

# A Host of New Fans for The Golden Seals

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It's a cinch that the scrappy young California Golden Seals have a lot of new hockey fans on their side today.

There were 8692 followers on hand last night at the Oakland Arena to see the Seals clip the wings of the high-flying Chicago Black Hawks, 5-2, and at least half of them were youngsters waving their loot on Stick Night.

You can bet they will be asking Dad to bring them back for another look at

coach Fred Glover's lads when the Seals come home from a holiday road trip Jan. 6.

It was a sweet victory for the Seals, who had been beaten twice by the Black Hawks in Chicago this season.

It was also a fast, wild, and rough contest that saw three fights, some expert skating by Bobby Hull and five Seals' goals, as the home team got away 36 shots on goal to the visitors' 23 before a TV audience, as well as a myriad of lost kids trying out their sticks.

The Seals were never headed, although the Hawks tied it up twice, 1-1, and 2-2, before the Golden boys drew away.

It was obvious early in the evening that it was going to be an exciting contest. Both teams scored a first period goal and Gary Jarrett and Jerry Korab mixed it up in a mild pushing match, a portent of things to come.

The great Bobby Hull scored the initial goal only 1:10 into the game when he bowled over Gary Smith and came down at the crease, shoving the puck across with

his chest. It was probably the softest shot he's made all season.

Billy Hicke evened it up at 14:35.

All hell broke loose in the second period and during a melee involving Keith Magnuson and Dennis Hextall, referee Bill Friday issued 34 minutes of penalties and banished the bull-like Korab from the game after he had taken a few swings at lineman Walt Waddell.

Hicke came off the bench to aid Hextall in the fight and drew a 10 minute misconduct penalty. Even coach Fred

Glover delivered a punch to Korab's head in the confusion.

Oh yes, the Seals took a 3-2 lead during this wild period, the first when Ernie Hicke replaced Smith on the ice during a delayed penalty on Stan Mikita, and rapped in a rebound after shots by Jarrett and Hicke's brother, Bill.

Pat Stapleton tied it up for Chicago a couple of minutes later on a power play after Tony Featherstone was banished to the penalty box for hooking.

Carol Vadnais scored the go-ahead goal with only 31 seconds of play remaining in the second period as Jarrett came back on the ice from the penalty box. Ron Stackhouse carried the puck the length of the ice and then Vadnais rolled it up over Jerry Desjardins's shoulder.

During the blood pressure-raising period the Seals got away 15 shots at Desjardins to 11 for the Black Hawks.

The Seals scored another pair in the final period when Stackhouse let go a blistering slap shot from the right point

while the Black Hawks were a man short following a Pit Martin-Hextall battle.

When the Chicagoans withdrew their goalie in the final minutes Ernie Hicke scored his second goal of the evening and pushed it into the unprotected net with only 24 seconds of play remaining.

It meant the Seals had climbed out of the Western Division cellar for the third time within a week. It also provided California with its fourth straight victory, equalling a season high.

**FIRST PERIOD**  
**SCORING** — 1, Chicago, B. Hull (17), 10; 2, Seals, E. Hicke (19), 14:35.

**PENALTIES** — Minor (C), 7:25; Major (C) and Jarrett (S), 8:31; Minor (C), 16:15.  
**SHOTS ON GOAL** — Seals 12, Chicago 5.

**SECOND PERIOD**  
**SCORING** — 3, Seals, E. Hicke (21), Jarrett (S), Hicke, 2:37; 4, Chicago, Stapleton (S), Korab, 5, Hull (S), 5; Seals, Vadnais (S), Stackhouse (S).

**PENALTIES** — Featherstone (S) 4:15; Korab (C) misconduct, 6:00; Magnuson (C) major, Hextall (S) (major), minor, E. Hicke (S) misconduct, 8:15; Martin (S) 12:05; B. Hull (C) 12:45; Jarrett (S) 17:05.  
**SHOTS ON GOAL** — Seals 15, Chicago 11.

**THIRD PERIOD**  
**SCORING** — 4, Seals, Stackhouse (S) 10:41; 5, Seals, E. Hicke (23), 17:05; 6, Seals, E. Hicke (24), 17:05.

**PENALTIES** — Maki (C) 2:35; Martin (C) major-minor, Hextall (S) major, 12:15; Magnuson (S) 1:04; B. Hull (C) 14:01.

**SHOTS ON GOAL** — Seals 8, Chicago 3. **TOTAL** — Seals 30, Chicago 23.

**GOALIES** — Seals, Smith; Chicago, Desjardins.  
**ATTENDANCE** — 8692.  
**WAVE** — DON ADRIANO  
**REFEREE** — Bill Friday