

Seals Lose To Spokane Rally, 5-4

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SPOKANE, Feb. 11.—Spokane poked three of its first six shots into the net in the third period for a comeback 5-4 win over San Francisco in a Western Hockey League game here tonight.

It marked the second straight night that the Seals had lost in the final period after leading throughout the game.

The Comets went into the period trailing 4-2(but had the victory wrapped up at the 7:18 mark when Del Toppoll's goal sent them ahead for the first time in the game.

NO FOULS

Any oddity of the contest was that neither the Seals nor Comets was called for a foul during the game. It was the first penalty-free game that the Comets had played at home since they joined the WHL five years ago.

San Francisco's line of Ray Cyr, Bob Solinger and Nick Mickoski kept the Comets off balance throughout the first two periods.

Gordie Redahl got the first goal at 8:21 and Steve Witiuk evened it at 16:47.

CYR HITS

Then Cyr fired SF's first shot of the second period in for a 2-1 margin and Len Haley got another at 10:03. Solinger nailed a rebound at 15:50 to send the Seals off the ice ahead by 4-2.

But then came the three quick ones by the Comets' Witiuk, Sandy Hucul and Toppoll.

The Seals pulled goalie Bev Bentley with a few seconds to go, but couldn't even it up. With Bentley out, defenseman Marty Howe picked up credit for one save.

A crowd of 2,561 watched the game.

LINEUPS

San Francisco: Goal—Bentley. Defense—Thuriby, Hillman, Howe, Wilcox. Forwards — Mickoski, Tidhirny, Redahl, Boone, Nicholson, Martin, Solinger, Haley, Wilcox, Cyr, Jirard.

Spokane: Goal—Johnston. Defense—Madigan, Hucul, Shvets, Holdaway. Forwards — Stratton, Locas, Toppoll, Johansen, Bell, Lamoureux, Witiuk, Mekilok, Brisson, Kilburn.

Referee—Olinski. Linesmen—Carri-gan, Ursaki.

SUMMARY

Score By Periods

San Francisco	1	3	0—4
Spokane	1	1	3—5

First Period

Scoring: San Francisco, Redahl (Haley) 8:21; Spokane, Witiuk (Toppoll, Locas) 16:47. Saves Bentley 14, Johnston 7.

Second Period

Scoring—San Francisco, Cyr (Mickoski and Solinger), 1:54; San Francisco, Haley (Redahl and Jirard), 10:03; Spokane, Locus (Schvets and Johansen), 13:51; San Francisco, Solinger (Mickoski and Cyr), 15:50.

Third Period

Scoring: Spokane, Witiuk (Madigan and Toppoll) 3:38; Spokane, Hucul (Johansen and Locus) 4:04; Spokane, Toppoll (Kilburn and Witiuk).

Saves

Bentley	14	10	8—32
Johnston	7	5	11—23

(Note: Howe replaced Bentley in final 34 seconds and was credited with one save.)