

# Kings' Goalie Labels Seals 'No Contest'

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This story should be printed with glue on the back, the better for the Oakland Seals to stick up in their dressing room.

"I'd rather play against an East Division team," said Gerry Desjardins, the Kings' upstart rookie goaltender, after turning away the stumbling Seals, 3-1, at the Forum Tuesday night.

It was the Seals' fourth consecutive loss and the Kings' fourth win in a row, a club record that pulled them to within a point of first place in the National Hockey League's West Division.

Desjardins, who has given up only four goals in the streak, all but yawned over his continuing success.

"It's tough to get up mentally for a game like this," he confessed with youthful candor. Then

came the supreme insult:

"You can play mediocre hockey and get away with it."

If Desjardins was playing "mediocre" hockey, nobody noticed. The Kings generally were uninspired, but Bill (Cowboy) Flett found his way to the goal twice for a 2-0 lead in the

## NHL Standings

	East Division					West Division						
	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Montreal	9	2	2	20	45	27	6	5	2	14	44	33
New York	6	4	0	12	44	30	4	5	1	13	28	37
Boston	5	4	1	11	42	28	4	7	1	10	25	42
Toronto	4	4	1	13	25	25	4	5	1	9	32	40
Chicago	4	4	0	12	32	45	3	5	2	4	29	46
Detroit	5	5	2	12	47	43	2	8	3	4	24	43

Tuesday's Result  
Kings 3, Oakland 1  
Only game scheduled.

middle period and that, for most purposes, was that.

Desjardins didn't "get away" with letting the Seals' slick center, Ted Hampson, stand on his doorstep with the puck for a neat little pass to Gerry Ehman and an easy last-period goal.

But if the troubled Seals saw a glimmer of victory, it quickly vanished with 3½ minutes remaining when the Kings' Jimmy Peters played Flett's rebound over Oakland's fallen rookie goalie, Chris Worthy.

Flett, the Kings' big goal scorer last season with 26, had only one before Tuesday but thinks he might have located the groove.

"You just gotta be in the right position at the right time," he said. "If you're getting the chances,

they're gonna go in."

Flett was in the right place first for a pass from Doug Robinson on a two-man rush, then standing in traffic in front of the net to tip defenseman Hank Cahan's 30-foot skimmer.

"But I didn't think, as a team, we played that well tonight," Flett said. "You better not put that in the paper, though. Red (Kelly) may not understand."

Red understood.

"It wasn't one of our better games," the coach agreed. "It was a push-push game. I'm just thankful for the two points."

Desjardins could be excused for a letdown after shutting out New York, 2-0, and frustrating Toronto, 3-1.

"We were playing especially bad in the third pe-

riod," he said, "but we should be better against Detroit Thursday."

The Red Wings, presumably, are relishing a shot at the hotshot rookie. They plan to show him Howe.

Oakland ..... 0 1 1-1  
Kings ..... 3 1 1-0

### FIRST PERIOD

No scoring.

Penalties — Vadnais (O), 2:18; B. Hughes (K), 3:18; Cahan (K), 11:23; Ehman (O), 13:57; White (K), 13:57; Vadnais (O), 18:45.

### SECOND PERIOD

1. Kings, Flett 2 (Peters, Robinson), 2:34.  
2. Kings, Flett 3 (Cahan, Robinson), 7:57.

Penalties — Lemieux (K), 8:47; Irvine (K), 14:55; Amadio (K), 5-minute major, 15:54; Swarbrick (O), 5-minute major, 15:54; Marshall (O), 17:34.

### THIRD PERIOD

3. Oakland, Ehman 4 (Vadnais, Hampson), 7:20.  
4. Kings, Peters 2 (B. Hughes, Flett), 17:25.

Penalties — Harris (O), 15:21; Amadio (K), 15:49.

Shots on Goal:

On Worthy (O) ..... 13 18 19-32  
On Desjardins (K) ..... 14 9 9-21  
Ref. — Skov. Aft. — 6:20.