

# Islanders Down Beavers In Wide Open Game

## IN THIS CORNER

SPORTS PARADE 1950

Tomorrow will see the end of the year 1950, and with it will mark the conclusion of another highly successful chapter in the history of Provincial sporting activities. It has been a good year of sport, too. One that has produced the keenest type of competition and good sportsmanship in every field that Island athletes have taken part in to provide a top calibre of entertainment to the thousands of fans in this sporting Province. But before it closes, we would like to take this opportunity of extending to those who have contributed to, and followed the sports columns of this paper through the year, our appreciation and thanks for your interest and co-operation, and our sincere best wishes for a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. May it bring with it every success in the way of good sport and sportsmanship for the year 1951.

### HOCKEY

The 1949-50 hockey season was one that was probably more noteworthy for its widespread activity rather than its calibre of play. With the Island still out of the senior hockey bracket at that time, intermediate "A" hockey was the senior division played, but ranged down through intercollegiate, interscholastic, intermediate "B", juvenile, midget, bantam and pee-wee brackets that saw hockey being played in every nook and cranny of the Province. It was keen and closely competitive in every division and marked the biggest program that has probably ever been carried out in the history of the Province.

In the six-team Island Physical Fitness Intermediate "A" Hockey League made up of Abbots, Saint Dunstan's University, Victorias, Summerside Royals, Prince of Wales College and Summerside R.C.A.F., the Royals were the Island champions in the finale. Abbies won the regular schedule with S.D.U. and Vics ending in a second place tie that took an extra series to decide the position in favor of Saints. In semi-final playoffs, Royals eliminated Vics and Saints topped out Abbies, and after S.D.U. withdrew from further competition in favor of N.B.-P.E.I. Intercollegiate play, Royals went against Abbies in the finals to win the Provincial title in a closely-contested three-game series.

In the intermediate "B" bracket, Borden Nationals made a clean sweep of County and Provincial play in that division. With a powerful showing that had the Island hockey public talking, they went on to meet the intermediate "A" champions, to defeat Royals for the All-Province intermediate title. Continuing on to represent P.E.I. in Maritime play, Nationals lost out to Saint Andrews Senators in semi-final playoff competition.

The big laurels of the hockey season went to the Jimmy Hogan-coached Summerside Kinsmen Midgets. This keen band of pucksters from the Western Capital were the only team to win a Maritime crown. Skating their way through County and Provincial play, the Kinsmen went on to down Moncton Beavers in N.B.-P.E.I. playoffs and then added the final touch to their all-round hockey ability by capturing the Maritime Midget Hockey championship by defeating Truro Beavers.

Paul Williams' Juvenile Abbies also made an impressive showing in that division, eclipsing other squads in the Island circuit for the Provincial title, but like Saint Dunstan's in intercollegiate play, and other teams in minor league brackets, were defeated in N.B.-P.E.I. playoff competition. Abbies lost out in the Juvenile play to Moncton Beavers.

In interscholastic hockey circles the Queen Square School team won the Island championship by defeating Summerside High School in a particularly close series, after they had captured the City crown from Prince Street School.

In the ladies division, Janet MacEachern's Abbie Sisters, although not competing in any organized championship league, went undefeated in play all season, to earn the top laurels in that department.

Prince Street School won the Island interscholastic girls title while Souris Pee-Wees were the champions in that bracket for the 1949-50 season. Other Provincial champions were West Kent School Paperweights, and Abbie Bantams.

### CURLING

The week-long Confederation Boursiel held the latter part of January and the first of February once again highlighted the curling season of 1950. Although there were not the number of outside entries anticipated, yet the 'spiel proved a most successful one. The Provincial Championship was won by a Charlottetown rink skippered by Heath Saunders. Other members of the rink were, Doug Saunders, David "Tud" MacLeod and Danny O'Rourke. They represented the Province at Vancouver. The Gaboury Trophy was successfully defended by Charlottetown Club in a competition held in December. The MacArthur Challenge became the property of the Montague Club for the season. The Regal Flour Trophy competition was won by Alberton, while a Charlottetown rink captured the Physical Fitness competition. Another highlight of the season was the splendid showing of the Provincial Junior Champions of the Charlottetown Curling Club at Quebec in Dominion play. The members of the rink were, Doug Cameron, skip, Karl Reardon, mate, Frank Acorn Jr., 2nd stone, Billy Platts, lead. The rink was accompanied by David "Tud" MacLeod. "The Flying Curlers" continued in the news and established something of a record when a chartered M.C.A. plane carried Maritime curlers to the Dominion Championships at Vancouver. They also paid a visit to Newfoundland. Prince Edward Island was represented on the Canadian Curling team which visited Scotland last year by Gordon "Dick" Hughes of the Charlottetown Club.

### BASKETBALL

Basketball had a highly successful season and widespread activity when Island Senior, Juvenile, Intercollegiate and boys and girls interscholastic competitions produced plenty of smart hoop action. Titles were decided in all brackets after close competitive play.

A six-team Island Physical Fitness Basketball League was the big interest for hoop fans throughout the winter when two teams from Summerside, R.C.A.F. Flyers and Schurman's battled it out with four City entries of Ray's Millionaires, Saint Dunstan's University, Prince of Wales College and Army in a 10-game schedule. R.C.A.F. made a strong showing to capture the regular schedule with an almost perfect score, nine wins in ten starts, while Ray's and S.D.U. tied for second place with seven victories each. Army was the fourth to make the playoffs with four wins, while P.W.C. and Schurman's finished at the bottom of the schedule in that order. Continuing on into semi-final play Flyers eliminated Army and Ray's proved S.D.U., with the two winners meeting in the finals. R.C.A.F. proved to have too much power for the City club and won the series to chalk up their second Island title in as many years.

In Island intermediate intercollegiate play the Prince of Wales College quintet topped out the 2nd Saint Dunstan's squad in a series for the Provincial title, while in Juvenile ranks, the Victorias, after downing Abbies in a five-team City loop, went on to wrap up the Island title in that division by defeating the Summerside representatives. Other teams in the City Hoop League were S.D.U., Ramblers and Y.M.C.A.

The interscholastic basketball division saw Prince Street School take the City title over Queen Square School to go on from there and defeat Summerside High for the Provincial title in the boys bracket, while West Kent School girls walked off with City and Provincial titles by eliminating Prince Street School and Summerside High girls respectively for top honors in that department.

### BASEBALL

A four-team Island Physical Fitness Baseball League, a three-team City Junior League and County intermediate and other baseball groups enjoyed a full season of closely competitive baseball competition that saw Provincial champions declared in all divisions.

With Summerside Curran and Briggs, R.C.A.F., Charlottetown Abbies and Men's Falcons competing in the Island League (Intermediate "A"), the C. and B. squad topped out the regular schedule followed by Falcons, Abbies and R.C.A.F. In that order, Falcons went on to eliminate Abbies in semi-final play, in which Curran and Briggs in turn downed Falcons in the finals for the Island crown, their second in as many years. As the defending Maritime Intermediate "A" titleists, the Summersideites continued along the playoff trail to down Clark's Harbour Smokies for the N.S.-P.E.I. crown and then wrapped up a successful season by retaining their Maritime Intermediate championship, defeating Minto Legion by default.

Following in the footsteps of their older brothers, the C. and B. Junior team also made an outstanding showing throughout the season by bringing the first Maritime Junior baseball title in history to the Western Capital. To earn their right into the Maritime playoffs, the C. and B. squad had defeated the Knights of Columbus in the Provincial finals after the latter had won the City Junior title in a tight three-team league against Victorias and Kinsmen. They won their Maritime crown by defeating Saint John Kinsmen in a rousing playoff final series.

Summerside teams just about made a clean sweep of Provincial titles. Their Kinsmen Bantams were victorious over Charlottetown Bantam Anchors, while Summerside also took the Biggest crown by defeating the City Royals. It took the Abbie Pee-Wees 13 games in the only Provincial crown for Charlottetown from the Western Kinsmen representatives.

In Intermediate "B" competition, Drake's Station were the big winners, defeating Miminegash Royals after both had captured their respective County divisions.

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### LITTLE SPORT



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## HUNTERS' CORNER

The old year of 1950, with its joys and disappointments, its successes and failures and — more lasting than all — its memories, will soon be relegated to the limbo of the past. As is the custom sportsmen and fishermen at this season of the year are wont to sit back and take stock of what has transpired in the way of sport, whether it be hunting or angling, during the past season.

The columnist has no regrets to offer in respect to hunting successes in 1950. With trout it is a somewhat different story and, like many other anglers, I found trout fishing during 1950 to be anything but good. I checked a lot of trout baskets last summer, and never in all my years of checking found such a meagre catch of trout as I did last year. The exception rather than the rule. A few, they were either lucky or just plain good at the game of casting, whose catches rated good, or better than last season.

It was in the hunting field that this scribe enjoys reminiscing for 1950 rates among my most successful years. Not altogether in the number of birds brought to bag but in respect to the glorious days and incidents; the good hunting companions and the sharpshooting that was my lot in 1950.

To begin with the Kid and I opened up the black duck season on the opening morning with a bang. It was a shoot to be remembered and was good enough to last the entire season. I didn't pull a trigger on a black duck after the first morning. Not that I wouldn't have, had the opportunity offered, but the balance of my hunting time was devoted to other species of game birds.

To begin with I bagged my limit on pheasants — five multi-colored gorgeous birds. Ring-necked pheasants, with a season bag limit of 5 cocks, were plentiful last season but that didn't make the hunting of them any easier. After the first opening day any hunter who out-witted an old cock who had taken to the tall timbers received a thrill commensurate with his hunting skill and efforts.

In a swamp or extensive alder tangle one has to have the services of a good dog for a pheasant will skulk and by-pass a hunter in thick cover just like a rabbit. If he knows you are on his trail, he'll not take to wing unless cornered.

Hen pheasants are inclined to be trusting and stupid at times but not so the males. Once a cock pheasant is wised up he'll sneak out of a stubble field and take to the heavy swamps once he sees a hunter approaching. It matters not if he is accompanied by a Setter or Pointer... he'll show a clean pair of heels anyway. The joke is that the hunter very seldom suspects that a pheasant, or pheasants, were in the vicinity.

Often I have watched my Pointer make game at the edge of a stubble field and then move cautiously into a swamp throwing a look in my direction as much as to say: "Aren't you com-

## 6-4 Victory Over Saint John Gives Local Team 15-Point Lead In Standing

Charlottetown Islanders jacked up their Big Four leadership back up to 15 points here last night when they scored a 6-4 victory over an aggressive Saint John Beavers aggregation in a wide-open, free scoring game of hockey that gave the cash customers a top notch, rugged night of hockey action.

Led by a sharpshooting Buck Whitlock, the Beavers jumped into a quick two goal lead by the time the 4:30 mark in the opening frame but two goals by Walter Pawlyshyn and one by Phil Vitale sent the Islanders into a 3-2 lead before the frame ended. Sending the score to 4-2 at the 29 second mark of the second frame on a slick goalgetting effort by Bucko Trainor, the Beavers struck back hard again a few minutes later when Whitlock again tallied for the hat trick and Paul Platz deadlocked the game for the rest of the frame at the 7:59 mark.

With the chips down, the Islanders came back with a third period performance that has kept them at the top of the circuit all season. Teaming up with Frank Bathgate, Danny Horeck sent the Islanders into the lead again the early minutes of the frame while the strong Trainor, Favero and Pawlyshyn combination provided the insurance marker at the 8:30 mark. It was a very pretty effort for scoring purposes, Trainor in over centre ice with a smart pass, with Bucko skating in over the blueline to set Red Favero up for a long, hard shot on goal, with a drop pass.

### Whitlock Does Hat Trick

But it was one of Charlottetown's hockey products, Buck Whitlock who really stole the show for scoring efforts. Spearheading the Saint John attack, Whitlock demonstrated the speed and fire that has twice made him the Maritime Senior Hockey League's "Top Scorer" in 1949 and 1950. Sometimes just to test my suspicions I'd give the order: "Atta Boy, put 'em out." Often I'd hear as many as four roosters cackling out of dense thickets a good hundred yards distant.

By the second last day of October I had two pheasants to my credit. It suddenly dawned on me that if I were to line the sights of the Winchester on any more "red bombers" I'd have to give up the easy way of hunting them and go into the swamps and alder tangles after them. In short: take 'em the hard way.

That day's hunt is a story in itself. As the day wore on I had two birds and lacked the one to round out my limit for the season. In the afternoon, walking down a dirt road that wound through heavy swamp growth of juniper, spruce and alder, I espied the back of a hen pheasant as she slipped into the roadside ditch.

I jumped across the ditch onto the narrow cutaway and ordered Timmy in. He lost no time in getting into action. Three hen pheasants scuttled like rabbits through the underbrush in front of me but — where were the cocks, the Pointer worked in deeper and I could hear the cocks getting up one... two... three of them. One came my way. I could see him cack-

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gue's scoring champion. Teaming up with Nick Nicolle and Ted Watson on a smart attack from centre ice, Whitlock drilled home the first goal of the night at the 7:53 mark and just 37 seconds later, intercepted a pass at the Islanders' blueline to sail right in on goalie Hal Gordon to beat him cleanly with a hard shot. Whitlock garnered his hat trick on his second solo effort of the night at 4:17 of the second frame. Picking up a loose puck during an Islanders power attack around the Saint John cage, Buck broke away in the clear to drill a high hard shot past Gordon as he hit the opposing blueline. The puck went in over Gordon's shoulder.

### First Appearance

Making his first appearance with the Islanders since he arrived here from the Pacific Coast Professional Hockey League, Johnny Black gave local fans a preview of what they can expect from him in the way of performance in the near future. Johnny was right in there pitching for every minute he was on the ice and showed plenty of speed and hockey ability. Flashing in to pick up the puck from Trainor on a face-off to the left of the Beaver goal, Black bounced the puck right off the goalpost in the first few seconds of his debut, and later in the night led two or three dangerous Islanders' attacks that came within inches of paying off in goals.

The game produced plenty of rugged bodying at times too, with neither team asking or giving any quarter when it came to handling out the bumps. There were a few flareups that saw gloves and sticks being dropped to the ice in favor of bare fists, but no serious damage was done as the result. Islanders' big Phil Vitale and Thaler of Beavers caused a bit of a rumpus in the second frame that cost Vitale a minor for interference and a major for fighting. Near the midway mark in the final frame, Saint John's badman Eddie Bolan and Phil Vitale brought the crowd to their feet when they tangled ever near the penalty box. It provided plenty of excitement while it lasted, with both boys garnering major penalties for their part in the fray.

Of the 11 penalties handed out during the night, Islanders bore the brunt on eight of them while Bolan collected the other three for Beavers.

### Trainer Gets Five Points

Wes "Bucko" Trainor, captain of the Islanders club was the big pointgetter on the night, garnering a goal and four assists for five points. Bucko's all-round, aggressive and effective performance netted him a new hat donated by Henderson and Cudmore, one of the City's leading men's wear firms. Pawlyshyn's two goals and two assists, Favero's goal and three assists, and Whitlock's three goals saw them all close on Trainor's heels for pointgetting efforts.

Saint John — Goal, Brodeur; defence, Heon, Blackburn; centre, Brennan; wings, Thaler, Platz, Subs, Bolan, Mudie, Whitlock, Nicolle, Jackson, Jodoin, Gordon; Charlottetown — Goal, Gordon; defence, Vitale — Travis; centre, Trainor; wings, Pawlyshyn, Favero, Subs, McLagan, Duchak, Bathgate, J. Horeck, D. Horeck, Beaudry, Clements, Beaton, Black.

Officials — Swain, Bradshaw and Kane.

**SUMMARY**  
First Period  
1—Saint John, Whitlock (Nicolle, Watson) 3:53  
2—Saint John, Whitlock 4:30  
3—Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn (Favero, Trainor) 8:02  
4—Charlottetown, Vitale (Trainor, Favero) 13:39  
5—Charlottetown, Pawlyshyn

## Rollaway Alleys Open Next Tuesday

Local bowlers will be given the opportunity of bowling over ten of the finest alleys in the Maritimes next week following the opening of the Roll away bowling alleys on Tuesday night. Mayor MacDonald is expected to send the alleys in to operation with an official opening.

The regulation length 63-foot alleys will be equipped with foul lights so that bowlers hitting the foul line will be greeted with the flash of a red light and the ring of a bell indicating they obtained a goose egg even though they knocked the five or ten pins flying.

### VICS DEFEAT MILLIONAIRES

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 29.—(CP)—Sydney Millionaires, run-away leaders of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League early in the season, took another beating tonight, falling 3-2 to North Sydney Victorias.

Only four penalties were called, a rare occurrence in the league.

## Big Entertainment At Forum On Monday Night

Yes, it will be big entertainment at the Charlottetown Forum on Monday night, and if local hockey fans want to start the New Year off with some top notch entertainment, they should be on hand to take in the performance.

In addition to a Big Four Hockey League contest between the Islanders and Moncton Hawks, members of the Islanders hockey team will put on a special puck-carrying contest before the game gets underway for your extra enjoyment. The action will start at eight o'clock sharp, with the game scheduled for 8:30.

With much friendly rivalry at a keen pitch among the boys of the club, and special prizes to be awarded to the winners, the boys are really in a mean business when they take to the ice to compete against one another for top honours in this event.

Coach Leo Lamoureux stated last night that the event will be run off in the same manner they do every year in the National Hockey League. From a standing start, each man will make a complete circuit of the rink against time while carrying the puck, with the player making the fastest time being declared the winner.

If you ask the players who is going to win the contest, every one individually says "I am", at least that is the way they were talking in the dressing room before last night's game against Beavers. Johnny Horeck and Phil Vitale have been arguing and making sidebets ever since the idea was suggested as to who is the best. Vitale claims he can beat any man in the team while skating back-

(Trainor, Favero) 14.15 Penalties—Beaton, Duchak  
Second Period  
6—Charlottetown, Trainor (Pawlyshyn) 29  
7—Saint John, Whitlock 4:17  
8—Saint John, Platz (Brennan, Mudie) 7:59 Penalties—Favero, Vitale (minor and major).  
Third Period  
9—Charlottetown, D. Horeck (Bathgate) 3:47  
10—Charlottetown, Favero (Trainor, Pawlyshyn) 8:30 Penalties—Travis, Bolan (2 minors and major) Black, Vitale (major).

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## Hairston Wins By Kayo Over J. T. Ross

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Gene Hairston, sky-rocketing middleweight contender, cut down J. T. Ross, San Jose, Calif., beanpole, to win by a knockout in 1:12 of the third round tonight at Madison Square Garden. Hairston weighed 158, Ross 162 3-4.

Ross, billed as the tallest middleweight at six feet, 1-2 inches, hadn't much else to recommend him. Stopped by Steve Belloise and Joe Taylor in his last eastern tour, he went down once in the second round before Hairston belted him out with a sweeping right to the jaw.

Hairston sent Ross' mouthpiece slithering across the ring as he connected for the kayo wallop. The stringbean Ross went down on his back with a thump. Referee Mark Conn counted three and didn't bother to finish.

Young Hairston, a deaf mute who lost his powers of speech and hearing after an attack of spinal meningitis at an age now ranks sixth in the 160-pound class. He had no trouble with Ross, who flew in from California to sub for ailing Walter Cartier who withdrew Tuesday because of a bad cold.

Vic Cardell, 149 1-2, Hartford, Conn., won his third straight Garden victory with an eight-round unanimous decision over 19-year-old Jimmy Herring, 154 1-2, New York, in the semi-final.

Danny Womber, 145 3-4 23-year-old Chicago Negro, upset Jose Alberto Diaz 145 3-4, the welterweight champ of Venezuela, by winning a unanimous eight-round

decision to spoll the South American's U. S. debut.

## W.K.S.-Q.S.S. Game Today

The West Kent and Queen Square School hockey teams will clash at the Forum this morning at 10 o'clock in the first inter-school exhibition contest of the season.

The two teams, who are expected to meet one another early in the new year in regular interscholastic competition, will have the opportunity today of testing their strength and skill against one another and is expected to produce plenty of keen competition.

Defenceman Phil Vitale of the Islanders is coaching the Queen Square School this year, while George MacRae, a former Saint Dunstan's University rearguard is piloting the West Kent boys again this year.

Another Islanders hockeyist, Johnny Black of the Vancouver Canucks and latest addition to the Big Four leaders, will referee the game for the boys.

The lineups for today's game are as follows:—  
W.K.S.—Goal, B. Mills; defence, J. Moore, T. MacDonald, G. Buell; forwards, J. Squarebriggs, P. Kennedy, I. Kennedy, H. Lantz, L. Duffy, D. McKay.

## A-P-C League

STELLARTON, N. S., Dec. 29.—(CP)—Stellarton Royals swamped Truro Beacrats 13-1 in a scheduled game of the Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior "B" Hockey League here tonight. Truro's goal—first of the game—came at 1:50 of the first period.

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