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And then they themselves, as they got going, when they did eventually (win) a couple of games during the season--then they got to believe in themselves, that nobody could beat them. And I remember when we played Halifax in our rink, we won. And then we go into the Halifax rink, and the first game, we won. So, you know-- it should be over. (But) the next game (in Halifax), we lost. Well, I was convinced-- I remember talking to (now Senator) Al Graham about it--Al Graham was broadcast? ing the games. And I remember talking to him about it. That night that team, I'm sure, in the back of their minds they wanted to get back here, into this atmosphere--knowing they could beat the team-- and they could have beat them up there. But they wanted to get back in Glace Bay to win it before the home crowd, to eliminate Halifax before the home crowd, (rather) than doing it up there. Bill Sidney Man, you wouldn't believe. I used to have special clothes to fight in. I used to wear special clothes just to fight. It was--I mean--it was unbelievable, the excitement. Sydney and Glace Bay hated one another. We had riots everywhere we went. There used to be fights in the stands. I wouldn't call them riots. Like, the whole stand wasn't involved. But a certain part of the crowd would be involved. You'd be sitting on this side and you'd look over and see all this goings-on and fighting.

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and banging on one part of the crowd. 'Cause the crowds were big, eh? So I wouldn't call them out-and-out riots, but I'd call them confrontations, certainly, that were quite visible for the crowd. Had to be escorted from the North Sydney Forum one night, onto the bus. And in Sydney I remember a horrible--a horrible, horrible episode one night. The place was sold out, and we were all fighting down in the aisles underneath. Oh, the emotions were unbeliev? able. And then they'd--you know, Sydney fans would come to Glace Bay. There was a hell of a rivalry. And there'd be trouble. You know, there was always some trouble. This Gordie Grant and I had a terrible one one night out in Glace Bay, where we rolled all the way down the stairs. And he got knocked out and we had to take him to the dressing room and revive him, and then back into it again. That's the kind of stuff that was going on! (All over hockey.) Well, there would be--I wouldn't want to emphasize that. But there were emotional feelings, you know, in each of the forums. It was relatively easy to get into trouble. Let's put it that way. If you would root a little too exuberantly for your team, it was not difficult to have to reciprocate physically!... He used to start fights and I'd have to finish them. That's how I used to get into trouble was over Gordie Grant. He used to start fights and somebody'd have to back him up.... The players would never be involved in this. It would be Gordie Grant, and myself, mainly, who were always involved in it. It was usually Gordie Grant who started it....

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