

Detroit Lesson Pays for Seals

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There stood Gary Croteau with the same money-winning grin he had two years ago. This time, though, he didn't have the \$300.

The last time the Seals' burly left-winger snipped three pucks into an opponent's net, owner Charles Finley saw him do it and rewarded Croteau with a check for \$300.

Last night Croteau duplicated the three-goal hat trick at the Arena. Finley, however, is in Chicago trying to sell the Seals to the National Hockey League.

"I don't know," responded Seals temporary coach Fred Glover when asked if Croteau would get the traditional \$300. What he did know was the difference between last night's 7-2 win and Sunday's 11-2 loss to the same team — the Detroit Red Wings.

"Detroit was flying the other night and they weren't being hit," observed Glover. "Tonight the majority of our guys were hitting."

"I'm always embarrassed when something like that (Sunday's game) happens, but it helps, too. You learn from it," the coach said.

Croteau says the lesson the Seals picked up in Detroit was to give the defense a hand. "One winger is supposed to be back and help the defensemen. We didn't do it Sunday, but we did it tonight."

"I don't think our line has been playing that badly. It's just that once you get that first goal it takes some of the pressure off you," he said.

Croteau's line took some of the heat off Seals goalie Gilles Meloche when they crammed four goals into the third period. That's supposed to be the



Two Detroit defensemen are down, but Seals' Reggie Leach couldn't get through for goal

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20 minutes when the Seals fade.

"We were skating tonight," agreed Ivan Boldirev, Croteau's center. "Why don't you ask me how I feel?"

"I feel fine," he answered, without bothering to let anybody ask the question. "I could've had three goals myself and Hilly (Graves) could've had three."

What kept all the Seals except Croteau from scoring a hat trick was Red Wings goalie Terry Richardson, a rookie. "That kid played well in Detroit, too," said Glover.

"Maybe some of it was luck tonight, but you have to give him credit."

The Seals gave the Wings a good lesson in skating backwards most of the first two

periods and outshot them 28-10. Still, midway through the second period the Seals only led 1-0 on Stan Weir's first goal of the season.

Croteau made it 2-0 with his first marker of the night, stretching Doug Grant out of the crease with a series of fakes much the same as Weir's. Then Joey Johnston sent the small, but vocal crowd of 3,532 into a tizzy with a power play goal at 14:30 of the middle period for a 3-0 lead.

It was his 50th career goal, but more importantly, it was the sixth consecutive game this season he's scored a goal, breaking the old Seal mark set by Norm Ferguson five years ago.

Joey agreed that the Seals were as red as the goal light last Sunday. "The closest word to how we felt is embarrassed," he said. "We weren't back-checking and you can't blame the defense because there is supposed to be one forward back."

No one had to be back for Croteau's third goal. After putting the Seals ahead 6-2 at 12:10 of the third period, he made it 7-2 just 17 seconds later on a solo rush down the left side.

Graves was parked at the goal mouth with his stick at the ready, but he didn't have to move.

"Bull had the hat trick all the way," said Graves. "I could see it was going in, so there was no reason to deflect the puck."

With that goal the Wings decided Grant had had enough and inserted another rookie, young Richardson, into the pads. He escaped without let-

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ting the Seals forwards score.
The three Seals lines that
got on the ice all scored last
night. But Boldirev's line had
five of the seven goals.

"I don't think I've ever seen
Boldirev skate like that since
he came here," commented
Glover, who coached Los An-
geles two years ago when Ivan
skated so well for the Seals.

"You ain't seen nothing,
yet," promised Boldirev.

The Seals host the Atlanta
Flames tomorrow night at the
Arena.

NOTES: Detroit winger
Henry Boucha suffered a blow
to the head and a deep scalp
wound that required eight
stitches when a skate blade
gouged him in a scramble in
front of the Wings net in the
first period . . . Croteau,

Stargell Plans Tourney

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Left-
fielder Willie Stargell of the
Pittsburgh Pirates has an-
nounced plans for a celebrity
bowling tournament here on
Nov. 7, with proceeds going to
the fight against sickle cell
anemia.

who's been with the Seals the
longest, was playing in his
200th game for the club . . .
Seals tied record for biggest
difference in shots for one
period when they outshot
Wings 14-2 in the second peri-
od . . . Detroit's last goal was
short-handed.

FIRST PERIOD

0	1	Seals	.....	Weir (1)
		(Leach, Stewart)	.....	14:32
		Shots on goal: Seals 1; Det. 3.		
		Penalty: G. Beraman, Det. (cross-		
		checking) 2:55.		

SECOND PERIOD

0	2	Seals	.....	Croteau (2)
		(Boldirev, McKay)	.....	11:01
0	3	Seals	.....	J. Johnston (6)
		(Leach)	.....	14:30
1	3	Detroit	.....	Berenson (3)
		(Ecclestone, G. Beraman)	.....	14:44
		Shots on goal: Seals 14; Det. 2.		
		Penalties: Murray, Seals (tripping),		
		5:30; L. Johnston, Det. (cross-check-		
		ing), 13:03.		

THIRD PERIOD

1	4	Seals	.....	Graves (2)
		(J. Johnston, Boldirev)	.....	3:57
2	4	Detroit	.....	Redmond (4)
		(Florez, Bailey)	.....	8:19
2	5	Seals	.....	Boldirev (2)
		(Graves, Murray)	.....	10:07
2	6	Seals	.....	Croteau (3)
		(McAneeley, Graves)	.....	12:10
2	7	Seals	.....	Croteau (4)
		(McAneeley)	.....	12:27
3	7	Detroit	.....	Collins (3)
		(Vellor, Libett)	.....	14:25
		Shots on goal: Seals 12; Det. 9.		
		Penalty—Foley, Det. (holding) 12:47.		
		Total shots: Seals 40; Det. 19.		
		Goalies: Det., Grant and Richardson;		
		Seals, Meloche.		
		3 stars: 1, Croteau, Seals, 2, Boldirev,		
		Seals, 3, Graves, Seals.		
		Referee: Lloyd Gilmour.		
		Att: 3,532.		