

Seal Pup's Growing Pains

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Mickey Redmond jumped over the boards and took his position for a faceoff on the ice.

The Detroit Red Wings star already had two goals and was looking for number three. He was also looking at his younger brother Dick, one of the many young players with the Oakland Seals.

"He was out there and gave me a big smile," Dick said. "He was saying, 'I'm going to score that third one against you.' He did it, too, but it was two or three shifts later."

For Mickey Redmond, it was the hat trick. For Dick Redmond, it was frustration and a minor setback.

"Why look back" asked Dick. "Our next game is going to be a big one. Sure, we can bounce back. Last year we were so far out that after a bad game . . . well, there's more pride this year."

The Seals will need pride and then some tomorrow night when the Philadelphia Flyers play Oakland at the Arena. Philly doesn't have a Mickey Redmond, but it's a club that's contending for a playoff spot in the West Division.

Mickey Redmond's third goal Sunday night was a beauty and it was Dick's misfortune to be closest to his brother at the time.

"We kid each other a lot," revealed Dick. "He calls me Goldlocks. On his third goal

Brown (Arnie) shot the puck. I was right on Mickey but he had one hand on his stick and reached out to poke the puck between the goalie's legs."

Of Detroit's eight goals, none came on the power play, yet the Seals had several chances to score with a man advantage and couldn't get the puck in the net.

Three of the Red Wing penalties came as a result of Dick Redmond carrying the puck. "When you're skating," he said, "they've got to make a good check or pull down."

His coach agreed. "Any player who carries the puck and barrels is going to draw penalties," said Vic Stasiuk. "Dick's got great hands and great skating. Anybody can see that. He can pass the puck well, too, it's just a matter of experience — when to stickhandle and when to pass.

"A lot of quick decisions have to be made when you're carrying the puck," the coach continued. "The most essential thing is teamwork, teamwork, teamwork."

"Many players have been kept out of the National Hockey League because they're puck bogs. They don't know when to pass. I'm not criticizing anyone on our team, though.

"The Wings had great gassing in our game and that third goal of Redmond's was, well . . ." He didn't finish the description, perhaps at a loss for words.



IT'S NOT A MUGGING, JUST SEALS' DICK REDMOND IN A SQUEEZE
Canucks Greg Boddy and John Schella weren't penalized in Sunday's game

Goalie Gary Kurt had something to say about Redmond, Mickey that is. "Did you see that shot in the third period. He already had the hat trick and nearly killed me with a hard shot."

The Wings' high-scoring right wing came close to getting a fourth goal on several shots and nearly took Kurt's head off with a blast from the side. The crowd oooooohed in surprise and Kurt understand-

ably ducked.

"Whatever that Redmond is doing," said Stasiuk, "he's doing it right."

The Seals could use that sort of success tomorrow night.