bs. Unmarried.



Loretta Behrens, Free Agent. Bom New York on April 8. Now lives in No. Hollywood, Cal. 5'2", 120 lbs. Married with two children. 12 yrs. professional skating.



A lunch of Good Shates



William Bobo, Stars. Bom Hartford City, Indiana, Sept. 15, 1934. Now lives in Lynwood, Calif. Married with two children.



Betty Boyd, Raiders, Bom Dec. 30, Chattanooga, Tenn. Now lives in Los Angeles, Calif. 5'1", 97 lbs. Married with three children. 10 years professional skating.



Margaret Brady, Outlaws Born June 23, Brooklyn, New York. Unmarried. 10 years professional skating.



Roy Brewer, Devils. Bom Mar. 11, 1936 in Cameron, Oklahoma. Unmarried. Started skating professional in 1956.



Gilbert "Bucky" Buckboltz. Outlaws. Born Aug. 1, 1929 in Elizabeth New Jersey. Now lives in Garden Groye. 5'7", 157 lbs. Marned with 4 children.



George Copeland, Thunderbirds. Born Jan. 18 in Los Angeles. 6'1½'', 175 lbs. Unmarried.



Sylvia Elbert, Devils. Born in Chicago, Ill. on April 30. 5'5', 110 lbs. Unmarried. Started pro-Jessional skating in 1959.



Marge Forrest, Stars Bom Douglas, Ariz. on Feb. 4. Unmarried. 5'4". 110 lbs. Six years projessional skating.



Judy Frame, Stars Bom Costa Mesa, Calif. on Feb. 22. Unmarried 5'6", 130 lbs. Six years professional skating.



Lee Frodelli, Devils. Born Naples, Italy on July 31. 5'1'', 100 lbs. Unmarried. Started skating in 1953.



A banch of Good Shates



Tino Galindo, Stars Bom in New Mexico on March 7. Married with 5 children. 5'9'', 160 lbs. Started professional skating in 1955.



Toni Gandara, Raiders. Born Tuscon, Arizona July 30. Unmarried. 3 years professional skating.



Lewis "Punky" Gardner, Thunderbirds. Bom Knoxville, Tenn. Dec. 7, 1933. Married with one child. Started professional skating in 1950.



Mary Gardner, Free Agent Born Knoxville, Tenn. on Oct. 21. 5'5'/2', 120 lbs. Unmarried. 14 years professional skating.

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Dee Guerrero, Outlaws. Bom in El Paso, Texas Married, has three children. 5°, 115 lbs. Started skating in 1962.



Dolly Hansen, Stars.
Bom in Duluth, Minn. on
Sept. 7. Married, has
five children. 5'1½''
118 lbs. One of the alltime greats.



Liz Hemandez, Devils. Bom in Orange, Calif. on Oct. 4. Unmarried. 5½ years professional skating.



Adeline Hocker, Outlaws. Bom in Inglewood, Calif. on Dec. 4. Unmarried 5'5', 125 lbs.



A lunch of Good Shates



Roberta Jiron, Raiders. Bom in N. Mex. on Jan. 12. Unmarried 5°3", 110 lbs. Started skating in 1961.



Joan Kazmerski, Outlaws. Bom in Erie, Penn. on Aug. 3. Unmarried. 5'6", 135 lbs. Started skating in 1951.



Pat Kennedy, T-Birds. Bomin L. A. on Nov. 18. Unmarried. Started skating professionally in 1962.



Butch Knerr, Stars. Bom in L.A. on Mar. 3. Married, has one child. 6', 200 lbs. 4 yrs. professional skating.



George Knerr, T-Birds. Born in Los Angeles on July 31. Unmarried. 6', 220 lbs. 6 years professional skating.

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Katy Kolbus, Stars. Born in Germany on July 5. Married, has two children. Started skating in 1959.



JoAnn Koons, Devils. Born in Columbus, Obio on Jan. 20. Married. 5'2'', 123 lbs. Started skating in 1954.



Ernie Lopez, T-Birds. Bom in Trinidad, Colo. on Oct. 26. Unmarried. 5'8'', 160 lbs. Started skating in 1958.



Sheila McKenna, Stars. Bom in New York City on Nov. 11. Unmarried. 5'6'', 120 lbs. 4 yrs. professional skating.



Ruberta Mitchell, T-Birds Born in Mobile, Alabama on June 30, Married, Has 2 children. 4 years skating experience.



A launch of Good Skates



Gil Mora, Devils. Born in Los Angeles on Feb. 18. Unmarried. 5'9", 150 lbs. 3 yrs. professional skating.



Marilyn Munsey, T-Birds. Born in Gaston, Ind. on Aug. 19. Unmarried. 3 yrs. professional skating.



Gerry Murray, Free Agent Bomin Des Monies, Iowa, 5'4", 135 lbs. One of the all-time greats.



Bonnie Lee Nelson, Outlaws. Bom in L.A. on May 23. Unmarried. 5'5'', 128 lbs. Started skating in 1959.





Eddie Payne, Devils. Bom in New York City on July 5. Unmarried. Started skating in 1962.



Jean Porter, T-Birds. Born Ontario, Canada on Jan. 31. Unmarried. Started skating in 1945. One of the all-time greats.



Lou Proto, Devils. Born in Montclair, N. J. on April 25. Marriea has six children. 5'6'', 160 lbs. Started skating in 1950.



Tom Raffety, Raiders. Bom in Decatur, Ill. on Oct. 14, 1942. 5'9''. 140 lbs. Unmarried Started skating professionally in 1962.







Richard Rapp, Outlaws. Bom in Bruton, Minn. on Oct. 12. 5'8", 120 lbs. Married, bas one child.



Don Rixman, Devils.
Bom in Louisville, Ky.
on Sept. 18. Married.
5'8", 170 lbs. Started
skating professionally
in 1949.



Lydia Rodriguez, Raiders. Bom in L.A. on Feb. 20. Unmarried 5'3'', 135 lbs. Started skating in 1959.



John Rodriguez, Stars. Bom in L. A. on Oct. 27. Unmarried. 5'8'', 145 lbs. Started skating in 1959.



Bertha Ruiz, T-Birds. Bom in L.A. on Jan. 5. Unmarried. 2 yrs. professional skating.





Don Sallenbach, Outlaws Born in Alhambra, Calif. on Jan. 14. Married, has 2 children. Started skating in 1962.



Honey Sanchez, T-Birds Born in Loredo, Texas, on August 2. Married. Started skating in 1958.



Julian Silva, T-Birds. Born in L. A. on Jan. 15. Unmarried. 5'7'', 150 lbs. Started skating professionally in 1958.



Fletcher Sanders, Outlaws. Bom in Cleveland, Ohio on Feb. 2. Married, has two children. Started skating in 1958.



Judy Sowinski, T-Birds. Bom in Chicago, Ill. on July 7. Unmarried. 5'6" 128 lbs.



Don Starkey, Outlaws. Bom in L. A. on June 20. Unmarried. Now lives in Lakewood.



Mike Steele, Outlaws. Bom in Albambra, Calif. on Nov. 28. Unmarried. 5'11'', 160 lbs. Started skating in 1962.



Sylvia Viramontes, T-Birds. Bom in Phoenix, Ariz. on June 29. Unmarried 5'2", 120 lbs. Started skating in 1955.



George Vogt, Raiders. Bom in Burlington, Vt. on Feb, 25. Unmarried. 20 year skating veteran.



Pat Wahlen, Outlaws. Born in Culver City, Calif. on May 4. Unmarried. 5', 98 lbs. 4 yrs. professional skating.



Barbara Williams, Stars. Bom in Arkansas on Aug. 19. Started skating professionally in 1962.



Al Wilson, Devils. Born in Compton, Cal. on Oct. 27. Married, has one child. Started skating professionally in 1962.





ALL STAR GIRLS

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MARGIE FORREST, STARS; SHIRLEY HARDMAN, OUTLAWS; BONNIE NELSON, OUTLAWS; BARBARA WILLIAMS, CANDIDATE FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, RAIDERS; JOAN KAZMERSKI, OUTLAWS; GEORGEANNA KEMP, STARS; DARLENE ANDERSON, RAIDERS; TONI TAGG, DEVILS; LIZ HERNANDEZ, DEVILS;

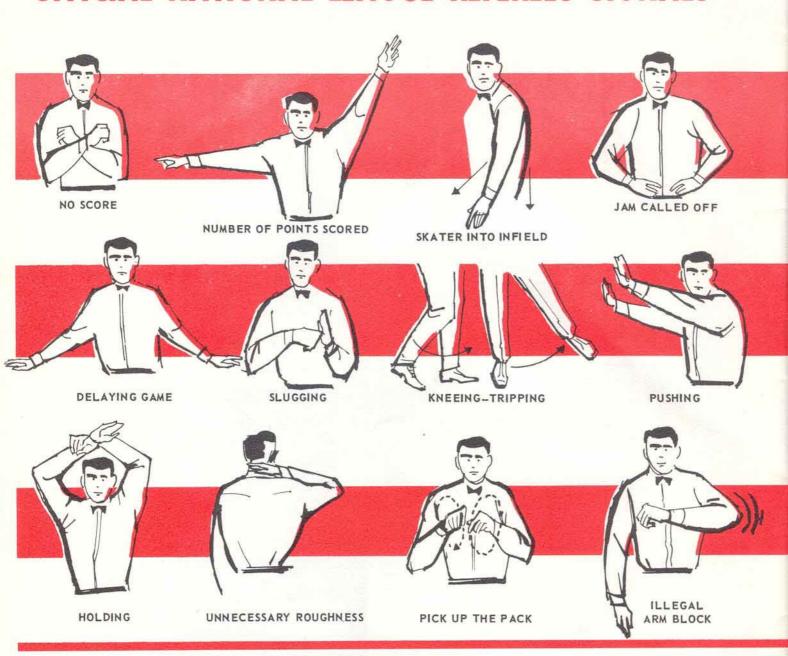
ALL STAR BOYS

ROM LEFT TO RIGHT: BILL BOBO, STARS; SPEC SAUNDERS, STARS; JOHN HALL, OUTLAWS; LOU SANCHEZ, OUTLAWS; ROGER SCHROEDER, DEVILS; BILL GATCHELL, RAIDERS; EDDIE PAYNE, CANDIDATE FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, DEVILS; JERRY RAPP, DEVILS.



On Friday night, May 18, 1962, the Los Angeles Thunderbirds met the National Roller League All Stars in what turned out to be the most thrilling game ever played at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. Many of the devoted followers of the game declared that it was the greatest group of stars that had ever met at one time in the history of the banked track. It was a nip and tuck battle all the way. The Thunderbirds, who had just set a new National League mark of 19 straight league wins, played their finest game but the All-Stars were too strong and the combined team of National League Stars won 58 to 52. It was a night that will never be forgotten.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL LEAGUE REFEREES SIGNALS



THE MEN WHO USE THE SIGNALS

AL (ALFRED) COSTA



CHIEF REFEREE, NATIONAL ROLL-ER LEAGUE. 5'7'', 150 LBS. BORN IN NEW YORK, N. Y., FEB. 2, 1936. NOW LIVESIN CANOGA PARK. WIFE-MARILYN. FORMER PROFESSIONAL BOXER. GREAT BASEBALL FAN.

RICHARD (DOC) STEELE



6'1", 255 LBS. BORN IN ROSE-MEAD, CALIF., JULY 19, 1919. STILL RESIDES IN ROSEMEAD. GRADUATE EL MONTE HIGH WIFE'S NAME, LONIEDA. SON, MIKE, PLAYS FOR TEXAS OUT-LAWS. FORMER BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL STAR.

JOE STUART



5'9", 175 LBS. BORN IN KANSAS CITY, MO., JAN. 15, 1930. NOW RESIDES IN SEPULYDDA, CALIF. WIFE'S NAME, JOSEPHINE. CHIL-DREN: BILLY, 12; JIMMY, 10; MIKE, 3; AND PAT, 1½. FORMER BASEBALL PLAYER.

BOOTS JONES



6'1", 240 LBS. BORN JUNE 16, 1932, ESCONDIDO, CALIF. NOW LIVES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA GRADUATE ESCONDIGO HIGH AND MT. PALOMAR COLLEGE, WAS ALL-AROUND ATHLETE, FOOTBALL, TRACK, BASEBALL, SWIMMING AND TENNIS.

OFFICIAL RULES NATIONAL ROLLER LEAGUE

RULE 1 - GENERAL:

- (A) Each session shall be divided into four 12 minute periods each.
- (B) The clock shall run continuously except:

1. In cases of official time-outs. 2. In cases of team time-outs, each of which is limited to two min-utes duration. One time-out per period is allowed each team.

In the above cases the clock shall resume when play is officially started by an offi-

- (C) A jam shall be defined as an effort to score one or more points. A jam occurs when one or more skaters breaks away from the field of skaters (hereinafter referred to as the pack) in an effort to score. A buzz-or whistle will signify the time when play is officially started by an offithe pack is intact and a jam can be attempted.
- (D) The time limit for all jams shall be 90 seconds duration as regulated the penalty dials of the clock. The clock-face color used for a particular jam will be designated by the commentator.
- (E) The jam time starts when the leading skater reaches a position 20 feet in front of the pack.
- (F) The pack shall be considered intact when two skaters from each opposing team are in alternate posi-tions in front of the remainder of the field. These positions shall be determined in the following manner: 1. The team having scored on last, or the team having the most points scored against it on the previous play shall receive the first and third positions. The opposition shall receive the second and fourth positions. If an equal amount of points were scored for each team on the preceding jam, then the positions will be determined by the last preceding scoring jam.
 - 2. It is the privilege of each team to place any member of their team in either of the designated positions at the front of the pack. These skaters will show their designation by raising their arms so that both teams will be able to recognize such skaters.

RULE 2, SCORING:

(A) Points are scored as follows:

 For completing a jam by circling
 the track within 90 seconds and passing one member of the oppo-

opposition.....3 points 4. For passing four members of the

opposition......4 points
5. For passing all members of the

JAM skater, the jam skater will be awarded the point that he is attempt-

ing to score.

1. If a blocker commits a foul on an offensive skater other than the jam skater, and that foul destroys the chances of the jammer to further his scoring, the point that he is attempting to score will be awarded to the jamming skater.

skater.

(C) When a blocker is passed by a jam skater for one point, that same blocker may be passed for another point by the same jam skater if the jam skater LAPS the blocker for the second time. The blocker could be passed by the same jam skater any jumber of times for points in any number of times for points in this manner.

(D) Any defensive skater who is knocked down, forced over the rail, forced into the infield or injured may attempt to block the jammer before

he is passed.

(E) A skater forced into the infield may not better the position he was in when he left the track. A defensive skater (defending against a Jammer) who is forced on the in-field and betters his position will be considered passed for a point.

(F) A penalized skater, not fouling the jammer, cannot be passed for a

point.

- A fouled skater cannot be passed for a point unless he has had sufficient time to recover from the foul and attempt a block. If a fouled skater attempts to block then it shall be considered enough time to have recovered from the foul.
- 2. A fouled skater put into the infield, over the rail, or put off his feet will be allowed enough time neces sary to rejoin the pack before being eligible to be scored
- 3. A fouled skater who has been injured due to said foul cannot be passed for a point.

(G) A skater with skate trouble cannot

be passed for a point.

(H) A jamming skater who is not the leader and is forced off the track with both skates, or knocked down, may return to a jamming position which is not an improvement on his

original position.
A skaterisnot eligible to score unless he is in a position 20 feet in

front of the pack.

RULE 3 - REPLACEMENTS:

(A) When one skater replaces a teammate he must report to the official scorer and then make contact with the skater he is replacing and drop in back of the first man in the pack.

(B) Any skater who illegally replaces a teammate will be considered a 6th man on the track and will automatically be penalized with a minor pen-alty (two minutes).

(C) There will be no substitutions while the jam is in progress except when one of the active skaters has skate trouble. A defensive skater who is forced over the rail, forced into the infield or injured, may not be re-placed until he is passed by an opposing jammer.

(D) An immediate substitution is allowed only in case of skate trouble.

A skater replacing a teammate who has skate trouble, must rejoin the field within one lap of the replace-

RULE 4 - CONCLUDING A JAM:

(A) A jam will be considered at an end for any of the following reasons: 1. The expiration of the 90 second

time limit. 2. At the conclusion of each 12

- minute skating period. When the leading jam skater falls. When the leading skater leaves the track or skating area with both feet.
- 5. In case of an official time-out. 6. By the leading jam skater plac-

ing both hands on his hips.
7. When all the jamming skaters have passed all the members of the opposition.

(B) A jam may be called off at the discretion of the officials when existing conditions, such as injured skaters, track damage, endanger any skaters on the track.

RULE 5 - PENALTIES:

(A) There will be two penalties, a maj-or (5 minutes) and a minor (2 min-

(B) A minor penalty will be or two minutes duration and will be called at the discretion of the referee for holding, illegal blocking, stalling, tripping, illegal use of the hands, and other minor fouls.

(C) Amajor penalty will be of five minutes duration and will be called at the discretion of the referee for fighting and intentional roughness, deliberate and excessive insubordination and gross unsportsmanlike conduct.

(D) A major penalty calling for expul-sion from the session will be called at the discretion of the referee for fighting with officials.

(E) If a penalized skater does not leave the track immediately or interferes with the remainder of the field he will receive an additional two min-utes penalty time.

(F) In the event that six or more skaters of one team are competing on the track at the same time, a penalty will be called. The two leading skaters in scoring position on the penalized team must leave the track immediately with one of them drawing an automatic two minutes pen-

alty.
(G) If a skater's penalty time overlaps into the following period, ANY mem-ber of the opposite sex taking the track must serve out the balance of

the penalty time.

(H) Any number of players may be penalized at one time.

RULE 6 - BANISHMENT:

(A) If any player accumulates a total of 8 minutes in penalties during any one session, he is automatically ruled out of the session and his substitute will spend the time of the last penalty in the penalty box.

(B) Any skater banished from the session for any reason may not return to the track for the balance of the

session.

(C) In cases of a BANISHMENT PEN-ALTY, on a rule out the substitute must sit five (5) minutes in the penalty box before returning to the track.

RULE 7 - BLOCKING:

(A) A player may block an opponent with any part of his body with the following exceptions:

1. It is illegal to use any part of the arm below the elbow.

2. It is illegal for a skater to block with his feet or trip an opponent.
(B) Elbows may be used in blocking but not in the following manner:

1. A skater is not permitted to use an elbow block above the should-

ers (C) In setting up a DOUBLE block, it is illegal for the defensive skaters grip hands or lock arms.

blockers may receive a penalty at the discretion of the officials. (D) Other forms of illegal blocking may be called at the discretion of the officials.

(E) There will be no blocking in the pack until the official's signal sounds signifying that the pack is intact and a Jamming attempt can be made.



Behind the scenes: TV



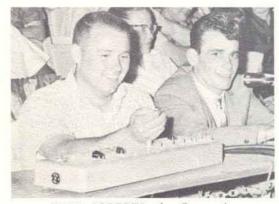
GEORGE WOOD & BALDY BAKER They take the shots.



DICK LANE-MR. ROLLER GAMES, himself. Dick does the voice for the weekly telecast. A veteran of over 250 feature-length motion pictures, he has televised more hours on sports and other activities than any one in the history of TV.



JOHN POLICH-TV DIRECTOR OF the Roller Games. KTLA's chief remote director steps down from the control truck.



HERB ROBERTS, the Games Announcer whose voice is often beard in the background on TV, along with BILL FITZGERALD, the Official Roller Game Timekeeper.



BILL "HOPPY" HAUPT, EDITOR of the GAZETTE and public relations Director of National Skating Derby, who helps Dick Lane with the announcements and interviews at halftime.



Every week throughout the country, Roller Games come to life on television screens. For millions of fans of the fast exciting banked-track sport this is their only opportunity to see the world's greatest skating stars in action. Television station KTLA, Channel 5 in Los Angeles is where the telecasts originate. Here are just a few of the people whose services are required each week to bring these games into your home.



Behind the scenes at the sames



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All is not glamor that goes into putting on the Roller Games. There are a host of people that work, many times around the clock to serve the comfort, safety, convenience and best interests of the public and the participants, alike. From the time that a call for a reservation is made, until you are escorted to your seat, awaiting the opening whistle of the game, nearly one hundred people will have taken some part in making your evening an enjoyable one. On this page are pictured just a few of the various department heads whose services are needed to put on the Roller Games.



GLAMOROUS SHEILA McKENNA



LOVELY LIZ, WHERE'S THE PARTY?



TERRI LYNCH-THE IRISH LASS, IN A RARE MOMENT OF QUIETNESS

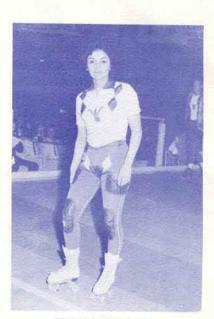
THE HARD-DRIVING, RUGGED PLAY ON THE BANKED TRACK MAKES THE ROLLER GAMES THE ONLY CONTACT SPORT IN WHICH GIRLS PARTICIPATE ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN. THERE ARE NO SEPARATE RULES OR METHODS OF PLAY TO SOFTEN THE LOT OF FEMININE PARTICIPATION. THERE ARE THOSE, IN FACT, WHO THINK THAT THE GIRLS SOMETIMES PLAY THE GAME EVEN HARDER THAN THE MEN. IT COMES AS A SURPRISE TO SOME TO DISCOVER THAT OFF THE TRACK THESE YOUNG LADIES, ARE FOR THE MOST PART, MODELS OF FEMININE MODESTY, CHARM AND GENTLENESS. PICTURED HERE ARE A FEW OF THE LOVELIES WHO AS MIKE JACKSON OF THE LOS ANGELES HERALD EXPRESSED IT: "THEY BECOME TIGERS AT THE STARTER'S WHISTLE."



JUDY SOWINSKI THE SMILING T-BIRD



SWEET ADELINE SINGS IN THE SHOWER



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TRIO OF FUTURE STARS: ANGEL TEXIERA LILLIAN SUGASAWARA LOUISE CULP



IOE ARAGON. SHOWS GOOD PROM-ISE. NOW SKATING PROFESSION-ALLY.



BARBARA WILLIAMS, CANDIDATE FOR GIRL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. THE TRAINING SCHOOL, NOW SKATING PROFESSIONALLY.



MANNY SERVIN WITH JERRY MOR-RISON.



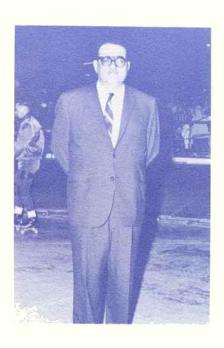
JEANNETTE HART NOW SKATING PROFESSIONALLY



EDDIE PAYNE, CANDIDATE FOR BOY ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL. NOW SKA-TING PROFESSIONALLY. ******

Just as there would be no major league baseball without the minor leagues to train and nurture young hopefuls for future greatness, there could be no National Roller League without a Training School. Wherever there is a center of major league professional banked track skating, there has to be a training school. As the stars retire from active participation in the game, as injuries sideline the regulars, these vacancies are filled by rookies from the Training School. The National Roller League operates three such schools, at the Olympic in Los Angeles, San Bernardino at the Swing Auditorium and at South Mountain Speedway in Phoenix. Terri Lynch is Director of Training of the National Roller League and supervises and coordinates the training activities of the League. The "stars of tomorrow" are now learning the game at the Training School. 31

the Commissioner



With the expansion of the National Roller League during the last year, it became necessary to strengthen the operations and the scope of the office of Commissioner. Adoption of certain amendments to the rules required clarification and application to the actual play. Sidney Dorfman, a prominent Southern California attorney, was named acting Commissioner during the past season. He brings his astute legal experience, gained in years of practice before the bar, to this office. No figure-head commissioner, he has strengthened the hands of the officials and has meted out stern punishment, including suspension, to players who continually flaunt the officials and ignore the rules.

No volume on the Roller Games would be complete without special mention of Bill Griffiths of Maywood-Bell Ford. Maywood Bell Ford has been the major sponsor of the televised Roller Games on KTLA in Los Angeles almost from their beginnings. Bill's commercials have become so much a part of the Games, that it is almost impossible to separate one from the other. He has graciously appeared as Master of Ceremonies of many of the special events. His smiling face and ready wit are well-known to all fans of the Roller Games. Here pictured with Ralph Valladares and Honey Sanchez of the Thunderbirds, he demonstrates a miniature version of the 1963 Thunderbird--from May-wood Bell Ford, of course.







Detroit Devils, Texas Outlaws, Arizona Raiders, Hollywood Stars and the Los Angeles Thunderbirds have been thrilled by the tremendous support and interest of the fans during the past Roller Games season. It is a tribute to the high quality of play of the National Roller League. The coaches, captains, players and management of all of the teams in the league wish to express their appreciation and thanks to the hundreds of thousands of fans who have given them their support. We sincerely hope that in the seasons to come, we will continue to merit your interest and enthusiasm.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

To our television fans in distant cities, the management and players of National Skating Derby wish to express our appreciation of your interest in our televised games shown in your area. We wish to acknowledge the part played in these telecasts by the continued sponsorship of Roller Games by Maywood Bell Ford over KTLA, Channel 5 in Los Angeles. It is only by the sponsorship of the games by such companies as Maywood Bell Ford and other fine firms, that telecasts of the games are made possible. These companies in all areas, where the games are shown, warrant your patronage.





