

Seals Put Ding On WHA

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The Seals, obviously interested in making a buck, now think they've saved a few.

"Ron Chipperfield couldn't make our team," claimed captain Jerry Johnston last night in the happy Seals dressing room in the Spokane Coliseum.

"That's right," put in right wing Craig Patrick. "We saved \$600,000 by not signing that guy."

It's doubtful the Seals want to sign any of the Vancouver Blazers, who were awarded under in a cross-league exhibition, 6-0.

"The only good shooters they had were ex-NHL," asserted Seals' goalie Gilles Meloche, who was so sharp it would be nice to see the season open tonight.

Instead, Meloche and 16's teammates will be available for Bay Area fans at the Arena in a 7:30 p.m. Meet the Seals promotion.

Meloche was another who put the ding on Chipperfield, whom the Seals drafted in the first round last June, but let to the World Hockey Association.

"Chipperfield isn't all he's made out to be," said Meloche. "I thought he was supposed to be a superstar, but he can't skate."

The Seals skated and checked in the first period and were up 4-0 with Morris Mott scoring twice and assisting on a third goal.

FIRST PERIOD	
1-1 Seals	Loewner
(Mott, Christie)	12:33
2-2 Seals	Mott
(Mott, Christie)	17:18
3-3 Seals	J. Stewart
(Bradley)	22:25
4-4 Seals	Stout
(Paley, Lavender)	27:30
Shots on goal: Seals 14, Van 4.	
Penalty: McCulloch, Van (16:00), 2:30.	
SECOND PERIOD	
5-1 Seals	Went
(Van Adert)	8:30
Shots on goal: Seals 13, Van 8.	
Penalty: Campbell, Van (13:00), 25:10.	
Stewart, Seals (13:00), 4:12; B. Stewart, Seals (19:20), 19:20.	
THIRD PERIOD	
6-4 Seals	Johnston
(Patrick)	22:01
Shots on goal: Seals 14, Van 8.	
Total shots: Seals 42, Van 15.	
Goalies: Van, Donnell; Seals, Meloche, Swinnen.	
AM 1:00 (EST.)	

WHA teams lose to NHL squads

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Vancouver Blazers and Phoenix Roadrunners put the World Hockey Association in a hole Wednesday night in its exhibition series against the National Hockey League.

California Seals whipped the Blazers 6-0 and Toronto Maple Leafs downed the Roadrunners, a new entry this season, 5-3 to give the NHL four wins and a defeat against the WHA.

The only WHA victory came Sept. 26 when Houston Aeros tipped St. Louis Blues 5-4.

In WHA exhibition games, Quebec Nordiques beat Chicago

Cougars 6-4, Minnesota Fighting Saints blanked Michigan Stags 2-0, and Edmonton Oilers and Winnipeg Jets battled to a 2-2 tie.

The Seals scored four goals in a four-minute span in the third period, with Morris Mott getting two goals and an assist—to beat the Blazers. The game was played before 1,200 fans in Spokane.

In Phoenix, the Leafs handed the Roadrunners their first exhibition loss with three goals in the first period and two in the second.

KEON SCORES

Ian Turnbull, Dave Keon, Eddie Shack, Ron Ellis and Bill Flett scored for Toronto. Tennis Sobchuk, John Gray and Rob Fiorek scored for Phoenix.

Jeanot Gilbert's goal at 8:49 of the third period snapped a 4-4 tie and led the Nordiques to victory over the Cougars.

Alain Beaulieu, Michel Parizeau, Real Cloutier, Renald Leclerc and Alain Caron got the other Quebec goals. Walt Liddington, Duke Harris, Brian Coates and Ron Walters scored for the Cougars before 675 fans in Chicoutimi.

A total of 62 minutes in penalties were issued, including two misconducts to each team.

Goals by John Arbour and Danny O'Shea gave Minnesota, spoiling the Stags' debut in Michigan. The Stags moved east from Los Angeles where they played the last two years.

Before 451 fans in Saskatoon, the Oilers came from behind twice for their tie with the Jets. Doug Barrie and Ray McKay scored for Edmonton and Danny Spring got both Winnipeg goals.