

# Seals host Canucks Friday

OAKLAND — More club records were on the verge of toppling this week as the California Seals prepared to host their two West Coast rivals, the Vancouver Canucks and the Los Angeles Kings, in a pair of games Friday and Sunday at the Coliseum Arena.

Continuing to carve out a lion's share of the club's book of all-time records, the Seals race into the final weekend of the National Hockey League's regular schedule paced by a triumvirate of high-scoring stars — Al MacAdam, Wayne Merrick and Dennis Maruk.

MacAdam, a solid left winger in only his second year of NHL competition, has been named the Seals' Most Valuable Player in a vote by teammates. An excellent two-way player, MacAdam, who scored a goal in the NHL All-Star game, had piled up 30 goals and as many assists going into the final week of action.

The 24-year-old MacAdam shared another honor when he was named co-winner of the Chuck Wralstad Memorial Trophy along with center Merrick. The award, also voted on by the players, goes to the player combining the highest degree of skill with sportsmanlike behaviour.

Other club awards saw Seals' captain Bobby Stewart honored with the KLB Trophy as Best Defenseman; rookie center Dennis Maruk named Most Popular Player, and left winger Bob Girard voted the Unsung Hero award.

Coach Jack Evans was named winner of the Willmott Memorial Award for "most inspirational contribution to hockey" in the Bay Area. The Most Popular Player award and the Willmott Award were voted on by the Seals' Booster Club, while the other awards winners were selected by Seals' players.

Rolling into their final three games of the campaign, the Seals had already chalked up a staggering total of 30 team and individual records broken or tied. There are no less than a dozen new team records and 10 new individual marks to be

entered in the revised book, while five other team marks have been tied and three other individual records equalled.

On top of all that, the 1975-76 California club is expected to break or tie at least another dozen marks before the final curtain rings down on Sunday night. One of the most important records, of course, is attendance, which has reached an all-time high for the nine-year history of the franchise.

Last Friday's crowd of 10,742 for the game against the New York Islanders has boosted total attendance to 263,752 for the season with the two weekend games remaining.

The per game average has moved up to 6,941, compared to 6,172 last year, 4,850 the season before and 6,225 in the record per-game year of 1969-70. Highest previous seasonal total was 246,879 (1974-75).

Friday's game against Vancouver will start at eight o'clock, while Sunday's battle with Los Angeles, designated as Awards Night, is slated for a seven o'clock face-off. Both contests will be preceded by NorCal minor hockey preliminary tilts, an hour and 15 minutes before the Seals' game.

#### SEALS' SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Friday, April 2 — Vancouver Canucks at Seals, 8 p.m. (radio at time 7:50 p.m.) (Preliminary game: Marin Squirts vs. Belmont Squirts, 5:45 p.m.)

Sunday, April 4 — Los Angeles Kings at Seals, 7 p.m. (radio at time 6:50 p.m.) (Preliminary game: NorCal "AA" game, to be determined, 4:45 p.m.)

ALL SEALS GAMES BROADCAST ON KEEN (1270), KSRO (1350), KQES (990), KIDD (630). Following are Seals' statistics through 77 games.

#### SEALS' STATS THROUGH MARCH 26, 1976

POS.	GP	G	A	Pts	PW	PP
Wayne Merrick	C	72	31	24	85	7
Al MacAdam	LW	77	30	30	45	7
Dennis Maruk	C	77	28	21	49	5
Gary Sloboun	RW	75	21	28	49	4
Rock Hampton	D	70	14	25	48	5
Bob Murdoch	RW	75	22	28	48	5
Dave Gardner	C	71	16	28	44	8
Bob Girard	LW	77	10	25	41	3
Jim Morry	LW	41	9	15	24	3
Fred Allen	RW	41	6	7	23	3
Ralph Klassen	C	69	6	15	21	2
Mike Christie	D	75	3	18	21	0
Bob Stewart	D	73	4	15	19	2
Len Fieg	D	62	3	12	15	1
George Puel	DC	44	3	9	12	2
Wayne King	D	48	1	11	12	1
Gary Hill	LW	48	6	5	11	0
Tim Jacobs	D	42	0	10	10	0
Jim Neilson	D	26	1	6	7	0
Charlie Sommer	LW	18	0	1	1	0
Gilles Meloche	G	40	0	1	1	0
Gary Simmons	G	38	0	0	0	0

\*—Injured

#### GOALTENDING RECORDS

	GP	GA	SO	MIN	ENR	AVG	W	L	T
Gary Simmons	38	125	2	2340	4	3.26	14	19	4
Gilles Meloche	48	135	1	2380	3	2.80	12	22	6

## 'Press Democrat night' is Friday

Friday's 8 p.m. game against the Vancouver Canucks is "Press Democrat Night" at the Oakland Coliseum Arena.

The Seals are offering two tickets for the price of one for readers of The Press Democrat.

It is too late to send for the tickets, but P.D. readers may purchase tickets at the reduced price at the gate by taking a 2-for-1 coupon to the game.

The coupon is on this page. Please fill the coupon out before you present it at the gate. It will save time in line.

Tickets are \$7.50 for loge seating and \$3.75 in the balcony.

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