

# New Seal Coach Impresses Scribes

Fred Glover met the Bay Area press today and seemed surprised and mystified at the warmth of the welcome he got from the pencil-pushers who cover the Oakland Seals.

"Whadaya know," one said to the other. "A nice guy."

Glover, a solidly built and youngish-looking 40-year-old with 180 pounds on an athletic 5-9 body, is stepping in as head coach to replace Bert Olmstead.

Charitably said, he improved Seals public relations 90 per cent BEFORE he smiled.

A veteran of 21 years in

professional hockey, Glover was a player-coach for the past six seasons with the Cleveland Barons of the American Hockey League after stints in the National Hockey League with the Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks.

Presented at a press conference at the Edgewater Inn, he seems confident he can get the Seals back on the track and headed full-steam into NHL parity after a year of missteps.

The Seals outlined his credentials as follows:

Glover holds all of the sig-

nificant individual player records in the AHL — in fact his all-time goals record of 520 is third best in all of hockey history behind National League stars Gordie Howe (686) and Maurice (Rocket) Richard (544).

Fred holds the American League records for most points scored (333), most assists (313) and even the most penalty minutes (2,402), an indication of the kind of all-out game he plays.

He has played in more games than any other AHL player, 1,199, over his 20-year career in the league. He has

played in the most playoff series of any AHL player, 18, scored the most points in the playoffs, 104, and the most goals, 48, for a lifetime total of 568 goals in professional hockey, counting both regular season and playoff hockey.

Fred is a three-time winner of the American League's Les Cunningham Plaque as the League's most valuable player, and a two-time winner of the Sollenberger Trophy as the AHL's leading scorer. He is a six-time member of the AHL All-Star team.

Since taking over as coach of the Barons in the 1962-63

season, Glover has won one American League championship, (63-64), been a finalist in another, and missed the playoffs only once.

The Seals' new coach was born in Toronto and played his minor hockey there until he was spotted by a Detroit Red Wings' scout and assigned to the Wings junior "A" team in Galt of the Ontario Hockey League, in 1945-46.

He turned pro with Detroit's Omaha farm team in 1947 while still junior age at 19, graduated to the American League with Indianapolis in

1948-49, and got his first chance at the National League with Detroit in 1949-50.

The Wings gave him a brief look that season, and then again in the playoffs the following year, but it wasn't until 1951-52 that Glover got a chance to play almost a full season in the big league, scoring 18 points in 54 games.

The following year he became Chicago Black Hawks property, and played a half-season with the Hawks before being sold to the Cleveland Barons in January of 1953 where he launched his sensational American League ca-

reer.

"I never really gave coaching in the NHL much thought," says Fred. "But I'm looking forward to this great opportunity — it's got to be a great challenge for any hockey coach to get a chance in the big leagues."

Glover thinks the Seals have a much better team than they showed last year, and he hopes to instill some of Cleveland's winning spirit into the Oakland team.

"I like my teams to move the puck often and well, and to check the opposition in their own end. It's much eas-

ier to prevent the other team from scoring if you have strong forechecking.

"Our team will try to control the puck and skate with it — that's the name of the game, and we've played it that way since my junior days in Galt."

The Seals also announced a new training camp site for their new coach and his charges as they prepare for the 1968-69 season.

The Seals will open camp Sept. 15, at the Oshawa Memorial Arena in Oshawa, Ontario — about 40 miles from Toronto. The team trained last year in Port Huron, Mich.

The Oshawa Arena was opened just two years ago. It will provide the Seals with a full-size 200 x 85 foot ice surface, spacious dressing rooms, two heated swimming pools, sauna and training room and 3,500 seats for pre-season games.