

# Saints Edge Islanders In Fast Contest

## Held 4 To 3 Margin Over Local Team In Top Notch Encounter

Sweeney Schriener's Halifax Saint Mary's hockeyists squeezed out a close 4-3 verdict over Charlottetown Islanders here last night in one of the hottest and best games of hockey that has been witnessed over Forum ice between the two clubs this season.

Played before a small crowd of slightly over 1,200 fans, the game was a terrific pace throughout the entire contest, that saw both teams come up with a combination of wide open, aggressive and close checking hockey that gave fans a thrill a second and kept them on the edge of their seats all night.

Waxing really hot in the first period, Halifax outscored Islanders 3-1, with Islanders roaring back in the second with a towering onslaught that had Halifax in trouble all through the session, but only netted them one goal. Both came through with a tally each in the closing frame.

George McGregor was the key man for Halifax when he lead rush after rush to bag two goals and an assist while Muckle Hollett and Thomas collected the other two with Ford, Thomas, Brown, Campbell and Watson assisting.

### Dutchak Is Star

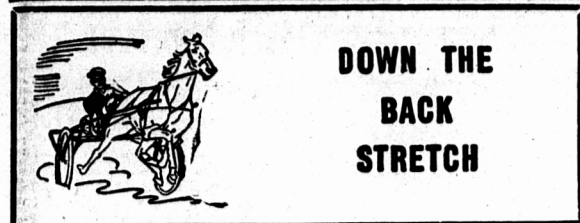
Starring on the Islanders lineup, both defensively and offensively, defenseman Johnny Dutchak came up with the performance of his career in Big Four hockey when he bagged one Islanders goal and set up another and lead a number of other dangerous rushes that missed within inches of paying off in goals. Johnny Horeck and Bruno Favero notched up Islanders other two tallies with Pawlyshyn picking up two assists and Favero and George McLagan one each.

Breaking up a dangerous Halifax rush at his own blue line at the very start of the first frame Dutchak rushed his way down the ice to go right in on D'Aoust for a shot that was blocked with Johnny Horeck banging in the rebound to send Islanders out in front at the 35 second mark, but the game had hardly reached the two minute mark when the tide changed. Lead by a high-flying George McGregor Halifax struck home hard for two goals in the space of 29 seconds. Bottling up the Islanders behind their own blue line, McGregor banged in the first on a power attack around the net with Bill Ford and Cy Thomas at 2:16 and at 2:55 McGregor scored again on a pass from Ed Brown in another roaring attack around Hal Gordon in the Islanders cage. Battling tooth and nail with one another in a series of fast moving attacks that saw both goalies, Gordon and D'Aoust come up with startling saves, Halifax broke through again at 16:58 for their third goal. Muckle Hollett banged home the goal in a smart three-way attack from centre ice with Hughie Campbell and Bill Watson that had Hal Gordon beaten all the way. McGregor's second goal came while Johnny Dutchak was serving a major penalty for fighting.

### Islanders Turn On Steam

Turning on the steam in the second frame, Islanders controlled the play nearly all the way to gang up on Halifax continually, but the Halifax crew came up with some great defensive work to hamper Islanders continually, while Eddie D'Aoust in the Saintmarians cage, barred the door on many occasions with stellar net work, to only allow the locals one goal. Outshooting their opponents 13-4 in the frame, Islanders missed a number of golden opportunities with slack play around the net at the vital moments.

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## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Lloyd D. Murray, formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, and Mrs. Murray, are wintering at 36 West Gore Ave., Orlando Florida. In a recent letter he writes: "Enclosed is clipping from this morning's paper re Joe O'Brien—a good snap. I know you will be interested. The Ben White Raceway is only a couple of miles outside the city limits. I plan on looking Joe up one of these days. Trust you are keeping well. I follow Down The Back Stretch weekly." Thanks, Lloyd. The clipping shows the head and neck of Mahlon Hanover, 2, 204, with a good picture of Joe holding him.

Mahlon Hanover is a handsome bay, son of the \$100,000 Hanover Shoe Farms stallion Nibbe Hanover, that has been installed as the early favorite to win this year's \$50,000 Hambletonian trotting classic to be raced at Goshen, New York, in August. He is owned by W. C. Evans, Rockville Center, Rhode Island, and trained by Joe O'Brien of Prince Edward Island. He was named to the number one spot on the Hambletonian list last week by Al Saunders, veteran racing secretary of W. H. Kane's Goshen mile track. The paid up list of Hambletonian eligibles this year numbers 32 and if as many as fifty get to the post the race will be worth \$90,000—by far the richest purse ever to be contested for by harness horses.

Mahlon is rated by Saunders as the top favorite in the huge field on the basis of his performance last season when he emerged as the champion two-year-old colt of the year with a racing mark of 2:04 given him at Lexington, Kentucky, by Joe O'Brien. W. N. Reynolds' Betsy Wood, 1950 filly champion with a record of 2:03 3-5 at Lexington, is rated back of Mahlon Hanover along with Hayes Fair Acres Filly, Mighty Fine and Leo C. McNamara's Scotch Rhythm, full sister to last year's winner, Lusty Song. Mahlon won 8 of 16 starts last year including three major stakes. The colt gives 33-year-old Joe O'Brien his first favorite for the big race.

O'Brien made his first appearance in the classic last year taking fourth money with Stewart Hanover, but he has been training and driving horses since he was fourteen and is one of the top campaigners in the sport. Joe has 24 head of colts and horses quartered at his stable, Ben White Raceway, Orlando track. Mahlon Hanover was bought by W. C. Evans and the noted trainer Sam Catton at the Harrisburg auction in 1949 and was trained and developed by Catton until he sold his half interest to Evans last summer. Mr. Evans then placed him in Joe's hands with the success mentioned above. An offer of \$50,000 was made and refused by Mr. Evans for Mahlon Hanover.

Worthy Worthy Boy 3, 2:02 1/2 occupies the cover of the Horseman and Fair World of January 17th. He is a son of Volomite, standing at Castleton Farm, Lexington, Kentucky, and had 18 new record performers in 1950 with four of them in the 2:05 list including Star's Pride 3, 2:02, winner of the \$85,000 Kentucky Futurity and over \$85,000 in two campaigns. Sep Palin, who selected Worthy Boy and most of the brood mares and stallions for Castleton Farm, in a recent interview in Florida predicts that Worthy Boy will succeed his "pappy" Volomite as the premier sire in the Standard Bred world. Sep should be a pretty good judge as he is the man that gave Greyhound his world record and has more world records than any other driver. Friends of Sep will be glad to know that his stable of colts and aged horses that he is training in Florida are all doing nicely and the expectation is that he will have a very good year in 1951. The writer, a good friend of Sep's, certainly hopes so.

Reports from Florida state that Imperial Hanover, that was sold as a yearling for \$72,000 in 1949, is really showing something for Tom Berry, who took him over about four months ago. Last year although he was entered in a couple of hundred thousand dollars worth of stakes he could not make the grade, in fact we don't believe he

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Although there have been a lot of vague items and rumors circulating around of late concerning Murph Chamberlain's interest in a hockey franchise in the Maritimes for next season, a recent report from Moncton shows that there is more truth than fiction to the possibilities. The old "Hard Rock" of the N.H.L. apparently liked what he saw of the hockey set-up here in the Maritimes during his coaching duties in this quarter during last season with Sydney and part of this year with the local Islanders.

To use his own pet phrase in referring to others, Chamberlain is a "smart cookie" when it comes to the why's and wherefore's of hockey, and he proved only too conclusively to players and fans in the Maritimes during his two years of contact with Maritime leagues. He can apparently see good possibilities for a man with his knowledge and experience of the game, to take hold of one of the clubs in the Seaside Provinces and make it pay off in good dividends and in hockey.

His sense of good judgment is also borne out by the fact that he chose Moncton as his spot to make a start. The home of the Hawks has always been an ardent hockey city all through the years with a good population there and in surrounding towns and districts to support a good club. It is about the centre of any Maritime circuit that might be in vogue at the time, which makes it that much easier for travel and convenience. The fact too, that of all the Big Four clubs in the loop, Moncton is the one most needing a lift back into the limelight of the present Maritime hockey set up.

If Chamberlain gets what he wants, it is found to be a "shot in the arm" for the Hub City, and no doubt will have its effect all through the Maritimes. He is a man that is a bundle of energy and foresight and has the contacts and knowledge needed to make things hum. His short stay as manager coach of the Islanders bears mute testimony of that. Taking over the job of building up a hockey club in Charlottetown after being out of the senior game for 5 years, Chamberlain set the whole Big Four hockey circuit on its ear in a few short months. Working with a per capita basis smaller than any centre in league competition today, he banded together and developed the most potent hockey club in the circuit, and who knows, maybe in the Maritimes, a thing that three alone will tell.

Referring to the Moncton report it states: "The committee in charge of Moncton's civic-owned Stadium revealed it has received an inquiry from Murph Chamberlain, coach of Vancouver Canucks of the Pacific Coast League, regarding possibility of obtaining the hockey franchise of the rink for next season." The inquiry was directed to Harold (Dud) James, Stadium manager, and was read at a meeting of the committee held on Thursday night.

According to the report the decision of the meeting was that "James inform Chamberlain of the method and conditions under which hockey is operated in the Stadium." The report did not elaborate on what other details might have been included in Chamberlain's enquiry, if any, or as to what the "conditions" in connection with hockey at the Stadium entailed. In fact it didn't even indicate whether Moncton is interested in the proposal or not.

Of course at this early stage of negotiation, it is strictly a matter of private rink and club management business, but one can't help wondering what effect such a proposal might have in Moncton hockey circles. It will no doubt raise a lot of discussion both in favor and against such a franchise, depending on the actual

## Local Rink Pulls Upset In Opening Round Of School Curling Playdowns

The "Dead End Kids" of the Charlottetown Curling Club, skipped by Barrie MacDonald, pulled a major upset in the opening round of the Provincial High School curling playdowns yesterday. They were the only undefeated rink at the close of play, winning both their afternoon and evening matches.

Play will resume this morning and conclude in the afternoon. The winning rink will represent the Province in the Dominion High School competition to be held at Nelson, B. C.

The major upset came in the defeat of the favored Cameron rink, last year's champions, in the evening round by their clubmates the MacDonald foursome. Closely played all the way, the match was deadlocked at the end of the regulation ten ends. In the extra end the MacDonald rink counted two rocks to win 10-8.

Following the close of afternoon play the youthful curlers were the guests of the ladies of the Charlottetown Curling Club at a supper gathering. Mr. Harper MacNeill presided. Brief addresses were given by Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell and His Worship Mayor R. Earle MacDonald. Both paid tribute to David "Bud" MacLeod for his work and support of junior curling. Appreciation of the splendid supper provided was expressed to the ladies and wholeheartedly endorsed by all present.

Mayor MacDonald extended a hearty welcome to the visiting curlers on behalf of the city and reminded them that curling was a gentleman's game and he was happy to see them exhibiting true

## Double School Hockey Bill At Forum Tonight

There should be plenty of hockey action at the Forum tonight when a double bill in City Interscholastic League play and a Juvenile exhibition will be held here tonight with the first game scheduled to get underway at 7 o'clock.

The last meeting of the regular schedule between Queen Square School and Prince Street School will feature the Interscholastic clash in the program opener, while the Juvenile Abbies will make their first appearance of the season against the Prince of Wales College squad in the closing feature.

The only game left to be played in the regular schedule of the City Interscholastic Hockey League will be played a week from tonight when West Kent and Queen Square cross sticks.

With P.S.S. leading the loop with two wins and a tie in three starts over Q.S.S. who are riding in second place with one win and a loss in two, it should be a grim battle that the two clubs will stage tonight. A win for Prince Street would automatically make them the first place team in the still divided Queen Square a chance to tie or win the series if they can top out West Kent in the final series clash next week. So the chips are down and both are expected to come up with all-out performances tonight.

The exhibition clash between Abbie Juniors under coach George MacRae, and the P.W.C. Welshmen, is also expected to produce plenty of keen hockey. Abbies are somewhat of an unknown quantity so far this season, but on paper, have a strong looking policies of the rink, team and of course last but not least, public opinion in and about the Hub City.

However, it will give interested parties all over the Maritimes something to think about, and could be the start of a change in trend of hockey in the Maritimes, which regardless of individual dealings between Chamberlain and Moncton officials, is much in the thoughts and plans of the "powers that be" in every section of the three Provinces in regard to future hockey policy, league formation, etc.

## Hockey Scores

Maritime Major	
Halifax 4	Charlottetown 3
Cape Breton Major	
Glace Bay 3	Sydney 1

THE STANDINGS							
Big Four							
GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	
Ch'town	61	41	18	2	276	160	84
Halifax	60	32	25	3	251	227	67
St. John	61	28	31	2	224	242	58
Moncton	62	16	43	3	187	309	35

Cape Breton						
W	L	T	F	A	Pts	
Sydney	35	12	10	229	147	80
Glace Bay	23	27	9	186	200	55
Nr. Sydney	14	31	15	177	245	43

National League						
W	L	T	F	A	Pts	
Detroit	29	11	9	150	103	67
Toronto	28	11	10	144	97	62
Montreal	22	10	14	129	44	44
Boston	16	21	11	117	137	43
New York	13	20	15	106	137	41
Chicago	12	28	9	122	159	33

## P.W.C. Hoop Team To Play At Truro

The Prince of Wales College basketball team will travel to Truro, N. S., today by car where they will meet a team from the Truro Agricultural College in an exhibition hoop fixture there tonight.

Headed by coach Earl Nicholson and managed by Bill Leonard, the following are the team members who will make the trip:—Garth Crockett, Ian Ashford, J. MacNaught, Bill MacAndrew, Jack MacAndrew, Charles Hine, Jim Hoyt, J. Wood.

## HOCKEY TONIGHT

AT BORDEN  
ALBANY ST. PATS  
vs  
MILTON HORNETS  
Game starts 8 p.m.  
Admission 20c and 40c  
One hour skate after game.



The rabbit season is over-ended on Wednesday, January 31st. Judging from old standards the season was disappointing. Rabbits were scarce and, taking the overall picture as a whole, have been on a slow toboggan—not a slow Boat to China—for several years. Some rabbit hunters to whom I have talked are loath to admit they are getting scarce. Others were quite frank about the situation. Now this columnist is not hinting that the situation regarding rabbit hunting is such that it requires a shortening of the season... not yet at any rate.

I do feel however that, if we are to preserve the sport of rabbit hunting as a worthwhile recreation, some steps should be taken toward establishing some form of conservation measures such as daily bag and possession limits, restrictions placed on the manner of their disposal after being shot or snared, etc., few people realize the amount of healthy outdoor recreation and choice meat provided by the winter white bunnies with the ridiculous powder puff tail.

There is a real thrill and keen enjoyment in listening to the music of hounds in a winter swamp and watching for a glimpse of a ghostly wraith slipping through the trees or crossing an open space with the throttle wide open. If one's marksmanship is good there is a reward in a delicious "pot pie" on the morrow. Or if the taste demands one may have the choice of a tasty appetizing fricasee or succulent stew with all the trimmings.

I have heard some people say that they wouldn't eat a rabbit. Others prefer rabbit to chicken anytime. I know people who insisted that they wouldn't eat rabbit till they sampled one in a pie and didn't know what they were eating. If one's marksmanship is good when the rabbit population drops below a certain level the bunnies have a habit of congregating in localized areas... referred to in game circles as "pockets." This habit accounts for the good bags secured by a few rabbit hunters on some of their hunts. I know one party that shot 12 in an afternoon and another group of three who bagged 22 on a single hunt.

This however does not change the over-all picture. I was born and raised in one of the best rabbit areas in the province... the beaver dam country of southern Queens. It was the custom in those days to have a rabbit or fox hunt on Christmas afternoon. I remember on one specific occasion a party of 7 of us shot 57 rabbits between 12:30 P. M. and dusk.

What really ran the kill up so high on this particular afternoon was the fact that a Pownal sharpshooter and the Mounal Abbion Daniel Boone staged a contest to see who could shoot the most. As the December sun sank behind William A's woods, the Pownal gunner threw the towel into the ring. He had 13. The Mt. A nimrod 17. Incidentally, I wasn't in on this. I ended up with a modest 2. There were times in those days when it was nothing unusual to see 6 rabbits running ahead of Old Ted... one of the best Beagles that ever came down the Pike.

Ted was my dog and I would get rabbits whenever I wanted them. I was content on this hunt to tag along and watch the fun. I never had too great a yen to burden myself down with a backload of rabbits. One afternoon this winter I covered a lot of this old territory. It was a typical day for rabbit hunting... sunshine and sharp with no snow on the ground. I enjoyed the tramp but never glimpsed a rabbit until the winter dusk began to shroud the

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## VICTORIA RINK

SATURDAY NIGHT  
... HOCKEY MATCH ...  
Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs  
vs.  
Crapaud Heartbreakers  
Skate After

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FRIDAY—CHILDREN'S SKATE — 4 TO 5:30  
HOCKEY — 8:30 — HALIFAX vs. ISLANDERS

SATURDAY — SKATING — 3 TO 5  
SCHOOL HOCKEY AND SKATING — 7

**SCHOOL HOCKEY TONIGHT**

3 — RED HOT ONES — 2  
P. S. SCHOOL vs. QUEEN SQUARE SCHOOL  
AND  
JUVENILES vs. P. W. C. WELSHMEN  
FIRST GAME AT 7

ADULTS—35c  
CHILDREN—25c

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