

Whitlock Still Leading Parade

MONCTON, (Special) — Roy (Buck) Whitlock of Charlottetown Islanders, long a high scoring figure in Maritime hockey, didn't play at all last week. But official Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League scoring statistics released Monday night by league secretary Bob Chandler show that the starry center still leads the point parade.

With 16 goals and 33 assists, Whitlock fronts linemate Bob Gray by four points. Gray has 23 markers and 22 helpings for 45 points.

Ray Leduc, runner up to Whitlock since the early days of the campaign and who also missed last week's action, trails Gray by one point. Leduc has scored 18 times and assisted on 26 Charlottetown goals for 44 points. Four Islanders front the pack, with another in seventh place.

Fredricton Capitals are represented among the leaders by Doug McPhee, fifth, and Bob Lezer, tied for eighth with two Amherst Ramblers, Fern Bernaquez and Roger Jodoin who has since left the circuit.

Moncton Hawks placed no players among the first eight.

Jim Shirley and Moncton's Nick Pidsodny continue their goal-gating rivalry, with Shirley leading by two goals Monday. Shirley had a 3.2 goals against mark, as against 3.18 for Pidsodny.

Danny O'Connor, rugged Charlottetown rearward, preserves his

| Player | G | | A | | Pts | Pen |
|---------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | G | A | Pts | Pen | | |
| Whitlock, C | 16 | 33 | 49 | 27 | | |
| Gray, C | 23 | 22 | 45 | 6 | | |
| Leduc, C | 18 | 26 | 44 | 12 | | |
| McPhee, F | 10 | 28 | 38 | 23 | | |
| Kiley, A | 15 | 20 | 35 | 66 | | |
| Hennessey, C | 12 | 22 | 34 | 37 | | |
| Bernaquez, A | 13 | 20 | 33 | 14 | | |
| Lezer, F | 12 | 19 | 31 | 6 | | |
| Jodoin, F | 11 | 20 | 31 | 7 | | |
| *No longer with the team. | | | | | | |

| Player | GP | | GA | Avg | Pen | So |
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| | GP | GA | | | | |
| Shirley, C | 34 | 106 | 3.12 | 19 | 2 | |
| Pidsodny, M | 34 | 108 | 3.18 | 27 | 2 | |
| Steeves, A | 24 | 80 | 3.33 | 0 | 0 | |
| Lacoursiere, A | 9 | 37 | 4.11 | 0 | 0 | |
| Roper, A | 1 | 12 | 12.00 | 0 | 0 | |
| Amherst Ttl. | 34 | 129 | 3.79 | 0 | 0 | |
| Craig, F | 34 | 130 | 3.82 | 2 | 1 | |
| Team penalties: Charlottetown 619; Fredricton 485; Amherst 423; Moncton 390. | | | | | | |
| Legend: M—Moncton; F—Fredricton; C—Charlottetown; A—Amherst. | | | | | | |

Curling Results At Local Rink

The Dr. Wendall MacDonald rink of Sam Johnston, Hughie Simpson and T. W. Milton, defeated the Frank Robbs foursome last night to take home four of the turkeys at the bonspiel at the Charlottetown Curling Club.

Following is the draw for the rest of the Turkey Bonspiel for mystery prizes:

7 P.M.

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| Ice 1 | — F. R. McLaine vs C. Whiteman |
| Ice 2 | — Dr. L. Prowse vs C. MacLean |
| Ice 3 | — R. G. Spillett vs A. W. Hyndman |
| Ice 4 | — J. Squarebriggs vs A. Howatt |

8:30 P.M.

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| Ice 1 | — W. R. MacNeill vs C. MacDonald |
| Ice 2 | — L. Turner vs W. S. MacInnis |
| Ice 3 and 4 | open for scratch games. |

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SARNIA, Ont. (CP)—The Christmas spirit got a little out of hand here. One home owner caught two vandals carting away the tops of his two front lawn spruces to be used as Christmas trees.

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Petite Girl Top Woman Athlete

By KEN SMITH
WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—A petite 16-year-old—Canada's best woman gymnast—has been named top Canadian woman athlete for 1954. It was the second year in a row Ernestine (Ernie), Russell of Windsor Athletic Club has taken the Rose Bowl award, presented each year by the Women's Amateur Athletic Federation.

She will receive the trophy at a ceremony in Montreal Dec. 29. Ernie has earned the reputation as one of the best female gymnasts in North America. She recently returned from the midwestern gymnastic championships in Chicago where she won five firsts and defeated Ruth Grulowski, United States national champion.

BEGAN AT CORNER LOT
The tiny youngster, with her amazing muscular control and sense of balance, last July captured the Canadian women's championship in a meet at Vancouver, just prior to the British Empire Games. She won firsts in all but two of seven events. There were no gymnastic events for women at the games.

Ernie's coach, physical instructor Bernie Newman, started her on a gymnastic career more than two years ago. Her first instruction was in a corner lot which he equips each summer with apparatus for use by neighborhood children.

Some of her talent comes from her parents, both members of the Canadian Dance Teachers' Association. Her father teaches acrobatic dancing here, and her mother is a tap and ballet instructor.

Ernestine herself is an accomplished ballet dancer. She has taken lessons since she was two.

When the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League was formed early last fall, one of the conditions on which the Amherst entry was to continue, was that each team in the league participate in 10 cents a head deal. It was agreed by all teams, however, that the Hawks under the financial strength of Mike Baig, be exempt from this arrangement. The reason for the Amherst club desiring such a thing at that time was because they expected to have their usual small crowds in attendance at home games. So, it would be of great benefit for them to collect on the road trips to help in the financial burden of the team because they realized that the crowds in Charlottetown and Fredricton would likely be much larger than their own.

So, the Caps and Islanders agreed to this deal in which they, for the most part, had very little interest. At the first of the season, the arrangement worked to the advantage of the Ramblers. They played sensational hockey at home and their crowds rose in number, but when they came to the Island, the crowds in Charlottetown and Fredricton fell by the hundreds each time the Ramblers came. Thus the Amherst club collected very little money in either center. But when the Islanders and Capitals visited the Bailey Arena, the place was packed and the visitors received enough compensation by this season's deal to cover the expense of their road trips.

Now this, to the Ramblers, made it seem as though they were supporting the other teams to a certain extent. They, however, were oblivious of the reverse situation at the start of the season when, as they prefer to say, the other teams were supporting them. It is out-guess that they thought they could pull off the same stunt as Moncton had done and get rid of the deal now that the Islanders and Caps are the greater benefactors.

At the meeting in the Windsor Hotel in Moncton, Sunday afternoon and evening, the Amherst representatives claimed that if the

Biggest Davis Cup Gate

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—The Davis Cup challenge round here Dec. 27-29 will gross \$382,000, the largest gate in the tennis event's history.

Officials, disclosing Monday details of the contest at White City Stadium between the American and Australian teams, said seating arrangements have been made for 25,578 spectators.

deal was not dropped as of then, the league could consider the Ramblers as out. They said that if they had to support the Caps and the Islanders along with their own entry that it would not be possible for them to operate. What a ridiculous statement to make. With the crowds that the Ramblers are getting they should be in a better condition than they ever were, and no one need tell us that they aren't. The Islanders have been running successfully for the past month on between 600 and 1,000 fans a game. They are leading the league with a roster of fourteen players and will have only 12 men dressed till after the holidays. The Islanders feel that if they had needed another rearward, they couldn't have brought him in no matter how little he cost. The Ramblers on the other hand were able to fork out \$1200 for one player alone and an unknown but assumed high price for a trio of men since then. They now have a 16-man team, including two goalies.

It would then seem that the Ramblers are trying to pull a fast one over on the other ACSHL entries.

As we said before, early in Sunday's meeting, the Ramblers stated that they, if the 10 cent deal were to continue, the Amherst club were through operating unless a new executive were to take over. A motion proposed by the Amherst club to drop the deal was thrown out when the league president cast the deciding vote. The Amherst club representatives suggested that the Amherst club stay in existence till after the holiday and give the other clubs a chance to consider the move. The Ramblers came right back and said that if they could hold out till after the holidays, that they would likely finish the regular schedule. At this stage of the season, at which time there was talk of a three-team circuit, the writer had to leave in order to get the boat back to the Island. However, when we reached the local capital we learned by the CP report of the meeting that the Ramblers saw they were fighting a lost cause and had conceded to continue operation till January 9 at least. So, after the holidays things will likely look much different and it is our guess that the Ramblers will be in the league for the remainder of the season, and why shouldn't they be? They have a fast rising, second place team with many highly-rated performers.

Vip Palladino and Lloyd Hinchberger started to serve their suspensions last night. If Palladino did everything that referee Sonny MacDonald's report claimed he did, it was not the same Palladino that we know that was in Fredricton the night of the melee. In his report of the game, MacDonald stated that Vip struck him on the

face with his stick, hit him in the stomach and knocked his wind out with the butt of the same instrument and then to top things off, gave the official a couple of good shoves. Now can you just imagine that? Vip is lucky that he didn't get taken to court for attempted murder. However, here is two sides to every story, but this one we find very hard to believe.

After MacDonald gave his report, he was sent from the meeting and the other referee at the game, Cliff Young was called in for his version. Young stated that in no way was MacDonald injured physically. Then Mr. Farlee said that he based his judgment on the fact that no official in the league had been injured in any way before. Now these three things do definitely not add up. However the attention is passed and for the little attention the league executive paid to the versions of the incident given by Palladino and Hinchberger at the meeting, we don't see why they ever asked them to attend. It was just a lost week-end as far as the players were concerned. If the league just called them in to make the thing look good, they failed by a long shot. Because with the attitude that the league president took to the Island representative at the opening of the meeting, it was very easy to see what the result would be.

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Islanders Take Nine Point Lead In ACSHL With 4-2 Win Over Ramblers At Forum

The Charlottetown Islanders increased their league lead to 9 points as they made it five games without a loss last night by defeating the second place Amherst Ramblers 4-2 in a fast, close game before a small crowd at the Forum. The Islanders dressed only twelve men for last night's game, having only two regular defencemen in action. Coach Steve Brklacich played all of the first and second periods and was given only partial relief by Copper Leyte in the final.

The opening frame was very evenly played with a lot of close-checking witnessed. The Islanders, however, had the better scoring opportunities although they may have been fewer than those of the Kiley men. Buck Whitlock hit the goal-post shortly after the game had started, on a hard slap-shot which many people thought went in the net. The Islanders continued to press for the first five minutes of play with Camille Tremblay kicking them out from all angles in fast succession to assure fans that he is a very valuable addition to the Ramblers line-up. From then on Ramblers had a slight edge in territorial play till the period ended with Jim Shirley also making some dazzling saves.

The first period was very close with neither penalties or scoring entering the records. In the second period the team split a pair of goals while the Ramblers were collecting a trio of penalties. Play loosened up in the final frame with the locals out-scoring the visitors 3-1 and with each team taking a like number of penalties.

Buck Whitlock led the winners with a goal and an assist while Lorne Hennessey had a pair of helpers. Wimpy Jones and Copper Leyte were the other Islander markers while Lou Kiley and Rolie Savard scored for the Ramblers.

For the Islanders, the line of Hennessey, Whitlock and Gray was the most dangerous to the Ramblers. The best of the Ramblers were young Henri Therrien, Paul Saindon and Jackie Schmidt. In the defensive end, goalie Camille Tremblay turned aside a total of 35 shots while Islanders Jim Shirley, who was back after a short injury period, made 26 saves, many of them in sensational manner. Maurice Parr

was the pick of the Ramblers rearwards, while Steve Brklacich, Danny O'Connor and Copper Leyte were stand-outs for the Islanders.

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The line of Fern Bernaquez, Emmett Kennedy and Paul Saindon sought hard to make the red light blink behind Shirley in the opening minute of the middle session with Saindon missing the corner of the net by inches shortly before Larry Blackburn received the first penalty of the game. He had just returned to the ice when Moe Parr was sent to the cooler

Ottawa Senators Quit The Q.H.L.

MONTEAL (CP)—Ottawa Senators Monday night withdrew from the Quebec Hockey League.

The withdrawal was accepted at a special meeting of the league directors called to discuss the Ottawa situation. Ottawa owner T. P. (Tommy) Gorman asked that the team be permitted to suspend operations for the remainder of the year but such a step was not permitted under the league constitution.

Gorman blamed television of National Hockey League games for the drop in attendance that forced the withdrawal. He said gate receipts have dropped to about one-third of the 1952-53 figures.

George Slater, president of the professional league, said no action will be taken either on finding a replacement for the Senators or drawing up a new schedule until another meeting of league officials is held.

PROPERTY OF LEAGUE
The Ottawa franchise and all the Senators players become the property of the league, Slater said.

The meeting was the second called this year to discuss the Ottawa problem. At the first meeting, Gorman reported that the Ottawa players had volunteered to take a pay cut and the club would go on operating.

Home games of the Senators were switched from Saturday to Friday nights at the start of the season to avoid television, and then back to Saturday again when the

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Richard To Be Honored Today

MONTEAL (CP)—Maurice Richard of Montreal Canadiens, who scored the 400th goal of his National Hockey League career Saturday against Chicago Black Hawks, will be honored at a civic reception today at city hall.

Host at the reception will be Mayor Jean D'Acqu who will present the starry right-winger with a memento of his scoring feat. Nature of the gift was not disclosed.

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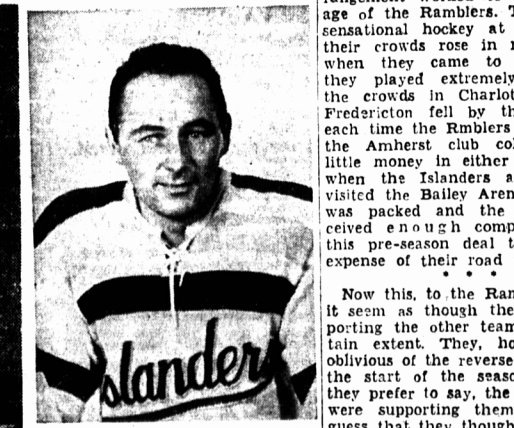
Working Well With Islanders



Above are three of the Charlottetown Islanders who were influential in last night's victory at the Forum which gave the local Senior Hockey League, at left is right winger Wimpy Jones who scored the winning goal for the Islanders last night and who is



one of the top ranking local marksmen with a total of 15 goals this season. At centre is the league's leading point-getter, Roy "Buck" Whitlock. Buck was in on the first two Islander markers



Last evening and for the season has a total of 17 goals and 34 assists. At right is one of the Islanders versatile players, Cecil (Bubby) Dowling. Bubby has been playing extremely well for the locals in recent games and works equally well at both center and left wing.

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WEDNESDAY—Skating 8 to 10

THURSDAY—Skating 8 to 10

FRIDAY—Children's Skating 3 to 10 No Skating at night.

SATURDAY—CHRISTMAS DAY Two happy Skating Sessions—Afternoon 3 to 5 Night 8 to 10