

Seals' Blanda Gets a Tie



Backup Goalie Stars

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BUFFALO—Marv Edwards, Oakland's 37-year-old goaltender, played one of his finest games in the arena where he made his professional hockey debut.

Maarv was drafted from Phoenix last summer and may prove to be the Seals' George Blanda. Already he has a win and a tie in three starts and his goals-against is 1.67.

Edwards shut out the Buffalo Sabres, kicking out 15 Buffalo shots in a hectic third period, as the Oakland Seals and Sabres played to a scoreless tie last night.

Edwards finished with 28 saves to 23 for Buffalo's Roger Crozier.

In the final minutes, when the Sabres were making a determined bid to win, Edwards made two saves on hard shots

Seals' goalie Marv Edwards nudges puck off Rick Martin's stick as Ted McAneeley covers net in 0-0 game at Buffalo

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by Rick Martin, the league's leading goal-scorer.

Fred Glover, happy over the Seal's first point since he took over as coach Tuesday, praised his checking line of Walt McKechnie, Joey Johnston and Craig Patrick for the job it did on Buffalo's high-scoring line of Gil Perreault, Martin and Rene Robert.

"McKechnie did a great job," said Glover. If he does a job on the big guy (Perreault) it makes a big difference.

"And Edwards came up with the big saves in the final period. He's a cool one, experienced."

The tie extended Buffalo's unbeaten streak at home this season to nine games, but Coach Joe Crozier wasn't happy about it.

"The score should have been about 10-0," said the Buffalo coach. "We were hitting goal posts, hitting sticks, hitting legs. We just weren't putting the puck on the net. The Perreault line had only five shots on goal. That's not enough."

Edwards played his first professional game for the Buffalo Bisons in an American League game in Memorial Auditorium, site of last night's game, in 1954.

Edwards noted that Gilles Meloche, who has played most of the Seals' games in goal this season, and who tended the nets in two preseason games against Buffalo, gave him tips on how Perreault, Martin and Robert like to shoot.

"That helped a lot," said Marv.

The Sabres had their best chance in the opening minute of play when Perreault skated all the way in on the goal, faking out a couple of defenders on the way, but couldn't get off a shot because Edwards hooked the puck off his stick.

Shortly thereafter, Edwards made a good save on Robert and Perreault just missed an open net when Edwards was out after a save.

The game was enlivened by

two short fights. Joey Johnston tangled with Buffalo rookie defenseman Jim Schoenfeld in the second period, and the Seals' Ted McAneeley went at it with Robert in the third.

A charley horse injury to Oakland's Ivan Boldirev in the first period forced the big center off the ice the rest of the game and Glover did some juggling.

First the coach used Marshall Johnston at center, but when defenseman Ted McAneeley drew seven minutes in penalties, Johnston was placed on the blue line and Pete Laramboise skated at center.

It all worked out for the Seals, though, and Glover promised Edwards \$300 for the shutout.

Meloche collected \$1,200 for four shutouts last season, but this season he is bonus less.

Oakland	0	0	0-0
Buffalo	0	0	0-0

FIRST PERIOD

0 0 No scoring.
Shots on goal: Buf 15, Oak 7.
Penalties—Pratt, Buf 6:24; Laramboise, Oak 9:24; Redmond, Oak 11:53; Schoenfeld, Buf 14:28.

SECOND PERIOD

0 0 No scoring.
Shots on goal: Oak 13, Buf 8.
Penalties—Redmond, Oak 2:13; Horton, Buf 7:42; Pratt, Buf 14:09; Marshall, Oak 15:27; Johnston, O & E (minor) 15:32; Schoenfeld, Buf (major) 16:32.

THIRD PERIOD

0 0 No scoring.
Shots on goal: Buf 15, Oak 4.
Penalties—McAneeley, Oak (minor, major) 7:54; Robert, Buf (minor, major) 7:54.

Total shots: Buf 26, Oak 23.
Goalies: Oak, Edwards; Buf, Crozier.
Referee: Ron Wicks.
Astr: 15,514.

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