

# Coach Takes Long Look At Seals

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Coach Bert Olmstead of the Oakland Seals went high in the arena for a scout's eye view of his National Hockey League team, hoping to discover why it's floundering.

"I saw a lack of effort, a lack of trying," said Olmstead. "They're not passing and not checking and not skating. Ninety-nine per cent of the time when you're not skating you're not putting out."

Olmstead, a fiery competitor known as a hard loser, twice was named to the NHL All-Star team, in 1952-3 and 1955-6.

He still hates to lose. The Seals have won only 10 games of 53 played and are deep in the West Division cellar.

"I was sick and tired of looking at them," he said of the Seals. "And I'm sure they were sick and tired of looking at me. I had to get off the bench to keep my sanity," Olmstead said.

Olmstead, 40, was a star left winger for the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs. He said he plans to scout the Seals from on high a few more games.

"I'm getting a new perspective," he said. "Maybe the players and I are made of different material."

The Seals were picked in pre-season polls to finish first or second in the Western Division of the six expansion teams.

Oakland has had one winless streak of 13 straight games—10 defeats and three ties—and now have a six-game winless string. They are 15 points behind fifth place Pittsburgh.

"THIS is the first time many Hampson, is tied for 25th place among the leading NHL scorers with 37 points on 11 goals and 26 assists.

"his is the first time many of the expansion players have moved. Maybe the move was too quick for them and their families to adjust. Their living habits and even their clothing are different," Olmstead said.

"They came from snow and ice and zero weather to 60 degrees here. Then they go back to zero on road trips.

"They've had problems of re-settling. They've had to change their living habits. Maybe they'll be better adjusted next season."