

THE GIRL WHO'S NOW A DADDY



Erik Schinegger, bridegroom, with bride Renate at their wedding.

WITH HER blue eyes and dark hair, baby Claire Schinegger is the image of her father. Nothing so unusual about that. But her birth has made history . . .

For her father was once a woman—a famous woman, in fact, Erika Schinegger, the world's woman ski champion of 1966.

Now she—he—has found fame again, as the first sex-change man ever to father a baby.

Erika was barred from women's skiing in 1969 when doctors ruled that, although outwardly a woman, she possessed far more male than female hormones.

She decided then to become a complete man. And after a series of operations at Inns-

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bruck University clinic the sex-change was complete.

So complete that Erik—as he now was—eagerly courted girls, and with one of them, Renate Newbacher, he fell in love. She was a pupil at his ski-school in St. Urban, a village in southern Austria.

Their wedding in 1975 was itself a world sensation, and last month, two months premature, their history-making baby was born—4½ lbs. and 18 ins. long.

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How could it happen? Erik is reluctant to go into details, but his wife Renate has spoken exclusively to the Sunday People about the sex-change surgeon's explanation.

He said that Erik's male organs, in tiny, undeveloped form, were found inside his body. Delicately, they were withdrawn—to grow naturally outside the body.

After their marriage, Erik, 30, and Renate were eager to have a child. For a long time there was no success. Then, after medical tests, it was discovered that the fault lay with Renate!

A course of treatment corrected that.



Erika, the 1966 ski champion