

# What Happened to the 'New' Seals?

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OAKLAND — The "new" Oakland Seals looked very much like the old Seals in their season debut against the Minnesota North Stars here Friday night.

The Seals, who have a new coach and many new players, made the same old mistakes that put them in last place in the National Hockey League last season as they lost to the Stars 5-1.

Coach Fred Glover, who is not used to losing, wasn't discouraged by the performance of the Seals.

"I think they were a little tight. We had a very good training season and might have tried too hard in the opener," he said.

"It was not a good night for us. All the bad things we did in training we did in the game," he added.

Glover came to the Seals from the Cleveland Barons of the

American Hockey League where he played on a dozen winning teams.

"Maybe we'll learn from the mistakes we made. This could be good for us."

An opening night crowd of 5856 fans probably wouldn't agree withwith Glover.

They booed the Seals for lack-lustre performance in the first and third periods.

The Seals couldn't halt the Minnesota power play which gave the Stars three of their goals.

And the penalties that gave Minnesota the advantages were silly rather than the result of aggressiveness.

That bothered Glover who drew his share of penalties when he was a player.

"It seemed like the only time the referee was looking was when we were doing something wrong," he said.

Bill Goldsworthy and Raay

Cullen put Minnesota ahead 2-0 in the first period, both goals coming with an Oakland player in the penalty box.

Each team scored in the second period. Oakland's goal was somewhat of a fluke. Billy Harris plowed into Minnesota goalie Cesare Maniago and swept him out of the net.

Gerry Ehman popped the puck into the open goal. Other than that Maniago made 28 saves in an outstanding performance.

Seal goalie Charlie Hodge couldn't do much about three of the Minnesota goals. His teammates didn't give him help.

But the last two Minnesota scores were Charlie's fault. Both came on long shots from the blue line, the kind of shot that Maniago stopped easily.

Larry Hillman scored the first and Bob McCord got the second.

The defeat was the first of the year for Oakland which had won six games and played two ties in exhibition play.

Unfortunately, all the exhibition games don't count and the loss does. The Seals find themselves at the bottom of the standings, a familiar spot for them. But not for Glover.

The Seals take on the Los Angeles Kings, one of the teams they beat in exhibition play, Sunday night at 7 o'clock at the Coliseum-arena.