

# Abscessed Tooth May Be Seal Key

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OAKLAND — An abscessed tooth may hold the key to whatever chances the Oakland Seals have of capturing their first Stanley Cup series and moving that much closer to the finals in a couple of weeks.

"I just couldn't sleep last night," rookie of the year candidate Norm Ferguson confessed last night after he set up Bob Dillabough for an empty net goal 12 seconds from the end to ice a 4-2 Seals victory over the Los Angeles Kings before 5,239 in the Coliseum Arena last night.

"I was in the dentist's chair for four hours today (yesterday) to have one taken care of. And now he says I've got another.

"That's why I haven't been playing very well these first two games. I hope I can get the other one taken care of so I can get some sleep."

With Fergie at less than maximum effectiveness, which showed a record-tying 31 goals scored in the regular season statistics, Oakland had more than its hands full with Red Kelly's Southlanders again last night.

In fact, it wasn't until the Blue and Green forced L.A. to change its game style in the last 20 minutes that Oakland gained the upper hand to even the series at a game apiece with another back to back pair in the best of seven conflict coming up tomorrow and Sunday nights in the Forum in Inglewood.

The Seals were due to leave this afternoon by plane for Stoughton and a night's rest with coach Fred Glover cancelling a planned noon practice in favor of resting very weary bones.

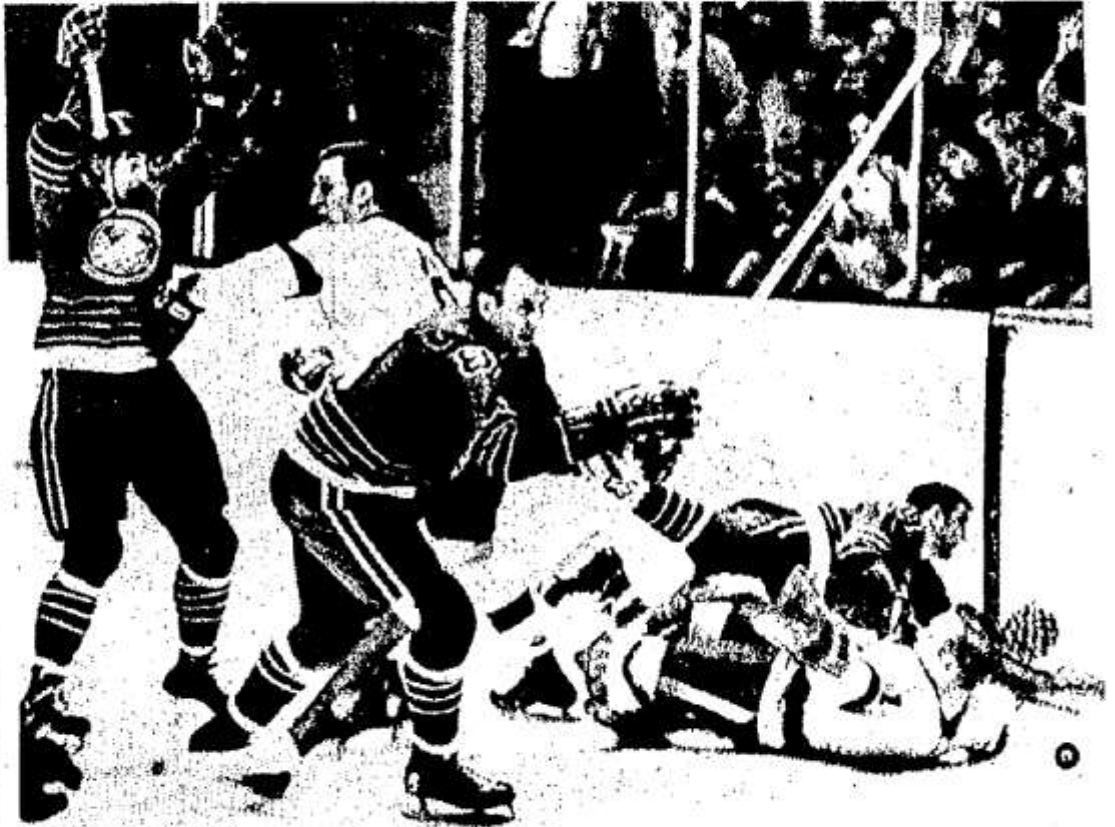
Gross tiredness was graphically illustrated in the Seals

dressing room by defenseman Carol Vadnais. He just sat there, saying he was "almost

too tired to take my uniform off."

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## On Its Way In

Ted Hampson (extreme right, jersey 10) storms over goalie Wayne Rutledge (1) as he pushes over goal for Oakland Seals at 1:26 of first period during Western Division Stanley Cup playoffs with Los Angeles Kings last

night. Also in on play are Kings' Dale Rolfe (6) and Oakland's Gerry Ehman (8) and Earl Ingarfield (7), who also got an assist on Hampson's goal. Oakland won, 4-2, to knot series at 1-1.

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Two other "dead" bodies belonged to team captain Teddy Hampson and goalie Gary Smith, each given the proper accolades by Glover for a job well done.

"If this (checking) keeps up, I may not be alive at the end," Hampson joked. "L.A. means business and they're playing their best. We just happened to be a bit better out there."

Hampson scored Oakland's first two goals, No. 1 with just 1:15 gone in the game on a rebound of an Earl Ingarfield miss that had L.A. goalie Wayne Rutledge out of position.

The Kings got that one back with 20 seconds elapsed in the second round when Ted Irvine caught Vadnais falling down on a check try and wound up beating Smith one-on-one from 15 feet left.

Los Angeles then took a disputed 2-1 lead at 7:07 when Howie Menard got his skate in the right place to deflect a Gary Croteau misfire into the left corner of the Seals net.

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Smith and several other Seals protested that Menard kicked the puck in (against the rules) but referee Art Skov said no, defenseman Doug Roberts said yes too violently and drew a 10-minute misconduct and then a game misconduct (ejection from the game and a \$100 fine) for unbecoming language to short the Seals backline corps by one man the remaining distance.

The rest of the period turned into virtual Civil War as Oakland struggled for its first shot on goal of the game (it finally came with 9:49 gone).

A Bill Hicke check of Rutledge who was fair game by being out at his cage set off the night's best donnybrook. Hicke got belted from behind by Brent Hughes and soon there was a heap of players behind the L.A. goal with Vadnais and Kings captain Bob Wall having their own go-round off to the side.

Skov dealt Hicke and Rutledge two minutes apiece for roughing and Hughes two more for charging to finally restore order.

It was here Oakland gained the upper hand, and after Hicke, three minutes later, missed on a 20 footer from the left that clinked the right goal pipe, Hampson nailed an open rebound 1:37 from the buzzer for 2-2 as defender Dale Rolfe failed on a body check.

Gary Jarrett, taking his first turn on a line in the two games, put Oakland ahead 3-2 with 2:54 gone in the final period when Mike Laughton's pass across the L.A. goal mouth wasn't cleared right by Rutledge and Jarrett hammered the puck home from 15 feet.

Kelly pulled Rutledge for an extra forward, Lowell MacDonald, at 0:52, but the move backfired when Fergie poke-checked the puck loose from defenseman Bill White and managed to get enough stick on it to lead Dillabough past Rolfe for the empty net score that insured the win.

"This had to give us a big lift," Glover assessed afterwards. "We won in the face of big odds, especially after Roberts got tossed."

"Now we've got to do it again."

## Seals 4, Kings 2

Score by Period:

Los Angeles	0	2	0-2
Oakland	1	1	2-4
First period—1, Oakland, Hampson 1 (Ingarfield, Vadnais) 1:26. Penalties—Irvine 7:1; Hampson 3:37; B. Hughes 7:09; Vadnais 10:47; Inglis 11:16; White 14:35.			
Second period—2, Los Angeles, Irvine 2 (Flett, Cahani) 2:51; 2, Los Angeles, Menard 1 (B. Hughes, Croteau) 7:07; 4, Oakland, Hampson 2 (Ehman, Ingarfield) 13:21. Penalties—Marshall 3:49 and 6:13; Roberts (misconduct, game misconduct) 7:07; Cahani 7:47; Rutledge (served by Anderson); B. Hughes and Hicke 11:27.			
Third period—3, Oakland, Jarrett 1 (Laughton, Marshall) 7:44; 6, Oakland, Dillabough 1 (Ferguson) 17:47. Penalties—none.			

Shots on goal:

Los Angeles	8	9	11-28
Oakland	12	6	18-34

Goalies, Los Angeles Rutledge; Oakland Smith  
A-5,232.