SPORTING NEWS

Collegians Oppose Air Force Team In Tonight's City Hockey League Opener

Hockey fans should attend tonight's City League opener in large numbers if interest that has been shown the past several days means anything. Fans have been more than mildly interested ever since the resumption of the league was spoken of and with the addition of Summerside to the local hockey picture this same interest has increased by at least fifty percent.

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Although somewhat pressed for practice time due to unfavorable weather conditions the teams nevertheless have rounded into condition in a fast manner and candidates for the three City teams have been travelling at a fast clip in their last two practice sessions.

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When the league was first spoken of the local Air Force team was thought to hold a decided edge over the other entrants, but now with the start of operations here an about-face has been made by the bettors. Collegians, a combined team from Prince of Wales and St Dunstan's, have been showing up well of late and rather than being the underdogs in tonight's opening battle are rated as even bets to cop the tilt.

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In fact, and this comes from an official very closely connected with the Collegians team, in the camp of Johnny Squarebriggs' squad there is plenty of confidence emanating from the players and their followers say that the College boys will be returned the victors and this same official went so far as to state that should the Air Force team win out, he for one will be keenly disappointed.

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The official in question is usually very conservative in making statements on the outcome of athletic games, so we take it for granted that the College team must really have something when he comes out with a statement of that kind.

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However, glancing over the Collegians' lineup, youth, stamina and speed are certainly on their side. They do not boast of the experience contained in the ranks of the Air Force but their fighting spirit can easily make up in large measure for this deficit.

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But whatever comes or goes, tonight's game should be a dandy from start to finish. Both squads are very keen to cop the opening tilt of the season and intend going all out from whistle to whistle to do so. As stated before they are in surprising physical condition, quite able to keep up a hot pace from start to finish.

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We expect to have a look at the Summerside entry in a practice session at the Forum this morning, according to word received last evening. All keyed up over their admittance to the league, the Airmen from Summerside are expected to arrive in the City this morning for a 2-hour workout at the Forum, and likely a large number of rail birds will be on hand to watch them go through their paces.

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The Summerside team were considered a very strong, well-balanced outfit when they played several exhibition games here towards the close of last season, and with ten of the last year's squad still available for duty we cannot but see them as anything but a dangerous threat to the title now held by the Army team, a team which due to unavoidable circumstances were forced to the sidelines this year without getting a chance to defend their championship.

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And Summerside too must have plenty of ideas in their heads about being able to cop the honors. They not only were anxious to get into the thick of the league fight but also waived any right to claiming home games on Summerside ice, being quite content to play all their games at the Forum, a fact which incidentally helped pave the way for a smoother operation of the league, doing away with trips to Summerside that under existing conditions would have been very difficult to make.

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Summerside's entry is bound to add impetus both from the players' and spectators' point of view. Teams from the western Island capital have invariably drawn large crowds here no matter what players comprised their lineup, and such should be the case in this year's hockey schedule.

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And fans are again reminded that the games will get away sharp on time, namely 7.30. This is a matter that has always been a bone of contention with the fans when games would get underway a half hour and sometimes even longer than the set time. This year, however, it is going to be different with the four teams being in readiness for the faceoff at sharp 7.30.

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There are some who will go around blaming Bill Durnan for the loss of a recent game to New York Rangers, which the New Yorkers won by a 7-2 count, says Baz O'Meara in the Montreal Star. Some of the lame brains who set up that "We want Bibeault" clamor will no doubt feel quite elated and justified over the fact that Bill didn't do so well.

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His defence didn't play very good hockey in front of him. Durnan had a bad elbow going into action. Now it might have been good judgment taken on a second guessing basis to put Bibeault into the net, but if Durnan felt fit, was able to play there was no sensible reason for making the change. The loss of sight in one eye after being hit by the puck didn't help him either.

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Those who yell and roar, give vent to outcries of this nature, must be singularly unaware that Bill Durnan is the real reason why Canadiens are out front in the race. His work in games against Detroit and Toronto, and in all tilts up to Sunday night has been outstanding. The team in front of him isn't nearly so good as last year's but up to that Ranger defeat Durnan was just as good.

After weeks of preparation the City Hockey League swings into action at the Forum tonight with Johnny Squarebriggs' Collegians clashing with Pete Kelly's Air Force team from No. 2 A.N.S. here.

Both squads completed their weeding-out process and last night had decided on their starting lineups for tonight's game. Manager Flt. Lt. George Kusiar, winner of the D.F.C., named fifteen players for the R. C. A. F. lineup tonight, included in which are seven from last year's outfit.

Well known to local hockey followers is the fast tricky line of Laberge, Kelly and Dew, the trio which boasts of loads of hockey experience. Bobby Dew, patrolling the left lane, has performed, in addition to top-ranking amateur clubs, with Springfield Indians in the Canadian - American Hockey League, just a short step from the National League.

Laberge, pivot man for the line, has had no professional experience but was an outstanding junior around Montreal before enlisting. Short and stocky, Laberge is fast and tricky, a smart playmaker, and uses a sweeping poke check to break up opposing plays.

Pete Kelly, the red-thatched right winger needs no introduction. Fans still remember his performance as an Abegweit in the days of the Big Four, before turning pro with the now defunct St. Louis team, then of the National League. From here he went to Detroit, where he scored the goal that gave the Red Wings a Stanley Cup series over Toronto Maple Leafs. Pete was sold later to New York Americans, then going to Springfield before joining Y.M.C.A. War Services, a position which he now holds at the local airport. Pete is just as hard-working and tricky as ever and rounds out a line that packs plenty of scoring power.

The Collegians also named fifteen men for tonight's tussle, and have been showing to great advantage in their workouts, good enough in fact to put them on even footing with the airmen.

Any combination they will throw on the ice tonight will have speed to burn, and they intend to go all out from the opening whistle. They have a capable goalie in Shorty MacKinnon, cool as ice under fire; McAdam, Hennessey, McDonald, and L. Marin will prove a tough defence barricade, while up front will be three sets of forwards. Blanchard, Nicolle, and Robertson, a high-scoring trio from last year's Maritime juvenile champions, will bear plenty of watching from any players opposing them. Mahar, Dowling, McIsaac, is another trio that are potentially strong, both offensively and defensively, while Irvine, Quigley and Cameron round out the attacking forces.

The game will get underway at 7.30 sharp, officials stated last night, and wanted this impressed on the fans.

Mayor J. E. Blanchard will perform the opening ceremony, dropping the puck for the face off at mid-ice.

The ice has been all marked with the different lines and everything is in readiness for the opening of a bang-up Hockey Season.

Lineups For Tonight's Game

Following are the lineups for tonight's opening hockey game of the season between the Collegians and the Air Force which begins at sharp 7.30 p.m.

AIR FORCE		COLLEGIANS
	Goal	
Walker		McKinnon
	Defence	
Swant		McAdam
Ross		Hennessey
Enrico		McDonald
Jacobi		L. Marin
	Forwards	
Laberge		Blanchard
Dew		Robertson
Kelly		Nicolle
Trezise		Mahar
Asiley		Dowling
Pfaff		McIsaac
Horsburgh		Irvine
Patterson		Quigley
Belanger		Cameron
	Alternate Goalies	
Gilligan		Cantwell

Good Prospects For Hockey In Maritimes This Season

HALIFAX, Dec. 4 — (CP) — Prospects for the most successful minor hockey season in the history of the Maritimes were reported today at a meeting of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association.

Forecasts made by the officers indicated an enrolment of at least 1,700 players in the juvenile, midget and bantam classes, against 770 last season.

The M. A. H. A. decided that minor teams will be permitted to register 18 players instead of the customary 15, to fill gaps caused by dropping of players for scholastic reasons.

A ruling aimed at eliminating "packed" teams was that no community with a population of more than 12,000 will be allowed to register independent teams in the juvenile, midget or bantam classes but must operate leagues composed of at least three teams.

Vice-President Bryce Love of Amherst reported to the meeting that Amherst Ramblers, Maritime junior champions of 1944, have not yet received the Moncton Transcript Trophy. The officers decided to take steps to obtain the trophy, believe to be in Sydney.

Officers attending the meeting included past president Frank Gallagher of Moncton, vice-president Charles Campbell of Sydney and vice-president Walter Lawlor of Charlottetown.

Nelson Wins San Francisco Golf Open

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4 — (AP) — Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., today won the San Francisco open golf tournament for the second year in a row when he shot a final-round 69 for a total of 281. He beat out Sgt. Jim Ferrier, Camp Roberts, Calif., by a single stroke, the latter carding 282.

Cowley Still Two Points Up On Blake

(By The Canadian Press)

Bill Cowley, Boston, and Toe Blake, Canadiens, though scoreless in week-end N.H.L. games, still held the first two scoring spots. Gus Bodnar, Toronto, and Elmer Lach, Canadiens, each gathered one point to tie Clint Smith, Chicago, for third place.

Leaders:—

	G	A	Pts.
Cowley, Boston	9	16	25
Blake, Canadiens	11	12	23
Smith, Chicago	6	14	20
Bodnar, Toronto	4	16	20
Lach, Canadiens	4	16	20
Mosienko, Chicago	11	8	19
Howe, Detroit	5	14	19

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

The Toronto Maple Leafs baseball club announced the signing of Burleigh Grimes as manager three years ago today. Grimes more affectionately known as Stubblebeard, who managed the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1938, led the Leafs to their first pennant since 1926 in 1942. He left the club the following year.

LONDON — (C P) — Liverpool Street, which deals with more than 200,000 passengers daily, is the busiest railway station in Britain.

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Navy Hoopsters Win From "Y" By 27-7 Score

A Navy basketball team last night defeated a Y.M.C.A. team 27-7 in a regular game of the city basketball league.

Williams for the Navy was top scorer for the game, collecting 14 points.

Lineups and scores:

Navy: Reid, MacLeod 6, Williams 14, O'Shea 2, MacDonald 2, Jubinville, Massen 2.

Y. M. C. A.: Rice 4, Cullen 3, Gay, MacKinnon, Shama, D. MacDonald, A. MacDonald.

Leaders In National League

(By The Canadian Press)

Standing — Canadiens, won 10, lost 4, tied 1, points 21.

Points—Cowley, Boston, 9 goals, 16 assists, 25 points.

Goals—Richard, Canadiens, 14.

Assists—Cowley, Boston; Bodnar, Toronto; Lach, Canadiens, 16.

Penalties—Egan, Boston, 30 minutes.

Shutouts—McCool, Toronto, 1.

Quebec Aces Chalk Up 31 Scoring Points

OTTAWA, Dec. 3—(CP)—Quebec Aces enjoyed sessions of solid target practice and accumulated no fewer than 31 scoring points as they walloped Hull Volants 12-3 Saturday in a Quebec Senior Hockey League fixture here. Coach Don Penniston introduced his "home" team for this road engagement, with Norm Larsen, Doug Baldwin and Bill Reay showing their wares on Ottawa ice for the first time this season.

Larsen worked at right wing on a line with Nils Tremblay and Ulric Tondreau and the trio had a field day, with Larsen picking up nine points through five goals and four assists, Tondreau one goal and six assists for seven points, and Tremblay three of each.

Discusses Post War Possibilities At Bank Meeting

MONTREAL, Dec. 4 — (CP) — George W. Spinney in his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal today told shareholders that "if we let government do everything" after the war, "we are going along the road Germany followed to totalitarianism."

"This is what we are fighting abroad. Let us fight also against it beginning at home."

Mr. Spinney said that "the challenge is the greater because a mere return to pre-war conditions obviously will not be enough." There were today something like 1,300,000 more Canadians at work or in the armed forces than at the start of the war. Canada had an export trade of more than three billion dollars annually, just about three times the pre-war rate, but it was probable that not more than 25 per cent of present exports represented ordinary peacetime business.

"As the end of the war approached, post-war planning, which perhaps in earlier days often took the form of a rather pleasant intellectual exercise now looms as a hard economic reality." It would seem that many people "are assuming today that a post-war economic millenium in which everybody will be more secure, richer and presumably happier can materialize by order in council."

Mr. Spinney said that he was not a pessimist concerning the Dominion's post-war possibilities. Canada would start with some great advantages. Due to the tremendous stimulus of war production its economy had become better balanced and diversified as between primary industries and manufacturing than ever before; the population had acquired new skills. The Dominion's reputation and stature had been enhanced. Inflation had been avoided. It seemed to him that hope of achieving post-war aims depended in large measure upon maintaining these advantages.

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HOUSE CONTINUES—

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untary effort. "It merely coerces men into volunteering," he said. "Nor have we any assurance it will meet the needs for future reinforcements.

Mr. MacNicol said that all of the 68,000 Home Defence troops should have been made available for overseas service.

Col. Brooks, who has commanded a military transit camp during this war, said that because the Government had provided for the sending of 16,000 men did not mean that many would reach overseas. Some of the men would be rejected after medical examinations, others would take ill and others would go absent without leave. He believed thousands of the men would not land at the embarkation port in time.

Applies To All

Mr. Maybank, who said he would support the government on the confidence vote said the order-in-council "indubitably does apply to all N.R.M.A. personnel so far as liability is concerned, with an immediate movement of 16,000 which is the admitted number that now are required."

"I would point out that since the order obviously does apply to all, unquestionably more than 16,000 will be dispatched to the points of embarkation to allow for all forms of wastage which have been mentioned."

Mr. Maybank expressed the hope that French-Canadians would try and understand the situation which developed because French-Canadian and English-speaking troops overseas needed reinforcements and help.

Mr. Tremblay said at the start of the war, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, the late Justice Minister LaPointe and the late Dr. R. J. Manion, former Conservative party leader, had pledged themselves against conscription.

There had been evidences that the voluntary enlistment system had not been given a fair chance.

The "all-time" appointments of the Government had made an organized effort to obtain the enforcement of conscription.

Home Defence troops had been coerced and insulted by those who sought to have them enlist for general service.

No Discrimination

Col. Brooks said he had commanded two fairly large army camps and never knew of any trouble between French and English-speaking troops nor of any discrimination against French-speaking soldiers.

"We have not had the leadership in this country since the war started that we should have had," said Col. Brooks.

"In Britain Mr. Churchill has given leadership not only to his own country but to the world. The United States has had the leadership of a great President. Russia has had the incomparable leadership of Marshall Stalin. In Canada we have just drifted along.

In the two Maritime Province military districts sincere efforts were made to get N. R. M. A. men to volunteer for general service and good results were obtained.

The Government was not even sending the small number of 16,000 draftees overseas soon enough.

The Army had been "scraping the pot" for reinforcements for some time. Scraping the pot meant picking up older less fit men from sheltered jobs, such as the orderly room or the cook house, and sending them overseas as infantry reinforcements. They were not the kind of men the army wanted for reinforcements while young fit men in the N. R. M. A. were used to pick apples

"Too Little, Too Late"

"This 16,000 men we are sending over," he said, "is considered by every competent military man as too little and, in some respects too late."

Thanks to Col. Ralston the country had obtained "half a loaf." Col. Ralston, however, should have gone further.

"I would like to have seen him (Col. Ralston) accept the Prime Minister's challenge to form a government," said Col. Brooks. "I assure him he would have the support of the great majority of the people of this country and of the members of this House."

Col. Brooks said the only thing for the House to do was to demand full implementation of conscription as proposed in the Opposition amendment.

BRITISH CLEAR—

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raiding party that endeavored to penetrate the Canadian lines northeast of Nijmegen in Holland early Monday. Strength of the raiding party was estimated at from 200 to 250.

(Another dispatch from Amaron said waters of the Neder Rhine pouring through breaches in the Dikes south of Arnhem, Holland, threatened to engulf the "Island" between the Neder and Waal Rhines. The Dikes were breached Saturday night, presumably by German sappers trying to force withdrawal of Canadian forces holding the flat country between Arnhem and Nijmegen, Amaron added.

(The German radio Sunday night claimed a German commando force had blown up the lower Rhine dam southwest of Arnhem).

An uneasy lull hung over the 9th army front, where the Germans entrenched across the Roer were waiting for an American attempt to drive across.

The enemy sent numerous reconnaissance planes over to try to learn Allied plans as the 9th fought with the defenders in the sports field across the Roer from the main part of Julich.

Wes Gallagher, Associated Press Correspondent, predicted that the coming battle of the Roer would be marked by "the bloodiest fighting yet seen on the western front"—a head-on clash into which the enemy will throw all available strength to protect the Ruhr's war factories.

Lt.-Gen. Dempsey's British 2nd army wiped opt the Venlo bridgehead with a smash of nearly a mile across minefields and tank barriers under heavy artillery fire. Only scattered pockets remained anywhere west of the Maas, a front dispatch reported.

LIBERAL TO—

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town and hamlet across the country.

Flt. Lt. Sinclair said he wondered if the army had used its manpower as efficiently as the airforce which was discharging men with only two years service.

Some wondered why the R.C.A.F. had more recruits than it needed. The answer lay in the fact that those in the R.C.A.F. received better pay, better bivouacing, quicker promotion than those in the army.

The R.C.A.F. organization was due to Hon. C.G. Power, former air minister, who had given the army and navy an example to follow.

The R.C.A.F. had enough men to allow those who suffered from operational fatigue to rest. This could not be done in the army because of the shortage of reinforcements.

If the supreme commander in Europe, Gen. Eisenhower, wished to hammer, hammer and hammer the enemy, it was not for any member to criticize that decision. However, the members should see that the same Canadians did not do all the hammering.

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This Army

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Ottawa Mayor Is Re-Elected

OTTAWA, Dec. 4—(CP)—Mayor Stanley Lewis was re-elected Chief Magistrate of this capital city for his eighth term today in civic elections which also saw the return of the four-man board of control and only a few changes in the 22-man City Council.

Late tonight, with reports in from 250 of the city's 283 polls, Mayor Lewis was far ahead of his two opponents with 14,192 votes—more than double the vote total of the other two candidates together.

Trailing the popular Ottawa Mayor were Chester E. Pickering, manufacturing executive who once before was defeated in a mayoralty contest, with 6,374 votes, and V. C. Phelan, president of the Civil Service Federation and a newcomer to municipal politics, who gathered a total of 5,235.

Sydney Police Probe Identity Of Man

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 4 — (CP) — Police tonight were holding for investigation a well-dressed man picked up on a city street who they said lacked a registration card, could not tell where he had last worked and could give no information about his parents.

The man had a railway ticket to Ottawa and $5 in his pockets. Police said his clothes appeared newly purchased, and he had told them he had given his old clothing to children he met on the street.

More Home Defense Units Quit Terrace

TERRACE, B.C., Dec. 4 — (CP) — The French Canadian regiment, Les Fusilliers De St. Laurent, and a French Canadian field ambulance unit left on two special trains Sunday afternoon for Quebec camps.

Their departure from this central British Columbia village, witnessed by a sprinkling of local citizens, was orderly and was carried out in an atmosphere in sharp contrast to scenes at the station early last week.

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Girl Guide News

"GUIDER'S CLUB"

The December meeting of the Guider's Club was held on Friday evening, at the home of Miss Blanche Harper.

At the meeting many plans for the coming months were discussed.

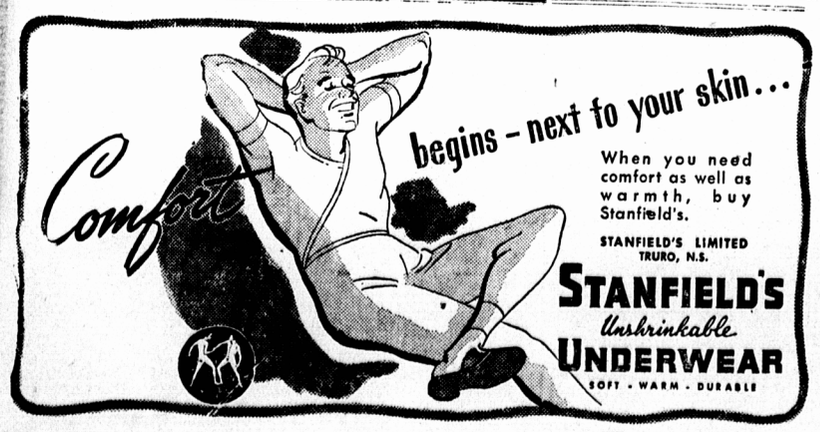
It was announced that arrangements have been made for the passing of the First Class Thrift, which will be on December 11th at Mrs. Rowe's, 2 Grafton Street. Each Company will go at a set time. This will be in the Guide News on Saturday morning. Guiders were asked to see that their Guides have badge slips ready to be signed by the examiner.

It was suggested that an effort be made to have the Guide (Overseas) Sewing for the Bessborough Shield completed by February 15th and that it be packed on February 22nd, "Guide Thinking Day". Final decision on this will be announced in the near future.

It was moved and seconded that a Child Nurse Course be started early in January, to be open to Second Class Guides only. Guiders are asked to bring a list of the Guides in their Company wishing to take this Course to the January meeting of the Club.

Plans were also discussed for the "Guide Christmas Good-Turn" and it was decided that we would send gifts to the Post Guides, to the children at the Provincial Sanatorium and the Provincial Infirmary and also visit the Post Guides living in Charlottetown.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Captain.

Guides who have been taking the St. John Ambulance Course will take a test in the work on December 16th between 4.00 P.M. and 5.00 P.M., at the C.W.L. Hall, which is above the Provincial Bank on Richmond Street.

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