

Abbies Win Series Opener 6-1 Over Halifax

Glace Bay Miners Win Third Straight In Series

GLACE BAY, N. S., March 14—(CP)—Glace Bay Miners won their third straight Cape Breton Major Hockey League semi-finals game tonight, defeating North Sydney Victoria 6-2.

Miners scored four fast goals in the first period, added two more in the second while Vics picked up one and outscored Vics by the same margin in the third. Earl Frezell scored two goals for Miners and Gordie Bruce, Kenny Briggs, Stan Robertson and Paul Mundrick added singles. Bruce Gallagher and Olsen scored for Vics.

- First Period**
- 1—Glace Bay, Frezell (Robertson, Gray) 2:29
 - 2—Glace Bay, Frezell (Robertson) 1:47
 - 3—Glace Bay, Biggs (Delglish) 2:03
 - 4—Glace Bay, Bruce (Biggs, Korneck) 4:06
- Penalties—None.**
- Second Period**
- 5—North Sydney, Olsen (Gallagher) 1:32
 - 6—Glace Bay, Frezell (Frezell, Bonhomme) 2:37
 - 7—North Sydney, Gallagher (Beatty, Glover) 14:33
 - 8—Glace Bay, Mundrick (Bruce, Biggs) 15:59
- Penalties—Bruce, Dalglish, Scatilton (2).**

Covehead Wins Opener

The Covehead Red Wings squeezed out a close 3-2 overtime verdict over Milton Hornets in the opening game of a best of five series for the North River Hockey League championship, played over North River rink last evening.

Milton held a 1-0 lead at the end of the first frame, were outskated by Covehead in the second to trail 2-1 at the end of the second but came up with the equalizer in the closing frame to send the game into overtime.

Fred Hughes fired the winning marker for Covehead at 4:30 of the extra frame on an assist from Deacon to give the Red Wings their winning margin by one goal. Other sharpshooters for Covehead were H. Hughes, Dawson, while J. Cruwys and L. Andrew were the marksmen for Milton.

- First Period**
- 1—Milton, J. Cruwys 11:32
 - Penalties—Deacon
- Second Period**
- 2—Covehead, H. Hughes 10:15 (Fred Hughes)
 - 3—Covehead, Deacon 11:19
 - Penalties—McKay (2), Ayers
- Third Period**
- 4—Milton, L. Andrew 13:05 (C. MacLean)
 - Penalties—C. MacLean
- Overtime**
- 5—Covehead, Fred Hughes 4:30 (Deacon)
 - Penalties—None

Leafs Defeat Rangers 3-1

NEW YORK, March 14—(AP)—Toronto Maple Leafs defeated New York Rangers 3-1 tonight and prevented the Rangers from snapping a third-place tie with Boston Bruins.

Toronto was ahead all the way during the sluggish National Hockey League game before 7,403 fans. New York and Boston are one point ahead of the fifth-place Montreal Canadiens.

- First Period**
- 1—Toronto, Smith (Sloan, Kennedy) 13:3
 - Penalty—Raleigh

Big Moccasin Dance Tonight

Two of the Province's best known organizations, Leo Lamoureux's "Islanders" Hockey Club, and Don Messer's "Islanders" orchestra, will be the feature attraction at the Forum tonight at the mammoth moccasin dance.

Midway through the programme, time out will be taken to present each member of the Islander's Club with a sports jacket, as a memento of their 1951 winter with the local organization. The jackets are a smart combination of garnet and gold, the Club colors and the team's crest, a miniature geographical replica of the Island, takes nothing from their smart appearance.

In attendance for the presentation will be Lt.-Governor T. W. L. Prowse, Premier J. Walter Jones and Charlottetown's Mayor, B. Earle MacDonald. Since the first of the important playoff games with Halifax takes place on Saturday night, it is hoped that a bumper dance crowd and non-dancers, will be present to express their appreciation of the great work of the boys throughout the winter.

Cooperating one hundred per cent, the management of the Forum are turning the building over to the Club for the evening free of charge. This is only another example of practical help and encouragement given by the Forum throughout the long hockey season.

It is understood that those other top grade performers, Don Messer's Islanders, are also furnishing the dance program free as their contribution to the night's proceedings.

Leo the Lion's men will dance tonight not skate, and 'tis said some of them shake a mean leg. At any rate everybody will have a chance to meet the boys who carry the Island's hopes in the pending playoffs against the conquerors of St. John Beavers, the high-flying St. Mary's Club.

Bratton Wins Welter Title By Decision

CHICAGO, March 14—(AP)—Johnny Bratton tonight won the National Boxing Association's version of the welterweight boxing championship by defeating Charley Fusari in a blistering 15-round battle in the Chicago Stadium.

The decision, however, was not unanimous. One judge voted 76-74 in favor of Fusari, the New Jersey ex-milkman. Fusari survived two knockdowns to make a courageous fight from start to finish. Referee Freddie Gilmore joined in voting with the other judge 78-72 for Bratton.

Bratton, a cagey, sharp two-fisted puncher, met Fusari's plodding, methodical style with a blazing attack.

National League Standings

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Detroit	39	12	13	209	130	91
Toronto	35	16	13	193	132	83
New York	19	24	21	158	183	59
Boston	21	26	17	166	178	59
Montreal	22	28	14	161	169	58
Chicago	13	42	10	156	252	36

Second Period

- 2—Toronto, Klukay (Timgren) 19:06
- Penalty—Flaman

Third Period

- 3—New York, Toppazzini (O'Connor, Sinclair) 17:44
- 4—Toronto, Thomson 18:52
- Penalties—None



The news that everyone has been waiting for, the setting of the dates for the Maritime Major Hockey League finals between Islanders and Halifax Saint Mary's will get underway here on Saturday night, following a mutual agreement between officials of the two hockey clubs.

The date has been originally set for Monday, March 19th. Meeting in a best four out of seven series for the Big Four title, the second game of the series will also be played here on Monday night, with the scene of action then shifting to Halifax on Wednesday and Saturday for the third and fourth games.

Additional games necessary to decide the series will be alternated between Charlottetown and Halifax game for game until a final decision is reached.

The final decision was made early yesterday afternoon between officials of the two clubs who arrived at a mutual agreement to get the series rolling before the tentative date that had been set for Monday, March 19th. It is the series that hockey fans have been waiting to see all season, and there is no doubt that local fans will be in for some action-packed hockey when the two big clubs of the circuit come out on Saturday night to do battle for that all-important lead-off victory.

Once again congratulations are to be extended to the Charlottetown Junior Abegweits, when under the guiding hand of coach Art Perry, they added the N.B.-P.E.I. junior "B" championship to their provincial title here on Tuesday night to advance another leg along the junior playoff trail for Maritime honors. Meeting the Moncton Bruins, New Brunswick champions, here on that date in the second game of their home and home, total goal series, the Abbies showed plenty of speed and sniping power to down the Bruins by the lopsided count of 7-2 and take the round by an 11-6 margin. The two squads had played to a 4-4 deadlock at Sackville the night previous.

Displaying better passing plays at times than the Abbies, the Moncton crew lacked the speed and hitting power and fell short on their sniping and finished plays around the net as compared to the locals who seldom missed a good scoring opportunity. They were aggressive though, and held their own of the territory play to match the Abbies shot for shot on goal, but many were weak ones due to a tight Charlottetown defensive, sparked mainly by Burgess and MacNevin who both turned in solid blue-line performances.

Playing a somewhat scambly style of play in the first and final frames, the middle session produced by far the best calibre of hockey when both teams went wide-open on the play and were making their passes click on snappy front line attacks that gave some 600 fans some classy hockey to watch at times, and was certainly not lacking in action when the boys of either team showed a

keenness to rough it up. Handling the whistles, and making a good job of it too, Phil Vitale of the Islanders and J. Cormier of Moncton, broke up a number of possible outbursts with prompt action that sent 15 men to sinners' row during the contest, two drawing majors for fighting.

But the Abbies have a tough road ahead of them yet before they can lay claim to the Maritime title. They met Halifax Saint Mary's here last night in the opening game of a home and home, total goal series for the Maritime junior "B" hockey title, and although this column was written before that game took place, it is probably safe in saying that the Abbies had more than their hands full with the Halifax junior "B" brigade.

Should they win through the series, the final game to be played at Halifax on Friday night, they will be the new Maritime junior "B" titlists, and will have earned the right to meet the junior "A" winners which is presently being decided between Halifax Saint Mary's and Sydney Millionaires juniors, for the all-Maritime junior crown. But that is looking a long way ahead, and for the moment we will wish the Abbie pucksters well for their junior "B" title series against Halifax.

Big Four Finals Open Here Saturday Night

Minor League Finals Tonight

Island playoff championship hockey competition scheduled for tonight under the Department of Physical Fitness will see the Charlottetown Abbies and the Bedeque-Freetown squads clash tonight at Bedeque rink at 8:15 in the first of a home and home series for the Island Juvenile championship and the Garnham trophy, while the semi-final round for the Island Interscholastic girls hockey title will get underway at Georgetown against the high school girls of that centre. It will be the first of a home and home series, with the winners meeting the Summerside St. Mary's Academy girls in the finals for the Physical Fitness trophy.

The final game of the Island Boy Scout hockey playdowns will also take place tonight at O'Leary when the Charlottetown Trinity team take on the O'Leary troop for the Provincial Boy Scout Association trophy. Trinity hold a one game edge on the series so far, having won the opening contest 6-3.

Intermediate C Series To Open

The opening game of a home and home finals series for the Island Intermediate "C" hockey championship will get underway on Friday evening at North River rink when the Glasgow Road Maple Leafs, winners of the Kings-Queens title will meet either Lennox Island Miemps or Ellerslie. Miemps and Ellerslie meet in their final playoff series tonight at Mount Pleasant to decide the winner to advance into the finals against Glasgow Road. The championship play will be for the Physical Fitness intermediate "C" trophy.

St. F. X. Shuts Out Amherst 8-0

ANTIGONISH, N.S., March 14—(CP)—St. Francis Xavier shutout Amherst Ramblers 8-0 tonight to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven finals series for the Nova Scotia senior hockey title. The college crew scored one goal in the first, five in the second and two more in the third.

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Another Fine Donation For The Islanders

"Bob" Holman, who played a rugged game of hockey himself not so many years ago, and now is President of R. T. Holmans, the Island's largest departmental store, sent the Company's cheque to Mayor MacDonald's Hockey Fund yesterday, for one hundred dollars.

The letter which accompanied the cheque, expressed the hope that more native talent be given a chance to play with the club, if possible. Mr. Holman stressed that this was only a suggestion and that he was greatly impressed with the valuable publicity that the Club had brought to the Province during the winter. Mayor MacDonald was very pleased about the Summerside Company's contribution and with the letter which Mr. Holman had taken the trouble to write. The Mayor remarked that he liked the neighborly spirit in which the donation was given, and also the sentiment of the letter.

LAKELAND, Fla., March 14—(AP)—The Detroit Tigers announced today the outright sale of outfielder Johnny Cuel to Oklahoma City of the Texas League. The price was not disclosed.

Take 5-Goal Lead For Maritime Junior "B" Hockey Title

A smooth-skating band of Charlottetown Abegweits juniors came up with a powerful performance here at the Forum last night to down the Saint Mary's juniors 6-1 in the opening game of their series for the Maritime Junior "B" hockey championship.

Saints led only an 11-man squad. The victory gives the Abbies a five-goal advantage going into the final game scheduled for Halifax on Friday.

Holding a margin on the attack and at the same time displaying tight defensive play inside their own blueline, Abbies came up with a brace of goals in the opening frame. They garnered two more while Halifax sniped one in the second, and turned on the pressure in the latter minutes of the closing session to rifle home a brace more and wind up the game with a liberal five-goal margin.

But they were kept humping all the time by a smart-passing Halifax squad who came up with some driving attacks that only close checking hockey and some nice goal-tending by young Thane Dcyle barred the door to some close scoring attempts.

Howard Glover and Arnold McCallum carried the bulk of the Abbies sniping, the former coming up with the hat-trick with three and the latter picking up a brace while defenceman Don Burgess potted the other on an unassisted effort.

Roy Craig did the honors for Halifax's lone marker with Harold Flynn garnering the assist on the play. The game packed plenty of wallop, with both squads using their bodies freely to really rough things up at times that brought about 20 penalties, including two majors for fighting. Abbies picked up eight of the awards and Halifax 12.

Both goalies came up with some very snappy goal-tending at times with Clyde Miller in the Halifax cage turning aside 31 shots while Thane Doyle of Abbies handled 18.

Lineups:—
Halifax: Goal, Miller; defence, MacNeil, Hughes; centre, McInnis; wings, Mantin, Vincent, Subs, Casey, MacLellan, Flynn, Craig, Damour.
Charlottetown: Goal, Doyle; defence, Burgess, Coyle; centre, Jardine, wings, Glover, Dalziel, Subs, MacDonald, MacNevin, McCallum, MacLure, Scantlebury, Trainor, Leonard, Dunn.

Referees: Phil Vitale and Power
Summary:—
First Period
1—Ch'town, McCallum (Scantlebury, McLean) 2:58
2—Ch'town, Glover (Burgess, Dalziel) 9:45
Penalties: Mantin, MacNeil, Coyle, Casey, Hughes.

Second Period
3—Ch'town, Glover (Coyle, Jardine) 1:53
4—Halifax, Craig (Flynn) 13:40
5—Ch'town, Burgess (Jardine, Coyle) 16:38
Penalties: Scantlebury, Hughes, Dalziel, Glover, McInnis, Coyle, Jardine, Casey, Mantin, MacLellan.

Third Period
6—Ch'town, McCallum (Scantlebury, McLean) 17:17
7—Ch'town, Glover (Jardine, Coyle) 19:00
Penalties: Hughes (minor, major), McCallum, Dalziel (major), MacLellan.

'Islanders' Hockey Club DANCE and PRESENTATION

TONIGHT, MARCH 15th AT THE FORUM a Mammoth Dance will be held in honor of the Islanders Hockey Club. During the evening each member of the club will be presented with a Sport Jacket bearing the club crest. The ceremonial presentation will be carried out with the Governor, and Premier of the Province and Charlottetown's Mayor in attendance.

—ISLANDERS' MUSIC TOO—
Just to make it THE ISLANDERS' NIGHT throughout, Don Messer's "ISLANDERS" are contributing the music. All the members of the Islanders Hockey Club will be dancing.

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