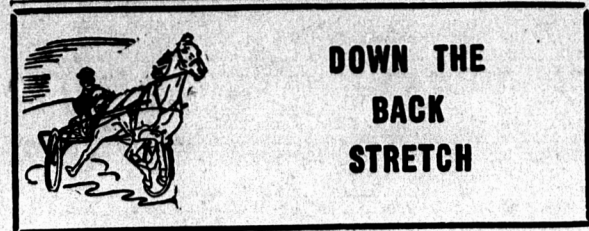


# Abies Win Maritime Junior "B" Ch'ship



Our good friend in Maine, Cecil Ryan, co-owner with Bob Ryan of Colonel Dan 2.05 3-5, top money winner of the 1960 Maine racing season, has favored us with one of his very welcome letters containing interesting notes of harness horse doings in Houlton and vicinity, which we give you in full:—"The big news in this section is the sale of the colt Congress Lad 3. 2.05 2-5, by Henry Cyr to Dr. L. A. Parmenter of Corinth, N. Y. The price is reported to be \$10,000 and I believe this is correct. Henry Cyr is a local boy who operates a small pool room here. He had worked for Will Utton, the Vermont trainer, and for various racing stables as a boy. Returning to town, he went into business for himself and saved enough money to buy this colt as a yearling at the Harrisburg sale, paying \$650.00 for him. He broke and trained the colt himself and drove him in most of his races. He is a very likeable chap and everyone is pleased over the good sale he has made.

"Bob Ryan has a very nice two-year-old filly by Jollity 2.05 4, dam, Pine Ridge Norma by Lee Hester 2.16 4, for which he refused \$1,500.00. She has already shown a mile over the snow in 2:53 and I believe if she had been trained at some southern track she would be a sensation. I am going slow with my fillies, the Federal 2.01 4, Leah Guy 2.04 4 filly can show quite a lot but I haven't brushed her any and haven't used boots or hoppers yet. There are several nice colts in Jim Smith's stable at Woodstock and when I get time to go over there some morning I will report. Billy Hood has a colt Houlton, with his name Watchin' colt Frank Adams and I understand it is to go to Massachusetts a little later. His colt has grown nicely and is a beautiful individual and looks the part of a great colt.

"The morning paper is at hand with the summary of the ice races at Mars Hill, Maine, yesterday. Earl Gratian, one of the winners there, is a four-year-old by Torchlight 2.10, out of my brood mare Clarinda Gratian 2.12. I sold him without breaking him and he looks as if he would make quite a pacer. He beat Mary Jean 2.11 4, a couple of weeks ago in 31 and 30 seconds for the quarter, and yesterday he was in with Frank Bunter 2.12 4-5 and Steamboat 2.15 2-5. I have always maintained that flag timing gives a horse a couple of seconds but even so he is stepping pretty fast.

"I am in hopes that Rajah Hanover 2.14 fell into good hands in Cape Breton. I bought him as a two-year-old, paying \$3,000 for him, selling him a short time later at a profit. He could trot very fast but a very sensitive and he looks like he would make quite a pacer. He beat Mary Jean 2.11 4, a couple of weeks ago in 31 and 30 seconds for the quarter, and yesterday he was in with Frank Bunter 2.12 4-5 and Steamboat 2.15 2-5. I have always maintained that flag timing gives a horse a couple of seconds but even so he is stepping pretty fast.

"I have been out to Walnut Hill Stud and Walnut Hall Farm, Gainesway and Castleton. Mr. Brown of Walnut Hall Farm and Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Retzman of Gainesway are glad to see a Standardbred man around. It is at Gainesway that I am interested in a new horse, a three-year-old, formerly owned by C. H. Horton, Son of a 2.05 4, formerly owned by Dr. F. C. Douglas, and Alycove 2.09 4, formerly owned by P. E. McCormac, are located. Jane and Alycove are both bred to King's Counsel 1.58 3-5 and are in foal to him. Sonata is barren and has been shipped to Hanover Shoe Farms to be bred there this year. W. H. Cane has some Standardbred mares at Almahurst, owned by Henry Knight. Although Almahurst is now the thoroughbred nursery some Standardbreds are still there. Kindly remember me to my friends on P. E. I. when you contact them. Thanks for everything." Thank you, Doctor, for your very fine letter, and we hope you will write again when you have time.

"We were pleased to have a visit from George Callbeck the other day and to learn that he has some good prospects at his farm in Sumnerville. He has three that is keen on a four-year-old by Calumet Budlong 2.03 4 out of Guy Ann 2.11 4, which he has named Ann's Boy; a three-year-old filly, Ann's Dream, with the same breeding; and Bright Promise, a four-year-old chestnut gelding by Abner T. Clegg 2.04 4, out of a Colonel Aubrey 2.10 4 dam. George has a track on his farm and enjoys taking the youngsters out and giving them their daily jog. He says that James Heffell, Traveller's Rest, has Abner the Great 2.20 in dandy shape; he has filled out and looks like a real star for the slow class pace this summer.

"Rollie Wood, Southport, made some very fast strides last week, giving Don MacAulay, Pughwash, N. S., Cleverdale, a four-year-old, Playdale 2.04 4 colt, out of Ruby Volo by Pax Volo 2.07, which was bred by Les Simmonds, Freetown, and getting in exchange from Don that smart pacer Sunny B. 2.16. He then traded Sunny B. with Ivan



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It's top of the morning to you! And best wishes to all who hail from ol' Erin. It is hoped, however, the luck of the Irish does not extend too far into the evening hours. We have a mind to the opening tussle at the Forum between Halifax St. Mary's and The Islanders.

While Coach Sweeney Schriener, and his hockey gladiators, will find a welcome, it is hoped that he does not mistake all those sportsed Shamrocks this morning as supporters of the Halifax Club. It just so happens to be St. Patrick's Day. Much has been written on the subject about to open, and there is considerable difference of opinion concerning the outcome. Suffice it to say it should be a fitting climax to a stirring hockey season hereabouts.

There will be a sell-out crowd on hand tonight. The Forum box office had a busy day yesterday and all indications are that the ducks will be at a premium long before game time. Bill Brown, Forum Manager, has been experiencing a busy few days, that is busier than usual, in preparing the ice surface and planning the handling of a record crowd.

It is not often that the 17th. of March festivities are over-shadowed by other attractions, but there is little doubt that this is one day that is the exception to the rule. Tonight's opening game in the Maritime Major Hockey League series final is not only the leading topic of conversation for the Irish, but a veritable league of nations discussion—that is bringing to light more views, speculation and variation of opinion than a big four peace conference.

And well it might. The two clubs who will be meeting tonight are powerful and polished aggregations with mighty little to choose between, if a cross-section of public opinion was taken. They both favor the wide-open, aggressive style of game and have their own pet methods of displaying it.

They both like to play it fast and rough too. Neither are backward in instigating a full scale upsurge if the situation demands it, and are anything but reluctant in following through with any issue that might arise. The game can either be one of smooth, polished performance, or of the exact opposite.

But whichever it might be, attending fans can depend on seeing an exciting game from start to finish that will furnish them with a top-notch evening of action-packed entertainment, and will keep them talking and arguing the pros and cons of the series until the next game rolls around Monday.

**Quebec Referees To Handle Games**  
HALIFAX, March 16 — (CP) — Two referees from the Quebec Senior Hockey League will handle the Maritime Major Hockey League finals between Charlottetown Islanders and Halifax St. Mary's, president J. Elliott Hudson announced tonight. They are Leo Murray and J. Charles Desziel, both of Montreal.

**Hockey Scores**  
Cape Breton Major  
Glouce Bay 3 North Sydney 3 (overtime tie).  
(Glouce Bay leads best-of-seven series 3-0.)  
Maritime Junior B Finals  
Halifax 5 Charlottetown 2.  
Charlottetown wins two-game, total goals series 8-5.

**BOB MURPHY WINS BY T. K. O.**  
NEW YORK, March 16 — (AP) — Stout-hearted Bob Murphy took everything young Dan Bucceroni could throw tonight and then wore down the Philadelphia Butcher Boy to win on a technical knockout at 31 seconds of the fifth round of a bloody battle in Madison Square Garden. Murphy, a 3-1 favorite, weighed 177 to Bucceroni's 172.

**SNAP SHOT FINISHING**  
Rolls of film developed and printed and cut out the same day. Prints double size at no extra cost. Any 8 exposure roll 35c. Reprints 4c each or 10 for 35c. Mail Films Service, Charlottetown.

## Battle Of The Season Slated For Forum Tonight As Big Four Finals Open

The battle of the season in Maritime Major Hockey League play is expected to be witnessed here over Forum ice tonight at 9:30 when the Leo Lamoureux-coached P. E. Islanders cross sticks with the Halifax Saint Mary's pucksters in the opening game of their best of seven series for the Big Four championship.

Producing some terrific struggles against one another in meetings during the regular schedule, tonight's opener of the final series is slated to eclipse all previous performances in the way of rugged, action-packed hockey entertainment.

## Annual Provincial Ice Sports Big Success At The Forum Last Night

The Queen Square School boys and the West Kent School girls were the winners of their respective divisions in aggregate scoring in the Sixth Annual Provincial Ice Sports that were staged with much success at the Forum last night under the sponsorship of the Department of Physical Fitness.

The Q.S.S. boys amassed a total of 30 points to top out Prince Street School with 19 points and West Kent School with 17 points. Various age groups had their own division with West Kent compiling a total of 14 points, to just nose out Murray Harbor, Souris and Georgetown who all tied for the runner-up position with 13 points. O'Leary and P.S.S. tied for third with 12 points. Malpeque girls placed a close fourth with 11 points.

Coming up with fast, close competition in every event, the team totals were only a side issue as compared with the many keen contests for individual honors in the various age groups that came up with some excellent displays of speed and skill in divisions right from the kiddies' events to the senior competitions.

In relay competition, the Georgetown girls captured the senior girls event with Souris placing second and West Kent third, while in the boys' open relay, Queen Square were the big winners over Prince Street.

In other major competitions, Ralph MacPherson won the boys' quarter-mile open, while Helen Whitlock of W.K.S. took top honors in the girls' division of the same event. Forbes Kennedy of W.K.S. was the top man in the boys' one-mile open event.

Handed in expert fashion by a competent group of officials, the large program of 24 individual events was run off in the record time of one hour, and added greatly to the smoothness and success of the meet.

It was a gala evening for spectators and competitors alike when a thrill and second was the order of the night during the many keenly contested events.

The following were the preceding officials: — Referee-in-Chief — W. A. Gaudet; Starter — James Herrell; Timer — Bill Bevin, Sr.; Judges at Finish — John Turner, Lt. Col. A. W. Rogers, Walter Lawlor; Patrol Judges — George MacRae, Harold Howatt, Art Burns and Jimmy Flanagan; Announcer — W. H. Beaton; Scorer — T. L. Fitzgerald.

## HUNTERS' CORNER

A few nights ago, as a sickle moon rode the sky over the barrens, I heard the mournful hoot of a Great Horned Owl coming from the heavily wooded sector to the northeast known to us youngsters in the old days, and still is, as "back of Wisner". A moment later an answering call sounded from the heavy spruce woods east of the Home Lake . . . a scant half mile distant. The two birds, presumably mates, were on the prowl ahunting bent and evidently were keeping in touch with each other.

They nest in February and it is quite possible they already have young to feed. Its one of nature's mysteries how the horned owl can lay eggs and start incubation activities in zero temperatures. Old Hootie is a tough bird . . . make no mistake about that. I figure that I know my Great Horned Owls pretty well and, strange as it may appear to some, I was not thinking of the large numbers of mice they were catching. I was experiencing an honest concern for the Ruffed Grouse that hangs out in Simon's Swale, the pairs of black ducks setting up house keeping at the head of Wisner's Dam and the pheasants wintering in the swamps bordering the lake barrens.

There are several species of owls that are good mousetrappers, particularly the Little Sawtooth and the Screech owl. The Barred owl and the Hawk owl are also beneficial to our farmers but both these species are larger and stronger than the first named pair and make considerable inroads in the ranks of our bird life. Not so Old Hootie. He is a killer de luxe. He'll kill and eat anything from a tom-tit to a goose in the feathered world and anything in fur from a meadow mouse to a skunk. The State of Pennsylvania with its fore-sightedness and advancement in the field of conservation, pays a bounty of \$5.00 on every great horned owl killed in the State whether it be an adult bird or a mere fledgling.

Some years ago I examined the ground around the base of a tree near the headquarters of the Hillsboro River that held a horned owl's nest wherein a brood of young had been reared to near maturity. Five black duck wings, remains of numerous rabbits, Hungarian partridge wing and part of a muskrat were found among a litter of fur, bones and feathers underneath the nest. A few years ago a keen observer of nature told me he had a spring at the rear of his farm where many large trout spawned in November. One fall he noticed that the trout were becoming scarce and investigated. He could pick those big sluggish trout out of the spring shallows like nobody's business. When shot his legs were wet clear up to the body.

The Snowy Owl is another bad customer. He can pick up a Hun whenever the opportunity occurs. Hawks as a rule are beneficial, or partly so, with the exception of the Goshawk and Cooper's and Sharp-shinned hawks. These species live almost entirely on feathered life with particular emphasis on our song, game and insectivorous birds. If bird lovers when writing or speaking in defence of our hawks and owls would differentiate between the beneficial and harmful species they would be more successful in getting their viewpoint across to their audience or readers.

Strictly speaking house cats, hawks and owls are greatly over-

Following is the draw for the mixed curling at the Charlottetown Club for Saturday, March 17th:

**7 P. M.**  
Ice 1—M. Frazee, M. Dockendorff, Jean Grant, Hollie Taylor; vs. Doug Saunders, Kay Johnston, Marjorie Allan, Ethel Taylor.  
Ice 2—Jim Larabee, Mary McLennan, Frank Hobbs, Ethel Sutherland; vs. David MacLeod, Jimmie Campbell, George Campbell, Bessie Bourne.  
Ice 3—Jim Burden, Polly Burden, Dr. Fisher, Inez Sweetwood; vs. Arnett Howatt, Joan Burden, Bill Burden, Bertie Howatt.  
Ice 4—Murray Melish, Velma Melish, Dr. Gallant, Inez Gallant; vs. Frank Clarke, Pauline Clarke, Sybil MacMillan, Etta Bell.  
Spares: Elizabeth MacDonald, Agnes Swindell, Dr. MacDonald, Ernie MacInnis, Mary Robin.  
**8:30 P. M.**  
Ice 1—W. H. Worth, Marie MacGroun, Marg. Worth, Jean Giddings; vs. Ralph Jones, Agnes Hoyt, Anne Wood, Waldo Hoyt.  
Scratch games will be arranged for members at 8:30.

## Lose Final Game 5-2 To Halifax St. Mary's But Take Round 8-6

HALIFAX, March 16 — (CP) — Charlottetown Abies captured the Maritime Junior "B" hockey title tonight although dropping the second game of their two-game, total-goal series with Halifax St. Mary's 5-2.

Abies won the first game 6-1 and now will meet St. Mary's "A" club for the Maritime Junior crown. The opening game will probably be played here tomorrow night.

Charlottetown wrapped up the series in the first period tonight by firing a brace of goals while holding the Saints off the score sheet. The locals came back in the second and third to whip home five goals without a reply but it wasn't enough.

Facing moving Billy Carter supplied the punch for the Halifax Juniors, netting three goals while Flinn and Hopkins scored singles. For the Islanders, Jardine and Glover did the sniping.

The game was held up in the third period by a fight, short though it was between McLellan of the Saints and Walters of the boards and it took the combined efforts of five of his teammates to subdue McLellan.

Taking exception to the penalty, McLellan swiped with his stick at the Island bench and was again forcibly restrained. For his display of temper, McLellan was handed a match misconduct and his services were lost to the Halifax club for most of the third period. He was escorted from the ice when he continued to display

rated as destroyers of mice and rats. Housecats, with some exceptions, prefer a tasty bird to a musty mouse any day. Real bang-up mousers are few and far between. I mean cats whose main object in life is hunting rats and mice. Hawks and owls, with their hooked claws, are unable to move freely on the ground. Furthermore they have to hunt successfully in certain seasons of the year and over some types of terrain. When the ground is snow covered or protected with a heavy mat of swale grass, the mice are safe from their winged enemies providing they stay under cover and they generally do just that.

For the past two weeks, Mayor B. Earle MacDonald has been heading a committee whose object is to establish a financial fund for the Islanders Hockey Club. The campaign has been carried on quietly and it has progressed well. But for the most part only the businessmen of the Province have been approached for donations. In other words, the committee has gone after the pounds and neglected the pence.

Many strong supporters of the team, wage-earners mainly, have expressed a desire to help the Club, but do not wish to have their small donations appear alongside of the more impressive ones given by those "betters fixed" financially. It was suggested by one of these men in the lower income brackets, that a collection should be taken up at the Forum, and that in this way all who wished to contribute a small amount, could do so without embarrassment and without publicity.

Part of the money received tonight will go towards a final payment on the leather jackets presented to the Club on Thursday night.

**GAME TIME**  
**BIG FOUR PLAYOFFS TONIGHT**  
9.30  
**MONDAY NIGHT**  
8.30

**FORUM WEEK — MARCH 12 TO 17**  
FRIDAY — CHILDREN'S SKATE — 4 TO 5:30  
ISLAND SCHOLASTIC MEET.  
SATURDAY — SKATING — 3 TO 8  
SKATING — 1 TO 10.

**END OF THE ROAD** **BIG FOUR FINAL PLAY-OFFS**

**HALIFAX vs. ISLANDERS**

**HERE ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY**

**TICKET REGULATIONS—**

1. ALL HOLDING TICKETS MUST BE PICKED UP FOR BOTH GAMES ON FRIDAY — 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.
2. ALL REMAINING TICKETS ON GENERAL SALE ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY — 9 A.M.
3. PLEASE OBSERVE ABOVE AND IF DISAPPOINTED YOU MUST BLAME YOURSELF.
4. POSITIVELY NO CITY PHONE ORDERS UNTIL LINE-UP IS SERVED.

NOTE:—All ushers and gatemen are to be at the Forum tonight at 8 o'clock.

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