

Statement From Executive Of Islanders' Hockey Club

The following statement has been received from the executive of the P. E. Islanders' Hockey Club:

"Immediately following the annual meeting of the P. E. Islanders' Hockey Club in June last, at which time the present directors were elected, and as soon as the new officers had been chosen, a committee of the Executive met with our auditors to attempt to figure out with pencil and paper whether or not the Club could actually continue to function at all another season from a financial point of view. Faced with a large deficit from last season and a somewhat smaller one from the year before, the Executive realized that it would be extremely unwise, if not impossible, to attempt to carry on Major Hockey again this season unless the prospect be another deficit or, more likely, failure in mid-season."

"Basing our estimate of gate receipts for the current season on the average attendance for last year (1950), it was found that while our total gate receipts would be down as well as our receipts from away games due to the shorter schedule proposed by the League, nevertheless the overall saving to the Club in players' salaries due to the adoption of the ceiling limit by all teams, together with the estimated saving on road trip expenses, equipment, cost of securing players and referee costs, would give us an estimated net saving over last year of approximately \$11,000.00."

"More important perhaps, it was found that our estimated revenue from gate receipts and other sources would be more than sufficient to meet our current operating expenses for the season provided that the attendance factor remained constant and no large extraordinary expenditures became necessary."

Important Conditions

"It was realized from the outset that despite the assurance that it would be possible from a financial viewpoint to carry on another season, two very important conditions attached to our ability to operate again this year. One was the attendance at the Islanders home games would be the determining factor in deciding whether in fact the Club could continue to function or not, and, two, the attitude which our creditors (of last season) would take towards payment of their outstanding accounts."

"It is obvious that the Executive and the Club have no control over the former. That is a matter for the hockey public. In respect to the latter, our creditors have been most patient and the Executive appreciate very much their generosity and good will in permitting us to carry on at all this season. We wish it were possible to pay them all at this time in full. However all we can do for the present is to make every endeavour to pay something from time to time to each and every one as our finances permit."

"Once the decision had been reached to operate a team again in the Major Series, it became necessary to secure a coach. Offers had already been received from both Weston (Bucko) Trainer and Phil Vitale for the job of playing coach. While still under contract to the Club while we wait to say that if we didn't give him the job as playing coach he wouldn't return to play in this city under any circumstances. While the wisdom of bringing him back as a player has been the subject of much debate not only within the Executive but also among hockey fans in general, the net remains that he has consistently refused to return to this Club and only two weeks ago stated on the telephone to a member of the Executive that if we didn't release him to Valleyfield he would "hang up my skates for the rest of the season."

"We were fortunate to secure the services of Erwin Groves (Murphy) Chamberlain as coach and we feel that the hockey public generally approved our action in this respect. The team under coach Chamberlain has already begun to recapture some of the fighting spirit which carried it to League leadership in the fall of 1950 and we feel that with his able and experienced hand at the helm our chances of proceeding against the winners of the Quebec League come next March are excellent indeed."

Measures Adopted

"In order to place the operation of the Club on a more business-like basis the Executive has taken the following measures:

- (1) Players' salaries have been reduced over last year and none have been signed to a salary exceeding the ceiling limit imposed by the League. The weekly payroll to date has averaged at least seven hundred dollars less than last year's payroll.
- (2) Traveling expenses have been greatly reduced by the use of private cars for travelling whose owners have very generously supplied their cars without charge for the transportation of the team. The Executive is very grateful to these men who have proved themselves to be real hockey fans.
- (3) Adoption of the system of one referee working with two local linesmen has effected a saving to the Club of approximately fifty dollars per game.
- (4) The appointment of Murphy

Chamberlain has been as coach only and not as business manager and coach. Murphy, we are happy to report, has co-operated with the Executive in every respect in its endeavour to reduce expenses, and he has on more than one occasion been able by virtue of his hockey wise experience to save the Club some much needed cash.

"(5) An inventory of equipment on hand at the start of the season was prepared under the Executive's direction and the purchase of new equipment has only been authorized when absolutely necessary. Orders have been issued that no player, trainer or coach can charge the Club for any purchase without first securing a written requisition signed by the Secretary-Treasurer. All items of equipment purchased to date have been paid for in cash and it is our intention to continue to operate on a pay as we go basis.

"(6) A member of the Executive designated as pro tem business manager has been assigned to accompany the team on each road trip to look after finances. He is required on his return to submit a written report of all expenditures on the trip to the Secretary-Treasurer and produce his vouchers to be audited. (7) Meetings of the Executive have been placed on a regular weekly schedule basis and all necessary business is attended to at these meetings with the opportunity for free and full discussion by all members. Decisions on matters of major importance to the Club can be made only at these meetings and after a vote of the members present has been taken."

More Patronage Needed

"It is no secret that the attendance at our home games this year has been disappointing. As already mentioned, our calculations were based on the average attendance for last season, namely, 1830. Our position is simply this—if we can attract 1800 per game we can continue in business. If we only draw an attendance of 1550 per game as we did in the two games last week we cannot continue to operate. Last year there were some two thousand holding seats sold over the season. This year we have sold approximately eleven hundred. There are nine hundred potential hockey fans who for some reason or other haven't given us their support this year. We believe people realize that if this hockey to which they have become accustomed during the past two years and which has provided entertainment and thrills to a large section of our population whose winter would be otherwise pretty dull is permitted to go by the boards for lack of support—it may be many years again before it will return to Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island."

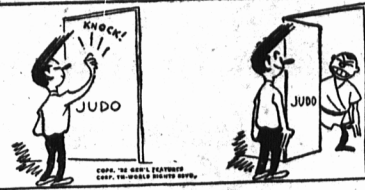
"In the belief that strengthening the team may lead to increased attendance, the Executive, acting on the advice of Coach Chamberlain, has entered into negotiations for the purchase of at least one good defenseman and a centerman. The cost to the Club of this additional strength is considerable although to the Clubs in the Q. S. H. L. such an outlay would be lightly regarded. At this very appropriate time a group of ardent hockey fans in this city have come to us unsolicited and volunteered to raise the necessary funds for this purpose. They have founded an Islanders' Booster Club. They want the Islanders' Hockey team of 1952-53 to be the best in the league and they are prepared to give of their time and efforts to assist in making it so. The Executive have been greatly encouraged by their initiative and timely assistance. They have our full support in their endeavor to give us the additional strength that will make our team—and yours—one of which the Island fans can be justly proud regardless of whom we should meet in competition."

Methods of Assistance

"There are a number of ways in which hockey fans and the general public can assist the Executive of the Club in its endeavour to put hockey on a permanent and successful basis in this community of ours. Here are some which have occurred to us:

- "1. First and foremost by your faithful attendance at the home games played by the Islanders' hockey team. And if you can persuade a friend who hasn't been following the hockey to go along, you might find that he or she will return again to another game without an invitation."
- "2. By contributing to the Booster Club if they contact you, but if you are unable to contribute, by giving them encouragement and not abuse."
- "3. Don't undermine our coach's efforts by—to use a barracks room expression—"agitating" the players. Dissension among the members of the team did equally as much perhaps to defeat the Islanders of 1951-52 as Danny Nixon and Company. Team spirit carried us to the top in 1950-51, we can recapture it again this year. By all means boo or cheer the players on the ice—that's your privilege—but please don't carry it into your contacts with the players in the restaurants, shops and private homes. Let the coach "coach" the team. That's his job—he is being paid for it—and he is more qualified to do it than you and I."

LITTLE SPORT



PROF. NAGASAKI JUDO LESSONS

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Goalie Al Millar, who is not subject to recall and who will remain with the Islanders throughout the season, plays his first game of hockey at the local Forum tonight. Millar comes highly rated both by coach Murphy Chamberlain and Montreal sports writers and is addition to the Islanders will likely make local fans forget Ray Fredrick. All plays against the Sydney Millionaires tonight the team he first met when he arrived in the Maritimes last Friday.

Chamberlain is still waiting to hear from Terry Reardon of Providence regarding the deal for defenseman Orville Laval. The story on Laval as related by Chamberlain last night is this: Murphy purchased Laval from Lou Peirre, the owner and President of the Providence Club. However, Reardon, who is the coach of the club, has the last say in the deal. The Islanders have paid for Laval and if they do not get him will get another Providence defenseman.

Laval, stated Chamberlain, is a keen type of defenseman. He is not too big and will not spend too much of his time sitting in the penalty box. "I'm not interested in a man who is going to spend all his time in the sin-bin," stated Murphy. "We can only carry 14 players and we can't have men skating their hearts out to cover up for foolish and unnecessary penalties. If we had 18 players and the payroll we had last year I would be interested in some one who could hammer the opposing players."

Speaking of the games against Sydney and Glace Bay last week, Murphy stated that the next time the Islanders went to Cape Breton fans would have to order their seats a week ahead of time. "Although we were beaten 4-0 by Glace Bay the players put up a scrappy, fighting display of hockey and the fans loved it. In the last period Ronnie Hurst gave that big Glace Bay defenseman Hinchberger the worst licking of his life. He wrestled him to the ice the first time and then got up and floored him with his fists. Larry Travis and Bob Cooper had a terrific fight and before it was over 300 Glace Bay fans were on the ice."

Switching the subject to Halifax, Chamberlain claimed that the Nova Scotia Capital was again attempting to buy a hockey championship after four successive failures. "I was offered the services of Bob LePine and Bob Bowness this fall ahead of Halifax but they had the money to buy them and we didn't. They have a big rink, attract lots of fans and have lots of money behind them. However, with all their money we will still beat them," concluded the Islanders coach.

The Islanders record in the last five games has been four wins against one loss, which is quite a creditable showing. The boys have lifted themselves from a tie for last place into the runner-up spot and with a win tonight can advance to within three points of Halifax. Their fast skating, passing attacks have been paying off as Chamberlain has concentrated on building a team that will give out with top notch hockey every minute of the game.

Referees, Coaches School Planned

The annual Maritime Referees and Coaches School will be held in Charlottetown from Monday, December 8 to Wednesday, December 10, it was learned over the week-end from Brigadier W. W. Reid, Director of the Physical Fitness Department.

George Hayes, N. H. L. linesman who conducted the school in such a capable fashion last year, will be back again. Other details on the School will be announced later.

Wanderers Win Way Into Finals For McCurdy Cup

SACKVILLE, N. B., Nov. 15—(CP)—Playing in three inches of snow on University Field in Sackville, Halifax Wanderers yesterday defeated Saint John Mariners 3-2 to advance into the McCurdy Cup rugby finals.

Halifax won the game on a try by John D. MacDonald mid-way through the first half.

Saint John came back into the game on a penalty kick by Kelly in the second half. The game, played before an estimated 250 fans, was fast and relatively clear. Wanderers will meet St. Dunstan's University of Charlottetown in the finals.

New Goalie To Be Seen In Action Here Tonight In Game Against Sydney

Al Millar the man whom coach Murphy Chamberlain claims is the best goaltender that he has seen in the Maritimes during his coaching days, will make his first appearance here tonight when the Islanders meet the Sydney Millionaires on the Forum Freeze.

Also with the Islanders tonight will be left winger Jimmy MacKenzie who will be returning after being sidelined for almost three weeks with a broken cheek bone.

With regard to Chamberlain and his statements about Millar Murphy's statements are what he's talking about. Two years ago Millar knocked Chamberlain's Vancouver Canucks out of the Pacific Coast League play-offs.

The Canucks were playing Portland when the Cleveland Barons shipped Millar to Portland. He promptly shutout Murphy's Canucks and that was it as far as Chamberlain and his men were concerned for the year.

Last season Millar played with Shawinigan Falls in the Q. S. H. L. and chalked up an average of 3.03 behind a team that could not make the play-offs. Millar's goals against last year were better than that of Jacques Plante who played with the Canadiens during Gerry MacNeill's absence as the result of an injury.

The Islanders have Millar's services for the entire season, it was learned from Chamberlain. The Aces have the option of re-purchasing his contract at the end of the year. He is not on recall to the Quebec club this season and all he cost the Islanders Club was \$1.

L. Y. C. Softball Team Presented With Trophy And Jackets Last Evening

The members of the Liguorian Youth Club Softball team, winners of the City Softball League championship last summer, were presented with jackets and the League Trophy last night in a special function at the Community Centre.

The jackets, which were donated by the Club to the players as an expression of appreciation, were presented by Miss Alice Hennessey, vice president of the L. Y. C. The Sport Lodge Trophy, emblematic of City softball supremacy was presented by Wendall Gillis to Jack Hennessey, the playing coach of the winning team.

Frank Strain, President of the L. Y. C., presided over the well attended function. In his remarks Mr. Strain reviewed the achievements of the team during the summer and offered to them his congratulations.

Mr. Gillis, City League president, outlined prospective plans for the 1953 season. According to indications, he stated, there will be an eighteen-team softball league in the City next year. In addition to the eight teams in the league this year, six more have already applied for admission he added.

Jack Hennessey also spoke briefly. He thanked Mr. Gillis for his

Chamberlain Gives Warning Re Halifax Game

The Islanders, anticipating a rugged struggle in Halifax tomorrow night when they meet the Atlantics do not want referee Hughie Gillis to work the game, it was stated last night by coach Murphy Chamberlain.

Chamberlain stated that he had asked his executive to inform League President Judge J. Elliot Hudson about the Islanders standpoint on this matter.

If the Islanders win tonight's game from Sydney Millionaires they will be only three points behind the Atlantics. The game in Halifax tomorrow night then well be a battle for first place.

In addition Frank King will be back in action. "And," stated Chamberlain last night, "I have a lot of guys on my club who will be looking for Mr. King."

"As far as the Islanders are concerned Halifax gained more than the Islanders by King's suspension," continued Chamberlain. "King hit Kelly so hard with his stick that Lou was below form for about ten days."

"Then of the six games in which King was suspended he only missed one against us while he missed three against Glace Bay and two against Sydney. Two years ago when Conway was suspended in a game at Halifax he had to serve his suspensions only in games against Halifax. Why should Judge Hudson deviate from his ruling in the past?" asked Murphy.

Australian Boxer Wins World's Bantam Title

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 16—(AP)—Flashy Jimmy Carruthers became Australia's first world boxing champion Saturday when he knocked the world bantamweight champion, Vic Towel of South Africa, out of the ring in 2:19 of the first round.

The underdog slashed and pounded the pride of South Africa from the opening bell and the scheduled 15-rounder ended with the champion helpless on his hands and knees, before the crowd of 3,000 in outdoor Rand Stadium.

Carruthers, weighing 116 3/4 to 117 for Towel, lashed Towel into a bloody caricature of a champion with a swift, murderous left hand, then sent him somersaulting out of the ring and his two-year-old title with a terrific right-hand smash to the jaw.

Towel tried desperately to crawl back. Referee Willie Smith had reached a count of nine as Towel got into the ring and the champion was counted out, his face a bloody mask, as he tried to get on his feet.

Towel, who won the title by outpointing Manuel Ortiz in Johannesburg May 31, 1950, in a similar upset, did not land a single blow against the youngster from Australia.

Chicago Takes Over Top Spot In N.H. League

By The Canadian Press

Chicago Black Hawks marched into sole leadership of the National Hockey League Sunday night by thumping Montreal Canadiens 4-1.

Both teams were winners in Saturday contests, slipping into a first place tie ahead of Toronto Maple Leafs.

The peppery Leafs, meanwhile, took full advantage of lapses by the New York defence Sunday night to beat the tail-end Rangers 6-3. Recruits Ron Stewart and Gordie Hanigian led Toronto's scoring with two goals each.

At Boston, Detroit Red Wings trounced Boston Bruins 5-2 in another Sunday game that saw a 10-minute misconduct penalty called by referee Red Storey against Detroit's Ted Lindsay. Storey charged him with using profanity while he was on the bench.

In the New York game the rivals

Saints Favor Single Game

A. J. MacAdam, coach of the St. Dunstan's University football team favors a sudden-death game with the Halifax Wanderers at Sackville next Saturday for the McCurdy Cup, it was learned here last night.

The Wanderers won the Maritime Senior title Saturday by defeating the Saint John Mariners 3-2. The Saints are the Maritime Intercollegiate Champions.

The Saints yesterday held their first practice since they won the Maritime College crown from Mount Allison University more than a week ago. Since then it has been impossible to play or practise. The game Saturday between the Mariners and Wanderers was played in Sackville on a field covered with snow.

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Glace Bay Miners In 4-0 Shutout Over Islanders On Saturday

GLACE BAY, N. S., Nov. 16—(CP)—Cellar-dwelling Glace Bay Miners blanked Charlottetown Islanders 4-0 here Saturday night in a Maritime Major Hockey League game which wound up with a scoring outburst and a string of major-penalty brawls.

With a one-goal lead going in to the third period, Ehl McCracken whipped the puck into the Charlottetown nets at the 25 second mark and rapped home another one minute and 13 seconds later.

McCracken also drew an assist on Pop Backor's opener at 8:08 of the first period. Don Keller polished off the scoring with 12 minutes left in the game, teaming up with Gordie Miller and Johnny Raynak.

It was a clean game up to the final frame with only one penalty handed out—3 minutes to Charlottetown forward Bill Hagen. The fireworks started after McCracken's first tally. Lloyd Hinchberger tangled with Charlottetown forward Ron Hurst and both sat out the next five minutes of play.

George McLagen drew a minor at 3:18. At 17:33 came the eruption which brought majors to Keller, Bill Burega, Larry Travis and Hub Bueady.

Don Lockhart in the Glace Bay

nets handled 21 shots for his shutout. Miller turned aside 21 tries.

Linesup:—
Charlottetown: Goal, Miller; defence, A. Gray, McLagan, Travis, Kelly; forwards, Beaudry, Clements, Bonhomme, Whitlock, Hurst, Bellinger, Hagen, Gordon.
Glace Bay: Goal, Lockhart; defence, Burega, Hinchberger, McLagety, Cooper; forwards, Batten, McCracken, Raynak, Russell, Amadio, Backor, Keller, Verrier, Miller.

Summary:—
First Period
1—Glace Bay, Backor, (McCracken, Batten) 3-0
Penalties: None
Second Period
Scoring—None
Penalty: Hagen 16:35
Third Period
2—Glace Bay, McCracken, (Cooper, Batten) 2
3—Glace Bay, McCracken, (Backor, Batten) 1:30
4—Glace Bay, Keller, (Miller, Raynak) 8:04
Penalties: Hurst 1:55 major, Hinchberger 1:55 major, McLagan 3:18, Keller 17:33 major, Beaudry 17:33 major, Burega 17:33 major, Travis 17:33 major.
Stops:—
Miller 9 10 9-23
Lockhart 6 4 11-21

Halifax Atlantics Hand Sydney Millionaires 10-2 Drubbing At Halifax

HALIFAX, Nov. 16—(CP)—Halifax Atlantics, outplayed in the first eight minutes of a Maritime Major Hockey League game here Saturday night, took advantage of a temperamental blow-up by Sydney goalie Nick Pidsodny and the almost complete collapse of the

visitors, to crush Millionaires 10-2 before a paid crowd of 4,553. Millionaires set a blazing pace at the outset and before Atlantics could shake themselves loose, the Cape Bretoners were leading 2-0 midway through the period, the

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