DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

When the racing season of 1948 rolls around there will be absent from the free-for-allers the popular chestnut gelding Tip Abbe 2.05¼ by Bert Abbe 1.59¼, that has raced under the colors of the Dudey Patch Club, New Glasgow, N.S. in recent years. Tip Abbe started campaigning in 1940 as a two-year-old and took part in six races winning three. He took a record of 2.09 that fall in a stake race at Canton, Ohio, which he won. He was owned by Fred S. Tipton of Newcomers Town, Ohio, and sold the following Spring to R.W. Chaffin, Midland, Pa. In 1941 he made 12 starts as a three-year-old lowering his record to 2.07½ over the mile track at Toledo. He was the winner of either seven heats or races in fast company. In 1942 as a four-year-old he made 21 starts and won four races. In 1943 he made 18 starts, and his best race was over the half-mile track at Canton, Ohio, where he won in 2.05 1-2, 2.06, 2.07.

In 1944 he was purchased by J.A MacDonald and William Jamieson, New Glasgow, representing the Dudey Patch Club. He made nine starts. His best races were at Bridgewater September 4th and Stptember 28th. On the first date he won the Free-For-All with 1, 1, 2, Dale H. 2, 2, 1, Royal-at-Law 3, 3, 3. Mighty Hanover 4, 4, 4, best time 2.10. On the 28th in the Free-For-All Jollity won the first heat, Nate Hanover the second, Tip Abbe the third and then Jollity came on and won the fourth and race. The fastest time was in the second heat — 2.09¾. In 1945 he took part in 12 races. At Charlottetown in the Free-For-All August 16th Mighty Hanover was 4, 3, 1, 1, Tip Abbe 2, 1, 4, 2. Widow's Pride 1, 4, 6, 3, Rhea Mae 5, 2, 3, ro, time. 2.06¾, 2.08, 2.09¾. At Truro August 29th Tip Abbe won the Free-For-All with 1, 1, 3. Mighty Hanover 2, 3, 1, two other starters, best time 2.10. Over the same track September 12th he again won the Free-For-All in three straight from six others, best time 2.10½. In 1946 he made 15 starts. He won the Free-For-All at Montague August 10th, best time 2.08 and he also won the Free-For-All at Bridgewater, September 2nd with 4, 1, 1, The Great G. won the first heat. Time 2.11 2.10, 2.09. In the Free-For-All at the Goodwill races September 12th he won the third heat in 2.10½. True Hal winning the other two heats and race in 2.09¼, 2.10¼. Tip also won at New Glasgow October 4th in straight heats from Chuck Worthy, Jollity and Royal-at-Law. The fastest heat was 2.08 which also equalled the fastest heat paced by Tip Abbe that season.

In 1947 Tip Abbe had his best season since coming to the Maritimes and we believe we can go further and say it was the best season in his entire racing career, and remember he was nine years old last Spring and had been racing for seven years or from the time he was a two-year-old. It is a credit to the caretaker and to driver Joe O'Brien that he should race so well after so many strenuous years.

His winning races this season were New Glasgow, June 18th, Bridgewater June 25th., New Glasgow, August 6th—Maritime pacing derby which he won in 2.07 and 2.08, his fastest two heats over a half-mile track since 1943. Race fans will remember that in the first heat of the Free-For-All at Charlottetown August 15th. Tip Abbe met with a severe injury and had to be drawn. It was several weeks later that he started at Bay State Raceway, Foxboro, Mass., and won. He proved to be the best of the fast brigade showing his heels to the Quebec champion Guy H. 2.00¾ and others of almost equal calibre. He set up three track records for others to shoot at in 1948. We do not know just how the Dudey Patch Club makes its decision when purchasing a horse to represent them, but the guiding spirit or spirits must have a good deal of racing savvy as they selected Dudey Patch 2.06 and Tip Abbe 2.05½, both of which were among the most outstanding free-for-allers that have performed in the Maritimes.

We have to thank our friend Lloyd O'Brien for many newsy items that appear in these notes and he is our informant that that good trotter Baron 2.11, winner of four races in the Maritimes and several at Foxboro, has been sold by the North Sydney Horsemen's Club, to William MacLeod, Yarmouth, N.S. He reduced his record from 2.11¼ to 2.11 at Moncton, July 24th. Iola Henley also changed hands, Harry G. Short, St. John, selling her to Clayton MacLeod, Westville, N.S. Many will remember her winning race at Charlottetown Old Home Week where she reduced her record to 2.11 3-5. Mr. MacLeod is the owner of the good pacer Traffic Grattan 2.10¾. Sister Henley 2.13½, another member of the Joe O'Brien stable, has been sold by Dr. J.A. Donahue of Antigonish, to David Neima, New Glasgow, and Joe sold his promising pacer Sonny B. to Dr. J.A. Donahue.

Joe told the writer that at the final start at Foxboro, the owner of Baron was present. Joe was asked about his chances and they did not appear too good as the opposition was a very formidable bunch of trotters. A hundred yards from the wire Baron did not seem to have a ghost of a chance. Joe shook him up and came through an opening between two horses and won by a nose as shown by the photo finish camera. Three horses were practically a dead heat with the fourth very close. It was such spectacular drives that made Joe a favorite with the race fans.

Sep Palin, driver for Castleton Farm stables Lexington, Ky., is often referred to as an iron man and he probably deserves to be regarded as such as he has held a top position in the harness racing world longer than any man now active. For instance in 1928 he stood at the head of the list of winning drivers with 49 victories and he gave the world's record to the gelding pacer Winnipeg of 1.57 3-4, and cut the two-year-old record for trotting geldings to 2.05 1-4 with Contender. Fifteen members of his stable were returned as winners, Winnipeg and Riley being the most successful, each of them having eight victories. Of the others Single D. won seven races, Labrador four, Ellie Traube four, The Virginian Senator three and he won one race each with seven others. In those days races were either two heat or three heat affairs. Now races are often one heat or dash.

Second on the list of winning drivers that year was William R. Flemming. His horses were raced entirely on the New England tracks and the Maritime circuit. Friscotanna was the star of his stable. She won eleven out of thirteen races and ended the season with a record of 2.08 1-4. Margaret Grattan was a winner all along the line and many will remember her racing at Moncton and Fredericton. She is now the dam of several that have taken fast records. The Canadian Vic Flemming was at the top of his fame that same year. He won 27 races and if you have forgotten about it, let me remind you that Grattan Bars 1.59-1-2 was his most profitable pupil. He was then the greatest money-winning pacer of all time, topping the summaries in the $25,000. pacing stakes at Kalamazoo, Toledo and Windsor. His other winners were Callie Direct, Frisco Star, Gine Girl and Loyal Lady, Guy Abbe with which he won the Review Stake at Goshen, and Myrtle Baxter.

The latter like Grattan Bars was Canadian bred. She was a dainty bit of a mare which the writer made a trip to Hamilton to see in 1927, but her lack of size and the $2,000. price stopped me. In Flemming's hands she took a record of 2.02 1-2, winning one of the biggest stakes the season of 1929. But Flemming's name will be forever associated with that of Grattan Bars. I saw that horse in the Spring of 1927 and thought him the most wonderful looking animal I had ever laid eyes on. Owner Fred Thrower asked $20,000. for him.

Many a trainer and driver has made a change in shoeing or in bridles or bits or some part of the harness and found improvement, but there are on record instances where such changes were very disastrous. For instance in 1912 W. H. Knight of Lexington, declined an offer of $10,000 for the trotter Fair Virginia the night before the Kentucky futurity was trotted. She had been perfect in training and seemed to have a good chance to win. Next morning her trainer took the mare to the blacksmith shop, had her shoes reset and put some calks on the hind ones. In the first heat she made a break, something she never did before, and was distanced. Another instance of a big upset was in 1913 when Tommy Murphy started the pacer Direct C. Burnett in the $5,000. pace at North Randall. Burnett had a tendency to bear in and Murphy put one blind on the eye nearest the pole. The horse acted very badly, delayed the start and finished away back. Murphy drew him. The big stake was lost and the tremendous amount of money that was bet on him. Before the next race the blind was removed. Direct C. Burnett warmed up perfectly, went on to win that race and ten others, being the biggest money-winning pacer that season on the Grand Circuit.

Through the kindness of Dr. Cecil MacLean, Antigonish, whose broadcasts of harness racing are so much enjoyed, we received a clipping from a San Francisco paper dated December 2nd. stating that John W. Marchbank, former owner of the Tanforan race track died of a paralytic stroke December 1st. Marchbank was born in Prince Edward Island in 1868, spent much of his youth in the mines of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and though he gave varied as-

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SPORTING NEWS

Assured of the backing of the Abegweit Club a junior hockey league will likely be in operation here this season and although the number of players available is not yet known, definite information on this will likely be forthcoming after a general practice session at the Forum on Monday afternoon next.

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Last night's meeting held at the Travel Bureau and called by Director of Physical Fitness Bill Reid, although not as largely attended as had been hoped, proved definitely that junior players are greatly interested in the formation of such a league and assurance was given last night that full support would be given to the movement.

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One of the big matters affecting the league is the crowded program now in effect at the Forum. It is practically impossible to get night practice hours and as a result many of the boys that are working will find it impossible to attend. However, if necessary St. Dunstan's rink will be asked to furnish practice hours and this would be one way of getting over the existing problem.

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If the league does become a reality, and there is every reason to believe it will, those behind the move realize that it will take at least a three year program before and Island team would become a serious threat for Maritime honors. There is a big rebuilding program to be completed due to the absence of junior hockey for the past few seasons, but with the players and the sponsoring Abegweit Club cooperating fully the aim of getting the juniors back on their previous high level will soon be attained.

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Presence at last night's meeting of Chick Williams, former Abegweit star in the days when the Abegweits were ruling the Maritime hockey roost, settles one of the coaching problems. Always keenly interested in the youngsters Chick, who in other years has led local junior teams to a Maritime crown, let it be known last night that he would be available as coach of one of the teams and the juniors he will have under him will receive the benefit of sound coaching from a former player who has followed the game closely down through the years since he retired from an active role.

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And in regards to Monday's practice session it was stressed last night that all players eligible to play junior and who are interested, make it a point to attend. It is the only way in which officials can get an idea just how many teams will comprise the proposed league and once they have that information other necessary work can be gone ahead with immediately so as to get the league functioning as soon as possible.

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By his great showing against champion Joe Louis in the recent title bout, a bout that drew much criticism due to the decision in favor of Louis, Jersey Joe Walcott, the outsider who very nearly, and in the minds of many, pulled one of the greatest fistic upsets in history, is now basking in the glare of the spotlight and attracting crowds with every appearance.

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Not exactly unknown but considered only a mediocre fighter less than a month ago, Walcott today is making a decided impression wherever he appears and a Toronto writer has the following after a short interview he had with the challenger the first of the week:

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"When you sit awhile in company with Jersey Joe Walcott and listen to his well-worded phrases, it seems hard to believe that this well-groomed, cultured big fellow is associated with a sport where 'dat and dose' often are standard vocabulary equipment. He talks quietly, slowly and is so obviously sincere that you can't hep but like him.

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"Yesterday, surrounded by press and radio people, the Camden, N. J., heavyweight answered the same questions he has had fired at him ever since he astounded the sports world by almost taking Joe Louis' title away from him. He was obliging and courteous.

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"Somebody suggested that maybe it was a good idea that Louis kept his title, inasmuch as the return fight would make him (Walcott) a lot of money.

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"It's good to have money, of course," answered Walcott, "but money isn't everything in life. There is a value beyond my power of expression, perhaps, in that world title. Everybody who fights, dreams of being a world champion. I have dreamed about it and it hurt, particularly when I thought I had won, to miss out on winning.'

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"Jersey Joe paused for a moment and then said: 'It took me 17 years of hard work in the ring. Seventeen years of heartbreak, going hungry, worry—to get where I am today. As I said before, money is good to have and I'm grateful for what I have, but I thought I won the title. I'll win it, I'm sure, when I fight Louis again.'

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"Walcott emphasized that he never entertained any doubt but that he could lick Louis. 'I knew back in 1937 that he was one fighter I could lick. Naturally, when I got in the ring with him this time I was supremely confident,' maintained the No. 1 challenger for Louis' crown.

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"In those last three rounds I became what is known as 'right hand crazy', but I was merely trying to stay away from him, firmly believing I had the title locked up. I still think I got the worst of it. But....'

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"Jersey Joe said that talk of Gus Lesnevich supplanting him as the June challenger for the title was merely a 'smoke screen.' 'I won't sign for the fight unless we sign on a 30-30 percentage basis which was agreed to before this fight,' he added."

Hamilton Will Seek Junior Football Title

HAMILTON, Dec. 19 — (CP) — Unless something else is injected to change the already-muddled picture again it seems as though Hamilton will be represented when the "Evergreen Bowl" series is contested in Vancouver at New Years to decide the Dominion's top junior football squad.

Early today the Wildcats announced plans for the trip for an exhibition series. But later the Canadian Rugby Union announced it had received word from Vancouver that the Tigers, interprovincial Rugby Football Union junior champions, had been invited to go instead.

Sandwiched in the mass of confusion was the Windsor A.K.O. Club, which defeated the Wildcats in an Ontario Rugby Football Union playoff last Saturday, thinking the victory would lead to a game with the Tigers for the right to proceed west. When they learned the game was off and that Wildcats would meet Vancouver Blue Bombers, A.K.O. officials called an indignation meeting for tonight.

Said manager Pete Sinclair of the Windsor squad: "You can say that we are through for the season, and, as far as I'm concerned, through with the junior O.R.F.U. forever. The O.R.F.U. was responsible for this whole mess.

Present plans call for the Tigers to meet the Blue Bombers in Vancouver Jan. 1 and 3 and in Toronto, secretary Percy Robinson of the Canadian Rugby Union said the series would be recognized for the Dominion crown. The Wildcats-Bombers round, now apparently scrapped, would have been an exhibition affair.

Both A.K.O. and Tigers officials were shocked when the Wildcats announced they were making the trip, because the other clubs had been practising regularly for a contest tomorrow. Eddie McLean, O.R.F.U. president, placed the blame on the Tigers for not knowing the game was "washed out."

McLean, who originally arranged the playoffs, said that secretary Harold Bailey of Toronto had notified the Windsor Club it was not eligible to be crowned O.R.-F.U. champions because the team "played all season without certificates."

Postpone Decision On Hockey Broadcasts

HALIFAX, Dec. 19—(CP)—The Halifax Forum Commission decided today to postpone final decision on banning broadcasts of Maritime Senior Hockey League games until Monday when Mayor John E. Ahern, commission chairman, returns to the city. Until then the broadcast ban, imposed at a private meeting Monday, will remain in force.

Alderman John E. Lloyd was the only member who asked restoration of broadcasts at today's session. All other members opposed them on the ground that fans remained home to listen to their radios, increasing the likelihood of a deficit for the city-owned Forum.

Paid attendance at Maritime Senior League games here has averaged 2,800 although the Forum has a seating capacity of almost 7,000.

Mayor Ahern said Tuesday that Truro, N. S., had already banned broadcasts and "so we decided to follow them."

Whether the ban has affected Truro attendance is not known because there have been no games there since it was imposed.

WARNING
Don't Miss The
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Buy your tickets from members of the Navy hockey team.

Practice For Juniors Called For Monday

All boys interested in playing hockey and eligible for junior ranks are asked to attend a practice at the Forum Monday afternoon starting at 3 o'clock sharp. An effort is to be made to get a junior league functioning this season and officials behind the move are anxious to have every junior interested make it a point, if possible, to be on hand Monday afternoon.

New Player Joins Beavers

(By The Canadian Press)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 19—Johnny Myke, centre star with Granby in the Quebec Provincial League, arrived here today and will be with Saint John Beavers when they play at Halifax Monday.

Myke worked out with the club this afternoon. He is the second player from the disbanded Granby team to join Beavers in two days, defenceman Joe Lay having made his debut against Truro last night.

Although the Beavers club made no announcement, there was speculation tonight that another shakeup in the team was imminent. The team now has five defencemen, 10 forwards and a goalie. The total is at least three above the playoff limit and the squad may be cut.

Bruins Revamp Forward Lines

BOSTON, Dec. 19 — (AP) — Before entraining for Montreal tonight, coach Dit Clapper of Boston Bruins National Hockey League club revamped his forward lines for tomorrow night's game with Canadiens.

Clapper assigned Johnny Quilty and Jimmy Peters, obtained from Canadiens Wednesday in a deal for right winger Joe Carveth, to operate with left winger Woody Dumart. Quilty will play centre and Peters right wing.

Wally Wilson has been moved into Carveth's old spot to skate with centre Billy Taylor and left winger Pete Babando. The third Boston line will be Don Gallinger at centre and Ken Smith and Eddie Sanford on the Wings.

With defenceman Fernie Flaman slated to return to action here Sunday against Detroit Red Wings, the Bruins returned winger Paul Ronty to the Hershey American Hockey League club, subject to immediate recall.

Ronty will play for Hershey against Eddie Shore's Indians in Springfield tomorrow night.

TWICE TODAY
SKATING JOYS FOR YOU
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EVENING SKATING—8 to 10
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FORUM

The Quarterly Meeting of the P. E. I. Fish and Game Association was held on Friday evening December 5th was well attended. On the whole, the meeting was marred by bickering and it was apparent from the start that the majority of those present were not embued with the spirit of self sacrifice and the conservation of our fish game did not receive the support it deserved.

The general trend of the meeting was evident when the majority of the members voted a flat No to Ottawa's suggestion that the sale of duck stamps to hunters of migratory birds be instituted in Canada after the pattern in the United States. While no price charge was fixed it was intimated that the fee would be one dollar The money would be used to improve waterfowl breeding and shooting grounds.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars of American money raised by the Duck Stamp method in the States has been spent in western Canada this past few years by Ducks Unlimited in the building of dams and reclaimation of drained areas that did not prove suitable for farming. Thus new breeding and feeding grounds have been made available for ducks and geese.

It is apparent that the Department at Ottawa responsible for the management and welfare of our migratory birds is concerned over the general waterfowl situation and is seeking means where by present unsatisfactory conditions may be permanently remedied. The Duck Stamp method is under consideration and the different provinces were requested to indicate their willingness, or unwillingness, to co-operate. If the Provincial Department of Agriculture accepts the expression of opinion of the majority vote of the Game Association as a true expression of the majority of sportsmen in this province we stand a good chance of being out of step with the rest of Canada.

Hunters of upland game such as Huns, Grouse, pheasants, rabbits and foxes would not be affected if this new regulation was put into force but it would be compulsary for all hunters of migratory birds, such as ducks, geese, brant, woodcock and snipe, to purchase a Duck Stamp before hunting the aforementioned species of game birds.

The rabbit hunters brigade was out in full force to protest against the closing of the month of November to the hunting of rabbits. They came to the meeting with fire in their eyes. Both the Game Association and Island Pheasants Unlimited officially sanctioned the enacting of this new amendment to The Game Act at the time the recommendation was forwarded and it was amusing to see how they now practically fell over backwards in their efforts to pacify the objectors. When one of the rabbit hunters had the floor they were nodding their heads in agreement like a bunch of dear old ladies at a Revival Meeting. Peace in an organization is a good thing but . . . not peace at any cost.

The methods used by the objectors to gain their end were not commendable to say the least, A Petition was presented to the meeting signed by approximately 150 alleged rabbit hunters. This columnist saw this petition about 10 days before the date of the meeting.

When I saw it, the Petition read from November 15th to January 31st. and had between 50 and 60 names to it. I told him that it was a fair compromise and I did'nt figure there would be any objection. When the Petition made its appearance at the meeting the date November 15th had been changed to November 1st. The promoter admitted to the meeting, making the change because he said, he found that more hunters favoured November 1st over November 15th. He did not say, however, that he had made the 50 odd gunners who had signed after the original date acquainted with the change.

Many of the names were read out to the meeting. Some were rabbit hunters; others were not. One man whose name was read out as signing it has been dead over a year. That's one for Ripley. To my way of thinking there was just one place for that Petition—the waste paper basket.

Several times during the past year the opinion has been expressed to this columnist that non-shooters should also have a say in the framing of our game law regulations as it would have a tendency to give our wildlife a fairer deal. This is a matter that will be touched upon at a later date.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Jerome (Dizzy) Dean, who managed to hit the sports pages all year, was voted the biggest disappointment of the year, 10 years ago today. Twenty of 53 sports writers voted the booby prize to Dean, then with St. Louis Cardinals

Crescents Whip Hawks 10-5 To Move Close To Second Spot In League

Down The Alleys

HOLY NAME ALLEYS

K. of C. Bowling

Tigers:—			
T. Creighan	123	215	197
S. Trainor	175	163	125
F. Coyle	180	129	196
C. Costello	203	158	213
E. Gallant	136	148	114
Low Score	79	134	153
Total—2841.			
Canadiens:—			
H. Gaudet	160	157	176
M. R. McGuigan	157	218	205
L. Doyle	166	208	193
C. Gaudet	167	211	197
W. Murray	79	134	153
H. Power	133	173	178
Total—3065.			

High single M. R. MacGuigan.
High three M. R. MacGuigan.
Points: Tigers 1; Canadiens 4.

Shamrocks:—			
L. Butler	103	212	139
I. Berrigan	169	130	116
A. Curley	133	143	198
L. Murnaghan	210	151	124
C. Trainor	150	147	147
J. Durant	171	132	143
	936	915	862

Thistles:—			
E. Doucette	196	266	211
R. St. John	153	193	146
A. McDonald	246	183	105
R. McKenna	173	120	178
E. Kelly	183	126	90
G. Nantes	136	113	159
	1087	1001	884

High single E. Doucette 266.
High three E. Doucette 673.
Points: Shamrocks 0; Thistles 5.

Hot Shots:—			
T. McAdam	148	221	209
E. Kelly	150	249	154
R. Dunn	218	268	117
P. Curley	144	130	162
L. Murray	173	89	146
Total—2578.			
Bohunks:—			
R. McDonald	95	139	142
S. Doiron	226	238	161
M. Robison	148	133	137
C. Murphy	153	246	171
Low Score	144	89	117
Total—2349.			

High single R. Dunn 268.
High three S. Doiron 625.
Points: Hot Shots 4 1-2; Bohunks 1-2.

Misfits:—			
V. Gallant	189	138	228
W. Corbett	178	192	139
L. Vessey	213	134	183
A. Doyle	245	159	213
Total—2211.			
Hawks:—			
W. Smith	188	194	201
G. Scott	183	204	212
I. Murphy	107	176	147
C. LeClair	185	226	153
Total—2176.			

High single A. Doyle 245.
High three A. Doyle 617.
Points: Misfits 4; Hawks 1.

Playoffs: Canadiens vs. Bohunks Monday, Dec. 22 at 9 o'clock. Remaining teams bowl at regular time, with exception of Hot Shots who bowl at 7 o'clock.

Friday Afternoon Ladies League

Team No. 1—			
H. Montgomery	115	185	214
G. Barbour	199	152	184
B. Howatt	162	154	209
B. Roper	104	174	167
M. Brady	145	73	147
	725	738	921

Points—5.

Team No. 2—			
M. Matheson	166	103	120
N. MacDonald	178	179	151
G. Bagnall	153	158	167
A. Cameron	109	155	157
E. Haszard	51	129	140

Points—5.

Team No. 3—			
J. Rogerson	164	146	126
D. Macdonald	146	121	148
Low Score	51	103	140
Low Score	109	129	120
M. Weir	105	111	115
	575	610	649

Team No. 4—			
E. Macdonald	144	141	118
M. MacNeill	149	126	145
J. MacDonald	122	84	117
F. MacKenzie	69	160	120
B. Saunders	180	173	106
	664	684	615

High single H. Montgomery 214.
High three G. Barbour 535.
Team 1 winners of 1st section.

(By The Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, Dec. 19 — Halifax Crescents walloped Moncton Hawks 10-5 tonight to move within a single game of the second place Monctonians in Maritime Senior Hockey League standing. Saint John Beavers remain at the bottom with Truro Bearcats holding top spot.

Crescents never looked better than they did on the attack. The first line of Sullivan-O'Neill-Gray came up with the best hockey of the night, taking part in six goals.

Moncton goals were split among five players, Roy Whitlock, Les Ramsay, Roger Jodoin, Babe Greko and Frank Imonti.

It was a hard night for goalie Hughie MacDonald in the Moncton cage. Although beaten ten times, Hughie had 41 saves and at times the Halifax forwards swarmed all around his nets. The Moncton defence, usually steady, seemed off stride and missed Ray Leger who is out of action with two fractured ribs.

Moncton dressed a new player Swede Paulsen from Kenora, Ont., who played earlier in the season with Lachine in the Quebec Provincial League.

Summary:

First Period

1—Halifax, Charlton (Metcalfe) 6.5
2—Halifax, Sullivan (O'Neill) 8.4
3—Halifax, Stahan (Sullivan, Gray) 9.0
4—Halifax, Hannon (Young) 13.0
5—Moncton, Ramsay (Gresko) 15.0
6—Moncton, Whitlock (Demchuck) 17.3
Penalties: Imonti, Ramsay.

Second Period

7—Halifax, O'Neill (Sullivan, Gaudet) 1.3
8—Moncton, Jodoin (Ramsay) 3.2
9—Moncton, Gresko (Poirier) 6.2
10—Halifax, Gray (Metcalfe, Sullivan) 7.0
11—Halifax, Gray (Sullivan) 13.1
Penalties: Imonti (2), Sullivan, Metcalfe.

Third Period

12—Halifax, Bougeon (McGregor, Stahan) 10.5
13—Moncton, Imonti (Ramsay, Jodoin) 18.1
14—Halifax, Sullivan (Stahan) 14.0
15—Halifax, Hannon (Charlton) 19.1
Penalties: Gresko, Metcalfe, Agnew, Sullivan.

Midgets To Practice

There will be hockey practice this morning at 11:00 a.m. for the Recce Midgets. The following players are asked to be on hand: Bourke, Cameron, Fields, Hennessey, Dalziel, Kennedy, Flannigan, Carver, MacLean, Glover, Burgess, MacNevin.

Sugar Robinson Wins Technical Kayo Over Taylor

DETROIT, Dec. 19 — (CP) — Sugar Ray Robinson, working with cool confidence and precision, scored a technical knockout over challenger Chuck Taylor of Coalport, Pa., at 2 minutes and 1 seconds of the sixth round at Olympia Stadium tonight.

The outcome of Robinson's second welterweight title defence of the year was virtually assured from the fourth round on because the aggressive challenger was running into too many of Sugar Ray's deadly lefts and rights.

Taylor went down for a nine-count under one of Robinson's vicious assaults near his own corner and as he staggered back to his feet his manager, Jack Laken, yelled to referee Johnny Weber to halt the slaughter.

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