DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

When the racing season of 1954 rolls around a high-class pacer will attract the attention of the fans at Summerside and other Maritime raceways. Honest Abbe p. 4, 2.06 1-5 can be described as such. He was purchased at private sale by Don McNeill of Summerside at the recent Harrisburg vendue. Don's patron is reported to be a good sportsman who can afford to buy high-class racing material and as such his entry into the sport will be warmly welcomed by race fans. The breeding of Honest Abbe is of the very best pacing strains. His sire is Chief Abbedale p. 2.00, sire of four in 2.00, and his dam is Honest Truth p. 4, 2.05, and Honest Abbe is her first foal. She was sired by Blackstone 4, 1.59¼, sire of 14 in 2.05, and looked on as one of the producing sires in the U. S. A. Her dam was Abbe M. 2, 2.07¾, record taken over a half-mile track, and she is the dam of Pleasant Surprise 3, 1.58¼, Floating Dream 2.00 4-5 (a world's record when made), Frank Jackson 2.02 4-5 and four others in 2.06 or better.

Abbe M.'s sire was Bert Abbe 1.59¼ and her dam was the famous blood mare Belle Mahone p. 2.12¼. Honest Abbe is a brown stallion four years old, standard and registered, and was bred in Ohio by that famous breeder, McKinley Kirk of Washington Court House. As a two-year-old he was raced sparingly and took a record of 2.14 3-5 and last year as a three-year-old he reduced it to 2.09 3-5. This year he has been really going places, winning several of the top early closers from good fields. He took his record in a race with nine other fast pacers, among them Billy's Lady, that had been scoring repeated wins. In one of his races he was timed in 2— 2-5, being second to Banner Direct 2.01 in a $3,000 pace and he headed four other pacers with records of 2.05 or better. As an example of his speed he has been last halves in 1.01 and quarters in 30 seconds. His dam was the winner of the famous Abbedale Stake as a two-year-old and three-year-old and the Horsemen's Futurity Stake as a three-year-old. Two of her daughters, Pleasant Surprise 3, 1.58 3-5 and Floating Dream were winners respectively of $36,000 and $51,000 in two campaigns. When his racing days are over he should be a high-class sire.

Contrary to expectations horses at the Harrisburg sale did not bring lower prices on the average than last year. A total of $1,600,000 was paid through the cashier's window for horses sold there. The Hanover Shoe Farm yearlings drew great interest and one of the highest priced yearlings, Pennsylvania, a bay colt by Dean Hanover 1.58½ out of Carmen by Guy Abbey, was bought by the Clearview Stable, owned by two young men, the Woolworth brothers of Winthrop, Maine, who are but 20 and 21 years years old. An older full brother of Pennsylvania took a record of 1.58 3-5 in winning the Billy Direct $5000 free for all pacing stake at Hollywood Park, California, the week previous and that made him one of the pacing sensations of the year and of course put up the price of Pennsylvania.

Aged racing horses were in much demand, Billy Haughton paying $15,000 for the three-year-old trotter Faber Hanover 3, 2.02 4-5, a horse that looks capable of taking a record of 2.00 as a four-year-old and has great earning power plus ability. To give an idea of how top trotters are regarded, Pat Tuccio of Riverhead, Long Island, refused an offer of $100,000 for his trotting mare Katie Key 1.59 3-5, that won $70,000 the past season including a $50,000 trot at Roosevelt Raceway. Katie is at present racing in sunny California. The offer was made by an Italian horseman who planned on winning some of the large trotting stakes in Europe with her. Probably the same Italian was the buyer of Scotch Harbor 1.58 4-5, star of the Castleton Farm Stable on the Grand Circuit the past season. Several other buys that we have no record of for export have been made.

Another aged horse that brought a big price was Farval, that took a record of 2.07 1-5 this year. He is a four-year-old pacer and his first foal, Miss Farval took a record as a two-year-old of 2.07 2-5 and Farval being a full brother to the sensational racing champion and remarkable sire Adios 1.57½, is probably expected to become an equally great sire. The price was $20,000 and the buyer was Del Miller, owner of Adios. Adios 1.57½ was the sire of 16 two-year-olds that took records of 2.10 or better last year. This is also a record no other sire ever approached before. Eight of the group took records in 2.05 or better. As a result the Adios yearlings commanded big prices. One of them, King Adios, a colt out of Marjorie Armstrong, was bought by Sol Camp for $13,000 and it was the 17th yearling he had added to his string this fall. Present at the sale was Mr. Camp, his trainer Joe O'Brien, and two other trainers and drivers who had arrived by plane from Hollywood Park for the sales.

Meadow Leo by Adios and Stern View by Adios, were purchased by R. C. Carpenter of New York City for $10,000 and $11,000 respectively, and Charlie Mason, well known trainer of Poland Spring, Maine, paid $5,000 for Kennesaw Hanover, a three-year-old by Knight Dream 1.59 for owner Joseph Cook. The young trainer Howard Camden, who was assistant to Del Miller and who trained and raced the champion two-year-old of 1953, Adios Boy 1.58 3-5, paid $10,000 for the yearling Golden Adios by Adios, out of Miss Goldust by Billy Direct 1.55. Camden is conducting a stable on his own this year.

The Hollywood Park race meet just outside Los Angeles, will continue racing through December 5. Last Wednesday Dufferin Park half-mile track which is almost in the center of Toronto, started its usual late fall and winter meet. It will extend for 100 afternoons, six days a week, and will conclude in mid-March. Between 400 and 600 horses will be accommodated in new stables at Dufferin and nearby tracks. When the meeting ends at Dufferin horses will move to Yonkers or other tracks where early meets are being held. The Yonkers Raceway fall meeting ended last Saturday night. It and the Spring meeting totalled 81 nights and it is claimed the most successful fall racing meeting ever held with attendances and mutuel handles up.

In the effects of the late W. B. MacArthur, Kensington, was found a treasured copy of The Island Farmer, dated November 29, 1894. It was passed by his son Roy MacArthur to our mutual friend Jim Pendergast and loaned to the writer. The Island Farmer and P. E. I. Agriculturist each featured trotters and pacers and in the issue of November 29th is a list of trotters and pacers owned in the Maritime Provinces, taken from The Acadian Recorder, the harness horse column of which many of our readers will remember was written by the late James Power. This is a partial list:—Israel 2.19¼ by Rampart, owned by A. C. Bell, New Glasgow, N. S.; Arclight 2.19¼ by Rampart; Pilot Jr. 2.24 by

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FORUM DATES

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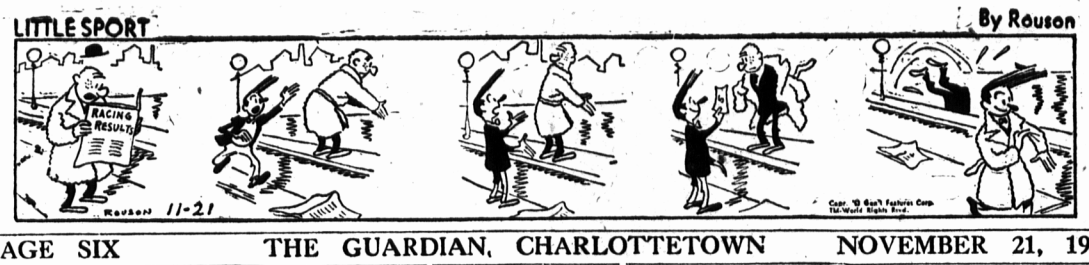

Islanders Outplay Halifax For 6-2 Win In Rugged Game; Gustaveson, Ritchie, Watson Get Match Penalties

The rugged Charlottetown Islanders outplayed and outbumped the League leading Halifax Atlantics for a 6-2 victory at the Forum last night in a fight-marked game in which three match penalties were incurred.

The three match penalties, the first to be given in the M.M.H.L. this season were handed out during the final two minutes of play with Gus Gustaveson and Elwood Ritchie of the Islanders and Ross Watson of the Atlantics being the recipients.

Blood flowed in the last few seconds of the contest following a Watson-Ritchie fist fight. The fight followed a bitter stick-swinging duel between the two in front of the Islanders net with less than twenty seconds remaining in the game.

Gustaveson drew a match penalty at the 18.02 mark for pushing referee Laurie Powers around the cage and into the net after the official had given the Islanders defenseman a minor penalty for holding the puck with his hand.

As a result of the penalties the players will be unable to take any further part in league play until their cases are heard by the League President C. Roy MacDonald.

The final two minutes marred what had been a rousing, hard hitting hockey game in which the Islanders soundly outplayed the visitors much to the delight of about 1950 paid fans.

The Islanders threw up a stonewall defense in front of Roger Bessette. The defense was near perfect as they allowed the Haligonians only nine shots on the Islanders goalie during the contest.

Bessette was beaten by a goal mouth shot in the opening seconds of the contest and for the next twenty-seven minutes he did not have a shot to handle. In the first period he didn't have a single stop, the first time that such a thing has happened in the M. H. L.

The defense was just about as good in the second period when the Atlantics managed only two shots on the Islanders net. In the third session they had six tries at Bessette and found the range once.

In the meantime the Islanders forwards pounded 28 shots at goalie Roy MacMeekin with Guy Gignac, scoring twice, Buck Whitlock, Paul Saindon, Bob Gray and Elwood Ritchie once.

Gustaveson, LeBlanc and MacLaughlin the three members of the Islanders blueline corps hit solidly with the result that their body blasts kept the Halifax attacks disorganized throughout.

Billy Ford opened the scoring for Halifax by deflecting Arcand's goal mouth pass behind Bessette after 46 seconds of play. The Atlantic defenseman had trapped the puck inside the blueline and fed the disc along the ice to his waiting and uncovered teammate.

That was the last time the Atlantics got near the Islanders until the eight minute mark of the middle session. Meanwhile Saindon and Whitlock shoved the Islanders out front to stay.

Saindon scored the Islanders first goal by whipping Whitlock's pass-out under MacMeekin's outstretched leg near the midway mark of the second frame. Whitlock's pass caroomed off Bloom's shin pads but Saindon got his stick on the disc and made no mistake.

Tempers got a bit frayed in the first period and for a time it looked like fireworks would break out. Ritchie and Ford started a quarrel of their own and shortly afterwards Morrow and Hennessey began high sticking in the corner. Matters were straightened out temporarily when Morrow and Hennessey were sent to the sinners box for a rest.

Gustaveson drew a minor penalty late in the period and while he was off the Islanders gave a masterful display of killing off a penalty. The final action of the period saw MacLaughlin flatten Watson with a body check following a face-off in the Halifax end.

Whitlock put the Islanders ahead 2-1 with a whistling 40 foot slap shot after seven minutes of play in the second period. He stole the puck from a Halifax player at centre and raced over the Halifax line with only defenseman Carroll Bloom back.

The Islanders were short-handed with MacLaughlin in the penalty box for interference when Ritchie scored, to give the Islanders a two goal lead. He took a pass from Trainor at the Halifax defense, carried the puck on his skates and blasted one from 15 feet out past MacMeekin.

Gignac scored the last goal of the period at the 15.22 mark by converting Gerry LaChance's pass-out. LaChance carried into the Halifax zone and centred out from the corner.

Bob Bowness of the Atlantics was forced to leave the game late in the period when hit hard by Gustaveson. He aggravated an old knee injury and will likely be out for a week or more.

Bill LeBlanc, also dealt out a crunching body check during the period when he nailed Pete Wywrot behind the Islanders net. Play had to be stopped while the officials mended the boards and screen following the blast.

Scarcely five minutes of the third period had elapsed before Bucko Trainor and Johnny Morrow collided and commenced to throw punches. The tiff was broken up by the officials but threatened to start again in the penalty box. Police maintained order.

Guy Gignac scored his second goal of the game following a ganging attack around the Halifax cage. Gignac, Carver and LaChance all took tries at scoring before Gignac finally beat MacMeekin on his third rebound.

Bob Gray scored the Islanders last goal by finishing off a play with LeBlanc and Whitlock. Wywrot, after being set up by Ford, scored the last goal of the game with less than three minutes remaining.

The Atlantics pressed back on the attack and Gustaveson slid into the boards behind the Islanders cage to break up a passing play. He carried the puck with him and after play was stopped was given a minor penalty for holding the puck with his hand.

He protested vigorously and pushed referee Powers against the net. He was restrained but pushed the official once more, this time into the cage for which offense he drew a match penalty.

A minute and a half later Ritchie and Watson commenced a vicious stick swinging duel in front of the Islanders net. No one was injured and the battle was broken up. In the process however the boys started swinging fists and Watson connected with a right on Ritchie's nose causing blood to flow. They drew match penalties for swinging their sticks with attempt to injure.

Lineups:—

Halifax: Goal, McMeekin; defence, Lepine, Arcand, Bloom, McNeil; forwards, Wywrot, Bowness, Morrow, Watson, Ford, Hollett, McPhee.

Charlottetown: Goal, Bessette; defence, Gustaveson, McLaughlin, LeBlanc; forwards, Whitlock, Gray, Saindon, Trainor, Carver, Hennessey, Gignac, Ritchie, Towers, LaChance.

Officials: Laurie Powers, Art Perry and Johnny Squarebriggs.

Summary

First period: Halifax, Ford (Arcand) :46; Charlottetown, Saindon (Whitlock) 9:12. Penalties: Bowness 8:21; Hennessey, Morrow 12:02; Gustaveson 16:27.

Second period: Charlottetown, Whitlock 7:14; Charlottetown, Ritchie (Trainor) 11:31; Charlottetown, Gignac (LaChance, Carver) 15:22. Penalties: Gray, Lepine 2:27, McLaughlin 9:30, Lepine 11:31, misconduct, LeBlanc 16:37.

Third period: Charlottetown, Gignac (Carver, LaChance) 9:47,, Charlottetown, Gray (Whitlock, LeBlanc) 15:13, Halifax, Wywrot (Ford, Morrow) 17:22. Penalties: Morrow, Trainor 5:41, Gustaveson 6:50, Arcand 12:51, Gustaveson 18:02, minor and match penalty, Ritchie and Watson 19:46, match penalties.

Stops:

McMeekin	7	6	9	—22
Bessette	0	2	5	— 7

Wins Award

Centreman Roy "Buck" Whitlock (above) won the outstanding player award last night as he scored one goal and set up two more in the Islanders 6-2 victory over Halifax. Whitlock wins the hat donated by Henderson and Cudmore's.

Leafs Call Up Howie Meeker

TORONTO, (CP)—Veteran right winger Howie Meeker has been called up to lend a hand to the injury-riddled Toronto Maple Leafs in National Hockey League action this week.

Assistant manager Clarence (Hap) Day said Meeker will play against New York Rangers at Toronto tonight and against the Black Hawks at Chicago Sunday night.

Meeker is coaching Stratford Indians of the Ontario Hockey Association Senior A series with the understanding he is available when the Leafs need him.

MANY THANKS

To the hockey fans for the successful sale of Boosters Ribbons at the Forum last night.

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MMHL Standings

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Halifax	19	13	6	0	26
Sydney	19	13	6	0	26
Charlottetown	19	6	13	0	12
Glace Bay	19	6	13	0	12

Saints To Play St. F. X. Tonight

The Saint Dunstan's University Basketball team will leave here today for an exhibition game in Antigonish tonight against the powerful St. Francis Xavier quintet.

The game is the first of a home and home series between the two College teams. The return game will be played here one week from tonight.

The Saints will have only three of last year's players in uniform when they take to the floor against the Xavierians this evening. The three are Gus Dorais, Johnny Taylor and Bob Mooney.

Newcomers to the squad include Frank Slowey, Bud Lawlor, John Kelly, Bill Farmer and Dan Shea. Dorais, Taylor, Mooney, Slowey and Lawlor are the starting five.

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Our wildgeese took quite a beating during the first week of the open season but since then the kill has been steadily tapering off. With such blue bird weather prevailing as has been our lot this past week there is no immediate prospect that hunters will again break into the win column with any degree of regularity. To put it mildly the geese have hunters pretty well baffled at the moment. Fare on the eel grass beds may not be so tasty and stomach pleasing as wheat, oats and barley but it is nourishing and fattening nevertheless and what is even more important . . . they may dine in peace and safety.

My shooting partner and I haven't bagged a goose yet. Speaking for himself I haven't been on a goose hunt this season and time is running out fast. I have reached the age, where I don't like to 'rise up early while it is yet dark' unless the prospect of a successful hunt are reasonably sure. We had a number of sure fire set-ups cased early in the season, at least they were as sure fire as goose hunting will ever be, but voted to wait until the geese got fat. This scribe is pretty well weaned off October geese. I've shot too many during September and early October in the old days that were tasty, but pretty dry fare. I like to pluck a goose when tiny globules of fat cling to the butts of the feathers and the skin cracks and breaks away from the meat of the roasted bird and not like it was glued to the body with cement. However thousands of hog fat geese hob-nobbing out on the salt flats a squarter mile

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Martinez Whips Chico Vejar

NEW YORK, (AP) — Flashy Vince Martinez used a stabbing jab and punishing left-right combinations to whip Chico Vejar, a swarming soldier boy from Fort Benning, Ga., and Stamford, Conn., Friday night in a rousing 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden. Martinez weighed 149 1-2, Vejar 150 1-2.

Martinez, the 1952 rookie of the year from Paterson, N. J., dropped Vejar for an automatic eight-count in the second round.

Stellarton Wins From Pictou 10-7

STELLARTON, N.S., (CP)—A six goal third period assault gave Stellarton Royals a 10-7 victory over Pictou Maripacs in the Antigonish - Pictou-Colchester Hock League Friday night. Pictou led 3-1 at the end of the first period and 6-4 at the end of the second but Royals walked over the county town team in the third.

St. F. X. Scores 11-1 Win In Opener

ANTIGONISH, N.S., (CP)— St. Francis Xavier University made a resounding debut in the Antigonish - Pictou - Colchester Hockey League Friday night with an 11-1 win over Truro Bearcats

The collegians scored four goals in the first period, four in the second and three in the third. Truro's only tally came in the second.

MMHL Meeting On Sunday

A special meeting of the Maritime Major Hockey League Clubs will be held at New Glasgow on Sunday afternoon. Among the items of business will be the drawing up of a new schedule. The Islanders will be represented by Charlie Praught.

The Islanders executive held a special meeting last night at the Forum. The appointment of a president was deferred until Sunday.

Maritime Major Games Tonight

The Charlottetown Islanders play at Glace Bay and the Sydney Millionaires play at Halifax tonight in Maritime Major Hockey League games.

The Islanders will be playing without Gus Gustaveson and Elwood Ritchie who drew match penalties in last night's game against Halifax. The Atlantics will play without Ross Watson who also got a match.

A match penalty, the severest punishment that can be handed out by a referee calls for an automatic suspension of the players involved until the League President renders his decision on the case.

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Millionaires Renew Bid For Top Spot With 6-1 Victory Over Glace Bay

SYDNEY, (CP) — Terry Reardon's Sydney Millionaires renewed their bid for top spot in the Maritime Major Hockey League Friday night coming from behind to stop Glace Bay Miners 6-1. The win was Mills sixth of the season over Glace Bay.

Miners started out well, then ran out of skating legs. The Sydney club dressed 14 players against 12 for the Bay. Sydney used three lines, Glace Bay two.

Bobby Brown drove a slap shot past Norm Defelice early in the first period to put Miners out front, but before the period ended Sydney went ahead 2-1 and stayed there.

Stan (The Man) McDougall, Sydney homebrew, paced the Millionaire attack with a pair of goals. Duke McDonald, Charlie Marshall, Roger Guay and Dunc McIntyre got singles.

Only five penlties were called, three against the Bay. All were minors.

Lineups:

Glace Bay—Goal: Dion; defence: Cooper, Treen, Amadio, Miller; forwards: Connolly, Campbell, Lumley, Leyte, , Brown, Rochford, Whyte.

Sydney—Goal: Defelice; defence: McIntyre, Reardon, McDonald Matthews; forwards: Cowan, Marshall, Kubinec, Guay, McDougall, Robertson, Pirie, Dubuc, Beaupre.

SUMMARY

First Period: Glace Bay, Brown (Leyte) 3:24; Sydney, McDonald (Kubinec, Marshall) 9:05; Sydney Marshall (Kubinec, Cowan) 18:03. Penalty: Rochford 11:20.

Second period: Sydney, Guay (McDougall, Beaupre) 7:00; Sydney, McIntyre 12:16. Penalties: None.

Third period: Sydney, McDougall (Matthews, McDonald) 6:49; Sydney, McDougall (Guay, Beaupre) 8:18. Penalties: McDonald 4:30, Miller 8:40, Cowan, Campbell 17:19.

Stops

Dion	10	11	12	—33
Defelice	10	8	6	—24

City Basketball League Formed

A four team City Basketball League will swing into operation early in January, it was decided last night at a meeting of team representatives at the Holy Name Hall. Teams in the league will be the Second Saints, P. W. C., Sport Lodge Trotters and the Nomads.

The teams will play through two sections with each squad playing 12 games during the league. Until the league opens the Trotters, Nomads and Welshmen will play a number of exhibition series.

Coach Harold Howatt is calling a practice for the Trotters this evening at seven o'clock at P.W.C. Coach Keith Dalziel will hold a practise for the Nomads at eight. All players interested in playing basketball are asked to attend.

Boston Bruins In 2-0 Shutout Over Chicago

CHICAGO, (AP) — Boston Bruins' goalie Sugar Jim Henry shut out Chicago Black Hawks 2-0 Friday night in a National Hockey League game.

It was Henry's third shutout of the season and his second against the last-place Hawks who now have lost eight and tied two of their last 11 games.

After a scoreless first period, in which the Hawks outshot the Bruins 11-10, Boston scored two goals within 42 seconds toward the end of the second period.

Leo Labine, off assists by Warren Godfrey and Cal Gardner, connected at 14:55. At 15:37, rookie Doug Mohns took Hal Laycoe's pass near centre ice, drove over the blue line and swept in to beat Al Rollins from five feet out. The Bruins outshot Chicago, 17-7, in the middle period.

With a two-goal lead, the Bruins went on the defence.

Fred Sasakamoose, 19-year-old Cree Indian rookie centre from Moose Jaw, Sask., made his debut with the Chicago team.

SUMMARY

First Period: Scoring None. Penalties: Gadsby 7:10; Armstrong 13:18.

Second period: Boston, Labine (Godfrey, Gardner) 14:55; Boston, Mohns (Laycoe) 15:37. Penalties: None.

Third period: Scoring none. Penalties, Peirson and Mortson 17:33.

Guelph Player Called By N.Y.

NEW YORK, (AP) —Eighteen-year-old Billy McCreary of the Guelph Biltmores of the Ontario Hockey Association will be in the lineup of New York Rangers in their National Hockey League game at Toronto tonight

McCreary was called up to replace Max Bentley, who will not make the Toronto trip because of a neck injury

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