

# Seals Cancel TV, Take on Rangers

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Crippled on the ice and not faring as well as they'd like at the gate, either, the Seals moved today to quit giving away their product by canceling the remainder of a 10-game television schedule.

Coach and general manager Fred Glover made the announcement today even as he prepared to send his patched-up troops against the formidable New York Rangers tonight in the Coliseum Arena. Faceoff will be at 8 p.m.

Glover cited the damage to home attendance as well as high costs in explaining the end of the TV venture by which the Seals had hoped to

increase hockey interest in the Bay Area.

The next game to have been carried was Sunday's Arena meeting with Vancouver. Ironically, of the five shown thus far, the Seals had won four and tied one.

Off a roster of 22 players, five of the injured Seals won't play tonight and another five are stitched up, bandaged up or braced up to tangled with the NFL's top defensive team.

Carol Vadnais' broken left thumb appears to be the most distressing problem to Glover. But there's also Billy Hicke's sore wrist and Don O'Donoghue's injured knee.

First reports indicate that Vadnais could be lost for six weeks.

This means that Bert Marshall and Dick Mattiussi, who have injury problems of their own, will have to pick up the

slack. Ron Stackhouse, another rearguard, took a couple of stitches after a fight at Toronto, but appears okay to play.

The coach is happy with O'Donoghue's progress in less than a 24-hour period and expects him to be ready tonight.

Glover also says that he doesn't regard the loss of Vadnais as particularly crippling.

"With Bert Marshall back we've got five other defensemen," he declared, "and the way they operated after Vadnais went out the other night, they can do the job."

The Rangers have won six straight, beginning with a 3-2 squeaker Dec. 29 in New York over the Seals. Oakland is the fourth stop on the Rangers' five-game jaunt.

New York's netminding pair of veteran Ed Giacomin and

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rookie Gilles Villemure has been alternating with great success.

The twosome yielded 88 goals in 42 games. If Ranger Coach Emile Francis continues the pattern, the Seals will be up against Giacomin tonight.

Gary Smith can be a toughie in front of the Oakland cage, too. Toronto blasted away 51 times Wednesday night and got only one past the Seals' 6-4 guardian in the 1-1 tie.

The Seals, barring injuries to the other half of the team, are far from out of the playoffs. They have 23 games left at home and just 13 on the road, a schedule blessing.

The Seals expect a turnout of nearly 8,000 for New York's last scheduled game in Oakland this season.

The game will be broadcast on KEEN (1370), KKIS (990) and KSOL (1430) at 8 o'clock.

### SEALS SCORING

	G	A	T	PIM
Hextall	13	14	27	114
xVadnais	10	16	26	91
E. Hicke	13	11	24	27
B. Hicke	17	11	28	29
Hampson	8	14	22	19
Croteau	7	13	20	4
Jarrell	8	10	18	28
Faman	7	8	15	8
xIngrfield	4	7	11	5
Stackhouse	4	7	11	44
Roberts	2	8	10	43
Ferguson	4	5	9	7
xHowell	0	9	9	14
Muloin	0	9	9	26
O'Donoghue	5	4	9	4
Faatherslone	1	4	7	23
xHardy	1	2	4	23
Mattiussi	2	3	4	12
Marshall	0	0	0	4
Smith	0	0	0	4
xLaughton	0	0	0	0

x-Injured list. PIM—Penalties in minutes.

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