

In This Corner

Sports Review 1953

Following is a brief sketch of the athletic highlights during the past year:

ISLANDERS IN FINALS

The Islanders forced the Halifax Atlantics to seven games before losing out in their bid for the M.M.H.L. championship and the Alexander Trophy. In the semi-final series the Islanders ousted the Glace Bay Miners in a bitterly contested and disputed series while the Atlantics whipped the Millionaires. Islanders Club President Frank MacDonald turned in a commendable job as the executive leader of the team and resigned early in the 1953-54 campaign. For the first time a Charlottetown player, Bucko Trainor, was appointed coach of the team.

The Juvenile Islanders lost to the Campbellton Cubs 3-2 in an overtime sudden-death game at Campbellton for the N.B.-P.E.I. Championship and two weeks later the Midget Abbies were defeated 8-6 in overtime in their bid for the N.B.-P.E.I. title against the Campbellton Royals. The Abbies won the Island Intermediate A title while the O'Leary Maroons won the Provincial Intermediate B crown by defeating the Georgetown Eagles. Freetown Royals again won the Hon. C. C. Baker Trophy.

Minor League hockey was again sponsored by the Physical Fitness Department and the Rotary Club.

MACKENZIE WINS N.B.-P.E.I. CROWN

Art MacKenzie emerged as one of the outstanding athletes of the year as he won the N.B.-P.E.I. golf championship. MacKenzie and Bob Gray played brilliant golf in the finals until MacKenzie clinched the two-province crown on the 37th hole. The match ended in the semi-darkness with hundreds of fans following the two golfers. MacKenzie and Gray were selected as the Islanders members on the N.B.-P.E.I. Willingdon Cup team.

Derwyn Huestis of Summerside won the Island Golf Championship with a 36 hole score of 134 followed by Bob Gray with 137. Gray won the Belvedere Golf Club crown. The Island ladies title was won by Mrs. W. E. Cotton with Mrs. Fred Cannon, runner-up.

Cecil Dowling was appointed pro at the Belvedere Golf Course and distinguished himself in the LaBatt Open at Montreal by finishing in the upper half of 125 of the best professional golfers in the U. S. A. and Canada. Dowling had the only hole-in-one on the local course while W. E. Stevenson of New Glasgow scored a hole-in-one at Cavendish.

LEWIS SIGNS WITH DODGERS

Biggest news of the baseball season was the signing of Charlottetown's Brian Lewis by the Brooklyn Dodgers. Lewis, after enjoying a terrific season with the Maritime Central Airways, was signed by the Dodgers in December and will report to Shawnee, Oklahoma next March. He became the first Island born athlete ever to sign a contract with a Major League organization and his accomplishments were hailed far and wide throughout the Dominion and the U.S.A.

Maritime Central Airways won the Island Intermediate Championship by eliminating the Abbies and Summerside Air Force. They added the N.B.-P.E.I. title to their laurels by defeating Memramcook Rovers but lost out two games to one against New Waterford in the finals for the Maritime Championship.

The Junior Abbies won the Island Junior Championship by defeating the Curran and Briggs Juniors but were unable to compete in the Maritime playdowns due to a player shortage. Their place was taken by the Curranites who lost out to the strong Lewisville Cubs in a well played series.

Randy Edwards of Boston was brought in to handle the Junior and Little League teams in Charlottetown while Johnny Carroll of Boston handled the teams in Summerside. Little League ball made rapid strides in both centres with the City Little Leaguers winning the Island title.

The Intermediate Abbies set a fast pace in the Island Basketball League to lead all the way. Stan Richard of the Summerside Air Force won the League batting championship and Donnie MacLean of the Abbies was the leading pitcher with an 8-0 record.

SOFTBALL GAINS POPULARITY

Softball continued its comeback throughout the Province and the crowd enjoyed its greatest popularity here since the years before the War. There was a ten team League in operation in Charlottetown with Summerside Air Force emerging as the winners after defeating the Liguorian Youth Club. The L.Y.C. won the City championship by defeating the Legion and the Guardian Angels.

The Airmen later defeated the Summerside All Stars for the Island title and won the N.B.-P.E.I. crown by eliminating a team from Fredericton. They forced Halifax to the limit before losing the final game of the series for the Maritime Intermediate Championship. In the last game the Airmen were without the services of several of their best men.

ABBIES SEEK MURCUDY CUP

The Charlottetown Abbies won the N.B.-P.E.I. Senior Rugby championship by whipping the Saint John Mariners in both games of a home and home series. The games were ruggedly played and affairs at the clubs fielded big and fast players. In the second game at Saint John several of the Abbies suffered severe leg injuries on account of the frozen ground and were barely able to take the field against Glace Bay in a sudden-death game for the Maritime Championship. Glace Bay won the game and the title by a 5-0 score.

Highlight of the season was the Second Saints-P.W.C. series for the Island Intermediate championship. The best of three series was extended to six games before it had to be cancelled without a winner being declared. Each team won one game while the other four ended in a tie.

The Saints Senior team played in an Intercollegiate League with Mount Allison and Dalhousie. The Saints won two games from Dal and lost two close contests from Mount Allison. The latter went on to win the Maritime Intercollegiate Championship.

SAINTS SHINE IN BASKETBALL

Saint Dunstan's University produced their strongest basketball team in history and swept aside all opposition except the Dominion Intercollegiate champion St. F.X. The Saints won the N.B.-P.E.I. Championship by eliminating Mount Allison. St. Thomas and the University of New Brunswick without losing a game. For the year they had a 21-4 record.

They lost to St. F.X. by close scores in the finals for the Maritime Championship and later lost a game series to the Xaverians in the play-offs for the Dominion Intermediate crown. Previously St. Dunstan's had won the Island League by defeating the Abbies and the Air Force. Jack Reardon paced the Saints with an amazing average of 26 points per game. In 24 games he scored 624 points.

The Second Saints won the City League by defeating Prince of Wales College in the finals.

ACORN RINK AT SUDBURY

The E. F. Acorn rink won the British Consols Trophy in the Provincial play-offs in February by defeating the W. R. MacNeill rink 12-8 and they later represented the Province in the Dominion Bontspiel at Sudbury. The members of the rink were E. F. Acorn, skip; J. S. Moore, mate; C. H. Kydd, second stone; and J. P. Campbell, first stone. A rink from Charlottetown competed in the Dominion School Boy Championships at Saskatoon. The members were Barry MacDonald, skip; Dave Reardon, mate; Brewer Auld, second stone; and Roger Partridge, first.

POULTON FIGHTS FOR CROWN

Harry Poulton lost a twelve round decision to Yvon Durelle in a fight for the Dominion Middleweight title last June at New Glasgow. Steve MacDonald retained his amateur bantamweight championship in the annual boxing meet at Halifax. Ivan Doherty of the Bontspielers Club provided Island boxing fans with two smart cards. In the first Gil Edwards of New York lost to Harry Poulton and in the second Henry Jordan of New York took a decision from Edwards. Cobey McCloskey hit the comeback trail and started to campaign under Bobby Gleason in New York.

GOOD YEAR IN TENNIS

The Provincial tennis championship was won by a McGill medical student, Charlie MacMillan. He defeated Earl Smith 7-5, 6-0, 6-3 in the finals. Smith and Sqdn. Ldr. LaCombe won the Island doubles championship while MacMillan and Nora DeBlois won the mixed doubles crown.

The Island and Charlottetown ladies singles crowns were won by Elizabeth Willett. Phil Jardine retained the singles championship in the men's division at Charlottetown. Ned Wynn and Andy Anderson won the men's doubles honors at the Charlottetown courts. Other winners at Charlottetown were Ivan Dowling and Wanda MacMillan in the mixed doubles; Elizabeth Willett and Kay Douglas in the ladies doubles. Roy McGonnell won the boys Island junior championship and Margie Jardine won the girls junior title.

TRACK AND FIELD

There were two track and field meets held in the Province. The Halifax Wanderers won the Maritime Invitation Meet here in July by amassing a total of 65 points. The Abbies were second with 33. Individual honors were won by J. J. Warner with 13 points followed by Bill Haley of the Wanderers with 11.

In the Maritime Championship meet on Labor Day a four man team from Saint John won the McNair Trophy. They compiled 60 points while the Abbies placed second with 34 and the Halifax Navy third with 32. Bill Keleher of Saint John was high point man closely followed by the Abbies George Walters. For Walters it was his last performance in a long and brilliant career.

BEATTY TOPS RIFLEMEN

Corporal W. M. Beatty of the R.C.M.P. won the Grand Aggregate and the Ottawa Aggregate at the Provincial Rifle Association Prize Meet during the summer. Beatty posted a score of 524 in the Grand Aggregate and 688 in the Ottawa Aggregate. Cpl. A. M. Johnston was runner-up in the Ottawa with a score of 685 and Gnr. W. E. Hardy was runner-up in the grand.

Major G. A. MacDonald for the second year in a row, was the only Island representative on the Bistey Team.

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NEW YEARS EVE BALL



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Racing Here On Friday

Horsemen will get the New Year away to a flying start here on Friday as they inaugurate a winter racing program at the Charlottetown Driving Park. The races will commence at 2:30.

There will be four classes and any further entries to the ones listed below may be classified on the day of the race at the track if the weather is unfit the races will be held on Saturday afternoon at the same time.

Following are the classes:

No. 1 Pace—Face Cloth, Tip Abbe, Mabel Patch, Royal Jim and Mary's Delight.

No. 2 Pace—Laddie Seymore, Bonnie's Money, Harry's Regret, Laura Budions, Full Boost, Marlene.

No. 3 Trot—Helen Harvester, Jimmie A. Miss Pall, Billy Aubrey, Brother Bill, Roma Budions, Guy Harvester.

No. 4 Trot—Bonnie's Girl, Gingerbread Man, Last Dollar, Trigger, Clever Pall.

Canadiens And Leafs In Draw

TORONTO (CP)—A pair of goals in the final period Wednesday night gave Toronto Maple Leafs a 2-2 tie with Montreal Canadiens in a Lightning-fast National Hockey League game played before 13,831 fans.

Leafs never gave up trying and their persistence paid off when George Armstrong and defenseman Jim Morrison tied up the game.

Canadiens, now one point behind the leading Detroit Red Wings, lost Bernie Boom Boom Geoffrion, suspended last week for eight New York games as a result of a stick swinging incident in New York. Geoffrion suffered a charley horse in the right thigh when checked by Ron Stewart early in the third period. He will undergo X-rays today.

SUMMARY

First Period
1—Montreal, Mosdell (Johnson) 2:31, Horton 7:12, Geoffrion 9:14, Mackay 12:52.

Second Period
2—Montreal, Beliveau (Mazur) 16:51
Penalties: Kennedy 6:48, Masnick minor and misconduct 7:10, Smith 7:42, Flaman 17:00, Stewart 17:54, Beliveau 19:58.

Third Period
3—Toronto, Armstrong (Sloan, Thomson) 1:16
4—Toronto, Morrison (Hannigan, Flaman) 6:46
Penalties: Nesterenko 2:57, Beliveau 3:49.

Tennis Flash

Ken Rosewall of Australia was leading Vic Seixas of United States 2-1 in the deciding match of the Davis Cup Challenge round at press time this morning.

Glace Bay Score 3-1 Win Over Halifax Atlantics

GLACE BAY, N. S. (CP)—Two third period goals gave Glace Bay Miners a 3-1 win over Halifax Atlantics here Wednesday night in a Maritime Major Hockey League contest.

Glace Bay moved back into third place, one point ahead of idle Charlottetown Islanders. The loss cut Halifax's first-place lead to seven points over Sydney Millionaires, also idle.

Miners carried the play throughout. Both teams went scoreless in the first period and scored once in the second.

George Whyte, Tommy Fyles and Johnny Lumley scored for Glace Bay while Jackie Hollett tallied for Halifax.

Roy McMeekin, Halifax goalie, had a busy night as Miners outshot the Atlantics in every period. McMeekin turned aside 50 shots while Cliff Hicks in the Glace Bay net handled only 21.

Both second period goals were unassisted. Whyte scored for Glace Bay at 8:06 and Hollett matched this 10 minutes later. Fyles scored the winner in the first five minutes of the third period and at 16:02 Norm Connolly and Hughie Campbell assisted on Lumley's insurance goal.

Lineups
Halifax: Goal: McMeekin; defence: Lepine, Arcand, Bloom, McNeil; forwards: Wywrot, Bowness, Morrow, Watson, Ford, Leclerc, McPhee, Hollett.

Glace Bay: Goal: Hicks; defence: Whyte, Treen, Needham, Amadio; forwards: Miller, Campbell, Brown, Connolly, Rochford, Lumley, Fyles, Leyte, K. Watson.

Referee: George O'Donoghue.

Linesmen: Roddie McAdam, Neil McMullin.

SUMMARY
First Period
Scoring None.
Penalty: Treen 12:47.
Second Period
1—Glace Bay, Whyte 8:06

2—Halifax, Hollett 18:24
Penalties: Arcand 4:02, Whyte 9:57, Treen and Bowness 11:19, Campbell 12:47, Watson 17:01.

Third Period

3—Glace Bay, Fyles 4:20
4—Glace Bay, Lumley (Campbell, Connolly) 16:02
Penalties: Morrow 8:20, Arcand 8:39.

Stops: MoMeekin 13 18 19—50
Hicks 8 5 8—21

ATTENTION

CHARLOTTETOWN GARRISON OFFICERS

All R. F. Army Officers are invited to attend New Year's Day interservice reception at H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte at 1315 hrs. and Armouries 1345 hrs.

Dress—Uniform with Medals.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Charlottetown Driving Park & Provincial Exhibition will be held in the office of the Association, Great George Street on January 13, 1954, at 1:30 p.m.

It is the intention of the directors to postpone this meeting to a later date, notice of which will appear in the press.

G. H. BUNTAIN, Secretary.

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Islanders Play Halifax Here Friday Night

The Charlottetown Islanders and the Halifax Atlantics play here on New Year's night in a Maritime Major Hockey League game that has been forwarded from the end of the regular schedule.

In return the Islanders will play the Atlantics in Halifax on Saturday night.

The Islanders will go into the game tomorrow night with a full lineup with the exception of right winger Bob Gray who is still on the sidelines with a heavy cold. In two games this week the Islanders have racked up two important wins over the Sydney Millionaires.

Club President Smith MacFarlane received a wire from George Dudley, Secretary of the C. A. H. A. yesterday. Dudley wired

that Frank Dillo of the Q. A. H. A. had ordered Mont Joli to pay the Islanders for LaChance and LeBlanc by today or face suspension.

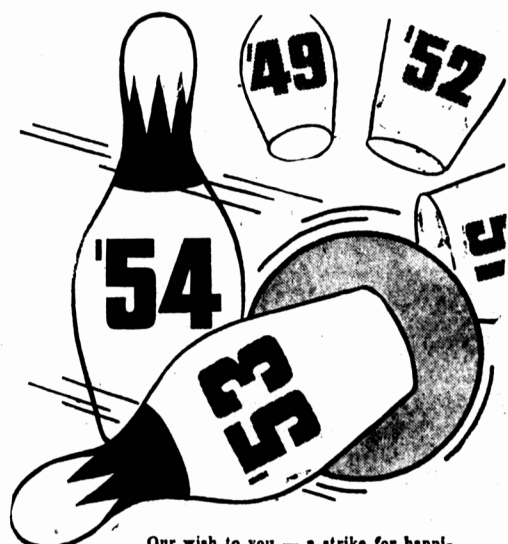
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