

# Islanders In 4-0 Victory Over Beavers



## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

H.M. Haswell and A.H. Mead, originators of the Universal Drivers Rating System, have released the standings of the leading drivers performing over United States Trotting Association tracks season of 1950. In our Review we stated that we believed several Maritime drivers would be well up on the list of those making 200 or more starts and those making 100 or more starts. Top driver of all is Del Miller, who made 309 starts, was 108 times first, 66 times second and 30 times third for a percentage of .501. Del Miller won the greatest amount of money in 1950 ever won by a driver in the history of harness racing, piloting the stable of Leves Fair Acres, the Reynolds stable and other mounts. His principal winnings were in the futurities.

The second name on the list has created considerable surprise. It is Mel Harmoning of Des Moines, Iowa, who in his 226 starts had 67 firsts, 43 seconds and 35 thirds, for a percentage of .454. In sixth place is the Cape Breton driver, Worrall Lewis, who had charge of the P. J. Casagran stable and drove other horses. He made 240 starts, was 74 times first, 24 times second and 29 times third for a percentage of .427. Right after him is one of the top drivers of the Grand Circuit, Wayne (Curley) Smart, and another very prominent driver Joseph Hylan is eighth, while the second leading driver on the Grand Circuit, John Simpson, is ninth.

In 13th place is Levi Harner, who was very high in the list last season and in 4th place is our own Joe O'Brien, who made 417 starts, was 103 times first, 64 times second and 52 times third for a percentage of .374. In 15th place is Del MacTavish of Quebec, with a percentage of .359. In 38th place is Earle B. Avery, formerly of Woodstock, N.B., who made 238 starts, was 38 times first, 41 times second and 38 times third for a percentage of .309. The state of Maine driver, Harry Coleman, well known in this Province, is 59th on the list and Clint Hodges, whose campaign with the Trotter Proximity and other fast ones has placed him much in the public eye, is 40th. In 42nd place is Johnny Chapman of Toronto, who made 419 starts and had a percentage of .302.

The Universal Drivers racing system also showed Johnny Simpson won most races — 111. Del Miller was second with 108 and Joe O'Brien third with 103.

In the list of drivers that made over 100 starts and less than 200, in third place we are proud to salute Clayton MacLeod of Westville, N.S., who made 144 starts, was 44 times first, 35 times second and 15 times third for a percentage of .475. In fifth place is William E. Miller, who was top driver on the list last season. His percentage is .466. In twelfth place is Harley Harrison, who raced the Harry Hiron stable and had other mounts. Harley made 144 starts, was 37 times first, 29 times second and 27 times third for a percentage of .431. In 25th place is Roy Barnett of Woodstock, who made 106 starts, had 31 firsts, 16 seconds and 11 thirds for 411. In 27th place is Johnny Conroy, who made 121 starts, was 31 times first, 17 times second and 27 times third for a percentage of .409, and in 29th place is Angie Allen, who made 167 starts, was 38 times first and 30 times second for a percentage of .404. In 40th place is Willard Kelly, who made 191 starts, was 38 times first, 43 times second and 40 times third for a percentage of .394. The list of drivers in each category whose percentages are published numbers fifty.

A word of explanation may be in order regarding the drivers featured in our Maritime Harness Racing Review. Because of the smaller number of events open to drivers in the Maritimes as compared with the United States we based our percentages on 50 or more starts and the top driver was Lorne Letcher, Springfield, N.S. who made 70 starts and had a percentage of .589. Second on our list was Clayton MacLeod of Westville, N.S. Great credit is due Messrs. Haswell and Mead authors of the U.D.R.S. which is now used so extensively

for giving standing of drivers. As one looks over the list and sees our friend Worrall Lewis, Clayton MacLeod and other Maritimers heading some of the great men on the Grand Circuit, Roosevelt, Saratoga and elsewhere, the conviction comes to us that given opportunity they would drive as brilliantly as Roosevelt, Yonkers or the Grand Circuit as they do here.

Friends of Jack Sherrin, well-known caretaker of this city, will be glad to learn that he is with one of the best stables at Dufferin track, Toronto. Here is a letter from him . . . I am now located at Dufferin track and getting along fine. I have charge of Bryozoa Club that took a record of 2.02 on a mile track and 2.03 on a half-mile track for Wayne "Curly" Smart last year. He was bought by Mrs. W.H. Benett, Buffalo, N.Y. at the Harrisburg sale for \$16,350. I am working for John Chapman and he has eight besides Breeze On, including Easter Jester 2.06, Spencer Mite, Nibbie Mite, Zinna Song, Tony Horn, Billy Stout, Flying Eagle and Sir Peter G.

We are going double headers every second day with them, mostly around 3.00. Mr. Chapman was telling me about the time you were up here with the Yank and those horses. He is a great horseman and knows every angle of the game. In addition to the horses at Dufferin Mr. Chapman has Goodwill Dean, Laurel Spencer and about 15 colts at Thorncliffe Race Track. Two Maritime-drivers are here, Ronnie Armstrong, who is doing well with his horses, and Johnny Campbell, who is assistant trainer with Floyd Milton. They have some very good horses. We expect to leave for Yonkers Raceway in April if they open then. Remember me to all the boys at home and tell them I often think of them.

We understand that the well known Maritime driver Angie Allen, who was 29th in the list of drivers in the United States and Maritimes making over 100 starts and less than 200, and whose campaign in the Maritimes for many years have won him a reputation as a skillful trainer and high class reinsman, has left for Sherbrooke, Que. where he is entering the employ of Del MacTavish, who was leading driver at Saratoga Raceway last season, winning the cup and other honors. Mr. MacTavish's stable comprises several trotters and pacers that can beat 2.10 regularly over half-mile tracks. Angie will act as assistant-trainer of the MacTavish stable.

The veteran harness horseman, Peter Conroy, met with a regrettable accident last Sunday, when he slipped and fell, breaking his hip. He is in hospital having the best medical care and at last reports was going nicely. Peter was most active in the era of 1908-1925, but since then, has always trained one or more horses and devotes quite a lot of his time to making horse shoes. He is a master of many crafts, can sail a vessel, build a boat or do any type of iron work, in addition to his harness horse activities. We wish him a speed and full recovery.

Doug MacLeod, President of the Victoria Driving Club, has received an invitation from Robie Kaiser, President of the Halifax Harness Horse Club, to race the Club's horses in a two day meet at Halifax this winter. It will be sponsored by the Halifax Harness Horse Club and following the second day's racing, a large banquet and presentation of trophies. Present plans call for one day's racing at the dash track in Halifax and one day on the ice at Dartmouth. Should there be no ice available both days racing will be at Halifax. At present they are racing every week at Halifax and the track is kept in good shape. Owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing here this winter such as lack of ice and snow, it has been impossible so far for members of the Victoria Driving Club to condition their horses for racing and unless the weather changes and ice is available in the near future, it would not be possible to take advantage of this invitation till a late date.

And now we hear from one of our oldest friends, James L. Read

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## LITTLE SPORT



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Probably the largest crowd of hockey enthusiasts to cram into the Charlottetown Forum for a hockey contest this season, filed out of it again in a very happy and satisfied frame of mind here on Thursday night following the exhibition tilt between Islanders and Sydney Millionaires. The reason? Why they saw their local pucksters take winning verdict over the powerful Sydney team for the first time this season over home ice, and saw a bang-up contest in the process that would satisfy the hockey appetite of any ardent fan.

But they were a tense, anxious bunch of fans during the closing period of that contest when the Cape Breton club turned on the steam after being held well in check for two periods by Leo Lamoureux and his Islanders. Many thought they were going to witness a repetition of that third-period flurry by Sydney the last time they were here when they overtook a three-goal lead to send the battle into a tie game.

They came close to doing it too. While the Islanders out-generated them for two periods to slap home four goals to one, Sydney roared back in that final frame to notch up two more tallies by a little better than the halfway mark in the period, and were gunning hard for the equalizer in the remaining half. The situation became particularly acute at the 17:42 mark when Vitale drew a major foul on fighting, and just about every fan also drew in his or her breath and held it, for the final two minutes and 18 seconds of play.

Roughing it up along the left boards with Eddie Marchant of Sydney, Vitale dropped him to the ice with a solid right to the nose after Marchant had high-sticked him. It sent Islanders big defenceman to "sin bin" for five minutes and Marchant to the dressing room for repairs. It was too bad it happened, because the contest was a particularly clean one up to that point. However, when a guy gets a stick across the face, he doesn't stop to reason why and that was about the sum of the situation. Vitale, however, showed his sporting blood when he went over to the injured party and apologized. It takes a big man to do that, and the reference is not to Phil's stature. No doubt Marchant didn't figure that was much consolation, but at least he knows that it was an act of good sportsmanship.

But getting back to those last few minutes of play—the Islanders had to come up with some really close defensive action to hold on to that one-goal advantage while playing shorthanded. Sydney piled into the Islanders for time after time on scoring attempts time after time the local threw them out again. Every man on the Islanders club, from goalie Hal Gordon out, pulled his weight during those last hectic minutes—and the crowd breathed a deep sigh of relief when the final gong sounded.

Yes, it was a great game of hockey and the fans loved it, and will doubt be clamoring for "more" before the season is out. There is no doubt about it, they are two great hockey clubs as far as the Maritimes are concerned, and who knows, maybe outside it as well-time will tell when the playoffs roll around with the other big competitors in the race for the Governor General's Trophy.

If you took the trouble to walk around yesterday and listen in on the various "hot stove leagues" in progress about the City, one still finds a great deal of variation of opinion about the two clubs. Many fans are still on the fence as to "which is the best team," and for those who have picked a winner, there are a thousand and one reasons why. If they were all put together there would be enough "ifs, buts, views and reviews to fill a book. The trouble is that it probably wouldn't give you the right answer. An answer to the big question that will not be known until these two squads play in a regular playoff series, if and when they do.

Sure—we have our own opinion

## THE GUARDIAN, CHARLOTTETOWN

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# East Royalty Royals In 10-3 Victory Over Shearwater Squad

East Royalty Royals handed out a 10-3 drubbing to the H.M.C.S. Shearwater pucksters from Dartmouth, N.S., in an exhibition hockey tilt here at the Forum last night in a rugged, fast moving contest that provided plenty of action for a small crowd of fans.

Chalking up three goals in each of the first two periods without a reply from the opposition to lead 6-0 at the end of that time, Royals banged in four more in the closing session against three markers from Shearwater to wind up the free-scoring contest.

The line of Norman Larter, Cliff Jackson and Cy Gregory supplied most of the fire-power for the locals by accounting for six of their team's total while Bobby Dowling picked up three and Des Burge one to account for the rest. Larter notched up three with two assists, Jackson one goal and four assists while Gregory potted two and picked up three assists.

Shoford lead the Navy sharpshooters with two goals while Ted Jarvis garnered the other goal and assisted on another. A Charlottetown boy, Bernard Hughes, performed with the Shearwater team back on defence.

Making only their second appearance in competition this season, the Shearwater boys were definitely outclassed for two periods, but made a strong rally in the closing session to turn in their best performance of the night. Outstanding goaltending by Frank Roper in the Royals cage, and erratic shooting on the part of the visitors robbed them of many scoring opportunities.

Smart net work on the part of Rowland in the Navy cage also robbed the fast skating Royals on many occasions, and despite the 10 goals that got past him, was one of the solid features on the Shearwater lineup.

Rowland handled 34 shots on the night's performance while Roper kicked the side 24.

The following are the lineups and summary—

Goal, Rowland; defencemen, Hughes, Munroe, Steno, Miljusz, Thompson; forwards, Shaw, Monteith, Shoford, Wilson, McNabb, Chambers, Gillis, Jarvis, Jones, Logan, Coach, Cole.

Royals — Goal, Roper; defencemen, Hillier, Connolly, Blanchard, Cole, MacDonald; forwards, Dowling, Jay, Hennessey, Larter, Flanagan, Bradley, Burhoe, Gregory, Jackson.

**First Period**  
1-Royals, Larter (Gregory, Jackson) 2.31  
2-Royals, Jackson (Larter, Gregory) 8.20  
3-Royals, Gregory (Gregory, Jackson) 8.46  
Penalties—Jackson, Flanagan, Dowling.

**Second Period**  
4-Royals, Dowling (Blanchard) 9.35  
5-Royals, Dowling (Burge, Flanagan) 13.57  
6-Royals, Gregory (Jackson, Larter) 16.10  
Penalties—None.

**Third Period**  
7-Royals, Larter (Jackson, Blanchard) 1.07  
8-Royals, Gregory (Blanchard) 1.35  
9-Shearwater, Jarvis 6.06  
10-Royals, Dowling (Burge) 12.32  
11-Shearwater, Shoford 15.21  
12-Royals, Burge 17.37  
13-Shearwater, Shoford (Jarvis) 19.27  
Penalties — Flanagan, Gregory, Wilson, McNabb, McDonald.

## A-P-C League

STELLARTON, N.S., Jan. 19 — (CP) — Stellarton Royals walloped the hapless Truro Beavers 10-2 tonight in a scheduled game of the Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior "B" Hockey League.

who we'll pick come playoff time—but we'll keep it to ourselves for the moment—long limbs are too brittle this season of the year and a guy might take a bad tumble if he tries climbing out on one too far. Like everybody else, however, the feeling is that it will be a terrific series if these two clubs meet in Maritime championship playoffs—and are keeping the old fingers crossed that it will turn out that way, and will not miss seeing what might well be the great playoff series in the history of Maritime hockey.

FRIDAY—Children's Skate—4 to 5:30  
Shearwater Navy vs. East Royalty, Royals at 8 o'clock—with skating.

SATURDAY—Skating—3 to 5  
School Hockey.



## By Rouson

# HUNTERS' CORNER

This afternoon as I type this "Corner" snow is whirling in eddy-ing gusts past the window and fast clothing roof tops in a beautiful coat of ermine. It's strange how a snowfall can quickly change unsightly landmarks into objects of beauty, English sparrows and starlings are working feverishly to fill their stomachs with rolled oats spread on a swept off patch in the back yard before the thickly falling snow covers it beyond their reach.

Snow flakes drifting past a window puts me in a reminiscent mood, particularly if the room is warm and cosy. I find my thoughts drifting back to a certain day this past summer—Sunday, August 6th to be exact. I left the city that morning long before day broke, Fortune bound. I dropped off two passengers, the Kid and a friend of his, Hartley Cunningham, a Bank Accountant, City, at Whitlock's as a greying dawn broke and a cold Nor'easter swept down the pond.

It was anything but a favourable day for trout fishing but the two hopefuls were anxious to try their luck. I told them I'd pick them up sometime well on in the afternoon . . . if all went well. This column has nothing to do with the events that transpired in the Fortune area. Suffice to say I picked them up at 4.00 P. M. They were in a rather downcast mood. Despite the poor trouting weather they had caught six nice pan fish but this was not the cause of their low spirits.

To keep the trout hard and firm they had tied them securely in Hartley's landing net and then tied a string to the handle and looped it over a rowing pin. All went well till the string broke and trout and expensive landing net sank to the bottom. Despite a lot of energy expended the net and trout are still resting on the bottom of Whitlock's Pond.

They didn't want to return home troglous so the Kid suggested they try one of the beaver dams. I reminded them that their wives expected them home in time for Church but this little remainder went unheeded. I drove the car back through a farm and stopped in a narrow lane of trees on a grown over field. The beaver dam lay at the end of a path through the woods an approximate 300 yards distant.

I felt the need of relaxation and sat in the car. The sun broke through in the West and lightened the little nook amid the trees; a soft wind rustled the leaves in the spindling poplars and a robin sang its evening song from atop a spruce spire. Soft music came from the low tuned radio . . . "Look for the silver lining . . ."

What memories even a field can hold. In retrospect I looked back into the past. Once this field, now reclaimed by Nature, had been covered with golden grain that swayed in the summer breeze. I found my thoughts drifting far

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# Hal Gordon Collects 3rd League Shutout In Big Four Game At Amherst

AMHERST, N.S., Jan. 19 — (CP) — Charlottetown Islanders played sparkling two-way hockey tonight to gain a 4-0 shutout over Saint John Beavers in a Maritime Senior Hockey League game here.

It was the third shutout of the season for Hal Gordon, and the second in a row.

Islanders gained two goals in each of the first and last periods with all but one coming after the half-way mark of the period concerned.

Red Favero, engaged in a battle for league scoring honors, collected two points.

He shot the first marker of the night at 8.41 with Bucko Trainor assisting. Frank Bathgate added another at 13.38 with Danny Horeck and George McLagan helping out.

Johnny Horeck opened it in the final frame at 10.50 with Bathgate getting another point for the assist and Phil Vitale also picking up a point. Trainor shot the final tally at 14.45 with Favero helping out.

Islanders were in their usual form as far as penalties were concerned — collecting seven of the eight handed out by referees Stan Swain and Casey Bradshaw.

# Annual Meeting Of Fish And Game Ass'n

A belief that the introduction of pheasants to this Province has not been as successful as hoped was expressed last night at the annual meeting of the Queen's County Branch of the P. E. I. Fish and Game Association.

Several speakers expressed the opinion that pheasants were definitely harmful to other upland game, particularly partridge and young rabbits. It was agreed that a longer open season should be available to gunners and that both cocks and hens might be shot to aid in controlling the fast spreading game birds.

Both President Harold Shaw and Vice-President Harold Smith were re-elected to office. Secretary treasurer Fred Wotton declined re-nomination and it was left to the executive to name a new holder of the office. New directors named were F. A. S. Jones, Spurgeon Jenkins, Frank MacKenzie, E. K. MacNutt and Frank Acorn all of Charlottetown, Ed Wood and Gordon Brown, Pownall, Earl Jay and Daniel Mullin, Mount Stewart, Dingwell MacLeod, Vernon, Wallace Rodd, Highfield, and Harry Wood, Mount Herbert.

E. Graham Rogers reported to the meeting that 3,268 resident fishing licenses had been issued, and 1,165 non-resident licenses. At the same time he said there were 109 non-resident hunting licenses issued for hunters from outside the Maritimes and 20 to Maritimers.

The hunting census return forms, it was reported, were not filled in by all non-resident hunters as only 52 returns were filed. They indicated that non-residents alone shot 1,146 Hungarian partridge, 12 ruffed grouse and 10 ringnecked partridge. There was no estimate of the number of birds shot by resident hunters. Of the 120 non-resident hunters only 52 reported on their kills.

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# Bowling

**ROLLAWAY ALLEYS**  
Big Six League—Five Pins  
Old Timers—3132—4 points  
Islanders—2991—1 point  
High single, E. Larter, 289  
High three, J. MacDonald, 679  
Aleris—3314—5 points  
Royals—2895—0 points  
High single, M. MacKenzie, 288  
High three, M. MacKenzie, 813  
All Stars—3125—3 points  
Rockets—3126—2 points  
High single, C. LeClair, 298  
High three, C. Proude, 679.

# Big Four Standings

GP W L T GF GA Pts.  
Ch'town 55 39 14 2 254 139 80  
Halifax 53 27 23 3 209 195 57  
Saint John 53 24 27 3 183 203 50  
Moncton 55 13 39 3 162 271 29

been made of several others. Mr. Jenkins said that the trout situation was not good last year, and "never had smaller catches been checked." The big trout of which there were apparently plenty in the outer reaches and estuaries did not come in and he termed it a "bleak year" for fishermen. So far as hunting was concerned he reported the black duck kill was low and there were fewer geese killed. Hungarian partridge showed up well in the latter stages of the season and like the pheasants were plentiful now.

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— AND —  
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