"Buck" Whitlock Makes Hockey History

Reaches Highlight Of Starry Career By Scoring No: 300 Last Night

The hockey career of the most feared goal scorer in the Maritimes reached a climax last night as Charlottetown's Roy "Buck" Whitlock scored against the Halifax Atlantics for the 300th goal in his Maritime Senior and Major Hockey career.

When Whitlock fired that last puck past goaltender Roy MacMeeKin he became the first man in the history of Maritime hockey ever to reach the 300 goal circle. He accomplished this feat in a little more than six and one half seasons of play.

However the hockey career of the brilliant centreman with the quick moving brain, the piercing eye and the sharp reflexes began back in the days of the Junior Royals. He first came into prominence on the night that —

Walter Lawlor, the soft spoken coach of the Charlottetown Junior Royals, who had guided the Royals to Maritime junior championships in the years 1939 and 1940, was a worried man as he encouraged his players between the second and third periods of the final game between the Junior Royals and the Truro Bearcats for the Maritime championship on the night of March 14, 1941.

The score at the end of the second period of that game played in the Charlottetown Forum almost a dozen years ago was 4-4 but the Royals were trailing in the two game total goal series by one score. They had been defeated in the opening game 5-4 by the big and fast Truro squad.

Back in the corner of the dressing room sat a slender 17-year-old kid who was drinking in each word that Lawlor said. The young fellow's name was Roy "Buck" Whitlock. He had already scored two goals and assisted on another. Before the night was to be over he was to spring into prominence in the Maritime hockey world and there, with the exception of the intervening war year, he has remained.

The third period of the game between the Royals and the Bearcats was only a little over a minute old when defenseman Hodgson of the Royals whipped a shot into the Truro net to even the series.

Displays Scoring Ability

Then young Whitlock displayed the goal scoring ability which has since placed him in the ranks of the greatest hockey players who ever came out of the Maritimes.

At the three minute mark he took a pass from Gordie Kelly to score the series winning goal. About six minutes later he took another Kelly pass to put the Royals two goals ahead. Fourteen seconds later he converted a pass from Vern Blanchard to give the Royals a three goal lead and several minutes afterwards he fed Blanchard a pass for the final goal of the game.

The score at the end of the game was 9-5 in favor of the thrice Maritime junior champion Royals. Out of the nine goals Whitlock scored five and assisted on two. Another Maritime hockey star was on his way.

However, it was almost five years before the name of "Buck" Whitlock was again to be flashed across the Maritime hockey front. The youngest player of a hockey playing family enlisted in the Canadian Navy in the spring of 1941 and remained in the service until after the completion of the war.

And it was in the Navy that Whitlock's hockey career was almost ended. He was aboard the Frigate H.M.C.S. Valleyfield when that good ship was torpedoed in the North Atlantic in 1944 with the loss of over 130 men. Whitlock was one of the 35 men who survived the ordeal.

The Charlottetown boy spent about two hours in the frigid waters. When he was rescued he was paralyzed from the hips down. He gradually regained the use of his legs but to this day 'Buck's" feet still suffer from the effects of the experience. It takes him about a week to break in a pair of new skates in order that he may play without the boots hurting him.

Hockey Playing Family

Buck comes by his hockey ability honestly. He is the son of hockey playing and hockey-loving Nelson Whitlock. Nels never had the opportunity to develop into a name hockey player but he was one of the better players in the City during the days he played with Stewart's Bakery and the Elms. After his playing days Nels maintained a rabid interest in hockey and was one of the officials most closely connected with the Junior Royals in the years 1939-40-41. Today he watches every game the Islanders play on Charlottetown ice with unparalleled interest.

Buck's two older brothers, "Pud" and "Tarky" were standout players. "Pud" was a star on the Junior Abbies of 1934 when that team won the Maritime junior championship and went to the Canadian finals against the Toronto St. Mike's.

Five years later it was "Tarky's" turn to star for a Charlottetown junior team. He was one of the first string men of the 1939 Royals when they won the Maritime junior title and later lost out in a thrilling, unforgettable series to the Perth Blue Wings.

With such a hockey pedigree it was almost impossible for Buck to be anything but a star. He showed in the 1945-46 season that his flashy performance as a junior was the real thing. He literally burnt up the A.P.C. League ice last winter as he prepared himself for the Maritime Senior League.

The following year he joined the Moncton Hawks, and although the Hawks officials didn't know it at the time they were signing a young fellow destined to become the greatest goal scorer in the history of Maritime senior and major hockey.

More Than 600 Points

In the six seasons and a half since then he has become the only man in the Maritimes to score at least 300 goals in Maritime senior play. In that time he has compiled well over 600 points for another all-time Maritime scoring record.

Three times he has won the Maritime scoring title. With the Moncton Hawks in 1947-48 he finished first with 94 points. He led the league again in the years 1949-50 and 50-51. In the latter year he scored 126 points for a record performance. This year, again he is well on his way to winning another scoring crown.

Buck played for three seasons with the Moncton Hawks. He picked up 60 points the first year to finish tenth in the scoring. The following year he led the league with 94 points and the next year, his poorest in hockey, he placed twelfth with 48 points.

The Hawks and many others connected with hockey figured that the shifty Charlottetown centre with the magic stick was over the hill. As a result Moncton traded Whitlock to the Saint John Beavers in what should go down in hockey books as the greatest theft in the Maritimes.

Whitlock soon showed that he only needed a change of location to regain his scoring wizardry. With the Beavers he skated, stickhandled and shot his way to two straight scoring championships. In 1949-50 he racked up 113 points and the following year the record breaking 126.

Back To Charlottetown

By this time Charlottetown was back in the Maritime Major picture and it was only natural that Whitlock should want to play with the Islanders and the Islanders certainly needed Whitlock. "Buck" attempted to obtain his release from the Beavers but the Saint John officials said no. The Beavers knew that Whitlock would not play with them and consequently at the start of the 1951-52 season they sold him to Moncton Hawks for $400.

Leo Lamoureux, then coach of the Islanders, arranged a three-for-one trade with Moncton by which he obtained the services of "Buck". Despite the fact that he had different line-mates nearly every week of the season "Buck" finished seventh in the scoring race of a very strong league last year.

This year he has produced some of his greatest hockey. He started fast and by Christmas time was well in the lead of the scoring parade. He was sharper around the net than at any time in his career and by the first of the New Year he had scored 35 goals.

And the amazing part of his performance was that he kept potting goals despite the fact that he was being held, held, checked and hampered as no other player ever has been in the Maritime Major League.

Through it all "Buck" was clicking for an average of two or more points a game. Opposing goaltenders and defenseman kept stating that he was the man they feared most. They marked him well every time he stepped on the ice and yet he kept scoring.

On top of this "Buck" was doing almost double duty. The Islanders had only two regular centre men. Whitlock and "Hub" Beaudry shared most of the centre-ice burden between them as they strove to keep the Islanders in the running.

Shortly after the first of the year however, "Buck" hit a scoring slump. He kept picking up assists as his wing-men did the scoring but for a time it became almost impossible for "Buck" to even buy a goal.

He picked the odd goal to move closer to the 300 circle and then last Monday night when he was only three goals away he broke out in the familiar Whitlock style to count for two goals and set the stage for last night's performance.

Sometime in the near future a "Night" is to be held for "Buck". This will take the form of the biggest hockey celebration of its kind ever staged in Charlottetown as his many admirers show him their token of appreciation.

It is not only in hockey alone that Whitlock has been a star. As a shortstop in baseball he has no peer in this Province. Had he received the proper coaching as a youngster it is likely that he could have advanced into big-time baseball.

Offered N. H. L. Try-Out

How far might he have gone in hockey? that is a question that will never be answered with certainty. He would likely have made the N. H. L. had he so desired. He was offered a three-game try-out with the Montreal Canadiens during the 1947-48 season and declined the offer.

He certainly would have been a star in the American Hockey League. Just several weeks ago Col. Victor Oland of Halifax stated that Whitlock would be a star in the A. H. L. today and he would be a much sought after hockey player if he were a few years younger.

Although he has been around athletic circles a long time "Buck" is only 29 years of age. He was born on January 5, 1924.

"Buck" will still star in Maritime hockey for several years if he wishes. Indeed "Buck" will be able to score goals as long as he can wear a pair of skates. However, the future of Whitlock's hockey depends a great deal upon the future of the Islanders Hockey Club. If they continue to function Whitlock will continue to play. If not it is doubtful if he will join another Maritime team.

"Buck" has his business centered in Charlottetown where he resides the year-round with his wife the former Kaye Chaplin of Moncton and their two children Bobby, three and a half and Cathy, 15 months.

The young fellow who led the Junior Royals to a Maritime Championship in 1941 has come a long way since then. In the intervening years there have been so many outstanding performances of his hockey feats that it would be impossible to touch on them here.

We hope that there will be more such outstanding feats. Prince Edward Island hockey fans are proud of the accomplishments of their native son and all will join with us in extending him hearty congratulations for his magnificient achievements.

Homage To Our Scoring King!

Whitlock's Record

Team	Year	Goals	Assists	Points	Position
Moncton Hawks	46-47	25	35	60	10th
Moncton Hawks	47-48	59	35	94	1st
Moncton Hawks	48-49	18	30	48	12th
St. John Beavers	49-50	64	49	113	1st
St. John Beavers	50-51	57	69	126	1st
Charlottetown Islanders	51-52	32	59	91	7th
Charlottetown Islanders	52-53	45	57	102	?
	Totals	300	334	634	

Back Stretch

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est rumour on the rounds is that a group of New Waterford sportsmen will be in the top free-for-all competition before this season opens and this is welcome news. They have kept their eye on a big winner, we hear, and if he can keep winning, well who knows New Waterford could lead the way. Everything is building for a big season here. You don't have to look into any crystal ball to realize this. When you have such well-known free-for-allers as Super Hal, Lucky Chief, Victorious Guy, Josedale Clansman, June Bee, Pat D., Vella-la-Vella, Texas Brewer and Handbook, all capable of going in 2.09, you are assured of big events practically every night. And it wouldn't be surprising if some other big names are added before this season opens. It's nice to know the 'go ahead' signal has been flashed."

Quite a row is being kicked up in Ireland because of the purchase of the unbeaten thoroughbred race horse Tulyar, winner of the Epsom Derby, the Saint Leger and five other British stake races, to the Irish National Stud which is supported largely by the Irish government. The price is almost a record-breaker—$700,000. Irish horse breeders were tickled pink to learn that such a valuable stallion would be available in their country but the opposition to Premier DeValera's government believe the price is excessive in view of the already heavy burdens borne by the people. Tulyar was featured in this column recently and was owned by the Aga Khan, largest money winning thoroughbred owner in Europe or in fact the world the past season.

The United States Trotting Association, Columbus, Ohio, announces the immediate distribution of Vol. 65 of the U.S.T.A. Year Book. It is the biggest edition of the harness racing sport's famed reference ever published. The 1235 page book covers the 1952 harness racing season and is 67 pages thicker than last year's record-breaking edition. It carries a complete summary of every harness race contested in the United States and Canada last year and chronicles the activities of 11,938 trotters and pacers which participated in 19,751 races over 501 tracks. Other features include the world's records and major stakes chronicles sections and the important assignment of eligibilities chart:

A copy of the Year Book is mailed without charge to all United States Trotting Association members and the books will be sent out immediately on application for membership, etc. for 1953, so if you want your Year Book in a hurry, send in your membership right away. One of the irritating features for members of the Association in the Maritimes at least, has been the charging of a duty on the Year Book. Notice from the U. S. T. A. to Canadian members states that this matter has been taken up with the customs excise department and we understand that there will be no duty or charges collected in future.

We have received the first entry blank for the new race track which will be operated by the Mid-State Raceway, Inc., Vernon Downs, Oneida, N. Y. It is a very strong and wealthy management. The president is Octave Blake, president of the Grand Circuit, the vice president, Clarence F. Gaines of Gainesway Farm, a multi-millionaire, and the general manager is Edwin T. Keller, who was manager of Foxboro Raceway for several years. The Vernon Downs meeting runs for 66 nights starting from July 1st. An entry form with 107 early closing events has been received. Purses are from $1,200 to $5,000. The track is a three-quarter mile oval, the only such type of night racing plant operated anywhere. The new track will be a great help to horsemen in that it has been almost impossible to secure sufficient stabling at Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceway.

Harrison Hoyt, owner of Demon Hanover, one of the world's greatest money winning trotters, has leased a one year half interest in the Hambleton candidate Lloyd Frederick. This three-year-old colt is owned by Dr. W. F. Vail of Greenwich, Conn., and was the star of last year's two-year-old amateur events at Saratoga Raceway, winning eight of ten and trotting in 2.11. "Doc" Vail is a very old friend of Ernie McTague's, their friendship being formed when we were racing at Dufferin track, Toronto, and Mount Clements, Michigan. He has the honor of winning one of the $25,000 pacing derbies and has many other notable victories to his credit.

The Canadian Trotting Association at their annual meeting held in the Royal York Hotel, has adopted with very few changes the rules of the United States Trotting Association. Some exception is being made with regard to horses 15 years and over. There had been a lot of trouble with owners entering horses and then failing to show up for the race. Under the U.S.T.A. rules this will become a thing of the past as all owners are required to race where they have made an entry and fines and suspensions are in order if they do not.

Hunter's Corner

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to be hunting. Apparently increasing the popularity of hunting as an outdoor sport is not confined to this province. A news release by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service dated February 4th, 1953 has this information to impart to hunters. to quote in part: "United States hunters purchase nearly 14 million licenses . . . Wild game in America faced the greatest barrage of hunters in all history during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1952, when a record breaking total of 13,902,428 hunting licenses were sold by the 48 states according to a report released today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas MacKay. The previous high record of 12,758,798 license sales was in fiscal year 1949. The gross revenue derived by the States from the 1952 license sales amounted to $36,993,668."

The news release shows that Pennsylvania and Michigan are the two top hunting States. In 1951-52 1,070,239 hunting licenses were sold in Pennsylvania and 1,052,121 in Michigan. Incidentally Pennsylvania attracted the greatest number of out-of-state hunters. That's hunting in a big way. Last season's hunting results will be tabulated in the 1952-53 report and it would not be a surprise if another record has been broken when this is released in 1954.

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Census returns for 1952 received to date from local hunters and anglers are disappointing in the extreme. Less than a quarter of one per cent have been turned in. Nothing less than a 25 per cent return is of any definite value in respect to enumerating the season take of fish and game. Local hunters and anglers by their lackadaisical attitude are asking that this census return be made compulsory. Wake up boys, it's too late to holler when the 'pinch' is applied.

Definite knowledge of the quantity of fish and game taken each season is invaluable. It enables the Department concerned to establish how each species of game is standing up to hunting. If our Ruffed grouse for instance show a falling off in numbers each hunting season the sensible thing to do is to shorten the season or close it altogether.

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In a recent 'Corner' I gave the game returns from 104 hunters, all who had submitted their kill to date. Since that was published several hunters have talked to me and refused to believe that the take was that heavy. One said: "I hunt a lot but I didn't shoot that many birds". That really doesn't mean that someone else made a return that wasn't correct. Some are better hunters than others and often a very ordinary hunter gets the breaks and seems to have the luck.

The odd hunter may pad his return a bit to make it look better but I feel that the great majority of Game Census returns submitted are correct and an accurate tabulation of the fish and game taken. In many instances I have personal knowledge of a hunter's take whether he knows it or not. Out of a batch of returns that came in this week I have picked out five. Some are above average while others are what the ordinary hunter will shoot in a season. They are from five different districts and I know that at least three of them are correct returns which includes the one from Parkdale.

Gaytown: 264 trout, five Huns, seven pheasants, four ducks. Summerside: 172 trout, eight Huns, 11 geese, 37 ducks. Southport: 137 trout, 28 Huns, four pheasants, 42 rabbits, 29 ducks. Mount Albion: 36 trout, four Huns, two pheasants, five ducks. Parkdale: 61 trout, nine Huns, three Ruffed grouse, six pheasants, 11 rabbits, 12 geese, 43 ducks.

That's the reported kill from five hunters and when one stops to consider we have an estimated approximately nine thousand hunters in the province, three thousand of them licensed urban gunners, the total take of fish and game would reach a staggering figure. Get busy fellas and shoot your returns in, and avoid another regulation being added to the Game Act.

Rifle Shoot

Results of the Small Bore Club shoot at the Armouries recently follow:

A. Mutch	98
Fred Younker	97
Bob Barwise	96
Don MacDonald	95
Roy McCabe	94
R. M. Vessey	94
Earl Burke	94
Ralph Jenkins	94
Dr. T. Hooper	94
G. J. Rogers	94
S. Crawford	93
P. J. Landrigan	93
I. S. Vessey	91
Bob Jones	91
Pat Landrigan	90
Gordon Rodd	90
G. Crosby	90
Mrs. W. Brennan	88
R. Stewart	88
E. Platts	88
Paul Jenkins	87
Clive Stewart	87
Mrs. Mollison	86
Wilson Ross	85
W. Carver	84
Wanda MacMillan	81
Eileen Mutch	80
Noreen Auld	80
G. P. MacPherson	80
Jas. Smith	80
G. Stewart	80

Glace Bay Miners In 4-3 Overtime Victory Over Sydney Millionaires

SYDNEY, (CP)—Glace Bay Miners pushed Sydney Millionaires deeper in the Maritime Major Hockey League cellar Friday night when Eddie Joss scored in overtime for a 4-3 victory.

The teams matched single goals in each period but Joss drove home the winner at 4.19 of overtime of a play set up by Bob Verrier and Connie Bonhomme.

Glace Bay outshot Sydney 32-25 and both goalies came up with some big saves during the free-wheeling contest. Don Whalen, Freddie Hildebrand and Eddie Marineau were the Sydney marksmen, while Johnny Raynak, Pop Backor and Gordie Miller scored the Miners' other goals. The win pushed the Miners seven points ahead of Sydney.

Lineup:

Glace Bay — Goal: Lockhart; defence, Hinchberger, Burega, Verrier, Amadio; forwards, Joss, McKenzie, Bonhomme, Watson, McCracken, Miller, Backor, Macey, Raynak.

Sydney — Goal, Pidsodny; defence, McIntyre, Marineau, Tyshko, Whalen; forwards, Robertson, Rowe, Hildebrand, Birukow, Morrow, McDonagh, Horeck, Hill, Pirie.

Referees: Gerald Mathieu and Marty McIntyre.

First Period

1—Glace Bay, Raynak (Macey, Backor) 14.43
2—Sydney, Whalen (Hildebrand) 18.34

Penalties: Hinchberger 8.32; Morrow 12.00; Hill 16.07.

Second Period

3—Sydney, Hildebrand (Rowe, Robertson) 1.08
4—Glace Bay, Backor (Macey) 18.05

Penalties: Marineau 7.26; Joss 13.28; Raynak 14.17.

Third Period

5—Glace Bay, Miller (McCracken, Hinchberger) 4.11
6—Sydney, Marineau (Robertson) 17.48

Penalties: Burega 1.53; McIntyre 3.52, 18.44; Hinchberger 16.46.

Overtime Period

7—Glace Bay, Joss (Bonhomme, Verrier) 4.19

Penalties: None.

Stops:

Lockhart	10	12	7	1	—30
Pidsodny	6	16	5	0	—27

Figure-Skating Competition For Women Opens

DAVOS, Switzerland, (CP) — Blonde Suzanne Morrow of Toronto carried Canada's hope of winning the world figure-skating championship for women as 22 girls from nine countries took over the five acres of ice here Tuesday night for three days of competition.

The 21-year-old skater is seeking the title won in 1948 by Ottawa's Barbara Ann Scott. Miss Morrow placed third last year in the world championship, won by Jacqueline du Bief of France, who now has turned professional.

Generally, however, Tenley Albright, 17-year-old Boston skater, and England's Valda Osborn, European champion, are favored to lead in the competition.

The men's title, held for five years by Richard Button, was won two days ago by Hahes A. Jenkins of Akron, Ohio. Button has turned pro.

The world championship for ice dancing was won Thursday by Jean Westwood and Lawrence Demmy of England.

Marion Sees St. Louis Browns Third-Place Club

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., (AP) —Many might think he has delusions, but Marty Marion says his St. Louis Browns are a third-place ball club. They finished seventh last year.

"Right now," said Marion, "I'll concede an edge only to New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians."

He was looking over a score of players here to open spring training, and what he saw may have given him extra cheer.

For one thing, there was Virgil Trucks, who tossed two no-hitters for Detroit last year. And Harry Brecheen, past his prime no doubt, but still the only southpaw ever to win three World Series victories—with St. Louis Cardinals in 1946.

"I'm planning on Trucks for one of my regular pitchers, along with Bob Caln, Dick Littlefield, Duane Pillette and Bobo Holloman," Marion said. Brecheen is my Sunday pitcher. In other words, I'll pick spots for him to start, also use him some in relief and to teach tricks to our youngsters.

"Satchell Paige and Marlin Stuart look like the bull-penners and Gene Bearden another spot starter. Now if I can just find a sleeper or two among the rest, we'll really be rough.

Boston Girl Leads Figure Skating Meet

DAVOS, Switzerland, (AP) — Seventeen-year-old Tenley Albright of Boston, who overcame an attack of polio in 1947, held a comfortable lead Friday in the women's world figure skating championships.

If the pretty blonde senior of Manter Hall, Cambridge, Mass., continues her sparkling performance in the free skating Sunday, she can become the first American girl to win the world title.

After four of the six compulsory figures had been completed, Tenley was 10 points ahead of Gundi Busch, German champion, with 468.5 points to 548.5.

Valda Osborn of England, was third with 456.1, and Suzanne Morrow, 22, of Toronto, was fourth with 450.7.

Surprise of the day was 13-year-old Carol Heiss of New York, who skated like a veteran for fifth place with 439 points.

Vivi Smith of Toronto was sixth with 438.5.

Final results of the compulsory figures cannot be computed on points alone, but must await the final calculations of first place by seven judges. These placements will not be available until all six figures have been completed Saturday.

However, the points usually are a good indication of the standings of skaters.

The championship will be decided Sunday with four minutes of free style skating for each contestant.

HALIFAX (CP) —Lionel Zinck of Spryfield was rabbit hunting when he shot a large hare. He was astonished to find it had only one ear. There was not even a stump or an indentation where the other should have been.

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PAY PARADE

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Final pay parade for the fiscal year ending 1952 will be held at the Ordnance Compound at 1430 hrs. Sunday 15 Feb. '53 for personnel of the P. E. I. Regt. (17 Recce).

All personnel will attend in uniform.

A. W. ROGERS,
Commanding
P.E.I. Regt. (17 Recce)