



Doug Favell

Doug Favell was one of the funniest, flakiest goalies to ever play in the NHL, and that's saying something. He wore a pig's-nose-and-mouth mask for the Maple Leafs, drove a Bricklin and made the ordinary save look spectacular.

When the National Hockey League doubled in size with the 1967 league expansion many big-league jobs were suddenly created for minor league players and one of the men that seized that opportunity was goaltender Doug. He was tending goal in the Bruins organization when he was selected by the Philadelphia Flyers in the expansion draft.

With the Flyers Doug split the duties with another former Bruin, Bernie Parent. He and Parent split the goaltending duties for the rapidly improving Philadelphia club. However, midway through the 1970-71 campaign Parent was traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs and Doug became the undisputed starter. In 1972-73 the Flyers really began to show signs of becoming a league power and Doug back-stopped them during their first extended venture into the Stanley Cup Playoffs. When the Flyers bowed out 11 games into the post-season, management decided to reverse a previous decision.

Doug was traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs. Here Favell was one of three veterans – Eddie Johnson and Dunc Wilson were the others - that handled the goaltending duties, though Doug's 32 appearances led the team. The following season he again played the lion's share of games. His third season in Toronto saw him play just three games with the Maple Leafs. An elbow injury that required surgery put him on the shelf for a stretch of the season.

In September of 1976 the Maple Leafs sold Doug's rights to the Colorado Rockies. He spent that first season backing up Michel Plasse. During his second year in Colorado Doug wrestled the starting job away from Plasse and he played 47 games and posted 13 victories.

That summer the league absorbed four franchises from the World Hockey Association. The Edmonton Oilers selected the veteran goaltender, and though he elected to retire rather than try and make the new club's roster, Doug entered the history books as the only player selected in both the 1967 and 1979 Expansion drafts.