

Bruins Skin Seals

Boston In 8-3 Victory

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BOSTON — You might say the Boston Bruins solved a few offensive problems last night — they had 63 shots and scored eight goals.

And the Oakland Seals lost a goal on a game misconduct penalty.

You also might say that the Seals developed a few more problems last night—they had 31 shots (only 13 in the first two periods) and scored three goals.

What with the Montreal Canadiens coming into the Coliseum Arena tomorrow night, Seal coach Fred Glover has a lot of work to do with a squad that missed at least half a dozen perfect scoring chances, seldom backchecked, and made repeated passing errors.

Oddly enough, despite the 8-3 rout, goalies Gary Smith and Charlie Hodge, who came in after Smitty was tossed out for bumping referee Ron

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Wicks during a third period argument, played not bad.

The technical problems of play may be a little more solvable for Glover than the loss of Smith. Until the case is reviewed by NHL President Clarence Campbell, Smith may have to sit out, and even then he may be faced with a suspension.

The incident which provoked Smith's ejection was something of a commentary on the caliber of officiating by Wicks during the game.

Bruin Jim Harrison had Smith pinned to the goal with his stick for some time, eventually making it possible for a goal to be scored.

"Harrison was holding me," Smith complained. "He had me hooked with his stick and I couldn't move. It was an obvious penalty. I tried to tell Wicks, but he told me to go back into the net. When I turned around, I stumbled over Dick Mattiussi's foot. It was an accident.

It wasn't so much the penalties which he called and there were plenty, it was those he didn't call, hurting both sides not especially the Seals.

"I'm not going to comment," fumed an obviously angry Frank Selke, the Seal general manager. "You saw what happened."

But in addition to seeing suspect officiating, the 14,831 fans at the Boston Garden saw Bobby Orr do his thing again in leading the Bruins out of a five-game winless string.

Orr got three assists as Johnny McKenzie and Johnny Bucyk each had a pair of goals. Fred Stanfield, Dallas Smith, Jim Harrison, and Jim Lorentz had the other scores.

Ted Hampson, Mike Laughton, and Gerry Ehman scored for Oakland.

Seemingly bolstered by their 2-2 tie with Philadelphia Sunday night, the Seals started quickly and helped by a rare double penalty on one play, got on the scoreboard first — Laughton getting his fifth goal of the year.

But that was it. The Bruins, booed badly by their fans and sparked considerably by some roughhouse play by McKenzie, came to life and rattled off five straight scores, blowing the Seals right out into the dreariness of a drenching cold Boston night.

"They hadn't won in five

games," sighed Selke. "They were due to break loose. They just overpowered us."

He was not displeased with the goaltending of Smith and Hodge and noted: "If your goaltending has to be sensational game after game after game in order to win, then you've got problems."

SEAL NOTES — Bobby Orr leads the NHL in scoring with 22 points and nine of those points have been against Oakland in just three games . . . The Seals are 0-3 against the Bruins this season . . . Wayne Muloin played a steady, effective game last night . . . The Seals have now been outshot in every game they've played so far this season .

First period—1, Oakland, Laughton 5. (Ferguson, Dillabough) 2:33. 2, Boston, Stanfield 5. (Orr, Bucyk) 10:50. 3, Boston Bucyk 6. (Esposito, Cashman) 13:48. 4, Boston, Lorentz 12. (Cashman, Orr) 17:08. Penalties—Oak., Boston 1:24; Bailey, Boston 1:34; Muloin, Oakland, 4:39; Vadnais, Oakland, 9:32; Featherstone, Oakland, 14:56.

Second period—5, Boston, Bucyk 7 (McKenzie) 15:23. Penalties—D. Smith, Bos 6:48; Bailey, Bos 8:11; Vadnais, Oak, 11:51; Hodge, Bos 11:51; Doak, Bos, 16:43; Avrey, Bos, 19:58.

Third period—6, Boston, D. Smith 3 (Westall) 0:18. 7, Oakland, Ehman 1 (Wicks) 2:11. 8, Boston, McKenzie 5 (Stanfield, Doak) 11:56. 9, Boston, Harrison 3 (Orr, Hodge) 13:54. 10, Oakland, Hampson 4 (Muloin) 16:08. 11, Boston, McKenzie 6 (Bucyk, Stanfield) 18:24. Penalties—G. Smith, Oak., game misconduct 0:18; Mattiussi, Oak., 1:45; Doak, Bos., 6:24; R. Smith, Bos., 15:17; Westfall, Bos., 15:29.

Shots on Goal By: Oakland 4 8 18—31
Boston 23 28 16—49
Goalkeepers—Oakland, G. Smith, C. Hodge; Boston, Johnston. A—14,831.