

Finley's Bid For Hull Fails

Charles O. Finley, who originally offered the Chicago Black Hawks \$500,000 for superstar Bobby Hull the same day he bought the Oakland Seals, said today he has doubled the offer to \$1-million, with the same result:

No Sale.

"I offered Billy Wirtz \$500,000 at the time I bought the club because I think he'd mean that much to our attendance and our performance," Finley said. "About three weeks ago I called Wirtz again in Chicago and raised it to a million."

Both offers were rejected quickly, Finley said.

"In fact, Wirtz told me this time 'I wouldn't sell you Bobby Hull for \$10-million,'" he said.

The Oakland owner said he feels the addition of Hull would be "a great shot in the arm for hockey in the Bay Area and the entire West Coast."

Finley is in town for several

days to meet with Coach Fred Glover, firming up Glover's appointment as interim general manager.

He's "completely pleased" with Glover, the only executive remaining of the "troika" which ran the Seals under three ownerships.

"I've never been more impressed with a coach and manager," he said. "He's a gentleman, he knows the game, and is most cooperative and understanding of the problems of an owner. He wants to help.

"Moreover," he continued, "He's a tremendously hard worker. I've never had a manager in baseball who is more dedicated than this person. I'm just very fortunate to have him with me."

Glover's interim appointment as G.M. could become a permanent one, Finley said. He indicated that Glover wants first to assure himself that the administrative role

won't impede his coaching responsibilities.

The Seals, it was additionally announced, have added a Contra Costa radio station, KKIS in Pittsburg (990) to their broadcasting network originating over KEEN in San Jose (1370).

The Pittsburg station will carry home and away games starting immediately. The Seals play Vancouver here tonight in the first Oakland appearance of the new Canadian team.

Broadcasts for December games are as follows: Dec. 9, Vancouver here, 8:00 p.m.; Dec. 11, New York here, 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 12, at Vancouver, 5:00 p.m.; Dec. 16, Detroit here, 8:00 p.m.; Dec. 18, Philadelphia here, 8:00 p.m.; Dec. 20, at Detroit, 4:00 p.m.; (Dec. 22, television only, Chicago here, 8:00 p.m.) Dec. 26, at Los Angeles, 8:00 p.m.; Dec. 29, at New York, 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 30, at Toronto, 5:00 p.m.

Continued Page 45, Col. 5