

# A Puncheroo After Seals, Kings Draw

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Oooeee! Is somebody going to catch it today?

Like maybe Larry Regan, the husky general manager of the Los Angeles Kings, who allegedly patted referee Bruce Hood in the chops after last night's 4-4 National Hockey League draw between the Kings and the Oakland Seals.

"I saw the whole thing," Ray Mellado, 22-year-old Seal dressing room helper, said.

"I was following the players off the ice after the game. I stopped and turned back, but then started on again just in time to see Regan jump on him (Hood) and start laying in some punches.

"Me and the two linesmen (Bob Meyers and Ron Ego) jumped in and tried to get

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them apart. Finally a cop came and ended it. Regan's shirt was torn and it looked like he had been scratched pretty bad on his stomach. There was some blood. I didn't see any blood on Hood, but I think he got hit a couple of times," Mellado related.

All of the principals in the beef disappeared before reporters could question them.

What apparently triggered the incident was a penalty in an explosive final period which enabled the Seals to gain a tie.

Trailing 3-1 and going nowhere, the Seals came out in the final period and, led by the charging Ted Hampson line, scored twice in just 38 seconds to tie the game.

Hampson fed Bill Hicke for the first at 0:12 on a blazing 15-foot backhand, and then gave to Gary Jarrett for a wide-open eight-footer at 0:32.

The sparse Coliseum Arena crowd of 2,668—lowest in the Seals NHL history—went crazy.

But the overanxious Seals overcommitted badly to get the go-ahead goal and King centerman Eddie Joyal broke clear for a 60 foot solo trip to beat Charlie Hodge and send L.A. ahead, 4-3.

Now comes Hood and the controversial penalty.

L.A.'s Dale Rolfe, a 6-4, 205-pound defenseman converted to wing, charged into the Seals left corner in time to get clobbered by defenseman Carol Vadnais.

The two came off the boards bumping each other pretty good and Rolfe was bleeding. After some more shoving, Rolfe tried to comb Vadnais' hair with his stick.

The result was a minor slashing penalty to Vadnais and a five-minute major and minor slashing call on Rolfe. And with just less than five minutes left in the game, it meant the Seals would have a power-play advantage when Vadnais came out for the remaining 2:09 of the match.

And with 1:08 left, Hampson and Hicke teamed to set up Jarrett for a perfectly-placed 17-foot backhand which tied the game.

Regan's attempted power-play on Hood will undoubtedly go to NHL President Clarence Campbell for judgment.

The incident unfortunately overshadowed a superb comeback by the Seals, who finally put together one meaningful period of Hockey.

"The Assembly Line"—Hampson, Jarrett, and Hicke—did the damage, mainly through some blazing skating by Hampson and the trigger jobs by Jarrett twice and Hicke once.

Seal defenseman Bryan Watson opened the scoring with a screened 45-foot shot at 13:35 of the first period, but Oakland collapsed as the hustling Kings took charge.

First period—1, Oakland, Watson 1 (Swarbrick) 13:35. 2, Los Angeles, Hughes 1 (Wall, Peters) 18:40. Penalties—Oakland, Roberts 14:23.	
Second period—1, Los Angeles, White 1, 7:30. 2, Los Angeles, Lemieux 1 (White, LaBriere) 7:47. Penalties—Los Angeles, Peterson 7:31. Oakland, G. Hodge, 10:50, 4:41; Los Angeles, Joyal 12:57; B. Hughes 14:29.	
Third period—1, Oakland, Hicke 1 (Hampson, Jarrett) 0:12, 6, Oakland, Jarrett 1 (Hampson, Hicke) 0:32. 7, Los Angeles, Joyal 1 (Flitt) 3:54. 8, Oakland, Jarrett 2 (Hicke, Hampson) 18:52. Penalties—Los Angeles, Rolfe, major and minor, 13:41; Oakland, Vadnais 13:41.	
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