

## A GIFT TO PENGUINS

# Seals Skid to a 4-4 Tie

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Shoooooosh! The Big Blow struck again last night at the Coliseum Arena and it may take a marriage counselor to patch up the rift it caused between Fred Glover and his Oakland Seals.

You see, the Seals have this funny idea that they are a superior hockey club to Pittsburgh.

Now that may well be true, but it'd be nice if somebody told goalie Les Binkley and his Penguins about it.

Kept alive by Binkley's quick hands, the Penguins came from behind twice last night — once from 2-0 — and zoned the overconfident Seals with a 4-4 tie.

Jean Pronovost's **10-10000** on a semi-breakaway at 9:32 of the final period, set up neatly by Gene Ubriaco's perfect pass, was the Penguins' salvation.

The "big Blow" took the Seals from a 2-0 lead to a 3-2 deficit. They got the lead back at 4-3, but blew it again on Pronovost's score — his second of the game.

"The giveaway program we operate is getting to be a little too much," fumed Glover angrily.

"Pittsburgh ought to be down with the dregs. We should have a 10-point lead on them. Instead of that, it's just two and the unbelievable thing is we've given them five points," he snapped.

"That was our worst game since the last time we played Pittsburgh."

The Penguins don't seem to be paying any attention to the likes of Glover and his Seals, however. Not only are they undefeated in three games this year with Oakland (2-0-1), they are undefeated in their last seven games — a streak which began when they rallied to conk the Seals 3-1 on their own ice, Nov. 21.

Just as in those two other games, against Pittsburgh, the Seals scored first — and then whoosh, blew it.

Brian Perry got the first (and his first of the year) at 6:43 of the opening period, then Mike Laughton banged in another at 14:42, putting the Seals ahead 2-0.

But here comes Pronovost. Ubriaco intercepted a Ted Hampson pass and made the play to young Jean for a score with just 1:02 to go.

In the second period, Ubriaco and defenseman Bob Woytowich scored with shots just

1:30 apart and what day a know — Penguins ahead 3-2. But not for long.

Fearing the worst — probably from the disbelieving Glover behind the Seal bench — the Seals stormed back with a pair of goals in an equally fast span by Bob Dillabough and Gary Jarrett — Seals ahead 4-3. But not for long.

Here comes Pronovost again and it was this tying goal which really riled Glover.

"The mistake was made at their blueline. Nobody touched Ubriaco. They just stood around and watched him make the play," he said. "All anybody had to do was skate into him, touch him, anything, and he couldn't have got off the pass."

The Seals outshot the Penguins 37-20, but Binkley was rock solid, at least when the chips were really on the line. He blocked 18 shots in the second period, the time when the Seals could have cracked the game wide open.

His best save of the night was on George Swarbrick with 33 seconds left in the game. Ted Hampson won a face off for Binkley's left, fed George for a hard screened shot from 25 feet. Bink snatched it perfectly and saved the game.

With the tie the Seals are alone in second place in the West Division with 17 points, 10 behind St. Louis and just one ahead of L.A. and Minnesota.

Since only two points separate the Seals from last-place Pittsburgh, the relative

standings don't mean much yet.

**FACEOFFS** — In an interesting sidelight to the game, Dillabough's first goal of the year was scored against the club which had just traded him to Oakland for Billy Harris. Dilly won the battle of eggs, a goal and an assist to Harris' assist. Brian Perry's line and Mike Laughton's unit provided all the scoring with each of the six players getting a pair of points. . . . Hicke and Hampson are tied for the team scoring lead with 21 points. . . . Jarrett leads in goals with 10. Gary Smith has won five games and tied two while working in the Seal nets. . . . In 12 home games the Seals have drawn 25,000 fans. . . . Bill Hicke has six points in the last three games on two goals and four assists.

**First period**—1, Oakland, Perry 1 (Ferguson, Dillabough) 4:43. 2, Oakland, Laughton 2 (Hicke, Jarrett) 14:52. 3, Pittsburgh, Pronovost 3 (Harris, Ubriaco) 17:58. Penalties—Swarbrick, Oakland, 4:05; Marshall, Oakland, 7:46; Soers, Pittsburgh, 12:04; Fontevne, Pittsburgh, 12:46.

**Second period**—4, Pittsburgh, Ubriaco 8 (Price) 3:03. 5, Pittsburgh, Woytowich 2 (Boyer, Schinkel) 4:33. 6, Oakland, Dillabough 1 (Perry, Ferguson) 8:30. 7, Oakland, Jarrett 10 (Hicke, Laughton) 9:59. Penalties—None.

**Third period**—8, Pittsburgh, Pronovost 4 (Ubriaco) 9:22. Penalties—Ubriaco, Pittsburgh, 10:29; Laughton, Oakland, 11:40; Odrowski, Oakland, 13:56.

**Shots on goal by:**  
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Oakland . . . . . 20 18 9-15  
Goalie—Pittsburgh, Binkley, Oakland, Smith.  
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