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## Pick Two Most Dramatic Sports Events In Canada During Past Half-Century

(This story is one of a Canadian Press series on outstanding Canadian sports figures, teams and events in the first half of the century. Selections were made in a poll of Canadian sports editors and sportscasters.)

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TORONTO, Dec. 28 (CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs' comeback in the 1942 Stanley Cup finals and Percy Williams' double sprint victory in the 1928 Olympic Games were the most dramatic sports events of the half century just ending.

Sports editors and sports broadcasters, voting in a Canadian Press poll, couldn't decide between the unknown Williams' meteoric flash across the sports horizon and Leafs' dogged comeback after they had been beaten by Detroit Red Wings in three games.

The majority called it a tie but dissenters voted for Lester Patrick's famous goaltending in the 1928 Stanley Cup playoffs and listed a dozen other dramatic performances in the last 50 years.

The memory of Williams' victories in the 100 and 200-meter sprints at Amsterdam stayed with the voters for 22 years, although Williams himself passed quickly from the athletic scene. He suffered an injury at the British Empire Games in Hamilton in 1933 and retired in 1932. A bachelor at 41 and an insurance salesman, he lives quietly in Vancouver.

Two days ago the same voters named Williams the outstanding track and field athlete of the last 50 years.

Williams' wins were a sensation in Canada at the time. He came out of the west an unknown and, although he starred in the Olympic trials at Hamilton, few expected his dramatic double win in Holland. He came home to a hero's welcome.

Toronto's Leafs were counted out of the running after Detroit beat them in the first three 1942 games by 3-2, 4-2 and 5-2 scores. They won a place in the half-century poll by coming from behind to ring up four wins by scores of 4-3, 9-3, 3-0 and 3-1 and take the world title.

**Only Broda Remains**  
Of that 1942 team, only goalie Turk Broda remains on the present Leaf roster. Sweeney Schriner was a star and pumped in two goals in the final game. Brothers Don and Nick Metz were other standouts in the series.

Lester Patrick's 1928 goaltending feat is a hockey epic that will always be remembered. Patrick, a famous star in the early days of the game, had played until he was

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### Islanders Tangle With Beavers Here Tonight

Local hockey fans will see their last Big Four hockey action of the 1950 season here tonight when the Charlottetown Islanders clash with Saint John Beavers over Forum ice commencing at 8:30.

Idle since they wallowed Halifax 11-1 here on Tuesday night, the Islanders will be in tip-top condition when they hit the ice determined to shove their league leadership back up to 15 points over their nearest rivals, a margin they held until Halifax downed Moncton on Wednesday night.

The Beavers, who haven't opposed the league leaders since December 16th when they edged out the locals by a 2-1 verdict over Saint John ice, can be expected to put up plenty of stiff opposition tonight, to alone for blowing a 4-1 margin held over Moncton at the end of the first period in last night's contest and being forced to come from behind in the closing stages to garner a 5-5 draw with the Hub City hockeyists.

Always an aggressive club who put everything they have into a game, the Beavers should make it a wide-open contest, and fans are likely to see plenty of fast action and good hockey when they tangle with Islanders tonight.

### Red Wings Defeat Canadiens 8-1 To Take League Lead

DETROIT, Dec. 28 (CP)—Detroit Red Wings tonight ran their unbeaten streak to 11 games as they slaughtered Montreal Canadiens 8-1 to take over first place in the National Hockey League race.

The luckless Canadiens fell apart defensively and averted a shutout only by sinking a goal in the last 28 seconds of play.

Gordie Howe, Red Wing forward, had a brilliant night as he not only scored but also assisted on five goals. Sid Abel and Metro Prystai got two goals apiece for Detroit.

The Red Wings smacked home two goals in the fifth minute of the game and added another pair in the final minute of the opening period to take a 4-0 lead which they enlarged at will as the evening progressed.

The victory put Detroit a half game out in front of Toronto in the league race. The two teams meet in a home-and-home series this weekend.

Young Gerry McNeil had a wild night in the Montreal net as his defence fell apart, leaving him practically alone against Detroit's blistering attack.

His saves in the three periods were 13-17 for a total of 34, while young Terry Sawchuk had 4-8 for 20. The saves were a good indication of how the game went for Detroit as offensive minded while Montreal's defence left a lot to be desired.

The Canadiens, stung by the 8-0 margin by which they trailed, put on heavy pressure in the last minute of the game with Paul Masnick saving face for them by poking in a 12-foot rebound to save them from a whitewashing.

That was the only consolation the Canadiens had for it was not their night.

### Plan Matches For Beginning Curlers Tonight

All beginners in curling are urged to be on hand tonight at the Charlottetown Curling Club at 7 o'clock when scratch matches will be arranged by the Games Committee.

There will be no regular draw for the week-end bonspiel but all members will be given an opportunity to play by registering on arrival at the club, both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, it was announced.

Following the New Year holiday increased activity is expected in club activities with regularly scheduled matches and competitions getting underway.

### Hairston Gets Big Chance In Bout Tonight

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Eugene Hairston, upset winner over Kid Gavilan and Lee Sala, gets his big chance tomorrow night when he tops his first Madison Square Garden boxing show in a 10-rounder with J. T. Ross of San Jose, Calif.

Ross, a tall, gangling middleweight moved into the bout as a sub for Walter Carter, Bronx slugger who has a severe cold.

Ross on his last trip to the big town was belted out by Steve Belose. But now he is unbeaten in six 1950 fights and has won 38 of 44 in his career. Twenty-nine of his wins were knockouts.

Hairston, unable to talk or hear since he suffered an attack of spinal meningitis at an early age, is considered a real middleweight contender.

Ranked No. 7 in the division headed by Jake LaMotta, Hairston has lost only six of 44 pro starts and fought two draws. He stopped 17 of his 36 victims. He is unbeaten in his last nine bouts.

Determination is one of the most important assets of the 21-year-old Hairston, who worked as a shoeshine boy and pin setter in a bowling alley after he graduated from school. He won the Golden Gloves title—the top amateur crown in the United States—in 1947 and turned pro that year.

Some 6,000 fans and a \$20,000 gate are expected for the bout that will be televised and broadcast on national networks.

### Famous U. S. Horseman Dies

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28 (AP)—Friends of Warren Wright, Sr., owner of the famous thoroughbred establishment—Calumet Farm—tonight said they had received word of his death at his Miami Beach, Fla., home.

The second when he was hit on the face in a scramble and said something to the referee, Vic Demarco served the sentence.

Glance Bay's Les Vickery got a minor for elbowing and a misconduct when he flew into a tantrum in front of the penalty box and poked his stick over his own head.

Miners Jerry McCabe and Bellringer exchanged a few punches in the first period and earned major penalties.

### Vics Defeat Miners 3-1 In Rough Game

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 28 (CP)—North Sydney Victorias walked to a 3-1 victory over Glance Bay Miners tonight as the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League match erupted into fighting and arguments, producing two misconduct and two major penalties.

Winger Don Bellringer carried Vics to victory with two goals and an assist. He scored at 17:54 of the first period and again at 2:23 in the second. Laurie Petersen assisted on both goals. Bruce Gallagher added the third goal at 9:05 of the middle stanza when he combined with Bellringer to beat Miners goalie Keith Woodall.

The visitors lone marker came halfway through the second period when winger Bonhomme tallied with Paul Kornek and Stan Robertson assisting. The third period was scoreless. North Sydney goalie Murt Prophet was handed a misconduct penalty in

### Fined \$100 For Punching Referee

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Defenceman Joe Desson of Johnstown (Pa.) Jets was fined \$100 today for punching a referee.

Thomas Lockhart, president of the Eastern Hockey League, disclosed the penalty. In addition, Lockhart said Desson will be placed on probation for an indefinite period if he takes any more punches at referees. Desson will be banished from the league.

Lockhart said Desson punched referee Herb Gallagher in the face Friday night during a Johnstown-Boston game in Boston.

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(By The Canadian Press)

W	L	T	F	A	Pts.	
Detroit	20	6	6	111	62	46
Toronto	19	8	7	110	68	45
Chicago	11	15	7	88	101	29
Boston	10	16	8	82	108	28
Montreal	10	17	7	71	94	27
New York	6	14	13	68	100	25

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 28 (AP)—Officials of Tropical Park race course and the 10-man executive committee of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association met today in an effort to avert a strike but adjourned without agreement. Both groups agreed to meet again tomorrow. Horsemen are demanding larger purses.

### Sport Echoes From Prince County

The last two days have been ideal for making ice and Crystal Rink will soon be ready for business. It's possible that the first skate of the year will be held Saturday night, and hockey will not be far behind. There is an exhibition game planned for Tuesday, Jan. 2, between the Summerside Crystals and the R. C. A. F. sextet. This is a pre-League game, but the newly organized league will get under way on January 4th when the airmen visit the Borden Nationals in the Ferry town. The first league game in Crystal Rink will be on the 6th when the Borden Nationals, last year's Island champs, tangle with Jack Schurman's Crystals.

### Bathgate, Favero Win Awards

Frankie Bathgate and Bruno "Red" Favero were the two Islanders hockeyists who were the choice of independent judges as the outstanding players on the ice in the last two Charlottetown home games.

The players will each receive guaranteed Forsythe shirts donated by Jack Cameron, proprietor of one of the City's leading haberdashers.

Bathgate won his award for his performance in the Islanders 11-2 victory over Halifax on Tuesday night, while Favero's aggressive efforts against the same team last Friday netted him the award.

### A-P-C League

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 28 (CP)—Stellatoro, Royals swamped Truro Beavals 11-2 in a wide-open Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior "B" Hockey League game here tonight.

(Thaler, Bolan) ..... 5:32  
3—Moncton, Barkwell (Imonti, Demchuk) ..... 5:58  
4—Saint John, Watson (Whitlock, Nicolle) ..... 14:32  
5—Saint John, Whitlock (Nicolle, Watson) ..... 19:24  
Penalty: Imonti.

### Second Period

6—Moncton, Denny (McKenzie, Dunville) ..... 12:19  
7—Moncton, Barkwell (Delmonte) ..... 17:24  
Penalties: Bolan, Brennan, Nicolle, Mudie.

**Third Period**  
8—Moncton, Barkwell (Dunville, Imonti) ..... 14:48  
9—Moncton, Imonti ..... 14:48  
10—Saint John, Nicolle (Watson) ..... 19:04  
Penalties: Delmonte, Imonti, Whitlock, Denny.

### Overtime

Scoring: None.  
Penalties: Delmonte, Platz.

## Moncton Hawks Rally To Gain 5-5 Tie With Saint John Beavers

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 28 (CP)—Short-handed Moncton Hawks rallied from an adverse first period to tie Saint John Beavers 5-5 tonight in an overtime fixture of the Maritime Senior Hockey League.

Dalt Barkwell led the Moncton scoring attack with three goals. Fred Denny and Frank Imonti collected the other pair, Imonti also getting two assists. For Saint John, Buck Whitlock shot a brace and one assist. Roger Jodoin, Ted Watson and Nick Nicolle fired the others, with Watson and Nicolle receiving two assists each.

The result left the cellarite Hawks still 13 points below third place Beavers. The other league teams, Charlottetown Islanders and Halifax St. Mary's, were idle tonight.

### Islanders Hockey Team Entertained

Members of the Islanders hockey team, their wives and guests, were treated to something of the festive season when Charlottetown business firms expressed their appreciation and good wishes to the boys by giving a special dinner in their honor last Sunday evening.

Entertained at the Old Spain for dinner by Myron and Mrs. Milton Bell, the team were the recipients of gifts of chocolates from J. C. Montgomery and Sydney T. Green, local wholesale confectioners, while other gifts were received by the team members from Jenkins Pharmacy, Hughes Drug Company and the Est. of Mrs. John Williams.

The affair was a highly successful one that added much to the enjoyment of the holiday season for the Islanders, and at the same time expressed the esteem held by local citizens for this fine group of players who are doing such an excellent job of putting the Province back on the hockey map of Canada.

### Hawks Had Lead

Out-gated 4-1 in the opening period, Hawks shot two in the second and had a 5-4 lead until Nicolle tied it up just before the third session ended. The 10-minute overtime stanza was scoreless.

The first three goals came in a 33-second span. Whitlock opened the scoring after stick-handling through Joe Delmonte and Larry Dunville. Ten seconds later Jodoin made it 2-0 in a short passing play with Jack Thaler and Eddie Bolan. Less than half a minute passed before Barkwell tipped in Mike Demchuk's pass, catching goalie Dennis Brodeur off balance as Imonti also assisted the first tally for Moncton.

Imonti was serving the only penalty of the period when Watson shot the third Saint John marker after a combination effort with Whitlock and Nicolle in front of the cage. A similar play by the same trio, with Whitlock shooting, yielded another tally just before the period ended.

The visiting goalie, Les Colvin, made 15 saves in the session, including several spectacular stops. Brodeur stopped 10. Play was of the wide open variety, with Beavers superior in passing work.

### Colvin Injured

An injury to Colvin halted the second period for 10 minutes while he received stitches over his right eye after being hit by the puck when Whitlock fired from close range.

Denny raised Moncton's count to two as Tommy Brennan sat out one of the four minors imposed during the stanza. Fred backhanded a short pass from Rod McKenzie, who had received the puck from Dunville. A long pass from Delmonte to Barkwell resulted in the next Moncton tally. Barkwell bored in and sent the puck between Brodeur's legs. Play was more even in this period. Colvin made 12 stops—six after he was hurt—and Brodeur 10.

Line-ups:  
Moncton: Goal, Colvin; defence, Delmonte, Dunville; centre, Barkwell; wings, Imonti, Demchuk; subs, McKenzie, Denny, Dowling, Burgess.

Saint John: Goal, Brodeur; defence, Bolan, Mudie; centre, Brennan; wings, Thaler, Platz; subs, Heon, Blackburn, Whitlock, Jodoin, Nicolle, Jackson, Watson.

Officials: Referee, Casey Bradshaw; linesmen, Stan Swain and Ed Larabee.

### Barckwell, clear in front of the net, shot an equalizer early in the third after a play with Dunville and Imonti. Thirteen minutes elapsed before the latter gave Moncton a 5-4 edge but with less than a minute to go Nicolle, helped by Watson, created the final deadlock. Colvin had 13 stops against only three by Brodeur in the third period.

In the scoreless overtime, when the Moncton goalie made six saves and Brodeur five, Saint John used five forwards on two occasions.

Hawks had only 10 men to display before the small crowd. Beavers dressed 13. Out of eight games between the two teams on Saint John ice this season, each has three wins and two ties.

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