

More Ed Levitt

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hope of pulling through either time. But following three operations I finally came home."

Storey left the hospital in July and three months later the ice hockey season opened and he was back broadcasting Seal games.

"It wasn't enough time to recuperate," he admitted. "It would take so much out of me to do the play-by-play I had to flop into bed for 15 to 20 hours to get enough strength to do the next game."

About a month ago Storey was finally able to work without requiring a full day's rest.

Still Limping

"My mental state, eyesight and speech are back 100 per cent and have been since the first operation," he calmly disclosed.

"But half of the left side of my body remains paralyzed. There is still no strength, no feeling.

"When people see me limping they want to know if I got into a ski accident. I smile and nod my head. It's not that the questions bother me. I just don't want to go into detail.

"Of course it is impossible for me to run. As for golf, well, I gave my clubs to Bobby Perrault, the Seal goalie.

"The medics tell me," he continued, "that the damaged nerve centers which control the left side of my body can be restored.

"They say you can grow new ones at the rate of an eighth of an inch a month. I figure by the time I'm 75 I can play golf again."

He spoke glowingly of his wife, the mother of his three children.

"Joni's been a pillar of strength in all of this," he said. "Also those fans who listen to my Seal broadcasts have been exceptionally kind. I've received several thousand letters and cards from them. They've been very encouraging."

Storey has a new morning radio sports show at 7:45 on KGO.

"The same sponsor has stayed with me for two years," he said. "I guess I'm a lucky guy."