

National Hockey League

Gord Brooks



A True Journeyman

Gordon John Brooks, a **Cobourg native**, did the right thing by joining the hometown *Cobourg Cougars* for the 1967-68 season. Without Brooks, the team might not have finished first in the Eastern Junior "B" Hockey league that season.

Known for his **smooth skating and soft hands around the net**, Gord went on to play right wing with the *Hamilton Red Wings* and the *London Knights*. Next stop was with the *Kansas City Blues*, a farm team of St. Louis, who had selected him 51st overall in the 1970 NHL Amateur Draft. During Gord's NHL career of 70 games, from 1971-1975, he garnered 7 goals and 18 assists with the *Blues* and the *Washington Capitals*.

But it was in the years afterwards, **in the minor leagues, that Gord made a name for himself.**

From 1975-1980 he played for the *Philadelphia Firebirds* and the *Syracuse Firebirds*.

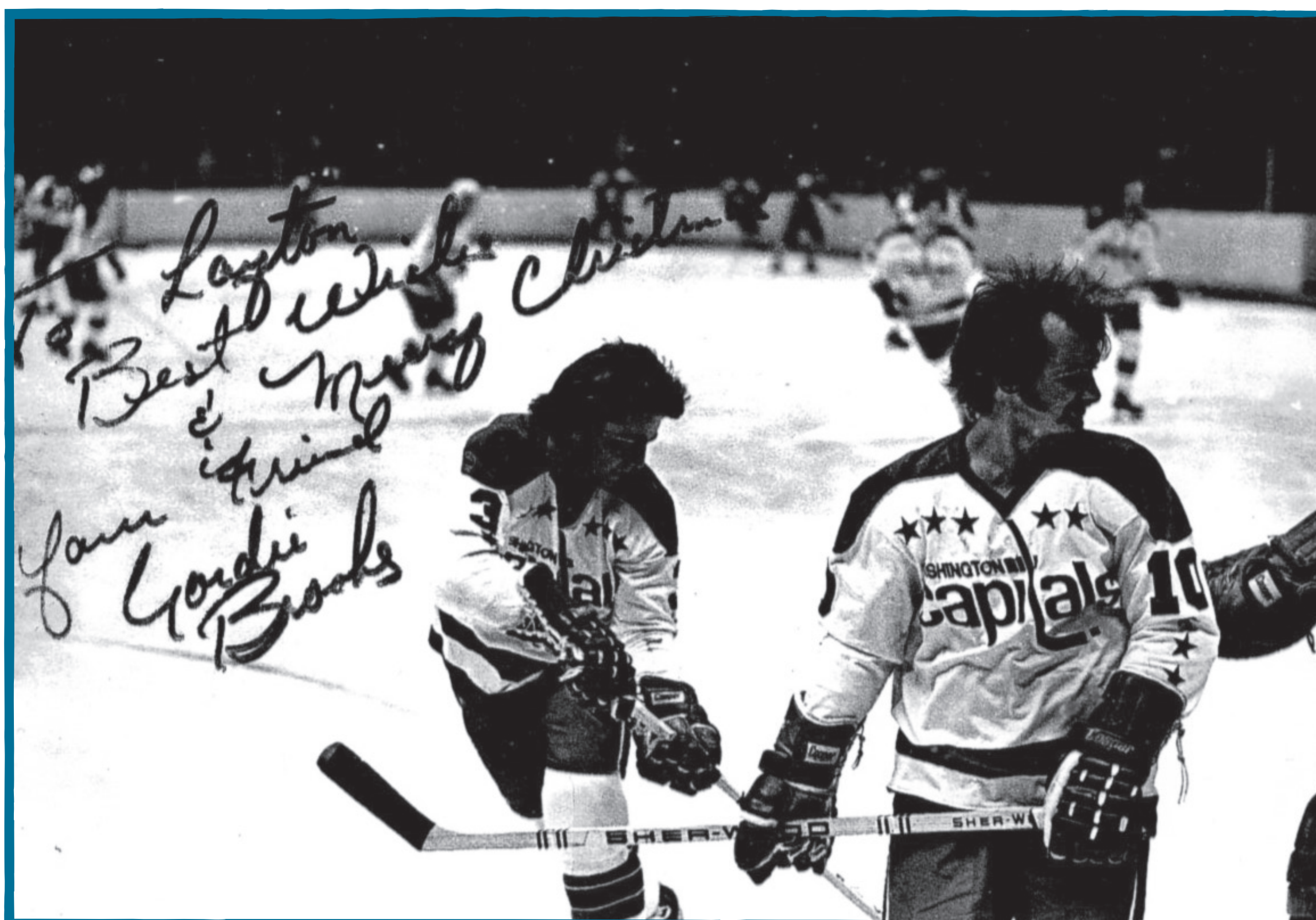
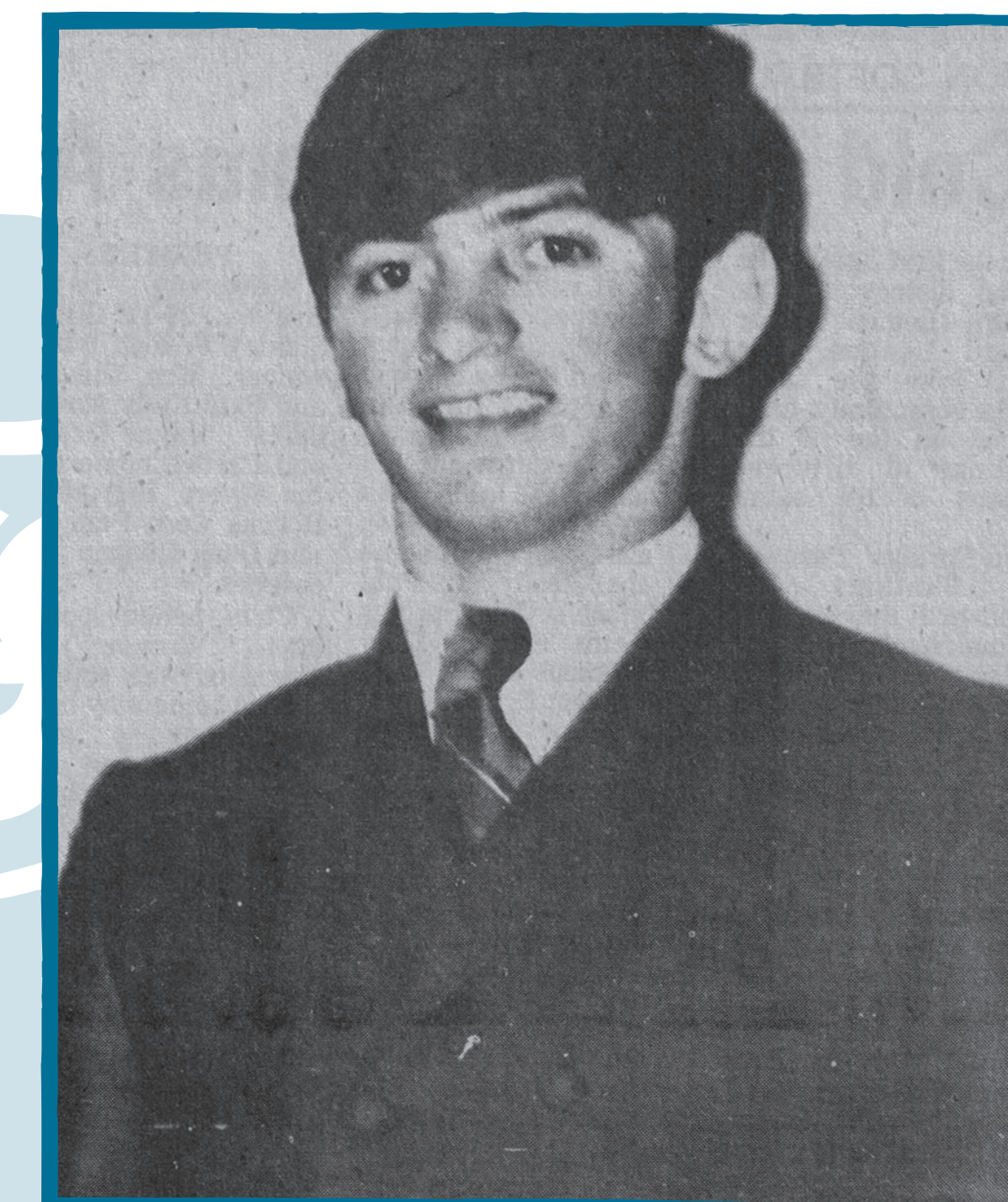
During that time:

He averaged 93 points per season for a grand total of 464

1977 - his team won the Lockhart Cup as league champions

1978 - he won the John B. Sollenberger award as the American Hockey League's leading scorer

1978 - he was named to the **AHL's All Star First Team**



After a short stint playing in Austria and two years in the International Hockey League, Gord decided to hang up the skates and retire. But two years later he was back, this time to help the **Brantford Motts Clamatos** to the **1987 Allan Cup**.