

McAneeley One Of Seals' Few Bright Spots

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OAKLAND—

One of the bright spots in a mainly tarnished season for the Golden Seals of California has been supplied by a 23-year-old native of Cranbrook, B.C. whose teammates call him "Dude".

He's Ted McAneeley, a fleet rugged defenseman who has been one of a thin corps of defenders protecting the fort against some of the most devastating assaults an NHL team has ever endured.

But none of this has robbed McAneeley of his enthusiasm for a long and productive hockey career. At a height of 5'9" and weight of 185 pounds, the "Dude" looks somewhat like a sawed-off tree trunk on skates. But the image is



Ted McAneeley

deceiving because his weight is easily distributed over a solid-muscled torso which he strives seriously to keep in condition.

"It took me a lot longer to get to the NHL because of my size," says McAneeley. "The scouts thought I was too short. They are always looking for the big hitters."

McAneeley is not a "big hitter" but he is a lot of other things that go into the making of a big league defenseman.

He is extremely quick in his reactions, is a good puck handler, and has already developed a special talent for blocking shots hurtling towards his goal.

When he was drafted by the Seals from the Edmonton Oil Kings in 1970-71 for the first time he was separated from his twin brother, Bob, who had been his teammate ever since they both graduated from the diapers.

"Back in Peewee hockey I played left wing and Bob was the center," recalls Ted. Brother Bob is now with the WHA Edmonton Oilers.

Their dad, Ed McAneeley, a Vancouver businessman, was coach and advisor to the boys from their earliest days on ice. The senior McAneeley played as a goaltender with the old Oakland and Vancouver clubs in the Western Hockey League back in the 1940's.

"One day we were short a defenseman and dad put me back on the blueline," says Ted, "and I have been there ever since."

He and his brother are nearly identical twins. "Only difference," says Ted, "is that I broke my nose a couple of times and that's about the only way to tell us apart."

The Seals assigned Ted to their Providence farm club that first season and in 1971-72 he was sent to Baltimore.

"I had a lot of help from Kent Douglas at Baltimore," says Ted. "Kent is a smart, veteran defenseman and he taught me a lot about playing the position."

With Baltimore, Ted got into the Calder Cup playoff finals, eventually losing out to Nova Scotia. It was a rough playoff series and the normally peaceful Ted McAneeley spent 61 minutes in the penalty coop, a total that equalled his entire penalty time for the full season.

He doesn't rate himself as a potential scoring star but does give himself high marks for being able to get a play started out of his own end. "I like to give it to a wing or center and go with the play because I know I can move the puck well," he says.

But there was that night in Vancouver — Christmas night, 1972 — when Ted McAneeley showed flashes of looking like Bobby Orr.

His dad and mom were both in the Coliseum to see him get two goals in a

game that the Seals eventually lost 4-3. They were his first NHL goals.

That was his top NHL thrill to date. But office he's had another: the day last summer he and his wife Carol were

wed. She's a physio-therapist at an Oakland hospital.

That's pretty handy for a hockey player who comes home with a lot of bumps and bruises.



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