



Gary "Suitcase" Smith



Gary Edward Smith

Goaltender

Born February 4, 1944 in Ottawa, Ontario

Height: 6' 4" Weight: 215 lbs.

Following a well-travelled NHL career, Gary Smith signed with the Indianapolis Racers in September 1978.

Smith was winless in 11 appearances with the Racers and was a free agent after the Racers folded in December. He then called the Winnipeg Jets, who offered him a tryout.

Near the end of the 1978-1979 season, Smith seized the starting job between the pipes and backstopped the Jets through the playoffs all the way to their third AVCO Cup championship.

Smith played one more season with the Jets following their entry into the NHL before retiring.

Goaltending Statistics

Regular Season

<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>EN</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>Saves</u>	<u>Sv %</u>	<u>GAA</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
1978-1979	Indianapolis Racers	11	664	61	4	0	339	0.848	5.51	0	10	1
1978-1979	Winnipeg Jets	11	626	31	1	0	248	0.889	2.97	7	3	0

Playoffs

<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>EN</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>Saves</u>	<u>Sv %</u>	<u>GAA</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
1978-1979	Winnipeg Jets	10	563	35	0	0			3.73	8	2

Scoring Statistics

Regular Season

<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>
1978-1979	Indianapolis Racers	11	0	0	0	8							
1978-1979	Winnipeg Jets	11	0	3	3	2	1978-1979	Winnipeg Jets	10	0	0	0	0

Playoffs

Jersey Numbers

<u>#</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>
30	1978-1979	Winnipeg Jets
1	1978-1979	Indianapolis Racers

Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
September 1978	Indianapolis Racers sign Gary Smith as a free agent.
February 19, 1979	Winnipeg Jets sign Gary Smith as a free agent.

Draft History

Selected by Chicago Cougars in 1972 General Player Draft (Chicago NHL).