



Western Hockey League

October 17, 1968

Release #3

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Five games are on tap in four cities this weekend in the Western Hockey League.

On Friday night, San Diego's Gulls will be in Seattle for the season's first clash of these two clubs which both were unbeaten after opening-week action. Last season's series was a tight one with Seattle holding a 7-6-1 edge. The Gulls, however, were able to win only one of seven games in Seattle. The top series scorers are both back --- Bill Dineen of Seattle with 17 points and Willie O'Ree of San Diego with 13.

On Saturday night, Denver will be in Phoenix for the first meeting in history of these two teams and Portland will be in San Diego for the Buckaroos' first appearance of the season on San Diego ice. San Diego last year was the only team with a winning (7-6-1) record against Portland. These two clubs also met on Wednesday night in Portland.

Weekend action winds up Sunday night with Vancouver in Portland for the first time this year and Denver in Seattle for the Spurs' first test against the Totems. The Canucks will be out for revenge against a Portland team that now has won an incredible eight straight games in the city of Vancouver.

Opening week action produced two highlights -- strong goal-tending throughout the league and the sizzling start of the San Diego Gulls, both a team and individually.

It was clear from the first week of play that the snipers have not caught up with the netminders -- although this obviously could change once linemates get to know each other. Dave Kelly of Portland (two games), Jim Armstrong of Seattle (two games) and Don Head of Seattle (one game) all boasted 1.00 goals-against averages after one week of play. Yet even better was Bob Champoux of San Diego at 0.91 for 66 minutes of action. Jack McCartan of San Diego was 2.63 and George Gardner of Vancouver 2.33 --- with both records normally good enough to lead a league.

As for those Gulls, they started action this week looking for their third road victory of the year after winning twice in Denver. Last season the Gulls did not win their third game on the road until January 31 in Providence. Two years ago they started with 15 straight road games and won two --- the exact total they had after the first two away-from-home tests this season.

There were some big reasons but the biggest was the line of Alex Faulkner centering Willie O'Ree and Bruce Carmichael.

Faulkner had five assists in his first three games. Last season he collected his fifth assist in his 10th game.

O'Ree scored two goals in his first 10 games last season. He started this campaign with four goals in three games.

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Release #5

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The Western Hockey League spotlight swings south this weekend as the San Diego Gulls and the Phoenix Roadrunners battle Friday night in Phoenix and Saturday night in San Diego to complete a three-games-in-four-nights series.

In other weekend action, Denver will be in Vancouver Friday night and in Seattle Saturday night, with the Totems then swinging to Portland for the Western League's only Sunday night action.

But the biggest tests will be in the southern cities where San Diego and Phoenix both skated to their best two-week starts in their short histories.

The Gulls won six of their first seven to take first place. The Roadrunners were playing .500 hockey (1-1-2 compared with 0-3-1 last year) and on a percentage basis were tied for third.

Most remarkable aspect of the Gulls' record was their play on the road --- four victories in their first five tests away from home.

Just for comparison, San Diego won its fourth road game last season on February 3rd in Phoenix. Two years ago the Gulls captured their fourth road victory on January 22nd in Los Angeles.

The Phoenix-San Diego series was one of the league's tightest last season, with the Roadrunners holding a 7-6-1 edge. In fact, San Diego was the only team against which the 'Runners posted a winning record. Both teams, incidentally, have lost their highest scorers in that series, Len Ronson of San Diego (23 points) and Del Topoll of Phoenix (15).

The Denver-Vancouver meeting Friday night up north will be the first of the year. The Spurs will play their second game in Seattle Saturday night and will look for revenge after losing 4-1 in the first test. And the Totems will be in Portland for the second time, the teams battling to a 1-1 tie in their first meeting.

Individually, a pair of San Diego Gulls, Willie O'Ree and Alex Faulkner, were both 10 games ahead of their scoring pace of last season after two weeks of action. O'Ree, top league scorer with 12 points, had seven goals in seven games. He scored his seventh in his 17th game a year ago. And Faulkner had 10 assists in seven games. He earned his 10th assist in his 17th game a year ago.

And the goaltenders, in the opening two weeks of play, continued, for the most part, to sparkle. You could put it this way. As recently as 1966, Don Head, then with Portland, finished with the lowest goals-against average in the league --- 2.84. After two weeks of play this year, six goalies, paced by Jack McCartan's 2.05 for San Diego, were below that figure.

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Western Hockey League

October 30, 1968

Release #7

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The Portland Buckaroos will fight to climb into first place for the fifth straight season and the Denver Spurs will scramble to get something going on home ice in highlights of the Western Hockey League's seven-game weekend schedule.

The Buckaroos will make their season debut in Seattle on Friday night, will return home to host the Totems on Saturday night and will wind up on Sunday night in a home clash against the Phoenix Roadrunners.

The Spurs, meanwhile, will finish an eight-game road swing Friday night in San Diego, then will return to Denver to host the Vancouver Canucks on both Saturday and Sunday nights. The one other weekend game will find Phoenix in Vancouver on Friday night.

Portland, with a weekend sweep, could move into a tie for first place with San Diego, even if the Gulls defeat Denver on Friday night. The Challenge will be tough.

In two games against Seattle, both in Portland, the Buckaroos own a 1-1 tie and a 5-1 victory, with Dave Kelly in the Portland nets for both clashes. Portland center Art Jones has assisted on five of his club's six goals against Seattle, with Bill Saunders, Roger Bellerive and Cliff Schmutz each sniping two in the series. The series has been rough, as usual, with four of the eight goals scored by both clubs coming on power plays.

The Phoenix visit in Portland will be the first of the season for the Roadrunners, who fought the Bucks to a 4-4 tie in the opening meeting of the clubs in Arizona. Bill Saunders' power-play goal with less than a minute to play knotted that one for Portland.

In San Diego Friday night, Denver will face the club that got the Spurs off on the wrong skate by handing them three straight season-opening defeats --- 4-2 and 4-3 in Denver and 5-1 in San Diego. Strangely, despite San Diego's victories, Denver actually outshot the Gulls by a combined 113-98 margin in the three clashes.

This has been a big series for San Diego's Willie O'Ree, seven points on four goals and three assists, and for Bruce Carmichael (3-2-5) and Alex Faulkner (0-5-5). And Fred Hilts chipped in with three goals in three games against the Spurs.

Vancouver, meanwhile, will be playing its first games outside the Pacific Northwest when the Canucks move into Denver for Saturday and Sunday night clashes.

In Vancouver Friday night, Phoenix will be out for revenge for a season-opening 6-1 loss to the Canucks. It was the worst defeat for Phoenix since March 10, 1968. Veteran Vancouver center Phil Maloney may love to see the series resume. He collected four assists in his first nine games this season and earned all four of them in that opener against the Roadrunners. Vancouver goal scorers were paced by rookies John Gofton and Jerry Sillers with two each.

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WHL TEAMS WITH 'SHOTS ON GOAL' POST 16-4-4 EARLY RECORD

The teams that were doing the shooting were winning 80 per cent of the decisions in the first three weeks of Western Hockey League action this season.

In games through October 27, teams leading in shots on goal had posted a 16-4-4 record, paced by San Diego's perfect 4-0-0. This was the three-week record:

	<u>Outshot</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>
San Diego	4		4	0	0
Portland	5		3	0	2
Phoenix	4		2	0	2
Vancouver	5		4	1	0
Seattle	4		3	1	0
Denver	2		0	2	0
Total	24 *		16	4	4

* Shots even in two games

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In the first three weeks of Western Hockey League action, the San Diego Gulls were both the fastest-starting and the strongest-finish team, outscoring opponents 11-3 in opening periods and 16-5 in third periods. Best second-period club was Portland with a 12-8 goal advantage. Scoring by periods for games through October 27:

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Total</u>
Denver	7-9	7-11	2-15	16-35
Phoenix	6-10	6-4	5-7	17-21
Portland	8-10	12-8	14-7	34-25
San Diego	11-3	11-15	16-5	38-23
Seattle	5-7	7-9	11-9	23-25
Vancouver	13-9	8-6	7-12	28-27

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WESTERN LEAGUE MILESTONES . . . Vancouver center PHIL MALONEY started action this week with 897 points, needed just 3 more to become the third Western Leaguer in history to hit the 900-mark. . . GUYLE FIELDER of Seattle played his record 1100th Western League game last Saturday night. . . LARRY LEACH of Portland needs one point to hit the 200-mark in WHL action . . . AL NICHOLSON of San Diego started the week with 596 Western League points, needed just 4 to become the 18th player in history to hit the 600-mark. . . CONNIE MADIGAN of Portland has 995 minutes in penalties in his WHL career, needs "five minutes more"--- and not the song ---- to become the sixth player in history to hit the 1,000 mark. . . GORDON SINCLAIR of San Diego now has played 954 Western League games, has moved into second on the all-time list, passing Steve Witiuk (945) and Ron Matthews (947) . . . SANDY HUCUL of Phoenix had played 889 games through October 27 to move into fifth on the all-time list past Rudy Filion (887) . . . Three goals in three weeks by ART JONES of Portland have tied the Buckaroo center for third on the all-time WHL list with LOU JANKOWSKI of Denver. . . each started action this week with 365 . . . each soon should pass second-place Sid Finney (368) but it will take a while to catch all-time leader Gordon Fashoway's 485 total.

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

DENVER -- The Spurs, with eight straight losses to open the season, were off to the rockiest start since Victoria lost nine in a row in the fall of '58 . . . one-goal decisions were doing it . . . four of the eight defeats were by one red light . . . Gordon Redahl scored four goals in eight games for a 37-goal pace and one bright spot . . . Roger Picard had three goals in one four-game road stretch . . . Gordon Vejprava picked by 8 penalty minutes in eight games to match his total for 70 games with Vancouver last season. . . .

PHOENIX -- The Roadrunners opened the season with a 1-6 loss in Vancouver, then put together a five-game unbeaten string before bowing in San Diego last Saturday night . . . they scored the jump goal in their first five games in a row . . . winger Bob Charlebois was off to a blazing start . . . he scored five times in his first seven games . . . in 15 games with Phoenix last season, he scored only twice . . . Walt McKechnie, WHL rookie of the year last season, also is hot . . . he started the campaign with a five-game scoring streak . . . and in one stretch he collected nine points in four games

PORTLAND -- With 13 points in the standings in nine games, the Bucks tied their second-best start in history . . . the '62 team opened with an 8-1 record . . . after nine games, the records of Bill Saunders and Mel Pearson were exactly the same as last year . . . 7-3-10 for Saunders and 4-2-6 for Pearson . . . defending scoring champ Art Jones was slightly ahead of last season's pace, 3-11-14 to 3-9-12 . . . defense partners Connie Madigan and Jim (Red Eye) Hay were spurting offensively . . . in nine games, Madigan had 7 points and Hay had 4 . . . last year Madigan scored 1 point in his first nine games and Hay picked up his 4th point in his 19th game

SAN DIEGO -- Almost nothing but bright spots on a team with a 7-2-1 record, best all-time season-starting mark for the Gulls . . . Jack McCartan was 1.86 in the nets through Sunday action . . . his best previous Western League record was 3.12 with Los Angeles in '63 . . . Willie O'Ree had 14 points in 10 games . . . he scored his 14th in his 17th game last season . . . Bruce Carmichael had 5 goals in 10 games . . . he sniped his 5th in his 14th game last season . . . Alex Faulkner had 11 assists in 10 games . . . he earned his 11th in his 19th game last season . . . linemates Fred Hilts and Warren Hynes just stayed tough . . . Hilts scored 6 goals in 10 games this season, 6 in 11 last year. . . Hynes had 11 assists in 10 games this year, 11 in 12 games last season. . . .

SEATTLE -- The big news was the Guyle Fielder-Bob Courcy-Jack Michie line. . . which had accounted for 61 per cent of Seattle's goals in the first nine games of the season . . . Courcy had 7, Fielder 4 and Michie 3 . . . Fielder boomed into the WHL scoring lead last week with a 4-12-16 record . . . five points ahead of his pace last season when he was 3-8-11 after nine tests . . . injured goalie Don Head was expected to start skating again this week but his return to action was still uncertain as to timing . . .

VANCOUVER -- Andy Bathgate came West to play . . . the top expansion scorer in the National League last season scored points in all of his first six games for the Canucks, collected goals in five of the six . . . he started action this week with 7 goals in six clashes . . . and how about John Gofton . . . the rookie from Johnstown scored points in all of his first nine games for Vancouver . . . as action started this week he had the nine-game point-scoring streak plus a three-game goal-scoring streak alive. . . and Germain Gagnon started the week with a four-game assist streak . . . goalie George Gardner already has no love for Portland . . . he's 4.33 for three tests against the Buckaroos, is a sizzling 2.17 for six games against the rest of the league

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LINEUP CHANGES: Vancouver remove: #10 Ralph Stewart Forward
 #14 Dick Sentes Forward

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 1968

	MIN.	GA	SO	AVE.	SAVES	W	L	T
McCartan-San Diego	354	11	0	1.86	180	5	1	0
Champoux-San Diego	246	12	0	2.93	137	2	1	1
SAN DIEGO TOTALS	600	23	0	2.30	317	7	2	1
Kelly-Portland	300	10	0	2.00	122	4	0	1
McLeod-Portland	160	8	0	3.00	68	1	1	1
Sneddon-Portland	80	7	0	5.26	42	0	0	1
PORTLAND TOTALS	540	25	0	2.78	232	5	1	3
Head-Seattle	126	5	0	2.38	59	1	1	0
Armstrong-Seattle	414	20	0	2.90	193	2	3	2
SEATTLE TOTALS	540	25	0	2.78	252	3	4	2
Gardner-Vancouver (Empty net goals)	540 1	26 1	1	2.89	211	4	4	1
VANCOUVER TOTALS	540	27	1	3.00	211	4	4	1
Charron-Phoenix	300	15	1	3.00	152	1	1	3
Broderick-Phoenix	120	6	0	3.00	67	1	1	0
PHOENIX TOTALS	420	21	1	3.00	219	2	2	3
Caron-Denver	479	35	0	4.38	251	0	8	0
DENVER TOTALS	479	35	0	4.38	251	0	8	0

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TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OTHER (Through 10-27-68)

	DENV.	PHNX.	PORT.	S. D.	SEA.	VANC.
Denver	----	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0-2-0	0-1-0
Phoenix	1-0-0	-----	0-0-1	1-1-1	0-0-1	0-1-0
Portland	1-0-0	0-0-1	-----	1-1-0	1-0-1	2-0-1
San Diego	3-0-0	1-1-1	1-1-0	-----	1-0-0	1-0-0
Seattle	2-0-0	0-0-1	0-1-1	0-1-0	-----	1-2-0
Vancouver	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-2-1	0-1-0	2-1-0	-----

TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OTHER

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

	Denv.	Phnx.	Port.	S.D.	Sea.	Vanc.		GP	W	L
Denver	---	3-4	2-3	6-13	3-12	2-3	Phoenix	1	1	0
Phoenix	4-3	---	4-4	7-7	1-1	1-6	Portland	1	1	0
Portland	3-2	4-4	---	7-7	6-2	14-10	San Diego	1	1	0
San Diego	13-6	7-7	7-7	---	7-2	4-1	Vancouver	1	1	0
Seattle	12-3	1-1	2-6	2-7	---	6-8	Seattle	0	0	0
Vancouver	3-2	6-1	10-14	1-4	8-6	---	Denver	4	0	4



Western Hockey League

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Release #9

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Four games are on tap in the Western Hockey League this weekend, and once again the spotlight will swing to Portland where the Buckaroos, league champions for four straight seasons, have a chance to move into first place.

The second-place Bucks will host the first-place San Diego Gulls on Saturday night and then will be at home on Sunday night to the third-place Vancouver Canucks.

In other weekend action, the Seattle Totems will be in Denver for games both Friday and Saturday nights.

In the standings, the Portland-San Diego meeting is the biggest of the weekend.

The Gulls started action this week with 18 points in the standings on 8 victories, 2 defeats and 2 ties. The Buckaroos have 17 points in the standings on 7 victories, 2 defeats and 3 ties.

San Diego was to be in Vancouver Wednesday night and would move into Portland with a lead of either three points or one.

The Gulls and Buckaroos are even for the season with one victory each. Portland won the first of the series at home, 6-4, with a second-period explosion of five goals, most scored in an single period by any Western League club this season. San Diego then knotted the series with a 3-1 victory on the Gulls' home ice.

Top goal scorer of the series has been Bill Saunders of Portland with three.

In the Sunday night Vancouver-Portland clash, the Canucks will be looking for their first victory over the Buckaroos. Portland won 3-1 in Vancouver and came from behind to pull out a 6-6 tie in a second meeting in the British Columbia metropolis. In the only meeting in Portland, the Buckaroos won 5-3 after trailing 1-2 at the end of the first period.

The Portland series has been a rugged one for Vancouver goalie George Gardner, who has been beaten for 13 goals in the three tests, far below his season average against the rest of the league.

Top scorers in the Buck-Canuck series have been Portland centers Norm Johnson and Gerry Goyer, each with 2-3-5 records, while Portland winger Mel Pearson has scored all four of his goals against Vancouver. Top point producer for the Canucks against the Bucks has been defenseman Don Johns with a 1-3-4 record.

Seattle, meanwhile, will take a perfect 2-0-0 record against the Spurs to Denver. Both victories, 4-1 and 8-2, were on Totem ice. And that 8-2 game was the biggest victory of the year for Seattle and the worst defeat this season for any Western Hockey League team.

The Guyle Fielder-Bob Courcy-Jack Michie line has caused Denver most of its troubles in the series. In two games against Denver, Fielder is 3-4-7, Courcy 4-2-6 and Michie 0-5-5.

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ALL-TIME PROFESSIONAL RECORDS OF WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYERS(Regular-season games only in all leagues)
(Through 1967-68)

DENVER						PHOENIX					
NAME	GP	G	A	TP	PEN	NAME	GP	G	A	TP	PEN
Jankowski	1090	472	493	965	151	McVie	643	307	314	621	479
Vejprava	874	286	385	671	277	Kabel	825	222	367	589	553
B. Carter	682	179	356	535	71	Lamoureux	842	162	242	404	348
Hoekstra	601	205	326	531	108	Hucul	910	67	298	365	1156
Redahl	729	221	247	468	211	Pronovost	845	191	231	322	694
A. Johnson	447	148	188	336	171	Charlebois	276	102	126	228	133
Miller	527	112	168	280	537	Cote	492	71	126	197	940
Goegan	757	64	187	251	1152	Erickson	656	42	155	197	775
Rodger	370	83	138	221	126	Wilcox	252	56	71	127	100
Holdaway	501	20	108	128	317	Thiffault	189	49	74	123	148
J. Lemieux	170	13	55	68	127	Meehan	70	31	41	72	17
D. Carter	115	14	34	48	73	Dupont	190	9	49	58	139
Picard	58	17	30	47	103	McKechnie	71	24	30	54	24
Mavety	72	2	23	25	148	Snell	105	16	37	53	29
Schella	39	5	2	7	110	Dunville	118	8	34	42	77
Caron	235	*	*	*	*	Stefaniw	54	19	15	34	13
Farr	23	*	*	*	*	Polanic	137	4	25	29	250
Hires	0	0	0	0	0	Shaw	132	4	19	23	321
						Charron	90	0	1	1	14
						Broderick	3	0	0	0	0

PORTLAND						SAN DIEGO					
Jones	750	362	571	933	284	Carmichael	910	348	470	818	345
Hebenton	1291	443	482	925	328	Nicholson	876	297	398	695	425
Johnson	880	298	597	895	493	Sinclair	944	133	432	565	743
Saunders	632	260	297	557	257	O'Ree	754	276	281	557	663
Pearson	754	199	359	558	427	Hilts	528	274	264	538	291
Goyer	588	202	346	548	160	Hynes	577	194	283	477	185
Van Impe	762	181	303	484	488	Faulkner	367	98	197	295	119
Schmautz	539	204	234	438	427	Richardson	371	107	161	268	520
Leach	647	159	225	384	632	Evans	1303	46	218	264	1808
Hay	1114	96	250	346	1668	MacMillan	531	106	150	256	325
Madigan	463	68	193	261	1024	Ehrenverth	501	91	164	255	110
Messier	459	59	175	234	955	Hunt	743	33	189	222	929
Bellerive	240	61	56	117	130	Stanfield	308	87	95	182	175
Donaldson	432	16	97	113	778	Lebrun	396	28	87	115	271
Kearns	68	5	15	20	62	Cardiff	202	12	49	61	291
McLeod	309	0	9	9	90	Gustafson	182	17	34	51	106
Kelly	190	0	2	2	60	Huculak	72	4	22	26	65
Sneddon	56	0	1	1	4	Eagle	99	1	7	8	75
						Champoux	140	0	1	1	20
						McCartan	455	*	*	*	*

* Not available

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ALL-TIME PROFESSIONAL RECORDS OF WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYERS
(Regular-season games only in all leagues)
(Through 1967-68)

SEATTLE						VANCOUVER					
NAME	GP	G	A	TP	PEN	NAME	GP	G	A	TP	PEN
Fielder	1163	370	1204	1574	433	Maloney	1311	499	890	1389	366
Stratton	741	244	588	832	316	Bathgate	1089	376	643	1019	676
Courcy	740	307	372	679	262	Lunde	736	248	358	606	212
Dineen	988	291	282	573	282	Barlow	703	301	286	587	380
Holmes	834	223	350	573	543	McNeill	678	185	344	529	568
Powers	679	238	241	479	154	Hall	469	176	273	449	346
Leonard	764	152	303	455	510	Duff	856	150	246	396	946
Boileau	606	160	280	440	432	Harris	432	125	185	310	122
Hanna	806	46	215	261	932	Taylor	381	125	173	298	521
Lund	350	114	146	260	299	Hextall	426	99	190	289	400
Chiz	402	114	112	226	90	Reaume	903	57	220	277	690
Ward	729	40	150	190	1132	Gagnon	300	71	132	203	239
Kilpatrick	329	12	72	84	524	Johns	673	28	164	192	516
Larose	257	19	40	59	290	Sly	496	47	126	173	344
Iannone	40	7	5	12	10	Pratt	314	22	86	108	789
Head	336	0	9	9	303	Block	186	16	48	64	64
Armstrong	60	0	1	1	6	B.Lemieux	138	20	35	55	201
Michie	0	0	0	0	0	Millar	751	*	*	*	*
Rogers	0	0	0	0	0	Gardner	274	*	*	*	*
						Gofton	0	0	0	0	0
						Whidden	0	0	0	0	0

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ALL-TIME LEADERS

GOALS

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Maloney | 499 |
| Jankowski | 472 |
| Hebenton | 443 |
| Bathgate | 376 |
| Fielder | 370 |
| Jones | 362 |
| Carmichael | 348 |
| Courcy | 307 |
| McVie | 307 |
| Barlow | 301 |

ASSISTS

| | |
|------------|------|
| Fielder | 1204 |
| Maloney | 890 |
| Bathgate | 643 |
| N.Johnson | 597 |
| Stratton | 588 |
| Jones | 571 |
| Jankowski | 493 |
| Hebenton | 482 |
| Carmichael | 470 |
| Sinclair | 432 |

POINTS

| | |
|------------|------|
| Fielder | 1574 |
| Maloney | 1389 |
| Bathgate | 1019 |
| Jankowski | 965 |
| Jones | 933 |
| Hebenton | 925 |
| N.Johnson | 895 |
| Stratton | 832 |
| Carmichael | 818 |
| Nicholson | 695 |

GAMES PLAYED

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|------------|------|
| Maloney | 1311 |
| Evans | 1303 |
| Hebenton | 1291 |
| Fielder | 1163 |
| Hay | 1114 |
| Jankowski | 1090 |
| Bathgate | 1089 |
| Dineen | 988 |
| Sinclair | 944 |
| Hucul | 910 |
| Carmichael | 910 |

PENALTY MINUTES

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|---------|------|
| Evans | 1808 |
| Hay | 1668 |
| Hucul | 1156 |
| Goegan | 1152 |
| Ward | 1132 |
| Madigan | 1024 |
| Messier | 955 |
| Duff | 946 |
| Cote | 940 |
| Hanna | 932 |
| Hunt | 929 |

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH NOVEMBER 3rd, 1968

| | MIN. | GA | SO | AVE. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| McCartan - San Diego | 414 | 13 | 0 | 1.88 | 214 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Champoux - San Diego | 306 | 14 | 0 | 2.75 | 166 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 720 | 27 | 0 | 2.25 | 380 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Kelly - Portland | 420 | 11 | 1 | 1.57 | 179 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| McLeod - Portland | 220 | 14 | 0 | 3.81 | 94 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 720 | 32 | 1 | 2.67 | 315 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty net goals) | 767 | 34 | 1 | 2.66 | 300 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| Millar - Vancouver | 13 | 2 | 0 | 9.09 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 780 | 37 | 1 | 2.85 | 305 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| Head - Seattle | 126 | 5 | 0 | 2.38 | 59 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 654 | 33 | 0 | 3.03 | 309 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 780 | 38 | 0 | 2.92 | 368 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Charron - Phoenix | 420 | 20 | 1 | 2.86 | 205 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 180 | 9 | 0 | 3.00 | 93 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 600 | 29 | 1 | 2.90 | 298 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Farr - Denver | 60 | 1 | 0 | 1.00 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Caron - Denver | 657 | 46 | 0 | 4.19 | 337 | 0 | 10 | 1 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 717 | 47 | 0 | 3.92 | 362 | 1 | 10 | 1 |

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TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OTHER (Games through 11-3-68)

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ----- | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-4-0 | 0-2-0 | 1-2-1 |
| Phoenix | 1-0-0 | ----- | 0-1-1 | 1-1-1 | 1-0-1 | 0-2-0 |
| Portland | 1-0-0 | 1-0-1 | ----- | 1-1-0 | 2-1-1 | 2-0-1 |
| San Diego | 2-0-0 | 1-1-1 | 1-1-0 | ----- | 1-0-1 | 1-0-0 |
| Seattle | 2-0-0 | 0-1-1 | 1-2-1 | 0-1-1 | ----- | 1-2-0 |
| Vancouver | 2-1-1 | 2-0-0 | 0-2-1 | 0-1-0 | 2-1-0 | ----- |

TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OTHER

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. | | GP | W | L |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----------|----|---|---|
| Denver | ----- | 3-4 | 2-3 | 8-18 | 3-12 | 9-10 | Portland | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Phoenix | 4-3 | --- | 4-7 | 7-7 | 5-2 | 4-10 | San Diego | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Portland | 3-2 | 7-4 | --- | 7-7 | 13-9 | 14-10 | Vancouver | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| San Diego | 18-8 | 7-7 | 7-7 | --- | 9-4 | 4-1 | Phoenix | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Seattle | 12-3 | 2-5 | 9-13 | 4-9 | --- | 6-8 | Seattle | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vancouver | 10-9 | 10-4 | 10-14 | 1-4 | 8-6 | --- | Denver | 6 | 1 | 5 |

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Western Hockey League

November 13, 1968

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A seven-game weekend schedule in the Western Hockey League opens Friday night with the spotlight in Phoenix where the visiting San Diego Gulls hope to strengthen their hold on first place by continuing their amazing early-season road success.

The Gulls have won six and tied one while losing two in nine tests away from home. And those six road victories are one more than posted by the other five Western League teams combined --- in action through last Sunday.

The challenge for the Gulls, who started the week with a six-game unbeaten string, will be tough. Phoenix has lost only once in six home tests and the Roadrunners' series with San Diego couldn't be more even. The two clubs are dead even at 1-1-1 and are all square in goals with seven each.

Phoenix, lowest-scoring team in the WHL with 25 goals in 11 games, hopes to pump more life into its offense. And it could be rough with the loss to Minnesota of center Walt McKechnie. Last season's rookie of the year had a hand in 56 per cent of the Roadrunners' 25 goals.

In other Friday night action, Portland will be in Denver for the second of a back-to-back set that started Wednesday night and Seattle, playing its sixth straight road game, will be in Vancouver.

Denver, as action started this week, had lost only once in its last four home games and Portland had failed to win, while picking up two ties, in its last four road tests. The Buckaroos won 3-2 in the season's first meeting of these two clubs in Portland.

The Canucks, meanwhile, have won two of three from Seattle this season despite the play of the Guyle Fielder-Bob Courcy-Jack Michie line which has accounted for five of the six Totem goals against Vancouver. John Gofton (2-2-4) has paced the Canucks in the series.

On Saturday night, Denver will be in Phoenix and Vancouver in Portland.

The Spurs will look for their first road victory after eight straight losses away from home. Denver and Phoenix have clashed once, the Roadrunners winning 4-3 on Bob Charlebois' hat trick.

Portland hold a 2-1-1 edge in its series with Vancouver, paced by Norm Johnson who has scored more than half of his points (7 of 13 as the week started) against the Canucks. Ken Lunde with three goals has been the chief tormentor of his one-time Buckaroo teammates.

The week's schedule winds up Sunday night with Vancouver in Seattle for a rematch and Denver in San Diego. The Spurs should be up for this one. The Gulls have handed them four straight defeats this season, paced by the wild scoring of Willie O'Ree, who has collected nine points, including six goals, in the four tests. Also hot in the series have been San Diego's Alex Faulkner (8 points) and Bruce Carmichael (7).

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS BY TEAM

DENVER --- The Spurs are bouncing back . . . after 10 straight defeats to open the season, the Spurs lost only once in four games in action through Sunday . . . there has been no question about the Spurs' two biggest problems . . . close games and third periods . . . through Sunday, the Spurs had played seven games decided by a single goal . . . and they had lost six of the seven . . . reverse that record and the standings would change considerably . . . third periods? . . . in action through Sunday, Denver had outscored foes 14-11 in first periods, had been outscored only 18-13 in second ones for a combined total of 27-29. . . . in final periods, the Spurs had been outscored 24-5 . . .

PHOENIX --- The position in the standings of the Roadrunners will be unrealistic for a spell . . . by Sunday night, the 'Runners will have played four fewer games than San Diego and Portland, five fewer than Denver and Vancouver, six fewer than Seattle . . . that's a pile of "games in hand" for the Phoenix club . . . and don't forget that Phoenix has lost only once in six games on home ice . . . loss of center Walt McKechnie of Phoenix to Minnesota was a crushing blow . . . he had picked up 14 points in 10 games . . . he had a hand, therefore, in 14 of the Roadrunners' first 25 goals of the season . . . and that's 56 per cent of the total

PORTLAND --- The past weekend was a rocky one for the Buckaroos . . . losses at home to San Diego (8-1) and to Vancouver (3-2) . . . and that 8-1 defeat set a couple of records . . . it was Portland's worst home defeat since hockey returned to the Rose City in the fall of 1960. . . . the previous worst loss was 7-1 to Seattle on February 3, 1963 . . . and the eight goals were the most ever scored against a Portland hockey club in their Memorial Coliseum . . . opponents had scored seven goals four times . . . but never eight . . . brightest feature in the Portland picture was the play of Bill Saunders, switched from wing to center while Gerry Goyer was sidelined with injuries . . . he started action this week with a six-game scoring streak that included 4 goals and 7 assists

SAN DIEGO --- All this and Lenny Ronson, too? returning to the Gulls is last season's goal-scoring champion with 45 . . . and he's coming back to a club that's already the highest-scoring team in the league . . . the road record (6-2-1) of the Gulls continues to be amazing . . . the Gulls won their sixth road game last season on February 11 in Portland . . . two years ago they won only seven road games during the entire campaign Willie O'Ree continues to go wild . . . 23 points in 14 games for second in the Western League . . . that was O'Ree's point total, 23, after he had played 31 games last season . . . the Gulls, as action started this week, owned the best defensive record in the league, yielding just 2.22 goals a game . . . and were the only club unbeaten on home ice

SEATTLE ---- The Totems snapped out of their road lethargy last week by winning two of three behind Jim Armstrong's netminding . . . he stopped Phoenix 2-1 and then shut out Denver 1-0 . . . and Guyle Fielder, who'll be 38 this month, continues to be something else again . . . 25 points in 16 games for the WHL scoring lead a year ago, Fielder scored his 25th point in his 29th game of the campaign . . . this is Fielder's best start since the fall of 1963 when he blazed off with 30 points in his first 15 games

VANCOUVER ---- Like tense, exciting, down-to-the-wire hockey? . . . try the Vancouver Canucks for size . . . six of Vancouver's last seven hockey games have been decided by exactly one goal . . . the Canucks beat Denver 3-2 and 2-1, Phoenix 4-3 and Portland 3-2 . . . and lost to Denver 1-2 and San Diego 3-4 . . . the seventh game in that stretch? . . . 1 4-4 tie in Denver . . . no one should be leaving the rink early . . . Andy Bathgate has cooled down . . . no goals in five games after sniping at least one in six of his first seven . . . but Len Lunde is hot, four goals in his last three games, and so is Murray Hall, four goals in his last five games and points in five of his last six clashes

If you're looking for reasons for the early-season success of San Diego, check the road scoring of the Gulls.

The Gulls boasted nine of the top 10 road scorers in the Western Hockey League in action through Sunday, Willie O'Ree and Warren Hynes leading the way with 15 points each.

San Diego and Seattle, nine road games each, and Denver with eight have played more clashes away from home than Vancouver (6), Portland (5) and Phoenix (5). But this doesn't account for the tremendous scoring surge of the Gulls on foreign ice. The road leaders in action through Sunday:

| PLAYER | TEAM | GP | G | A | PTS. |
|------------------|-----------|----|---|----|------|
| Willie O'Ree | San Diego | 9 | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| Warren Hynes | San Diego | 9 | 3 | 12 | 15 |
| Alex Faulkner | San Diego | 9 | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| Fred Hilts | San Diego | 9 | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Bruce Carmichael | San Diego | 9 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Al Nicholson | San Diego | 9 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| John MacMillan | San Diego | 9 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Guyle Fielder | Seattle | 9 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Gordon Sinclair | San Diego | 9 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Dave Richardson | San Diego | 9 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Andy Bathgate | Vancouver | 5 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Roger Picard | Denver | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Jack Michie | Seattle | 9 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Bill Saunders | Portland | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Germain Gagnon | Vancouver | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Bob Barlow | Vancouver | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Dennis Huculak | San Diego | 9 | 1 | 4 | 5 |

Meanwhile, Seattle's Guyle Fielder, only "outsider" to crack the list of top ten road scorers, has blazed off to the lead in home-ice scoring with 18 points on 5 goals and 13 assists in only seven games in Seattle Center Coliseum. The leaders at home in games through Sunday:

| PLAYER | TEAM | GP | G | A | PTS. |
|-----------------|-----------|----|---|----|------|
| Guyle Fielder | Seattle | 7 | 5 | 13 | 18 |
| Bob Courcy | Seattle | 7 | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| Bill Saunders | Portland | 9 | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| Art Jones | Portland | 9 | 3 | 11 | 14 |
| Roger Bellerive | Portland | 9 | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| John Gofton | Vancouver | 9 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Jack Michie | Seattle | 7 | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| Walt McKechnie | Phoenix | 6 | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Cliff Schmutz | Portland | 9 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Norm Johnson | Portland | 9 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Willie O'Ree | San Diego | 5 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Andy Bathgate | Vancouver | 7 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Murray Hall | Vancouver | 8 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Don Johns | Vancouver | 9 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Bob Kabel | Phoenix | 6 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Bill Dineen | Seattle | 7 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Andy Heberton | Portland | 9 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Phil Maloney | Vancouver | 9 | 1 | 6 | 7 |

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH NOVEMBER 10th, 1968

| | MIN. | GA | SO | AVE. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| McCartan - San Diego | 474 | 14 | 0 | 1.77 | 237 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Champoux - San Diego | 366 | 17 | 0 | 2.79 | 209 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 840 | 31 | 0 | 2.22 | 446 | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| Charron - Phoenix | 478 | 22 | 1 | 2.76 | 226 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 180 | 9 | 0 | 3.00 | 93 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 660 | 31 | 1 | 2.82 | 319 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goals) | 825 | 38 | 1 | 2.76 | 340 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| Millar - Vancouver | 73 | 4 | 0 | 3.28 | 36 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 900 | 43 | 1 | 2.87 | 376 | 7 | 6 | 2 |
| Head - Seattle | 126 | 5 | 0 | 2.38 | 59 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 834 | 41 | 1 | 2.95 | 392 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 960 | 46 | 1 | 2.88 | 451 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| Kelly - Portland | 480 | 19 | 1 | 2.38 | 211 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| McLeod - Portland | 280 | 17 | 0 | 3.64 | 119 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 840 | 43 | 1 | 3.07 | 272 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| Farr - Denver | 120 | 2 | 0 | 1.00 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Caron - Denver | 717 | 51 | 0 | 4.26 | 361 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 840 | 53 | 0 | 3.79 | 410 | 2 | 11 | 1 |

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TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OTHER (Games through 11-10-68)

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-4-0 | 1-3-0 | 1-2-1 |
| Phoenix | 1-0-0 | ---- | 0-1-1 | 1-1-1 | 1-1-1 | 0-2-0 |
| Portland | 1-0-0 | 1-0-1 | ----- | 1-2-0 | 2-1-1 | 2-1-1 |
| San Diego | 4-0-0 | 1-1-1 | 2-1-0 | ---- | 1-0-1 | 2-0-0 |
| Seattle | 3-1-0 | 1-1-1 | 1-2-1 | 0-1-1 | ---- | 1-2-0 |
| Vancouver | 2-1-1 | 2-0-0 | 1-2-1 | 0-2-0 | 2-1-0 | ----- |

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TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OTHER

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | --- | 3-4 | 2-3 | 8-18 | 10-18 | 9-10 |
| Phoenix | 4-3 | --- | 4-7 | 7-7 | 6-4 | 4-10 |
| Portland | 3-2 | 7-4 | --- | 8-15 | 13-9 | 16-13 |
| San Diego | 18-8 | 7-7 | 15-8 | --- | 9-4 | 8-4 |
| Seattle | 18-10 | 4-6 | 9-13 | 4-9 | --- | 6-8 |
| Vancouver | 19-9 | 10-4 | 13-16 | 4-8 | 8-6 | --- |

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | GP | W | L |
|-----------|----|---|---|
| San Diego | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Seattle | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Vancouver | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Portland | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Denver | 7 | 1 | 6 |

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Western Hockey League

November 20, 1968

Release #13

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Six Western Hockey League games are on tap this weekend, with the Portland Buckaroos in action three times in their drive to overtake first-place San Diego and with the Gulls hoping to continue their domination of Denver in two more meetings.

In Friday night action, Phoenix will be in Seattle, San Diego in Denver and Portland in Vancouver.

The Phoenix-Seattle series is all square at 1-1-1 and has been highlighted by brilliant goaltending. Rick Charron of the Roadrunners is 1.33 against the Totems, his best record against any club, and Jim Armstrong of Seattle is 2.00 against Phoenix, his best record against any opponent. Seattle has won three straight on home ice with a staggering 17-5 margin in goals, but Phoenix finished action last week with 13 goals in two games--matching the 'Runners output in the six previous clashes combined.

San Diego had whipped Denver five straight times this season going into this week's Wednesday night clash, and this domination has meant first place for the Gulls. If the results had been reversed, Denver would have started the week with 16 points in the standings and San Diego with 15 points.

In the first five meetings, the Gulls and Spurs, astoundingly, were dead even in goals scored in the first two periods --- 11 for each club. Third periods told the story. The Gulls outscored the Spurs 11-0 in winning five in a row. The series, in the first five games, was a big one for Gulls Willie O'Ree (6-3-9) and Alex Faulkner (1-7-8). But a couple of Spurs were hot as the week started --- Billy Carter with nine points in his last four games and Gordon Vejprava with 15 in his last nine.

Portland, meanwhile, will take a 2-1-2 series edge to Vancouver to face the "thrill kids" of the league. As action started this week, the Canucks had played 10 consecutive games decided by no more than one goal. The Canucks had won five one-goal decisions, had lost three and there were two ties. Top series scorer has been Norm Johnson of Portland with nine points.

On Saturday night, Denver will move to San Diego for a rematch and Portland will swing to Seattle with a 2-1-1 season edge over the Totems. Buck goalie Dave Kelly, 1.00 for three tests, has stood out in this series, with Portlanders Bill Saunders and Cliff Schmutz the top scorers with six points each.

The week's schedule winds up Sunday night with Phoenix in Portland. The Buckaroos held a 1-0-1 edge in this series going into Wednesday night's clash between the same two clubs. The clubs fought to a 4-4 tie in Phoenix, then Dave Kelly shut-out the Roadrunners in their first appearance of the season in Portland.

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Most Western Hockey League goalies are experiencing a rougher time on the road than on home ice this season. In action through November 17, only Don Head of Seattle (2.34 for 77 minutes of action) and Jack McCartan of San Diego (2.75 for 414 minutes) were under 3.00 in games away from home. Home-ice leader among netminders playing at least five full games was Bob Champoux of San Diego with 2.00 record. Home and road records through November 17:

| <u>HOME GAMES</u> | | | | | <u>ROAD GAMES</u> | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|-----|------|-------------------|-------|------|-----|------|
| GOALIE | TEAM | MIN. | GA. | AVE. | GOALIE | TEAM | MIN. | GA. | AVE. |
| McCartan | S.D. | 120 | 3 | 1.50 | Head | Sea. | 77 | 3 | 2.34 |
| Head | Sea. | 126 | 4 | 1.90 | McCartan | S.D. | 414 | 19 | 2.75 |
| Champoux | S.D. | 300 | 10 | 2.00 | Broderick | Phnx. | 120 | 6 | 3.00 |
| Charron | Phnx. | 329 | 11 | 2.00 | Gardner | Vanc. | 385 | 20 | 3.13 |
| Gardner | Vanc. | 599 | 25 | 2.50 | Armstrong | Sea. | 583 | 32 | 3.30 |
| McLeod | Port. | 120 | 5 | 2.50 | Charron | Phnx. | 179 | 11 | 3.67 |
| Armstrong | Sea. | 354 | 15 | 2.54 | McLeod | Port. | 240 | 15 | 3.75 |
| Farr | Den. | 180 | 8 | 2.67 | Millar | Vanc. | 94 | 6 | 3.82 |
| Kelly | Port. | 480 | 22 | 2.75 | Kelly | Port. | 100 | 7 | 4.19 |
| Broderick | Phnx. | 150 | 8 | 3.20 | Champoux | S.D. | 186 | 13 | 4.19 |
| Caron | Den. | 300 | 23 | 4.60 | Caron | Den. | 537 | 38 | 4.22 |
| Millar | Vanc. | No record | | | Farr | Den. | 60 | 5 | 5.00 |
| Sneddon | Port. | No record | | | Sneddon | Port. | 80 | 7 | 5.26 |

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RECORDS OF GOALTENDERS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT

| | | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S.D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Caron | Denver | ---- | 4.00 | 4.51 | 4.40 | 5.67 | 3.00 |
| Farr | Denver | ---- | 5.00 | 6.00 | ---- | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Broderick | Phoenix | 3.00 | ---- | 3.00 | 3.33 | ---- | ---- |
| Charron | Phoenix | ---- | ---- | 4.00 | 1.60 | 1.33 | 5.00 |
| Kelly | Portland | 9.00 | 0.00 | ---- | 6.00 | 1.00 | 2.67 |
| McLeod | Portland | 2.15 | ---- | ---- | 3.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| Sneddon | Portland | ---- | 4.00 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 9.00 |
| Champoux | San Diego | 1.90 | 4.00 | 3.50 | ---- | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| McCartan | San Diego | 2.41 | 3.67 | 1.00 | ---- | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| Armstrong | Seattle | 2.31 | 2.00 | 3.25 | 4.44 | ---- | 3.50 |
| Head | Seattle | 10.00 | ---- | ---- | 0.00 | ---- | 2.00 |
| Gardner | Vancouver | 1.84 | 2.00 | 4.11 | 4.00 | 2.10 | ---- |
| Millar | Vancouver | 9.09 | ---- | 2.96 | ---- | ---- | ---- |

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LINEUP CHANGES:

Portland add #17 Ken Campbell LW
 Vancouver assigned #2 Don Cherry Def

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE LEADERS (Games through November 17th)

GOALS -----Saunders, Portland, 13; Hilts, San Diego, 12; O'Ree, San Diego, 11; Courcy, Seattle, 10; Charlebois, Phoenix, 10; Johnson, Portland, 9; Schmautz, Portland, 9; Bathgate, Vancouver, 8; Nicholson, San Diego, 8; Bellerive, Portland, 8; Vejprava, Denver, 8.

ASSISTS----Fielder, Seattle, 21; Jones, Portland, 18; Hynes, San Diego, 17; Faulkner, San Diego, 16; O'Ree, San Diego, 14; Saunders, Portland, 13; Vejprava, Denver, 11; Johns, Vancouver, 11; Michie, Seattle, 11; Johnson, Portland, 11.

PENALTY MINUTES---Madigan, Portland, 41; Kilpatrick, Seattle, 40; Cardiff, San Diego, 33; Ward, Seattle, 32; Mavety, Denver, 32; Pratt, Vancouver, 28; Polanic, Phoenix, 26; Lemieux, Vancouver, 26; Head, Seattle, 22; Eagle, San Diego, 21.

FIRST GOALS----Vejprava, Denver, 4; twelve players tied, 2.

GAME-WINNING GOALS----Hilts, San Diego, 4; Carmichael, San Diego, 3; six players tied, 2.

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS--Saunders, Portland, 4; Faulkner, San Diego, 4; Thiffault, Phoenix, 3; Hynes, San Diego, 3; Dineen, Seattle, 3.

POWER-PLAY GOALS---Saunders, Portland, 7; O'Ree, San Diego, 4; Schmautz, Portland, 3; Johnson, Portland, 3.

POWER-PLAY GOALS AGAINST---Kilpatrick, Seattle, 5; Mavety, Denver, 3; Schella, Denver, 3; Ward, Seattle, 3; Pratt, Vancouver, 3.

MINOR PENALTIES---Kilpatrick, Seattle, 20; Madigan, Portland, 18; Mavety, Denver, 16; Ward, Seattle, 16; Pratt, Vancouver, 14; Cardiff, San Diego, 14; Polanic, Phoenix, 13; Larose, Seattle, 10; Schella, Denver, 10; Johns, Vancouver, 9.

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LONGEST WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE STREAKS (Games through November 17)

POINTS-----Goften, Vancouver, 10 games; Saunders, Portland, 9 games*; Bathgate, Vancouver, 8 games; Johnson, Portland, 6 games*; Hynes, San Diego, 6 games; Stratton, Sea, 6 games; O'Ree, San Diego, 6 games; Gagnon, Vancouver, 5 games; Kabel, Phoenix, 5 games; McKechnie, Phoenix, 5 games; Hilts, San Diego, 5 games*.

GOALS-----Saunders, Portland, 4 games; Lunde, Vancouver, 4 games; Heberton, Portland, 3 games; Schmautz, Portland, 3 games; Carmichael, San Diego, 3 games; Hilts, San Diego, 3 games; O'Ree, San Diego, 3 games; Bathgate, Vancouver, 3 games; Gofton, Vancouver, 3 games.

ASSISTS----Stratton, Seattle, 6 games; O'Ree, San Diego, 5 games; Gagnon, Vancouver, 5 games; Johnson, Portland, 4 games*; McKechnie, Phoenix, 4 games; Jones, Portland, 4 games; Saunders, Portland, 4 games; B. Carter, Denver, 4 games; Fielder, Seattle, 4 games; Vejprava, Denver, 4 games.

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MILESTONES --- The next point scored by PHIL MALONEY of Vancouver will be his 900th in the Western Hockey League . . . SANDY HUCUL of Phoenix will play his 900th Western League game (barring injury) on November 27 in San Diego . . . HUCUL also needs only three more assists to hit the 300-mark . . . CONNIE MADIGAN of Portland and WILLIE O'REE of San Diego started action this week with 197 WHL assists . . . and JIM HAY of Portland had 196 after action last week . . . Seattle's DON WARD is closing in on 1,000 minutes in penalties in the Western League . . . he started play this week with 981 . . .

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH NOVEMBER 17, 1968

| | MIN. | GA | SO | AVE. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|--|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| McCartan - San Diego | 534 | 22 | 0 | 2.47 | 264 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Champoux - San Diego | 486 | 23 | 0 | 2.84 | 269 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 1020 | 45 | 0 | 2.65 | 533 | 11 | 3 | 3 |
| Charron - Phoenix | 508 | 22 | 1 | 2.59 | 238 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 270 | 14 | 0 | 3.11 | 137 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 780 | 36 | 1 | 2.77 | 375 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Head - Seattle | 203 | 7 | 0 | 2.07 | 86 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 937 | 47 | 1 | 3.01 | 450 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 1140 | 54 | 1 | 2.84 | 536 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goals) | 984 | 45
1 | 1 | 2.74 | 400 | 7 | 7 | 3 |
| Millar - Vancouver | 94 | 6 | 0 | 3.82 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 1080 | 52 | 1 | 2.89 | 443 | 8 | 7 | 3 |
| Kelly - Portland | 580 | 29 | 1 | 3.00 | 264 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| McLeod - Portland | 360 | 20 | 0 | 3.33 | 157 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 1020 | 56 | 1 | 3.29 | 463 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Farr - Denver | 240 | 13 | 0 | 3.25 | 98 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Caron - Denver | 837 | 61 | 0 | 4.37 | 417 | 1 | 12 | 1 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 1080 | 74 | 0 | 4.11 | 515 | 2 | 14 | 2 |

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TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OTHER (Games through 11-17-68)

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 0-2-0 | 0-2-1 | 0-5-0 | 1-3-0 | 1-2-1 |
| Phoenix | 2-0-0 | ---- | 0-1-1 | 2-1-1 | 1-1-1 | 0-2-0 |
| Portland | 2-0-1 | 1-0-1 | ---- | 1-2-0 | 2-1-1 | 2-1-2 |
| San Diego | 5-0-0 | 1-2-1 | 2-1-0 | ---- | 1-0-2 | 2-0-0 |
| Seattle | 3-1-0 | 1-1-1 | 1-2-1 | 0-1-2 | ---- | 2-3-0 |
| Vancouver | 2-1-1 | 2-0-0 | 1-2-2 | 0-2-0 | 3-2-0 | ---- |

TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OTHER

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S.D. | Sea. | Vanc. | | GP | W | L |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----|---|---|
| Denver | ---- | 6-9 | 11-15 | 11-22 | 10-18 | 9-10 | San Diego | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Phoenix | 9-6 | --- | 4-7 | 15-9 | 6-4 | 4-10 | Seattle | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Portland | 15-11 | 7-4 | --- | 8-15 | 13-9 | 20-17 | Vancouver | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| San Diego | 22-11 | 9-15 | 15-8 | --- | 12-7 | 8-4 | Portland | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Seattle | 18-10 | 4-6 | 9-13 | 7-12 | --- | 11-13 | Phoenix | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Vancouver | 10-9 | 10-4 | 17-20 | 4-8 | 13-11 | --- | Denver | 8 | 1 | 7 |

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Western Hockey League

November 27, 1968

Release #15

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A head-on clash of the first-place San Diego Gulls and the second-place Portland Buckaroos Saturday night in San Diego will highlight a weekend schedule of six Western Hockey League games.

Weekend action opens Friday night with Phoenix in Denver and Seattle in Vancouver.

The Roadrunners will be playing their sixth straight road game as they pay their first visit of the season in the mile-high city. And there should be tremendous incentive for both clubs. As action got under way this week, Phoenix had won only one of eight road games, and the Spurs had played eight in a row without a victory.

Phoenix handed Denver 4-3 and 5-3 defeats in the first two meetings of the two clubs in Arizona. And it's been a big series for Roadrunner forward Bob Charlebois, who has sniped five goals in two games against Denver.

Vancouver, meanwhile, had won four of six games from Seattle going into Wednesday night's clash on the Totems' home ice. Goalie George Gardner of the Canucks had proved especially tough against the Totems, holding them to 1.83 goals a game in the first six meetings --- his best record against any single opponent. Top scorer in the series in the first six tests was Guyle Fielder of Seattle with seven points, while John Gofton and Bryan Hextall had paced the Canucks with five points each.

On Saturday night, Phoenix will remain in Denver for a rematch, and the Portland Buckaroos will move into San Diego for the big one.

San Diego was the only Western League team with a winning record against Portland last season. And the Gulls are the only team with a winning record against the Bucks in this campaign, too, losing 4-6 to a five-goal, second-period explosion, then winning 3-1 in San Diego and 8-1 in Portland. The 8-1 defeat was Portland's worst in history on the Buckaroos' home ice.

Portland started action this week with a seven-game undefeated streak. San Diego had lost only once in the Gulls' last 12 games. Top scorer in the Gulls-Buckaroos series has been Willie O'Ree with six points on three goals and three assists, while Bill Saunders has paced the Bucks with four points on three goals and one assist. This figures since Saunders and O'Ree ranked 1-2 in the WHL scoring race as the week started. Saunders skated into action this week with a 13-game point-scoring streak alive.

The week's schedule will wind up Sunday night with Vancouver in Seattle for the third game of the week and ninth of the season between the Canucks and Totems, and the Portland Buckaroos will be in Phoenix. The Bucks have whipped the Roadrunners three times in Portland and came from behind for a 4-4 tie in the only test in Phoenix. This has been a big series for Bill Saunders (5-4-9 in four games) and for Dave Kelly, two shutouts against Phoenix.

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SAN DIEGO'S SINCLAIR BECOMES HIGHEST-SCORING DEFENSEMAN IN WHL HISTORY

The clock in Denver showed 7 minutes and 25 seconds played on the Friday night of November 22 when San Diego's Willie O'Ree beat Spur goalie Jacques Caron.

Setting up O'Ree's goal, the first of the game, was San Diego defenseman Gordon Sinclair.

And with that assist, Sinclair became the highest-scoring defenseman in the history of the Western Hockey League. The point was the 577th of Sinclair's career with New Westminster, Seattle and San Diego and put him one ahead of the former leader, Fred Hucul, who finished with 576 points in 711 games in the Western League.

Sinclair earned another assists and scored a goal the same night and finished the week with a career total of 579 points on 136 goals and 443 assists in 964 games. Hucul collected his 576 points on 151 goals and 425 assists.

And Sinclair, it might be added, shows no signs of slowing down. In action through Sunday, he was the highest-scoring defenseman in the league with 14 points on 3 goals and 11 assists.

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FIRST GOALS MEAN VICTORIES --- EXCEPT FOR DENVER'S LUCKLESS SPURS

In the first 60 Western Hockey League games this season, the team scoring first won 31 and lost 17 --- with 12 ties thrown in.

Since teams scoring first won at a better than two-to-one clip last season, the importance of the jump goal seems a bit less in this campaign. The total figures are misleading, however, because of the troubles of the Denver Spurs.

The Spurs actually lead the league in first goals with 15 --- and in those 15 games they won only one and tied three while losing 11. The rest of the league posted a combined record, when scoring first, of 30 victories, 6 defeats and 9 ties.

In action through Sunday, in fact, Portland had not lost a game in which the Buckaroos sniped the first goal.

The records of each team for games in which each club scored first:

| | <u>Scored First</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Tied</u> |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Portland | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 |
| San Diego | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 |
| Vancouver | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Phoenix | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Seattle | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Denver | 15 | 1 | 11 | 3 |

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WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES -- The San Diego Gulls now have won eight road games, one more than they captured during the entire 1966-67 season and just one short of the nine they won all last season . . . when Phoenix exploded for eight goals in Seattle Saturday night, the Roadrunners matched their goal total for their seven other road games combined.

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SCORING LEADERS AGAINST EACH WESTERN LEAGUE TEAM

DENVER Phoenix, B. Carter, 3 points; Portland, Vejprava, Martin, B. Carter, 5; San Diego, Rodger, 7; Seattle, Jankowski, 4; Vancouver, B. Carter, 4.

PHOENIX Denver, Charlebois, 5 points; Portland, Pronovost, 3; San Diego, Thiffault, Charlebois, 5; Seattle, Charlebois, 6; Vancouver, Kabel, McKechnie, 3.

PORTLAND Denver, Jones, 7; Phoenix, Saunders, 9; San Diego, Saunders, 4; Seattle, Schmautz, 8; Vancouver, Johnson, Saunders, 10.

SAN DIEGO Denver, O'Ree, 15; Phoenix, four tied at 3; Portland, O'Ree, 6; Seattle, Hynes, 7; Vancouver, Hilts, 3.

SEATTLE Denver, Fielder, 11; Phoenix, Fielder, 4; Portland, Dineen, 5; San Diego, Courcy, Michie, 3; Vancouver, Fielder, 7.

VANCOUVER Denver, Bathgate, Gagnon, 5; Phoenix, Maloney, 6; Portland, Hall, 7; San Diego Johns, Hall, 2; Seattle, Hextall, Gofton, 5.
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GOAL-SCORING LEADERS AGAINST EACH WESTERN LEAGUE TEAM

DENVER Phoenix, six tied at 1; Portland, Vejprava, 4; San Diego, four tied at 3; Seattle, Jankowski, Redahl, 2; Vancouver, Rodger, Lemieux, Martin, 2.

PHOENIX Denver, Charlebois, 5; Portland, five tied at 1; San Diego, Snell, Charlebois, 3; Seattle, Four tied, 2; Vancouver, Charlebois, 2.

PORTLAND Denver, Saunders, 4; Phoenix, Saunders, 5; San Diego, Saunders, 3; Seattle, Bellerive, Schmautz, 3; Vancouver, Saunders, Pearson, Schmautz, 4.

SAN DIEGO Denver, O'Ree, 10; Phoenix, Hilts, 2; Portland, Hilts, O'Ree, Nicholson, 3; Seattle, MacMillan, 4; Vancouver, Hilts, 2.

SEATTLE Denver, Courcy, 4; Phoenix, Larose, 2; Portland, four tied at 2; San Diego, Courcy, 3; Vancouver, Courcy, Michie, Boileau, 2.

VANCOUVER Denver, Bathgate, 3; Phoenix, Sillers, Harris, Gofton, 2; Portland, Lunde, Hall, 3; San Diego, Hall, 2; Seattle, Gofton, Taylor, 3.
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PENALTY LEADERS AGAINST EACH WESTERN LEAGUE TEAM

DENVER Phoenix, Mavety, 4 minutes; Portland, Mavety, 10; San Diego, Goegan, 20; Seattle, Mavety, 6; Vancouver, Lemieux, 6.

PHOENIX Denver, Polanic, 6 minutes; Portland, Hucul, 20; San Diego, Polanic, Cote, 10; Seattle, four tied at 4; Vancouver, Polanic, Cote, 4.

PORTLAND Denver, Saunders, 6; Phoenix, Madigan, 8; San Diego, Madigan, 13; Seattle, Madigan, 14; Vancouver, Madigan, 12.

SAN DIEGO Denver, Eagle, 20; Phoenix, Cardiff, 11; Portland, Nicholson, 12; Seattle, Huculak, 10; Vancouver, Richardson, Carmichael, 4.

SEATTLE Denver, Kilpatrick, Ward, 4; Phoenix, Larose, Hanna, 8; Portland, Kilpatrick, 18; San Diego, Head, 22; Vancouver, Kilpatrick, Larose, 10.

VANCOUVER Denver, Pratt, 12; Phoenix, Sillers, 4; Portland, Hextall, Barlow, 14; San Diego, Lemieux, Sly, Maloney, 4; Seattle, Lemieux, 22.
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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 1968

| | MIN. | GA | SO | AVE. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| McCartan - San Diego | 654 | 27 | 0 | 2.48 | 320 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Champoux - San Diego | 546 | 27 | 0 | 2.97 | 296 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| <u>SAN DIEGO TOTALS</u> | <u>1200</u> | <u>54</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2.70</u> | <u>616</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> |
| Charron - Phoenix | 628 | 25 | 1 | 2.38 | 286 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 330 | 20 | 0 | 3.64 | 163 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| <u>PHOENIX TOTALS</u> | <u>960</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2.81</u> | <u>449</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>3</u> |
| Kelly - Portland | 697 | 30 | 2 | 2.59 | 316 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| McLeod - Portland | 483 | 24 | 0 | 2.98 | 204 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <u>PORTLAND TOTALS</u> | <u>1260</u> | <u>61</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2.90</u> | <u>562</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>6</u> |
| Gardner - Vancouver | 1104 | 52 | 2 | 2.83 | 445 | 8 | 8 | 3 |
| (Empty net goals) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Millar - Vancouver | 94 | 6 | 0 | 3.82 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>VANCOUVER TOTALS</u> | <u>1200</u> | <u>59</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2.95</u> | <u>488</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>3</u> |
| Head - Seattle | 323 | 15 | 0 | 2.79 | 151 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 997 | 55 | 1 | 3.31 | 469 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| <u>SEATTLE TOTALS</u> | <u>1320</u> | <u>70</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3.18</u> | <u>620</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>5</u> |
| Farr - Denver | 300 | 17 | 0 | 3.40 | 129 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Caron - Denver | 956 | 69 | 0 | 4.34 | 461 | 1 | 14 | 1 |
| <u>DENVER TOTALS</u> | <u>1260</u> | <u>86</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>4.10</u> | <u>590</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>3</u> |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER (Games through 11-24-68)

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 0-2-0 | 0-2-1 | 0-7-1 | 1-3-0 | 1-2-1 |
| Phoenix | 2-0-0 | ----- | 0-3-1 | 2-1-1 | 2-1-1 | 0-2-0 |
| Portland | 2-0-1 | 3-0-1 | ----- | 1-2-0 | 2-1-2 | 3-1-2 |
| San Diego | 7-0-1 | 1-2-1 | 2-1-0 | ----- | 1-0-2 | 2-0-0 |
| Seattle | 3-1-0 | 1-2-1 | 1-2-2 | 0-1-2 | ----- | 2-4-0 |
| Vancouver | 2-1-1 | 2-0-0 | 1-3-2 | 0-2-0 | 4-2-0 | ----- |

TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OTHER

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. | | GP | W | L |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----|---|---|
| Denver | ---- | 6-9 | 11-15 | 20-34 | 10-18 | 9-10 | San Diego | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Phoenix | 9-6 | ---- | 5-14 | 15-9 | 14-6 | 4-10 | Seattle | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Portland | 15-11 | 14-5 | ---- | 8-15 | 16-12 | 27-18 | Portland | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| San Diego | 34-20 | 9-15 | 15-8 | ---- | 12-7 | 8-4 | Vancouver | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| Seattle | 18-10 | 6-14 | 12-16 | 7-12 | ---- | 11-18 | Phoenix | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Vancouver | 10-9 | 10-4 | 18-27 | 4-8 | 18-11 | ---- | Denver | 9 | 1 | 8 |



Western Hockey League

December 4, 1968

Release #17

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Everyones pre-season pick, Vancouver, and the team that's fooling the experts, San Diego, cap this week's Western Hockey League action with a back-to-back meeting in San Diego Saturday and Sunday.

The confrontation between San Diego and Vancouver is the "heart" of a six-game swing by the Canucks through the southern half of the WHL. Vancouver will be in Phoenix for its second game with the Roadrunners on Thursday after opening with a 3-0 loss on Tuesday.

San Diego opens its week at Denver in search of the Gulls' seventh straight decision without a loss that would tie a club record. The Gulls fly into Seattle for a Thursday match against the Totems before heading home to face Vancouver.

Denver, with a two game victory string going on home ice, faces the Gulls before a home-and-home series with Phoenix. Denver and the Roadrunners are all even at 2-2 after four meetings. Phoenix is at Denver on Friday with the return match Saturday in Phoenix.

Saturday's third match will pit the Seattle Totems against the Portland Buckaroos. The Bucks, unbeaten in their last 10 starts (5 wins, 5 ties), need a win to equal a club record of 11 games without a loss. Portland holds a 2-1-2 margin in the series with both victories coming in the Rose City.

Vancouver and San Diego have met twice already this season with the Gulls holding a 2-0 record. But both the Gulls' wins have been in Vancouver. To make matters even worse, the Gulls are unbeaten in 10 games at home and the Canucks (3-6-2) haven't been impressive on the road. Leading scorer in the series has been the Gulls' Fred Hilts with two goals and an assist.

Canuck goalie George Gardner, who's 2.84 against all comers, has been clipped for eight goals in the prior matches while Jack McCartan gave up only a single goal in his one appearance in Vancouver.

Biggest scorer in the Denver-Phoenix matches has been the Carter family. Both Bill (3-2) and Don (2-3) have five points against the 'Runners. But the Spurs haven't been able to stop Phoenix' Bob Charlebois who has rammed home 7 of 13 goals against Denver.

San Diego is 1-0-2 against the Totems. But both ties have been in the south. The Gulls' previous appearance in Seattle was a 7-2 victory. In Saturday's Buck-Totem duel the 1-time scoring champ, Guyle Fielder and the current leader, Bill Saunders, are overshadowed by Portland's Cliff Schmutz, who has eight (3-5) points.

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE LEADERS (Games through December 1, 1968)

GOALS-----Saunders, Portland, 20; Hilts, San Diego, 16; O'Ree, San Diego, 15;
Courcy, Seattle, 14; Charlebois, Phoenix, 13; Johnson, Portland, 12;
Bathgate, Vancouver, 12; Schmautz, Portland, 10; Bellerive, Portland, 10;
Martin, Denver, 9; Faulkner, San Diego, 9.

ASSISTS---Fielder, Seattle, 28; Hynes, San Diego 22; Jones, Portland, 21; Faulkner,
San Diego, 20; Saunders, Portland, 18; O'Ree, San Diego, 16; Kabel, Phoenix,
15; Johnson, Portland, 13; Hebenton, Portland, 13; four players tied with
12 each.

PENALTY MINUTES---Madigan, Portland, 57; Mavety, Denver, 46; Kilpatrick, Seattle, 44;
B. Lemieux, Vancouver, 43; Johns, Vancouver, 40; Ward, Seattle, 40; Polanic,
Phoenix, 39; Eagle, San Diego, 35; Cardiff, San Diego, 35; Schella, Denver, 33.

FIRST GOALS---Vejprava, Denver, 4; Johnson, Portland, 4; B. Carter, Denver, 3; Saunders,
Portland, 3; Hilts, San Diego, 3; 11 players tied with 2 each.

GAME-WINNING GOALS---Hilts, San Diego, 5; Lunde, Vancouver, 3; Carmichael, San Diego 3;
9 players tied with 2 each.

GAME WINNING ASSISTS---Saunders, Portland, 5; Faulkner, San Diego, 4; Hynes, San Diego, 4;
Thiffault, Phoenix, 3; Dineen, Seattle, 3; Fielder, Seattle, 3; Gofton, Vanc, 3.

POWER PLAY GOALS---Saunders, Portland, 10; Johnson, Portland, 5; Harris, Vancouver, 4;
O'Ree, San Diego, 4; Pronovost, Phoenix, 3; Schmautz, Portland, 3; Hilts, San
Diego, 3; Hanna, Seattle, 3.

POWER PLAY GOALS AGAINST---Kilpatrick, Seattle, 5; Mavety, Denver, 4; Polanic, Phoenix, 4;
Schella, Denver, 3; Dupont, Phoenix, 3; Hucul, Phoenix, 3; Messier, Portland, 3;
Saunders, Portland, 3; Eagle, San Diego, 3; Larose, Seattle, 3; Ward, Seattle, 3;
Pratt, Vancouver, 3; Sly, Vancouver, 3.

MINOR PENALTIES---Madigan, Portland, 26; Mavety, Denver, 23; Kilpatrick, Seattle, 22;
Ward, Seattle, 19; Larose, Seattle, 18; Polanic, Phoenix, 17; Pratt, Vancouver, 16;
Johns, Vancouver, 15; Cardiff, San Diego, 15; Eagle, San Diego, 15.

MILESTONES----The next assist by Phoenix' SANDY HUCUL will be his 300th in the Western
Hockey League. . . . Portland's CONNIE MADIGAN needs 2 assists for 200 . . . GORDY VEJPRAVA'S
next point will be his 500th and BRYAN HEXTALL'S his 100th. . . In penalties, JIM HAY of
Portland needs 10 minutes to hit 1,300. . . CHUCK HOLMES' next infraction will put him past
500 minutes . . . Vancouver's TRACY PRATT is 3 minutes shy of 200 and LARRY MAVETY needs 6
minutes to reach the same point . . . DON JOHNS is only an infraction away from 400 penalty
minutes.

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LINEUP CHANGES:

--- Phoenix remove #12 Walt McKechnie ADD #14 Del Topoli LW
 Change from #16 to #12 Wayne Carleton C
--- Portland remove #1 Bob Sneddon Goal
--- Vancouver add #2 Marc Reaume Def

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 1968

| | MIN. | GA | SO | AVE. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|--|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| McCartan - San Diego | 716 | 29 | 0 | 2.44 | 347 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Champoux - San Diego | 604 | 29 | 0 | 2.88 | 323 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 1320 | 58 | 0 | 2.64 | 670 | 14 | 3 | 5 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Kelly - Portland | 757 | 32 | 2 | 2.54 | 338 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| McLeod - Portland
(DEPARTED GOALIES) | 603 | 28 | 0 | 2.67 | 275 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 1440 | 67 | 2 | 2.79 | 655 | 12 | 4 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goals) | 1224 | 58 | 2 | 2.84 | 495 | 10 | 8 | 3 |
| Millar - Vancouver | 204 | 13 | 0 | 3.82 | 84 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 1440 | 72 | 2 | 3.00 | 579 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 808 | 39 | 1 | 2.89 | 375 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 450 | 28 | 0 | 3.73 | 202 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 1260 | 67 | 1 | 3.19 | 577 | 6 | 11 | 4 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Head - Seattle | 503 | 25 | 0 | 2.98 | 237 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 997 | 55 | 1 | 3.31 | 469 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 1500 | 80 | 1 | 3.20 | 706 | 8 | 12 | 5 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Farr - Denver | 419 | 22 | 0 | 3.14 | 177 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Caron - Denver | 1016 | 71 | 0 | 4.20 | 480 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 1440 | 93 | 0 | 3.88 | 657 | 4 | 17 | 3 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER (Games through 12-1-68)

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ----- | 2-2-0 | 0-3-1 | 0-7-1 | 1-3-0 | 1-2-1 |
| Phoenix | 2-2-0 | ----- | 0-3-2 | 2-2-1 | 2-1-1 | 0-3-0 |
| Portland | 3-0-1 | 3-0-2 | ----- | 1-2-1 | 2-1-2 | 3-1-2 |
| San Diego | 7-0-1 | 2-2-1 | 2-1-1 | ----- | 1-0-2 | 2-0-0 |
| Seattle | 3-1-0 | 1-2-1 | 1-2-2 | 0-1-2 | ----- | 3-6-0 |
| Vancouver | 2-1-1 | 3-0-0 | 1-3-2 | 0-2-0 | 6-3-0 | ----- |

TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OTHER

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S.D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ----- | 16-13 | 13-18 | 20-34 | 10-18 | 9-10 |
| Phoenix | 13-16 | ----- | 7-16 | 17-16 | 14-6 | 6-13 |
| Portland | 18-13 | 16-7 | ----- | 10-17 | 16-12 | 27-18 |
| San Diego | 34-20 | 16-17 | 17-10 | ----- | 12-7 | 8-4 |
| Seattle | 18-10 | 6-14 | 12-16 | 7-12 | ----- | 22-28 |
| Vancouver | 10-9 | 13-6 | 18-27 | 4-8 | 28-22 | ----- |

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | GP | W | L |
|-----------|----|---|---|
| San Diego | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Portland | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Seattle | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Vancouver | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Phoenix | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Denver | 10 | 1 | 9 |

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Western Hockey League

December 11, 1968

Release #19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The San Diego Gulls will have to do the "thing" they do best this week to stay ahead of the pack in the Western Hockey League.

The Gulls, who have claimed 10 victories in 14 starts on the road this season, face three-games-in-three-nights against a trio of teams that collectively are breathing down the Gulls' neck.

Three of the Gulls' four games this week are on the road while Phoenix, in an attempt to gain ground on the leaders, will play two of the scheduled four games at home.

The Gulls face Vancouver on the Canucks' home ice Friday as all six teams go to the post.

Runnerup Portland invades Seattle Friday for a return match against the Totems. The hotley contested rivalry was even (2-2-2) when the Bucks and Totems opened their week action in Portland's Memorial Coliseum Wednesday.

Denver and Phoenix round out the Friday schedule in another week-end of home-and-home battles between the Spurs and Roadrunners. Each team has won three times in the six previous encounters but the Spurs have outscored Phoenix, 24-18. Friday's game is billed for Phoenix with the teams in Denver Saturday.

Saturday, the Gulls will be in Portland against the Bucks. San Diego was the only team a year ago to post a winning record against the Bucks and the Gulls go into this game with a 2-1-1 bulge for the season. Leading scorer in the series is Willie O'Ree with three goals and seven points.

San Diego will wind up its invasion of the North in Seattle Sunday night against the Totems who are still looking for their first win of the season over the league leaders. Warren Hynes, who has collected nine of ten points on assists, is the top scorer.

In a 74 hour span through Saturday, the Gulls will have faced each of the teams who have combined to hand the league leaders their five defeats so far this season after opening the week against Phoenix at home Wednesday.

Vancouver's home game Friday will mark the Canucks' first appearance in Vancouver in two weeks. The Canucks opened the week with five of a possible ten points after being outout Tuesday for the second time in five days by the Phoenix Roadrunners. The Canucks were scheduled in Denver Wednesday.

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The San Diego Gulls haven't reduced their scoring pace on the road but the rest of the Western Hockey League teams are starting to cut down the lopsided margin. The Gulls still hold down the top four spots and six of the top seven with Portland's Bill Saunders currently fifth among road scorers. San Diego and Vancouver have each played 14 road games

THE TOP SCORERS ON THE ROAD IN GAMES PLAYED THROUGH DECEMBER 8th

| NAME | TEAM | GP | G | A | TP |
|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| O'Ree | San Diego | 14 | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| Hynes | San Diego | 14 | 5 | 18 | 23 |
| Faulkner | San Diego | 14 | 4 | 15 | 19 |
| Hilts | San Diego | 14 | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Saunders | Portland | 13 | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| Carmichael | San Diego | 14 | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| MacMillan | San Diego | 14 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Hextall | Vancouver | 14 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Johnson | Portland | 13 | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| Barlow | Vancouver | 14 | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Jones | Portland | 13 | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Schmautz | Portland | 13 | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Hall | Vancouver | 14 | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| Hebenton | Portland | 13 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Bathgate | Vancouver | 13 | 6 | 4 | 10 |

At home, Seattle's Guyle Fielder continues to set the pace with 28 points, seven more than Portland's Saunders who is the only player to rank among the top five scorers both at home and on the road.

THE LEADING SCORERS AT HOME IN GAMES PLAYED THROUGH DECEMBER 8th

| NAME | TEAM | GP | G | A | TP |
|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Fielder | Seattle | 14 | 8 | 20 | 28 |
| Saunders | Portland | 12 | 11 | 10 | 21 |
| Courcy | Seattle | 14 | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| Jones | Portland | 12 | 3 | 15 | 18 |
| Hoekstra | Denver | 11 | 2 | 15 | 17 |
| Charlebois | Phoenix | 12 | 11 | 4 | 15 |
| Faulkner | San Diego | 13 | 6 | 9 | 15 |
| Vejprava | Denver | 13 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| O'Ree | San Diego | 11 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Johnson | Portland | 12 | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Hynes | San Diego | 13 | 3 | 10 | 13 |
| B. Carter | Denver | 13 | 3 | 10 | 13 |
| Lunde | Vancouver | 14 | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| Gofton | Vancouver | 12 | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Dineen | Seattle | 13 | 4 | 9 | 13 |

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TOTEMS' DINEEN PASSES 300TH WHL GAME FOR "SWEEP"

If you'd like an opinion on the relative merits of the National, American and Western Hockey League's check with Seattle's Bill Dineen.

The Totems' game against San Diego marked the 300th in the WHL for the 36-year-old winger. Not much you say.

Well Dineen also has played 323 games in the National Hockey League scoring 95 points on 51 goals and 44 assists. And don't forget another 37 playoff games.

Still not impressed?

Well, add another 391 games in the AHL where the son of a former NHL player scored 271 points on 132 goals and 139 assists.

In the WHL, Dineen has scored 113 goals among his 222 total points.

In a package, Dineen's career totals are 1,024 games, 296 goals, 292 assists and 588 points--in three leagues.

That, in sports, is what they call "balance."

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MILESTONES----For San Diego's BRUCE CARMICHAEL, the Gulls' game against Seattle Sunday night will mark his 800th in the WHL. . . CARMICHAEL also is only three assists shy of hitting 300 as play opened this week. . . Teammate ALEX FAULKNER will perform in his 100th WHL game in Portland Saturday. . . .Phoenix' BOB KABEL is minute shy of passing 400 minutes in infractions. . . . Portland's NORM JOHNSON still lacks a minor to hit 400 minutes Denver's JIM HOLDAWAY is 5 minutes shy of 200 penalty minutes.

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LINEUP CHANGES:

| | | | | |
|---------|------------------|-----|-----------------|------|
| Denver | <u>remove</u> | #30 | Rocky Farr | Goal |
| | <u>remove</u> | # 2 | Jacques Lemieux | Def |
| | <u>remove</u> | # 7 | Roger Picard | RW |
| | <u>add</u> | # 7 | Don Fedun | Def |
| Seattle | correct spelling | #2 | Ken Rodgers | Def |

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 1968

| | MIN. | GA | SO | AVE. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|--|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Kelly - Portland | 757 | 32 | 2 | 2.54 | 338 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| McLeod - Portland
(Empty Net Goal) | 663 | 31 | 0 | 2.81 | 306 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 1500 | 71 | 2 | 2.84 | 686 | 12 | 5 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goal) | 1464 | 68 | 2 | 2.79 | 620 | 12 | 9 | 4 |
| Millar - Vancouver | 204 | 13 | 0 | 3.82 | 84 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 1680 | 82 | 2 | 2.93 | 704 | 14 | 10 | 4 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| McCartan - San Diego | 836 | 39 | 0 | 2.79 | 415 | 10 | 3 | 1 |
| Champoux - San Diego
(Empty Net Goal) | 724 | 37 | 0 | 3.07 | 397 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 1560 | 77 | 0 | 2.96 | 812 | 16 | 5 | 5 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 928 | 47 | 1 | 3.04 | 417 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 570 | 30 | 1 | 3.16 | 255 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 1500 | 77 | 2 | 3.08 | 672 | 8 | 12 | 5 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Head - Seattle | 603 | 30 | 0 | 2.99 | 275 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 1017 | 60 | 1 | 3.54 | 4.75 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 1620 | 90 | 1 | 3.33 | 750 | 9 | 13 | 5 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Farr - Denver
(Empty Net Goal) | 478 | 26 | 0 | 3.26 | 204 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Caron - Denver
(Empty Net Goal) | 1135 | 75 | 1 | 3.97 | 533 | 3 | 15 | 1 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 1620 | 103 | 1 | 3.81 | 737 | 5 | 19 | 3 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER (Games through 12-8-68)

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 3-3-0 | 0-3-1 | 0-8-1 | 1-3-0 | 1-2-1 |
| Phoenix | 3-3-0 | ---- | 0-3-2 | 2-2-1 | 2-1-1 | 1-3-1 |
| Portland | 3-0-1 | 3-0-2 | ---- | 1-2-1 | 2-2-2 | 3-1-2 |
| San Diego | 8-0-1 | 2-2-1 | 2-1-1 | ---- | 2-0-2 | 2-2-0 |
| Seattle | 3-1-0 | 1-2-1 | 2-2-2 | 0-2-2 | ---- | 3-6-0 |
| Vancouver | 2-1-1 | 3-1-1 | 1-3-2 | 2-2-0 | 6-3-0 | ---- |

TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OTHER

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 24-18 | 13-18 | 23-39 | 10-18 | 9-10 |
| Phoenix | 18-24 | ---- | 7-16 | 17-16 | 14-6 | 11-15 |
| Portland | 18-13 | 16-7 | ---- | 10-17 | 18-16 | 27-18 |
| San Diego | 39-23 | 16-17 | 17-10 | ---- | 20-12 | 13-15 |
| Seattle | 18-10 | 6-14 | 16-18 | 12-20 | ---- | 22-28 |

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | GP | W | L |
|-----------|----|---|---|
| San Diego | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Portland | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Seattle | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Vancouver | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Phoenix | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Denver | 10 | 1 | 9 |



Western Hockey League

December 18, 1968

Release #21

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPECIAL NOTE: Because of the holiday season, only one release will be mailed, each of the next two weeks.

It's not a question of making ends meet. But attention in the Western Hockey League this weekend will focus on both the top and bottom of the championship race.

Portland and Vancouver, who have narrowed the gap on league leading San Diego, clash head-on Friday and Saturday while the Denver Spurs will have the opportunity to make up ground on the fifth place Seattle Totems.

The Spurs, scheduled for action five times this week, opened the week at Vancouver (Tuesday) and Portland (Wednesday) in search of their first road week victory after 13 winless starts away from home.

Portland, which could wind up the week with no worse than a tie for first place by sweeping its three games, invades Vancouver Friday night in search of its 11th decision without a loss in two years on the Canucks' ice.

The Buckaroos currently are rolling along with only a single defeat in their last 14 games and trail the Gulls by two points. Vancouver, with a 5-4-1 record in its last 10 games (8 on the road), trails in the series 1-3-2 with the lone victory in Portland. The Canucks trail Portland by only three points in the standings.

Canuck goalie George Gardner is 4.78 against the Buckaroos and 2.33 against the remainder of the league. The scorers are lead by Buckaroo Norm Johnson with 10 points. Top Canuck scorer in the series is Murray Hall with 5.

After two road games, the Spurs return home to face Seattle Friday and Saturday as the Totems open a three-games-in-three-nights swing that ends Sunday in Phoenix.

Denver is the only team the Totems have a winning record against (3-1-0) this season. In Seattle's last appearance in Denver, Totem goalie Jim Armstrong posted a 1-0 shutout. Armstrong, shelled for 7 Spur goals in Denver's only win, has given up only two goals in three other appearances.

But the Totems, still looking for back-to-back wins this season, will be facing a Denver club that has been "restocked" since the last meeting

The Totems, whose biggest win of the season was 8-2 over Denver, are paced by the Jack Michie-Guyle Fielder-Bob Courcy line. The trio has combined for 26 points (9 goals, 7 assists) against the Spurs with Fielder's 3-8-11 mark high. Gordy Redahl and Gordy Vejprava top Denver with 3 points each.

Seattle will wind up its swing in Phoenix where the Roadrunners have lost only one game as the week's action got under way--to the Totems. San Diego, after a game Thursday in Phoenix where the Gulls are winless, will return home to face the Spurs on Sunday.

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There's no question that the San Diego Gulls have been the biggest flash in the Western Hockey League this season. The Gulls jumped into the lead during the first week of the season and their performance has been glittering ever since.

But the Gulls have been more than a flash in the pan.

When it comes to consistency--game after game--the Gulls are on top of the pack, also. In fact, the Gulls have a trio of performers among the top five steadiest performers in the WHL.

Willie O'Ree of the Gulls and Portland's Bill Saunders share the top spot with a percentage of .786. Both O'Ree and Saunders who are battling for the scoring championship, have collected points in 22 of their 28 games.

Warren Hynes of the Gulls is only a whisker behind with a .767 clip. Buy Hynes also has scored in more (23) games than any other player.

Alex Faulkner completes the Gull trio with Denver's Ed Hoekstra in fifth place at .722.

So far, 31 players are at scoring at better than a .500 clip.

| PLAYER | TEAM | GP | GSI | PCT. |
|------------|-----------|----|-----|------|
| Carleton | Phoenix | 6 | 5 | .833 |
| Saunders | Portland | 28 | 22 | .786 |
| O'Ree | San Diego | 28 | 22 | .786 |
| Hynes | San Diego | 30 | 23 | .767 |
| Faulkner | San Diego | 30 | 22 | .733 |
| Hoekstra | Denver | 18 | 13 | .722 |
| Johnson | Portland | 28 | 20 | .714 |
| Hilts | San Diego | 30 | 21 | .700 |
| Jones | Portland | 28 | 19 | .679 |
| Fielder | Seattle | 30 | 20 | .667 |
| Carmichael | San Diego | 30 | 20 | .667 |
| Ronson | San Diego | 8 | 5 | .625 |
| Goyer | Portland | 23 | 14 | .609 |
| Vejprava | Denver | 28 | 17 | .607 |
| MacMillan | San Diego | 30 | 18 | .600 |
| Martin | Denver | 20 | 12 | .600 |
| Kabel | Phoenix | 29 | 17 | .586 |
| Hebenton | Portland | 28 | 16 | .571 |
| Michie | Seattle | 30 | 17 | .567 |
| Foley | Denver | 9 | 5 | .555 |
| Charlebois | Phoenix | 29 | 16 | .552 |
| Gofton | Vancouver | 29 | 16 | .552 |
| Hall | Vancouver | 29 | 16 | .552 |
| Barlow | Vancouver | 31 | 17 | .548 |
| Bathgate | Vancouver | 28 | 15 | .535 |
| Schmautz | Portland | 28 | 15 | .535 |
| Courcy | Seattle | 30 | 16 | .533 |
| Bellerive | Portland | 27 | 14 | .519 |
| Stratton | Seattle | 27 | 14 | .519 |
| Hextall | Vancouver | 30 | 15 | .500 |
| Paterson | Phoenix | 4 | 2 | .500 |

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Consistency and consecutive game strings for points, goals and assists go hand-in-hand.

Saunders, for example, has a season high string of points in 14 consecutive games, Faulkner has scored goals in five straight games and Denver's Hoekstra collected assists in 9 games. Portland's Connie Madigan has put together a string of 8 straight games in which he whistled down for an infraction of the rules.

In games through December 15th, WHL players have put together "strings" that look like this:

| <u>POINTS</u> | <u>GOALS</u> | <u>PENALTIES</u> |
|---|--|--|
| 14 Games--
Bill Saunders - Portland | 5 Games--
Alex Faulkner - San Diego | 8 Games--
Connie Madigan - Port. |
| 10 Games--
John Gofton - Vancouver
Alex Faulkner - San Diego | 4 Games--
Bill Saunders - Portland
Duke Harris - Vancouver
Len Lunde - Vancouver | 7 Games--
Larry Mavety - Denver |
| 9 Games--
Ed Hoekstra - Denver | 3 Games--
Bob Charlebois - Phoenix
Cliff Schmautz - Portland
Bruce Carmichael - San Diego
Fred Hjlts - San Diego
Willie O'Ree - San Diego
Andy Bathgate - Vancouver
John Gofton - Vancouver
Wilf Martin - Denver | 6 Games--
Jim Eagle - San Diego
Gary Kilpatrick-Sea. |
| 8 Games--
Art Jones - Portland
Andy Bathgate - Vancouver | | 5 Games--
Ray Larose - Seattle
Don Ward - Seattle
Ted Taylor - Vancouver
Bryan Hextall-Vanc.**
Tom Polanic-Phoenix |
| 7 Games--
Willie O'Ree - San Diego | | |
| 6 Games--
Norm Johnson - Portland
Fred Hjlts - San Diego
Warren Hynes - San Diego
Art Stratton - Seattle
Duke Harris - Vancouver | <u>ASSISTS</u> | 4 Games--
Randy Miller - Denver
Harry Shaw - Phoenix
Jim Hay - Portland
Jim Cardiff-San Diego
Darryl Sly-Vancouver |
| 6 Games--
Wilf Martin - Denver
Bob Kabel - Phoenix
Morris Stefaniw - Phoenix **
Roger Bellerive - Portland
John MacMillan - San Diego
Jack Michie - Seattle
Bob Barlow - Vancouver
Germain Gagnon - Vancouver
Bruce Carmichael - San Diego | 9 Games--
Ed Hoekstra - Denver | |
| | 6 Games--
Norm Johnson - Portland
Bill Saunders - Portland
Art Stratton - Portland
Alex Faulkner - San Diego | 3 Games--
Pete Goegan - Denver
Jacques Lemieux-Denv.
John Schella-Denver
Doug Messier-Portland
Don Johns-Vancouver
Bob Lemieux-Vancouver |
| | 5 Games--
Willie O'Ree - San Diego
Germain Gagnon - Vancouver | |
| | 4 Games--
Connie Madigan - Portland
Guyle Fielder - Seattle | |

** String still alive through games of 12-15-68.

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| | MIN. | GA | SO | AVE. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|----------------------|------|-----|----|------|-------|----|----|---|
| Kelly - Portland | 877 | 35 | 2 | 2.39 | 382 | 9 | 1 | 4 |
| McLeod - Portland | 723 | 32 | 0 | 2.66 | 331 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 1680 | 75 | 2 | 2.68 | 713 | 14 | 5 | 9 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Gardner - Vancouver | 1642 | 75 | 2 | 2.74 | 690 | 13 | 11 | 4 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Millar - Vancouver | 204 | 13 | 0 | 3.82 | 84 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 1860 | 89 | 2 | 2.87 | 774 | 15 | 12 | 4 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 1010 | 51 | 2 | 3.03 | 462 | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 728 | 37 | 1 | 3.05 | 344 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 1740 | 88 | 3 | 3.04 | 806 | 11 | 13 | 5 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| McCartan - San Diego | 975 | 45 | 0 | 2.77 | 484 | 11 | 4 | 1 |
| Champoux - San Diego | 825 | 46 | 0 | 3.35 | 460 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 1800 | 92 | 0 | 3.07 | 944 | 17 | 8 | 5 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Head - Seattle | 783 | 39 | 0 | 2.99 | 350 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 1017 | 60 | 1 | 3.54 | 475 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 1800 | 99 | 1 | 3.30 | 825 | 10 | 14 | 6 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Farr - Denver | 538 | 31 | 0 | 3.46 | 229 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | .1 | | | | | | |
| Caron - Denver | 1255 | 85 | 1 | 4.07 | 607 | 4 | 16 | 1 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| DENVER TOTALS | 1800 | 118 | 1 | 3.93 | 836 | 6 | 21 | 3 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 12-15-68)

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 3-5-0 | 0-3-1 | 0-8-1 | 1-3-0 | 2-2-1 |
| Phoenix | 5-3-0 | ---- | 0-3-2 | 2-3-1 | 2-1-1 | 2-3-1 |
| Portland | 3-0-1 | 3-0-2 | ---- | 2-2-1 | 3-2-3 | 3-1-2 |
| San Diego | 8-0-1 | 3-2-1 | 2-2-1 | ---- | 2-1-2 | 2-3-0 |
| Seattle | 3-1-0 | 1-2-1 | 2-3-3 | 1-2-2 | ---- | 3-6-0 |
| Vancouver | 2-2-1 | 3-2-1 | 1-3-2 | 3-2-0 | 6-3-0 | ----- |

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. | San Diego | GP | W | L |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----|---|---|
| Denver | ---- | 29-31 | 13-18 | 23-39 | 10-18 | 12-12 | Portland | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 31-29 | ---- | 7-16 | 18-22 | 14-6 | 12-15 | Seattle | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Portland | 18-13 | 16-7 | ---- | 14-18 | 24-19 | 27-18 | Vancouver | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| San Diego | 39-23 | 22-18 | 18-14 | ---- | 23-16 | 16-21 | Phoenix | 13 | 8 | 5 |
| Seattle | 18-10 | 6-14 | 19-24 | 16-23 | ---- | 22-28 | Denver | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Vancouver | 12-12 | 15-12 | 18-27 | 21-16 | 28-22 | ---- | | 11 | 2 | 9 |



Western Hockey League

January 8, 1969

Release #25

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

It's no surprise the Vancouver Canucks are leading the Western Hockey League. That's what the experts predicted would happen all along.

The Canucks went to the road this week for three games and face their two closest challengers before returning. On Thursday, Vancouver faces San Diego and Saturday invades Portland for a battle with the Buckaroos.

Both San Diego and Portland enjoy games-in-hand on the Canucks who held a slim two-point edge over the Gulls as the weeks action got under way.

Seattle opens a three-game road swing at Phoenix on Friday and has a rematch scheduled against the Roadrunners on Sunday. The Totems, however, sandwich a battle with San Diego on Saturday into the schedule, where Totem Jim Powers will play his 700th Western Hockey League game.

Portland, in addition to its battle with the Canucks Saturday, will meet the Denver Spurs twice. The Spurs will be in Portland Sunday after a Wednesday match that was rescheduled from the storm delayed January 1st contest.

The Canucks are unbeaten in San Diego this season, sweeping a back-to-back series with the Gulls in the only previous meeting in Southern California. Overall the Canucks hold a 3-2-0 edge in the series, outscoring the Gulls, 21-16.

It's a different story against the Buckaroos, however. Portland leads the series 4-2-3 and enjoys a 35-26 advantage in goals. But Vancouver is the hottest team in the WHL. The Canucks started the week with an unbeaten string of six games and have posted a 7-1-2 mark in their last 10 outings.

Highest scorers in the San Diego-Vancouver series are Murray Hall and Bryan Hextall of the Canucks with 9 points each. In the Portland-Vancouver series, Art Jones and Norm Johnson of the Bucks each have collected 13 points.

The Totems, bidding to widen the gap between themselves and the fifth place Roadrunners are all even with both weekend opponents. Seattle is 2-2-1 against Phoenix with both Totem wins coming on the road. Against San Diego, the Totems are 2-2-3. The Totems, however, have been outscored by Phoenix, 16-9, and by the Gulls, 29-20.

Phoenix goalie Rick Charron can't figure it out either. He's 1.80 against the Totems in five games and still all even.

Bob Charlebois paces the scorers with six points in the Seattle-Phoenix series while the injured Warren Hynes, with 13, tops the Totem-Gull scoring lists.

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Complete individual home-away and scoring records against each opponent through games of 1-5-69. * Indicates team leader.

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| DENVER | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | PHX. | PORT. | S.D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Caron | 0-1 | -- | 0-1 | 0-1 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Farr | 0-1 | -- | 0-1 | -- | -- | 0-1 | -- | -- |
| B. Carter | 5-14 | 5-7 | 10-21 | 3-4 | 1-4 | 3-5 | 1-1 | 2-7* |
| Foley | 1-4 | 2-6 | 3-10 | 1-4 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-6 |
| Goegan | 0-6 | 1-2 | 1-8 | 1-2 | 0-1 | -- | 0-3 | 0-2 |
| Hoekstra | 5-20* | 4-6 | 9-26 | 2-9* | 1-5 | 1-6 | 2-2 | 2-4 |
| Holdaway | 1-4 | 0-7 | 1-11 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-6 | -- | 0-3 |
| Johnson | 7-5 | 2-4 | 9-9 | 3-3 | 0-1 | 3-4 | 1-1 | 2-0 |
| Martin | 11-7 | 4-2 | 15-9 | 3-1 | 3-4* | 5-1 | 0-1 | 4-2 |
| Mavety | 1-5 | 3-7 | 4-12 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 1-5 | 0-1 | 2-0 |
| Miller | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-4 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | -- | -- |
| Redahl | 5-6 | 6-4 | 11-10 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 4-3 | 2-3* | 2-3 |
| Rodger | 6-5 | 6-9* | 12-14 | 4-3 | 1-1 | 4-6* | 0-2 | 3-2 |
| Schella | 1-5 | 2-1 | 3-5 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Topoll | 1-2 | 2-2 | 3-4 | -- | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-3 |
| Vejprava | 0-11 | 3-7 | 12-18 | 2-5 | 5-1 | 1-6 | 2-2 | 2-4 |

| PHOENIX | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | DENV. | PORT. | S.D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Broderick | 0-1 | -- | 0-1 | 0-1 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Carleton | 4-3 | 0-1 | 4-4 | 0-2 | 0-1 | -- | -- | 4-1* |
| Charlebois | 14-4* | 5-6 | 19-10 | 9-0 | -- | 5-4 | 3-3* | 2-3* |
| Cote | 0-7 | 0-1 | 0-8 | 0-3 | -- | 0-3 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Dunville | 0-6 | -- | 0-6 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-3 | -- | 0-1 |
| Erickson | 3-7 | 3-3 | 6-10 | 3-4 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 0-1 |
| Hucul | 0-5 | 1-1 | 1-6 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 0-1 | -- |
| Yabel | 4-12 | 3-9* | 7-21 | 1-9 | 1-0 | 4-5 | 0-4 | 1-3 |
| Lamoureux | 1-6 | 3-1 | 4-7 | 2-2 | -- | 2-0 | 0-2 | 0-3 |
| McVie | 4-7 | 5-7* | 9-14 | 5-6* | 1-0 | 2-5 | 1-2 | 0-1 |
| Paterson | 1-4 | 0-3 | 1-7 | 0-5 | -- | 1-2 | -- | -- |
| Polanic | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-4 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Pronovost | 8-6 | 4-3 | 12-9 | 1-5 | 2-2* | 5-0 | 3-2 | 1-0 |
| Shaw | 2-1 | 2-1 | 4-2 | 2-0 | -- | 1-1 | -- | 1-1 |
| Snell | 3-4 | 2-2 | 5-6 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 4-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 |
| Stefaniw | 7-1 | 0-5 | 7-6 | 4-1 | -- | 0-3 | 2-1 | 1-1 |
| Thiffault | 3-10 | 3-5 | 6-15 | 1-4 | 1-0 | 1-9* | 3-2 | -- |
| Wilcox | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | -- | -- | 0-1 | -- | -- |

| PORTLAND | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | DENV. | PHX. | S.D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Bellerive | 7-6 | 6-2 | 13-8 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 4-1 | 4-2 |
| Campbell | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Donaldson | 0-1 | 0-5 | 0-6 | 0-2 | 0-1 | -- | 0-1 | 0-2 |
| Goyer | 1-11 | 4-6 | 5-17 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 0-6* | 1-4 | 3-3 |
| Hay | 0-5 | 0-6 | 0-11 | 0-1 | -- | 0-1 | 0-5 | 0-4 |
| Hebenton | 4-12 | 4-6 | 8-18 | 0-2 | 2-3 | 0-5 | 3-6 | 3-2 |
| Johnson | 12-10 | 8-9 | 20-19 | 6-2 | 7-1 | 1-0 | 3-6 | 3-10* |
| Jones | 6-21 | 5-8 | 11-29 | 3-5 | 0-2 | 1-4 | 3-9 | 4-9* |
| Kearns | 1-8 | 0-6 | 1-14 | 0-3 | 0-3 | -- | 1-5 | 0-3 |
| Leach | 2-1 | 1-4 | 3-5 | 1-1 | -- | -- | 1-0 | 1-4 |
| Madigan | 1-4 | 1-5 | 2-9 | 0-3 | 1-1 | -- | 1-1 | 0-4 |
| Messier | 2-4 | 2-5 | 4-9 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 1-3 |
| Pearson | 2-4 | 7-4 | 9-8 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 6-2 |
| Quanders | 14-18* | 10-8* | 24-26 | 7-4* | 6-4* | 4-2* | 4-10* | 4-7 |
| Schmautz | 7-6 | 5-8 | 12-14 | 1-6 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 5-6 | 4-1 |
| Van Impe | 4-3 | 3-9 | 7-12 | 0-5 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 4-4 | 2-2 |

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| SAN DIEGO | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | DENV. | PHX. | PORT. | SEA. | VANC. |
|------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Champoux | -- | 0-1 | 0-1 | -- | -- | 0-1 | -- | -- |
| Cardiff | 1-2 | 0-5 | 1-7 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-3 | -- |
| Carmichael | 6-7 | 9-9 | 15-16 | 4-9 | 4-3 | 0-1 | 5-1 | 2-2 |
| Eagle | 0-4 | 0-5 | 0-9 | 0-4 | 0-3 | -- | 0-2 | -- |
| Ehrenverth | 2-4 | 1-6 | 3-10 | 0-3 | 2-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-4 |
| Evans | 1-1 | 0-3 | 1-4 | 0-2 | 1-1 | -- | -- | 0-1 |
| Faulkner | 8-13 | 4-19 | 12-32 | 6-13* | 3-6 | 2-4 | 0-6 | 1-3 |
| Gibbons | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Hilts | 16-10* | 10-9 | 26-19 | 8-3 | 8-6* | 3-2 | 5-5 | 2-3* |
| Huculak | 0-2 | 1-5 | 1-7 | 0-4 | -- | -- | 0-2 | 1-1 |
| Hunt | 1-3 | 2-3 | 3-6 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 |
| Hynes | 6-15 | 10-20* | 16-35 | 5-9 | 5-9* | 2-3 | 2-11* | 2-3* |
| MacMillan | 5-10 | 7-10 | 12-20 | 3-7 | 2-8 | 1-0 | 5-3 | 1-2 |
| Nicholson | 6-7 | 6-8 | 12-15 | 2-3 | 2-7 | 3-0 | 3-3 | 2-2 |
| O'Ree | 11-11 | 12-15 | 23-26 | 12-6 | 4-8 | 4-4* | 3-6 | 0-2 |
| Richardson | 3-4 | 3-6 | 6-10 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 0-1 | 1-2 |
| Ronson | 4-4 | 4-1 | 8-5 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 |
| Sinclair | 0-9 | 4-11 | 4-20 | 1-7 | 1-6 | 1-2 | 0-5 | 1-0 |
| Stanfield | 2-2 | 3-0 | 5-2 | 2-1 | -- | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 |

| SEATTLE | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | DENV. | PHX. | PORT. | S.D. | VANC. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Boileau | 5-7 | 3-4 | 8-11 | 2-1 | -- | 3-3 | 1-4 | 2-3 |
| Chiz | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | -- |
| Courcy | 15-9 | 6-5 | 21-14 | 5-4 | 1-1 | 5-4 | 4-2* | 6-3 |
| Dineen | 4-9 | 2-3 | 6-12 | 1-3 | -- | 2-4 | 1-2 | 2-3 |
| Fielder | 8-26* | 2-12* | 10-38 | 3-10* | 1-4* | 3-8* | 2-4* | 1-12* |
| Hanna | 6-7 | 5-2 | 11-9 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 4-4 | 3-1 | 1-1 |
| Holmes | 7-4 | 1-5 | 8-9 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 2-2 |
| Kilpatrick | 2-7 | 0-6 | 2-13 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-5* | 1-3 |
| Larose | 3-6 | 2-3 | 5-9 | 0-3 | 2-3* | 2-1 | -- | 1-2 |
| Leonard | 2-7 | 2-2 | 4-9 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 |
| Lund | 0-2 | 3-4 | 3-6 | 1-4 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | -- |
| Michie | 4-12 | 5-6 | 9-18 | 3-5 | 1-1 | 3-4 | 0-6* | 2-2 |
| Powers | 3-5 | 3-0 | 6-5 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 |
| Rodgers | -- | 0-1 | 0-1 | -- | -- | 0-1 | -- | -- |
| Stratton | 2-11 | 2-7 | 4-18 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-9 | 3-3* | 1-3 |
| Ward | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-3 | -- | -- | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 |

| VANCOUVER | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | DENV. | PHX. | PORT. | S.D. | SEA. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|
| Gardner | 0-1 | -- | 0-1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0-1 |
| Barlow | 12-11 | 6-8 | 18-19 | 6-4 | 2-1 | 3-6 | 4-2 | 3-6* |
| Bathgate | 8-7 | 8-5 | 16-12 | 6-4 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 5-1 |
| Gagnon | 2-9 | 3-7 | 5-16 | 1-8 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 2-1 |
| Gofton | 9-11 | 4-3 | 13-14 | 2-5 | 4-2* | 1-3 | 3-2 | 3-2 |
| Hall | 8-16* | 3-7 | 11-23 | 4-4 | 1-3 | 3-7* | 3-6* | 0-3 |
| Harris | 8-6 | 5-2 | 13-8 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 0-4 | 2-0 | 5-0 |
| Hextall | 5-16 | 6-13* | 11-29 | 2-13* | 0-3 | 2-3 | 4-5* | 3-5 |
| Johns | 1-10 | 0-6 | 1-16 | 0-5 | 0-3 | 1-4 | 0-3 | 0-1 |
| Lemieux | 0-4 | 3-3 | 3-7 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-2 |
| Lunde | 10-4 | 2-8 | 12-12 | 3-3 | 1-1 | 5-2 | 1-0 | 2-6 |
| Maloney | 2-10 | 0-3 | 2-13 | 0-2 | 0-6* | 2-0 | 0-3 | 0-2 |
| McCaskill | 2-1 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | -- | -- | -- | 0-1 |
| McNeill | 2-0 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | -- | 0-1 |
| Pratt | 1-4 | 1-2 | 2-6 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Reaume | 2-5 | 1-6 | 3-11 | 0-3 | -- | 2-1 | 0-5 | 1-2 |
| Sly | 1-5 | 1-4 | 2-9 | -- | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-5 |
| Taylor | 4-3 | 3-3 | 7-6 | 2-1 | -- | 1-3 | 1-1 | 3-1 |

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH JANUARY 5, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVE. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|--|------|---------|----|------|-------|----|----|----|
| Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goal) | 2122 | 95
1 | 2 | 2.69 | 879 | 18 | 12 | 6 |
| Millar - Vancouver | 274 | 14 | 0 | 3.06 | 114 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 2400 | 110 | 2 | 2.75 | 993 | 21 | 13 | 6 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Kelly - Portland | 1037 | 45 | 2 | 2.60 | 458 | 10 | 2 | 5 |
| McLeod - Portland
(Empty Net Goal) | 983 | 44
1 | 0 | 2.69 | 448 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 2100 | 97 | 2 | 2.77 | 948 | 17 | 8 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Champoux - San Diego
(Empty Net Goal) | 1005 | 51
1 | 1 | 3.04 | 553 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| McCartan - San Diego | 1275 | 65 | 0 | 3.06 | 642 | 12 | 6 | 3 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 2280 | 117 | 1 | 3.08 | 1195 | 19 | 11 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 1250 | 62 | 2 | 2.98 | 587 | 8 | 10 | 4 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 848 | 46 | 1 | 3.26 | 410 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 2100 | 108 | 3 | 3.09 | 997 | 12 | 16 | 7 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Lead - Seattle | 1123 | 53 | 0 | 2.83 | 509 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 1157 | 68 | 1 | 3.53 | 540 | 5 | 11 | 4 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 2280 | 121 | 1 | 3.18 | 1049 | 14 | 18 | 6 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Farr - Denver
(Empty Net Goal) | 903 | 57
1 | 0 | 3.79 | 409 | 4 | 8 | 2 |
| Caron - Denver
(Empty Net Goal) | 1489 | 98
1 | 2 | 3.95 | 715 | 5 | 18 | 3 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 2400 | 157 | 2 | 3.93 | 1124 | 9 | 26 | 5 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games Through 1-5-69)

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. | ONE GOAL DECISIONS | | | |
|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|----|----|----|
| Denver | ---- | 3-5-0 | 1-3-1 | 1-8-2 | 2-4-0 | 2-6-2 | | | | |
| Phoenix | 5-3-0 | ---- | 0-3-2 | 3-4-3 | 2-2-1 | 2-4-1 | | | | |
| Portland | 3-1-1 | 3-0-2 | ---- | 2-2-1 | 5-3-3 | 4-2-3 | | | | |
| San Diego | 8-1-2 | 4-3-0 | 2-2-1 | ---- | 3-2-2 | 2-3-0 | | | | |
| Seattle | 4-2-0 | 2-2-1 | 3-5-3 | 2-2-3 | ---- | 3-6-0 | Seattle | GP | W | L |
| Vancouver | 6-2-2 | 4-2-1 | 2-4-3 | 3-2-0 | 6-3-0 | ---- | Portland | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| | | * * * * * | | | | | Vancouver | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Vancouver | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| | | | | | | | San Diego | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Phoenix | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | Denver | 14 | 3 | 11 |

TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OPPONENT

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 29-31 | 19-21 | 33-48 | 15-22 | 24-35 |
| Phoenix | 31-29 | ---- | 7-16 | 29-37 | 16-9 | 13-17 |
| Portland | 21-19 | 16-7 | ---- | 14-18 | 35-27 | 35-26 |
| San Diego | 48-33 | 37-29 | 18-14 | ---- | 29-20 | 16-21 |
| Seattle | 22-15 | 9-16 | 27-35 | 20-29 | ---- | 22-28 |
| Vancouver | 35-24 | 17-13 | 26-35 | 21-16 | 28-22 | ---- |



Western Hockey League

January 15, 1969

Release #27

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Both the Phoenix Roadrunners and the Portland Buckaroos have one thing on their respective minds this week.

That's a sweep of the three games that each has on the schedule as balance is restored to the games played column. And since only four games are on tap, highest load of the season in the Western Hockey League, it's obvious that one...maybe both... will be disappointed.

Portland invades Phoenix for games on Friday and Saturday in the only weekend action after both were involved with mid-week games against other opponents. Vancouver, the league leader in the WHL, was in Portland for a Wednesday night game while the Roadrunners were at home against the Denver Spurs.

Optimistically, as the week started, a sweep of three games could vault Portland into first place. The Bucks could also nail down top spot with a victory over the Canucks at home and then splitting the pair with Phoenix.

Phoenix, meanwhile, could move into a tie for fourth place with the idle Seattle Totems by beating Denver and Portland twice.

Phoenix hasn't managed to beat the Buckaroos yet this season. In five games, the Bucks are 3-0-2 against the Roadrunners with both ties coming in Phoenix. In two of the Buckaroos' wins at home, the Roadrunners have been scoreless against Dave Kelly.

Scoring against the Buckaroos' has been the Roadrunners biggest problem. Only Andre Pronovost, with two goals and two assists, has scored more than a single point against Portland. Meanwhile, Bill Saunders has collected 10 points (6 goals and 4 assists) to lead the Buck scoring against Phoenix. Teammate Norm Johnson has 8 points and leads in goals with 7 as the Buckaroos have a 16-7 edge in goals scored so far.

In the nets, Kelly is 0.68 for three appearances against Phoenix while Jimmy McLeod is 0.95. Phoenix' Rick Charron, who has been between the pipes in both previous games, is 3.00 at home against the Bucks. Charron, however, is 2.49 against all-comers at home.

The odds, though, are with Phoenix. Although Portland holds an 11-5-3 edge over the Roadrunners in two seasons of play, the Buckaroos have managed only two wins and three ties in nine previous appearances at Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Denver, winless in Phoenix after four starts, has never scored more than three goals against the Roadrunners. The Buckaroos, in five previous games against the Canucks in Portland, are 2-2-1.

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It may be hard to imagine a goalie race. But the well-padded protectors of coaches' dreams are as jealous of their records and performances as any player with pride should be.

And the race for goaltending honors in the Western Hockey League is as hot as any scoring race.

Vancouver and Portland are nip-and-tuck in the team race but the Buckaroos' Jimmy McLeod and Dave Kelly are 1-3 in the individual race with Canuck George Gardner sandwiched in between.

McLeod's 1.91 goals against average is the best by any goalie at home while Kelly, with a 2.62 record on the road, tops that list. Gardner, however, is the only goalie that appears among the top five performers both home and away.

LEADING GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS AT HOME:

| NAME | TEAM | MIN. | GA | AVG. |
|----------|-------|------|----|------|
| McLeod | Port. | 503 | 15 | 1.91 |
| Millar | Vanc. | 60 | 2 | 2.00 |
| Champoux | S. D. | 718 | 26 | 2.17 |
| Charron | Phnx. | 748 | 31 | 2.49 |
| Gardner | Vanc. | 1259 | 53 | 2.53 |

LEADING GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS ON ROAD:

| NAME | TEAM | MIN. | GA | AVG. |
|-----------|-------|------|----|------|
| Kelly | Port. | 340 | 15 | 2.62 |
| Gardner | Vanc. | 983 | 48 | 2.93 |
| Head | Sea. | 537 | 28 | 3.13 |
| McCartan | S. D. | 853 | 46 | 3.23 |
| Armstrong | Sea. | 903 | 49 | 3.25 |

Best goalies record against any opponent is the 0.68 mark held by Kelly against Phoenix. The Buck goalie has allowed only two goals in just shy of three games. Kelly, however, also has the highest mark against a single opponent. In 80 minutes, he has allowed the Denver Spurs 11 goals, a mark of 8.27.

Complete records of goalies home, away and against each opponent are on Page 4.

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MILESTONES: NORM JOHNSON of Portland needed only one goal as the week's action got under way to hit the 300 mark . . . San Diego's BRUCE CARMICHAEL needed only one assist for 400..
 ..Phoenix' BOB KABEL one assist for 300. . . a level just reached by Denver's GORDY VEJPRAVA. . .CONNIE MADIGAN collected his 200th WHL assist and JIM HAY became the first WHL player to collect 1300 minutes in penalties.

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Complete home and away Goaltending records against each opponent through games played January 12, 1969.

* Indicates 'minutes played - goals against'

| | NAME | HOME | AWAY | PHX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| DENVER | Caron | * 814-48
3.54 | 735-55
4.49 | 299-18
3.60 | 179-14
4.75 | 479-35
4.38 | 240-17
4.25 | 352-19
3.23 |
| | Farr | * 564-31
3.30 | 399-32
4.81 | 180-12
4.00 | 169-12
4.03 | 179-12
4.00 | 180-11
3.67 | 245-16
3.94 |
| | | | | DENV. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
| PHOENIX | Charron | * 748-31
2.49 | 621-39
3.77 | 240-15
3.75 | 180-7
2.33 | 292-19
3.90 | 358-15
2.51 | 299-14
2.80 |
| | Broderick | * 450-19
2.53 | 458-29
3.80 | 240-14
3.50 | 120-9
4.50 | 308-18
3.51 | 60-2
2.00 | 180-5
1.67 |
| | | | | DENV. | PHX. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
| PORTLAND | McLeod | * 503-15
1.91 | 600-34
3.40 | 340-13
2.29 | 63-1
0.95 | 180-6
2.00 | 300-18
3.60 | 220-11
2.99 |
| | Kelly | * 757-36
2.85 | 340-15
2.62 | 80-11
8.27 | 177-2
0.68 | 120-12
6.00 | 360-8
1.33 | 360-18
3.00 |
| | | | | DENV. | PHX. | PORT. | SEA. | VANC. |
| SAN DIEGO | Champoux | * 718-26
2.17 | 347-27
4.67 | 246-8
1.95 | 178-8
2.69 | 120-7
3.50 | 281-16
3.42 | 340-14
3.67 |
| | McCartan | * 482-22
2.74 | 853-46
3.23 | 474-25
3.16 | 362-21
3.50 | 180-7
2.33 | 199-7
2.11 | 120-8
4.00 |
| | | | | DENV. | PHX. | PORT. | S. D. | VANC. |
| SEATTLE | Armstrong | * 434-28
3.87 | 903-49
3.25 | 294-11
2.24 | 360-20
3.33 | 300-18
3.60 | 263-21
4.79 | 120-7
3.50 |
| | Head | * 646-28
2.59 | 537-28
3.13 | 126-7
3.33 | 60-2
2.00 | 360-15
2.50 | 217-11
3.04 | 420-21
3.00 |
| | | | | DENV. | PHX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. |
| VANCOUVER | Gardner | *1259-53
2.53 | 983-48
2.93 | 525-21
2.40 | 359-11
1.83 | 578-38
519-34
3.93 | 419-18
2.57 | 420-15
2.14 |
| | Millar | * 60-2
2.00 | 274-15
3.28 | 73-3
2.46 | 120-5
2.25 | 81-4
2.96 | 00-0
0.00 | 60-5
5.00 |

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH JANUARY 12, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|--|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goal) | 2242 | 101
1 | 2 | 2.70 | 941 | 19 | 12 | 7 |
| Millar - Vancouver | 334 | 17 | 0 | 3.05 | 137 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 2580 | 119 | 2 | 2.77 | 1078 | 22 | 14 | 7 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Kelly - Portland | 1097 | 51 | 2 | 2.79 | 465 | 10 | 3 | 5 |
| McLeod - Portland
(Empty Net Goal) | 1103 | 49
1 | 0 | 2.67 | 502 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 2280 | 108 | 2 | 2.84 | 1009 | 19 | 9 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Champoux - San Diego
(Empty Net Goal) | 1065 | 53
1 | 1 | 2.99 | 587 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| McCartan - San Diego | 1335 | 68 | 0 | 3.06 | 663 | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 2400 | 122 | 1 | 3.05 | 1250 | 19 | 11 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 1369 | 70 | 2 | 3.06 | 640 | 9 | 11 | 4 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 908 | 48 | 1 | 3.17 | 427 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 2280 | 118 | 3 | 3.11 | 1067 | 13 | 17 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Head - Seattle | 1183 | 56 | 0 | 2.84 | 527 | 10 | 7 | 2 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 1337 | 77 | 1 | 3.46 | 635 | 6 | 11 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 2520 | 133 | 1 | 3.17 | 1162 | 16 | 18 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Farr - Denver
(Empty Net Goal) | 963 | 63
1 | 0 | 3.93 | 436 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
| Caron - Denver
(Empty Net Goal) | 1609 | 112
1 | 2 | 4.14 | 778 | 5 | 20 | 3 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 2580 | 177 | 2 | 4.12 | 1214 | 9 | 29 | 5 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games thru 1-12-69)

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 3-5-0 | 1-5-1 | 1-8-2 | 2-5-0 | 2-6-2 |
| Phoenix | 5-3-0 | ---- | 0-3-2 | 3-4-3 | 2-3-1 | 3-4-1 |
| Portland | 5-1-1 | 3-0-2 | ---- | 2-2-1 | 5-3-3 | 4-3-3 |
| San Diego | 8-1-2 | 4-3-0 | 2-2-1 | ---- | 3-2-3 | 2-3-1 |
| Vancouver | 6-2-2 | 4-3-1 | 3-4-3 | 3-2-1 | 6-3-0 | ---- |

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | GP | W | L |
|-----------|----|----|----|
| Seattle | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Portland | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Vancouver | 16 | 10 | 6 |
| San Diego | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Phoenix | 10 | 4 | 6 |
| Denver | 14 | 3 | 11 |

TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OPPONENT

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ---- | 29-31 | 24-35 | 33-48 | 18-28 | 24-35 |
| Phoenix | 31-29 | ---- | 7-16 | 29-37 | 22-17 | 16-19 |
| Portland | 35-24 | 16-7 | ---- | 14-18 | 35-27 | 39-32 |
| San Diego | 48-33 | 37-29 | 18-14 | ---- | 32-23 | 18-23 |
| Seattle | 26-18 | 17-22 | 27-35 | 23-32 | ---- | 22-28 |
| Vancouver | 35-24 | 19-16 | 32-39 | 23-18 | 28-22 | ---- |



Western Hockey League

January 22, 1969

Release #29

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

There's "no room at the top" of the Western Hockey League this week. But Portland, Vancouver and San Diego are determined to do something about the cramped conditions.

Portland, tied for the league lead with Vancouver as the week got under way, faced four road games on a swing that ends Sunday in Vancouver. San Diego, after two games against the Buckaroos, hits the road for Vancouver (Friday) and Seattle (Sunday). The Canucks, meanwhile, will be waiting and resting at home for their only two opponents of the week.

Seattle, which plays twice at Phoenix before returning home to begin a stretch of 16 contests out of 21 on home ice, could be the spoiler for both Portland and San Diego. The Totems started the week unbeaten in their last four games and strengthened by the return Earl Heiskala.

Portland and San Diego face a formidable task Friday when they invaded Seattle and Vancouver. San Diego, with a 2-1-0 record in Vancouver, faces a Canuck team that has gone unbeaten in its last nine appearances at home. The Buckaroos, winless in five previous games in Seattle, face a Totem team that hasn't been beaten in its last five home appearances.

San Diego's top scorers against Vancouver have been Fred Hiltz and Warren Hynes, each 2-3-5. The Canucks will counter with Murray Hall (5-6-11) and Bryan Hextall (4-7-11). Portland's top point getter against Seattle has been Bill Saunders with 14 (4-10) while the Totems counter with Guyle Fielder, who has 11 points (3-8).

On Saturday, Phoenix opens a two-game series in Denver. The Roadrunners, who have managed only two road wins, face a team that has lost only once in its last four starts at home.

On Sunday, two afternoon games are scheduled.

Denver will entertain Phoenix at 2:00 P.M., while the Portland-Vancouver match is scheduled for 2:30 P.M. The Buckaroos are even (2-1-2) in Vancouver this season and were the last team to beat the Canucks at home. San Diego holds a 2-1 edge over Seattle with Hynes (13) and Hiltz (12) the top scorers. For the Totems, Bob Courcy (4-3-7) and Gary Kilpatrick (1-6-7) are the leaders.

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Give 'em a choice and the coaches of the Western Hockey League would play all their games at home.

But with the season just past the half-way point only two of the clubs. . Vancouver and Seattle. . . enjoy the advantage of more games left at home than on the road as the week's play started.

The Canucks, with 30 games left to play, have 16 at home.

Seattle, meanwhile, enjoys the greatest home advantage. With 32 contests left, 19 are in Seattle including a string of 13 of the next 16 games. The Totems, however, may play one of their remaining home games on a neutral site. It's possible that the makeup game between seattle and the Phoenix Roadrunners will be played in Mexico City.

It's a break for the Roadrunners.

Phoenix has the toughest road schedule remaining. With 33 games remaining, the Roadrunners have 19 on the road where they have been able to post only a 2-14-2 mark in their first 18 games away from home.

GAMES LEFT HOME AND AWAY AS OF January 20, 1969

* GTP = games to play

| DENVER | W | L | T | *GTP | PHO. | PORT. | S.D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|----|----|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Home: | 8 | 11 | 3 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Away: | 1 | 19 | 2 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Total: | 9 | 30 | 5 (44) | 30 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| PHOENIX | W | L | T | GTP | DENV. | PORT. | S.D. | SEA. | VANC. |
| Home: | 12 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Away: | 2 | 14 | 2 | 19 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Total | 14 | 18 | 9 (41) | 33 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| PORTLAND | W | L | T | GTP | DENV. | PHO. | S.D. | SEA. | VANC. |
| Home: | 15 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Away: | 5 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Total: | 20 | 9 | 12 (41) | 33 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| SAN DIEGO | W | L | T | GTP | DENV | PHO | PORT. | SEA | VANC. |
| Home: | 9 | 3 | 8 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Away: | 10 | 8 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 19 | 11 | 10 (40) | 34 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| SEATTLE | W | L | T | CTP | DENV. | PHO. | PORT. | S.D. | VANC. |
| Home: | 10 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Away: | 6 | 13 | 5 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Total: | 16 | 18 | 8 (42) | 32 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| VANCOUVER | W | L | T | GTP | DENV. | PHO. | PORT. | S D | SEA |
| Home: | 15 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Away: | 7 | 10 | 6 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Total: | 22 | 14 | 8 (44) | 30 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 |

Portland, which with San Diego was the only team to start the week at .500 or better on the road, also has a majority of its remaining games away. The Buckaroos have 18 of their 33 remaining contests away from home after posting a 5-5-9 mark through the first half of the road schedule.

San Diego and Denver each have equal numbers of games home and away. The Gulls have 17 on the road where they posted a 10-8-2 mark and Denver 15. But the Gulls haven't won in their last six games on the road, picking up only a tie.

San Diego may hold the key to the WHL Governors Cup for both Vancouver or Portland. The Gulls have nine games remaining against the Buckaroos (five at home) and eight with the Canucks. Nine of the Gulls' remaining contest with the teams that started the week tied for first will be in San Diego.

The Gulls, incidentally, have six games remaining against fourth place Seattle, which trails the Gulls by eight points in the standings. Four of the games, however, are in Seattle which should help counter the Gulls two games-in-hand.

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TOTEMS SET PACE WITH FOUR HAT TRICKS

The Seattle Totems continue to set the Western Hockey League pace with four hat tricks, almost one-third of the league total of 13.

The Totems have four, two by Bob Courcy, one each by Guyle Fielder and Art Stratton, while Phoenix, Portland, San Diego and Vancouver have two apiece.

Bill Saunders, top scorer in the WHL, also has two along with Courcy.

HAT TRICKS (through games of Jan. 19, 1969)

| NAME | TEAM | NO. |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Bill Saunders | Portland | 2 |
| Bob Courcy | Seattle | 2 |
| Al Nicholson | San Diego | 1 |
| Bob Charlebois | Phoenix | 1 |
| Guyle Fielder | Seattle | 1 |
| Fred Hilts | San Diego | 1 |
| Gordy Vejprava | Denver | 1 |
| Andy Bathgate | Vancouver | 1 |
| Bob Barlow | Vancouver | 1 |
| Art Stratton | Seattle | 1 |
| Leo Thiffault | Phoenix | 1 |

BY TEAM: Seattle 4; Phoenix 2; Portland 2; San Diego 2; Vancouver 2; Denver 1.

AGAINST TEAM: Denver 6; Portland 3; Seattle 2; Phoenix 1; Vancouver 1.

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH JANUARY 19, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|----------------------|------|-----|----|------|-------|----|----|----|
| Gardner - Vancouver | 2302 | 105 | 2 | 2.74 | 969 | 19 | 12 | 8 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Millar - Vancouver | 334 | 17 | 0 | 3.05 | 137 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 2640 | 123 | 2 | 2.79 | 1106 | 22 | 14 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Kelly - Portland | 1157 | 53 | 2 | 2.75 | 497 | 11 | 3 | 5 |
| McLeod - Portland | 1223 | 56 | 0 | 2.75 | 550 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 2460 | 117 | 2 | 2.85 | 1089 | 20 | 9 | 12 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Champoux - San Diego | 1065 | 53 | 1 | 2.99 | 587 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| McCartan - San Diego | 1335 | 68 | 0 | 3.06 | 663 | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 2400 | 122 | 1 | 3.05 | 1250 | 19 | 11 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 1489 | 76 | 2 | 3.06 | 688 | 10 | 11 | 5 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 967 | 51 | 1 | 3.16 | 443 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 2460 | 127 | 3 | 3.10 | 1131 | 14 | 18 | 9 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Head - Seattle | 1183 | 56 | 0 | 2.84 | 527 | 10 | 7 | 2 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 1337 | 77 | 1 | 3.46 | 635 | 6 | 11 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 2520 | 133 | 1 | 3.17 | 1162 | 16 | 18 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Farr - Denver | 1023 | 68 | 0 | 3.99 | 471 | 4 | 10 | 2 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Caron - Denver | 1609 | 112 | 2 | 4.17 | 778 | 5 | 20 | 3 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| DENVER TOTALS | 2640 | 182 | 2 | 4.14 | 1249 | 9 | 30 | 5 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 1-19-69)

| | Denv. | Phnx. | Port. | S. D. | Sea. | Vanc. | <u>ONE GOAL DECISIONS</u> | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------|----|----|----|
| | | | | | | | GP | W | T | |
| Denver | ---- | 3-6-0 | 1-5-1 | 1-8-2 | 2-5-0 | 2-6-2 | | | | |
| Phoenix | 6-3-0 | ---- | 0-4-3 | 3-4-3 | 2-3-2 | 3-4-1 | | | | |
| Portland | 5-1-1 | 4-0-3 | ---- | 2-2-1 | 5-3-3 | 4-3-4 | Seattle | 10 | 8 | 4 |
| San Diego | 8-1-2 | 4-3-3 | 2-2-1 | ---- | 3-2-3 | 2-3-1 | Portland | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Seattle | 5-2-0 | 3-2-2 | 3-5-3 | 2-3-3 | ---- | 3-6-0 | Vancouver | 16 | 10 | 6 |
| Vancouver | 6-2-2 | 4-3-1 | 3-4-4 | 3-2-1 | 6-3-0 | ---- | San Diego | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Phoenix | 11 | 4 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | Denver | 14 | 3 | 11 |



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The "squeeze" is being applied at both ends of the Western Hockey League.

Up front, the Portland Buckaroos can feel the pressure generated by their two weekend opponents while the Denver Spurs invade Phoenix looking for a repeat of the double win over the Roadrunners and escape from the WHL cellar.

Both Portland and Denver are involved in three games in the WHL's weekend schedule. Denver, in addition to Friday and Saturday dates in Phoenix, plays Sunday in San Diego. Portland, meanwhile, plays in Vancouver Friday before facing the Seattle Totems in a home-and-home match Saturday and Sunday.

The Buckaroos lead Vancouver 5-3-4 for the season and hold an amazing 3-1-2 edge over the Canucks on their home ice. Art Jones and Norm Johnson have each collected seven points in Vancouver with Jones collecting at least a point in each of the previous six encounters. Buck goalies Jim McLeod and Dave Kelly are 2.33 and 1.67 respectively for three previous games each in Vancouver.

Denver invades Phoenix paced by Gordy Vejprava who has collected 5 points (3-2) in Arizona although the series scoring leaders in Phoenix are Bob Charlebois (6-1), Bob Kabel (0-7) and Tommy McVie (3-4). Vejprava, who has two first goals against the Roadrunners, already has tied the Denver club record of 8, set by John Sleaver back in 1963-64.

The Spurs are winless in five previous starts in Phoenix and trail in the series 6-5-0.

The Buckaroos move into Seattle Saturday still looking for their first win on Totem ice. Seattle, with an eight game unbeaten string alive, hasn't lost at home in seven games as the week started.

Bob Courcy has collected seven goals against Portland and Art Stratton 11 assists, both high marks by a Buckaroo opponent this season. Bill Saunders, the top WHL scorer going into this week's action, has 17 points against the Totems.

On Sunday, Seattle makes the trip to Portland where the Totems are pointless in 5 attempts since an opening game tie at 1-1. Denver wraps up the week at San Diego where the Spurs (trailing 1-8-2 in the series) have collected two ties.

Leading scorer for the Spurs against San Diego is John Rodger with 10 points. For the Gulls, Alex Faulkner has 19 points and Willie O'Ree 18, including 12 goals.

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What a difference a year can make!

And even adding a year to some of the veteran players of the Western Hockey League hasn't dulled or detracted from their performance.

In fact, the "oldtimers" of the WHL top the list of improved performances from last year.

Topping the list of 20 players who have improved their scoring records over the 1967-68 season are four players who passed 30 years of age a few seasons back. Only Gary Kilpatrick of Seattle, at 25, can be classified as a youngster among the top eight.

WHL scoring leader Bill Saunders of Portland heads the list with a plus 22 mark over a year ago. San Diego's Willie O'Ree has improved his performance by 21 points.

Gull Warren Hynes and Seattle's ageless Guyle Fielder are both up 18 points; Kilpatrick 15. Norm Johnson and Art Jones of Portland are up 12 and 10 respectively, while Phoenix' Bob Kabel has improved 11 points.

Here's the improved performance chart:

| NAME | TEAM | 1967-68 | 1968-69 | Difference |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Bill Saunders | Port. | 29-19--44 | 32-34--66 | +22 |
| Willie O'Ree | S. D. | 15-18--33 | 25-29--54 | +21 |
| Warren Hynes | S. D. | 10-28--38 | 20-36--56 | +18 |
| Guyle Fielder | Sea. | 7-36--43 | 12-49--61 | +18 |
| Gary Kilpatrick | Sea. | 2- 6--8 | 3-20--23 | +15 |
| Norm Johnson | Port. | 14-29--43 | 23-32--55 | +12 |
| Bob Kabel | Phnx. | 10-14--24 | 10-25--35 | +11 |
| Art Jones | Port. | 21-30--51 | 19-45--61 | +10 |
| Dennis Kearns | Port. | 2-13--15 | 2-22--24 | + 9 |
| John MacMillan | S. D. | 7-20--27 | 13-21--34 | + 7 |
| Alex Faulkner | S. D. | 18-23--41 | 13-33--46 | + 5 |
| Cliff Schmutz | Port. | 11-16--27 | 15-16--31 | + 4 |
| Marc Boileau | Sea. | 4-22--26 | 12-18--30 | + 4 |
| Andy Heberton | Port. | 12-19--31 | 11-24--35 | + 4 |
| Jim Eagle | S. D. | 1--4--5 | 0- 9--9 | + 4 |

By the same token, injuries or age sometimes cause a player's performance record to tumble.

Like, for example, Vancouver's Phil Maloney.

The Canucks' "Silver Fox" is minus 26 points from his performance of a year ago. But Maloney is filling a different role with the Canucks this season. Instead of a tireless performer leading the Canucks in every category, Maloney has become a "specialist" on a title-contending team.

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Performances below 1967-68 Season:

| NAME | TEAM | 1967-68 | 1968-69 | Difference |
|----------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Phil Maloney | Vanc. | 12-27--41 | 2-13--15 | -26 |
| Larry Lund | Sea. | 11-23--34 | 3- 7--10 | -24 |
| Larry Leach | Port. | 17-14--31 | 4- 5--9 | -22 |
| Rollie Wilcox | Phnx. | 9-14--23 | 1- 2--3 | -20 |
| Bill Dineen | Sea. | 19-21--40 | 7-15--22 | -18 |
| Dick Lamoureux | Phnx. | 10-19--29 | 5- 8--13 | -16 |
| Len Ronson | S. D. | 14-13--27 | 8- 5--13 | -14 |
| Bob Lemieux | Vanc. | 8-18--26 | 3-11--14 | -12 |
| Al Nicholson | S. D. | 19-22-41 | 12-18--30 | -11 |
| Don Chiz | Sea. | 5-12--17 | 2- 4--6 | -11 |
| Connie Madigan | Port. | 4-20--24 | 2-12--14 | -10 |
| Sandy Hucul | Phnx. | 4-19--23 | 1-13--14 | - 9 |

(All comparisons are based on equal number of games for each season.)

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PHOENIX, PORTLAND SHARE WHL SHUTOUT LEAD WITH THREE EACH

| GOALKEEPER | TEAM | # SO | AGAINST |
|----------------|-------|------|----------------------|
| Rick Charron | Phnx. | 2 | San Diego, Vancouver |
| George Gardner | Vanc. | 2 | Seattle 2 |
| Dave Kelly | Port. | 2 | Phoenix 2 |
| Jacques Caron | Denv. | 2 | Phoenix, Seattle |
| Jim Armstrong | Sea. | 1 | Denver |
| Ken Broderick | Phnx. | 1 | Vancouver |
| Bob Champoux | S. D. | 1 | Phoenix |
| Jim McLeod | Port. | 1 | Vancouver |

BY TEAM: Phoenix 3; Portland 3; Vancouver 2; Denver 2, San Diego 1; Seattle 1.

AGAINST TEAM: Phoenix 4; Seattle 3; Vancouver 3; Denver 1; San Diego 1; .
Portland 0.

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH JANUARY 26, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gardner - Vancouver | 2421 | 108 | 2 | 2.68 | 1020 | 20 | 13 | 8 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Millar - Vancouver | 334 | 17 | 0 | 3.05 | 137 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 2760 | 127 | 2 | 2.76 | 1157 | 23 | 15 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Kelly - Portland | 1277 | 65 | 2 | 3.05 | 563 | 11 | 4 | 6 |
| McLeod - Portland | 1343 | 58 | 1 | 2.59 | 624 | 11 | 6 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 2700 | 131 | 3 | 2.91 | 1229 | 22 | 10 | 13 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Champoux - San Diego | 1184 | 58 | 1 | 2.94 | 663 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | | | | |
| McCartan - San Diego | 1455 | 77 | 0 | 3.18 | 732 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 2640 | 137 | 1 | 3.11 | 1395 | 20 | 14 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Head - Seattle | 1363 | 67 | 0 | 2.95 | 610 | 11 | 7 | 4 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 1397 | 79 | 1 | 3.39 | 664 | 7 | 11 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 2760 | 146 | 1 | 3.17 | 1274 | 18 | 18 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 1669 | 92 | 2 | 3.31 | 791 | 10 | 13 | 6 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 1027 | 54 | 1 | 3.15 | 477 | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 2700 | 146 | 3 | 3.24 | 1268 | 14 | 21 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Farr - Denver | 1083 | 70 | 0 | 3.88 | 499 | 5 | 10 | 2 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Caron - Denver | 1669 | 115 | 2 | 4.13 | 811 | 6 | 20 | 3 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| DENVER TOTALS | 2760 | 187 | 2 | 4.07 | 1310 | 11 | 30 | 5 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 1-26-69)

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ----- | 5-6-0 | 1-5-1 | 1-8-2 | 2-5-0 | 2-6-2 |
| Phoenix | 6-5-0 | ----- | 0-4-3 | 3-4-3 | 2-4-3 | 3-4-1 |
| Portland | 5-1-1 | 4-0-3 | ----- | 3-3-1 | 5-3-4 | 5-3-4 |
| San Diego | 8-1-2 | 4-3-3 | 3-3-1 | ----- | 3-3-3 | 2-4-1 |
| Seattle | 5-2-0 | 4-2-3 | 3-5-4 | 3-3-3 | ----- | 3-6-0 |
| Vancouver | 6-2-2 | 4-3-1 | 3-5-4 | 4-2-1 | 6-3-0 | ----- |

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | GP | W | L |
|-----------|----|----|----|
| Seattle | 11 | 9 | 4 |
| Portland | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Vancouver | 16 | 10 | 6 |
| San Diego | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Phoenix | 13 | 4 | 9 |
| Denver | 15 | 4 | 11 |



February 5, 1969

Western Hockey League

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Western Hockey League could have a "new look" by the time play has been completed in the seven games booked this weekend.

Only six points separate the Vancouver Canucks, San Diego Gulls and Seattle Totems behind the front-running Portland Buckaroos. The Canucks, however, were matched with the Totems Tuesday and twice against San Diego, all on the road.

San Diego had two matches on the road against Phoenix before returning home for its Saturday-Sunday series with the Canucks. Seattle, like Portland, had three games on home ice.

The Buckaroos, with the contenders all tangled up with each other, could stretch their seven-point lead into an even larger margin toward a fifth straight WHL Governors Cup.

Friday, Denver is at Vancouver after games Wednesday in Portland and Thursday in Seattle. The Spurs, who started the week with only one loss in their last five games, have posted a 2-6-2 record against the Canucks. San Diego, meanwhile, will be winding up its series with the Roadrunners. The Gulls, who collected only 8 of a possible 20 points in January and slipped from first to third, had only two ties to show for five games in Phoenix prior to Wednesday's game.

Vancouver holds a 5-2-1 edge over the Gulls going into Saturday's action that also pits Phoenix against Portland on the Bucks' ice. The Canucks haven't lost to the Gulls in the last six meetings between the two contenders, including three games in San Diego. Bryan Hextall has been the leading point-getter for the Canucks with 16 while Bob Barlow has collected 8 goals.

Canuck goalie George Gardner has a 2.63 mark against the Gulls. Gardner, who was clipped for 12 goals in the first three meetings of the season, has allowed only 9 goals in the last five clashes. The Gulls, incidentally, have scored only 21 goals in 8 meetings with Vancouver.

The Roadrunners have scored only one goal in three previous games in Portland. Buckaroo goalies Jim McLeod (1.98) and Dave Kelly (1.01) are the reason. Bill Saunders (8) and Norm Johnson (4) have collected 12 of the Bucks 22 goals so far. Andre Pronovost is the 'Runner with more than two points against the Bucks.

Sunday all six teams will be in action.

Vancouver is at San Diego while Denver returns to Portland for a repeat of Wednesday's schedule. Phoenix, which has collected half of its six road points against the Totems, invades Seattle for a game scheduled at 7:30 P.M.

The Roadrunners, paced by Bob Charlebois' 9 points, have a win and a tie in two previous games in Seattle and hold a 9-3 edge in goals. Guyle Fielder's 14 points is tops among the series scorers.

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With home teams winning at better than a two-to-one clip, there are still five players in the Western Hockey League who are scoring better on the road than at home.

Two San Diego Gulls, Warren Hynes and Willie O'Ree, and two Vancouver Canucks, Andy Bathgate and Murray Hall, are joined by Denver's John Rodger in scoring more goals away from home.

Rodger tops the list, sniping 12 goals on the road to 7 for his home ice. Rodger, incidentally, is the only goal scorer among the top 16 in the WHL who hasn't scored at least one goal against each opponent.

So far, Rodger has connected 8 times against Phoenix, six against San Diego, three against Vancouver and twice against Portland. Against Seattle, he's failed to snipe a single goal.

Top individual goal scoring performance against one opponent belongs to San Diego's Willie O'Ree. The Gulls fliying winger with 27 goals for the season has collected 12 of them against the Denver Spurs. Bob Charlebois of Phoenix is the runnerup, collecting 10 against Denver.

The Top Goal Scorers Have Done It:

*Power-Play Goals

| NAME | TEAM | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | PPG* | DEN | PHO | PORT | S.D. | SEA | VAN |
|------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| Saunders | Port. | 19 | 15 | 34 | 18 | 7 | 8 | -- | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| Courcy | Sea. | 20 | 9 | 29 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 6 | -- | 6 |
| O'Ree | S.D. | 13 | 14 | 27 | 8 | 12 | 4 | 6 | -- | 3 | 2 |
| Hilts | S.D. | 14 | 13 | 27 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 3 | -- | 6 | 2 |
| Barlow | Van. | 16 | 8 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 4 | -- |
| Johnson | Port. | 14 | 9 | 23 | 10 | 7 | 4 | -- | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Jones | Port. | 12 | 10 | 22 | 2 | 5 | 1 | -- | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| Charlebois | Phnx. | 14 | 8 | 22 | 3 | 10 | -- | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Hynes | S.D. | 9 | 11 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | -- | 3 | 2 |
| Bathgate | Van. | 9 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 5 | -- |
| Vejprava | Den. | 10 | 9 | 19 | 7 | -- | 6 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Rodger, J. | Den. | 7 | 12 | 19 | 2 | -- | 8 | 2 | 6 | -- | 3 |
| Martin | Den. | 12 | 7 | 19 | 3 | -- | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Bellerive | Port. | 11 | 7 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 1 | -- | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Carmichael | S.D. | 9 | 9 | 18 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | -- | 5 | 2 |
| Hall | Van. | 8 | 9 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | -- |
| Pronovost | Phnx. | 12 | 5 | 17 | 5 | 1 | -- | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 |

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Explosions. . .goal explosions. . .that turn on little red lights in Western Hockey League arenas are the keys to outstanding seasons for both teams and individuals.

The most explosive player in the WHL this season--in individual games--has been Seattle's Bob Courcy. The Totem winger has scored two or more goals in eight games this season and has collected two hat tricks.

Holding down the runnerup spot, each scoring two or more goals in six games, are Bill Saunders of the Portland Buckaroos and San Diego's Fred Hilts.

Morris Stefaniw of Phoenix has only collected 11 goals through games of Feb. 3. But the 'Runners' winger four times has doubled up, collecting 8 goals in 4 games.

LEADERS IN SCORING TWO OR MORE GOALS IN ONE GAME:

8 GAMES: Courcy, Seattle

6 GAMES: Saunders, Portland; Hilts, San Diego

5 GAMES: Jones, Portland; O'Ree, San Diego; Holmes, Seattle; Bathgate, Vancouver.

4 GAMES: Martin, Denver; Charlebois and Stefaniw, Phoenix; Johnson, Portland; Barlow, Vancouver.

3 GAMES: Rodger, Denver; Carleton and Pronovost, Phoenix; Carmichael, San Diego; Hall and Harris, Vancouver

2 GAMES: Johnson and Vejprava, Denver; McVie and Thiffault, Phoenix, Bellerive, Pearson, Schmautz, Portland; Faulkner, Hynes, MacMillan, Nicholson, Ronson, San Diego; Fielder, Hanna, Stratton, Seattle; Gofton and Taylor, Vancouver.

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WHL MILESTONES: After becoming the second player in WHL history to score 1,000 points, ART JONES played his 800 WHL game Wednesday in Portland. . . teammate BILL SAUNDERS played in his 600th against Denver. . . Vancouver's BOB BARLOW will play his 400th WHL game Sunday in San Diego, collected his 200th WHL goal against Seattle Tuesday. . . San Diego's WARREN HYNES needs one goal for 200. . . Denver's GERRY FOLEY will play his 100th WHL game Friday in Vancouver. . . ANDY HEBENTON of the Portland Buckaroos needed only one assist for 300 as the week started. . . Canuck LEN LUNDE and Buck RICH VAN IMPE each were three points shy of 300. . . CONNIE MADIGAN of Portland was only a minor away from 1,100 penalty minutes, the fifth WHL player to reach that mark. . . Seattle's RAY LAROSE passed the 200 minute mark Tuesday. . . FRED HILTS of San Diego was 3 minutes shy of 100 minutes in penalties.

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| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gardner - Vancouver | 2514 | 113 | 2 | 2.69 | 1053 | 21 | 14 | 8 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Millar - Vancouver | 420 | 22 | 0 | 3.14 | 165 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 2940 | 138 | 2 | 2.82 | 1220 | 24 | 17 | 8 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Kelly - Portland | 1337 | 67 | 2 | 3.01 | 584 | 12 | 4 | 6 |
| McLeod - Portland | 1523 | 64 | 2 | 2.52 | 691 | 13 | 7 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 2940 | 139 | 4 | 2.84 | 1317 | 25 | 11 | 13 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Head - Seattle | 1423 | 67 | 1 | 2.80 | 640 | 12 | 7 | 4 |
| Armstrong - Seattle | 1517 | 84 | 1 | 3.32 | 715 | 8 | 12 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 2940 | 151 | 2 | 3.08 | 1355 | 20 | 19 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Champoux - San Diego | 1344 | 70 | 1 | 3.13 | 745 | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | | | | |
| McCartan - San Diego | 1535 | 86 | 0 | 3.36 | 773 | 12 | 9 | 4 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 2880 | 158 | 1 | 3.29 | 1518 | 21 | 17 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 1789 | 101 | 2 | 3.39 | 846 | 11 | 14 | 6 |
| Broderick - Phoenix | 1087 | 57 | 1 | 3.15 | 507 | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 2880 | 158 | 3 | 3.29 | 1353 | 15 | 23 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Farr - Denver | 1203 | 80 | 0 | 3.94 | 554 | 6 | 11 | 2 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Caron - Denver | 1729 | 117 | 2 | 4.06 | 842 | 7 | 20 | 3 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| DENVER TOTALS | 2940 | 199 | 2 | 4.06 | 1996 | 13 | 31 | 5 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 2-2-69)

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. | | GP | W | L |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----|----|----|
| Denver | ----- | 6-7-0 | 1-5-1 | 2-8-2 | 2-5-0 | 2-6-2 | | 16 | 5 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 7-6-0 | ----- | 0-4-3 | 3-5-3 | 2-4-3 | 3-4-1 | | 14 | 4 | 10 |
| Portland | 5-1-1 | 4-0-3 | ----- | 4-3-1 | 6-4-4 | 6-3-4 | | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| San Diego | 8-2-2 | 5-3-3 | 3-4-1 | ----- | 3-3-3 | 2-5-1 | | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Seattle | 5-2-0 | 4-2-3 | 4-6-4 | 3-3-3 | ----- | 4-6-0 | | 11 | 9 | 4 |
| Vancouver | 6-2-2 | 4-3-1 | 3-6-4 | 5-2-1 | 6-4-0 | ----- | | 16 | 10 | 6 |

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LINEUP CHANGES: Denver remove #6 Pete Goegan Def
 Vancouver remove #5 Tracy Pratt Def to Pittsburgh
add #5 Don Cherry Def
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Western Hockey League

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For the San Diego Gulls and the Denver Spurs, it will be a trying weekend.

The Gulls will be trying to secure their hold on third place in the Western Hockey League against the league-leading Portland Buckaroos, while the Spurs will be trying to continue their climb from the league cellar.

Portland leads in the series with the goals 4-3-1 after two straight victories over the Gulls. But Portland has only compiled a 1-2-1 mark in San Diego as the two game series gets under way Thursday.

The Gulls are the only team this season to outscore the Bucks (28-25) lead by Willie O'Ree with 13 points on 6 goals and 7 assists. For Portland, Bill Saunders has sniped 8 goals and Norm Johnson 5 to account for more than half the Buckaroos' production.

Portland, incidentally, is within seven goals of equalling the Western Hockey League record for power-play goals. The Bucks have 58 in pursuit of the mark of 65 set by the Seattle Totems in 1963-64.

Friday, Phoenix returns to Vancouver for the fifth game of a seven game road trip. It'll be the start of a three-games-in-three-nights trek for the Roadrunners who had lost eight straight road games after Tuesday's 6-3 loss to the Canucks.

In addition to the Portland-San Diego rematch on Saturday, the Denver Spurs will be at home against the Vancouver Canucks. For the Spurs, it will be only the third game on home ice since December 31st. The Spurs, who are 6-3-1 in their last 10 games, including eight on the road, start a string of eight straight home games trailing fifth-place Phoenix by only six points as the week started.

In the night's other action, Phoenix rolls into Seattle all even in three previous games at 1-1-1. The Roadrunners will have to contend with John Hanna of the Totems, currently the highest scoring defenseman in the league.

Hanna has scored 19 goals going into the weekend series with Phoenix and needs only 7 goals to become the highest goal scoring blueliner in WHL history. The mark of 26 is held by Doug Barkley of Calgary, set during the 1961-62 season.

Gerry Leonard has collected a point in each of the last six Totem games in which he played and defenseman Don Ward ran his string of penalties in consecutive games to nine, longest of the season in the WHL.

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The race to lead the Western Hockey League in assists this season is just as torrid as any individual race.

Only a single assist separates the top two playmakers this season. Seattle's Guyle Fielder, the all-time assist record holder, has a one-point bulge over Portland's Art Jones after each has played 52 games.

Vancouver's Bryan Hextall ranks third on the list with 45 assists. Bill Saunders, the leading scorer in the WHL this season, is fourth with 42 and Alex Faulkner of San Diego completes the top five.

Hextall has scored 18 assists against the Denver Spurs, the highest total against a single opponent by any player. The Canuck forward also has scored five assists in a single game this season, tops in the league.

Only player in the top 16 not to get one assists against every opponent is Phoenix' Bob Kabel. The Roadrunner has been blanked against Portland in eight previous games.

How the top playmakers set 'em up: (Through Feb. 9th)

| NAME | TEAM | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | DEN | PHO | PORT | S.D. | SEA | VAN |
|----------|-------|------|------|-------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| Fielder | Sea. | 35 | 19 | 54 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 6 | -- | 14 |
| Jones | Port. | 35 | 18 | 53 | 12 | 8 | -- | 9 | 11 | 13 |
| Hextall | Vanc. | 26 | 19 | 45 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 7 | -- |
| Saunders | Port. | 28 | 14 | 42 | 8 | 7 | -- | 3 | 15 | 9 |
| Faulkner | S.D. | 16 | 22 | 38 | 14 | 8 | 4 | -- | 7 | 5 |
| Hynes | S.D. | 16 | 20 | 36 | 9 | 9 | 4 | -- | 11 | 3 |
| Hoekstra | Denv. | 23 | 11 | 34 | -- | 14 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Carter | Denv. | 15 | 18 | 33 | -- | 8 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| Johnson | Port. | 18 | 15 | 33 | 6 | 2 | -- | 3 | 8 | 14 |
| O'Ree | S. D. | 17 | 16 | 33 | 8 | 9 | 7 | -- | 6 | 3 |
| Hebenton | Port. | 20 | 9 | 29 | 7 | 4 | -- | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Hall | Vanc. | 17 | 11 | 28 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 3 | -- |
| Barlow | Vanc. | 13 | 13 | 26 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 6 | -- |
| Kabel | Phx. | 15 | 11 | 26 | 11 | -- | -- | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Michie | Sea. | 15 | 10 | 25 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | -- | 2 |
| Sinclair | S. D. | 14 | 11 | 25 | 7 | 6 | 4 | -- | 6 | 2 |

Only three players, Faulkner and Warren Hynes of San Diego and Denver's Billy Carter have scored more assists on the road than at home. Bob Barlow of Vancouver is an even .500 with 13 assists each home and away.

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Strange as it may seem, Portland Buckaroo fans may see less of Connie Madigan than fans in any other city. Madigan, the Portland defenseman who leads the Western Hockey League in penalty minutes with 129, has been whistled down for more than twice as many minutes at home than on the road.

In fact, four of the 11 most penalized players in the WHL have more time off the ice at home than on the road. In addition to Madigan, Tom Polanic of Phoenix, Don Johns of Vancouver and Seattle's Ray Larose fall in the same class.

Madigan also is the most penalized player against a single opponent this season. The Buck blueliner has collected 42 minutes against Vancouver. San Diego's Jim Eagle ranks as the runnerup with 38 minutes against the Canucks. Vancouver's Bob Lemieux is third with 37. Lemieux, incidentally, has 101 minutes in penalties to rank fourth. But he has collected 70 minutes on 7 misconduct calls.

How the most penalized players were whistled down: (Through Feb. 9th)

| NAME | TEAM | HOME | AWAY | TOTAL | DEN | PHO | PORT | S.D. | SEA | VAN |
|---------|-------|------|------|-------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| Madigan | Port. | 89 | 40 | 129 | 10 | 14 | -- | 30 | 33 | 42 |
| Polanic | Phx. | 59 | 49 | 108 | 32 | -- | 14 | 34 | 13 | 15 |
| Eagle | S.D. | 42 | 62 | 104 | 24 | 17 | 15 | -- | 10 | 38 |
| Lemieux | Vanc. | 36 | 65 | 101 | 6 | 20 | 26 | 12 | 37 | -- |
| Mavety | Denv. | 40 | 60 | 100 | -- | 30 | 18 | 30 | 6 | 16 |
| Schella | Denv. | 31 | 66 | 97 | -- | 22 | 28 | 18 | 15 | 14 |
| Ward | Sea. | 36 | 59 | 95 | 8 | 16 | 25 | 30 | -- | 16 |
| Hextall | Vanc. | 32 | 58 | 90 | 12 | 8 | 32 | 34 | 4 | -- |
| Johns | Vanc. | 50 | 38 | 88 | 20 | 6 | 22 | 12 | 28 | -- |
| Cardiff | S. D. | 25 | 59 | 84 | 15 | 15 | 19 | -- | 15 | 20 |
| Larose | Sea. | 49 | 33 | 82 | 6 | 10 | 32 | 10 | -- | 24 |

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TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Through 2-9-69)

| | DEN | PHO | PORT | S.D. | SEA | VANC |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ----- | 53-51 | 26-44 | 39-50 | 23-32 | 31-42 |
| Phoenix | 51-53 | ----- | 13-29 | 35-44 | 29-29 | 16-19 |
| Portland | 44-26 | 29-13 | ----- | 25-28 | 42-37 | 50-38 |
| San Diego | 50-39 | 44-35 | 28-25 | ----- | 33-27 | 25-43 |
| Seattle | 32-23 | 29-29 | 37-42 | 27-33 | ----- | 30-35 |
| Vancouver | 42-31 | 19-16 | 38-50 | 43-25 | 35-30 | ----- |

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|---|------|-----|----|------|-------|----|----|----|
| X Kelly - Portland | 1337 | 67 | 2 | 3.01 | 584 | 12 | 4 | 6 |
| X McLeod - Portland
(Empty Net Goal) | 1703 | 67 | 3 | 2.37 | 797 | 15 | 8 | 6 |
| X Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 3120 | 142 | 5 | 2.73 | 1423 | 27 | 12 | 13 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goals) | 2594 | 119 | 2 | 2.75 | 1081 | 22 | 14 | 8 |
| X Millar - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goal) | 460 | 26 | 0 | 3.39 | 184 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| X Hodge - Vancouver | 120 | 4 | 0 | 2.00 | 68 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 3180 | 152 | 2 | 2.91 | 1333 | 26 | 17 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Head - Seattle | 1543 | 73 | 1 | 3.04 | 692 | 13 | 8 | 4 |
| X Armstrong - Seattle | 1577 | 89 | 1 | 3.38 | 746 | 8 | 13 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 3120 | 162 | 2 | 3.12 | 1438 | 21 | 21 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Champoux - San Diego
(Empty Net Goals) | 1404 | 74 | 1 | 3.16 | 781 | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| McCartan - San Diego | 1705 | 92 | 0 | 3.24 | 872 | 13 | 10 | 5 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 3120 | 169 | 1 | 3.25 | 1653 | 22 | 19 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Charron - Phoenix | 1869 | 109 | 2 | 3.49 | 879 | 11 | 15 | 6 |
| X Broderick - Phoenix | 1246 | 65 | 1 | 3.13 | 571 | 5 | 11 | 4 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 3120 | 174 | 3 | 3.35 | 1450 | 16 | 26 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Farr - Denver
(Empty Net Goals) | 1408 | 94 | 0 | 4.01 | 665 | 8 | 11 | 3 |
| X Caron - Denver
(Empty Net Goal) | 1764 | 122 | 2 | 4.15 | 856 | 7 | 21 | 3 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 3180 | 219 | 2 | 4.13 | 1520 | 15 | 32 | 6 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 2-9-69) ONE GOAL DECISIONS

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. | GP | W | L |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|----|----|----|
| Denver | ---- | 6-7-0 | 2-6-2 | 2-8-2 | 3-5-0 | 2-6-3 | 18 | 7 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 7-6-0 | ---- | 0-5-3 | 4-6-3 | 2-5-3 | 3-4-1 | 15 | 4 | 11 |
| Portland | 6-2-2 | 5-0-3 | ---- | 4-3-1 | 6-4-4 | 6-3-4 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| San Diego | 8-2-2 | 6-4-3 | 3-4-1 | ---- | 3-3-3 | 2-6-2 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| Seattle | 5-3-0 | 5-2-3 | 4-6-4 | 3-3-3 | ---- | 4-7-0 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| Vancouver | 6-2-3 | 4-3-1 | 3-6-4 | 6-2-2 | 7-4-0 | ----- | 16 | 10 | 6 |



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Not everyone is willing to concede the Portland Buckaroos their fifth consecutive Western Hockey League title.

While the Buckaroos face a weekend swing through Denver Friday and Saturday and Phoenix Sunday, the teams with the most to gain will be battling each other in Seattle and Vancouver.

In Thursday games, Vancouver winds up a road trip to Phoenix before heading home while the San Diego Gulls engage Seattle in the third game of a seven game trip.

The Totems are all even with San Diego (3-3-3) after nine games but the Gulls have outscored Seattle 33-27. In Seattle, the teams have each won twice. But the Totems are hot at home having collected 22 of a possible 30 points in their last 15 home games. San Diego sparked by the performance of goalie Jack McCartan (2.50 in his last four games), is riding a three-game winning streak that includes the Gulls second road win since Dec. 5.

Friday, the Bucks tangle with the Spurs in Denver leading in the series, 6-2-1, thanks to a 2-0-1 mark in the Mile High City. The Spurs are galloping along with seven wins and a tie in their last 12 games. Art Jones' 17 points and Bill Saunders' 16 top the Bucks, while Wilf Martin is 3-8-11 for Denver. Buck goalie Jimmy McLeod is 1.95 for 460 minutes of action.

Seattle is at Vancouver in the other game. The Totems, who trail 4-7 in the series, are winless in four previous trips to Vancouver. In fact, the Totems have only collected four goals in Vancouver despite being outscored only 30-35 in the series. George Gardner has twice shutout the Totems and is a red-hot 1.00 at home against Seattle.

Portland and Denver collide and San Diego has return match against Seattle on Saturday.

Portland takes an unbeaten record (6-0-3) against the Roadrunners into Phoenix Sunday night. Phoenix has been victimized by Buck goalies Jim McLeod (1.65 for 183 minutes) and Dave Kelly (0.81 for 297 minutes, including three shutouts).

In a 2:30 P.M. game, the Gulls invade Vancouver trailing in the series 2-6-2. The Gulls won the first two meetings of the season but have gone winless in the last eight games. Gardner, after surrendering 8 goals in the first two games, has allowed only 9 goals in the last five games for a 1.80 mark, home and away.

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The Western Hockey League's legion of blueliners is undergoing a transformation. Although they talk about body checks, the WHL defensemen are equally prod of their ability as point-producers. That's something else they'll discuss.

But it's a different bunch of guys doing the talking this season as the list of top scoring defensemen takes on a new look.

For example, among the top 12 scoring defensemen one-third of them didn't play in the WHL last season. . . . including the No. 1 of 1968-69 John Hanna of Seattle. In fact, among the top five on the list only one is a repeat from a season back.

Gordon Sinclair of San Diego, who played his 1000th WHL game Wednesday night in Denver, rates as the top scoring defenseman of all-time in the league. Sinclair, the leader a year ago, is second this season behind Hanna.

In addition to Hanna and Sinclair, the top five scoring defensemen include Dennis Kearns of Portland, Larry Mavety of Denver and Gary Kilpatrick of Seattle.

Scoring records for defensemen, midway through February, in:

| 1967-68 | | | | | | 1968-69 | | | | | |
|------------|-------|----|---|----|----|------------|-------|----|----|----|----|
| NAME | TEAM | GP | G | A | TP | NAME | TEAM | GP | G | A | TP |
| Sinclair | S. D. | 57 | 7 | 30 | 37 | Hanna | Sea. | 52 | 19 | 18 | 37 |
| Messier | Port. | 49 | 8 | 27 | 35 | Sinclair | S. D. | 55 | 5 | 26 | 31 |
| Lemieux | Vanc. | 38 | 8 | 18 | 26 | Kearns | Port. | 55 | 2 | 28 | 30 |
| Hucul | Phnx. | 58 | 6 | 19 | 25 | Erickson | Phnx. | 51 | 7 | 21 | 28 |
| Madigan | Port. | 42 | 4 | 19 | 23 | Kilpatrick | Sea. | 55 | 3 | 25 | 28 |
| Mavety | Vanc. | 61 | 2 | 21 | 23 | Messier | Port. | 43 | 8 | 15 | 23 |
| Hale | Sea. | 56 | 7 | 15 | 22 | Mavety | Denv. | 56 | 5 | 18 | 23 |
| Carruthers | Sea. | 56 | 7 | 13 | 20 | Johns | Vanc. | 53 | 1 | 20 | 21 |
| Dunville | Phnx. | 57 | 5 | 15 | 20 | Larose | Sea. | 55 | 6 | 13 | 19 |
| Huculak | S. D. | 57 | 3 | 16 | 19 | Madigan | Port. | 55 | 3 | 16 | 19 |
| McNabb | Vanc. | 59 | 1 | 18 | 19 | Hucul | Phnx. | 49 | 2 | 17 | 19 |
| | | | | | | Reaume | Vanc. | 41 | 4 | 14 | 18 |

While all but three of the top scoring defensemen of 1967-68 are still in action, the list for 1968-69 includes the names of four players who saw action outside of the WHL last season.

This season's list includes five of the top scoring defensemen of a year ago in the WHL. Hanna, Phoenix' Aut Erickson, Vancouver's Don Johns and Marc Reaume played in other leagues a year ago. Of the remaining eight, four have improved performances while point production has fallen off for four.

The records for the eight who played in the WHL last season in the same number of games look like this:

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| NAME | TEAM | GP | G | A | TP | +/- | 1968 RANK |
|------------|-------|----|---|----|----|-----|-----------|
| Sinclair | S. D. | 55 | 7 | 30 | 37 | - | 1 |
| Kearns | Port. | 55 | 4 | 13 | 17 | + | |
| Kilpatrick | Sea. | 55 | 3 | 6 | 9 | + | |
| Messier | Port. | 43 | 3 | 17 | 20 | - | 2 |
| Mavety | Denv. | 56 | 2 | 17 | 19 | + | 6 |
| Madigan | Port. | 55 | 5 | 23 | 28 | - | 5 |
| Hucul | Phnx. | 49 | 5 | 19 | 24 | - | 4 |
| Larose | Sea. | 41 | 5 | 7 | 12 | + | |

When they're not scoring points or dealing out checks, the defensemen usually are being penalized. In fact, there's only once forward among the top 11 most penalized players in the WHL this season.

But, believe it or not, the most frequently called penalty in the first 115 games of the season was holding. Of the 1,002 minor infractions, 148 were holding, 142 tripping, 119 high sticking, 110 slashing, 94 hooking and 76 cross-checking.

In the same number of games, 36 major penalties were called. All but two of the majors were for fighting, both exceptions were for high sticks.

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WHL MILESTONES: Seattle's GOLDEN GUYLE FIELDER started the week one assist short of pushing his league record to 1,200 and could hit the mark Thursday against San Diego. Runnerup in assists is ART JONES of Portland with 626. . . Phoenix' TOMMY McVIE reached his 700th WHL game Tuesday. . . Other players hitting game milestones were CONNIE MADIGAN (500), LEN LUNDE (300), coming up are 200 for JOHN MacMILLAN, 400 for WILLIE O'REE, 100 for JACK STANFIELD, all of San Diego. . . when Denver's DEL TOPOLL scores his fifth goal of the year, it'll be his 200th in WHL play. . . Gull WARREN HYNES passed the 500 point mark and started the week 3 assists shy of the 300 mark. . . MILAN MARCETTA'S first point after joining Phoenix was his 400th in WHL play. . . In penalty minutes, Portland's MADIGAN now has a career total of 1,131 and lacks 18 minutes of moving ahead of retired BILL SHVETZ (1,149) on the all-time list. . . HARRY SHAW of the Roadrunners is approaching the 200 minute mark.

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH SUNDAY, 2/16/69

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|------------------------|------|-----|----|------|-------|----|----|----|
| X Kelly - Portland | 1457 | 71 | 3 | 2.92 | 647 | 13 | 5 | 6 |
| X McLeod - Portland | 1763 | 71 | 3 | 2.41 | 834 | 15 | 9 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 3300 | 150 | 6 | 2.73 | 1523 | 28 | 14 | 13 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Gardner - Vancouver | 2654 | 126 | 2 | 2.85 | 1104 | 22 | 15 | 8 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | | | | |
| X Millar - Vancouver | 580 | 34 | 0 | 3.52 | 238 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| X Hodge - Vancouver | 120 | 4 | 0 | 2.00 | 68 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 3360 | 167 | 2 | 2.98 | 1410 | 27 | 19 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Head - Seattle | 1663 | 77 | 1 | 2.78 | 739 | 15 | 8 | 4 |
| X Armstrong - Seattle | 1637 | 91 | 1 | 3.33 | 763 | 8 | 14 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 3300 | 168 | 2 | 3.05 | 1502 | 23 | 22 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Champoux - San Diego | 1404 | 74 | 1 | 3.16 | 781 | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 3 | | | | | | |
| X McCartan - San Diego | 1885 | 100 | 0 | 3.21 | 978 | 16 | 10 | 5 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 3300 | 177 | 1 | 3.18 | 1759 | 25 | 19 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Charron - Phoenix | 2049 | 124 | 2 | 3.63 | 958 | 12 | 17 | 6 |
| X Broderick - Phoenix | 1366 | 72 | 2 | 3.16 | 632 | 6 | 12 | 4 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 3420 | 196 | 4 | 3.44 | 1590 | 18 | 29 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Farr - Denver | 1588 | 104 | 1 | 3.93 | 755 | 9 | 13 | 3 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | 756 | | | |
| X Caron - Denver | 1764 | 122 | 2 | 4.15 | 856 | 7 | 21 | 3 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| DENVER TOTALS | 3360 | 230 | 3 | 4.10 | 1611 | 16 | 34 | 6 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 2-16-69)

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. | GP | W | L |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|----|----|
| Denver | ----- | 6-7-0 | 2-6-1 | 2-9-2 | 3-6-0 | 3-6-3 | 18 | 7 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 7-6-0 | ---- | 0-6-3 | 4-6-3 | 3-6-3 | 4-5-1 | 15 | 4 | 11 |
| Portland | 6-2-2 | 6-0-2 | ---- | 4-5-1 | 6-4-4 | 6-3-4 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| San Diego | 9-2-2 | 6-4-3 | 5-4-1 | ---- | 3-3-3 | 2-6-2 | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| Seattle | 6-3-0 | 6-3-3 | 4-6-6 | 3-3-3 | ---- | 4-7-0 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| Vancouver | 6-3-3 | 5-4-1 | 3-6-4 | 6-2-2 | 7-4-0 | ---- | 16 | 10 | 6 |

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With time running out, the Denver Spurs may not make the Western Hockey League playoffs this spring. But the surprising Spurs may have a big voice in how the four semi-finalists in the Lester Patrick Cup action are paired off.

This weekend, for example, the Spurs have three games against the San Diego Gulls and Seattle Totems, the two teams battling for third and fourth place in the WHL standings. The Spurs are home twice (Friday and Saturday) against the Totems before winding up a four-game week against the Gulls in San Diego.

The Seattle Totems, however, before they can test the Spurs must face the still dangerous Phoenix Roadrunners Thursday. Phoenix blanked the Totems in Seattle behind Ken Broderick (1.00 in two games) in the last meeting. Seattle goalie Don Head is 1.50 in four games. Bob Charlebois of Phoenix is 5-7--12 and Seattle's Guyle Fielder 4-14--18 in the series that matches the WHL's two lowest scoring clubs.

The Totems move into Denver Friday for their first overnight trip since January. The Totems, 2-2-0 in Denver, lead in the series 6-3-0 and have outscored the Spurs 37-36. Fielder is 3-12--15 and linemate Bob Courcy has scored 7 goals while Wilf Martin's 8 points on 4 goals and 4 assists tops the Spurs.

San Diego and Portland get into action on Saturday along with the Seattle-Denver rematch. San Diego leads the Bucks 5-4-1 on the season and has outscored the league-leader 36-29, the only team in the league with a season-long advantage.

Willie O'Ree with 14 points (6-8) and Warren Hynes (8-5-13) have sparked the Gulls' attack. For Portland, WHL scoring leaders Bill Saunders and Art Jones have been the top threat. Saunders has sniped 8 goals for his 13 points and Jones is 2-9-11. In the nets, Jimmy McLeod has faced San Diego in 6 games and allowed only 14 goals compared to a record of 20 goals in 7 games for the Gulls' Jack McCartan.

Sunday, the Gulls will be at home in the first of a seven-game homestand against Denver. The Gulls won their last two games at home. The Spurs are 1-3-2 in San Diego despite being 3-9-2 for the season against the Gulls. Phoenix moves into Portland in an effort to break a five-game winless streak on Buckaroo ice. The Roadrunners, in fact, have scored only two goals in Portland this season thanks to hot-handed efforts by Dave Kelly and McLeod. Saunders has scored 11 goals against Phoenix, tops in the series.

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Like taxes, it's going to happen once again.

Barring complete collapse, the Portland Buckaroos this week will claim a berth in the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs for the ninth consecutive season. The Bucks need only one victory--or a Phoenix loss--to assure post season competition for the defending Governor's Cup winners.

And, speaking of Governor's Cups, the Buckaroos could add their fifth consecutive Western Hockey League championship not long after. It would mark the seventh time in nine years Portland has finished first.

Vancouver, which has won five Governor's Cups, is the only team with a solid chance to end the string if the Buckaroos only play .500 in their remaining 16 games.

The Canucks, too, are close to claiming a berth in the Patrick Cup competition. Any combination of wins, losses or ties totaling five points between the Canucks and Phoenix will complete half the Patrick Cup field for 1969.

If the Buckaroos, leading the league with 74 points, collect only 16 of a possible 32 in the final month of play, Vancouver must go 9-3-1 to tie for the regular season title.

For San Diego and Seattle, the task is a little more awesome.

If Portland collects 90 points this season the other clubs must finish like this:

| | GP | PTS | GTP* | RECORD TO TIE |
|-----------|----|-----|------|---------------|
| Vancouver | 60 | 71 | 14 | 9-3-1 |
| San Diego | 59 | 61 | 15 | 14-0-1 |
| Seattle | 58 | 60 | 16 | 15-1-0 |

Although the Canucks have a solid grip on second place, both San Diego and Seattle could overtake Vancouver. If the Canucks play .500 hockey for the remainder of the season, they'll wind up with 78 points and San Diego and Seattle could force a tie with records like this:

| | GP | PTS | GTP* | RECORD TO TIE |
|-----------|----|-----|------|---------------|
| San Diego | 59 | 61 | 15 | 8-6-1 |
| Seattle | 58 | 60 | 16 | 9-7-0 |

Third place is a battle between the San Diego Gulls and Seattle Totems unless, of course, Portland and Vancouver slip below the .500 mark. And, ironically, if both the Gulls and Totems play .500 for the remainder of the season they'll end up tied.

* GTP—Games To Play

Phoenix and Denver each have a chance to claim fourth place and the final playoff berth should any of the other clubs slip. But both the Roadrunners and Spurs face a long, uphill battle to regain a playoff berth. Both the Spurs and Roadrunners, ironically, were in the Patrick Cup playoffs in their first seasons in the WHL. Denver, playing as the Invaders, won the Governor's Cup in 1964 while the Roadrunners edged Vancouver for the final berth in last season's play.

As the week started, Vancouver and Phoenix each had 14 games to play, San Diego and Denver 15 and Portland and Seattle 16. Phoenix, which has a 4-22-2 record on the road must play 9 of its remaining 14 games away. Denver, Portland and San Diego each have schedules heavy in the home column, Vancouver is even while the Totems have 9 of 16 on the road.

The schedule for the remaining month looks like this:

| TEAM | H | A | TOTAL | DEN | PHO | PORT | S.D. | SEA | VAN |
|-----------|---|---|-------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| Denver | 8 | 7 | 15 | - | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Phoenix | 5 | 9 | 14 | 3 | - | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Portland | 9 | 7 | 16 | 3 | 4 | - | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| San Diego | 9 | 6 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | 3 | 3 |
| Seattle | 7 | 9 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | - | 4 |
| Vancouver | 7 | 7 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | - |

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WHL MILESTONES: . . .Seattle's MARC BOILEAU and GERRY GOYER of Portland are nearing their 600th WHL game. . . San Diego's WILLIE O'REE just passed 500. . . Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY is nearing his 600th league assist. . .only GUYLE FIELDER of Seattle and ART JONES of Portland have passed that point. . .WARREN HYNES of San Diego is still shy of the 300 assist mark. . .teammate GORDON SINCLAIR started the week needing one point for 600.

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TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Game;through 2-23-69)

| | DENVER | PHOENIX | PORTLAND | SAN DIEGO | SEATTLE | VANCOUVER |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Denver | ---- | 53-51 | 32-52 | 49-60 | 26-37 | 36-42 |
| Phoenix | 51-53 | ---- | 14-39 | 35-44 | 32-33 | 32-38 |
| Portland | 52-32 | 39-14 | ----- | 29-36 | 42-37 | 50-38 |
| San Diego | 60-49 | 44-35 | 36-29 | ----- | 38-38 | 28-47 |
| Seattle | 37-26 | 33-32 | 37-42 | 38-38 | ---- | 31-42 |
| Vancouver | 42-36 | 38-32 | 38-50 | 47-28 | 42-31 | ----- |

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|------------------------|------|-----|----|------|-------|----|----|----|
| * Kelly - Portland | 1517 | 74 | 3 | 2.92 | 688 | 14 | 5 | 6 |
| * McLeod - Portland | 1883 | 75 | 3 | 2.39 | 897 | 16 | 9 | 7 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 3480 | 157 | 6 | 2.66 | 1627 | 30 | 14 | 14 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| * Gardner - Vancouver | 2654 | 126 | 2 | 2.85 | 1104 | 22 | 15 | 8 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | | | | |
| * Millar - Vancouver | 580 | 34 | 0 | 3.52 | 238 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| * Hodge - Vancouver | 360 | 14 | 0 | 2.33 | 181 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 3600 | 177 | 2 | 2.95 | 1523 | 30 | 19 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| * Head - Seattle | 1823 | 86 | 1 | 2.83 | 801 | 17 | 9 | 4 |
| * Armstrong - Seattle | 1657 | 94 | 1 | 3.40 | 777 | 8 | 14 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 3480 | 180 | 2 | 3.10 | 1578 | 25 | 23 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| * Champoux - San Diego | 1464 | 80 | 1 | 3.28 | 807 | 9 | 10 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 3 | | | | | | |
| * McCartan - San Diego | 2064 | 115 | 0 | 3.34 | 1099 | 16 | 13 | 5 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 3540 | 198 | 1 | 3.36 | 1906 | 25 | 23 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| * Charron - Phoenix | 2109 | 127 | 2 | 3.61 | 987 | 12 | 18 | 6 |
| * Broderick - Phoenix | 1485 | 79 | 2 | 3.19 | 681 | 6 | 13 | 5 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 3600 | 207 | 4 | 3.45 | 1668 | 18 | 31 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| * Farr - Denver | 1768 | 115 | 1 | 3.97 | 827 | 10 | 14 | 4 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 4 | | | | | | |
| * Caron - Denver | 1764 | 122 | 2 | 4.15 | 856 | 7 | 21 | 3 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| DENVER TOTALS | 3540 | 242 | 3 | 4.10 | 1683 | 17 | 35 | 7 |

TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 2-23-69)

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. | GP | W | L |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----|----|----|
| Denver | ----- | 6-7-0 | 2-7-2 | 3-9-2 | 3-6-0 | 3-6-3. | 18 | 7 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 7-6-0 | ----- | 0-7-3 | 4-6-3 | 3-6-3 | 4-6-2. | 15 | 4 | 11 |
| Portland | 7-2-2 | 7-0-3 | ----- | 4-5-1 | 6-4-4 | 6-3-4. | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| San Diego | 9-3-2 | 6-4-3 | 5-4-1 | ----- | 3-5-3 | 2-7-2. | 11 | 6 | 5 |
| Seattle | 6-3-0 | 6-3-3 | 4-6-4 | 5-3-3 | ----- | 4-8-0. | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| Vancouver | 6-3-3 | 6-4-2 | 3-6-4 | 7-2-2 | 8-4-0 | -----. | 17 | 11 | 6 |



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The San Diego Gulls and the Seattle Totems can wrap up berths in the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs this week IF. . .and that's a big if. . .the Vancouver Canucks roll over and play dead.

In the magic number department, it's "4" for both the Totems and Gulls (3 wins and a tie for San Diego) to eliminate Phoenix and Denver and clinch the final two post-season playoff berths against Portland and Vancouver. The Totems, however, have a Wednesday game against the second-place Canucks while Denver--which---which has won twice in Portland---tangles with the Buckaroos and the Phoenix Roadrunners battle for their first win of the season in San Diego.

Seattle, which plays all of its games this week at home, tangles with the Denver Spurs in the only Friday game. The Totems lead in the series 6-5-0 and have outscored the Spurs 44-42 despite a weekend sweep that saw Denver outscore Seattle, 16-7. Wilf Martin leads the Spurs' scoring against the Totems with a 7-4--11 record, while Guyle Fielder is 3-14--17 for the Totems. Leading goal scorer is Totem wing Bob Courcy with 8. Leading goal-keeper in the series has been Jim Armstrong of the Totems at 3.42.

Saturday, Vancouver takes a nine-game unbeaten string against the Gulls into San Diego where the Canucks are unbeaten (3-0-2) in five games. The Canucks have outscored the Gulls, 47-28, with Bryan Hextall's 21 points and Bob Barlow's 10 goals high. Alex Faulkner has scored 9 points against the Canucks. Canuck goalie George Gardner (2.63 on the season against the Gulls) is 1.80 in the last five games.

Sunday an explosive two games match the four leaders. While the Canucks and San Diego renew their feud, league leading Portland makes its last appearance of the season in Seattle. The Bucks, 2-2-1 in the last five road games and 10-9-11 on the road this season, have not won on the Totems' ice in seven previous games. Leading in the season series, 6-4-4, Portland is 0-4-3 in Seattle. Top individual scorers in the series are Bill Saunders of Portland with 19 points and Fielder of Seattle with 14. Totem winger Courcy has sniped an additional 8 goals against the Bucks while both Art Jones and Andy Heberton have six. In the nets, Don Head is only 2.61 in Seattle while Buck goalies Jim McLeod (4.20) and Dave Kelly (4.00) have had problems.

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The upsurge in 20-goal scorers this season can't be accounted for either by goalies who have suddenly turned into easy touches. Six of the goalies who played a season back in the WHL are also around this year. As a group, the six had allowed 591 goals after the first weekend in March during the 1967-68 season. The same six this season have surrendered only 574 goals, 17 less than a year ago.

How the goalies played, last season and this:

| NAME | 1967-68 | | | | | 1968-69 | | | | |
|-----------|---------|-----|----|------|------|---------|-----|----|------|------|
| | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SS | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SS |
| McLeod | 1461 | 51 | 3 | 2.09 | 632 | 2003 | 77 | 3 | 2.31 | 959 |
| Kelly | 2009 | 101 | 1 | 3.01 | 958 | 1577 | 76 | 3 | 2.89 | 710 |
| Head | 2167 | 90 | 3 | 2.49 | 935 | 1943 | 98 | 1 | 3.03 | 853 |
| Champoux | 1638 | 97 | 0 | 3.55 | 722 | 1544 | 87 | 1 | 3.38 | 839 |
| Armstrong | 1420 | 72 | 0 | 3.04 | 667 | 1777 | 104 | 1 | 3.51 | 860 |
| Charron | 2955 | 180 | 4 | 3.65 | 1318 | 2169 | 132 | 2 | 3.62 | 1016 |

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With the 1968-69 title chase drawing to a close, the only thing settled in the WHL is two of the berths in the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs. Portland and Vancouver are "in" for sure. But the final order of finish and the remaining two teams in the playoffs are still to be decided.

The race to the finish looks like this:

| TEAM | POINTS | GTP | HOME | AWAY | POS. | PTS. | OPPONENTS |
|-----------|--------|-----|------|------|------|------|--|
| Portland | 80 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 106 | | Denver 3, Phoenix 3, San Diego 2, Seattle 2, Vancouver 3 |
| Vancouver | 73 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 99 | | Denver 2, Phoenix 2, Portland 3, San Diego 3, Seattle 3 |
| San Diego | 63 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 87 | | Denver 1, Phoenix 3, Portland 2, Seattle 3, Vancouver 3 |
| Seattle | 62 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 86 | | Denver 3, Phoenix 1, Portland 2, San Diego 3, Vancouver 3 |
| Phoenix | 47 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 69 | | Denver 2, Portland 3, San Diego 3, Seattle 1, Vancouver 2 |
| Denver | 47 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 69 | | Phoenix 2, Portland 3, San Diego 1, Seattle 3, Vancouver 2 |

WHL MILESTONES: Phoenix' DICK LAMOUREUX will play his 900th WHL game at Portland on March 15 Vancouver's MURRAY HALL entered his 100th WHL game at Seattle Wednesday needing one goal or assists for 100 points in WHL play . . .BILL SAUNDERS' 99th point of the year will give him 600 in league play.

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If you get a kick out of watching 'em score goals, the Western Hockey League is the place to be this season. Despite the two-goalie system and the addition of bigger, tougher defensemen, players in the WHL are hitting the 20 goal mark almost twice as often as a year ago.

For example, last season only Len Ronson of San Diego was able to top the 40 goal mark, five players sniped their way past the 30-goal plateau and a total of 20 players in the entire league scored 20 or more goals in the entire season.

So far, with the best part of a month to go, only Bill Saunders of the Portland Buckaroos has 40 or more goals (43). But 10 players have already hit or passed the 30 goal mark and 13 more have scored 20 or more goals. Fred Hilts of San Diego (35) and Bob Courcy of Seattle (34) are candidates for the 40-goal level and it's only a matter of time before Andy Bathgate of Vancouver (29) and Bob Charlebois of Phoenix (27) reach the 30-goal mark. In addition, six more players have each scored 17 or more goals so far this season.

With a month to play, the list of goal scorers this year and last:

| <u>1967-68</u> | | | <u>1968-69</u> | | | |
|----------------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| <u>NAME</u> | <u>TEAM</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>TEAM</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>+/-</u> |
| Ronson | S. D. | 38 | Saunders | Port. | 43 | +10 |
| Hilts | S. D. | 33 | Hilts | S. D. | 35 | + 2 |
| Saunders | Port. | 33 | Courcy | Sea. | 34 | NC * |
| Carmichael | Vanc. | 28 | Barlow | Vanc. | 31 | NC |
| Jones | Port. | 27 | Rodger | Denv. | 31 | NC |
| McVie | Phnx. | 26 | Johnson | Port. | 31 | +13 |
| Nicholson | S. D. | 25 | Jones | Port. | 30 | + 3 |
| Vejprava | Vanc. | 23 | O'Ree | S. D. | 30 | +11 |
| Heiskala | Sea. | 22 | Hynes | S. D. | 30 | +17 |
| Holmes | Sea. | 22 | Martin | Denv. | 30 | NC |
| Faulkner | S. D. | 22 | Bathgate | Vanc. | 29 | NC |
| Topoll | Phnx | 22 | Charlebois | Phnx. | 27 | NC |
| Dineen | Sea. | 21 | Lunde | Vanc. | 23 | NC |
| | | | Vejprava | Denv. | 23 | Same |
| | | | Bellerive | Port. | 23 | NC |
| | | | Carmichael | S. D. | 22 | - 6 |
| | | | Hanna | Sea. | 22 | NC |
| | | | Holmes | Sea. | 21 | - 1 |
| | | | Johnson | Denv. | 21 | NC |
| | | | Harris | Vanc. | 20 | NC |
| | | | McVie | Phnx. | 20 | - 6 |
| | | | Hebenton | Port. | 20 | + 6 |
| | | | Hall | Vanc. | 20 | NC |

* NC denotes No Comparison: Did not play in WHL '67-68---or insufficient games for a comparison.

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| X Kelly - Portland | 1577 | 76 | 3 | 2.89 | 710 | 15 | 5 | 6 |
| X McLeod - Portland | 2003 | 77 | 3 | 2.31 | 959 | 18 | 9 | 7 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 3660 | 161 | 6 | 2.64 | 1711 | 33 | 14 | 14 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Gardner - Vancouver | 2714 | 128 | 2 | 2.83 | 1134 | 23 | 15 | 8 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | | | | |
| X Millar - Vancouver | 580 | 34 | 0 | 3.52 | 238 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| X Hodge - Vancouver | 360 | 14 | 0 | 2.33 | 181 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 3660 | 179 | 2 | 2.93 | 1553 | 31 | 19 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Head - Seattle | 1943 | 98 | 1 | 3.03 | 853 | 18 | 10 | 4 |
| X Armstrong - Seattle | 1777 | 104 | 1 | 3.51 | 860 | 8 | 16 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 3720 | 202 | 2 | 3.26 | 1713 | 26 | 26 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Champoux - San Diego | 1544 | 87 | 1 | 3.38 | 839 | 9 | 11 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 3 | | | | | | |
| McCartan - San Diego | 2164 | 124 | 0 | 3.44 | 1155 | 17 | 14 | 5 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 3720 | 214 | 1 | 3.45 | 1994 | 26 | 25 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Charron - Phoenix | 2169 | 132 | 2 | 3.62 | 1016 | 12 | 19 | 6 |
| X Broderick - Phoenix | 1604 | 87 | 2 | 3.25 | 737 | 6 | 15 | 5 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 3780 | 220 | 4 | 3.49 | 1753 | 18 | 34 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Farr - Denver | 2008 | 128 | 2 | 3.85 | 934 | 13 | 15 | 4 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 4 | | | | | | |
| X Caron - Denver | 1764 | 122 | 2 | 4.15 | 856 | 7 | 21 | 3 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| DENVER TOTALS | 3780 | 255 | 4 | 4.05 | 1790 | 20 | 36 | 7 |

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TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 3-2-69)

ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. | GP | W | L |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Denver | ----- | 7-7-0 | 2-7-2 | 3-10-2 | 5-6-0 | 3-6-3 | 18 | 7 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 7-7-0 | ----- | 0-8-3 | 4-6-3 | 3-7-3 | 4-6-2 | 16 | 4 | 12 |
| Portland | 7-2-2 | 8-0-3 | ----- | 6-5-1 | 6-4-4 | 6-3-4 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| San Diego | 10-3-2 | 6-4-3 | 5-6-1 | ----- | 3-5-3 | 2-7-2 | 11 | 6 | 5 |
| Seattle | 6-5-0 | 7-3-3 | 4-6-4 | 5-3-3 | ----- | 4-9-0 | 14 | 9 | 5 |
| Vancouver | 6-3-3 | 6-4-2 | 3-6-4 | 7-2-2 | 9-4-0 | ----- | 18 | 12 | 6 |



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One of the few remaining questions about the Western Hockey League season and the field for the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs will be answered this week. . . .or maybe two. And it's just possible that the answers to a few more may creep in before the seven game schedule on tap this week is complete.

Seattle can complete the field for the Patrick Cup action by getting no worse than a tie against the Phoenix Roadrunners Friday in a storm postponed game. Or, the Totems will get in by beating San Diego Saturday or having Phoenix lose to Portland.

For the Portland Buckaroos, it's a question of settling a fifth consecutive Western Hockey League title. The Bucks started the week leading second-place Vancouver by eight points and four games on their schedule. Three of the games are against the Canucks and a sweep by Portland would assure the Bucks of no worse than a tie for the Governors' Cup.

Portland, although it leads in the series, 6-3-4, is even (2-2-1) against the Canucks in Portland where two of the three games are scheduled.

While Art Jones (8-13-21), Norm Johnson (18) and Bill Saunders (16) have^{been} the top point scorers, goalies Jimmy McLeod (2.46) and Dave Kelly (2.86) have been instrumental in the Bucks' success. Bob Barlow and Murray Hall each have collected 13 points against Portland--the only team with a season-long edge over the Canucks--while Andy Bathgate's seven goals are the Canuck high in the series.

When the Vancouver-Portland series heads into B.C. Friday, Phoenix will be in Seattle and Denver at San Diego. The Roadrunners are led by Bob Charlebois' 13 points (5-8) while Totem Guyle Fielder has 20 points in the series with a 5-15 mark. Seattle goalie Don Head is 2.20 in five games against the 'Runners. In the Denver-San Diego series, center Warren Hynes has 33 points (11 of 'em goals) in leading the Gulls to a 10-3-2 edge over the Spurs during the season. Wilf Martin and Gordy Vejprava have each collected 13 points-- eight goals for Martin--for Denver.

The Roadrunners are still searching for their first points of the season in Portland in their seventh attempt. Buck goalies have yielded only four goals in six games in Portland and Phoenix' top scorer in the season series is Aut Erickson with five assists. Seattle leads San Diego 5-3-3 for the season but the goals are all even at 38-38. Fred Hilts has collected half his 14 points with goals; Totem Bob Courcy has sniped 8 goals among his 12 points.

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It's been a very good year.

At least it's been a very good year for point scoring in the Western Hockey League.

In fact, for 19 performers in the WHL the current campaign may be the very best in their careers. Already 14 players have surpassed--and five are within 4 points--of surpassing their career highs in points scored for an entire season.

Heading the list (and it's no surprise) is Bill Saunders who had collected 96 points as the week began. For the veteran Portland winger that's 17 points over his previous high of 79 set with the Buckaroos back in 1961-62. Also 17 points over his one and only previous campaign is Buck defenseman Dennis Kearns.

Two other players--both newcomers to the WHL--have improved on their best individual marks. Denver defenseman John Schella is 15 points up and teammate Wilf Martin has improved by 11 points.

The top 14 improved career performances for 1968-69:

| NAME | TEAM | GP | G | A | TP | PREVIOUS BEST-SET AT: |
|-----------|-------|----|----|----|----|------------------------|
| Saunders | Port. | 63 | 45 | 51 | 96 | Portland, 1961-62 |
| | | 68 | 34 | 45 | 79 | |
| Kearns | Port. | 63 | 2 | 35 | 37 | Portland, 1967-68 |
| | | 68 | 5 | 15 | 20 | |
| Schella | Denv. | 60 | 4 | 18 | 22 | Houston, 1967-68 |
| | | 39 | 5 | 2 | 7 | |
| Martin | Denv. | 55 | 30 | 26 | 56 | Cleveland, 1967-68 |
| | | 72 | 15 | 30 | 45 | |
| Hanna | Sea. | 62 | 22 | 21 | 43 | Quebec, 1964-65 |
| | | 70 | 9 | 25 | 34 | |
| Eagle | S.D. | 61 | 0 | 12 | 12 | San Diego, 1967-68 |
| | | 38 | 1 | 4 | 5 | |
| O'Ree | S.D. | 62 | 33 | 38 | 71 | Los Angeles, 1965-66 |
| | | 62 | 33 | 33 | 66 | |
| Mavety | Denv. | 65 | 5 | 24 | 29 | Vancouver, 1967-68 |
| | | 72 | 2 | 23 | 25 | |
| Rodger | Denv. | 61 | 31 | 25 | 56 | Springfield, 1963-64 |
| | | 68 | 19 | 34 | 53 | |
| Polanic | Phnx. | 64 | 3 | 13 | 16 | Phoenix, 1967-68 |
| | | 70 | 3 | 10 | 13 | |
| Larose | Sea. | 65 | 8 | 15 | 23 | Los Angeles, 1965-66 |
| | | 63 | 8 | 13 | 21 | |
| MacMillan | S.D. | 65 | 18 | 29 | 47 | San Diego, 1966-67 |
| | | 71 | 20 | 26 | 46 | |
| Shaw | Phnx. | 60 | 5 | 7 | 12 | Phoenix, 1967-68 |
| | | 49 | 2 | 9 | 11 | |
| Stefaniw | Phnx. | 64 | 12 | 15 | 27 | Oklahoma City, 1967-68 |
| | | 27 | 11 | 15 | 26 | |

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With all but one position filled for the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs, the race to determine the pairings for the semi-final series--and the 1968-69 Western Hockey League Governors' Cup winner--becomes the most important factor in the final two-plus weeks of the season:

The race to the finish looks like this:

| TEAM | PTS | GTP | H | A | POS. | PTS. | OPPONENTS: |
|------------|-----|-----|---|---|------|------|--|
| Portland* | 82 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 104 | | Denver 2, Phoenix 3, San Diego 2, Seattle 1, Vancouver 3 |
| Vancouver* | 74 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 94 | | Denver 2, Phoenix 2, Portland 3, San Diego 1, Seattle 2 |
| San Diego* | 68 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 86 | | Denver 1, Phoenix 2, Portland 2, Seattle 3, Vancouver 1 |
| Seattle | 66 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 84 | | Denver 2, Phoenix 1, Portland 1, San Diego 3, Vancouver 2 |
| Denver | 49 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 67 | | Phoenix 2, Portland 2, San Diego 1, Seattle 2, Vancouver 2 |
| Phoenix | 47 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 67 | | Denver 2, Portland 3, San Diego 2, Seattle 1, Van. 2. |

* Clinched Lester Patrick Cup playoff position.

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WHL MILESTONES: Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY is near (March 18) his 800th league contest....GERRY GOYER of Portland celebrated his 600th game Wednesday against the Canucks. . .ART JONES of Portland with 11 games to play needs only six goals as the week started to hit the 400 mark....only GORDON FASHOWAY, the league record holder with 485, has hit the mark previously....LARRY LEACH of the Bucks is two goals shy of 100...RICH VAN IMPE of Portland passed the 300 minute mark in penalties and GORDY REDAHL of Denver is a penalty shy of hitting the 200 minute mark.

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TEAM SCORING AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 3-9-69)

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Denver | ----- | 57-51 | 34-60 | 53-66 | 45-46 | 36-42 |
| Phoenix | 51-57 | ----- | 16-44 | 36-53 | 35-37 | 32-38 |
| Portland | 60-34 | 44-16 | ----- | 41-38 | 45-41 | 50-38 |
| San Diego | 66-53 | 53-36 | 38-41 | ----- | 38-38 | 36-54 |
| Seattle | 46-45 | 37-35 | 41-45 | 38-38 | ----- | 38-49 |
| Vancouver | 42-36 | 38-32 | 38-50 | 54-36 | 49-38 | ----- |

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|---|------|----------|----|------|-------|----|----|----|
| X Kelly - Portland | 1636 | 80 | 3 | 2.93 | 744 | 15 | 6 | 6 |
| X McLeod - Portland
(Empty Net Goal) | 2063 | 79
1 | 3 | 2.29 | 984 | 19 | 9 | 7 |
| X Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 3780 | 167 | 6 | 2.65 | 1770 | 34 | 15 | 14 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Gardner - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goals) | 2833 | 137
2 | 2 | 2.90 | 1209 | 23 | 16 | 9 |
| X Millar - Vancouver
(Empty Net Goal) | 580 | 34
1 | 0 | 3.52 | 238 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| X Hodge - Vancouver | 420 | 18 | 0 | 2.57 | 219 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 3840 | 192 | 2 | 3.00 | 1666 | 31 | 21 | 12 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Head - Seattle | 2063 | 104 | 1 | 3.03 | 894 | 19 | 11 | 4 |
| X Armstrong - Seattle | 1837 | 108 | 1 | 3.52 | 889 | 9 | 16 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 3900 | 212 | 2 | 3.26 | 1783 | 28 | 27 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Champoux - San Diego
(Empty Net Goals) | 1544 | 87
3 | 1 | 3.38 | 839 | 9 | 11 | 6 |
| X McCartan - San Diego
(Empty Net Goal) | 2344 | 131
1 | 0 | 3.35 | 1258 | 19 | 14 | 6 |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 3900 | 222 | 1 | 3.41 | 2097 | 28 | 25 | 12 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Charron - Phoenix | 2229 | 141 | 2 | 3.79 | 1050 | 12 | 20 | 6 |
| X Broderick - Phoenix
(Empty Net Goal) | 1604 | 87
1 | 2 | 3.25 | 737 | 6 | 15 | 5 |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 3840 | 229 | 4 | 3.58 | 1787 | 18 | 35 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Farr - Denver
(Empty Net Goals) | 2128 | 138
4 | 2 | 3.89 | 990 | 14 | 16 | 4 |
| X Caron - Denver
(Empty Net Goal) | 1764 | 122
1 | 2 | 4.15 | 856 | 7 | 21 | 3 |
| DENVER TOTALS | 3900 | 265 | 4 | 4.08 | 1846 | 21 | 37 | 7 |

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TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 3-9-69) ONE-GOAL DECISIONS

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANC. | GP | W | L |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Denver | ----- | 7-7-0 | 2-8-2 | 3-10-2 | 6-6-0 | 3-6-3 | 19 | 8 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 7-7-0 | ----- | 0-8-3 | 4-7-3 | 3-7-3 | 4-6-2 | 16 | 4 | 12 |
| Portland | 8-2-2 | 8-0-3 | ----- | 6-5-1 | 6-5-4 | 6-3-4 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| San Diego | 10-3-2 | 7-4-3 | 5-6-1 | ----- | 3-5-3 | 3-7-3 | 12 | 7 | 5 |
| Seattle | 6-6-0 | 7-3-3 | 5-6-4 | 5-3-3 | ----- | 5-9-0 | 17 | 11 | 6 |
| Vancouver | 6-3-3 | 6-4-2 | 3-6-4 | 7-3-3 | 9-5-0 | ----- | 20 | 12 | 8 |



Western Hockey League

March 19, 1969

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

With less than two weeks to go, the Western Hockey League championship and first round opponents in the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs are still undecided. But some of the answers will be decided by Sunday after an 11 game schedule this week has ended.

The Portland Buckaroos, regardless of what the Vancouver Canucks do in their four games, can claim a fifth straight Governor's Cup by winning three games, two against Denver and one against San Diego.

The Canucks, Gulls and Seattle Totems, however, are separated by only seven points after the Totems' triumph in Denver Monday night. A surge or a slip by any of the trio could change the tentative lineup for the semi-final series by Sunday.

The race looks like this: (Games through 3-17-69)

| TEAM | PTS | GTP | H | A | POS. PTS. | OPPONENTS |
|-----------|-----|-----|---|---|-----------|--|
| Portland | 87 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 101 | Denver 2, Phoenix 2, San Diego 2, Seattle 1 |
| Vancouver | 77 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 91 | Denver 2, Phoenix 2, San Diego 1, Seattle 2 |
| San Diego | 72 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 86 | Phoenix 2, Portland 2, Seattle 2, Vancouver 1 |
| Seattle | 70 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 82 | Denver 1, Portland 1, San Diego 2, Vancouver 2 |

San Diego pins its hopes this week on a home and home series with the Phoenix Roadrunners. Thursday, they battle in Phoenix and Friday in San Diego. In other Friday games, Portland completes its series with the Denver Spurs and Seattle invades Vancouver in an attempt to end a six-game losing string on Canuck ice. Canuck goalie George Gardner is 2.35 against the Totems, including two shutouts.

Saturday, the Canucks are at Phoenix in the only game as the Roadrunners continue to operate in the role of spoiler. Although trailing 4-6-2 in the series, Phoenix is 2-2-2 at home against the Canucks.

Vancouver moves into Denver Sunday with a 1-3-2 record on the Spurs' ice while Portland and San Diego tangle in Portland. The Bucks are 5-1 against the Gulls with Jimmy McLeod allowing only 16 goals in 8 meetings and Art Jones collecting 17 points.

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PORTLAND PLAYOFF RECORDS

| NO. | NAME | POS. | GP | G | A | TP | PIM |
|-----|-----------|------|----|-----|----|----|------|
| 5 | Kearns | Def | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| 11 | Messier | Def | 60 | 11 | 19 | 30 | 137# |
| 12 | Donaldson | Def | 52 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 54 |
| 23 | Hay | Def | 74 | 3 | 16 | 19 | 68 |
| 26 | Madigan | Def | 68 | 7 | 24 | 31 | 132 |
| 3 | Leach | RW | 49 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 44 |
| 7 | Saunders | LW | 58 | 11 | 14 | 25 | 29 |
| 9 | Schmautz | RW | 45 | 23 | 17 | 40 | 25 |
| 10 | Johnson | C | 45 | 9 | 38 | 47 | 38 |
| 14 | Hebenton | RW | 71 | 32 | 32 | 64 | 23 |
| 15 | Jones | C | 88 | 39# | 56 | 95 | 46 |
| 17 | Campbell | LW | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 19 | Pearson | LW | 20 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 18 |
| 22 | Bellerive | LW | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 25 | Van Impe | LW | 46 | 13 | 14 | 27 | 44 |
| 27 | Goyer | C | 68 | 29 | 35 | 64 | 18 |

Goalkeepers

| | | | GP | GA | SO | AVG. | PIM |
|---|--------|------|-------|-----|----|------|-----|
| 1 | Kelly | Goal | 13.5 | 61 | 0 | 4.59 | 4 |
| 1 | McLeod | Goal | 43.11 | 121 | 6 | 2.81 | 6 |

PLAYOFF SERIES 15; WON 7; LOST 8. PLAYOFF GAMES 83; WON 40; LOST 43.

LESTER PATRICK CUP VICTORIES: 1961, 1965.

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE ALL-TIME LEADERS IN PLAYOFF GAMES

| <u>GAMES PLAYED</u> | | <u>GOALS</u> | | <u>ASSISTS</u> | |
|---------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Guyle Fielder | 93* | Art Jones | 39* | Guyle Fielder | 71* |
| Arnie Schmautz | 92 | Gordon Fashoway | 37 | Art Jones | 56* |
| Gordon Fashoway | 90 | Sid Finney | 37 | Phil Maloney | 52* |
| Art Jones | 88* | Andy Hebenton | 32* | Ray Cyr | 47 |
| Alex Hucul | 87 | Gerry Goyer | 29* | Bill MacFarland | 43 |
| Steve Witiuk | 87 | Jackie McLeod | 29 | Norm Johnson | 38* |
| Arlo Goodwin | 85 | Phil Maloney | 27* | Sid Finney | 37 |
| Ray Cyr | 85 | Bill MacFarland | 25 | Rudy Fillion | 36 |
| Bob Bergeron | 83 | Len Haley | 25 | Tommy McVie | 36 |
| Ron Matthews | 82 | Guyle Fielder | 25* | Gerry Goyer | 35* |
| Chuck Holmes | 81* | Bobby Love | 24 | Ron Matthews | 35 |
| Gerry Leonard | 80* | | | | |

Indicates Playoff record.

* Indicates active in 1969 playoffs

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VANCOVER PLAYOFF RECORDS

| NO. | NAME | POS. | GP | G | A | TP | PIM |
|-----|-----------|------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 2 | Reaume | Def | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 3 | Johns | Def | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| 4 | Sly | Def | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 5 | Cherry | Def | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 6 | Lemieux | Def | 10 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 14 |
| 7 | Barlow | LW | 38 | 21 | 20 | 41 | 41 |
| 8 | Maloney | C | 58 | 27 | 52 | 79 | 8 |
| 9 | Bathgate | C | 9 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 2 |
| 10 | Taylor | LW | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 11 | McCaskill | C | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 12 | Hextall | C | 15 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 33 |
| 14 | Gagnon | C | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 15 | McKenny | RW | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 17 | Hall | RW | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 18 | Hannigan | RW | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 19 | Lunde | RW | 32 | 13 | 19 | 32 | 13 |

Goalkeepers

| | | | GP | GA | SO | AVG. | PIM |
|----|---------|------|----|-----|----|------|-----|
| 1 | Gardner | Goal | -- | -- | -- | --- | -- |
| 20 | Hodge | Goal | -- | -- | -- | --- | -- |
| 30 | Millar | Goal | 32 | 100 | 0 | 3.13 | 9 |

PLAYOFF SERIES 24; WON 12; LOST 12. PLAYOFF GAMES 124; WON 61; LOST 63.

LESTER PATRICK CUP VICTORIES: 1958, 1960.

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE ALL-TIME LEADERS IN PLAYOFF GAMES

| <u>POINTS</u> | | <u>PENALTY MINUTES</u> | | <u>GOALKEEPERS</u> | |
|-----------------|-----|------------------------|------|--------------------|-------|
| Guyle Fielder | 96* | Doug Messier | 137* | Don Head | 2.21* |
| Art Jones | 95* | Connie Madigan | 132* | Hank Bassen | 2.35 |
| Phil Maloney | 79* | Frank Arnett | 120 | Lorne Worsley | 2.40 |
| Sid Finney | 74 | Alex Hucul | 117 | Marcel Pelletier | 2.54 |
| Bill MacFarland | 68 | Steve Witiuk | 114 | Lucien Dechene | 2.55 |
| Ray Cyr | 66 | Fred Hucul | 114 | Larry Frechette | 2.73 |
| Gordon Fashoway | 66 | Colin Kilburn | 108 | Jim McLeod | 2.81* |
| Gerry Goyer | 64* | Bill Shvetz | 104 | Bill Brennan | 2.90 |
| Andy Hebenton | 64* | Harry Dick | 100 | Bev Bentley | 2.98 |
| Rudy Fillion | 59 | George Ford | 98 | Dennis Riggins | 3.00 |

(Minimum of 20 games)

* Indicates active in 1969 Playoffs.

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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1969

| NAME | MIN. | GA | SO | AVG. | SAVES | W | L | T |
|------------------------|------|-----|----|------|-------|----|----|----|
| X Kelly - Portland | 1755 | 88 | 3 | 3.01 | 811 | 16 | 7 | 6 |
| X McLeod - Portland | 2183 | 82 | 3 | 2.25 | 1034 | 20 | 9 | 8 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sneddon - Portland | 80 | 7 | 0 | 5.26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PORTLAND TOTALS | 4020 | 178 | 6 | 2.66 | 1886 | 36 | 16 | 15 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Gardner - Vancouver | 2893 | 141 | 2 | 2.92 | 1235 | 23 | 17 | 9 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 2 | | | | | | |
| X Millar - Vancouver | 580 | 34 | 0 | 3.52 | 238 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| X Hodge - Vancouver | 539 | 25 | 0 | 2.78 | 284 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| VANCOUVER TOTALS | 4020 | 203 | 2 | 3.03 | 1759 | 32 | 22 | 13 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Head - Seattle | 2123 | 112 | 1 | 3.17 | 926 | 19 | 12 | 4 |
| X Armstrong - Seattle | 1897 | 111 | 1 | 3.51 | 914 | 10 | 16 | 6 |
| SEATTLE TOTALS | 4020 | 223 | 2 | 3.33 | 1840 | 29 | 28 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Champoux - San Diego | 1628 | 97 | 1 | 3.58 | 872 | 10 | 11 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 3 | | | | | | |
| X McCartan - San Diego | 2380 | 133 | 0 | 3.35 | 1284 | 20 | 14 | 6 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| SAN DIEGO TOTALS | 4020 | 234 | 1 | 3.49 | 2156 | 30 | 25 | 12 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Charron - Phoenix | 2289 | 148 | 2 | 3.79 | 1085 | 12 | 21 | 6 |
| X Broderick - Phoenix | 1664 | 97 | 2 | 3.49 | 769 | 6 | 16 | 5 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| PHOENIX TOTALS | 3960 | 246 | 4 | 3.73 | 1854 | 18 | 37 | 11 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| X Farr - Denver | 2187 | 145 | 2 | 3.98 | 1015 | 14 | 17 | 4 |
| (Empty Net Goals) | | 4 | | | | | | |
| X Caron - Denver | 1764 | 122 | 2 | 4.15 | 856 | 7 | 21 | 3 |
| (Empty Net Goal) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| DENVER TOTALS | 3960 | 272 | 4 | 4.12 | 1871 | 21 | 38 | 7 |

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TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OPPONENT (Games through 3-16-69)

ONE GOAL DECISIONS

| | DENV. | PHNX. | PORT. | S. D. | SEA. | VANG. | GP | W | L |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Denver | ----- | 7-7-0 | 2-8-2 | 3-11-2 | 6-6-0 | 3-6-3 | 20 | 8 | 12 |
| Phoenix | 7-7-0 | ----- | 0-9-3 | 4-7-3 | 3-8-3 | 4-6-2 | 16 | 4 | 12 |
| Portland | 8-2-2 | 9-0-3 | ----- | 6-5-1 | 6-5-4 | 7-4-5 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| San Diego | 11-3-2 | 7-4-3 | 5-6-1 | ----- | 4-5-3 | 3-7-3 | 13 | 8 | 5 |
| Seattle | 6-6-0 | 8-3-3 | 5-6-4 | 5-4-3 | ----- | 5-9-0 | 17 | 11 | 6 |
| Vancouver | 6-3-3 | 6-4-2 | 4-7-5 | 7-3-3 | 9-5-0 | ----- | 21 | 13 | 8 |



Western Hockey League

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

There are three games on the Western Hockey League schedule Friday night.

But for the San Diego Gulls and the Seattle Totems there is only one with any significance. The Gulls and Totems are locked in struggle to decide third and fourth place in the Western Hockey League behind the five-time champion Portland Buckaroos and the runnerup Vancouver Canucks.

The Gulls have a three point edge on Seattle but the Totems, heading into a Wednesday night game with Portland, enjoyed two games-in-hand and could cut the deficit to one-point by beating the Buckaroos.

But regardless of the week's previous action, the big game for both clubs will be the head-on clash Friday in Seattle while Portland continues its assault on the WHL record book in Phoenix and the amazing Denver Spurs make their final fling in Vancouver.

Seattle holds a 6-4-3 edge in the overall series, thanks to a 2-2-3 mark posted on the Gulls ice. In Seattle, the Totems are 4-2 against San Diego and now have won four straight against the Gulls. San Diego opened the season with 7-2 and 8-5 wins and hasn't won in Seattle since.

It hasn't really been a series for the goalies. For San Diego injured Jack McCartan has surrendered only 18 goals in 355 minutes but Bob Champoux (425 minutes-31 goals) will get the call. Totem 'tender Don Head has given up 26 goals in 517 minutes while Jim Armstrong has allowed 21 goals in 263 minutes.

Top scorer in the series is Warren Hynes of the Gulls with 16 points and Fred Hilts has sniped 8 goals against the Totems. For Seattle, both Bob Courcy and Guyle Fielder have collected 15 points. Courcy has sniped 11 goals while Fielder has 12 assists.

In other Friday night games, the Buckaroos will attempt to extend their domination of the Phoenix Roadrunners to a full season in a two game series. Portland has a 9-0-3 mark. In Vancouver, the Denver Spurs need a win to preserve a fifth place finish. The Spurs will move into Seattle Saturday night for their final game of the season.

Sunday's schedule could be a preview of the opening round of the Lester Patrick Cup playoffs. The Buckaroos, who could set new records for most points, most goals, most assists, most scoring points, fewest losses and most points in road games, wind up regular season play at San Diego. Seattle, with only a tie to show in seven previous outings against on Vancouver ice, will close the season with a matinee (2:30 PM) performance against the Canucks.

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- GOALS:** Saunders, Portland, 51; Johnson, Portland, 41; Hilts, San Diego, 41; Courcy, Seattle, 40; O'Ree, San Diego 38; Jones, Portland, 37; Barlow, Vancouver, 36; Hynes, San Diego, 35; Martin, Denver, 34; Bathgate, Vancouver, 33.
- ASSISTS:** Jones, Portland, 76; Fielder, Seattle, 69; Saunders, Portland, 58; Hextall, Vancouver, 56; Hynes, San Diego, 50; Faulkner, San Diego, 49; Heberton, Portland, 48; Johnson, Portland, 46; Hoekstra, Denver, 45; Carter, Denver, 45; Barlow, Vancouver, 45.
- PENALTY MINUTES:** Polanic, Phoenix, 176; Madigan, Portland, 168; Schella, Denver, 140; Eagle, San Diego, 137; Mavety, Denver, 129; Kilpatrick, Seattle, 128; Ward, Seattle, 119; Lemieux, Vancouver, 115; Hextall, Vancouver, 102; Taylor, Vancouver, 101.
- FIRST GOALS:** Charlebois, Phoenix, 9; Johnson, Portland, 9; Saunders, Portland, 8; Vejprava, Denver, 8; O'Ree, San Diego, 7; Courcy, Seattle, 6; Nine players tied with five each.
- WINNING GOALS:** Rodger, Denver, 7; Hilts, San Diego, 7; Jones, Portland, 7; Holmes, Seattle, 6; Schmautz, Portland, 6; Saunders, Portland, 5; O'Ree, San Diego, 5; Carmichael, San Diego, 5; Lunde, Vancouver, 5; Eight players tied with 4 each.
- WINNING ASSISTS:** Saunders, Portland, 13; Jones, Portland, 11; Fielder, Seattle, 8; Heberton, Portland, 8; Hextall, Vancouver, 8; Barlow, Vancouver, 7; Carter, Denver, 6; Johnson, Portland, 6; Kearns, Portland, 6; Faulkner, San Diego, 6; Hynes, San Diego, 6; Kilpatrick, Seattle, 6; Stratton, Seattle, 6.
- POWER-PLAY GOALS:** Saunders, Portland, 27; Johnson, Portland, 20; O'Ree, San Diego, 10; Schmautz, Portland, 10; Hall, Vancouver, 9; Hanna, Seattle, 9; Courcy, Seattle, 9; Hynes, San Diego, 9; Barlow, Vancouver, 7; Martin, Denver, 7; Vejprava, Denver, 7.
- POWER-PLAY GOALS AGAINST:** Schella, Denver, 14; Polanic, Phoenix, 14; Ward, Seattle, 11; Mavety, Denver, 9; Messier, Portland, 8; Shaw, Phoenix, 7; Donaldson, Portland, 7; Eagle, San Diego, 7; Kilpatrick, Seattle, 7; Larose, Sea.7.
- MINOR PENALTIES:** Polanic, Phoenix, 70; Madigan, Portland, 59; Mavety, Denver, 57; Schella, Denver, 55; Ward, Seattle, 52; Kilpatrick, Seattle, 49; Eagle, San Diego, 46; Larose, Seattle, 43; Hunt, San Diego, 42; Taylor, Vanc.43.
- MAJOR PENALTIES:** Madigan, Portland, 5; Kearns, Portland, 5; Polanic, Phoenix, 5; Schella, Denver, 4; McCaskill, Vancouver, 4; Pearson, Portland 4; Cardiff, San Diego, 4; Eagle, San Diego, 4; Hextall, Vancouver, 4; McCartan, San Diego, 3; MacMillan, San Diego, 3; Lund, Seattle, 3; Ward, Seattle, 3.

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SAN DIEGO PLAYOFF RECORDS

| NO. | NAME | POS. | GP | G | A | TP | PIM |
|-----|------------|------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 2 | Huculak | Def. | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | Sinclair | Def. | 79 | 9 | 27 | 36 | 58 |
| 4 | Evans | Def. | 34 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 50 |
| 5 | Hunt | Def. | 56 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 50 |
| 6 | Eagle | Def. | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 18 | LeBrun | Def. | -- | - | - | -- | -- |
| 19 | Cardiff | Def. | -- | - | - | -- | -- |
| 7 | Faulkner | C | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 8 | MacMillan | RW | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 9 | Hilts | LW | 19 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| 10 | Ehrenverth | RW | 31 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| 11 | Nicholson | LW | 47 | 17 | 21 | 38 | 14 |
| 12 | Carmichael | LW | 47 | 12 | 14 | 26 | 12 |
| 14 | Stanfield | LW | -- | - | - | -- | -- |
| 15 | Ronson | LW | 21 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 10 |
| 17 | Hynes | C | 30 | 12 | 19 | 31 | 11 |
| 20 | O'Ree | RW | 22 | 8 | 13 | 21 | 18 |

Goalkeepers

| | | | GP | GA | SO | AVG. | PIM |
|---|----------|------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| 1 | McCartan | Goal | 8 | 22 | 0 | 2.75 | 2 |
| 1 | Champoux | Goal | 5.1 | 12 | 0 | 2.35 | 4 |

PLAYOFF SERIES 6; WON 4; LOST 2. PLAYOFF GAMES 31; WON 18; LOST 13.

LESTER PATRICK CUP VICTORIES: 1949.

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE LEADERS ACTIVE IN 1969 PLAYOFFS

| <u>GAMES PLAYED</u> | | <u>GOALS</u> | | <u>ASSISTS</u> | |
|---------------------|------|---------------|------|----------------|------|
| Guyle Fielder | 93 # | Art Jones | 39 # | Guyle Fielder | 71 # |
| Art Jones | 88 | Andy Hebenton | 32 | Art Jones | 56 |
| Chuck Holmes | 81 | Gerry Goyer | 29 | Phil Maloney | 52 |
| Gerry Leonard | 80 | Phil Maloney | 27 | Norm Johnson | 38 |
| Gordy Sinclair | 79 | Guyle Fielder | 25 | Gerry Goyer | 35 |
| Jim Hay | 74 | Cliff Schmutz | 23 | Andy Hebenton | 32 |
| Andy Hebenton | 71 | Marc Boileau | 21 | Gordy Sinclair | 27 |
| Connie Madigan | 68 | Bob Barlow | 21 | Connie Madigan | 24 |
| Gerry Goyer | 68 | Jim Powers | 20 | Chuck Holmes | 22 |
| Doug Messier | 60 | Chuck Holmes | 18 | Al Nicholson | 21 |

Indicates league record.

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SEATTLE PLAYOFF RECORDS

| NO. | NAME | POS. | GP | G | A | TP | PIM |
|-----|------------|------|------|----|------|------|-----|
| 3 | Hanna | Def. | -- | - | - | -- | -- |
| 4 | Kilpatrick | Def. | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 5 | Ward | Def. | 49 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 48 |
| 21 | Larose | Def. | 9 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 17 |
| - | Carruthers | Def. | 9 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 7 | Fielder | C | 93 # | 25 | 71 # | 96 # | 34 |
| 8 | Dineen | RW | 26 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 14 |
| 9 | Boileau | LW | 51 | 21 | 19 | 40 | 68 |
| 10 | Powers | RW | 51 | 20 | 12 | 32 | 12 |
| 11 | Lund | C | 30 | 8 | 11 | 19 | 23 |
| 12 | Holmes | RW | 81 | 18 | 22 | 40 | 51 |
| 14 | Chiz | LW | 29 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 15 | Stratton | C | -- | - | - | -- | -- |
| 16 | Leonard | C | 80 | 10 | 21 | 31 | 54 |
| 17 | Michie | LW | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 18 | Courcy | RW | 9 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 6 |
| 20 | Heiskala | LW | 19 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 37 |

Goalkeepers

| | | | GP | GA | SO | AVG. | PIM |
|----|-----------|------|----|----|-----|--------|-----|
| 1 | Head | Goal | 43 | 95 | 7 # | 2.21 # | 20 |
| 30 | Armstrong | Goal | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2.00 | 2 |

PLAYOFF SERIES 21; WON 11; LOST 10. PLAYOFF GAMES 100; WON 56; LOST 44.

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| <u>POINTS</u> | | <u>PENALTY MINUTES</u> | | <u>GOALKEEPERS</u> | |
|----------------|------|------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|
| Goalie Fielder | 96 # | Doug Messier | 137 # | Jim Armstrong | 2.00 * |
| Art Jones | 95 | Connie Madigan | 132 | Don Head | 2.21 # |
| Phil Maloney | 79 | Marc Boileau | 68 | Bob Champoux | 2.35 * |
| Gerry Goyer | 64 | Jim Hay | 68 | Jack McCartan | 2.75 * |
| Andy Hebenton | 64 | Gordy Sinclair | 58 | Jim McLeod | 2.81 |
| Norm Johnson | 47 | Gerry Leonard | 54 | Al Millar | 3.13 |
| Bob Barlow | 41 | Mike Donaldson | 54 | Dave Kelly | 4.59 * |
| Marc Boileau | 40 | Chuck Holmes | 51 | George Gardner | --- |
| Chuck Holmes | 40 | Jack Evans | 50 | Charlie Hodge | --- |
| Cliff Schmautz | 40 | Les Hunt | 50 | | |

Indicates league record.

* Indicates less than 20 games played.

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