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*HOCKEY'S HERE again, and SI launches the season with a pointed letter to NHL President John Ziegler. Kathy Blumenstock assesses all 21 teams; E.M. Swift visits the Sutter boys—Brian, Darryl, Duane and a few who haven't made the NHL yet.*

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