

# Seals outbump Caps for 5-1 win

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OAKLAND — In a game that probably put ice hockey back a few light-years, the California Golden Seals last night struggled past the Washington Capitals, 5-1, before 2,663 perplexed fans at the Coliseum Arena.

The Seals, in snapping a four-game National Hockey League losing streak, used two goals each from Dave Gardner and John Stewart to achieve the victory.

The Capitals, meanwhile, keep their road record perfect. Washington has lost all 26 of its road games this year.

Gardner, who came to the Seals in a trade last November, scored his seventh goal of the season. Stewart tallied his 11th and 12th goals while also gaining an assist. Al MacAdam garnered a goal and an assist to help balance the attack.

The victory moved the Seals to within 12 points of Toronto for the last playoff spot in Division 4.

Washington tallied its only goal at 8:37 of the final period on a shot by Mike Marson. It was Marson's fourth goal of the year against the Seals.

In a first period that was something less than artistic, the Seals used the first goal by Gardner to take a 1-0 lead.

Gardner rebounded in MacAdam's missed shot at 5:48 for the period's lone score.

The goal was set up after Washington's Yvan Labre committed a holding penalty at 4:49. Some 69 seconds later, Gardner scored.

In all reality, the first period was a doleful display of hockey by both teams. The Seals amassed 12 shots on goal compared to 10 for the Capitals, but neither team managed a consistent attacking offense.

In the second period, the Seals increased their lead to 2-0 as Stewart scored on an unassisted goal at 2:32.

Stewart intercepted a Washington pass near the Seals' blue line and skated up ice. After breaking away from a Capital defenseman, Stewart rifled a 45-footer that caught the left side of the net.

The Seals made the score 4-0 late in the period as they tallied two goals within 30 seconds of each other.

MacAdam scored on a rebound at 13:07 and then Gardner bolted a shot into the Washington net just 30 seconds later. Gardner took a pass from Frank Spring and easily beat goalie Michele Belhumeur with a 15-footer.

In the second 20 minutes of play, the Seals outshot Washington 18-6.

The Seals resume their lengthy home stand tomorrow night, hosting the Pittsburgh Penguins at 8 p.m.

Seals summary, scoreboard