

Johnston charitable on Seals' network

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Gary Simmons is a pretty good actor. If the California Golden Seals' apparent No. 2 goaltender was tired — he had logged 150 minutes time playing three games in four nights — he didn't make it obvious last night at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena.

Although Simmons and his "West Canada" teammates lost a 6-4 intrasquad decision to the East before a capacity crowd of 850 here last night, head coach Marshall Johnston said afterward, "I thought they (the goalies) were pretty sharp.

"Simmons has been in three games in the last four days, and I've been pleased with the good goalkeeping to date."

It was a 2-1 contest, with the West leading after two periods, when right winger Al MacAdam pulled out the hat trick and scored three goals as the stronger East squad took a 6-2 lead before finally winning, 6-4.

Left winger Joey Johnston, right wingers Jim Moxey, and Larry Patrick scored the other goals

for the East while left winger John Stewart scored twice and defensemen Len Frig and Ted McAneeley scored the remaining East goals.

Johnston — coach Marshall, not left winger Joey — said his immediate reaction after last night's workout was he was "happy with the effort. Everybody played well and put out the effort."

Marshall brought 24 players up but declined to classify last night's workout as a final exam that would determine which players which go down to Salt Lake City.

"I don't think it would be fair to do that," he said. "I'll base my judgement on what I saw in the exhibition games."

And what he's seen recently hasn't been too shabby.

The Seals — who open the regular season Wednesday at the Coliseum hosting St. Louis — wound up 3-3-1, winning three of their last five games and tying another.

The tie (1-1) was against San Diego, which got off 35 shots against the Seals.

"That was the first game in six that we had

over 30 shots against us," Marshall said. "If we can get 30 or less shots against us, we'll see a significant change in the win-loss column."

Right winger Morris Mott agreed that off-season strengthening of the defensive lines has to help for 1974-75.

"We added better players in (defensemen) Rick Hampton, Mike Christie, Len Frig, and Jim Neilson," Mott said.

"I think we'll move the puck around better and protect our own net better."

Marshall said "we won't know about the lines until Wednesday morning. I'll look over the exhibition" performances.

The Seals skate today as a tuneup and go on the ice at 10 a.m. Wednesday for a game-day workout.

One of Marshall's goals for this year is to reduce from 342 to 240 the number of goals the Seals had scored on them. They gave up 342 last year, finishing last.

"If we can score an average of three in a game" and hold opponents to an average of three

against the Seals, Marshall said, "theoretically we can play .500 hockey."

NOTES — Craig Patrick, Ron Stewart, Terry Murray, Joey Johnston, Al Moxey, Wayne King, Ron Huston, and Larry Patey (2) registered assists for the East. Stan Wen contributed two for the West. Defenseman Bob Stewart logged four minutes penalty time for roughing and holding. Patrick missed two third period goals when his shots went to the goal. Captain Chris Schultz refereed and Roland Thilquist and Ellis Wegard were linesmen. Schultz finished a number of faces during the action, but out of fear of getting hit by the first man in the area — but out of knowledge of second man in a row might send the first one crashing into him. Schultz enjoyed his first job working with NHL players. It kept you away from everything else, he said. Schultz and the hockey action were listed for possible use in a television special next year observing Charlie Brown's 25th anniversary. Mrs. Cecilia Shufft was praised for promoting a 500 route. — Seals' management was impressed.

		SCORE BY PERIODS			
		1	2	3	TOT
East	0	2	2	4
West	2	0	0	2
Scoring					
1st period					
East	—	Joey Johnston, 1:30; Craig Patrick, assist.			
2nd period					
West	—	Ted McAneeley, 5:25; John Stewart, Stan Wen, assists.			
West	—	Stewart, 11:55; Wen, assist.			
3rd period					
East	—	Al MacAdam, 6:37; power play; Stewart, Wen, assists.			
East	—	Al MacAdam, 6:13; Larry Patey, assist.			
East	—	Craig Patrick, 7:50; Johnston, Moxey, assists.			
East	—	MacAdam, 13:10; unassisted.			
East	—	McAdam, 16:18; Wayne King, Patey, assists.			
West	—	Stewart, 18:52; Ron Huston, assist.			
West	—	Len Frig, 19:27; unassisted.			
Penalties					
1st period — none.					
2nd period — John Stewart, 2:00; roughing; Gary Simmons, 2:00; roughing; Simmons, 2:03; interference.					
3rd period — Stan Wen, hooking; Stewart, 2:00; holding; Larry Patrick, 2:00; interference.					