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SCORE BY SEALS—Al Nicholson (11) of Seals fires puck (arrow) toward goal. Spokane goalie Claude Dulong, who fell when he made save on attempt by Larry McNabb (not seen) is unable to make save. Referee Jerry Olinski (left), who is looking on intently, later was punched by Seal defenseman McNabb. Seals scored 2-1 victory over Comets.

## Wild Ice Contest at Cow Palace

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The San Francisco Seals shot down the Spokane Comets, 2-1, in an exciting hockey contest last night that saw San Francisco's Larry McNabb punch a referee.

Carving before 6,197 fans in the Cow Palace, the Seals tried a little bit of everything before centerman Orland Kurtenbach could put the game on ice at 17:09 of the final period.

Kurt, an unassuming hero who always seems to come up with the puck, converted a Nick Mickoski slap shot from the point into a garbage rebound at the net.

### TIED AT 1-1

The teams had been tied at 1-1 ever since 13:37 of the second period when Spokane's Don Cherry canned a ricochet that San Francisco goalie Jim McLeod had no chance to stop.

Al Nicholson opened the scoring for San Francisco at 12:52 of the first period with a snap shot at the net off a McNabb slap shot from the point.

That McNabb rocket was his last real shooting attempt in the contest.

He was dismissed from the action at 17:13 of the second when he put the slug on referee Jerry Olinski.

### HOT HEAD

The arbiter had assessed what Larry thought to be a cheap penalty against him, and the latter, a hot head at times, uncorked a well-aimed missile to the jaw.

Olinski fought back with his only weapon, a right hand, which pointed toward the dressing room, and McNabb

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promptly skated off in that direction.

The assessment against him at first was listed as a 10-minute match penalty, which carries an automatic fine and suspension of a few games, but later was reversed to a five-minute penalty.

This occurred after Olinski and Al Leader, president of the Western Hockey League, had conferred in the dressing room between the second and third periods.

## \$500 GONE?

Still hanging fire at the end of the contest was the ruling on whether McNabb will have to forfeit the \$500 peace bond which he had to post a month ago in Spokane after decking coach Roy McBride of the Comets.

Leader said he would decide that early next week.

Best bet is that McNabb will have to forfeit the \$500, take a short suspension and incur another fine.

Coach Norman (Bud) Poile said after the game that he couldn't defend Larry. "You just can't hit officials," Poile said, "he's lucky he's not in jail."

There is a touch of irony about it all inasmuch as Larry is getting married Monday in Nanaimo, B. C. He likely will be entering wedded life with a thinner wallet than he had planned.

Amusingly, the penalty was announced as being called against McNabb for "hitting the referee while he was in the officials' crease," as if it were all right to belt him anywhere else on the ice.

McNabb's explosion was just one of many things that enlivened the close and exciting contest, which was replete with steady fore-checking and brisk body-banging along the boards.

## FANS STOMP

The activity grew so tense in the last five minutes that for the first time the fans started foot-stomping for a S. F. goal.

It was but two minutes later that big Kurt gave them what they wanted and everybody except McNabb went home happy.

It was the second victory over the Comets in as two games, the seventh in the last nine outings for the Seals and eighth of 10 at home.

The attendance gave the hometown club a total of 53,042 over the 10-game seasonal stand in the Cow Palace which breaks down to a 5304 average per contest—a little better than at a comparable time last year.

The Seals now will enjoy a much-needed seven-day lay-off not going to the post again until next Friday evening against the Portland Buckaroos.