

# No Party for Seals

## Hawks Get 4-0 Victory

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Snoopy's Christmas Party turned out to be a Black Hawks ambush last night as rugged Chicago churned to a 4-0 win over the Oakland Seals before 9,454 — largest crowd of the season at the Coliseum Arena.

The Hawks snapped Oakland's bid for a shot at fourth place in the National Hockey League's West Division by ramming two goals past Seal goalie Gary Smith in a 47-second, second-period blitz.

It was all a disappointing conclusion to a four-game home stand in which the Seals had previously been unbeaten in three games. Today, the Seals left for New York where they will open a seven-game road trip. They won't return to the Coliseum Arena until Jan. 7.

Hawk goalie Tony Esposito was terrific for the visitors and coupled with solid team defense, he picked up his fifth shutout of the season — best in the NHL.

The game was highlighted by a running battle between Seal toughie Carol Vadnais and Hawk rookie Keith Magnuson, which after a couple of early eruptions, exploded in the third period in a lightning exchange of power punches which left Vad with a bloody nose and Magnuson with a bad six-stitch gash in his mouth.

Vadnais picked up a total of 24 penalty minutes, including a pair of fighting majors and a misconduct, increasing by a large margin his position as the NHL leader in penalty minutes.

He learned later that he also suffered a broken nose.

"He was spearing and kicking me all night," complained Vad. "So finally, the ref says if you want to go at it go at it. Well, I guess I lost my heavyweight championship. He's tough, that kid."

Nevertheless, the Seals as a whole tried but couldn't maintain the general physical aspect of the game.

Eventually, Bobby Hull converted a power play, started when Stan Mikita opened up the Seal net by yanking down Seal goalie Gary Smith.

"It was obvious hooking," said Coach Fred Glover. "There could have been 90 different calls on that play. For sure it was a penalty."

Instead, Hull shot right into an open net. Forty-seven seconds later, rookie Cliff Koroll scored and in the third period, the Hawks got two more, this time from ex-Seal Gene Ubriaco and Jim Pappin.

The opening 20 minutes, aside from being fast and rugged, was a goaltender's masterpiece on both sides.

Esposito, brother of Boston superstar Phil, only blocked six shots, but a couple of them were terrific stops. Smith, on the other hand, was pelted

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with 16 shots and many of them were hard.

The Seals had some early pressure and Carol Vadnais had the best scoring chance for Oakland when he deflected a centering pass from the left side just wide of the right pipe.

Chicago got great shots, as usual from Bobby Hull from right in close and a couple of nifty little inside plays from Jim Pappin and Dennis Hull.

But goaltending was the difference, particularly for Oakland.

In the second and third periods, goal-tending was the difference, again. Only this time for the Hawks.

First period & scoring: none. Penalties — D. Jarrett, Chicago (tripping) 2:35; Howell, Oakland (interference) 11:28.

Second Period — 1. Chicago, B. Hull (Koroll) 14:14. 2. Chicago, Koroll 7 (Mohns, Mikita) 15:01. Penalties — Vadnais, Oakland (elbowing, roughing) 1:46; Magnuson, Chicago (roughing) 1:46; D. Hull, Chicago (hooking) 11:16; Vadnais, Oakland (roughing, fighting major) 11:59. 3. Magnuson, Chicago (roughing, fighting major) 11:59; Mulojn, Oakland (tripping) 13:48. Chicago bench penalty (too many men on the ice, served by Wise) 17:48.

Third Period — 3. Chicago, Ubriaco 2 (Mikita) 4:10. 4. Chicago, Pappin 7 (D. Hull) 17:20. Penalties — Vadnais, Oakland (fighting major, 10-minute misconduct) 1:42; Magnuson, Chicago (fighting, 10-minute misconduct) 1:42; Mohns, Chicago (holding) 14:17.

Shots on goal by:

Chicago ..... 14 18 18 — 36

Oakland ..... 8 9 8 — 25

Goalies — Chicago, T. Esposito, Oakland, G. Smith