



TRAPPED—Kings goalie Gerry Desjardins sprawls in front of net, pummeled there by Boston's Ed Westfall, partially obscured by Brent Hughes of Kings. Com. Photo by Larry Shockey

SEALS' STAR REGAINS HEALTH

Hicke Bad Medicine for NHL Foes

BY CHUCK GARRITY
There's probably nothing to it, but you'll never convince Oakland Seal's winger Bill Hicke that the Medic Alert medal he wears around his neck isn't a good luck charm.
'I'll tell you, nothing but good has happened to me since the day I put it on,' said the high-scoring Seal forward, who has a history of medical problems that was seriously endangering his career.
Hicke is an asthmatic who also has intense allergies.
That's a problem when you make your livelihood in a sport as fast and physical as professional hockey.

with the Montreal Canadiens earlier in his career.
It would be difficult to get many NHL opponents to feel too sorry for Hicke, though.
He is having the best scoring season of his 11-year NHL career — 47 points on 18 goals and 29 assists and one season in which he has scored 13 points in just past the halfway point.
He ranks among the top 15 scorers in the league and in one of the major reasons the Seals last year's expansion doesn't seem promising in the Western Division this year, three points ahead of the Kings.
From the time he joined the Seals, the non-profit charitable foundation for research with hidden medical problems, Hicke has been on a tear. He had not scored a goal for Nov. 23, when he put on the medal. But December and the first part of January were his months for scoring.

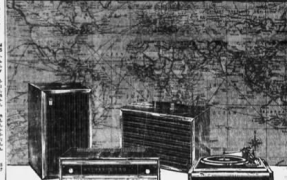
Seals Defeat Maple Leafs

OAKLAND (AP)—Bookie Norm Ferguson scored on an 18-foot backhand with less than three minutes to play Friday night to give a five-point lead to the Oakland Seals over Toronto.

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