

Halifax Teams Win Six Major Titles In Last Twelve Months

(This is one of a series of weekly sports roundups contributed by sports editors in Maritime centres. Written for the Canadian Press by Ace Foley, Sports Editor, The Halifax Chronicle.)

HALIFAX, Nov. 18 (CP)—Six major Maritime sports championships have fallen to Halifax sports organizations in the past 12 months, a fact that seems to have been overlooked by the sports scribes. In view of the fact that Halifax has a place that doesn't exactly live up to the sports ballyhoo that emanates from its two daily newspapers, the record is actually surprising.

The record shows two minor hockey, three baseball and a softball championship for Halifax teams. Broken down you'll find St. Mary's supreme in junior and juvenile hockey, a junior championship, Nationals juvenile champions, Arrows senior baseball champions and Zwickers softball winners.

The junior hockey and senior softball championships are repeat performances, but the others are all new achievements. Nationals reached the Maritime junior baseball finals in 1946 and made the grade last summer. St. Mary's were bounced out of the Halifax playoffs last year but went to the top of the Maritime class the next season.

In senior baseball the Arrows set records by sweeping 14 consecutive playoff games. It was a record year in baseball, a quick start for a new team.

In senior softball Zwickers took the Maritime title in 1946 and retained it this year. Actually Zwickers had a tougher time retaining the title than in keeping the Maritime crown.

Saints Have Great Record
In minor hockey St. Mary's have really come to the fore. They won the Maritime juvenile championship in 1945 and the same team won the junior title in 1946 and '47. Then the Santamarians added a second ice title by winning the juvenile crown last spring. In minor sports the Saints have really excelled, with three, or half of the Maritime titles falling to Halifax teams.

So the cycle is swinging to Halifax after a long and dreary past. Last Maritime senior baseball title to fall to a Halifax civilian team was away back in 1900 when St. Agnes made the grade. During the war years, however, Halifax Navy came up with two major championships in baseball.

And then they strengthened Halifax has done exceptionally well. Softball really took hold in Pictou County but in a few years Halifax had caught and passed the provincial teams. Years ago Halifax teams were to follow and now this city sets the pace for all others.

In minor sport the surge of the St. Mary's club has been really remarkable. Built around a few good young athletes and the enthusiasm of Jimmy McDonald and Gerald Reardon, the Santamarians are hitting the jackpot on many fronts. They're perfect in hockey—two titles in two classes—have one title in two minor baseball divisions and are a power in Canadian football as well.

And then they're climbing in basketball, have designs on boxing and are rapidly forging ahead in the important department of "farm teams". A few weeks ago the Santamarians had a "hokey school" for Maritime players. That's really big league stuff. It shows how far real sports enthusiasm can go.

So while the accent on sports in Halifax is becoming contagious, the highlanders are the young St. Mary's. Here is a club to be watched. While the seniors fiddled and the fans burned, the kids out and picked off a former National Hockey League star as

coach. While other Maritime minor sports clubs wonder about the future, the Saints raid them for players.

It's beginning to be an honor to play for St. Mary's. And that's the reason why the "hokey school" brought out so many candidates.

When a minor organization has the enthusiasm and foresight to conduct a "school", you no longer wonder why the city of Halifax is pre-eminent in sports.

Purple Valley Wins Race At Toronto Track
TORONTO, Nov. 17 (CP)—Purple Valley and Chuck Worthy were the only two Maritime owned horses entered in the Dufferin Park trots today.

Purple Valley, a grey gelding owned by Hirsch Stables of Sydney, N.S., took all three heats of the \$300 fifth race in easy fashion on a greasy track made soggy with week-end snow. Chuck Worthy, also from Sydney's Hirsch Stables, was also an also ran in the \$300 fourth race a two-heat event won by Beany Gratton, owned by George Hammond of Nings, Man.

Strong Demand For Race Horses
LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 17 (AP)—The first 28 thoroughbreds going under the auctioneer's hammer at the fall sales at Keeneland today brought a total of \$102,200, an average of \$3,500 each, reflecting a continued demand for thoroughbred stock of all types.

Four broodmares from Warren Wright's Calumet Farm, home of the leading racing stable in the United States, returned an average of \$8,675.

Highest bid of the early selling was \$12,500, offered by C.A. Pfeiffer from Trymenow, five-year-old bay son of Mentor, consigned by Walter M. Jeffords.

More than 800 head have been catalogued for sale during the five-day venue, with 89 slated for the ring during the inaugural morning session today.

Red Sox Trade Seven For Two
BOSTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Boston Red Sox today announced giving up seven players and an undisclosed amount of cash to St. Louis Browns for shortstop Vern Stephens and pitcher Jack Kramer.

General manager Joe Cronin said the Red Sox had turned over to the Browns catcher Roy Partee, infielder Ed Pellagrini, outfielder Pete Layden and pitchers Jim Wilson and Al Widmar. They would give up two more players yet to be named from farm clubs.

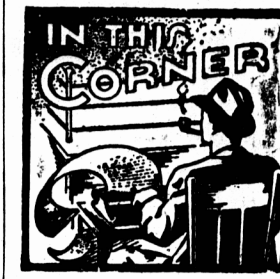
Stephens, although a shortstop with the Browns, is expected to be used at third base by the Red Sox—long one of the trouble spots in the American League baseball club.

Hold Up Purses Of Lamotta And Fox
NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (AP)—Chairman Edward Egan of the New York State Athletic Commission said today he is holding up the purses of Jake Lamotta, New York, and Billy Fox, Philadelphia, due to newspaper stories written about their Nov. 14 bout at Madison Square Garden, won by Fox.

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 16 (AP)—Denny Pails, Australian tennis star, arrived here by plane Saturday en route to Los Angeles, where he is expected to sign a contract to turn professional.

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A move to strengthen Prince of Wales Welshmen with several players of former teams who are available for hockey duty and thus assure the continuance of the City college team in local hockey was in no way under way and if the efforts bear fruit the Welshmen who have proved to be one of the most popular clubs in the City League during the last several seasons will be able to ice a squad that should compare favorably with the other teams.

Pud Beer, Bob Dalziel and Angie McDonald along with a couple of more players are again willing to don P.W.C. colors; their presence will add much needed strength and although the matter is not cut and dried by any means it is felt that the student body when asked their opinion on the matter will give their wholehearted approval.

That is how the matter now stands and definite word will be forthcoming today when Manager Gordon Bennett puts the matter before the students and faculty. It is a well known fact that the Welshmen could not possibly compete this season without better material than they had at hand. A thorough rebuilding job, due to loss of players through graduation had to be performed and it was easily seen that the task couldn't be completed in one year.

For days now the matter of the Welshmen withdrawing had been taken for granted until hockey fans, anxious to see the college team perform, hit upon the above idea. It is a good one. We can't see where any kick will be forthcoming and the addition of the players to the squad would not add interest to the league but would prove of great value to the new hockeyists that will be breaking in with the team this season.

The above wasn't the only cheering bit of City League news heard yesterday. Rumors going the rounds last evening had the Navy team withdrawing but this was quickly run down as entirely false. Navy had a crew of sixteen players out for practice last night and word from the management was the squad would participate in the City League was in operation.

However there was a dark side encountered also when at a meeting held at the Legion Home it was decided that the Legion League winners last year and Maritime intermediate champions for the past two seasons would not be competing.

That leaves a possible three team league. Nothing definite could be learned about the operation of a fourth team, presumably the Rescue Regiment, or Abegweit and it will likely be a matter of few days before further along this line will be known.

Meantime it was learned that the City Hockey League would hold its annual meeting sometime around the middle of the week. Matters which are still undecided will likely be ironed out and fans will know then definitely what is in store for them.

It William Tobin of Chicago Black Hawks isn't careful they'll be branding him the Trader Horn of hockey says Doug Vaughan of the Windsor Star. His nifty play or manipulations of the past couple of weeks certainly seem to earmark him for the title.

First it was the deal with the Toronto Maple Leafs by which he acquired five men for two—Bud Pollie, Gaye Stewart, Gus Bodnar, Eric Dickens and Bob Goldhamer for Max Bentley and a young rookie by the name of Cy Thomas—and now he has stepped out and grabbed off the top goal-producing left-winger of last year, Roy Conacher, a feat which such wealthy clubs as Detroit Red Wings and New York Rangers were unable to do.

By his own admission, getting Conacher to ink his name to a Chicago Black Hawks contract cost Tobin in the neighborhood of \$25,000 in hard cash plus an unnamed player who must be delivered to the Detroit club at the end of the current season but it is paying off as Hawks have won three

Officials Confirmed At Meeting Last Night Of Abegweit Executive

Confirmation of the officers named at the re-organization meeting of the Abegweit Amateur Athletic Association was forthcoming at a meeting of the executive held at the Travel Bureau last night with President Col. L.T. Lowther presiding. In addition committees governing the various branches of sport were also completed.

By-laws of the Charlottetown Amateur Athletic Association as in force in previous years were unanimously adopted.

The number of the Board of Directors was brought up to twelve with the addition of Messrs Jack A. Kenny and J.W.F. McCallum, Jr.

Mr. Arthur Perry tendered his resignation as chairman of the baseball committee suggesting that Mr. George Francis take over the position. After considerable discussion on the matter of accepting the resignation it was unanimously accepted and Mr. Francis duly appointed.

Members of the executive are to hold office as follows: One year, Lt. Col. L.T. Lowther, Lt. Col. W.J. MacDonald, George Walters and J.N. Kenny; two years, P.W. Turner, George Francis, J.I. Nicholson, J.W.F. McCallum, three years, W.E. Massey, S.F. Doyle, R.A. McDonald and W.E. Scantlebury.

Membership cards are to be secured immediately for distribution

Sport Echoes From Prince County

Leaders in individual honors in the Summerside Community Bowling League No. 1 got shoved around quite a bit last week and Pete Mickus, who has been leading the parade for some weeks now was topped off his proud perch and landed a third position. Allie Harris, last year's champion, is back on his throne again and we predict it will take a lot of sharp shooting to compel his abdication.

The standing is as follows: 1. Allie Harris, Trinity United—227; 2. George Guegic, Trinity United—223; 3. Pete Mickus, Gremlins—222; 4. W. Davy, Gremlins—221; 5. Tanton McNeill, St. Paul's—219; 6. Earl Smith, Lucky Strikes—217; 7. Lorne Hart, Lucky Strikes—215; 8. Ernest Gaudet, Heartbreakers—213-9; Stan Gallant, St. Paul's—211; 9. Austin Brooks—Trinity United—211.

The No. 2 Community Bowling League also has a new leader in the person of Jerry Gaudet who has displaced his teammate, Windy Clow. The "Big Five": 1. Jerry Gaudet, Smallmans—215; 2. Windy Clow, Smallmans—210; 3. Leonard Gallant, Crystals—210; 4. Ray Durrant, Smallmans—209; 5. Larry Clow, Knights of Columbus, No. 1—208.

Bev. Gay won the theatre pass for the high single in the High School League last Friday. His score was 231, just one below last week's high single. Basil Campbell's high three was the result of some very steady bowling: 213, 196, and 196 for a total of 604. This was fifty-five pins ahead of last week's high three.

Here are the "Big Ten" in the High School League with only those playing both days included: 1. Parker Crockett, Hot Leads—172; 2. Billy Sherry, Strikers—170; 3. James MacNally, Strikers—161; 4. Derwyn Huestis, Sixers—159; 5. Ivan Pineau, Hawks—158; 6. Theodore Arsenault, Hawks—149; 7. John MacNaught, Polka Dots—147; 8. Donald Harris, Hot Leads—146; 9. Jimmy Richard, Strikers—144; 10. Charles Simpson, Sixers—143.

The intermittent drizzle that has blanketed this section of Canada for the past week has made it impossible for Jimmie Hogan to take his football charges out on the gridiron and the program for the boys has for the time being come to a standstill. It is possible that winter will take charge of affairs after this damp spell, but if we get any more football weather the Summerside team will try to get into the football contention for the interscholastic championship of the Island. Considering their showing this year it seems only fair that they get a chance at the Island crown.

Report has it that Borden will have a hockey league of their own this winter. They have a wealth of material down there. It is said, and will be able to make enough teams to have a house league of their own. The all-star team that will emerge from this league will no doubt take a lot of knockoff when it comes time for Island intermediate playdowns.

A house league in Summerside consisting of three teams would also be a good idea if Summerside were going in for hockey this year. The game has been over exhibition tilts when it comes to creating and sustaining interest, especially if the teams are evenly matched. A cup for the winner, and prizes for excellence in different departments could be offered. The Borden management has been doing this sort of thing for some years now, and it has been paying off in fan interest and large crowds. Of course we have a big hurry to get over before we start talking about those things. There are rumours abroad. We only hope there is some foundation to them.

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Truro Rink Wins At Bospiel Opening
TRURO, N.S., Nov. 17 (CP)—A rink skipped by L.M. Christie of Truro won the opening day's competition at the Early Bird Bospiel of the Truro Curling Club. Thespiel is the earliest ever held in the Province.

More than 800 Maritime curlers are participating but only as individuals and no clubs are represented.

Montague Curling Club Holds Annual Meeting

On Friday, November 14, the Montague Curling Club held its annual meeting in the club room. The meeting was largely attended by the members, was presided over by the president, Judge C. St. Clair Trainor. On the agenda of the meeting, Mr. Don Samson, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes of the last annual and interlocking meetings, which were approved as read. Mr. Samson then read the financial report which showed receipts of \$750.37. Expenditures of \$724.00, leaving a balance of \$26.37. Mr. Samson further indicated that the insurance on the curling rink had been increased to \$4,000.00 during the past year, and that certain outstanding bonds had been paid off.

The president's report to the members indicated many new strides forward in the field of curling. Mr. Trainor gave a brief outline of the activities in the club during the year, stressing particularly the active interest of the junior curlers culminating in the Island Junior playdowns and the Royal Four Trophy. Three teams, he said, skipped by H.L. McGregor, A.G. Parks and Bruce MacLean, respectively, took part in the Gaboury competition on January 29th. The club was also represented in the Confederation Bospiel also in the British Consols Trophy. He congratulated the club on retaining the McArthur trophy, and on giving such an excellent account of themselves in the Junior playdowns held at Montague in which the club was represented by the skipper by Douglas MacLaren. Mr. Trainor then expressed his appreciation for the loyal cooperation of the members during his tenure of office, and asked that similar cooperation might be given his successor.

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Down The Alleys

CH'TOWN ALLEYS Commercial League
Taxi Boys—
W. Stead 235 200 242
S. Stead 95 242 127
M. Cuthill 179 138 193
R. Whitlock 166 248 193
B. Dalziel 104 233 237
Total—2908.

Loggers—
M. McLean 239 234 266
R. Dalziel 227 180 202
R. Dalziel 179 138 193
M. Cuthill 166 248 193
B. Dalziel 104 233 237
Total—3010.

Metals Reclaimers—
M. Block 205 203 206
J. Gallant 206 221 178
S. Williams 142 183 186
P. Perry 156 203 181
G. Cudmore 255 248 293
Total—1003.

Michael Bros—
E. Callaghan 231 236 248
E. Michael 205 182 133
L. Doyle 177 221 120
G. Gillis 185 167 219
G. Gillis 334 170 232
Total—2980.

High single C. McLean 266. High three C. McLean 739. Points: Loggers 4; Taxi Boys 1. High single G. Cudmore 293. High three G. Cudmore 796. Points: Block's 4; Michaels 1. Tonight at 7 Bruce Stewart's League.

CH'TOWN ALLEYS Junior All Stars—
P. Harley 185 194 184
D. Livingstone 244 135 201
E. Brown 222 191 224
B. Binley 162 230 170
Total—747.

CH'TOWN Alley Pin Boys—
F. Walsh 215 191 210
F. Falls 170 142 188
R. Arsenault 168 116 88
J. Williams 191 220 268
Total—766.

High single J. Williams 268. High three J. Williams 679. Points: Jr. All Stars 4. Points: Ch'town Pin Boys 1.

of their last four games.

Toronto also has good reason to be well satisfied with its end of the bargain. The man they wanted, and got, was Max Bentley. With the N. H. L.'s leading scorer of last season in the lineup, the Leafs now have three well balanced forward lines. Against Detroit Red Wings recently, Bentley gave a superlative all-around performance with his brilliant backchecking being especially noteworthy.

Toronto scribes are amazed at Bentley's attitude. "For one of the greatest stars of the game today, he's one of the most modest fellows you'll ever meet," said one Toronto writer. "From the way he acts and the enthusiasm he displays, you'd think he was a rookie who had to fight to keep his job."

Hawks Defeat Saint John Beavers To Retain League Lead

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 17 (CP)—A fast and furious first period assault tonight enabled Moncton Hawks to hammer out a 4-1 win over Saint John Beavers and maintain their one-point lead in the Maritime Senior Hockey League.

For the first time this season, Mike Demchuk and George Bell were the better team on their first period performance, rapping three goals behind Beaver goalie Tommy Donahuey in less than six minutes and holding their opponents to a lone tally in the entire 60 minutes of play.

Playing coach Les Ramsey, who has fired the opening goal for his team in nearly every game played this season, repeated the performance tonight and turned in a strong game at centre on the Hawks second attacking line.

Beavers started two new recruits, Vic Jackson, speedy player with Halifax United Services last season turned in a good performance on his first Moncton appearance in Beaver livery, and collected an assist on his team's lone tally; Mike Germann, formerly of Washington in the United States League, was out for the first time but was used sparingly.

Linesups:—
Saint John—Goal, Donahuey; Defence, Allen, Wright, Forwards, O'Toole, Butler, Pederson; subs, McGibbon, Jackson, Germann, Gagnier, Price, Wade, Lynch, Colwell.
Moncton—Goal, MacDonald; Defence, Leger, Bissette; Forwards, Ramsey, Jodoin, Gagnon; subs, Bell, Whitlock, Demchuk, Hunt, Hodge, Agnew, Poirier, Bastarache.

Summary
First Period
1—Moncton, Ramsey (Poirier, Jodoin) 1-0
2—Moncton, Bastarache (Demchuk) 2-0
3—Moncton, Hodge (Hunter) 3-0
4—Saint John, Nicole (Wade, Jackson) 3-1
Penalties: Allen, Gagnon, Allen, Bastarache.

Second Period
Scoring—None.
Penalties—Gagnon, Gauthier (misconduct), Allen, Bell.
Third Period
1—Moncton, Jodoin (Ramsey, Gagnon) 4-1
Penalties—Leger, Wright, Allen, Gagnon.

Belanger Wins Close Decision

EDMUNDSTON, N.B., Nov. 17 (CP)—Frankie Belanger, 147, Quebec, gained a close decision over Bernie Robertson, 147, Edmundston, in the main event of a boxing card here. Baby Face Piniel, Quebec City, knocked out Jim Morin, Edmundston, in the third round of a semi-final. Eddie Ringette, Edmundston, defeated Blackie Rouleau, Quebec City.

Blue Bombers Are Western Champions

WINNIPEG, Nov. 16 (CP)—Winnipeg Blue Bombers today held the familiar title of Western Canadian senior football champions, having defeated Calgary Stampeders 10-3 here yesterday before more than 6,000 fans in Western Canada's first extra-game playoff.

Bombers now will meet the winner of the eastern final between the Dominion champion Toronto Argonauts and Ottawa Trojans for the Grey Cup, emblematic of Canadian football supremacy.

The third game, necessitated by a 19-19 total-point deadlock in the ordinarily two-game playoff, was played on a snow-covered field which made ball-handling and running plays difficult and play was mostly confined to a kicking and punting duel.

Once Great Jockey Dies

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (CP)—The death of Emery Lavell (Buddy) Ensor, 47, once ranked among the greatest jockeys, came to light when his wife, Daisy, claimed his body after a party found him lying among the tombstones of a Brooklyn cemetery last Thursday.

Ensor, who earned between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 during the height of his career in the early 1920s, died penniless, not far from the racetrack that once was a scene of his triumphs.

He had been a jockey for more than 30 years and was often ruled off the track, once for 10 years, but he never broke a racing rule save one. He couldn't refuse a drink.

Truro Bearcats Defeat Halifax Crescents 6-3

TRURO, N.S., Nov. 17 (CP)—Truro Bearcats overcame a 3-0 deficit tonight to defeat Halifax Crescents 6-3 in a rough and fast Maritime Senior Hockey League game.

Crescents outskated, outplayed and outscored Bearcats in the first period but lost the initiative when Truro came back with three goals in each of the last two.

Bill Kearns was off for tripping when Hannon and Larable came up with a double passing bout, the latter registering from a vantage point near the Truro crease.

At 1:50 of the second period, McKinnon's forward pass on a breakaway at 2:25.

Linesups:—
Halifax: Goal, Pines; defence, Powell, Croucher; centre, McGreggor; wings, Thompson, McGreggor, Hannon, Stanhope, Larable, Sullivan; Redmond, Charlton, Gaudet, Metcalfe.
Truro: Goal, S. McDonald; defence, Grabowski, McKinnon; centre, K. McDonald; wings, Wilson, Beaulieu; subs, McIntyre, Medynski, Roach, Barkwell, Robertson, Steele, Kearns.

Summary
First Period
1—Halifax, Charlton (Redmond, Sullivan) 1-0
2—Halifax, Larable (Hannon) 2-0
Penalties: Steele, Metcalfe, Gray, Kearns.

Second Period
1—Halifax, Redmond (Croucher, Sullivan) 1-0
2—Truro, McDonald (McKinnon) 2-2
3—Truro, McDonald (Steele, Wilson) 3-2
4—Truro, Kearns (Medynski, Steele) 3-3
Penalties: Steele, Thompson (major), Robertson (major), Powell, Roach.

Third Period
1—Truro, Medynski 1-3
2—Truro, Steele 10-1
3—Truro, Beaulieu (Wilson) 18-3
Penalties: Barkwell, Steele, Redmond.

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