

# Seals' Goal, Glover Door Both Open

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"My door will always be open," said Fred Glover, Seals' hockey coach, when he first joined the organization in 1968, replacing a man given to temper tantrums after losing games.

It was Glover's way of telling newsmen he was not one to have temper tantrums, cuss out players — much — or kick things around in the dressing room.

He was indeed a delight to have around.

Glover is still a nice fellow to have around. The latch

on his door isn't always off so quickly these nights, however. Although he seems to be the same, polite, cooperative fellow on the surface, there must be things going on, for a few moments at least, in that dressing room.

It wouldn't be surprising if those things included temper tantrums and the cussing out of players as coaches are wont to do when the old scoreboard reads the same way night after night. Like the Philadelphia Flyers 3, Oakland Seals 1 sign, which flashed at game's end last night at the Oakland Arena.

There had been pre-game warnings that bags would be packed for certain players. Winger Norm Ferguson and centerman Mike Laughton were even singled out, not by the coach but in the press, as likely candidates for a trip to Providence, where lies the Seals' farm team.

From the looks of the Seals on ice last night, big things must be doing in Providence. Almost everyone wants to go there.

"I wish there were something different I could say," Glover said, when asked what had happened, again. "Yet, how can I?"

"Even in the other room with the players it doesn't seem to be doing me much good. The ones making the mistakes night after night think I'm talking about someone else when I chew them out."

Flyer goalie Doug Favell registered his second victory in as many starts this season against the hapless Seals, who now have lost nine and tied two in their last 12 out-

ings. And he's only the backup goalie for Philadelphia. The number one guy, Bernie Parent, for some strange reason, has been tied by them on three occasions.

After a scoreless first period, Jean-Guy Gendron, Flyers' left winger, tallied the first goal at 12:08, taking a pass from Bob Clarke and deftly using Seals' defenseman Bert Marshall to screen his own goalie, Gary Smith, as he drove puck into net.

Perhaps Ferguson doesn't like Providence, at that. He scored the Seals' lone goal, a 25-footer early in the third period to tie the score. It didn't stay that for long. Simon Nolet, a right winger playing for the Flyers, certainly won't have to go to the farm.

Nolet slapped home a lengthy goal to give the Flyers the lead again, then added another for good measure, netted as he charged Smith's net, with eight minutes remaining.

A Seals' release issued earlier last night said that winger Brian Perry had been sent to the Seals' development club.

"We sent him down for the 14-day minimum in the hope that he can find himself," general manager Frank Selke was quoted as saying.

Selke can expect a phone call today: "Hey, boss, this is Brian Perry. I've found myself. I'm in Providence."

The Seals are at home again tomorrow night, playing the Minnesota North Stars.