



IN THE CORNER

With their backs to the wall R.C. A.F. All Stars again face the Navy basketball team tonight for the first time in the battle for first section honors of the City Basketball League.

Trailing by eleven points as a result of the Navy's victory Monday evening, Air Force is sure of thinking will have to show a much better brand of ball if they are to overcome the imposing lead that the Navy have built up.

It is a fact that they were minus several key players for the opening struggle whose presence on the court might or might not have swung the tide of the battle in their favor, but when the Air Force came down badly was in the matter of connecting for field goals.

Only six times during the tussle could they find the basket, many of them in the first half, and that was the underlying cause for their defeat. In the matter of shooting field goals they were nearly 100 per cent perfect, scoring eleven points or very nearly equalling their field goal attempts.

They will very likely be much improved tonight but they will have to be if they are to take a close checking Navy team. Navy have played a steady brand of the hoop game in a very apparent way and they are going to be tough to beat out for league honors.

They floor a well-balanced team that continually work in for close-in shots with combination plays, and on the perimeter they throw up a fire-man's defence that is hard for the opposing team to break through.

Tonight's game, however, should be a close-knit, hard-fought affair that will be a real test for both sides as players who have played with top-ranking teams and play-offs are going out on a limb to see Navy hang onto their eleven point margin and by so doing automatically gain a little more to see Navy hang onto their eleven point margin and by so doing automatically gain a little more to see Navy hang onto their eleven point margin.

A familiar figure in Island sports activities the past year will be missing in future. We refer to Pat Patterson, No. 2 A.M.S. who has recently been transferred elsewhere.

Pat, as he was familiarly called, played basketball, football and hockey with the Station team and was considered a top average player in all three. He particularly excelled in football, playing shortstop for the winners of the City's City League and at that was a very dangerous hitter to face.

A quiet, likeable chap, he took to the fancy of sport fans here and was proving to be quite a popular figure. He was expected to see his future will be missed in local athletics but sport fans will hasten to wish him good luck in his new environment wherever it may be.

The following by Doug Vaughan of the Windsor will prove an interesting reading to readers who remember Bill Cowley when he was a member of the Windsor's City Verines in the days of the Big Four.

"The wind and the snow and the slush underfoot had driven the boys to cover. They got to talking hockey and comparing the wartime training with the present in the N.H.L. before Hitler and the rest of the maniacs started turning this world upside down. Such a conversation was bound to end as it is unreasonable—and this one was no exception."

"But finally the talk narrowed down to individual players and, as specialists, centre ice performers. Names like Milt, Schmidt, Mowbray, Menez, Syd Apps, Frank Nighbour, Frankie Poucher and Bill Cowley were mentioned among others."

"Since Boston's Bill Cowley was the only one currently active in the mentioned, it was only natural that his name should be bandied around more than any of the rest."

"There is no denying that Cowley deserves to be ranked with the best of the modern centres and all that the name implies."

"One of the fellows in the discussion drew Cowley's name, stating flatly that Cowley was the best centre he had ever seen and admitted that he had never seen Menez, Syd Apps, Frank Nighbour, Frankie Poucher and Bill Cowley were mentioned among others."

"Okay," he said, in answer to the cat-calls. "My idea of a centre is a man who can really make plays. And I think that Cowley was, and is, the best playmaker of any of those we have mentioned."

"Look at Cowley's record year in the A.P.C. League. He not only manages to finish among the leading scorers himself but whoever plays on the same line with him always manages to do all right, too. Ask fellows like Roy Conacher, Ray Goffie, Buzz Bolt, Herbie Cain or any of the others who have played alongside Cowley and they'll tell you what kind of a centre he is."

"I admit that fellows like Menez and Apps and Schmidt may be recognized as greater hockey players but, in my book, they were not great centres with the possible exception of Schmidt. Milt was also a great playmaker and, in addition, was stronger and more rugged than Cowley is so that, when the necessary arose, he could bull his way through a defence or stickhandle around."

"Having paused briefly for breath the Cowley booster continued. 'I think Menez serves as the best example for the point I'm trying to make. Yes, I'm one of the guys who travelled many a mile to see Menez in action and I only wish I still had the opportunity of doing so. He was the greatest and most colorful player hockey ever had. Menez was an individualist, convinced that he was right, were he wound up and started

SPORTING NEWS

Red Wings Defeat Boston Bruins By 6-3 Margin

BOSTON, Dec. 19—(AP)—After pulling three shutouts, the speedy Detroit Red Wings rapped in four goals in the final period to win their fifth consecutive National League victory over Boston Bruins by a 6-3 margin tonight before a crowd of 12,000 at the Boston Garden. Eddie Bruneau scored a pair of unassisted tallies during the last minute of play.

Detroit's decisive tally, however, was made by the impressive Flash Hollett, who takes great pride in the fact that the Bruins have not beaten the Red Wings since they traded him last season.

Bruneau's tallies, made within the space of 45 seconds, came when the Bruins cast aside some pretense of defence to make a futile last-minute drive for a tie. The Bruins' defence to counter the drive was supplied by Herbie Cain, Kenny Smith and Pat Egan, who came here for the first time in a 2-2 lead going into the finale.

Rookie Steve Wochy, however, pulled the Wings on even terms for the third time in the game by converting Joe Carvent's assist. The first two Detroit scores were by Wochy, who was assisted by Don Grosso and Jill Quackenbush.

Only six times during the tussle could they find the basket, many of them in the first half, and that was the underlying cause for their defeat. In the matter of shooting field goals they were nearly 100 per cent perfect, scoring eleven points or very nearly equalling their field goal attempts.

Charlottetown Owned Dogs Are Winners At Upper Canadian Shows

Jolie of Swisvale, a beautiful Doberman Pinscher female who has been doing some nice winning in recent Maritime Dog Shows, gained three points at a Montreal show December 17 and thus has attained her championship. This beautiful dog, owned and bred by Mr. Raoul Raymond, Southport, and is believed to be the first P.E.I. owned and bred dog ever to gain its championship. She was expertly handled by Mr. Ted Ward of Toronto, a well-known professional handler who exhibited a large number of dogs at the Charlottetown Kennel Club Dog Show held here last September.

Another Charlottetown owned dog, a very fine Irish setter female, Sweet Soliminity of Wildcat, also did some distinctive winning at the above-mentioned show in Montreal and gained two more points, thus chalking up eight of the required ten points for a championship. This beautiful specimen of dogdom was brought to P.E.I. by Cpl. C.F. Deakin, R.C.M.P., and was later purchased by J.A. Simmonds of this city.

Mr. Raymond's Doberman Pinscher, this Irish Setter has also been doing some nice winning at the Charlottetown show, including honors for her breed on December 8, as well. She was handled in an expert manner by another well-known professional handler, Mr. Paddy Bougie's of Toronto, who handled a number of dogs at the Charlottetown show, including the Miniature Pinscher which was the admiration of all who had the opportunity of attending this fine show.

For the benefit of those who are unaware of what a championship is, it is made up of ten points which are awarded to dogs placing first in their classes. The points are based on the number of dogs shown in the particular classes according to breed. Also, in order that a dog may be considered a champion, it must be shown at not less than three shows under three different judges. All points awarded to any dog are retained by same from year to year.

Congratulations are extended to the dogs and their owners. It is a good indication that P.E.I. owned dogs can win even when competition is very keen as in the above-mentioned shows.

Remember When

Jerome (Dixey) Dean, who managed the Charlottetown A.F. last year, was voted sports biggest disappointment of the year, seven to one, in the annual poll of sports writers voted for the pitcher, which was the St. Louis Cardinals. He later became a sport broadcaster.

In Re Estate of Veronica Moore late of Charlottetown, A.F., County in the said Province, Single Woman, Deceased, Testate. The Court has granted the said Queen's County or any County or Territory person within said Province.

WHEREAS upon reading the petition on file of Reverend Louis J. Dougan of Charlottetown, A.F., said Priest, and M. Alban Farmer of Charlottetown aforesaid, Bar-named, the Executors of the above named Estate, the Court has granted that a true copy hereof be published in some newspaper published in Charlottetown aforesaid, once in each week for at least four consecutive weeks from the date hereof and that a true copy hereof be forthwith posted in the following public places respectively, namely, in the hall of the Court House in Charlottetown aforesaid, at or near the Royal Bank of Canada, and at or near the Bank of Nova Scotia both in Charlottetown aforesaid, and at all other places where the said Estate may have due notice.

WITNESS His Honour Harold Leonard Palmer, Judge of the said Probate Court at Charlottetown aforesaid, the day and year first above written.

By the Court, E. Margaret Palmer, 12-20-27-31-10

SKATING TONIGHT 8-10

A SEASON SKATING TICKET IS AN ACCEPTABLE XMAS GIFT ENQUIRE FORUM OFFICE

YOUR PLEASURE RESORT - THE FORUM

Gr.I Guide News Enjoyable K. Of C. Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus annual Christmas party last evening was largely attended by members, their wives and families.

The party was held at the Forum on December 18th and was the pleasure of having Miss Lillian Duchemin, District Commissioner, as their guide. Miss Duchemin and the mothers of the girls who were being enrolled.

Following the meeting Miss Duchemin enrolled Betty Auffrey, Elizabeth Colby, Kathleen MacKenna and Adele Kays as Guides, and presented the following badges and service stars:

Second Class—Patricia Richard, Shirley Nicholson, Edna Gallant, Betty Richard, Mary Nickerson, Betty Richard, Mary Bourke, Mary Gillis, Elaine MacDonald, Betty MacDonald.

Book Lover's—Mary Gillis, Shirley Nicholson, Edna Gallant, Patricia Richard, Betty MacDonald. Athletes—Patricia Richard, June Doyle, Mary Nickerson, Janet MacDonald, Elaine MacDonald, Helen MacInnis, Betty Richard, Shirley Nicholson, Edna Gallant, Marie MacInnis, Cecilia Thistle, Betty MacDonald, Mary Gillis, Patricia Richard, Sylvia Soper, Nancy Mullins, Marian Hynes, Teresa Doucette, Annie Campbell, Maureen Blake, Mary Teresa McNeill.

A prize for the Patrol with the highest number of points for the last four weeks was presented to the "Forget-me-not" Patrol, Mary Nickerson, Patrol Leader.

This week's meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 21st, 8:30 p.m., in the Brownie Hall, above the Provincial Bank.

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This action, in which respect he was luckier than three-wounded Maj. Mahony.

But in Sicily, he recalled, "a hospital got through the chest just one hour before we went out of the line for a rest and I was in the hospital in the evening. As he sees it, "it's okay to kill men when you have to but there's no sense talking about it later."

"Christmas present he received for his services was a fine job done by a fine team of men and I was lucky enough to be picked out."

(By The Canadian Press) ORAWA, Dec. 19—Ernest A. V. (Smokey) Smith, 30, of New Westminster, B.C., and a Seaforth Highlander who was unreported missing in action, became the eighth Canadian to win the Victoria Cross of this war for gallantry in action.

Twice wounded before the action won him the Empire's highest award for valor, "Smokey" has been described as a "one-man army" for his work Oct. 21 in a Savoia River operation that was vital to the capture of Cesma and the advance to the Ronco River.

The citation said that at a river crossing on the night of "utter contempt" in exposing himself to the enemy and knocked out a Panther tank with a blast from his school machine gun.

Smokey is the first Canadian Victoria Cross winner of the war since 1914. He is the sixth Army V.C. and holds from the same town as his father, John K. Mahony, another V.C. winner.

Smokey had been in action with the Seaforth Highlanders throughout their long and tough campaign in Sicily and Italy, with the exception of two months spent in hospital in North Africa. He was first wounded in Sicily Aug. 4, 1943, and was shipped to North Africa for hospitalization. He was wounded again in Sicily in February, 1944, when the Seaforth's crossed the shell-toned Moro River, blocking the road to Ortona.

Smokey enlisted in the Seaforth's March 5, 1940 from the ranks of the unemployed. He has been overseas since July 16, 1940. He is the son of John Alvin and Flora Smith of New Westminster.

He earned his nickname, "Smokey," when he left school, Ernie worked at day-labor tasks. He was one of hundreds of thousands of Canadian boys who were unemployed during the depression.

Smokey's father, a native of New Brunswick, his father went west in 1900 and married Ernie's mother in the last 20 years has been employed as a truck driver by the City of New Westminster. Mrs. Smith was born in Quebec.

All three Smith boys are serving in the Canadian Active Army. Jack, 25, is with the Canadian Scottish "somewhere" in Europe, and Burton—father of three children—with the Saint John (N.S.) Fusiliers.

P. E. I. Girl Bride in Washington

In St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Washington, D. C., on Saturday afternoon last at three o'clock the marriage took place of Miss Gertrude Grace MacPhee, daughter of Mrs. Hugh Alexander MacPhee of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and George Hugh Fitz Alan Poole-Warren, R.N.V.R., eldest son of Wing Commander Campbell, daughter of Commander and the late Mrs. Poole-Warren. The Court, Orlanbourne, N.W. Chester, Hanley, England, Rev. Charles T. Warner officiated.

Mr. R. L. Gervell, of Montreal gave the bride in marriage. She wore a gown of white satin, made with sweetheart neckline and court train. Her veil—fourth floor veil was caught with a coronet of orange blossoms.

Miss Mary Ferris, of London, Ont., was maid of honor, wearing a gray-green tulle. Miss Madeline MacPhee, daughter of the W.P.S. was a gown of old rose tulle. The flower girl was Miss Lamorna Campbell, daughter of Commander and the late Mrs. Poole-Warren. The Court, Orlanbourne, N.W. Chester, Hanley, England, Rev. Charles T. Warner officiated.

Best man was Capt. Comdr. S. M. Payne, R.N.V.R. Ushers were Commander Campbell, R.N.; Comdr. R. T. Garnett, R.N. and Master Llewellyn R. Burrows, R.N.V.R. A reception at the British Services Club followed.

Berlin Claims U. S. 1st Army Cut In Two By Nazi Drive

LONDON, Dec. 19—Berlin claimed tonight that the United States 1st Army had been cut in two by the German counter-offensive employing "more than two divisions on the Western Front and said the attack was planned personally and is being directed by Hitler.

Although a news blackout on military developments was maintained by the Germans as it was by the Allies, Berlin broadcasts to listeners both within Germany and abroad said strong German reserves were available to keep up the offensive. The drive despite "considerable losses in the last few months."

It is clear that more than two divisions have been thrown into the attack, a German Army broadcast said, "but how big our reserves are and where they are placed is known only to the Fuehrer and a few selected persons."

Without giving details, another broadcast said German armor had cut the 1st Army in two, and, for the first time, gave definite indication that the idea behind the offensive was to stabilize the entire Western Front by beating the Allies to the punch.

The whole secret of Hitler's silence now is revealed, a German announcer told German forces in the West.

"The Fuehrer is excellent," he said. "In all tranquility we let the enemy guess, lie and provoke because we didn't want to tell the world the reason the Fuehrer surrounded himself with a veil of silence for more than 100 days. He prepared the German offensive during these last days and weeks to the last detail."

As Field Marshal Rundstedt's battering-ram smashed into the German front, the United States troops of Aachen, Allied Headquarters imparted only the terse information that an operation was continuing. This curtain of silence appeared to indicate that the enemy's forward momentum had been fairly well checked.

German resistance stiffened and men were packing the roads with equipment and men.

The German High Command asserted that tank forces "have broken through, smashed and dispersed units of the American army. Like the Allies, however, the Germans dealt only in generalities."

The Japanese headquarters of Valencia on Leyte Island has been captured by United States troops, today's headquarters communicate reported, and an aerial attack.

The airfield now is in use, headquarters said. It will provide an alternate base for American planes which have been pressing a war of attrition against the enemy.

Headquarters also announced that the 1st American division has taken Lolo, six miles north of Valencia on Cebu corridor.

Big Day For This Small Boy

DENVER, Dec. 19—(AP)—Holding tightly to his daddy's hand, Forest (Nubbins) Hoffman, three today walked out of Mercy Hospital to home.

This was the big day for the Cheyenne, who child who celebrated his first birthday on the month ahead of time because his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hoffman, had decided he would not live until Dec. 25.

Nubbins had been brought to the hospital about a month ago, after being born with a fibrous growth on the neck of his bladder which had damaged his kidneys. An operation was performed Dec. 4. The Denver urologist who performed the operation termed it "successful."

"There won't be another Christmas celebration or celebration of any sort when we get home," his father said.

A. H. L. Standings

(By The Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 19—American Hockey League standings: Team W L T P A Pts Buffalo 14 2 1 77 50 Hershey 11 10 3 77 65 St. Louis 7 15 2 82 105 16

Western Division Indianapolis 13 7 6 80 54 32 Pittsburgh 12 12 2 82 97 26 Cleveland 11 7 3 75 67 25 St. Louis 8 14 3 40 71 13



Stalin, Loved Widely In Russia, Is 65 Thursday

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Dec. 19—(AP)—Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin, who has made a greater impression on Russia than any other man in history will be 65 years old Dec. 21.

His birthday means much to this country and its many millions, who occupy one-sixth of the world's surface. To the Russians it means another year of his life.

His birthday would be a national holiday here, except for the fact that he allows no public obsequies.

There undoubtedly will be little or no mention of the anniversary. A great many people may not even know about it because the press does not refer to it, but Premier Stalin's close friends and associates, undoubtedly will observe the occasion as well as he will them.

Sentimentally, however, this birthday will attract wide notice in foreign countries.

Premier Stalin probably has this celebration because he disdains unnecessary sentimentalism, at least when the man is alive.

"This is my fourth winter in Russia, and I've traveled it from the White Sea to the Black Sea, from the Baltic to the Caspian, from the German-Russian front to Berlin. I've seen it all, and I've talked to all kinds of people about Stalin."

"I remember an old Siberian in a little hut at Yakutsk said this man who had never been out of the country, 'we owe him, I owe him, so much.'"

I remember Marshal Rodion Malinovsky said, 'I've known Stalin since school-house on the bank of the Don River.'

"Stalin," he said, holding a full glass of vodka, "his biography is the biography of our people's struggle and success."

Reference was made to the fact that he never believed the mention of his name could stir me as deep as "Stalin." I recall hearing a six-year-old boy say around a New Year's tree, "his good to daddy and daddy's good to me."

U. C. College Christmas Closing

The Union Commercial College closed for holidays on Tuesday, December 19th. Principal Moran presided and presented the Diplomas Certificates and prizes during the term.

Principal Moran congratulated the large body of students on their splendid work during the last four months. Special reference was made to the excellent showing in the Spelling Department. Tests are held each week. Thanks were extended to the students for their very acceptance of the Principal and staff.

Reference was made to the good will that existed between teachers and students, without which it would be impossible to achieve the results obtained. The work done by returned men in attendance was excellent, and they are to be congratulated on the results.

In closing Principal Moran referred to the good work done by the Vice Principals, Misses Lellan, and assistant Miss M. Murray.

College will re-open on January 3, 1945.

Following is a list of Diploma, Certificate and Award recipients: Shortland Diplomas—William Lewis, M. Edward Ross, Myrtle Ross, Stanhope; Ruth Irving, Murray; Helen Hughes, Doris Augustus; Blanche Holmes, Fernous Mills; Sybil MacDonald, Pearl MacPhee; Edna MacNeill, Charlotte; Gloria Bell, Murray Harbour; Annie Pound, Fredericton.

Junior Commercial Certificates—Louise Ravenhill; Myra Rodd; Miriam Prangley; Ruth Irving; Agnes Beaton; Cathy White; Kaye Murray; Lavinia MacLeod; Thelma MacPhee; Myrtle Ross; Ruth Irving; Doris Coffin; Eileen McKenna; Della MacKay; Irene O'Brien; Myrtle MacKinnon; Myrtle MacPhee; Gertrude Fleming; Mildred McEwen; Bernice Galt; Marion Carr; Catherine Steele.

Special prize for spelling awarded to Mary Webster, Covehead Road, 100%. Special prize for spelling equally merited by Kathryn Judson, Charlottetown, and Ruth Irving, Murray Harbour, drawn by Kathryn Judson.

Special prize for neatness in work, Commercial Dept., awarded to Lewis Ward, Charlottetown. Students making 95% and over in weekly Spelling Tests: Ruth Irving 99.8, Faith Macdonald 99.8, V. L. Payne 99.8, Blanche Holmes 99.5, Ruby Dove 99.5, Mary Sullivan 99.4, Gladys Ward 99.4, Mildred Quinn 99.4, Meida MacNeill 99.4, Myrtle Ross 99.4, Kaye Collins 99.4, Helen Hughes 99.3, Lona Kilson 99.3, Theresa Murphy 99.3, Isabel MacPhee 99.2, Hilda Beattie 99.2, Phila Anderson 99.2, Agnes Beaton 99.2, Mona Moran 99.2, Irene Chappell 99.2, Ethel MacPhee 99.2, Gloria Bell 99.2, Catherine Nicholson 99.2, Freda Lewis 99.2, Dorothy Moore 99.2, Phyllis White 99.2, Eva Stewart 99.2, Lewis Ward 99.2, Lauretta Sheehan 99.2, Eileen McNeill 99.2, Wilma MacPhee 99.2, Catherine MacPhee 99.2, Laura MacLean 99.2, Gloria Bell 99.2, Myrtle Ross 99.2, Myrtle MacKinnon 99.2, Jean Agnew 99.2, Joan Peters 99.2, Verma Watts 99.2, Laurel MacLean 99.2, Gloria Bell 99.2, Verna Burke 99.2, Thelma MacPhee 99.2, Myrtle MacKinnon 99.2, Margaret Murphy 99.2, Louise Havelhill 99.2, Ursula Cours 99.2, Ruth Irving 99.2, Ora Balm 99.2, Ruth Irving 99.2, Adele Campbell 99.2, Catherine Steele 99.2, Cathy White 99.2, Jean Barr 99.2, Marian Carr 99.2, Margaret MacPhee 99.2, Margaret MacPhee 99.2, Mary Power 99.2, Kaye MacPhee 99.2, Irene O'Brien 99.2, Jean MacKinnon 99.2, Betty MacPhee 99.2, Millan 99.2, Jessie Lord 99.2, Anna Donald 99.2, Ruth MacNeill 99.2, Ethel Moore 99.2, Aylene Delaney 99.2, Rita Redmond 99.2, Doris Coffin 99.2.

The greatest Paris flood on record occurred in 1910, when the Seine rose 31 ft. 4 in. above normal.

YEO THEATRES "A GUY NAMED JOE" "GAMED JOE" SPENCER IRENE TRACY DUNNE Their love is as high as the sky! Tears and laughs and romance for every pulsing thrill! SOUBIS - THUR. 8 P. M. MONTAGUE - FRI. 8 P. M. MONTAGUE - SAT. 7.45 AND 9.45 "A Guy Named Joe" TOPS THRILLS WITH ROMANCE AND LOVE of our airman, their loves and care and bring to the screen one of the most heart-warming romances ever filmed. Pete Sandberg, played by Spencer Tracy, is a reckless and darsdevil pilot. His work is characterized by a disregard for his own safety, much to the despair of his superior officers and to Dorinda Duzon, played by Irene Dunne, a Perry Command pilot, who loves him desperately. Their love is endangered by Dorinda's worry. Finally Dorinda agrees to return to the States to become a nurse, but before his departure he is sent on a reconnaissance mission. Pete's death bombing an enemy transport.