

Canucks bring food for Seals' picnic

Selke's
iron in
the fire



FRANK SELKE JR.
... color him CBS?

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OAKLAND — Frank Selke, Jr., who resigned as general manager of the California Golden Seals a few weeks back, hopes to land on his feet as color man on CBS telecasts which start next month.

"I've applied for the job," he said last night. "The network doesn't have a color man (Bill Masure, who had the job last season, now is with New York Rangers) right now and it's something I'd like to do. It would keep me going until the end of the year. There just aren't many hockey jobs available at the moment."

Selke resigned his g.m. job when new owner Charlie Finley offered to keep him on—at a cut in pay.

Finley was among the 3,395 to see the Seals' 6-1 drubbing of the Vancouver Canucks. It was only the second game he'd seen in Oakland all season.

"I spend most of my time in Chicago," he told Canucks' president Tom Scullen. "That's where I make most of my money and, the way this team loses it, I need to make all I can."

Finley caused a few mild ripples in the hockey world yesterday by making a \$500,000 offer for Chicago super star Bobby Hull and then upping it to \$1 million.

Suitcase champs whipped

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California 6, Vancouver 1

OAKLAND—There can be no doubt which of the 30 NHL games the Vancouver Canucks have played this season has been the best. And now there's no argument concerning which has been their worst.

And oddly enough, the high and low points of the Canucks' season came only 24 hours apart.

The peak was reached with Tuesday night's remarkable 4-1 victory over New York Rangers, a team rated by many as the best in the Eastern Division.

The low point came here last night as they were clubbed 6-1 by the California Golden Seals, whose record says they are the worst team in the Western Division.

"I think they could have played us a man short all night and still won," said Vancouver coach Hal Laycoe.

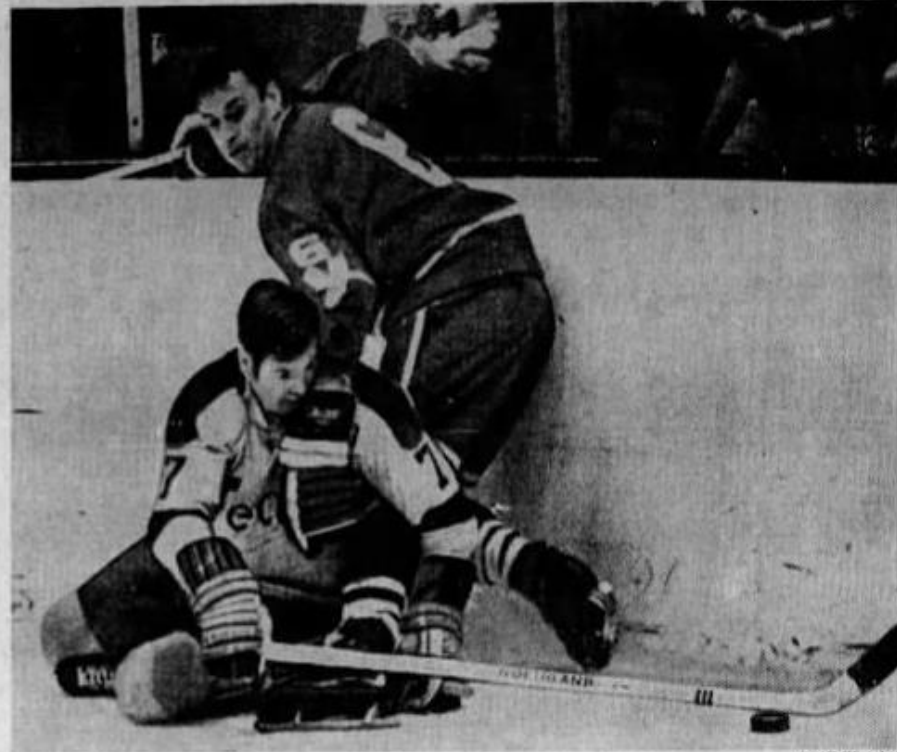
He said it with the air of a man who had been expecting the worst and found it.

And his statement wasn't entirely the one of a dejected loser. For five minutes in the third period, the Seals did play a man short. They scored one goal, the Canucks didn't score any.

"That's the most tired hockey club I've ever seen," Laycoe continued. "I hate to even mention it because it sounds like an excuse but I just can't believe how tired they were. The emotional peak they reached for New York took a lot out of them."

That, no doubt, was a contributing factor, but the hard facts are this was Vancouver's fourth game in five nights and they've been played in four different cities. When the club arrived home at noon today their most recent odyssey totalled 8,888 miles.

"We kept getting into trouble because we were mentally tired," Laycoe sighed, "and



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DANGEROUS MAN at any time. California's Earl Ingarfield manages to keep stick on puck even when on his knees with Vancouver Canucks' Marc Rea-

ume hovering over him. Ingarfield scored one goal and assisted on three others as the Golden Seals won 6-1 before crowd of 3,395 in Oakland.

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then we couldn't get out of it because we were physically tired.

"Their (the Seals) second and third goals were bad ones. It's funny, but the only thing I said to the guys before the game was 'keep them away from the crease.' Both those goals were scored because we let guys stand around the crease without bothering them.

"But you have to say the Seals were full value for their six goals. Even now, I find it hard to believe how badly they outskated us."

A great deal of the Seals' production was the result of the efforts of one line — Ernie Hicke, Earl Ingarfield and ancient Gerry Ehman. Hicke and Ingarfield both had a goal and three assists while Ehman added a goal and two assists.

Dennis Hextall, Carol Vadnais and Norm Ferguson got

the Seals' other goals while Wayne Maki scored his 13th of the season for Vancouver. Ferguson, making his first start since suffering a shoulder separation Oct. 17, notched his first of the year.

"That line worked like hell for two days in practice to prove they could do the job they did tonight," said coach Fred Glover, whose Seals have a game at home against the Rangers Friday before coming to Vancouver for a return engagement with the Canucks at 5 p.m. Saturday.

"After tonight, we shouldn't be overconfident for that one," said Laycoe ruefully.

The game was a painful ex-

perience for the Canucks in more ways than one.

Defenceman Gary Doak suffered a three-inch, 20-stitch gash to the top of his head when he was struck by Ferguson's stick at 5:15 of the third period.

"I was taking him out of the play and he swung around and caught me with his stick," a still-bleeding Doak said later. "I'm sure it was an accident."

Accident or not, Ferguson received a major penalty but while he was off Vadnais scored for the Seals as the Canucks were thrashing around in a fog of frustration.

That goal resulted in what

was probably Barry Wilkins' most expensive conversation.

Seals' trainer Barry Keast was on the ice while Vadnais scored — he was tending Teddy Hampton who had been flattened by Wilkins seconds earlier — and the Vancouver defenceman tried to convince referee Brian Lewis this was hardly proper procedure.

He tried so hard it cost him misconduct and game misconduct penalties, sentences which carry with them an automatic \$150 fine.

On top of everything else, playing in the Oakland Coliseum is like visiting a haunted house. Only 3,395 fans turned out last night.

"And those uniforms and those colored skates make you think you are playing a team from Disneyland," Laycoe said. "I don't know why exactly, but every time I look at them I think of teddy bears."

Last night, the teddy bears had a picnic.