

Remember When

(By The Canadian Press)

Dick Irvin of the Saskatchewan Senior Amateur League turned professional with Regina Capitals 18 years ago today.

Two Battery Teams Play In Exhibition

In a close game of hockey played at the Forum last night the left section of the 8th Battery R. C. A. defeated the right section of the 3th Battery by a score of 4-3.

This exhibition encounter was keenly contested throughout and the score is a fair indication of the play.

Wartime Needs Deplete Many Hockey Clubs

(By Jack Brayley)

(Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Dec. 27.—(CP)—One of Percy Nicklin's ideas for adding trophies to his Harringay clubrooms was signing up sharpshooters like Roy McBride, 19-year-old Winnipegger.

But wartime English hockey wasn't in the shared Canadian's mind when he went talent hunting in the Dominion last summer.

His husky band of recruits—McBride among them—zig-zagged to England past the U-boat menace just as war was declared.

And when the fate of the hockey season was in the balance, Nicklin, possessor of the most substantial supplies of material, consented to his camp being raided.

And Streatham, banned from playing the latter part of last season for rough tactics, got Roy McBride. This accurate left-winger rewarded Nicklin's judgment.

McBride figured in the scoring in all his club's six game schedule and shared the distinction of scoring the most goals in one game—four—with another Nicklin acquisition, René Trudel, Harringay racer from Portage La Prairie, Man.

McBride's 11 points, showing in scoring statistics just released for this November opener, were made up of seven goals and four assists. Right behind him with 10 points each were veterans of the English hockey wars: Duke Campbell, Harringay Greyhound from Winnipeg, eight goals and two assists; Alec Archer, Wembley Lion from Winnipeg with six goals and four assists; and Joe Beaton, Harringay Greyhound from New Glasgow, N. S., five goals and five assists.

Harringay lost a couple of first class goalies this season when Jimmy Foster, Winnipeg and Andy Goldie, Toronto, decided to go back to Canada. But the rink still dominates the net-minding division. There were no shut-outs in the London cup tourney but the north London pair Maurice Simon, one of Racers statutory quota of four English players, and Len Kennedy, Greyhound rookie from Portage La Prairie, restricted the goal invasion of their nets to 20 each and had the best averages.

STANDING:

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Wembley Lions	6	3	2	1	29	28 7x
Harringay Racers	6	3	2	1	19	20 7x
Streatham	6	1	2	3	28	30 7x
Harringay Greyhounds	6	2	3	1	22	20 5

Won by Harringay Racers in two-game, total goals playoff, 12-2.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Lester Patrick Makes Move To Cut Whistle Blowing In Hockey

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(CP)—New York hockey writers covered a table-cloth with pencilled diagrams tonight after Lester Patrick produced an idea to cut down on National Hockey League whistle-blowing.

To illustrate, Patrick pointed out that if a flanking forward is as much as six inches over the defensive blue-line when the puck-carrier crosses the whistle blows for an offence.

The puck-carrier and his line-mates would have to be smart enough to realize that an offence had been committed and not slip any passes to the player concerned until he had moved back and crossed behind the puck.

Nine Circus Animals Die In Amherst Fire

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 27.—Eight monkeys and a chimpanzee perished today in a fire here, where Captain Jan Schultz, veteran animal trainer, has winter quarters.

Captain Schultz just escaped death in an effort to rescue the chimpanzee. He was nearly overcome by smoke, and the hair was burned from his head. The building itself was destroyed by the fire, attributed to a defective flue.

Quick work by the Amherst fire department prevented the blaze from spreading to a barn housing an elephant, five lions, ponies, horses and mules.

WOMEN CONDUCTORS

BIRMINGHAM—(CP)—Twenty girls dressed in divided skirts, gaiters, and smartly-cut tunics are taking preparatory training in safety, courtesy and civility before boarding buses as conductors here.

PEANUTS APLENTY

HOUSTON, Tex. —(CP)—Peanuts in Atascosa County were produced to the tune of 35,000 acres in 1939, with the yield approximately 15 bushels to the acre. The market value was about \$500,000.

'HOPPERS' ATTACK

CARWAP, Australia —(CP)—A summer offensive against Australia's crops is apparently planned by grasshoppers found bred in great numbers near here. Agriculture Department officials have opened defensive.

STORK REFUGEES

NEUCHÂTEL, Switzerland —(CP)—Embryos of the province of Alsace in France, the Alsatian storks have been frightened away by gunfire and fire making new homes in Neuchâtel.

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Capitols And Eagles Better League Standing

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27.—Indianapolis Capitals and New Haven Eagles, respectively leaders of the western and eastern divisions of the International-American Hockey League, each improved their standings tonight by playing a 2-2 tie before 3,600, the largest mid-week crowd of the season here.

NOTED SURGEON DIES

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—(CP)—Colonel Kenneth Cameron, noted surgeon and former medical superintendent of the military hospital at nearby Ste. Anne de Bellevue, died in hospital here yesterday in his 77th year.

IT'S WOMAN WHO PAYS

LONDON—(CP)—Because "it is always the woman who suffers" an onlooker offered to pay the costs for a 24-year-old girl who was brought before a magistrate here for abandoning her fortnight-old baby.

SYDNEY, Australia —(CP)—A bird's nesting expedition proved fatal to Robert Wright, 11, when he grasped a 15,000-volt wire. He climbed for a nest in a scaffolding.

Whalen Leads League In Scoring Race

Wilf Whalen of the Navy hockey squad in the Commercial-Service hockey league is the league's leading sniper to date. Unofficial figures show with six goals and two assists to his credit in the four games his team have played.

However, his position is none too secure as three other players have notched six points, one of them George McLeod having played but two games.

The race for the trophy being presented to the leading scorer promises to be a merry one. In actual goals scored Whalen and Bucko Trainor are tied with six apiece while leading in the assist parade is George McLeod with four.

Following is the scoring to date:

G	A	P	
Whalen	6	2	8
Trainor	6	0	6
McLeod	2	4	6
E. Jay	4	2	6
E. Darragh	5	0	5
Hosnan	3	2	5
J. Darragh	3	1	4
L. Blaquiere	2	2	4
A. Blaquiere	1	3	4
Lawlor	3	1	4
Worth	2	2	4
L. Jay	2	1	3
Coyle	3	0	3
Deighan	3	0	3
B. Whitlock	1	2	3
Toombs	1	2	3
Saunders	2	0	2
Grant	0	2	2
Gallant	1	1	2
Cudmore	1	1	2
P. McDonald	0	2	2
Sinclair	2	0	2
P. McDonald	1	0	2
Bisnchard	1	0	2
Murnaghan	1	1	2
J. Trainor	1	1	2
J. Roach	1	0	1
Chandler	1	0	1
P. Roach	1	0	1
Morrison	1	0	1

Americans Win Over Black Hawks In Overtime Play 4-2

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(CP)—New York Americans scored two goals in overtime tonight to defeat Chicago Black Hawks 4-2 in a National Hockey League game.

The victory placed the New Yorkers in a last place tie with Detroit Red Wings.

Charley Conacher sent the game into overtime by batting the puck home from a goal mouth scramble then Armstrong and Tommy Anderson shot the winning goals.

Paul Goodman in the extra 10 minutes play, Goodman, brought up from Providence Reds of the International-American League, replaced Mike Karakas in the Hawk nets and made a shaky debut.

Holding an edge in the play for almost all the three regular periods, and at the same time throwing up blanket protection in front of the nervous Goodman, the Hawks appeared to be on their way to victory on the goals scored by Bill Carse and Art Wiebe, the latter's while the Hawks were a man short because of a penalty.

Johnny Sorrell had given the Americans a first-goal lead that Carse wiped out on a nice passing play with George Allen and Des Smith early in the second period.

The first of the overtime goals by Armstrong was fired on a 20-foot angle shot that whipped past Goodman's left leg.

Summary:  
First Period:  
1—Americans, Sorrell (Armstrong) 12:22.  
Penalties—None.

Second Period:  
2—Chicago, Carse (Allen, D.

Ranger Net Guardian Aids Team Greatly

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(CP)—The 12-game undefeated streak New York Rangers are riding at present in the National Hockey League is due in no small part to Davey Kerr, their poker-faced net guardian.

It's five seasons now since Davey came to the Rangers from the old Montreal Maroons. At present he's the league's leading goalie, well on the way to winning the Vezina trophy for the least number of goals scored against him over the whole season.

His style hasn't changed in these five years and Kerr credits a strong desire and some luck for his record of having been beaten only 26 times in 18 games. Only one team, Chicago Black Hawks, has fired three goals by him in one game. In the last 12 games the Rangers have won seven and tied five.

In the season of 1934-35, the first one Davey won with Rangers, he compiled a record of 13 undefeated games. The Rangers' intra-city rivals the Americans spoiled the run. There's a chance a similar situation will develop again this season.

If the Rangers can tie or beat Boston Bruins here Friday night they will face the Americans New Year's Eve with a 13-game undefeated record. Kerr says they won't break the string this time—if it's still running.

Tennis Champ To Face Big Battle

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Bobby Riggs, ranked at the top of United States amateur tennis players in 1939, will have to overcome tradition and some strong opposition when he begins tomorrow his effort to stay on top in 1940.

The young Chicagoan won the Sugar Bowl Tennis title two years ago. Nobody has yet taken the singles title twice in this meet.

Draw for positions in the classy tennis field developed as two of the nation's outstanding football teams—Texas Aggies and Tulane's Green Wave—engaged in drills preparatory to their New Year's Day Sugar Bowl clash, the feature of the sports festival which

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

BY JOVE, THAT VILLAINOUS VAN DYKE MUST HAVE HAWKED THESE SPURIOUS VENUS STATUES LIKE FRANKFURTERS—IMAGINE A HALF DOZEN OF THEM, ALL ALIKE, EVEN THE SCARS—HMP!

I WONDER IF THE OWLS WOULDN'T ENJOY THESE IMAGES AS ORNAMENTS FOR THE CLUBROOMS, CREATING THE ATMOSPHERE OF AN OLD GREEK TEMPLE!

THEY'D MAKE SWELL HITCHING POSTS, MAJOR—DON'T YOU SAVE 'EM IN CASE THE HORSE AND BUGGY EVER COME BACK?

I'D TAKE ONE TO DECORATE MY BOUDOIR, BUT I'M AFRAID SHE'D GET FROST-BITTEN!

YOU MIGHT HOLLOW OUT THE TOP OF THE HEADS AND USE 'EM FOR ASH TRAYS OR SOAP HOLDERS!

OR HOW ABOUT A NEW GRAVEL DRIVEWAY?

BY EDWINA

OUR OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



TIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS

AN' I SAY NO—FOR TH' LAST TIME. IF ISABELLE WANTS TO MAKE FUDGE, LET HER MAKE IT OVER AT HER HOUSE—SO'S HER MOTHER CAN CLEAN UP TH' KITCHEN AFTERWARDS—INSTEAD OF ME.

THEY SHOULD CLEAN UP TH' KITCHEN, THEMSELVES! WHEN I WAS A B I ALWAYS PUT EVERYTHING AWAY AF I WAS THROUGH WITH IT, VERY CAREFULLY—



I BET HE WAS AN OLE SISSY—

WHY, HE NEVER EVEN OFFERED TO GIVE US A NICKEL TO BUY ANY.



BRING UP FATHER

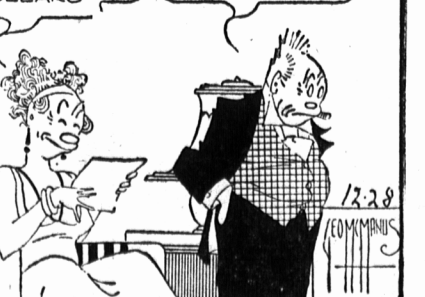
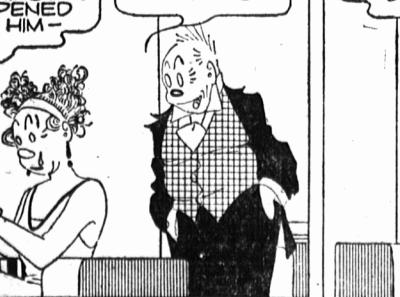
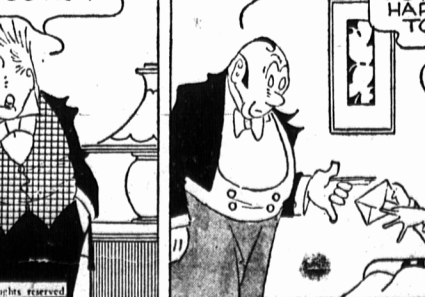
By George McManus

IT'S THREE WEEKS SINCE I'VE HEARD FROM SONNY—I'M AFRAID HE'S WORKING TOO HARD—THE POOR BOY. I WONDER IF HE KNOWS WE'RE IN SCRANTON—PENNSYLVANIA?

I DON'T SEE WHY—ALL THE FOOTBALL GAMES ARE OVER—HE CERTAINLY HASN'T ANYTHING TO DO NOW.

A TELEGRAM—COLLECT—MUM—

IT IS FROM SONNY—I HOPE THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO HIM.



The wreck of a French two-man tank stopped by German gunfire before the Nazi Westwall.

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Maple Leafs Ardent Fan Is Centenarian

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 27.—(CP)—National Hockey League teams and Toronto Maple Leafs in particular without a doubt have one of the largest sport-fan following during their season—now they can boast of having what is believed to be the oldest and one of the most enthusiastic fans on the North American continent in 108-year-old Mrs. Annie Oliver of Sydney.

Celebrating her birthday this month the centenarian, in an interview, said her greatest winter pastime is listening to the regular Saturday night hockey broadcasts from the Queen City—she hasn't missed one since the season opened this year. She also delights in discussing the games when visiting neighbors.

Her sympathies clearly with the Leafs' squad, she nevertheless gives Boston's bruising Bruins and Montreal's speedy Canadiens a chance of winning the circuit race this winter. She knows the majority of players on each of the N. H. L. teams by name "but my favorite stars are Gordon Drillon, Syl Apps, Red Horner, Nick Metz and Turk Broda of Toronto, Ray Gelfin and Johnny Gagnon of Canadians, and Eddie Shore of the Bruins," she related.

One of her ambitions has been to attend one of the big-league fixtures "but I guess I'm getting too old now to think of that and instead will root for 'my boys' from here."

BEIRUT, Syria, Dec. 26.—(CP) HAVAS)—An assassin today shot and killed Mohamed El Karame, former premier of Transjordan, and important figure in the anti-terrorist Arab party led by Fakhr Bey Nashashibi, mayor of Bethlehem.

TWO HUNTERS SLAIN

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Dec. 26.—(AP)—A search by airplanes and bloodhounds for two missing hunters ended today with the discovery of the men, apparently slain by a single charge of buckshot, in dense brush on a ranch near Combes.

Sheriff Goolsby sought a hunter in connection with the slayings.

was opened tonight with the Ohio State-Kentucky basketball game.