

# Penguins No Match For Sheehan, Seals

By JOHN PORTER  
Tribune Sports Writer

BOSTON — Red Kelly, one of the greatest defense men in the history of the National Hockey League and now coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins, was impressed.

"Bobby Sheehan looked like he had on double jets the way my guys were moving," he said.

Sheehan, the best American skater in the league, and well on his way to bypassing most of the Canadians, wasn't impressed with the Penguins or

his performance last night in Pittsburgh.

"I choked," he said. "I should have given him a little of this and a little of that and I would have had the hat trick."

Instead, Penguin goalie Les Binkley stopped Sheehan late in the third period on a break-away, so the flashy skater from Weymouth, Mass., scored just two goals in the Oakland Seals 6-4 win over Pittsburgh.

"Sheehan," said Seals coach Vic Stasuk, "almost got the

third one, but he held it too long. Don't spend the check, just put it in the bank."

He meant Bobby would have been \$300 richer if he had shot quicker. Already, owner Charlie Finley has paid \$900 for the team's three hat tricks, one of them Sheehan's.

Last night's game was the Seals' second straight win on the road. And they've played just two away games. Last year the team won but three of 39 away from home, but

Continued Page 39, Col. 1

# Seals Win Again, Now Face Bruins

Continued from 1st Sports Page

based on goals scored they're alone in fourth place.

Before Oakland returns home tomorrow they play Boston tonight. For Sheehan, "it's the biggie."

He's trying to arrange for a lot of his friends and relatives to get into Boston Garden for the game tonight. That's not easy to do in a town where Bobby Orr and Phil Esposito pack the joint.

"Get the bus outta here," he ordered when the last player boarded to leave for the Pittsburgh Airport. "I've got things to do and people to see."

As far as doing, he's already scored seven goals and added six assists in nine games to give Oakland one of the highest scoring teams in the NHL.

The Penguins, who were down 3-0 after 5:24 of the first period, caught the Seals trying too hard to protect their lead and the game was close down to the last minute when Sheehan's right wing, Gerry Pinder, scored into an empty net.

"I think," said Pinder, "that our line is three young guys with a lot to learn. Offense is easy. We have to work on our defense.

"When we play together longer," he continued, "the defense will get stronger. We'll make out. It's just going to take time."

The Pinder-Sheehan-Ernie Hicke line has scored 13 goals in Oakland's nine games.

Seals rookie Stan Gilbertson scored his second goal in two games to open the scoring two minutes after the opening faceoff.

Sheehan put one in a minute and a half later and defenseman Dick Redmond made his first of the season with the picture goal of the night — a 35-foot slap shot at 5:24.

The Penguins got one back, but Oakland took a 4-1 lead out of the period when Tom Webster scored his first goal as an Oakland Seal by taking a faceoff in the Penguin zone and scoring unassisted.

There was no scoring in the second period. Sheehan hit his second goal to open the third period, but the Penguins gave their 9,233 fans a glimmer of hope with three goals to cut the lead to 5-4 at 19:25. Ten seconds later Pinder slid in the insurance goal.

Sheehan's home town is a 20-minute drive from Boston. It was fine to beat Pittsburgh, but as he said, playing the Bruins tonight is the biggie.

Notes: Boston beat the Seals in Oakland last week, 5-1 . . . Pinder says his groin injury still bothers him . . . Oakland may be close to making a big trade today or tomorrow . . .

Oakland		Pittsburgh	
4		1	
10		10	
<b>FIRST PERIOD</b>			
G	A	G	A
1	0	Oakland	Gilbertson (7)
		(McLechnic, Webster)	2:10
2	0	Oakland	Sheehan (4)
		(Redmond)	3:30
3	0	Oakland	Redmond (1)
		(Pinder, Sheehan)	5:24
3	1	Pittsburgh	McCreary (1)
		(Woytowich, Harbaruk)	8:00
4	1	Oakland	Webster (1)
		(unassisted)	14:43
<b>Shots on Goal</b>			
Oakland 13, Pittsburgh 8			
<b>Penalties</b> — Hextall, Pitt (boarding) 4:20; Webster, Oak (high sticking) 4:44;			
E. Hicke, Oak (hooking) 10:25; Apos, Pitt (high sticking) 14:24; Binkley, Pitt (delay of game) 17:06 (served by Robert).			
<b>SECOND PERIOD</b>			
4-1 No scoring.			
<b>Shots on Goal</b>			
Pittsburgh 3, Oakland 4			
<b>Penalties</b> — Marshall, Oak (interference) 1:23; Apos, Pitt and J. Johnston, Oak (roughing and fighting) 5:53; Kestneger, Pitt (hooking) 6:16; Bench, Oak (delay of game) 7:10 (served by Ferguson); Edstrand, Pitt (tripping) 7:41; B. Hicke, Pitt (slashing) and Marshall, Oak (elbowing) 12:24; Pinder, Oak and Watson, Pitt (slashing) 15:30.			
<b>THIRD PERIOD</b>			
5	1	Oakland	Sheehan (7)
		(Pinder, Gilbertson)	2:30
5	2	Pittsburgh	Pronovost (5)
		(Edstrand, Polis)	3:16
5	3	Pittsburgh	Apos (3)
		(Watson, Pronovost)	6:50
6	4	Pittsburgh	Pronovost (6)
		(Apos, Woytowich)	19:25
6	4	Oakland	Pinder (2)
		(unassisted)	19:35
<b>Shots on Goal</b>			
Pittsburgh 11, Oakland 6			
<b>Penalties</b> — Edstrand, Pitt and J. Johnston, Oak (fighting) 3:23; Sheehan, Oak (holding) 8:24; Polis, Pitt (fighting), J. Johnston, Oak (fighting and game misconduct), Carleton, Oak (game misconduct) 11:05; Harbaruk, Pitt (misconduct) 14:08; Gilbertson, Oak (holding) 19:13.			
Total shots on goal — Pittsburgh 25, Oakland 21.			
<b>Goalies</b> — Oakland, Carter; Pittsburgh, Binkley.			
<b>Referee</b> — Dave Newell.			
Start of game — 7. Sheehan, Oak: 2. Pronovost, Pitt: 1. Pinder, Oak.			
Attendance — 9,338.			