

Seals Open Home Stand Tonight

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Big Crowd To Witness Ice Debut

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Ice hockey, which failed to go over in San Francisco some 15 years ago, makes its return at 8:15 p.m. tonight when a crowd of 11,000 is expected to watch the San Francisco Seals clash with the red hot Edmonton Flyers at the Cow Palace.

Coach Max McNab's skaters make their first appearance at the pavilion after a month long road trip in which they won four games and dropped 10.

The Flyers, coached by Bud Poite, have a 10-1-1 mark which has put them far ahead in the Northern division of the Western Hockey league. San Francisco is one point above last place Los Angeles in the Southern bracket.

Among the veterans on the Seals are Nick Mickoski, who played center for the New York Rangers in the late 1940's. The Flyers will have Detroit's Hank Bassen in the nets. The latter was acquired on a loan from the Red Wings to replace Dennis Riggin, Edmonton's injured regular.

Optimism at the box office, if not on the ice, is rampant among the Seal brass.

"The ticket sales have been far beyond our best dreams," a team spokesman said. "Even the season ticket sales are better than anticipated."

Coleman Hall, Vancouver sportsman with numerous enterprises, owns 50 per cent of the Seals and has been working to improve the club. He has levied fines, made personnel changes and incurred a \$500 fine himself in Vancouver when he invaded the ice to question a referee's call.

McNab has said that he would settle for a .500 season.

The Western Hockey league schedule calls for 35 games at home and 35 away.

Tonight's game on the \$250,000 rink will be preceded by civic ceremonies. Jack Adams, legendary general manager of the Red Wings, and Eddie Shore will be among the guests. Shore, a former star with the Boston Bruins, is one of hockey's "greats."

S. F. Seals Roster

Sweater	Player	Position	Last Season	Age	Height	Weight
1	Ray Bentley	Goal	Serifile Totems	32	5'8"	165
2	Jean Marc Picard	Defense	Winnipeg Warriors	25	5'11"	190
3	J. "Red-Eye" Hay	Defense	Victoria Cougars	30	6'	192
4	Tom Thurlby	Defense	Portland Buckaroos	22	5'10"	183
5	Floyd Hillman	Defense	Providence Reds	28	5'9"	180
6	Gary Collins	Left Wing	Quebec Aces	28	5'11"	192
7	Nick Mikoski	Center	Winnipeg Warriors	33	6'3"	191
8	Harry Piddiray	Center	Winnipeg Warriors	34	6'	178
9	Gordon Redahl	Right Wing	Winnipeg Warriors	28	6'2"	184
10	C. "Buddy" Boome	Right Wing	Kingston Frontenacs	29	5'8"	174
11	Al Nicholson	Left Wing	Winnipeg Warriors	28	6'2"	179
12	Jack Martin	Center	Sudbury, Ont.	21	6'	180
14	Bob Solinger	Left Wing	Edmonton Flyers	24	5'10"	182
15	Barney Krake	Right Wing	Portland Buckaroos	22	5'9"	163
16	Jim Wilcox (Amateur)	Defense	Brandon Wheat Kings Junior	20	5'11"	191
19	Ray Cyr	Center	Vancouver Canucks	28	5'10"	160
25	G. "Duke" Edmondson	Left Wing	Toronto Maple Leafs	28	6'	185

Trainer—Bill Gray.
Coach—Max McNab.