

Happy Fall of Seal Gerry Pinder

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DETROIT — Moving from a first place team to the cellar has made a happy man of Gerry Pinder.

It also resulted in the first celebration of the season for the California Golden Seals, who have a taste

for the ironic themselves. After failing to win in their first seven games, all on home ice, the Seals broke into the victory column by whipping the Detroit Red Wings, 6-3, at Olympia Stadium last night as Pinder scored a hat trick.

Pinder is the young man who quit the Chicago Black Hawks temporarily during the NHL playoffs last season and finally was traded to California this summer. He missed the first four games this fall while details of that deal were

worked out by NHL president Clarence Campbell.

"You know about my situation with Chicago," Pinder said after collecting his first three goals for the Seals. "I didn't think like the coach and didn't get along with the manage-

ment. There were some nights when I went out on the ice that I didn't feel like playing. You can't play for an organization if you don't like them, so a lot of games I didn't give 100 percent."

For Oakland, owner

Charley Finley and coach Vic Stasiuk, Pinder had kind words. "I like it here," he said. "I like the management and the coach."

Spurred by Pinder's first goals of the year, the Seals snapped a five game losing string and presented Stasiuk with his first success since he assumed the job 10 days ago. Pinder also assisted on two goals by Ernie Hicks.

Pinder didn't score his first goal of the game until he deflected a Dick Redmond point shot on a power play at 16:17 of the second period, breaking a 2-2 deadlock.

His second came 52 seconds into the third period as the result of a shot by Bob Sheehan as the Seals' duo broke in on Detroit goalie Al Smith. Pinder's final goal came with 28 seconds left — into an empty net.

Hicks added his second and third goals of the season at 4:32 of the opening period and at 7:24 of the final session.

Stan Gilbertson got the other Seals' goal at 13:56 of the first period.

Nick Libett and Marcelle Dionne each collected his third goal of the season for Detroit in the first period but the only other red light for the Red Wings came on Leon Rochefort's score off his own rebound at 11:30 of the final period.

Now it's on to Pittsburgh for a Wednesday night date with the Penguins.

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring — 1, California, Hicks 2 (Pinder, Johnston) 4:32; 2, Detroit, Libett 3 (Stackhouse, Dionne) 12:43; 3, California, Gilbertson 1 (Ferguson, McKechnie) 13:56; 4, Detroit, Dionne 3 (Cocastane, M. Redmond). Penalties — D. Redmond 13:11; 32; Johnson 15:16. Shots on goal: Seals 9, Detroit 15.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring — 5, California, Pinder 1 (D. Redmond, Sheehan) 16:17. Penalties — Brown (D) 4:05; Gilbertson (S) 10:02; Gilbertson (S) 12:22; Karlander (D) 15:35. Shots on goal: Seals 7, Detroit 6.

THIRD PERIOD

Scoring — 6, California, Pinder 2 (Sheehan, Hicks) 5:52; 7, California, Cocks 3 (Sheehan, Pinder) 7:24; 8, Detroit, Rochefort 1 (Stackhouse, Charron) 11:30; 9, California, Pinder 3 (Marshall, Carleton) 19:32. Penalties: Collins, 2:58, Stackhouse, 6:24; Bergman (10-minute misconduct) 15:32. Shots on goal: Seals 15, Detroit 16. Total shots: Seals 31, Detroit 37. Goalies: California, Carter; Detroit, Smith. A — 11,371.