

Seals Stun Leafs, 4-3

Goalie Key to Victory

By SPENCE CONLEY

Those raggedy Oakland Seals, stomped on virtually at will by their opponents in the National Hockey League, stepped out of a back alley last night to shock the defending Stanley Cup champion Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-3, with a stunning four-goal third period rally.

And laughing up his sleeve today, is curly-haired Gary Smith, the flamboyant but fighting second-string Oakland goalie.

"Imlach (Toronto coach-GM) told me I put on a good show but I couldn't win in this league," explained the 4-4, 215-pound rookie who was drafted last summer from the Leafs. "Well, I feel pretty good right now."

"I wasn't sharp on their second goal, but for the most part, I was OK. Our defense and forwards played great. They were coming back to help all night and what a third period. It was sensational," he said.

And sensational it was:

After a scoreless first period, during which Toronto had territorial advantage but the Seals the better scoring opportunities, the Leafs came out hard and fast in the second.

By mid-period, the Leafs had opened the game up considerably with hard hitting and in a twinkling went ahead 2-0 on a power-play scored by Bob Pulford and an 18-foot screened slap shot by Ron Ellis — the scores 25 seconds apart!

But the Seals, apparently determined that they weren't going to lose four in a row to Toronto, came on like never before.

Led by center Charlie Burns and the hustling, scrapping play of Ted Hampson, Bill Hicke and John Brenneman, the Seal's overcame the surprised Leafs in the first 4:36 of the period.

Brenneman scored at 1:14 helped by Hicke and Hampson; Burns scored 21 seconds later with a bank shot off the leg of Leaf defenseman Larry Hillman; then Hicke, helped by Hampson and Gerry Eh-



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man, scored his 11th of the season in a scramble in front of the Leaf goal.

The Coliseum Arena crowd of 8,506, was on its feet screaming; the fans couldn't believe their eyes; never before had the Seals scored three goals so quickly and never had they rallied for a win from two goals behind.

High scoring Mike Walsh's 22nd goal of the season drew the Leafs even again and it looked as if the Seals were going to save a tie — not had considering the way the game had gone.

But then Burns, breaking down the right wing side with a pass from Wally Boyer, saw daylight and turned in toward the net at the face-off circle and fired from 25 feet.

Toronto goalie Bruce Gamble missed and the puck caught the upper corner on the wide side of the net.

The win snapped a seven-game winless streak for Oakland, while Toronto has now lost five of its last six games.

"It was nice to get a couple of goals," smiled Burns, "but it was better to get a couple of points. Winning again was the most important thing. We needed this game."

Hampson was equally enthusiastic but noted: "We played as good or better against Minnesota Saturday and lost. Tonight we got a couple of breaks and we won."

Smith was typically adventurous in his goal play, but once was nearly trapped 20 feet out of his cage by Palford.

"I got caught," admitted Smith, "but we didn't get scored on. That was one of the best breaks we've had all year."

Inlach was so upset by his club's loss to the lowly Seals that he threatened: "I ought to bring up our entire Roches-

ter farm club and send this one down there. We made too many mistakes and weren't trying hard enough.

"I can't remember when we've lost a game like this. I can't remember when we've given up four goals in the third period either."

