

Orr Lures a Full House

Seals Face The Bruins

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If Charles Finley can get out of his Chicago office in time to arrive for tonight's hockey game at the Arena he "might have to stand to watch the game."

"I would imagine I could find a way to get in," said the owner of the Oakland Seals, who face the awesome firepower of the Boston Bruins before a sellout crowd at 8 o'clock.

"I have two extra hours coming West from Chicago, but you know I have to sell insurance to stay in hockey."

Finley was able to see the Seals lose, 3-2, to Minnesota in Bloomington Wednesday night and he gave a brief pep talk to the Seals in their dressing room prior to the game.

"I felt there was a possibility they were down a little," the head man of the last-place club admitted, "and a little encouragement would help. It certainly couldn't make matters worse."

The Seals are in the bottom in the West, 17 points out of the fourth and last playoff spot with 20 games left to play on their schedule.

"I told them even though they were disappointed, the coach was disappointed and I was disappointed, neither the coach (Fred Glover) nor I was discouraged. I had to let

them know I was behind them 100 per cent."

The Seals obviously won't have 100 per cent of tonight's crowd behind them — just as the opening night packed house (also Boston) wasn't.

"Boston always draws well," said Glover. "It's strange but a great number of

Family Night

If you haven't a ticket for tonight's Boston Bruins-Oakland Seals game, you're out of luck. The game is sold out. Tomorrow night's game against Philadelphia still has plenty of seats available with all tickets going for the Family Night half price of \$3.25, \$3 and \$2.25.

Bruin fans are in this area. Where they come from I don't know."

Some of them will be out to see the top four shooters in the league — all of whom wear Boston sweaters on the ice — Phil Esposito, Bobby Orr, Ken Hodge and Johnny Bucyk.

Tonight's target for that killer quartet and the rest of the Bruins very likely will be rookie goaltender Chris Worthy, who has played twice in

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"Chris has played very well in his last two games," praises Glover. "Of course, there were a couple of mistakes, but we straightened those out."

Opening the unenviable path for Worthy against the Bruins was a leg injury Gary Smith suffered in St. Louis Tuesday. He reportedly kicked himself trying to stop the first shot by the Blues that went in for a goal. The next two shots were goals and Glover sent in Worthy.

Glover concedes the Seals can't beat Boston by concentrating on bottling up one player.

"You could neutralize one guy, but if the rest of the club doesn't help what good is it? You start playing against one individual and you're gonna get your head knocked off."

The Bruins were the ones to take it on the chin, losing their last game in Vancouver, the East's last-place club.

"We've beaten them before," was his laconic reply. "That first game here we lost 5-1, but the score wasn't an indication of what happened. It was a good hockey game."

"A lot of hard work and we deserved to win," was his analysis of the 2-1 victory for the Seals last November in Boston. "They gave it to us good pretty good (7-4 loss) back there last time."

The Seals have lost four

straight and nine of their last 10 games.

"I didn't buy this club to enjoy a loser," Finley said emphatically. "We hope the fans will stick by us while we build for the future. We'll put a winner out on the ice."

SEALS SCORING				
	G	A	TP	PIM
Hestall	1	1	2	2
E. Hicks	1	1	2	4
Croteau	1	1	2	10
Harrison	1	1	2	11
Jarrett	1	1	2	20
B. Hicks	1	1	2	20
Vedvals	1	1	2	20
Ferguson	1	1	2	20
Ehren	1	1	2	20
Stackhouse	1	1	2	20
O'Donoghue	1	1	2	20
x-Innerfield	1	1	2	20
Roberts	1	1	2	20
Holton	1	1	2	20
Featherstone	1	1	2	20
Mathias	1	1	2	20
x-Harby	1	1	2	20
Marshall	1	1	2	20
Laughton	1	1	2	20
Graves	1	1	2	20
Jacobsen	1	1	2	20
Smith	1	1	2	20

GOALTENDING				
	GA	Mis	SO	Avg.
Worthy	8	145	0	3.31
Smith	179	3,104	2	3.46

x-Injured. PIM—Penalties in minutes

