

Leafs Turn It On To Hammer Seals

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The mighty Toronto Maple Leafs have not mellowed with age.

It was evident to 8,200 fans at the Gardens last night that although some of the Leaf players may be in the autumn of their careers, they were to take a stronger wind than the San Francisco Seals to shake them.

The National Hockey League champions bombed the Western League winners 8-1 and the ancient Leafs had as much to do with the victory as the greener ones.

If the near-capacity crowd came hoping to see the Seals duplicate the Los Angeles Blades' 6-4 upset of the Leafs the night before in Saskatoon, they were disappointed.

The Member of Parliament from East York cast the first vote for a Toronto victory when he tipped in a pass from Frank Mahovlich. That was Red Kelly's major contribution to the campaign, but others soon jumped on the bandwagon.

FOREIGN AID

Whether Kelly is in favor of foreign aid or not, his side got some at 10:06 when Swedish right winger Carl Oberg scored his first goal in North American hockey. Oberg also picked up an assist on the final goal of the period — Bobby Baum's — and then collected his first North American penalty at the start of the second period.

Maple Leaf goals were shared among Bob Nevin with two, Dick Duff, Bob Pulford and Eddie Litzenberger with singles.

Seals never did get rolling as Leaf forwards checked consistently. Bud Polle's marksmen

were tied up tighter than a birthday present whenever they got near Johnny Bower and Kjell Stenstrom, who minded the nets.

Bower, and the Swede who replaced him in the third period, had a quiet night, handling 26 shots between them while, Seals' Bob Perreault had something else.

It was enough to make the former Boston Bruin goalie homesick as Leafs directed 44 shots on him. Perreault didn't exactly look like \$25,000 — his purchase price — as he missed a couple of routine saves, didn't have a chance on several deflections and also made a handful of good saves.

Cliff Pennington scored the only Seal goal when Bower couldn't cover the top right hand corner at 11:30 of the second period. Assists on Pennington's goal went to WHL All-Star Nick Mickoski and another Boston castoff, Charlie Burns.

SEAL BURNS

Burns was probably the best Seal performer of the night, while Edmonton's favorite sons, Duke Edmundson and Len "Comet" Haley didn't exactly blaze a trail of glory across the sky.

However, don't shed too many tears for the Seals. This was their first game, and they've only been on skates for a week, while the Leafs have played eight exhibitions, winning three, losing four and tying one.

SLAP SHOTS—The Seals may have mellowed, they didn't collect a penalty, while the Leafs had four worthies do

time—two of them at once late in the second period, but the California team still couldn't cash in . . . the Leafs scored their last goal—Litzenberger—while playing a man short . . . the period scores were 3-0 and 6-1 . . . Toronto coach-manager Punch Imlach watched from the press box while his assistant, King Clancy swung the door on the players' box . . . Leaf players serving penalties spent their time signing autographs as fans crowded around . . .

the Toronto writers say that Edmonton's reaction to the "Big M" — mild booing — was better than most audiences who loudly hoot at No. 27, taking their cue from the Toronto fans no doubt.

Toronto 8, San Francisco 1

First period — 1. Toronto, Kelly (Mahovlich, Horton) 3:37; 2. Toronto, Oberg (Litzenberger, McMullan) 10:06; 3. Toronto, Baum (Oberg) 11:32.

Second period — 4. Toronto, Duff (Armstrong, Keen) 10:06; 5. Toronto, Nevin (2:37); 6. Toronto, Nevin (Douglas, Shack) 14:52; 7. San Francisco, Pennington (Mickoski, Burns) 11:30. Penalties — Oberg (hooking) 7:22; Armstrong (high stick) 17:05; Baum (hooking) 18:35.

Third period — 8. Toronto, Pulford (Douglas) 4:19; 9. Toronto, Litzenberger (McMullan) 18:35. Penalty — Brown (high sticking) 18:35.