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# Blues Leave Inept Seals Feeling Sad

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Caught in the quicksands of scoring ineptitude, the Oakland Seals take off for St. Louis this week where they hope to keep from floundering to the bottom of the Western Division of the NHL in a game on Wednesday.

The Seals left the ice at the Oakland Arena Saturday night amid the jeers of a sparse crowd of 3,780 fans who had sat glumly watching them drop a 3-0 decision to the last place Blues. The loss left the Oakland Seals only one point ahead of St. Louis, who defeated Toronto 2-1 last night.

The Seals dressed slowly and dejectedly after the game. Downcast team captain Bobby Bowe commented, "I don't know what's wrong. We can't seem to be able to put anything together. Just when we seem to get going, we fall apart. If we'd won tonight, we could have closed in on Minnesota. They lost tonight."

Assistant coach Gordon Farloway, filling in for Bert Olinstead who was away on a scouting expedition, put it succinctly, "You can't win if you can't score goals."

The Seals actually were out of the game early. Blues' Terry Crisp fired in the lone goal of the evening at 3:03 after the faceoff.

"The puck came off the backboard," said Seals goalie Charlie Hodge. "A couple of our fellows took a swipe at it. It came out of a bunch of players. I didn't even see it."

In the course of the game, the Seals outshot the Blues 30 to 21, but only on the odd occasion did

it look as if they could mount any kind of an attack. All-star Blues goalie Glenn Hall didn't have to work too hard in earning his first shut out of the season.

The Seals will be home for back to back games on Friday and Saturday when they play the Boston Bruins and the Minnesota North Stars respectively.

### Saturday

#### First Period

1. St. Louis Crisp (unassisted) (3:03)  
Penalty, Sabourin (3:43)  
Shots on goal: Oakland 6, St. Louis 11.

#### Second Period

No scoring  
Penalties: Emerson (7:12), Laughton (8:27)

Shots on goal: Oakland 23, St. Louis 2.

#### Third Period

No scoring  
Penalties: Dwarick (5:13), Sabourin (12:48)

Shots on goal: Oakland 12, St. Louis 9.

#### Score by Periods

Oakland	0	0	0-0
St. Louis	1	0	0-1

Shots on goal: Oakland 10, St. Louis 7.  
Goals 10-20-21.

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