

# Sports

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## In This Corner

### Big Boston Weekend Keeps Playoff Hopes Smoldering

The hustling Boston Bruins just might do the trick. To say that their double victory over Montreal Canadiens over the weekend was unexpected would be to utter the understatement of the year. Boston whipped the Habs and did it in convincing fashion with Terry Sawchuk playing an outstanding role in both contests. The Bostonians are now only a small point behind fourth-place Leafs who had to settle for a weekend split with Rangers. Had the Leafs come through with a win Sunday it would have left the Bruins in a very nervous position indeed. Both teams have two games to play before the schedule winds up this coming Sunday and although both squads will be meeting the same opponents the Bruins have the advantage of playing both games at Boston Gardens.

Tonight the Bruins take on Detroit and this will be just about the biggest game of the year for them. A win would put them smack into fourth place and would leave the Leafs with at least the psychological disadvantage of residing in the fifth position. Most coaches will tell you that they would rather be in front coming into the stretch if with a rival team having a game advantage because the trailing team has to win to catch you. They have to press a little harder for they know they can't back into the playoff spot and a team that presses very often makes more mistakes than they can afford. Mistakes in hockey can be costly in fact one gentleman once said that hockey is a game of mistakes and the team that makes the fewest errors wins.

Of course the Bruins are facing this prospect of trying too hard in tonight's game. But they must have been under quite a bit of pressure on Saturday and especially Sunday in their two games with Canadiens and came through in great style. If they come through tonight though it will be leaves who will have to do the climbing. The Bruins play their last game against the lowly Hawks at Boston on Sunday. Leafs face Chicago Saturday at Maple Leaf Gardens and the Red Wings in Detroit Sunday.

Dr. Wendall MacDonald and his curling mates Johnny Squarebriggs, Andy Likely and Elmer MacDonald made what must be regarded as an excellent showing in the Canadian Curling Championships at Moncton. Finishing the 10 rounds with a 4-6 won-lost record they matched their record of last year was an all-time high for an Island team in the Dominion finals. Many of the games they lost were heartbreakers and only their defeats at the hands of Saskatchewan and Man-

itoba could be regarded as anything like decisive.

We understand from J. Finley MacLeod Secretary of the P.E.I. Curling Association, that there is a possibility that between now and 1964 that the Canadian Championships may be held in Charlottetown. Mr. MacLeod in conference with executives of the Canadian Curling Association while he was attending the bonspiel at Moncton inquired about Charlottetown's chances as site of the finals in some future year and was left with the impression that the possibility is very real.

If the prospect should become a reality, aside from the tremendous publicity potential it would have for the Island in general and Charlottetown in particular, it would be a boon to Island curling. We certainly hope that such a thing will come about.

### Schmidt Rushed To Hospital Friday

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Willard Schmidt, considered the top righthander on the St. Louis Cardinals pitching staff, was rushed to hospital Friday with an intestinal obstruction.

Dr. J. C. Middleman, team physician, said he was hopeful that surgery could be avoided but he said the 26-year-old Schmidt has had three previous abdominal operations. He said a fourth would keep Schmidt idle indefinitely, possibly for the season.

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### Manitobans Receive Trophy

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### Rifle Scores

The following are the scores for Wednesday March 4th, 1956, at the York Rifle Club:

CLASS I	
Raymond Vessey	99
George Andrews	99
H. T. Vesey	98
Dewar Swan	98
Howard Watts	96
W. L. Crockett	96
Utley Birt	96
Jack Andrews	95
Louis Vessey	95
Louis Vessey	95
Irene Hardy	95
Edison Watts	95
Myron Ling	94
Norman Brown	93
Leonard Ford	92
Stuart Vessey	92
Earl Taylor	92
Laken Lewis	89
Alex Robertson	89
Bev Simpson	80
Arthur Brown	97
A. J. Cluney	96

Harold Taylor	94
Peter Proud	93
Cecil Watts	93
Vernon Duck	93
Leigh Vessey	92
George Proud	91
Everett Wylie	89
Christine Proud	86
Harry Welton	85
Marjorie Lewis	85
Joyce Ling	84
CLASS III	
Hazel Vessey	96
Frank Vessey	96
W. R. Godfrey	96
Elizabeth Watts	95
Robert Cooper	95
Bonell Ling	95
Donald Crockett	95
CLASS IV	
Alan Brown	88
Erna Watts	87
Marion Vessey	87
Earl Taylor	83
Earl Taylor	80
Laken Lewis	80
Alex Robertson	80
Bev Simpson	80
Ken Jenkins	80
Roddie Munn	80

#### N.H.L. STATISTICS

LEADERS	
Standing: Montreal, won 42, lost 15, tied 10; points, 94.	
Points: Beliveau, Montreal, 82.	
Goals: Beliveau, 44.	
Assists: Olmstead, Montreal, 52.	
Shutouts: Hall, Detroit, 12.	
Penalties: Fontinato, New York, 200 minutes.	

#### SCORING

The leaders:	G	A	Pts.
Beliveau, Montreal	44	39	83
Howe, Detroit	38	41	79
M. Richard, Montreal	38	32	70
Sloan, Toronto	37	27	64
Bathgate, New York	19	45	64
Olmstead, Montreal	12	52	64
Rebel, Detroit	17	29	56

### QUEENS COUNTY FISH & GAME

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Queens County Branch of the P. E. I. Fish & Game Association will be held TONIGHT, 8:00 P.M., at the Y. M. C. A. 3 films will be shown:—Batting Bass, Fishing in the Tangariro and Trout Fishermen's Dream.

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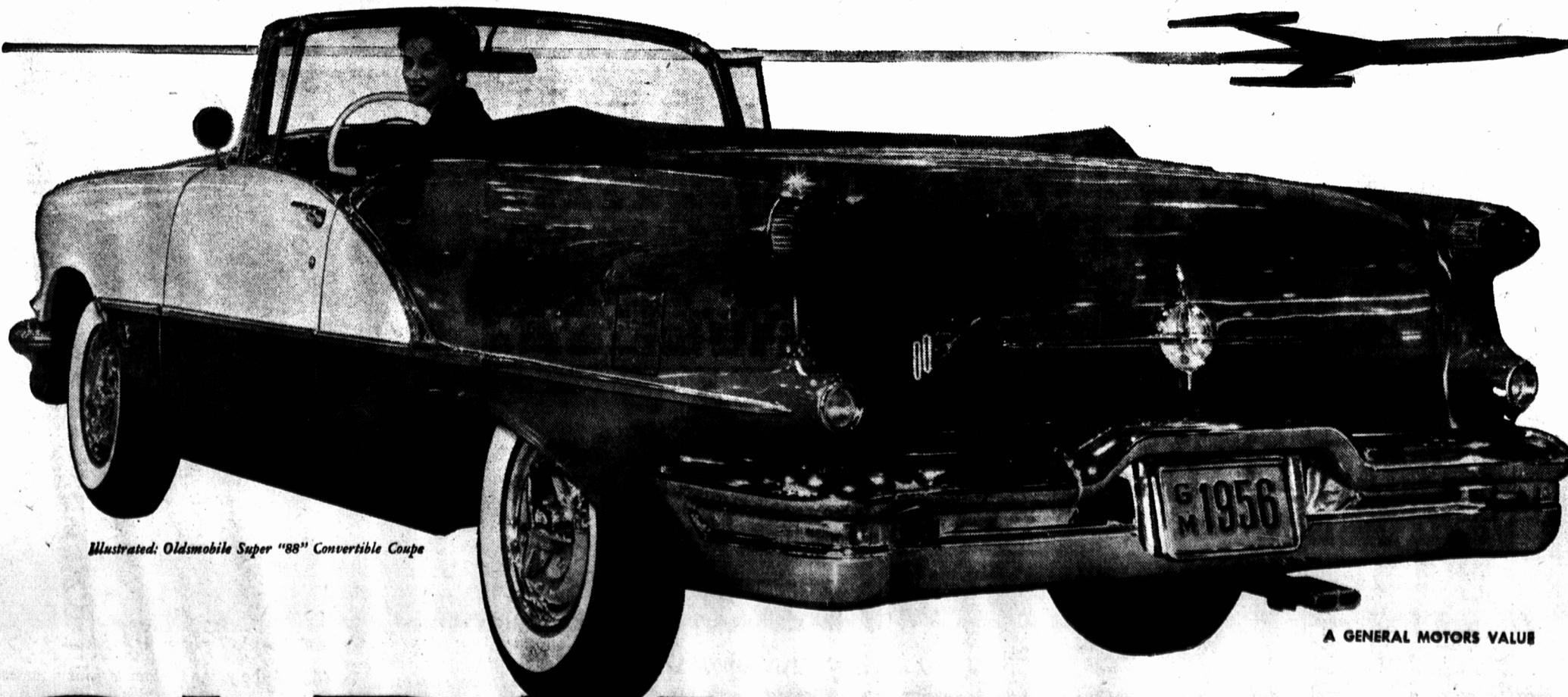
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