

Stiff Seals Earn Draw With Kings

By SPENCE CONLEY

The California Seals came up stiffer than steel last night, but thanks to the great goalkeeping of Charlie Hodge, snuck off with a 2-2 tie with the tough Los Angeles Kings.

Both clubs shared a point for the standoff and remained tied for the lead in the National Hockey League's Western Division.

Seal coach—G. M. Olmstead, not one to mince words, deplored the Seals' effort and

Harris Injured

Center Bill Harris, who suffered a bad head cut in the third period of last night's 2-2 tie with Los Angeles, became the California Seals' first casualty of the season.

A deep gash over his right eye required 10 stitches to close.

gave Hodge all the credit for keeping the club undefeated after three games.

"I'm thankful for the point," he said, "but we were outplayed in every way. We just weren't skating.

"We were terrible, terrible, terrible; dumping the puck into their end the way we were is what you do in desperation, but they played a helluva game. They beat us in every department except in goals," he declared.

Hodge, who now has only allowed three goals in three games, was equally complimentary to the Kings.

"I think they were the best team yet to come into our building. They really kept the beat on."

The 5-6, 150-pound goalie blocked 24 Los Angeles shots

and made critical stops on wing Real Lemieux in the first and second periods and a spectacular save on Brian Smith in the final period which might have meant the game.

The Seals were met with the toughest forechecking they've experienced to date. The hard-skating Kings met them at center-ice and refused to let them get their offense going.

Defensemen Dave Amadio and Dale Rolfe scored on long slapshots in the first and second periods to give the Kings a 2-1 lead going into the final period.

The lone Seal score to that point was off the stick of Bill Hicke on the first of two California power-play goals.

In the final period, Kent Douglas got the equalizer on the second man-advantage situation of the frame.

Jacques Lemieux was sent off for cross-checking the first time and Terry Gray, cited for board-checking on the second.

While the Seals couldn't get a decent shot on the first, Douglas scored with 47 seconds left on the second.

Gerry Ehman got control of the puck behind the L.A. goal and passed perfectly to Douglas coming in from the point for an 18-foot blazer.

It was a little while later that Brian Smith got in free on Hodge for a shot which would have certainly wrapped up an L.A. win, but Hodge smothered the shot beautifully.

Kings' coach Red Kelly was happy with his club's effort but was critical of the two third period penalties which cost the game.

"Those were cheesy penal-

ties and we always seem to get those kind when we play the Seals on their home ice. It was the same way when we got a 3-3 tie in Port Huron during training camp," he charged.

Los Angeles: Goal—Bullock, Perot. Defense—Hall, J. Lemieux, Amadio, Rolfe, White. Forwards—Gray, B. Smith, R. Lemieux, Hughes, MacDonald, Campbell, Irvine, Joyal, Platt, Kilrea, Labossiere.

California: Goal—Hodge, G. Smith. Defense—E. Lemieux, Erickson, Cahen, Douglas, Baum. Forwards—Boyer, B. Harris, Ehman, Hicke, Boehm, Swarbrick, R. Harris, Clancy, Zura, Burps.

Referee—Skov. Linesmen—Armstrong, Myers.

First period—1, Los Angeles, Amadio 1 (Platt) 13:48. 2, California, Hicke 2 (Ehman, B. Harris) 19:22. Penalties—Baum 2:29, Rolfe 17:46.

Second period—3, Los Angeles, Rolfe 1 (Kilrea) 11:25. Penalties—Baum 3:47, R. Harris 4:22, Labossiere, Major, 4:22, Swarbrick 16:29, Zura 12:11, Wall 12:11, J. Lemieux 14:13.

Third period—4, California, Douglas 2 (Ehman) 10:12. Penalties—J. Lemieux 4:31, Gray 9:00.

Shots on goal by:
Los Angeles 7 7 24
California 8 7 25—27.
Attendance 3,477.