

SPORTING NEWS



In This Corner

Jackie Kane, veteran of many a hockey battle took a great delight Tuesday night in the scoring effort which placed him in the lead...

Although Kane himself was a prominent factor in the City team's victory, it was the play of the team's leadership, nevertheless, that was particularly noticeable...

Such has been the case ever since the Y team started their practice sessions, Jackie, officiating as referee, has been in his usual and often considered hard to get along with in games, especially when passes went astray...

Jackie Kane, together with Johnny Squarings, coach of the Y team are taking a keen interest in the development of the younger players on the team and every one of the youngsters checks up on the one or two who are the most tickled players in the rink...

To bear out the above we find the line of Kane, Gregory and Whittlock are at present leading in scoring...

Goal, Frank Brinsek; defence, Lester Patrick, Eddie Shore, Lionel Hitchman, Jack Crawford; forwards, Bobby Bauer, Porky Dumart, Bill Schmidt, Bill Cowley, Marty Murray, Tommy Weland, Dutch Osmer, Harry Oliver and Roy Conacher.

Montrealers telephoned a Toronto hockey fan who had seen Leafs wallop Canadiens 8-1 recently, "I told me they'd rather watch Syd Apps in action than any player in the N.H.L. had dug up in years, claimed he provided more thrills than the Ice-Capades."

"What's more," he added, "the same Montrealers were greatly impressed with the manner in which the Hap Day operated his forward line, used only seven players, had Taylor, Carr, Stewart and Pele alternating as one line in the fashion. It was a treat to watch."

"It's refreshing," concluded the hockey fan, "to find such enthusiasm for our own players and our own coach away from home, and I think there should know about it. Our Leafs are no homers. They play just as vigorously on the road as at the Gardens."

Remember When (By The Canadian Press) Lester Patrick, the "Silver Fox" of hockey, was named president of New York Rangers, National Hockey League entry, and president of Madison Square Garden 10 years ago today...

The Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau B. Graham Rogers, Supervisor, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Minard's Kills pain. THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TRAVEL BUREAU

CHRISTMAS SKATING THE FORUM PLEASE NOTE HOURS TONIGHT - 8 - 10 P.M. FRIDAY - 3 - 5 P.M. and 8 - 10 P.M. EXCELLENT ICE - WARM ROOMS - GOOD EATS SKATE AND ADD TO CHRISTMAS CHEER

Connie Mack Celebrated 80th Birthday Yesterday

By TED MEIER Associated Press Sport Writer PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23—(AP)—Connie Mack, celebrating his 80th birthday today, disclosed for the first time why he was considered a "tricky" catcher back in the 1880's and 1890's.

Speaking at the annual birthday luncheon tendered him by the Philadelphia chapter of the Baseball Writers Association, Mack recalled he was adept at tipping the batters' bat on third strike.

"We got away with a lot in those days because there was only one umpire," said "the grand old gentleman" of baseball. "There was one umpire in particular I remember. Tommy Lynch was his name. He was always watching me like a hawk to see how I managed to tip the bat, but he never caught on."

"There was only one player who got even with me. He was old Buck Weaver after he played under me at Milwaukee, but at the time he was with Louisville and I was with Pittsburgh.

"We were warned me if I didn't lay off he was going to do something about it but I paid no attention. Weaver batted left-handed and the next time he had two strikes, he just slipped back from the plate and instead of swinging at the ball swung at my hands.

"Let me tell you that hurt," Mack recalled, wringing his hands as though in pain. "I went down like a shot.

"I got back at Weaver, though. It took me until the last time he came to bat that season, but I worked it on him again. Then I said 'no hard feelings, Buck. That was just to show you I can still do it.'"

In those days the catcher stood behind the plate and caught the ball on the first bounce, but usually moved up to the plate after the batter had two strikes. Connie explained he wore a mask only when he came up back of the rubber.

"On certain occasions I had it fixed with my pitcher to give the signs while I was supposedly stooping over to pick up the mask, but at the last split second I would jump behind the plate without the mask and the pitcher would whip over the third strike while the batter was off balance."

from such areas as Albany and Little Pond prove what good boars can do. In many shipments from these points, practically every hog in the proper weights grades "A."

Other districts where little attention is paid to the merit of the boar used show a low percentage of top grade hogs.

When the regulations came into effect prohibiting the slaughter at packing plants of hogs dressing under 130 lbs., there was an immediate improvement in weights with the result that the percentage of A's jumped from 32 percent to over 40 percent.

Even yet, too many hogs are marketed outside the proper dressed weights, 140-170 pounds.

P. E. Island has a higher percentage of top grade hogs than any other Province. The percentage could be increased materially if more attention were paid to finish. Mr. Clay states.

In many cases, over-finishing is due to the fact that the producer has the wrong type of hog. The use of boars and sows which lack length and smoothness and which carry heavy shoulders usually result in chunky and over-fat market hogs.

"If we wish to maintain hog production as a profitable branch of farming, we must build up a good reputation for our bacon in Great Britain," Mr. Clay advises. "To do this, we must pay more attention to the selection of our breeding stock. We must weigh our hogs alive before shipping and then ship all hogs at weights between 200 and 220 lbs. live weight. We must realize that the over-fat hog is wasteful for our domestic trade and disliked by the British consumer. In short, it is the consumer who pays the price, therefore we must produce what the consumer demands. Our personal opinions, our likes and dislikes as producers have no bearing on the matter."

British Christmas (Continued from page 1) The quickest way to increase hog production is to prevent the heavy losses of sucker pigs in winter and spring litters. Mr. Clay states. The chief cause is mismanagement or improper feeding. Mineral supplements in the daily ration of the brood sow, pasture and outdoor exercise for all breeding stock during summer and prevent loss of ammonia in the suckling pigs by the use of soda and reduced litter would result in a great decrease in this annual loss of young pigs.

Trailing Teams Win In Quebec Senior League

MONTREAL, Dec. 23 (CP)—The two trailing teams in the Quebec Senior Hockey League won their games tonight as Montreal Royals defeated Montreal R.C.A.F. 3-3, and Montreal Canadiens doubled Montreal Army's score, 4-2.

Canadiens victory dragged Ottawa down into a last-place tie with the Royals while the Royals placed them just ahead of the two last teams, Cornwall and Quebec head the league in a first place tie, followed by Montreal R.C.A.F. and Montreal Army.

Two Players Deadlocked For Scoring Lead

Hen Woolridge and Jackie Kane, the former with the most assists and the latter with the most goals lead the City Hockey League in the scoring parade unofficial points disclose. Both have six points to their credit with Gregory Whittlock and Blanchard being in a three-way tie for second place with three points apiece.

Following are the ten leading scorers of the league in the four games played:

Player	G	A	Pts.
Woolridge, Y.M.C.A.	1	5	6
Kane, Y.M.C.A.	3	3	6
Gregory, Y.M.C.A.	4	2	6
Whittlock, R.C.A.F.	1	4	5
Blanchard, Navy	1	4	5
Nicoll, P.W.C.	1	4	5
Smith, R.A.F.	3	0	3
Beer, P.W.C.	1	2	3
Poulin, R.A.F.	2	0	2
Cudmore, Y.M.C.A.	0	2	2

Travel restrictions will keep members of the forces at their posts from Dec. 24 to 28 but holiday travel was expected to jump Christmas eve trains.

The Christmas meal limit in restaurants remains at five shillings and there has been no extra Christmas food ration in any form.

Minister Lord Woolton has announced the people do not seem to want extra food yet, as out of 587 letters in the week since Christmas the suggested more food for Christmas.

War—25 Years Ago Today

Dec. 24, 1917—Mannheim, Germany attacked by British air squadrons; one plane lost. Austrian forces thrown back by Italians with heavy losses after crossing the River Piave at Piave Vecchia German raid on Epehy, Cambrai front, repulsed.

Keep Minard's in the home.

Top Women Tennis Stars

MONTREAL, Dec. 23—(CP)—Everybody is picking all-time greatest in sports to have a selection from among the women tennis stars.

Mrs. Dorothy Round Little says Suzanne Lenglen, Helen Wills Moody and Alice Marble rank in that order as the first three women players of all time.

Mrs. Little, herself a two-time Wimbledon Champion, is visiting Montreal today. She has completed a professional tour throughout the United States which netted more than \$10,000 for the British Ambulance Fund.

Her selection is purely a personal one, Mrs. Little said, adding: "Alice Marble has gained a distinct margin over her present rivals because she takes the ball earlier and is forever advancing to the fore court where she takes full advantage of her splendid net attack."

Helen's drives were so deep and paced if I don't think Alice could have got to the net and if she did, I think Helen would have passed her quite easily.

"I feel confident of winning a few games from Alice, but when Helen was at her best it was a struggle to prevent a complete rout. For years, she never even came close to losing a match."

War Caused Big Decline In Attendance

By Judson Bailey Associated Press Sport Writer NEW YORK, Dec. 23—(AP)—Of the widespread effects war has produced on sports in the United States, the decline in attendance was the most obvious, a poll of the country's writers by the Associated Press showed today.

Almost everyone of the 90 scribes who cast ballots mentioned the blow to attendance as one of the major impacts of the year of war has left on competitive athletics— but the experts were at odds on how to interpret this fact.

In general they agreed that it was not a lack of interest in sports which has reduced the size of crowds at most events and forced the abandonment of some. Rather it was the difficulty of travel and the enrollment of a great multitude of customary spectators in the armed services and in vital war work.

Some writers sensed that war had placed sports in a new perspective where victory or defeat in games was no longer of paramount importance. They pointed to erratic performances and unexpected results of individuals and teams throughout the year. Another explanation for these numerous upsets was the entry of many athletes into the services. This affected the calibre of the teams and particularly their reserve strength.

Most admitted that the outlook is confused and that the increasing pressure of the war might have a disastrous effect with more and more curtailment of sports.

Seek To Bolster Canadiens Team MONTREAL, Dec. 23—(CP)—In an effort to bolster the faltering Canadiens, have secured Frank Malley, 22-year-old Washington Lions player, officials announced tonight. Malley will make his National Hockey League debut here Christmas afternoon against Chicago Black Hawks.

Malley, a lefthand shot, weighs slightly over 170 pounds and can play either as a forward or defenceman. A native of Lachine, Que., he played with the Lions last season.

Final Chapter In Flying Tigers Record WITH U.S. FORCES IN CHINA, Dec. 22—(DELAWARE)—(AP)—The final chapter in the record of the Flying Tigers has been written with the death of Maj. Frank Schell, last American volunteer group pilot in China. Flying through bad weather, his plane crashed on a mountain and burned while he was coming back with photographs taken on a long, dangerous mission into uncharted enemy territory. His body was recovered.

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More Baseball Clubs Revamp Training Plans

By DAVE HOFF Associated Press Sport Writer CHICAGO, Dec. 23—(AP)—Four would-be springtime victors to California—Chicago Cubs and White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Browns—gave up their plans today and joined the mass baseball migration away from southern and western coastal areas as they revamped spring training programs.

The action of these clubs ran to the north of the Rockies, from Commissioner K. S. Landis, the four clubs announced they would forego their westward trips and scout around for sites nearer home, in accordance with suggestions made by Joseph B. Eastman, Director of the Office of Defence Transportation, at the recent Chicago baseball meetings.

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Following a policy of tight co-operation, the Browns and Pirates said today they would go through their limbering up stunts in the same general neighborhood—and the same field if possible—and the Cubs and Sox proposed to follow the same plan.

Juveniles Practice On Friday

All juvenile hockey players in the city are under 17 years of age and interested in performing in the Juvenile Hockey League to be played at the Holy Redeemer rink, Upper Queen Street, are asked to be on hand at the above mentioned rink on Friday morning between 11 o'clock and 12, for a practice session.

Most of the players are Canadiens Hockey Club, Earl McCourt is president, to form a three-team league and all interested are asked to make it a point to attend. At the end of the league schedule it is intended to pick an all-star team to enter the Island and Maritime playdowns.

Wishing You and Yours a Merry Christmas ED'S TAXI PHONE 170

THE PRINCESS OF GRATZEN By Louis Arthur Cunningham, Author of "Of These Three Loves," "Marionette," Etc.

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"Qu'il ne fera plus coqueli, la-r-i-co!" Roger went upstairs and stood in the doorway watching the crowd of little folk around the great fireplace in the gay toys and the smiling dolls, those fear-packed moments of last night, the whole dark episode, seemed unreal, fantastic. The smell of the prison camp, the ugliness of war, had not entered here in that guise surely? But the bookend was still a little out of place and the wire stain, where madame's glass had fallen and splintered, was not yet dried from the rug near the hearthstone.

Madame came and stood beside him, her elbow touching his. "I think you did not sleep at all," she said reproachfully.

He smiled, thinking of the night of the Coq d'or when he had fallen asleep with his head pillowed on her shoulder. "After all, you did not sing me any lullaby last night?" "You did not ask for one."

"Ah, I was too excited, too happy to care about sleep. And you—did you rest?" She shook her head. "Like you, I saw the dawn come. It was like fire over the hill and the trees looked so black and the world so beautiful but so cold. I welcomed the dawn. It marked the end of the ugliest and most beautiful night of my life."

"So for me. Today, at all this brightness and all this fun, last night doesn't seem real. Just now, before you came, I was thinking how hard it was to picture these two in this room, as they were last night. It was like some ugly dream."

But you heard the children singing Bonsoir Nigaud? Was it not strange—the song that belongs to—to their friends? It was as if they had sensed his presence here. Perhaps they dreamed of the laughing soldier?"

Someone had turned on the radio. The voice of the announcer gave the early news items from Montreal—"The police and military authorities have nothing so far to report on the two German prisoners, former members of the Nazi Luftwaffe, who escaped last night from a prison camp in the Laturons. The two men, one of them armed with a pistol, took the station wagon—"

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE WITH MAJOR HOOP! EGAD! MERRY YULETIDE TO ALL! HERE, MARTHA! DISTRIBUTE THESE WAR BONDS TO EACH MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD—HAR-RUMPH!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! MY WORD! YOU ALREADY HAVE A TREE?—AND I JUST BOUGHT THIS BEAUTIFUL SWISS BALSAM!

YOU'RE LATE, BUT THIS TIME YOU'RE NOT BRINGING TOO LITTLE—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GUESS THE TREE GOT CAUGHT IN A FEW SWINGING DOORS!

LIGHT THE YULE LOG

OUT OUR WAY By J. R. WILLIAMS

OH, LAST NIGHT THAT MARRIED SISTER OF MINE TRIED TO LEAD A SLEEPY KID ANY CARRY ONE OF MY FEET IN A DISH OF MACARONI, NOW INSTEAD ONE HOUSE TO BLOCK TO HOUSEKEEP! BUT I'LL ONLY GO HAWF WAYS—SHELL DO HER OWN HAWF!

TIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS

"ETHEL! ETHEL!!" "YOU JUST WAIT 'TILL MOTHER GETS HOME."

By Edwina

"WHAT WAS THAT MATTER?" "OH, NUTHIN'! I WAS JUST GOIN' TO BORROW MY SISTER'S FURS TO WEAR—GO ON IN SCRAP—AN SHE COME HOME TOO SOON! OLE MEANIE!"

HERE THEY COME, MARY! C'LECTIN' SCRAP FOR TH' WAR--

"ASK TH' CHILDREN TO COME IN WITH Y' CAP— I'VE GOT A SURPRISE."

WHAT, GRAN MA?—WHAT?

JUST WAIT AN SEE

GEE! HI, FELLAS—G'M ON!—ICE CREAM!

WE'LL WE JUST THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE A L'L SOMEFIN' TO EAT AFTER WORK SO HARD.