

# Unfamiliar Mirth in Oakland

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It isn't often the California Golden Seals can enjoy a laugh and when they do go all-out in victory nothing can be sweeter than having the boss right there watching them.

Seals' owner Charles O. Finley was on hand at the Oakland Arena last night and got plenty of chuckles as coach Fred Glover's Seals whapped Vancouver, 6-1.

However, Charles O. couldn't have been too happy with the crowd. Only 3395 were on hand to watch the rejuvenated Seals win, hardly enough bodies to pay the salaries of the players.

## Riot Act

Before the game, Glover had read the riot act to his charges, threatening several with one-way tickets to the Seals' farm team in Providence, R.I., if they didn't play a little harder.

Evidently, the Bay Area is a much more pleasant place to winter than Rhode Island, for the Seals came out skating hard and fast, forechecking like a bunch of leeches, and outshooting the Canucks, 34 to 21.

In fact, six different players scored goals in the Seals' first victory over Vancouver, a team which had beaten them 2-1 in their only other meeting this season.

Halfway through the first period, Finley got his first chuckle of the evening when Dennis Hextall trailed Tony Featherstone



**SEALS' TONY FEATHERSTONE (RIGHT) DOES VICTORY DANCE AFTER GOAL BY DENNIS HEXTALL**  
Not so happy Vancouver George Gardner (left) as puck gets by him into nets (center)

—Examiner photo by Matt Southard

down the ice and took his drop pass on the stick to rocket a 15-footer by a startled George Gardner.

Finley was belly-laughing in the second period when the Seals, skating as if demons were pursuing them, scored three times while the Can-

ucks got only one shot past goalie Gary Smith.

That Vancouver tally came only 2:27 into the period when Wayne Maki took a rebound off Orland Kurtenbach's shot and whipped it into the nets.

About a minute later the Seals' scoring parade be-

gan. Gerry Ehman took a pass from Earl Ingarfield in front of the nets and rammed it home.

Halfway through the period, during which the Seals got off 11 shots to the Canucks' five, Ingarfield took a pass in front of the nets from Ernie Hicke,

who assisted on all three Seals' goals, and whipped it netward from point blank range.

Although he didn't get an assist on the third goal, Carol Vadnais was responsible for little Norm Ferguson's first goal of the season. Vadnais intercepted a

pass and brought it into Vancouver territory, passing off to Ernie Hicke.

## Scoring Shot

Hicke took a shot, Ingarfield had another shot on the rebound, and then little Ferguson, who had been out of action since the fourth game of the season with a shoulder separation, pushed it by the bewildered Gardner.

The Seals kept the Canucks on the run in the final period as Hicke, the busiest man of the night, scored one goal and Vadnais another.

Next: the New York Rangers tomorrow night.

**NOTES:** No wonder the younger Hicke was skating like he needed the money last night. Monday his wife, Barbara, presented Ernie a 7 pound, 14 ounce son, Shane . . . Harry Howell, the steady influence on the Seals' defense, is out indefinitely with his bad back . . .

**FIRST PERIOD**  
**SCORING** — 1, Seals, Hextall (10), Featherstone, 5:37.  
**PENALTIES** — Quinn (V), 10:31; Roberts (V), 16:10; Ehman (V), 17:31.  
**SHOTS ON GOAL** — Seals 12, Vancouver 5.

**SECOND PERIOD**  
**SCORING** — 2, Vancouver, Maki (13), Kurtenbach, 2:27; 3, Seals, Ehman (3), Ingarfield, E. Hicke, 3:41; 4, Seals, Ingarfield (2), E. Hicke, Vadnais, 9:39; 5, Seals, Ferguson (1), E. Hicke, Ingarfield, 13:45.  
**PENALTIES** — Seguin (V), 4:23.  
**SHOTS ON GOAL** — Seals 11, Vancouver 5.

**THIRD PERIOD**  
**SCORING** — 4, Seals, E. Hicke (5), Ingarfield, Ehman, 4:53; 7, Seals, Vadnais (6), Hextall, Hampson, 9:11.  
**PENALTIES** — Oak (V), :54; Ferguson (V), major, 5:15; Wilkins (V) misconduct, game misconduct, 9:11; E. Hicke (S), 13:36 and 19:29.  
**SHOTS ON GOAL** — Seals 11, Vancouver 11. **TOTAL** — Seals 34, Vancouver 21.  
**GOALIES** — Seals, Smith; Vancouver, Gardner.  
**ATTENDANCE** — 3397.  
**REFEREE** — Bryan Lewis.  
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