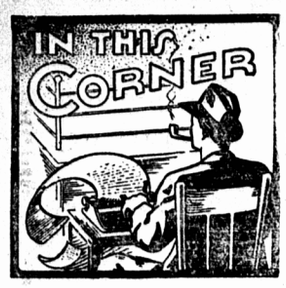

Providing that success attends the efforts of several interested baseball followers who are anxious to give the hard ball game a new lease on life it is quite probable that in the next two or three weeks a three-team baseball league will get underway here.

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Two clubs have their players lined up and ready to take part in practice sessions and managers of these two teams made it known at Tuesday night's ball meeting at the Y.M.C.A. that they were going to make every effort to band together a third team and make a start in reviving the game that has been a dead issue, locally at least, ever since the outbreak of the war in Europe.

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These same baseball men were keenly disappointed on Tuesday night when it was learned that the armed forces could not possibly field a base ball squad. This was due to several reasons beyond their control. Men in all three branches were anxious to play the hard ball game but as was explained it was impracticable.

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But although the decision was disappointing to them they by no means took it laying down. Their plans now are to form a league independent of the softball schedule. They will have to overcome some difficulties too before they realize their aim such as getting in readiness the diamond at Victoria Park, equipment, etc., but they are so anxious to get the game going again and so enthusiastic about it that it is quite probable that success will crown their efforts.

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There is a wealth of young material to pick teams from in the city. On almost any street one traverses you see youngsters with dilapidated and well worn gloves throwing the ball around or indulging in impromptu games. It is surprising the ease and manner in which they handle the sphere.

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Crude in many respects they are, it is true, but taken under the guidance and management of veterans of the game, many of whom are still anxious to see the game make a comeback, it would not be long before the ability the kids possessed would make its appearance and lead to a real good league.

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Of course the games at first would not be up to the standard witnessed in previous years. That can not be expected. But, with several of still young, but nevertheless experienced veterans signifying their willingness to come out and lend steadiness to the youngsters, the first big step will have been taken towards a baseball comeback. And after all that is the goal that those interested are seeking.

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And in softball it now seems a definite fact that the league will be composed of five and not four teams. Yesterday, several members of last season's championship Y.M.C.A. squad signified their willingness to turn out for this year's schedule and with the addition of several newcomers this fifth entry should be able to field a well balanced, smooth working squad.

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The other civilian team, named the Maroons is composed mostly of younger players with several games already under their belts. They secured in the matter of condition already have a little on the ball on the other four and fans who have watched them perform are of the opinion that the youngsters will prove tough nuts to crack once the regular schedule gets underway.

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Officials of the navy, air force and army, other entrants in the league could not estimate the strength of their squads. They really haven't had any stiff practice sessions as yet but officials felt that included in the rinks will be sufficient material to make their teams streng factors in the fight for the title.

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When word was flashed from the Olympic games at Los Angeles in 1932 that Duncan McNaughton had won the high jump for Canada, sports editors in the dominion were almost unanimous in asking the question. "Who's McNaughton?" It was almost as big a surprise as Percy Williams' sprint victories in 1928 at Amsterdam.

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Now McNaughton is in the news again. He is Pilot Officer McNaughton of the R.C.A.F., visiting his Vancouver home, and hoping to land an overseas berth shortly in the photographic reconnaissance branch of the air force.

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Dunc's 1932 Olympic victory caught Canada by surprise, because he had done all his major competitive jumping in the United States as a student at University of Southern California. He had gone through public and high schools in Vancouver, but had chosen to attend the California college.

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McNaughton did not compete in the Canadian Olympic trials at Hamilton, Ont., in 1932. Jack Portland, of Collingwood, Ont., now a major league hockey player with Montreal Canadiens, won the trials and was expected to be Canada's top contender for Olympic laurels.

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McNaughton was added to the Canadian team at Los Angeles, because he was on the spot and had a good reputation as a jumper in California. Portland failed to place in the Olympic jump. McNaughton tied for first place with Van Osdale, A.U.S.C. team-mate, and Torricio, of the Phillipines. Dunc proved he had the will to win, the competitive courage, when he captured top honors in a gruelling, two-hour jump-off.

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Since then, Dunc had dropped from sight. He preferred to make geology his career rather than sport. As a geologist he went to the oilfields in the Colombia jungles near the Equator. But he is a Canadian. He's in competition again in another big league—the Royal Canadian Air Force.

An average of 6,000,000 calls a week are made by salvage collectors of local authorities in Britain. Salvage collected since the start of the war totals about 4,000,000 tons.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Boston Braves Defeat Pirates For Seventh Straight Victory

NEW YORK, May 19 —(AP)— The surging Boston Braves cut Brooklyn Dodgers' National League lead to a single game today by extending their winning streak to seven straight with a double triumph at Boston over Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 in 11 innings and 5-3 in the nightcap.

Rookie Nate Andrews, winner of three of his previous four starts, kept nine Pittsburgh hits well scattered during the opener, which the Braves clinched from Xavier Rescigno.

George Jeffcoat, while chalking up his first win in the nightcap held the Pirates to five hits before being relieved by Al Stout with one out in the ninth.

St. Louis Cardinals took a 2-1 lead in their four game series with Brooklyn by southpawing the Dodgers into submission at Brooklyn for the second straight day by a score of 3-2, with Coaker Triplett's round trip wallop into the left field stands with one on in the sixth providing the victory punch.

Lanier, the winning pitcher, gave up both the Brooklyn runs and their six hits. Macon was nicked for all three card runs and six of their nine hits, with Les Webber, who relieved him, pitching wobbly ball the last two frames.

In New York, the Giants' jinx on Johnny Vander Meer was working again, taking the shape of a two-run homer by Manager Mel Ott in the first inning, and brought a 3-2 victory over Cincinnati Reds.

Today the powerful lefthander walked a man in the first and Ott, bent on redeeming the error he made to lose yesterday's 10-inning tussle, slammed his fourth home run of the spring into the upper right-field stands. Vandy allowed only one other hit in four innings, but was removed for a pinchhitter in the fifth and charged with his third defeat.

Sport Shorts From Britain

By ALLAN NICKLESON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, May 20 (CP)—Gents' underwear and wooden clogs aren't exactly approved wear for rugby, but if a fellow behind barbed wire in Germany gets a yen for a little scrimmage . . .

That's the way they play in a prison camp containing more than 1,000 Royal Air Force lads, according to a letter from one of the players, and a league has been formed with teams named after clubs back home. For instance, there are Rosslyn Park, Harlequins and Bath.

They say it's quite a sight to see an underwear-clad airman in wooden clogs dive into a scrimmage. There are plenty of blistered feet and sore toes when the boys troop off the field.

At another camp soccer fixtures have the ring of English Cup competitions. Glasgow Rangers won the League championship there while Preston North End went on to take the cup.

From Tripoli comes word that R. A. F. units stationed in that area played a "Tripoli Cup" soccer final in Tripoli stadium. Spectators jammed every inch of accommodation —and most of them were local inhabitants, both Italian and Senussi, who cheered like mad. Some of the busy Eighth Army boys also found time to drop in for the fun.

Much has been said as to transport restrictions in wartime Britain, but in some ways the ban isn't as drastic as generally believed.

For instance, the subject came up in the House of Commons a couple of days after Britain's 1943 racing season opened at Windsor, and members were informed that 59 taxicabs were used in the "perfectly legitimate" task of transporting turf followers to the track for the one-day meet.

Maj. Lloyd George, Minister of Fuel and Power, said that of these, 14 were licensed for the Borough of Windsor and entitled to make repeated trips over the mile distance from the railway station to the track. There were 45 cabs licensed in other areas which legitimately could bring visitors from their own districts to the course and return.

Private cars and private hire cars at the track totalled 138. Maj. George said the hired cars were operating in accordance with wartime restrictions and that the private cars were for horse owners, jockeys and others attending for business purposes.

Anyway, they were greatly in the minority. Most of the 20,000 spectators walked from the station to the racing scene while hundreds engaged boatmen to row them a mile from the town to the course situated on the Thames River.

The question of greyhound racing also popped up in the Commons recently and Home Secretary Herbert Morrison said 144 dog tracks operated in England and Wales last summer. Racing was limited to one day a week at each track.

Baseball's Big Six

By The Associated Press

Batting, three leaders in each league, 65 or more times at bat:

Player and Club	G.	Ab.	R.	H.	Pct.
Stephens, Browns	18	68	11	25	.368
Higgins, Tigers	21	80	8	29	.363
Dahlgren, Phillies	20	70	8	25	.357
Stanky, Cubs	24	97	16	34	.351
Frey, Reds	24	97	13	34	.351
Hockett, Indians	19	74	12	25	.338

Runs batted in—National: Herman, Dodgers, 17; American: Spence Senators, 18.

Home runs—National League, Ott, Giants, Maynard, Giants, 4; American League: Keller, Yankees 4.

Phillies May Lose Dahlgren

PHILADELPHIA, May 19 (AP)— The United States army beckoned to Big Babe Dahlgren today, and its beckoning finger stabbed the high-riding Phillies right to the heart.

The 30-year-old shortstop-first baseman, who is married, has a six-months-old child and is one of the best reasons why the Phillies are looking like a ball club again, took a preliminary physical examination on orders of his San Francisco draft board and the induction move started new talk of player deals and sighs of "jinx."

Babe, bought from Brooklyn only two months ago, passed the nose and throat exam but was told the results of other tests will not be made known to him until next week.

'43 Baseball Still Big Stuff Veteran Says

WASHINGTON, May 19 —(AP)— As the owner of a major league ball club, his opinion might be slightly prejudiced, but Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators, has a ready answer for that ever-growing question:

"Is this 1943 brand of ball up to that of previous years"

Past 70, Griffith can look back over a lot of baseball. . . Individual stars and great teams.

"It's still big league baseball," he says. "It's still fine ball."

"Baseball is like everything else in life, mostly a matter of opportunity", Griffith reflects. "When you lose one star, you make another. That has been the history of the game. . . When Wagner and Ruth Cobb and LaJoie and Johnson and Hornsby went out, others came along to star."

One slight concession he makes to the past: that perhaps the hitting will be a little below par this season in view of the numerous top-flight sluggers who are now in the army, scaling down from Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio.

But he's quick to qualify this by repeating that line about "other coming along to pick up where they left off."

Major League Leaders

By The Associated Press

National League

Batting—O'Dea, St. Louis, .391.
Runs—Camilli, Brooklyn, 18.
Runs batted in—Herman, Brooklyn, 17.
Hits—Frey, Cincinnati, 34.
Doubles—Herman, Brooklyn, 10.
Triples—Musial, St. Louis, 4.
Home runs—Maynard, New York and Litwiler, Philadelphia, 4.
Stolen bases—Murtaugh, Philadelphia, 4.
Pitching—Allan and Macon, Dodgers, 3-0.

Baseball Linescores

NATIONAL

First game

Pittsburgh	100	000	000	00—1	9	0
Boston	001	000	000	01—2	8	0

(11 innings)
Rescigno and Baker; Andrews and Klutz.

Second

Pittsburgh	000	100	002—3	5	1
Boston	310	001	00x—5	9	1

Gornicki, Lanning (1) Hallett (3) Butcher (7) and Jopez; Jeffcoat, Stout (9) and Poland.

St. Louis	100	002	000—3	9	0
Brooklyn	000	001	100—2	6	0

Lanier, Brecheen (7) and W. Cooper, Macon, Weber (8) and Owen.

Cincinnati	000	000	002—2	12	0
New York	200	001	00x—3	5	0

Vandermeer, Heusser (5) Shoun (6) and Mueller; Lohrman, Mungo (9) and Lombardi.

Lord Byron's dressing-case, with contents untouched since his death, and a series of packets containing locks of the poet's hair, were among articles sold in behalf of the Red Cross and St. John Fund.

Steve Mesner May Be Answer To Reds' Headache

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)— Steve Mesner is up for his fourth try in the Majors this spring with the Cincinnati Reds, and if the transient traveller should stick this time—as now appears likely—then Commissioner K. M. Landis rates a slice of whatever "pie" the Reds may cut up next fall.

The one-time up-and-downer whose stops with the Chicago Cubs and White Sox and St. Louis Cardinals in the past few years were so brief he hardly had time to get his laundry done, looks now like the answer to the Reds' third base headache.

Now the funny part about this is that after drafting Steve last winter from Sacramento, where he hit .301 in 178 games, the Reds suddenly discovered they didn't want him. They asked waivers, and Branch Rickey put in a bid for the Brooklyn Dodgers, knowing he was unlikely to be drafted for his military service because of his health That's where Landis stepped into the picture, and declared no drafted player could be put on the block until April 1. So back Steve came to the Reds—and that proves the Cincinnati rabbit's foot works.

Reds Shatter Two More Nazi Attacks In Caucasus

LONDON, May 19—(CP)—Red army troops shattered two more Nazi attacks in the Caucasus today, killing nearly 350 troops, and blasting 14 boatloads of Nazis attempting to retreat over the Kuban River, the Soviets announced tonight.

The Caucasus was still the fiercest-fought battlefield, and a Moscow broadcast recorded by The Associated Press reported more than 500 German planes had been downed in air combats in the last three weeks alone.

The Russians sent 200 bombers against a "big enemy group massing for a counter-attack" and "completely dispersed" it, the broadcast said. "Especially heavy were the casualties sustained by a German mountain infantry division which lost nearly the whole personnel of its headquarters."

Violent actions over a long area of the rest of the front cost the Germans 600 more dead Wednesday, the midnight war bulletin said, with 300 annihilated on the western front before Moscow.

LIVESTOCK

MONTREAL, May 19 (CP)— There were 89 cattle, 9 sheep and lambs, 417 hogs and 558 calves for sale on the two Montreal livestock markets today.

Prices on drinker calves were about 75 cents to $1 lower. Bulls easier. Other kinds of livestock were unchanged.

There were no good steers. Common to just fair quality steers made $9.50-11. Butcher cows ranged from $7-9.75 with an odd one up to $10. Canners and cutters $5-7 with the poorest canners as low as $4. Good bulls were $10-10.50 and commoner kinds from $8 up.

Veal calves were about steady. One carload of medium to good quality veals in mixed lots ranged $14.50. An odd top veal made $15, and common kinds down to $12. Drinkers were slow, prices 75 cents to $1 lower, selling from $9-11.50 according to quality.

Spring lambs were $5-10 each.

Hogs were $16.85-16.90 for B-1 dressed. Grade "A" drew $1 per hog premium with discounts on off grades. Sows were $11.50-12 live weight.

Rail grade hogs $17.50, sows No. 1 $15.25, No. 2 $14.25.

Choice steers and heifers $11-11.25, commercial $10-10.75, plain $8-9.75. Good cows $8-9. Canners $6.75-7.25, cutters $8.25 down. Good bulls $8-9.

Bologna culls $7.50 down.

There were no quotations on grassers, veals, and lambs.

Halifax Man Elected Head Of M.A.H.A.

TRURO, N.S., May 19 —(CP)— J. Elliot Hudson of Halifax was elected president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association tonight at the annual meeting here. He succeeds Frank Gallagher of Moncton, N.B., who has been president for the past year.

The only other nominee for president was Charles Campbell, Sydney, N.S. He was elected 1st vice president.

Other officers elected were Hanson Dowell Middleton, N.S., Honorary president; B.M. Love, Amherst, N.S., 2nd vice-president, Walter Lawlor, Charlottetown, 3rd vice-president; C. Murray Dodge, Kentville, N.S., Secretary-treasurer.

The expected fireworks over protests and playing arguments from the past hockey season were absent and the meeting skimmed swiftly through its business after a late start.

Remember When

(By The Canadian Press)

Milton Belyea of Saint John, N. B., one of Canada's most promising scullers, sailed for England 20 years ago today to compete in the Diamond Sculls. Unlucky, he lost the race, but started out for another attempt in 1924. On the way to England he was taken ill and subsequently retired from active competition.

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Giants Nicked For Plenty

TORONTO, May 19 (CP)—Chas. Leo (Gabby) Hartnett says his Jersey City Giants were nicked for "Mucho Pesos"—$75,000 to be exact—when New York Giants recalled Cuban infielder Napoleon Reyes from their International League farm club.

"I call it the $75,000 deal," said Hartnett, now in his freshman year as Jersey City manager. "I lose a $50,000 ball player and a $25,000 interpreter."

T.C.A. ISSUES TRAVEL CARDS

WINNIPEG, Man.—Trans-Canada Air Lines has received authority to issue travel cards, by means of which passengers may receive credit and discounts. Subscribers make deposits, against which the cost of tickets or excess baggage may be charged.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the shareholders of Charlottetown Forum Ltd., will be held at "The Forum" Wednesday, May 26th at 7.30 P. M.

H. S. HENDERSON, Secretary.

Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams

Our Boarding House With Major Hoople

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TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBBS — By Edwina

BRINGING UP FATHER — By George McManus

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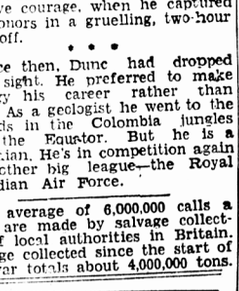

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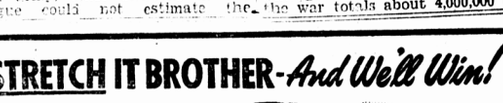

1. WASH FACE thoroughly with hot water and soap to soften beard and eliminate grit that dulls shaving edges.
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3. FOR EXTRA shaves use both edges equally. Marks on each blade as indicated above will identify one edge from the other.
4. CLEAN BLADE in razor by loosening handle. Then rinse in hot water and shake. Wiping blade is likely to damage edges.