

# SPORTS

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## In This Corner

Sports Review 1954

### HOCKEY

The Charlottetown Islanders, playing their last season in major hockey, just didn't get the breaks under island born coach "Bucko" Trainor and ended up in the cellar of the four team circuit at the end of the 1953-54 hockey season. When they faced the Halifax Atlantics in the semi-finals, they found themselves with three men missing in their regular line-up and were defeated in seven games of the best of nine series. The Atlantics went on to win the Alexander Cup by defeating the Sydney Millionaires in the finals.

The Summerside Aces, under the capable guidance of coach Laysh Schurman won the Maritime Intermediate "B" Hockey title by defeating Antigonish Bulldogs in a sudden-death affair at the newly opened Raceway Stadium. The Aces defeated the Fredericton Merchants for the N.B. - P.E.I. title. They, however, in the biggest surprise of the old season, were defeated by the Saint Dunstan's Varsity team in the City League finals.

The Albany Saint Pats won the Island Intermediate "C" title by beating the Lennox Island Micmacs. Prince of Wales Juveniles defeated Summerside to win the Island Juvenile championships.

### BOXING

It was eleven o'clock at the Charlottetown Forum on the night of September 27 and 1,500 fight fans were screaming their heads off. The best fight card of the season, featuring Cobey McCloskey and Johnny McDonough of Boston in the main bout had just been completed with McCloskey winning a ten round decision. It was the last fight of the year in Charlottetown and the roar of the crowd served as a fine approval of the job which promoter Ivan Doherty had done during the summer months in bringing top-flight boxing bouts to the Province.

Doherty uncovered a number of promising youngsters during the summer. Gaston Roy, the free swinging St. Dunstan's student, was a popular favorite after his memorable bouts with Bud Ramsay and Tiger Steele. Don "Duck" Trainor improved rapidly and his six round fight with Gerry Fraser of Halifax will rank as one of the best seen here. "Bubbles" Quinn showed loads of ability and went undefeated. In the first fight of the year Harry Poulton defeated Tony Percy of Montreal. Cobey McCloskey edged Gary Simon in a furious ten rounder that sent fans home debating the outcome. Hard hitting Danny Taylor knocked out Don Trainor in one round and in the final fight, McCloskey defeated McDonough. Boxing had had its biggest year in the Province since pre-war days.

### BASEBALL

Summerside bounced into the Island baseball picture with a bang in 1954, winning a total of five provincial championships. Coach Johnnie Carroll of the Curran and Briggs Juniors led his team to the Island Junior title as they defeated the Junior Abbies from Charlottetown four games to two in the best of seven series. The Curranties, however, had very little success in their bid for Maritime supremacy when they were knocked out in three straight games by the Lewisville Cubs of New Brunswick. Randy Edwards was back in Charlottetown to organize and teach the game for the Department of Physical Fitness and did a very commendable job with both the Juniors and the younger division.

Both Carroll and Edwards produced a fine pitcher in their Junior stock. For Edwards, Donald "Duck" MacLeod was the mound-master and also a real Yankee Clipper when it came to getting the big hit. Summerside, De Lafregue, although not quite as at home with the hickory as MacLeod, knew how to fool the batter when it came to pitching.

The Island Intermediate title was captured by the Holman team from the western capital as they beat the Intermediate Abbies in the finals. In their interprovincial play, they split games with the Amherst Blue-Jays before the series was called off late in the season. The Midget, Little League and Bantam titles all went to Summerside.

### FOOTBALL

Rugby football in the Province in 1954 was played with top-notch results and the Saint Dunstan's Varsity team winning the coveted McCurdy Cup, emblematic of Maritime Senior Rugby Football supremacy. The Saints participated in the Maritime Intercollegiate League and won the league title with ease. The newly organized Charlottetown Nomads under the guidance of Dr. Frank Jelks were beat out of the Cup finals by the Saint John Mariners in a two-game, home and home, total point series. The Saints played the Mariners at the local gridiron in a sudden-death affair for the Cup and won 10-0.

In Island Junior Intercollegiate play, the second Saints and the Welshmen of Prince of Wales College continued their dead-lock play of last season with three straight ties this fall, before the Welshmen pulled the A. J. Zakem Trophy their way with a close 4-3 victory in the fourth game. The interests of Island rugby-football were greatly increased late in the year when Dr. Bill Fallowfield, secretary of both the English Rugby League and the Rugby International Board visited the Province and studied the possibilities of the game in the Maritimes in future years.

### BASKETBALL

Basketball in the Province also had a successful year of activity with the Saints reaching the Maritime Intercollegiate finals only to be defeated by three points in a two-game total point series against Saint Francis Xavier of Antigonish. The Saints won twelve games in the Island Basketball League and later went on to retain Island Senior Hoop supremacy by defeating the Atkinson Nomads. In the four team City Basketball League, the Sport Lodge Trotters won the League championship. In juvenile play the Saint Dunstan's High School squad captured both the City and Island Juvenile championship by defeating the Welshmen juvenile team. The Abbie Sisters won the Provincial Girls Hoop championship. Both the boys and the girls teams from Prince Street School were City interscholastic winners.

### SOFTBALL

Softball enjoyed another banner year throughout the Province. The R. C. A. F. Royals again won the Island Championship by defeating the City Champion Canada Packers. The Packers, after undergoing a rebuilding job by Jimmy Dowling and coach Len Arsenault, won the City Championship by eliminating the Liguorian Youth Club. City Slickers and the Basilia Youth Club. The B. Y. C. eliminated the league leading Sunshine Island Dairy in the first round of the playoffs to advance to the finals. The Summerside Town League flourished with teams from the Air Force, Legion and Kinkora.

### GOLFING

Bill Beer was the big man in 1954's Island golfing, winning the Provincial Championship, the Sport Lodge Trophy and the Seagram Trophy in the fall tournament. Only one hole-in-one was potted at the Belvedere Course this season and that by Wendall Gillis on September 16, on the sixth hole of the rolling fairways.

Frank McInnis was winner of the Charlottetown Club Championship, while Roy Morrison of Moncton won the Island Open Tournament. Allan Ogilvie was high pro for the open classic.

In the Ladies' division, Mrs. Emma Macdonald of Summerside was Provincial Champion while Mrs. George Wood captured the Charlottetown Club honors.

### TRACK AND FIELD

Track and field competition in the Province this year was limited to one Maritime meet at Memorial Field on Labor Day and several collegiate meets which provided lots of competition and the shattering of several records.

At the local Labor Day meet, the Navy team from Halifax took top honors with a total of 47 points, one more than the total amassed by the Abbies.

David MacLeod, 19 year old athlete from Prince of Wales College, was high point man in the 100 yard dash. He became one of the select group of athletes known as ten second men by running the 100 yards in 10 seconds flat. Both Prince of Wales College and Saint Dunstan's University held individual track meets with successful results.

### CURLING

Local curlers had a successful year of activity, with the Dr. Wendall MacDonald rink, composed of the Doctor, Elmer and Barry MacDonald and John Squarbrick winning the Island Championship and then making a very good showing in the Dominion Curling Association Championship play at Edmonton last spring.

School boys turned out in larger numbers to partake in the roaring game and the team from Prince of Wales College successfully retained their Island title. The team went to Hamilton to take part in the Dominion School Boys finals, but due to a change in their line-up, did not do as well as they might have, had all their regular players been present.

## Richard Scores 3 Goals As Canadiens Down Hawks

MONTREAL (CP) — Maurice (Rocket) Richard fired three goals Thursday night to lead Montreal Canadiens to a 7-4 victory over Chicago Black Hawks in a wide open game that left the Montrealers still comfortably on top of the National Hockey League standing.

### Summary

First period: 1. Chicago, McIntyre 1:03; 2. Montreal, Geoffrion (Mossell, Moore) 7:21; 3. Montreal Richard 16:02; 4. Montreal, Harvey (Olmstead, Bellevue) 17:05; 5. Chicago, Creighton 17:22. Penalties: Bouchard 1:31, Mickoski 5:05, Martin 6:34, Geoffrion 7:45.

Second period: 6. Montreal, Richard (Beliveau, Moore) 2:15; 7. Chicago, Litzenger (Sullivan, Watson) 5:57. Penalties: McIntyre 0:42, Martin 15:32, Mazur 18:56.

Third period: 8. Montreal, Bellevue (Olmstead, Geoffrion) 3:23; 9. Montreal, Richard (Olmstead, Bellevue) 5:21; 10. Montreal, Bellevue (Geoffrion, Harvey) 5:38.

### A-P-C League

TRURO (CP) — Halifax Wolves uncorked their big guns here Thursday night to defeat Truro Bearcats 9-4 in a bruising, wild-swinging battle marked by nine penalties, including a match misconduct in an APC Hockey League game.

## Caps Break Losing Streak To Defeat Ramblers 6-4

FREDERICTON (CP) — The local Fredericton Capitals, exploding for four goals in the last period, broke a long losing streak and trimmed Amherst Ramblers 6-4 Thursday night but made little change in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League standings.

Caps remained in the cellar five points behind the tied Ramblers and Moncton Hawks, who in turn were nine below the leading Charlottetown Islanders.

Pat Powers put Fredericton in the lead with the lone first period tally and Doug McPhee made it 2-0 in the second. Goals by Emmett Kennedy and Bob Reid tied the count before the session ended.

Bob Leger opened the third period scoring and a brace by Doug Hewey was enough to win. After Fern Bernaquez and Paul Saindon tallied for Amherst, McPhee fired an insurance marker, his second of the night.

Lineup: Amherst — Goal: Reeves; defence: Blackburn, Parr, Rogers; forwards: White, Kiley, Saindon, Leduc, Reid, Bernaquez, Savard, Therrien, Kennedy. Fredericton — Goal: Craig; defence: Mosgrove, Powers, Heon, MacIntosh; forwards: McDonough, Gilbert, Leger, McPhee, Nicolle, Hewey, Smith, Bliss, Sewell, Mills.

Summary: First period: 1. Fredericton, Powers (McDonough, Gilbert) 2:00. Penalties: Therrien 10:29, MacIntosh 14:22, McPhee 19:17. Second period: 2. Fredericton, McPhee (Leger, Powers) 1:33; 3. Amherst, Kennedy (Savard, Rogers) 13:50; 4. Amherst, Reid (Kennedy, Savard) 18:35. Penalties: Mosgrove 6:54, Rogers 9:17, Mills 1:55, Kiley 15:42, Hewey 15:42. Third period: 5. Fredericton, Leger (Gilbert) 1:14; 6. Fredericton, Hewey (McPhee, MacIntosh) 3:08; 7. Fredericton, Hewey (Powers, Nicolle) 12:46; 8. Amherst, Bernaquez (Savard, Saindon) 14:28; 9. Amherst, Saindon (White, Parr) 17:30; 10. Fredericton, McPhee, Hewey, Nicolle 8:17. Penalty: McDonough 6:08.

Howe Paces Detroit To 4-1 Win Over Leafs

DETROIT (CP) — Gordie Howe, the nonchalant giant of the Detroit Red Wings, became the club's greatest goal-scorer in history Thursday night, leading a pair of 35-footers to the way to a 4-1 victory over the leg-weary Toronto Maple Leafs. The goals were the 254th and 255th of Howe's nine-year career.

Summary: First period: 1. Detroit, Howe (Wilson, Reibel) 7:29; 2. Detroit, Howe (Wilson, Reibel) 16:18. Penalties: Dineen 4:01, Sloan 4:54, Bolton 6:51, Nesterenko major 9:04, Kelly major 9:04, Bolton 9:51, Leswick 9:51, Delvecchio 13:26, Cahlan 15:38, Bonin 18:52. Second period: 3. Detroit, Voit (Skov, Bonin) 6:41. Penalties: Horton 10:44, Bonin 13:56, Howe 17:42. Third period: 4. Detroit, Bonin (Pronovost) 2:24; 5. Toronto, Macdonald (Horton, Armstrong) 8:54. Penalties: Sloan 14:40.

Stops: Lumley 12 11 8-31 Sawchuk 14 7 5-26

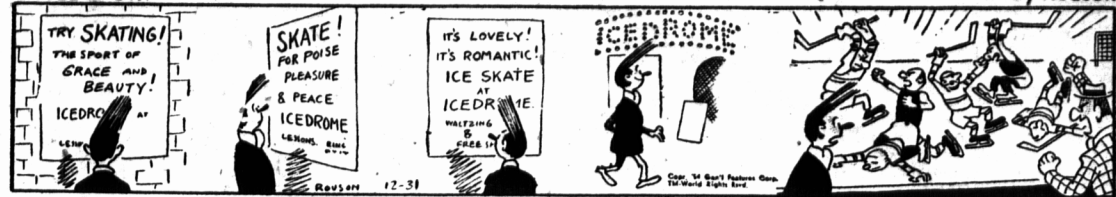
## FORUM EVENTS

Dec. 27 To Jan. 1

FRIDAY — Skating — Children 3 to 5 Skating 8 to 10

SATURDAY — Skating 3 to 3 Skating 8 to 10

## LITTLE SPORT



## Two In A Row For Jim

# Islanders Shut-Out Hawks 5-0 To Strengthen Lead

The Moncton Hawks landed in Charlottetown last evening with sixteen men dressed as compared with 12 for the Islanders, and when the Hub City Birds pulled out of the Island capital, they found themselves victims of a 5-0 white-washing which left the Islanders nine points ahead of the pack in the ACSHL. The Islanders banged in three goals in the opening period and one in each of the next two. Only five minor penalties were handed out by referees Jack Kane and Maurice Goodwin, three to the Islanders and two to the Hawks.

It was the second shut-out in a row for Islander goalie Jim Shirley. Again, Jim leads the league with the best goals against average, that of 3.12 as compared with 3.15 for Nick Pidsodny. Jim has four shut-outs to Nick's three.

## Captain Of Aussie Cup Team Blasted

SYDNEY (AP) — The Sydney Daily Mirror, in a biting editorial, today called for the removal of Harry Hopman as captain and manager of the Australian Davis Cup tennis team and for an end to his "petty, tyrannical methods."

## Signs Five-Year Wrestling Contract

VANCOUVER (CP) — Doug Hepburn, the Vancouver strong boy, has signed a five-year wrestling contract.

He said Thursday in an interview he has signed with Toronto wrestling promoter Frank Tunney.

the Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs, during which the fiery Richard allegedly struck linesman George Hayes with his empty glove.

The glove incident followed a fight between Richard and Leafs' Bob Bailey. Richard received a five-minute major for fighting and two 10-minute misconducts for his part in the blowup.

DOGS' MEMORIAL LONDON (CP) — Trees have been planted in the Stoke Newington district as a memorial to dogs killed during air raids in the Second World War.

## CURLING

Team Entries for the Rendezvous Trophy competitive Curling to start JANUARY 3 must be in by JANUARY 1st.

Those not interested in the Rendezvous Competition will curl for the W. W. Wellner Prizes, teams to be made up by W. Lord.

## NOTICE

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Lloyd Hinchberger played a stand-out game of defence with his coach and line-mate, Steve Brklacich, was on the ice for 55 minutes of the game. Steve played for 55 minutes, while diving out by far the hardest checks of the game. Brklacich bowled George Robinson over his back twice around the 14 minute mark of the opener and then thumped defenceman Paul Emile Michell hard as he roared in over the Island at 7:45 of the finale.

Centerman, Ray Leduc and right-winger Bob Gray of the Islanders both picked up a brace of goals with team captain Copper Leyte scoring the other singleton. The Islanders pored it on in all three sessions and gave Nick Pidsodny a real work-out in the Hawks' cage as they slammed 30, mostly hard shots in Nick's direction.

All three Island lines worked exceptionally well, with Ray Leduc, Jones and Lorne Hennessey all getting several breaks in on Pidsodny. Ray scored his fourth straight goal in two games as he gave the Islanders a 1-0 lead and the winning goal early in the first period. He picked up a short pass inside the Moncton line from Lorne Hennessey and Bob Gray as the locals changed players on the fly. Ray split the defence and beat Nick on the short side with a waist high shot.

The Islanders continued to swarm in on the leg-weary Hawks, who were playing their third game in as many nights, and finally Bob Gray made the red light glow behind Nick again as he hit the twines with Hinchberger's rebound. Near the 14-minute mark, Gray hit Copper Leyte's stick with a pass from the corner. Copper found himself alone in front of Nick and bounced the puck in the cage of the far goal post to give the locals a 3-0 lead.

The Islanders resumed the pressure play in the middle frame and shortly before the two minute mark, Buck Whitlock sent Gray in the clear and Bob had his brace and the score stood at 4-0 Gray was in again at 2:05 and hit the goal-post on a blazing drive. Minutes later, Wimpy Jones got in the clear in side Hawks blue-line, pulled Pidsodny, but was too far in when he shot and the puck rolled across the crease behind Nick who lay flat on his back in front of the cage. Leduc was in alone near the middle of the period, but collided with the Moncton cage cop before he got his shot away.

In the third period, the terrific tempo of play witnessed in the first and second sessions, slowed down considerably. Ray Leduc closed the scoring at 17:45 as he tipped Jones' 35-foot drive past Nick. The Islanders play their final game of the week and first game

of the new year in Moncton on Saturday night.

Lineups: Moncton — Goal: Pidsodny; defence: McNeil, McLaughlin, Weaver, Lepine; forwards: Houle, Simnett, Lacroix, Campeau, Bowness, Hirschfeld, Thomson, Watters, Michellin. Charlottetown — Goal: Shirley; defence: Leyte, Brklacich, Hinchberger; forwards: Gray, Whitlock, Leduc, Carver, Hennessey, Jones, Kullman, Dowling. Referees: Jack Kane and M. Goodwin.

SUMMARY First period: 1. Charlottetown, Leduc (Gray, Hennessey) 2:39; 2. Charlottetown, Gray (Whitlock, Hinchberger) 8:20; 3. Charlottetown, Leyte (Kullman, Carver) 13:55. Penalties: Weaver 19:35. Second period: 4. Charlottetown, Gray (Whitlock) 1:39. Penalties: McLaughlin, Leduc 11:33. Third period: 5. Charlottetown, Leduc (Jones, Dowling) 17:45. Penalties: Brklacich 5:07, 10:24. Stops: Pidsodny 12 8 10-30 Shirley 11 3 9-23

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At years end one is inclined to look back over past successes and failures and re-live the red letter days. A few of mine are connected with trout but to me a hunting coat and shotgun are more to my makeup than a fishing rod and reel. Nevertheless, trout also have a place in my heart albeit in a sort of secondary cubicle. One outing return to the Islander line-up.

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## HUNTERS' CORNER



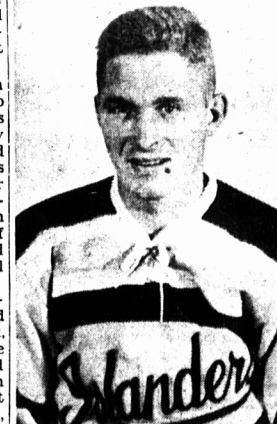
The Old Year hasn't long to go. Hours after this column appears in print bells will be ringing the New Year in and the old man with the scythe will trudge alone and unattended down the shadowy decline into oblivion. To those of us who hunt and fish, each season has its own particular significance and each leads to the end of another year and fresh memories added to the list already stored in the hidden recesses of our minds to aid us over the days when we can no longer actively participate in sports afield and have no other choice but sit by the fire and re-live again past joys and hunting experiences when our legs were able and willing to carry us whither we wished to wander.

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Has Infection

Above is Islanders' team-captain Copper Leyte, one of the outstanding players in the ACSHL this season. Copper, who has been playing strong hockey for the local team this season reported to the City Hospital last night after the game at the Forum, where he will receive treatment for a slight infection in his left leg. Copper's service will be greatly missed by the team in his absence of approximately one week, and Islanders will be anxiously awaiting his return to the Islander line-up.

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