



The three afternoon racing promoted by the Victoria Driving Club two of which were Inter-Provincial proved to be one of the best ice racing meets since the inauguration of the series some ten years ago. Honors were pretty evenly divided and the best of sportsmanship prevailed. The Starting Gate was used as much as possible but at times conditions were such that it had to be discarded. The trouble was pretty well solved by the use of sawdust dampened with water which froze and gave a firm grip to the tires, enabling the Gate to get away as fast or a little faster than the horses. The finale was a grand banquet held in the main dining room of the Charlottetown Hotel. Manager Foster provided a splendid menu which was greatly enjoyed. The orchestra with Charles Chamberlain and his inimitable songs also pleased.

Premier J. Walter Jones heartily welcomed the horsemen and his remarks were greatly enjoyed by the large gathering, also those of Hon. A. W. Matheson and other speakers. President Fred Lacey of the Dartmouth Driving Club, Vice President Robie Kaiser of the Halifax Driving Club and Dr. Delaney of the Summerside Driving Club were thanked for their horse entries, the good sportsmanship of their club members and the two former particularly for the splendid treatment given the Victoria Driving Club's representatives at Halifax and Dartmouth recently.

The array of prizes was the largest, most valuable and most beautiful ever given by the Victoria Driving Club. Each recipient was given a hearty handshake by D. K. MacLeod, President of the Victoria Driving Club, as he received his award. In this connection we would like to pay special tribute to President MacLeod for his untiring efforts in connection with ice racing here. He has been the main cog in the machine for many years and this year was indefatigable in organizing ice race meets and particularly the visit of the Club's members to Halifax and Dartmouth and the big three-day meet here. In this he was given excellent support by Councillor Wendell Beaton, Secretary A. B. Cutcliffe, Past President Willard Kelly, Rollie Wood, James Arling, Stan Matheson, Rankin McLaine, Jack Mulligan, who handled the head numbers and others. The clearing of the track was a magnificent job, the course being one of the finest ever raced over here. Particular praise goes to Bill MacAuland and Jim Llewellyn in this connection. The former handled the Starting Gate with Russell Abbott as Starter. Thanks in a large measure are due the Provincial Exhibition Association for loaning the Starting Gate and employes.

The following prizes were presented at the dinner Thursday evening...

TUESDAY

Class A Trot—Calumet Bee Long (owned by Dr. Bishop)—silver tray.
Class B Pace—Miss Adele W. (owned by George MacDonald, Kermad)—silver tray.
Class C Pace—Miss Playfair (owned by Willard Kelly, Southport)—silver tray.
Class D Trot—Orville B. (owned by Charles Willis, Covehead)—silver tray.

WEDNESDAY

Class A Pace—Jean Henley (owned by Sam Kennedy, Charlottetown)—silver tray.
Championship Trot—Guy Harvester (Summerside Driving Club—owned by Fred Reeves)—horse and electric clock statue.
Class B Pace—Robert Baldwin (Victoria Driving Club, owned by Harry Keating, Springfield)—silver tray.
Class C Pace—Mary's Delight (Victoria Driving Club, owned by Wilfred Fraught)—silver tray.

THURSDAY

Class A Pace—Eleanor G. (Victoria Driving Club, owned by Eleanor Gillis, Miscouche)—silver tray.
Championship Pace—Starlight

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F. H. L. HARRIS, Sec. Treas.

KENSINGTON RINK MONDAY North Shore League Semi-Finals DARNLEY vs. KELVIN

It was a joyful Amherst team that trooped into the dressing room after the game, and on asking some of the boys how they felt the answer was a general "wonderful" but added that they thought the Charlottetown fans were "tops" too, and showed deep appreciation for their support. On asking one led if the reception of the crowd was like being in their home rink, he replied "the home rink was never like this."

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Over 2,000 wildly cheering Island hockey fans witnessed the most thrilling hockey match to be played here in a good number of years, when the lowly Amherst Ramblers came up with the biggest upset in Maritime Senior Hockey League playoff competition to date to send the strong and favoured Halifax Saint Mary's pucksters down to a 6-4 defeat in overtime play at the Forum here on Thursday night.

Playing a brand of hockey that has been alien to this sector since before the war, both teams came up with about as fast, hard-checking a game of hockey as anyone could want to see, and the Charlottetown Forum largest crowd of the season loved it.

Because of the fact that they have been the underdogs all season, and were at that time two games down on Halifax in the playoff series standing, local fans adopted the Amherst boys as a home team right from the time they stepped on the ice when they greeted them with a tremendous ovation of cheers and applause, and continued to support them as such all through the encounter.

Sparked by just about a 100 per cent backing from the fans, the Ramblers played like they have probably never done before this season, and combating a smooth-passing, fast skating Halifax team, held their own all through the three sessions and overtime to garner a 6-4 victory.

Amherst sent the crowd into a frenzy right from the opening part of the first period, when after both teams had played close, fast breaking hockey for about eight minutes, Jim Mosenko sank home the first goal of the game to give the Ramblers the advantage. Saint Mary's really organized their attacks from then on however, and pulled some smart pattern plays, forcing the issue in behind the Amherst blueline when they made it really hot for the remainder of the period. Stellar goaltending by stalwart Sonny MacDonald in the Amherst cage was the only thing that saved the day for them at that point, to limit Halifax to one goal. Covering the front of his net like a demon, MacDonald was all over the ice at once, to kick out 16 junks of rubbish against Halifax goals. Donley's five.

The game was at really close quarters in the second canto, with both teams roughing the game up considerably with some punishing body checking being handed out from all angles, featured by wide-open passing attacks. Halifax went in front for the first time in the game when Provoost bet MacDonald to the draw with a hard, loosed shot from the blueline, but Amherst rallied to the cause to come up with two more goals before the frame was out to lead again by one goal. Mousseau and MacDougall were the goal-getters.

The game was a rollicking affair from then on and right through the final session, with the Halifax putting dramatic climax to the third period. Playing desperately for the equalizer, Saint Mary's carried the attack all through the frame, but the Amherst boys, who went back to defensive play, kept Halifax at bay until the closing minutes of the game, when they yanked out goalie Donley in favor of six forwards. Coach Harry Harris' move paid off and the Saints came through with the goal they were looking for with only 17 seconds left in the game.

It looked grim at this point for Amherst, and even grimmer when the Saints slammed one home at the 14 second mark of the overtime, after practically having the game in the bag at the end of regular time, the Ramblers let their attack go wide open. Led by an aggressive Jim Mosenko, the Ramblers swarmed in on the opposing net and before the snotte cleared, had netted three goals and put the game on ice.

Saints Squeeze Close Victory Over Mt. A. In Intercollegiate Series

Coming up with an aggressive game of hockey at the Forum last night, A. J. McAdam's Saint Dunstan's University pucksters broke into the win column for the first time this season in New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Intercollegiate Hockey championship competition by squeezing out a close 4-3 victory over Mount Allison University.

The victory still leaves them in the series cellar, however, with University of New Brunswick in first place, Mount A. in second and Saint Thomas University in the third place spot. It was the Saints first victory in four starts, and was definitely an upset over the Mount A. squad who defeated them by an 8-3 count in their opening game at Sackville last month.

It was a rough and ready game all the way through with both squads handing out plenty of body punishment and although the Saints were outweighed man for man, they were right in there dishing it out as well as taking it. George MacRae and Mike Hennessey were particularly effective back on the Saints rearguard position.

Holding a definite edge on the play during the first period the Saints came through with two goals, while Frank Strain came up with some smart goaltending to keep the opposition scoreless. Allison "Ace" Farmer snared the opening tally on a smart solo effort from centre ice on Mike Hennessey's passup, while Joe Shreenan, making his appearance for the first time on the Saints roster, chalked up the second from a gang attack in front of the net. Cheverie fed him the pass.

Showing to much better advantage in the second frame, Mount A. played the game close to the line, and with both teams going wide-open came up with fast breaking attacks that kept both goalies busy, Irving in the Mounties net coming up with smart work between the pipes, while Strain also kept up with the pace to keep both teams scoreless.

Picking up all the time, the Mounties went into high gear in the final session, and forcing the attack into the Saints zone, came up with three goals before the nine minute mark, to take the lead for the first time in the game. Eastman scored their first tally of the night at 1:50 on a power attack in front of the net with Watts and Whelan, while Wilson repeated the performance with Slipp and Wells at 7:52. Wilson slipped the puck from out in front, the puck bouncing in off goalie Strain's shoulder. A minute and six seconds later the Mounties came roaring back again, Wells sniping the goal on a nice passing attack with Eastman from the blueline in.

Although things looked grim for Saints at that time, they rallied to shake off the pressure by the visitors, and forcing the attack themselves, got the equalizer at 11:35, DesRosiers punching it home on Kiker McIsaac's pass from right in front, the puck just trickling into the open net, Irving being out of position on the play.

McIsaac came through with the winning goal at 13:31, when he flipped in a nice backhand shot from a gangling attack around the net with DeLage and Farmer.

HUNTERS' CORNER

March is less than a week away and as yet no winter weather severe enough to cause undue hardship to our game birds. The Huns have had to scratch a little harder this past week for the snow is crusted quite hard but there are lots of small patches of bare ground in exposed spots and the sun is shining from the south side of dykes and steep hillsides. To date the Hun covets have come through in tip top shape.

On Wednesday of this week I drove across the Hillsboro as far as Auburn. It was cold but bright and sunny. In a field to the left, a few hundred yards from T. Hill, a covey fed and scratched amid the stubble. I counted 11 with the backs of several others showing that were buried deep. At least 16 were in this flock. Halfway down T. Hill a bunch of 5 scurried from the roadside, where they had been getting grit, to the shelter of an alder choked gully.

In a field at Auburn a Cook pheasant that looked as big as a Turkey was busily feeding. When my companion and I stepped from the car I observed the tracks of a covey of Huns that had been gritting up at a spot on the gravel road that had been bared by the snow plough. On the return trip a covey of at least a dozen Huns ran across the highway near Charlie Scrampton's residence at Southport. Huns have a habit of fluffing out their feathers on cold frosty weather and the birds in this covey looked as big as Plymouth Rock hens. Early in the AM of Thursday of this week a resident of Parkdale looked out the kitchen window and watched a covey of 15 Huns waddling, like plump Matrons, up unto his lawn.

It's surprising the number of Huns that are to be found within, or just outside, the City Limits. Considering the many hunters on the prowl all season in the immediate area of Charlottetown the fact that these birds have been able to outwit their two legged enemies as well as the prowling fox, shag-dog owl, and lightning swift. Goshawks shows that they are cagey and resourceful birds. They have to be in order to survive for they have other enemies besides man, whom they have to watch the year 'round.

Thousands of black ducks have remained with us all winter. The ducks fare reasonably well despite below zero temperatures. They frequent open springs, marshy runs and open alder bordered creeks. Ducks dabble in the water and secure quantities of minute marine matter. Sometimes they feed on schools of pudgeons. Ducks have natural strainers along the edges of their bills and when they squirt water through them anything that resembles food remains.

Several large flocks of wildgeese have been on the move off and on all winter. Geese are different from ducks in their feeding habits and shun the small springs and narrow creeks. Geese would starve to death in places where ducks thrive. They haven't got strainers on the sides of their bills like ducks, I mean the river or pond ducks, I depend for their winter food on sea grass and any grain they can glean from stubble fields. When the fields are snowbound the geese are out of luck.

An observer from Flat River informed me that the geese, over one hundred of them, hung around the 40 acre barley field at The Big Point until January 15th or later. They'd sit on the snow for hours in 10 deg. below zero weather. They finally made up their minds that there was no point in starving to death when food was obtainable on the winter goose feeding ground at Port Joli on the south shore of Nova Scotia. A kind elderly lady living in the district was very much disturbed over the plight of the geese. She wanted the men in the district to feed them. She said: "The poor things are standing on the snow all the time freezing their feet and not getting anything to eat."

I know it is not a very comforting sight to see a hundred or more wild geese sitting on the snow in below zero weather with their black necks. For all that, I think it's not a good policy to feed them under such circumstances. They'll only stand so much of this sort of treatment before leaving for a more hospitable climate. Once one starts to feed geese they are induced to remain with us and this province is no place for geese in mid winter.

A wild goose learns fast and quickly responds to kind treatment. If a feeding station was established at Holy Bay or Flat River it would only be a few years before we'd have thousands of geese remaining all winter and the feed costs would be prohibitive.

Flying Curlers To Have Own Piper

When the Flying Curlers leave here for Vancouver next week they will have their own piper aboard.

The flight will be a historic one and has created considerable interest across the country. It is the first time that a chartered plane has carried a group of curling enthusiasts on such a long journey.

Plans for the trip have all but been finalized by the organizer, J. Finlay MacLeod. One or two seats are yet available but it is expected that they will be filled by early next week.

Double Hoop Bill Scheduled Here Tonight

The first games in semi-final playoff competition in Island Physical Fitness Basketball League competition will get underway at the Prince of Wales College auditorium tonight when Saint Dunstan's University and Ray's Millionaires meet in the first game of a double bill while Army and Summerside R.C.A.F. will clash in the second game one hour later.

Both semi-final series will be home and home total point affairs, with the two winners of semi-final play meeting in the best of three series for the Island senior basketball title.

R. C. A. F. were the winners of the regular schedule, who came through with an almost perfect win record of nine wins in 10 starts to lead by four points over Ray's and S. D. U. who tied for second place, six points over Army.

But all four teams who led the schedule, have been coming up with aggressive, smart basketball this season, and should produce action-packed competition in the first round of their playoffs tonight.

Walter Goss, the official referee for the league will handle the whistle.

Prince Street School Ice Sports At Forum Tonight

Local Rink Wins Top Honors At Brookline 'Spiel

A Charlottetown rink playing at Brookline, Mass., yesterday took top honors in the main event, it was learned in a telegram received from W. R. Jenkins last night.

The local rink won the Stockton main event trophy play defeating the Pope skipper rink 20 to 6. The Pope rink were the 1949 champions. Members of the Charlottetown rink include, F. R. McLaine, Frank Acorn, George Hawkins and W. R. Jenkins.

Millionaires Down North Sydney 5-4

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 24—(CP)—Millionaires carried most of the play in a rugged play-off-type battle here tonight to down North Sydney Victorias 5-4 in the second last game of the 19 week-long Cape Breton Senior Hockey League schedule.

Wally Stark was the big gun for North Sydney, scoring three of the four goals. The Bowness-Greenlaw-Roach line figured in all Sydney's goals, with Bob Bowness and Bob Greenlaw netting a brace each and Cliff Roach accounting for their last goal of the evening for North Sydney in the 19:50 mark.

Jack (Dusty) Rhodes in the North Sydney cage had 32 shots on goal to take care of white Nick Pidosny had 15 to handle.

Edgar Laprade Out With Injuries

NEW YORK, Feb. 24—(AP)—New York Rangers announced that Edgar Laprade, their crack centre, will be lost to the team for two National Hockey League contests this week-end.

The Rangers, who now are in Toronto, meet the Leafs Saturday in the Canadian city and then play the Boston Bruins in New York Sunday.

East Royalty 12, Covehead 3

The East Royalty Royals downed the Covehead Red Wings 12-3 last night in the first game of the Intermediate "B" play-off competition at North River Rink to take a nine goal lead into the second play-off game.

Royals were led by Joe Hennessey who scored the hat trick while Code, Wheatley and Dockendorf each tallied twice. Singletons were scored by Larter, Love and Brehaut. Scoring honours for Covehead were split between Robinson, MacLaughlin and MacMillan.

Stellarton Wins Playoff Opener

STELLARTON, N. S., Feb. 24—(CP)—Stellarton Royals swamped Antigonish Bulldogs 9-1 here tonight in the opening game of their best-of-seven Antigonish-Pictou-Coxhester Senior Hockey League finals.

Royals grabbed a 4-0 lead in the second period after the two teams battled to a scoreless opener and then outscored Bulldogs 5-1 in the final frame.

Cornwall Wins From New Haven

The Cornwall hockey team won from New Haven in a closely matched game in Cornwall rink on Tuesday night by a score of 5-3.

Harold Godfrey was high scorer for the home team with two goals, and Eric MacKinnon, Donald MacPhail and Stewart Dufford got one each.

For the New Haven Royals, J. White, Ed MacDougall and J. Gass scored one goal each.

Lineups:
New Haven: Cedl MacPhail, Andrew Murphy, C. White, Ed MacDougall, J. Gass, E. Moore, L. Markley, Coach Lloyd MacPhail.
Cornwall: C. C. Arthur Howard, Harold Godfrey, Leslie MacPhail, Jack Donahue, Eric MacKinnon, Donald MacPhail, Stewart Dufford.

HOCKEY BORDEN RINK TONIGHT Borden Nationals vs. Freetown Royals First game Intermediate playdowns Admission 25 and 50 Game starts 8.30. Skate at 7.30

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WILTSHIRE TO HAVE PIN UP NIGHT

Commencing February 26th, and every Saturday night for the remainder of the season, will be Pin Up Night at Wiltshire Rink. Each person attending may bring one picture. Magazines cover picture, sport picture, old calendar picture, any picture, but remember are barred. The party bringing the best picture each week, will receive six free tickets to the rink. A grand prize is also being considered for the best picture of the season. The pictures will be used to adorn the interior of the Rink. Be sure to put your name on the back of the picture. Now let's see your idea of a good picture.