Islanders Score 5-1 Victory Over St. Mary's

GREETINGS

TO ALL SPORTS FANS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR
IN EVERY GAME YOU PLAY

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Byron Brown informs us that he had a letter a few days ago from a mutual horseman friend, Fred Pettis, 206 Archimedes St., New Glasgow, N.S. We have not seen Mr. Pettis for many years but remember his many genial qualities and his great love of harness racing in the long ago. He is now upwards of 80 years of age and is stone blind, the result of an accident which occurred some twenty years ago. We are glad to know that with the exception of that misfortune he is in good health and spirits.

Frank McAlduff is nicely settled for the winter at the St. John race track, Coldbrook, N.B. He has Pat D. 2.06 3/5, Yankee Girl 2.10 1/5, Miss Eloise 2.15 2/5, Orphan Annie and Sandy Budlong. Frank writes: "I like Sandy Budlong very much. He is growing nicely and has an easy way of going, has never been hurt, just gave him one race in Maine and he pleased me. I intend to shift Yankee Girl to the trot as I have noticed her take to that gait and show a 2.10 shot. I was much interested in the horses the boys bought at Harrisburg and I believe Wal Hennessey has a real one in Cheeky Chief 2.04, I certainly wish him lots of luck. I expect to be turning for the word when the bell rings for Old Home Week next season.

My son Randolph is with me and that makes it much nicer. I was talking to Win Allingham on the phone and he says he is going to race Sandy D. 2.10 on the ice this winter. He should be able to step that kind of footing very fast. There are two more horses wintering here, Bud Abner 2.16 by Abner T. Clegg, and a three-year-old named Callie G. She is a good trotter and is owned by Lawson Bros. That is about all the news we have here so will end by wishing all horsemen friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Horsemen friends that have visited George B. Hughes, Brackley, have been much taken with the three-year-old filly by Calumet Budlong, dam, Margaret Aubrey, and are unanimous in expressing their opinion that she has the makings of a "real one". Handsome, good gaited and full of life, she is a picture and it won't be surprising if she takes a faster record than her full brother and sisters Aubrey Budlong 2.11 2/5, Alma Budlong 2.08¾ and May Budlong 2.10 2/5.

The Christmas number of The Harness Horse, published in Harrisburg, Pa., is one of the finest they have ever issued. Charles C. Marshall, Jr., has a most interesting story — 15 Full Years Of The Harness Horse Swan an Eventful Era . . . . . It was just 15 years ago that The Harness Horse was first published and since that time it has gone on to record the doings of the great and not so great trotters and pacers throughout the Standard Bred sport. Many star trotters and pacers have performed and among them was Greyhound 1.55¼ that in 1937 dethroned Peter Manning 1.56¾ as the world's fastest trotter by stepping in 1.55. The same year Dean Hanover, a three-year-old set a world's record for trotters of that age, driven by 13-year-old Miss Alma Sheppard at Lexington.

1938 was a fabulous year for record breaking — Greyhound set the world's trotting record at 1.55¼ and Billy Direct the pacing record at 1.55 where they remained ever since. Her Ladyship paced a total of nine 2.00 miles for Sep Palin, setting the mare's mark at 1.56¾, and a three heat world's record of 1.58¼, 1.58¼, 1.59¼. Rosalind became the world's champion trotting mare with a mark of 1.56¾. Chief Counsel 3, 1.57¾ and Blackstone 2, 2.03¾ became the first brother act to dominate the two and three-year-old pacing classes in a single season. Dr. Parshall drove the pair to ten wins each with only one loss and their earnings totalled $25,000. Chief Counsel became the world's champion three-year-old pacer and paced more miles in 2.00 than any previous three-year-old. McLin Hanover, driven by Henry Thomas, won the Hambletonian and the Kentucky Futurity, trotting a dazzling mile in 1.59¼ to equal Protector's mark for three-year-old trotters in a race. Nibble Hanover was the best two-year-old trotter for Harry Whitney and the Calumet Chuck colt wound up with miles in 2.03¾ and 2.02½ to win the Junior Kentucky Futurity and set a new race mark for two-year-old trotting colts.

In 1939 Peter Astra 2, 2.02½, 3, 2.02¼, made a clean sweep of the three-year-old classes including the Hambletonian, for Dr. Parshall. The Doctor was also the leading race winning driver of the year with over $85,000 won and he became the first driver to put three new 2.00 performers in the list in a single season — Blackstone 3, 2.00, Clever Hanover 1.59½ and Single Stine 2.00, all race marks. (The latter is the dam of Little Brown G. 2.03 3/5, owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney.) Parshall also lowered Spintell's mark to 1.58¾ in a race.

Meanwhile, Billy Direct with Bill Flemming up, became the second 2.00 performer on a half-mile track, taking a record of 1.59¾ for the small oval. He had earlier defeated Little Pat in 2.00¾ to set a pacing race mark on half-mile tracks. Little Pat was going great guns that season, winning 11 races and pacing 21 trips in 2.05 or better over the two-lappers, making his total of these miles 70 and stood credited with nine world's records. A most spectacular feat was the team trotting mile record of 1.58¼ by Greyhound and Rosalind, Sep Palin driving.

1940 was Spencer Scott's three-year-old season and Fred Egan won seven out of eight stake engagements with the black son of Scotland, among them the Hambletonian and Kentucky Futurity, but it took four heats in two days racing and a world's record for four trips to take the honors in the Lexington classic. Bill Gallon 2, 2.04, was the top two-year-old trotter for Lee Smith, the Sandy Flash colt earning the most money among the juveniles. Fearless Peter 3, 2.00 set a new mark for race winning by a three-year-old pacer when Dr. Parshall won 16 of his 17 starts.

The perennial champion, Little Pat 1.58¾ won 13 of his 17 races but was forced to meet defeat in the most dramatic two horse duel of the year when Dusty Hanover, driven by Vic Flemming, set a world's record for both one and two heats over the Delaware half mile track of 2.00½, 2.00¾. 1944 was the year that Titan Hanover sprung up on the trotting world and marked the occasion of the arrival of a 2.00 two-year-old. The King's Counsel—Adios battles continued with the former having the edge. Over the half-mile tracks King's Counsel defeated Adios by a neck in 2.01 to set a new mark for four-year-old pacers. At Lexington Adios won both heats from King's Counsel by small margins in 1.58¼, 1.58¼, replacing the two heat record set by Directum I. against William in 1914.

Jimmie Creed, a two-year-old pacer, won for Homer Walton at Lexington in 2.00½ and True Chief 2, 2.03¼, took down the most money among the juveniles. He was the first baby sidewheeler to win over $25,000. The shape of the future could be seen by the fact that Roosevelt Raceway was growing by leaps and bounds and yearling prices were rising as Victory Song and Bombs Away were auctioned off at $37,000 and $36,500. 1945 saw Titan Hanover rise to new heights with his 1.58 and 2.01¾, world's record over both types of tracks for a three-year-old. He also won the Hambletonian and defeated top aged trotters in 2.03, 2.03 over a

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Halifax hockey fans got more than their quota of thrilling action at the Nova Scotia capital on Thursday night when Islanders and Saint Mary's put on a titantic struggle that ended in a 5-5 stalemate after ten minutes of overtime play. It was credited as being the hottest contest that has been witnessed in Maritime Senior Hockey League play this season that produced everything in the book and then some. Of those who were lucky enough to witness or hear that contest, it is unlikely that any will disagree with that stotement.

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It was solid hockey all the way through, but the third period in particular was the payoff in dazzling, breathtaking action that kept fans perched on the edges of their seats in wild excitement. It was a period that saw both teams and coaches draw on their last resources of power and strategy to bring it to its dramatic climax.

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But it was the Islanders that proved again to be the Cinderella team of the Big Four in both the coaching and playing departments. They came up with a demonstration of ability and guile that might well be unequalled in past hockey records. Holding a one goal advantage at the end of the first period, Islanders were forced into a 2-2 deadlock at the end of the middle session by a hard driving Saintamarian aggregation, who by the 11.31 mark of the final canta, held a 4-2 margin over the Island pucksters. From there on the Lamoureux - coached hockeyists came up with a feat of strategy, ability and determination that will be the talk of hockey circles for many months to come.

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Speeding in off left wing Johnny Horeck drilled one past goalie D'Aoust on a pass from brother Danny to cut the lead to one goal at 15.37, giving coach Lamoureux his first opportunity to inject his masterminding into the fray. Islanders forced a faceoff in the Halifax defensive zone with two minutes and 45 seconds left in regular play, and Lamoureux pulled out goalie Hal Gordon to send out six forwards in an all-out effort for the equalizer.

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With so much time left in the game for such action, it was a desperate gamble, but it paid off. After forcing three faceoffs near the Halifax net without ever losing control, team captain Wes "Bucko" Trainor sent the Halifax fans into an uproar 23 seconds later when he backhanded the disc into the mesh for a 4-4 tie, Walter Pawlyshyn feeding Bucko the payoff pass.

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But unlike all good tales of "Dick Merril" fiction, it didn't end there. Halifax returned with the unbelievable at the 18.11 mark to send the score to 5-4. With Gordon back in the game again, Hughie Campbell drove back to send in a hard shot from the blueline that hit the goal-post, the puck coming back in a rebound that Bill Ford flipped into the net behind Gordon. It looked like a hopeless cause for the Islanders, but coach Lamoureux and his players stretched their resources to the last, by attempting again the strategy of a minute earlier.

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There was only 49 seconds left in the game when Gordon was called out of his cage again. As before, the Islanders forced three more faceoffs before they got the break they were looking for. Hammering all around a harassed D'Aoust, Walter Pawlyshyn took a pass from Bruno Favero that made the red light glow for the tying tally with 17 seconds of playing time left. The goal sent the contest into 10 minutes of overtime that proved fruitless for both teams to come up with the winning marker. They say truth is stranger than fiction, and who would doubt it after an example like that.

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Many teams in the past have pulled out their goalies in times of stress but the percentage of times it works is small compared to the number of times it either fails or backfires with another goal from the opposition. But when it is performed successfully twice in one game, that is something to talk about. You have to take your hat off to a coach and club like that, and judging from the reaction of Halifax fans on Thursday night, they did exactly that, which is something when it comes from the rival camp.

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Well, the Yuletide Season is just around the corner, and with its coming we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and yours of the sporting fraternity, a sincere and hearty VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Sugar Ray Wins From Villemain In 9th Round

PARIS, Dec. 22—(AP)—Welterweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson tonight made it two victories in a row over Robert Villemain by stopping the rugged French middleweight in the ninth round of a non-title 10-rounder at Palace de Sport.

It was the Harlem Dandy's fourth victory in a triumphal tour of Europe. He knocked out France's Jean Stock in Paris, halted Holland's Luc Van Dam in Brussels and outpointed Jean Walzack of France in Geneva. He winds up a six-week business-pleasure trip in Frankfurt, Germany, Christmas Day when he meets Germany's Hans Stretz.

Robinson weighed 155 1-2 to Villemain's 164.

While an overflow crowd of 29,000 roared, referee Robert Vesberg stopped the furious fight after 2:48 of the ninth. Robinson had clubbed the stubby Frenchman to the floor with a barrage of rights and lefts. Villemain staggered to his feet but the referee waved him to his corner.

Jockey Culmone Boots Home 371st Winner

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 22 — (AP) — Joe Culmone, the leading jockey in the United States, celebrated his return to the saddle at Tropical Park today by booting home his 371st winner this year.

The crowd cheered as the plucky little Sicilian crossed the marker on Brookmeade Stables's Blue Helme in the fifth race.

He finished third on Brookmeade's Ouija in the seventh and out of the money in the third and ninth.

It was Culmone's first appearance on the track since he was injured in a spill last Saturday.

The jockey has given up all hope of matching the all-time riding record of 388 winners set by Walter Miller in 1906, but he is determined to hold his lead for the 1950 U.S. riding honors.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 — (AP) — Jockey Willie Shoemaker booted home four winners at the New Orleans Fair Grounds today to climb within five of Joe Culmone, the leading rider in the United States.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 22—(AP) — Jack Kearns, manager of Joey Maxim, light heavyweight boxing titleholder, said today that Maxim will fight either Ezzard Charles or Lee Savold early next year at Las Vegas, Nev.

Miners Defeat Millionaires 3-2

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 22 — (CP) — Glace Bay Miners defeated Sydney Millionaires 3-2 tonight for their seventh victory in eight games with the leaders of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League.

Miners' Stan Robertson was the star of the game, as he collected two unassisted goals and one assist.

First Period

1—Glace Bay, Robertson (Gray) 14.57
2—Glace Bay, Bonhomme (Robertson, McCabe) 19.28
Penalties — None.

Second Period

3—Glace Bay, Robertson 6.28
4—Sydney, Cupolo (McIntyre) 14.27
Penalties — Dalgleish, Gray.

Third Period

5—Sydney, Matthews 15.06
Penalties—None.

Gavilan Wins Split Decision

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 — (CP) — Cuban Kid Gavilan, top-ranking welterweight contender, whipped young Joe Miceli of New York's east side in a split 10-round decision tonight after a fierce toe-to-toe battle at Madison Square Garden. Gavilan weighed 146½, Miceli 146.

Only a small crowd of 4,476 laid $12,714 to see the battle. There were no knockdowns although Gavilan shook up Miceli in the sixth and staggered him in the ninth. Miceli bled from cuts around the left eye and a slight gash near the right in the late rounds.

Marcel Brisebois, Montreal welterweight, outpointed Johnny (Red) Defazio, Bayonne, N.J., veteran, in a gruelling six-round semi-final. Brisebois scaled 145½, Defazio 147.

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 22 — (AP) — Semi-pro player contracts will be tighter next year to prevent raids by pro clubs, says Ray Dumont, president of the National Baseball Congress. Present contract provisions, in effect for 10 years, have prevented pirating only among non-pro clubs.

A snow blanketed countryside gives assurance of a "White Xmas," unless the weather moderates greatly in the next few days, and the wish on everyone's lips will have become a reality. It takes smoke rising from chimneys atop snow-covered roofs; rustic rail fences softened under winter's touch; glistening white fields against a background of dark green fir and spruce and the jingle of sleigh bells to bring out the real spirit of Xmas.

Many creatures of the wild also welcome a "White Xmas" but not for the same reasons that we humans do. Rabbits in their white winter coats stick out like sore thumbs against a background of dark alder swale. The bunnies were well aware of this. They knew that even on the darkest night they gleam like beacon lights but they have to stir out to quiet the pangs of hunger despite the ever present menace of the great horned owl that floats on silent wings through the dark aisles of the woods and over the swampy swales.

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Rabbits welcome a deep snow fall for yet another reason. Equipped as they are with natural snowshoes it doesn't matter whether the snow is one foot or ten feet in depth. As the winter progresses they prefer the deep snow. It puts tender buds and juicy twigs that grow on second growth saplings within reach of their sharp teeth and when hunted too heavily by Brer Fox they take shelter in a maze of tunnels that lie deep beneath the snow in matted spruce thickets. They can subsist for long periods on spruce bark and needles. They also relish juniper buds and twigs but prefer the tender buds of white birch and maple.

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Field mice also are creatures of the wild that feel safer under deep crusted snow, at least if they don't they should. When the ground is bare they make easy pickings for foxes as they travel along their tiny runways under the matted grass for a quick pounce and it's curtains for the luckless mouse. The fox is possessed with a delicate hearing apparatus and his sense of smell is equally acute. Mice families, snug in their round grass nests beneath the snow, would be reasonably safe if they'd cease their family bickerings — to my mind they're among the world's greatest 'yap artists' and hunting foxes take full advantage of this failing. Many times I have observed where a fox, travelling across a winter uncut hayfield or swale, had suddenly stopped, turned sharply off to one side and then dug out a nest of mice under two feet of snow. Sometimes he'd travel a good thirty feet from the point where had picked up the tell-tale sign

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One thing is certain the Hungarian partridge covey's will not welcome the recent heavy snow storm. Conditions are bad at present. The ground is heavily coated with a soft slushy snow and if severe frosts set in the bulk of the bird's food will be encased in a coating of ice and this will also apply to grit which is necessary for the covey's survival.

Pheasants are not so adversely effected by deep snow as the Huns as they take to the trees and bud when the going gets tough. Huns are strictly ground feeders. There is a good reason for this. They have no hind toe and are thus unable to roost in trees.

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As the old year draws to a close

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Treasure Island Now In Gaelic

HALIFAX, Dec. 22 — Rev. D.M. Sinclair has translated Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" into the Gaelic language. He told the Nova Scotia centre of the Poetry Society that the translation will be published in Scotland.

(Mr. Sinclair was formerly minister of the United Church at Valleyfield, P.E.I.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 — (AP) — The district attorney's office today launched an investigation into the tragic ring death of Al (Sonny Boy) West, 21-year-old Washington, D.C., boxer following a Wednesday night knockout.

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 21 — (Reuters)—The first cargo of United States coal to help relieve Britain's fuel crisis—4,500 tons for use of locomotives—was unloaded today from the Norwegian steamer Belbetty.

SNAP SHOT FINISHING

Rolls of film developed and printed and sent out the same day. Prints double size at no extra cost. Any 8 exposure roll 35c. Reprints 4c each or 10 for 35c. Mail Film Service, P.O. Box 294, Charlottetown.

Local Squad Outplays Shorthanded Visitors In Fast, Clean Encounter

The Charlottetown Islanders hammered out a convincing 5-1 victory over an understrength Halifax Saint Mary's aggregation here last night when they virtually skated them into the ice and outshone their opponents in every phase of the game.

The victory gives the Islanders a 13-point stranglehold on the league leadership over their defeated second-place rivals. Saint John Beavers' trail in third place eight points under Halifax while Moncton remain in the cellar 13 points down on Saint John.

Halifax played without the services of top scorer Bill Watson, out with an injured wrist, Tom Black with a torn ligament in his chest, Eddie Brown, a knee injury, and Bill Ford, who was unable to come to this city because his father-in-law is very ill. Young Orin Carver, a Charlottetown boy who played juvenile hockey here last season with Abbies, but is now a member of Saint Mary's junior squad, performed with the Halifax club last night.

It was a fast, wide-open contest that produced plenty of good, hard-checking hockey, but the Saintamarians were unable to cope with the firey play of the Islanders.

Jumping into the fray from the opening whistle, Islanders outscored Halifax 2-0 in the first period, 3-1 in the second and battled to a scoreless closing session. Saint Mary's only goal was scored by Hughie Campbell while the locals were playing a man shy, Clements off for hooking.

Outstanding goaltending by Eddie D'Aoust was the one big factor that saved the Saintamarians from a severe drubbing, when he kicked aside 17 shots in the opening frame, 11 in the second and the same number again in the third for the large total of 39 stops in the night's play. Hal Gordon in the Islanders cage was called upon to make a few close saves, but only had to handle 16 in all.

Walter Pawlyshyn lead the scoring efforts for Islanders with a brace of goals and an assist, while Johnny Duchak, Jack Morrow and Frank Bathgate got one each for the other three markers. Bruno Favero, Phil Vitale and Marcel Clements picked up two assists each, while Trainor and Beaudry also garnered assists. George McGregor assisted on Halifax's lone tally.

Walter Pawlyshyn was the winner of the Henderson and Cudmore hat donated for the outstanding player of the night. Pawlyshyn's performance, like the rest of his teammates last night, was aggressive and effective from the opening whistle to the closing one.

Lineups:

Halifax — Goal, D'Aoust; defence, McLaughlin, Campbell; centre, McGregor; wings, Anderson, Thomas. subs, Powers, Grabowski, Diguer, Wilkes, Hollett, Carver.

Charlottetown — goal, Gordon; defence, Travis, Vitale; centre, Trainor; wings, Favero, Pawlyshyn. Subs, McLagan, Duchak, Bathgate, D. Horeck, J. Horeck, Beaudry, Morrow, Clements.

Officials—Swain, Bradshaw, Kane

SUMMARY

First Period

1 —Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn (Vitalie, Trainor) .57
2—Charlottetown, Duchak (Clements) 10.08
Penalties — Anderson, Morrow, Thomas.

Second Period

3—Halifax, Campbell (McGregor) 6.27
4—Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn (Favero, Vitale) 13.34
5—Charlottetown, Morrow (Clements, Beaudry) 15.32
6—Charlottetown, Bathgate (Favero, Pawlyshyn) 17.5
Penalties—Clements.

Third Period

Scoring—None.
Penalty—Vitale.

To Recommend Head Harness In Pro Boxing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 — (AP) — The National Boxing Association of the United States today called a special meeting to recommend the use of a head harness in professional boxing.

President Archie F. Hindman of Hagerstown, Ind., said in a statement issued here that the boxing group's executive committee will meet shortly after the Christmas holidays.

The N.B.A. action was a direct result of the death of lightweight boxer Al (Sonny Boy) West in New York Thursday. It was the third ring fatality this year in the United States.

The promising Washington fighter died 22 hours after he had been knocked out by Percy Bassett of Philadelphia.

Hindman said, "I am going to recommend to the committee that it act to employ the lightweight collegiate head harness now used in college boxing."

Col. Harvey L. Miller, N.B.A. executive secretary, endorsed Hindmen's plea.

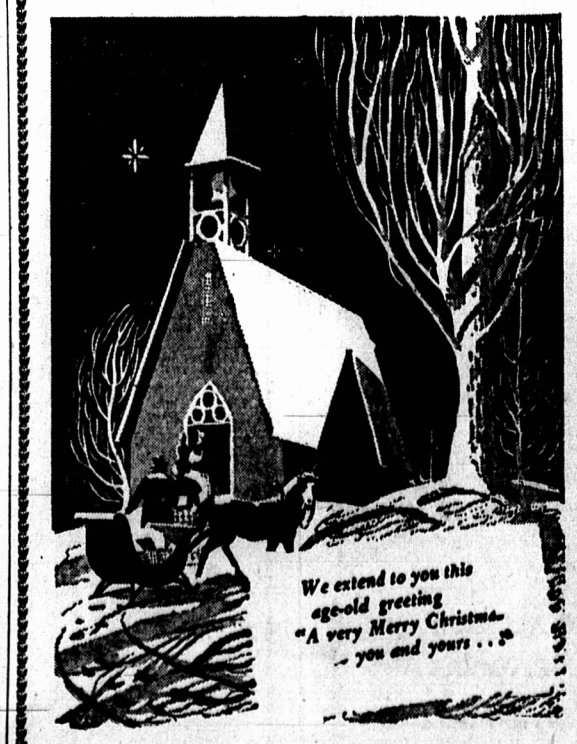
"If the harness is adopted," he said, "boxing injuries and casualties could be greatly reduced at the pro level.

"The rubber pad on the back of the head would cushion contact with the floor on knockdowns It would prevent scrambled ears, cut eyes and may eliminate technical knockouts due to cut eyes."

A-P-C League

ANTIGONISH, N. S., Dec. 22—(CP)—High-scoring featured tonight's Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior "B" Hockey League games.

Antigonish Bulldogs downed Pictou 14-2 while, at Stellarton, St. Francis Xavier Universtiy ousted New Glasgow 9-1.



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FRIDAY—CHILDREN'S SKATING—4 TO 5:30

HOCKEY—8:30—HALIFAX vs. ISLANDERS

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SKATING—3 TO 5

NIGHT SKATING—8 TO 10

SKATING CHRISTMAS DAY

TWO SESSIONS—
AFTERNOON—3 TO 5
EVENING—8 TO 10
NO SKATING TONIGHT

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