

# Hickes Help to Ignite Seals

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Ernie Hicke is one up on his big brother.

The first goal scored by the Oakland Seals in Tuesday night's 5-3 win over Chicago was off the stick of Billy Hicke, his ninth red light of the season.

Younger brother Ernie responded with two goals in the game, which were No. 9 and No. 10 for him on the year.

"I know he's one goal ahead of me," Billy, who is nine years older at 32, said good-naturedly. "I think I can challenge him."

"It's great," Ernie said of his temporary one-upmanship on Billy. "We're both going good, now. We might have to set something up, get a little wager going."

It's a sure bet that the Hicke brothers have a lot to do with the Seals current four-game win streak. In Detroit last Sunday, each scored twice.

Ernie's second goal against Chicago in the final minute of the game was into an empty net. His first one came during a delay penalty, considered a rarity in hockey.

Referee Bill Friday called the delayed penalty on Chicago's Stan Mikita for tripping when the Seals still had control of the puck.

"It's just a matter of the goaltender being alert to see



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Ernie Hicke, firing here against Philadelphia, leads Billy in goals scored

that the penalty is being called against the other club,"

assessment of the delayed penalty. "On the play where Ernie

scored, Smitty (goalie Gary Smith) headed for the bench and there were two guys

ready to go over the boards."

One of them was Ernie.

"I was closest to the gate," the rookie left wing remembered, "but the coach was holding me back."

"I know which guy I want," said Glover. "If he isn't standing up, then I get him up, but I hang onto him until the goaltender gets to the bench."

If the extra man leaves too soon, the delayed penalty is over and there is a faceoff at center ice. Of course, it adds if the penalized team gets possession of the puck.

Ernie flopped onto the ice and streaked for the Chicago net, arriving just in time to smack in a rebound off Gary Jarrett's stick.

"It's not very often you even get that extra man into play," Glover points out. "Most times when he gets out there the other club gets ahold of the puck."

The line that Billy is working on has been producing and so is the one that skates with Ernie.

"That whole line is too cocky," Billy maintains with a voice increasing in volume. "I think our line is better than their line."

"Hey, Teddy (center Ted Hampson) isn't that right? Hey, Teddy..."

Ernie walked out of the locker room laughing his head off.

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