

# MCA Defeat Abbies 15-8 To Win Series Opener

A combination of timely hitting, spidy pitching and weak fielding enabled Maritime Central Airways to win the opening game of the Island Intermediate Baseball semi-finals from the Abbies last night on Memorial Field by a score of 15-8.

M. C. A. scored all their runs but one in the space of three innings. Those were three nightmarish innings spoiling what had started out to be a good ball game.

Fort the first five innings it was a 1-0 ball game with M. C. A. leading. The Abbies broke in the sixth and in the next three innings a total of 22 runs crossed the plate for both teams.

Waldo Munroe, the reliable left-hander for M.C.A. was again the winning pitcher. He was sharp in the first six innings as he allowed only three hits. He got wild in the seventh and in the last three frames gave up five hits and four walks.

Included among these hits was a towering home run smash by centerfielder Harold Howatt of the Abbies. Howatt connected with Kenny MacDonald on base to drive the ball far over the fence in left field.

Donnie MacLean started for the Abbies and was lifted in the seventh inning after losing his control. Jack Ready worked for an inning before giving way to Buck Whitlock. The latter finished the game.

M.C.A. broke the game open in the sixth with Brian Lewis hitting a two-run double followed by Elmer MacNeill's triple. In the seventh M. C. A. scored six runs on only one hit and in the eighth they scored four runs without getting a hit.

The Airways boys themselves went bad in the seventh as the Abbies scored five runs on two hits.

**BOX SCORE**

M.C.A.	AB	R	E	P	O	A	E
Hennessey, 2b	5	2	1	1	1	1	1
Lewis, cf	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
MacKinnon, 3b	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
MacNeill, rf	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jay, ss	4	1	1	3	2	0	0
Burke, lf	3	1	0	0	0	1	1
Trainer, 1b	3	3	2	0	0	1	1
Devine, c	4	0	0	1	1	1	1
Munroe, p	5	3	1	0	4	0	0
Totals	40	15	8	27	9	4	4
Abbies	AB	R	E	P	O	A	E
Pineau, 3b	4	1	1	4	3	1	1
Whitlock, cf, ss	3	2	0	1	0	1	1
Ready, 1b, p, cf	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ryan, c	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Coyle, rf	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Howatt, lf	1	2	1	2	0	0	0
Kennedy, 2b	3	1	1	2	2	0	0
MacLean, p, 1b	4	0	0	1	2	1	1

MacDonald, rf 2 1 1 0 0 0  
Totals 34 8 27 8 8  
x-Replaced Coyle in the 8th.  
Summary: Earned runs, M.C.A. 7, Abbies 5; R.B.I., L. Hennessey 3, Lewis 2, MacNeill, Pineau 2, Ryan, Burke, Trainer, Devine, three-base hits, Ryan, MacNeill, doubles, Lewis; home run, Howatt; sacrifice hit, Howatt; stolen bases, Howatt 2, Ready, Kennedy, Hennessey, Lewis, MacKinnon; strikeouts, Munroe 11, MacLean 6, Ready 3; walks, Munroe 6, MacLean 8, Ready 7, Whitlock 1; wild pitches, MacLean, Munroe, Ready 2; passed balls, Ryan 2; hit by pitcher, MacKinnon by MacLean, Coyle by Munroe.  
Umpire: G. Matheson; bases, L. Doyle, E. MacNeill.

## Play-off Game Here Tonight

The second game of the Island Intermediate Baseball semi-finals between M. C. A. and the Intermediate Abbies will be played this evening on Memorial Field with the game commencing at seven o'clock.

Charlie Ryan will be the starting pitcher for the Abbies while Lefty MacAlear will go to the mound for the Maritime Central Airways team.

M.C.A. won the opening game of the series last night.

The series is a best of five affair.

## International League's Most Valuable Player

MONTREAL, (CP)—Glenn Rocky Nelson, hard-hitting first baseman for Montreal Royals, has been named the International League's most valuable player for 1953.

Vic Wall of the Springfield Union, president of the circuit's Baseball Writers Association, announced the choice Tuesday through International League headquarters here.

Nelson, 28, leading the league in runs batted in, was picked as first choice by 16 of 25 sports writers in the eight cities with International League teams. He pulled 183 points. Jack Wallace, Buffalo first baseman, was second with 152 points.

Tom Burgess, London, Ont., with Rochester, was third with 148 points. Archie Wilson, Baltimore outfielder, fourth with 107 and Lew Morton of Toronto, fifth with 106.



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Randy Edwards will lead his Junior Abbies into Summerside today for the fourth game of the Island Junior baseball playdowns and the Charlottetown athletes will be going all out to conclude the series this afternoon. On the strength of what they have shown in the series so far the Abbies are good enough to do it. They have received excellent pitching. Their fielding has been good and their hitting, if not heavy, has been very timely.

This time a year ago the Abbies weren't rated too much of a chance for winning any provincial honors in 1953. They had just lost the Junior crown to the Curranites and in addition to that they were losing their ace pitcher Donnie MacLean along with four other leading players. On the other hand the Curranites were losing only their pitching. The rest of their team would remain intact for 1953 while the Abbies had to re-build.

With first Tom MacFarlane and then Randy Edwards showing the way the Abbies re-built their team around three hold-overs from last year, Forbes Kennedy, Cliff Ready, and Don MacLeod. They developed slowly but surely into a strong club. Before the present series opened we rated them a 50-50 chance of taking the measure of the Summerside club but they have far surpassed our evaluations. They have played like hungry ball players who want to win every inch of the way.

In this series the Abbies have been able to deliver when it counts while the Summerside boys haven't. Last Sunday the Abbies got only three hits but they were bunched in one inning and they meant the ball game. Several times the Curranites had two or three men on the base paths and the Abbies were always able to come up with the big play that wiped out the rally. On at least two occasions the Curranites lost a ball game because they couldn't come up with the play when it counted.

The pitching for both clubs has been outstanding. Kearns and Buckley have deserved a better grade than they received. On the other hand Carson, Ian Kennedy and Don MacLeod have pitched too well to be beaten. Carson was expected to win two games for the locals and when he got that three hit support from Ian Kennedy and Don MacLeod it was all that was needed to knock the spark out of the C. & B. Juniors.

The signing of Wes "Bucko" Trainer by the Islanders yesterday brings hockey back into the limelight although there has been considerable activity of a quiet nature taking place. There has also been plenty of activity in rival camps especially in Sydney and Glace Bay where two high priced coaches have been engaged. Terry Reardon, a former N.H.L. star and American Hockey League coach has signed to guide the Sydney Millionaires while Don Peniston has agreed to coach the Miners.

Judging by early indications this year's Maritime Major Hockey League promises to be the strongest we have yet seen. Halifax, under coach Dugger MacNeill, will be about as strong as they were last year, while Sydney and Glace Bay will be the strongest teams they have had in the past decade. Peniston has signed a 190 pound forward from Southern Ontario along with Hucbie Campbell as a start for the Miners. He also has a new goalie to replace Don Lockhart and he has plenty of connections with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

**Tennis Today**  
Joan Weir and Barbara Coyle will play Leah MacMahon and K. Doyle at 5:30 this evening in a ladies doubles match in the Charlottetown Tennis Club Tournament.

**MONTAGUE**  
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## Abbies Commence Rugby Practices; Expect To Field Strong Team

The Charlottetown Abbies held their first football practice of the season yesterday evening with about ten hopefuls out for the initial practice under coach Jimmy Coyle.

The practice, held on the Old Diamond Field, consisted of light running, kicking and conditioning exercises. A second practice will be held this evening at 5:30.

According to all indications the Abbies this year will field a strong squad. Most of last year's team will be in action along with the addition of at least two powerful forwards.

The new forwards are Joe Coyle and Eddie Devine both strong shouldered young ball carriers noted for their rugged play. Coyle played with the Intermediate Saints for the past two years

while Devine, who played with both S. D. U. and the Abbies is returning to the game after a year's lay-off.

Also out for practice yesterday evening was Phil Coyle who played with St. Dunstan's a year ago. Coyle, however, is not expected to be around for the playing season as he plans to enlist in the R.C.A.F.

Missing from last year's team will be flying quarter Elmer Blanchard. The little flying quarter, who has been a standout college and Abegweit footballer for the last decade, has been forced to hang the cleats up this year on account of an eye injury.

Among those working out were Jimmy Flanagan, Cleo Gillis, Bill Ledwell, Jerry MacDonald, Harold Howatt, Charlie Huestis, George Scantlebury and Charlie Ready.

## Peterson And Lafferty Fight To 10-Round Draw

Big Boy Peterson and Louis "Kid" Lafferty of Charlottetown fought to a ten round draw at North River Rink last night in a fight billed as a contest for the Island heavyweight boxing championship.

Judge John E. Cameron, voting on the points system, saw it 46-44 for Peterson while Judge John P. Connolly, acting as referee, saw it 50-50. Referee Wilf McCloskey, working on the points system, called it six for Lafferty and four for Peterson.

The decision was met with a storm of protest from a number of the fans and close supporters of the fighters. The final result was announced amid a state of confusion in mid-ring with the verdict still very much in doubt in the minds of most of the fans.

The fight itself contained its moments of excitement as Peterson forced the fight particularly in the early moments of each round and handed out most of the punishment.

Lafferty hit the canvas twice in the fifth round for eight counts. The first time Peterson caught him with a hard right flush on the jaw and the second time Peterson landed a jab to the forehead.

Lafferty, far and away lighter than his opponent, used only his left hand as he flicked away at Peterson's face. Peterson made use of his weight to crash Lafferty into the ropes at least once or twice during each round.

In the semi-final "Kuno" Buhrmann won on a T.K.O. over Soggy Reid of Charlottetown. Reid, who dished out most of the punishment during the three rounds that the fight lasted, ran out of gas and referee Wilf McCloskey stopped the contest.

Tiger Steel stopped Joey Longa in the first round with a T.K.O. victory while Bobby White defeated Garth MacGulgan by a decision in the curtain raiser.

## Johnson Wins Upset Decision Over Charles

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Young Harold Johnson of Philadelphia won a ten round upset decision over former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles in a bruising action-packed brawl at Connie Mack stadium Tuesday night. Johnson, a 2 to 1 underdog, weighed 177 and Charles 183.

The 25-year-old light heavyweight, making his first big-time boxing bid, was awarded a split decision with Judge Lou Tress awarding him the bout, seven rounds to three, and referee Buck McIlernan scoring him a 6-3-1 victory. Judge Joe Capristo saw Charles the winner with a 5-4-1 verdict. The Association Press carded the battle 5-3-2 for Johnson.

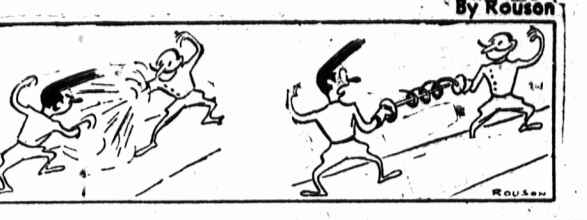
The victory catapulted Johnson into the forefront of challengers for the heavyweight championship and may have sent the 32-year-old Charles into retirement.

Although he spotted the veteran Charles in height, weight and experience, Johnson outboxed one of the smartest heavyweights in the ranks today.

In winning his 43rd of 48 fights, Johnson counter-punched an aggressive Charles who was battling for fistic survival. Charles, who has been fighting professionally since 1940, lost his 10th fight against 23 victories. But this defeat seemed certain to eliminate the onetime champion from any opportunity of becoming the first man ever to regain the world heavyweight title.

This was Charles' second straight defeat after winning nine straight. He was upset last month by the unheralded giant from Cuba, Nino Valdez.

**Baseball Results**  
National League  
Philadelphia ... 000 002 000-2 7 2  
Milwaukee ... 200 000 001-3 7 0  
Lindell and Burgess, Lopata (8); Antonelli and Crandall.  
HR: Philadelphia-Hemmer.  
International League  
Buffalo ... 001 003 010-5 11 2  
Ottawa ... 001 021 202-6 11 2  
Johnson and Erault; Trice and Shantz.  
Springfield ... 100 000 000-1 6 2  
Baltimore ... 000 000 000-0 7 0  
Eaton and Meek; Starr, Peterson (8) and Tabachek.  
Toronto ... 110 000 000-2 5 1  
Montreal ... 000 000 003-3 7 1  
Lombardi and Keller; Coleman, Fabbro (9) and Yelan.  
Rochester ... 111 203 201-11 13 1  
Syracuse ... 400 000 210-7 11 5  
Condrick, Deal (1) and Fusselman; Hartley, Robinson (4) and Kinaman.  
Largest stars so far measured by telescope, Hercules and Betelgeuse are respectively 400 and 300 times larger than the sun.



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## Two MMHL Clubs Are Suspended

HALIFAX, (CP)—Two clubs of the Maritime Major Hockey League have been suspended for non-payment of a \$500 bond and a \$200 assessment, secretary C. S. McAlden said Tuesday.

Both clubs, Halifax Atlantics and Sydney Millionaires, have been informed, he said. The bond, to insure completion of the schedule, and assessment were due Aug. 31.

The two other clubs in the league, Charlottetown Islanders and Glace Bay Miners, met the deadline.

President C. Roy MacDonald could order reinstatement if Halifax and Sydney make the payments shortly.

## Trainer Signs As Playing Coach

Wes "Bucko" Trainer signed yesterday as playing coach of the Islanders for the 1953-54 season, it was announced here last night by Frank MacDonald, Club President of the Islanders.

Trainer has already been in contact with a number of outstanding players whom he hoped to land for this season. He will visit a number of big-league training camps in search of additional material as soon as the camps open, it was learned.

All of last year's players have been contacted and the players whom the Islanders own will be returning here for the training camp.

## Cavendish Golfer Scores Hole-In-One In Tourney

Harold Stevenson of the Green Gables Golf Club, Cavendish, scored a hole-in-one while playing in the Fifth Annual Green Gables Open Tournament over the weekend.

Stevenson made his dream shot on the 145 yard seventh hole on a seven iron. He was playing in company with Myron Bell of Charlottetown. It was the first hole-in-one of his career.

## Annual Maritime Skeet Shoot At Moncton

It was a proud and happy group of skeet shooters that returned to the Island on Tuesday from Moncton where they had competed in the annual Labor Day Maritime Skeet and Trap Association shoot. Although there are no local members who as yet can give serious competition to the leading class AA skeet shooters in the Maritimes, the day is fast approaching when it is hoped that some of the local club members will have to be reckoned with in this class. Two first year skeet shooters from the Charlottetown club heaped honors on the home team.

The annual meet was shot under the most adverse weather conditions. It may have been an ideal day for duck shooting but it definitely was not for skeet, and this is where it paid off for the Island gunners. Con Gallant, a duck shooter of quite some fame, used to shooting in wind and rain Nova Scotia Juvenile Baseball title in two straight games.

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## Halifax Wins Juvenile Title

HALIFAX, (CP)—Lefty Jim O'Regan tossed a no-hitter Tuesday as Halifax Monarchs defeated Sydney Orphans 7-0 to win the Nova Scotia Juvenile Baseball title in two straight games.

## FIRST STOCK CAR RACE

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Parade Time 8:15—First Race 8:30  
Admission: Adults 1.00—Children 50c  
Passes previously issued will not be honored on stock car racing nights.

# Fourth Game Of Junior Baseball Play-Offs Today

The fourth game of the Island Junior Baseball play-offs will be played in Summerside this afternoon with righthander Ian Kennedy of the Abbies facing Lefty Jack Kearns of the Curranites in the crucial game.

Younk Kennedy, the author of a three hitter against the Summerside Juniors in his only start of the series, will be looking for his second victory.

Kearns, who has been tagged with one loss will be carrying the hopes of an initial Summerside victory in the series which the Abbies lead three games to none.

The Abbies are requested to meet at Ments at one o'clock for transportation to Summerside.

## A. G. Scott And Babe Britton Divide Honors

A. G. Scott and Babe Britton split top honors in the first class at the Charlottetown Driving Park racing meet last night with the Scott horse pacing the fastest mile of the meet in the time of 2:09 4-5.

Harold Cudmore's Arionway lowered his mark for the second time in as many races as he won the first dash of the Classified Trot in the time of 2:13 2-5. Arionway also combined with Money Royal to form a daily double ticket worth \$193.00.

Other winners on the night's card were Ella B., Bob Clegg, Rajah Hanover and Prince Budlong.

**First and Fifth Dashes**  
Ella B. (MacNeill) ..... 1 2  
Bob Clegg (E. Smith) ..... 8 1  
Sax Smith (C. Smith) ..... 2 3  
Flicka McElwain (Sobey) ..... 3 5  
Julie Clegg (Nicholson) ..... 4 8  
Captain Morgan (Kennedy) ..... 7 4  
Ethel M. (MacDonald) ..... 5 6  
Suffolk Chief (Downe) ..... 6 7  
Times: 2:17 4/5; 2:17 2/5; Ella B., owned by G. H. Brookings and driven by Don MacNeill; Bob Clegg owned by Almy Pineau and driven by Elmer Smith; pari-mutuels: second, \$7.00, 3.10, 4.20; \$2.80, 2.50.

**Second and Sixth Dashes**  
Arionway (Cudmore) ..... 1 2  
Rajah Hanover (Moreside) ..... 2 1  
Joandale (C. Smith) ..... 3 3  
Lena's Bob (Robichaud) ..... 4 4  
Times: 2:09 4/5; 2:12; A. G. Scott owned and driven by Lorne Letcher; Babe Britton owned by George Thompson and driven by Rajah Hanover (Moreside); pari-mutuels: first, \$5.20, 3.20; \$3.10, second, \$5.00, 2.20; \$2.20.

**Fourth and Eighth Dashes**  
A. G. Scott (Letcher) ..... 1 2  
Babe Britton (O'Meara) ..... 2 1  
Ann's Boy (Bowness) ..... 3 4  
Peter Clegg (MacNeill) ..... 4 3  
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## ELIGIBLE HORSES FOR SATURDAY NIGHT'S RACING SUMMERSIDE RACEWAY

Declaration Thursday at 2 P. M.  
Eight to enter, six to start.  
Declaration at Race Secretary's Office, Summerside or 56 Ambrose Street, Charlottetown.

**NO. 1 CLASSIFIED—PURSE \$400.00**  
June Henley, Yankee Joan, Antico, Ruby Dale, Belwin Budlong, Tommy Morgan, Ill Conto, Dot Budlong, Sister Verna, Simcoe Peter, Suffolk Chief.

**NO. 2 CLASSIFIED—PURSE \$400.00**  
Meg, Lena's Bob, Sandy Marr, Doc B. Grattan, Lou Kalmuck, Mannister Direct, Wayne S. Grattan, Bud Abner, Laurel Chief, Mighty Deb, Miss Donna Mae, Eva Budlong.

**NO. 3 CLASSIFIED—PURSE \$400.00**  
Sir Francis Drake, Sunny B. Waymark, Vella Grattan, Real Set, Jimmy A., Jenny Kalmuck, Tartan, Frisco the Great, Tim O'Shanko, Guy Long, Dan MacElwain, Margo Dale.

**NO. 4 CLASSIFIED—PURSE \$400.00**  
Rosalie H., Mary Merck, Robt. Bruce, Chocolate Dip, Miss Knox, Esso, Diana O. Grattan, My Darling, Frankie Budlong, Abner the Great.

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