



Steve Durbano



Harry Steven Durbano

Defense

Born December 12, 1951 in Toronto, Ontario

Died November 16, 2002

Height: 6' 1" Weight: 200 lbs.

Early in the 1977-1978 season, the Birmingham Bulls acquired defenseman Steve Durbano from the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. A veteran of six NHL seasons with over 1,000 penalty minutes to his credit, Durbano came with a reputation of having a penchant for the fisticuffs and showed his new team what he was made of. Despite suiting up in only 45 regular season games, Durbano racked up 284 penalty minutes and added 16 more in four playoff games.

On one occasion in Winnipeg, Durbano led the Bulls off the bench and tackled Bobby Hull from behind, triggering a brawl that lasted nearly a half hour. For his role in the brawl, Durbano received a 12-game suspension and it was his third suspension of the season.

Following his one season in Birmingham, Durbano played one more season in the St. Louis Blues' organization before his retirement. He passed away in 2002 as a result of liver cancer.

Scoring Statistics

		<u>Regular Season</u>					<u>Playoffs</u>						
<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>
1977-1978	Birmingham Bulls	45	6	4	10	284	1977-1978	Birmingham Bulls	4	0	2	2	16

Jersey Numbers

<u>#</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>
14	1977-1978	Birmingham Bulls

Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
June 1977	Quebec Nordiques trade the rights to Steve Durbano to Birmingham Bulls for cash.
November 15, 1977	Birmingham Bulls trade Tim Sheehy and Vaclav Nedomansky to Detroit (NHL) for Steve Durbano and Dave Hanson.

Draft History

Selected by Quebec Nordiques in 1972 General Player Draft (Omaha CHL).

Selected by Quebec Nordiques in 1973 Professional Draft (St. Louis NHL).