

# Air Force Edges Out Collegians 6-5



Flying Officer Cotte's hockey team from Summerside had their first workout on the steel blades at the Forum yesterday morning and despite the fact that it was their initial practice session, they impressed a large gathering of railbirds with the potential power they contain in their ranks.

Upwards of twenty or more players seeking a berth on the squad made the trip from Summerside and from the time they stepped on the ice opened right out in efforts to catch the eye of Coach Cotte who followed the two-hour workout keenly, appraising the work of each man in the large turnout.

Getting a glimpse at them one could not be impressed with the weight and speed of the Summerside representatives and the efficient manner in which they skated the rubber around the ice. They gave definite indication of being more than slightly acquainted with the game and those in attendance at the practice were quick to stamp them with their approval, some going so far as to name them as the team to beat for league honors.

And that latter opinion is far from being a remote possibility. With ten members of last year's squad still with them, and with a motley of hockey talent sprinkled among the newcomers to the station since last season, Coach Cotte's team just have to be taken into consideration.

A big, rugged team, they can throw their weight around effectively when the need arises and offensively can ice three strong attacking units that are somewhat prove difficult to stop. Of course, the local teams have also been showing plenty of smart hockey, which all leading up to the fact that the league games are going to be plenty close throughout the length of the schedule.

It being the first ice workout for his team, Flying Officer Cotte had nothing definite to offer in the way of the starting lineup he will send out against the Navy sextette Tuesday night. Even though the last year's team are back, that doesn't by any means say that they already have secured places on the team.

Cotte, no doubt about it, will give plenty of attention to the new men seeking berths and it is possible this is unofficial of course, being the viewpoint of this writer, but some of the new men may replace members of last year's squad.

A big rangy defenceman in the person of a lad named McPherson took the eye of spectators yesterday morning. The team struck on a Dew to Laberge play with the former whipping in an angle-high shot after working his way in from centre ice to pick the open corner of the net. Less than two minutes later, with play raging from one end of the rink to the other, Collegians tied the score on one of the prettiest plays of the night. Following started the play at centre ice, as he skated to the Air Force

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Actual competition, however, usually changes the complexion of things one way or another, and local fans will have to wait to see the Summerside boys in action on Thursday night before forming any definite opinion as to just how strong they really are.

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## Laberge Nets Winning Goal With Only 58 Sec's Of Play Remaining

Scoring a goal with only 58 seconds of play remaining and with both teams playing a man short due to two major penalties, an Air Force team from No. 2 A. N. S. last night chalked up the opening victory of the City Hockey League when they defeated the Collegians 6-5 in a gruelling, hard fought encounter.

From the time His Worship Mayor J. E. Blanchard faced off the puck at centre ice close to 1100 fans were kept in a high state of excitement as the teams put on a fast skating, hard hitting display with the lead alternating from one team to the other and the issue remaining in doubt right to the final whistle, until Phil Laberge's drive from close-in on a pass from Pete Kelly settled the issue in the final seconds.

But up to this time the Collegians, every bit as good as their opponents except when in scoring positions, kept the favored Air Force team in a mighty battle of it all the way. Backed up by the sensational goal-minding of Shorty McKinnon, especially in the last three minutes of the game, the Collegians hammered away in every session to have the lead on three occasions only to lose out in the final five minutes of play—a fact that had a lot to do with the Collegian defeat—when Patterson of the winners and Robertson of the losers started swiping punches and before many seconds had elapsed practically all the players on the ice were mixed up in it. Patterson and Robertson had majors tacked on them and then the hot scoring trio of Kelly, Laberge and Dew came on to take the play away from the Collegians; three times in a row McKinnon turned them back but finally had to yield when Kelly laid a perfect goal-mouth pass on Laberge's stick that broke up the encounter.

Both squads started out at top speed in Dew testing McKinnon in the first minute only to have the Collegian goalie kick the drive away. Springing to the attack on a passing play with Blanchard and Robertson beat the Air Force goalie but it was called back. Ashley drew the first penalty of the game at the five minute mark and on a counter-attack, Kelly scored the first goal for the Air Force case but couldn't drive a counter home. Ashley returned to offer in the scoreless encounter and full strength and the teams were at all strength when Laberge scored the first goal on a passing play with Blanchard and Robertson beat the Air Force goalie but it was called back. Ashley drew the first penalty of the game at the five minute mark and on a counter-attack, Kelly scored the first goal for the Air Force case but couldn't drive a counter home.

Three minutes after the Collegians scored Kelly started the play that led to the equalizer. He skated over the opposing blueliner on his own line before feeding a pass to Laberge and the short, stocky, centreman whipped a drive into the net. Laberge's shot was called back, Ashley drew the first penalty of the game at the five minute mark and on a counter-attack, Kelly scored the first goal for the Air Force case but couldn't drive a counter home.

The second period was only a minute and 48 seconds old when the Air Force team struck on a Dew to Laberge play with the former whipping in an angle-high shot after working his way in from centre ice to pick the open corner of the net. Less than two minutes later, with play raging from one end of the rink to the other, Collegians tied the score on one of the prettiest plays of the night. Following started the play at centre ice, as he skated to the Air Force

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## Canadiens Tighten Grip On N. H. L. Leadership

BOSTON, Dec. 5—(AP)—Montreal's speedy Canadiens strengthened their grip on the National Hockey League's top rung by beating the Boston Bruins for a 4-1 triumph, their fourth straight win, tonight before a 12,000 crowd at the Boston Garden. Toe Blake, who paced the victors, took over the circuit's point-making lead from Boston's Bill Gouley by collecting two goals and an assist for a total of 26.

**SUMMARY**

First Period  
1—Montreal, Blake (Lach) 16:17  
2—Montreal, Hiller (O'Connor, P.nelly) — Exan.

Second Period  
3—Montreal, Blake (Richard) 10:39  
Penalties: Hiller, Gauthier.

Third Period  
4—Montreal, Richard (Blake) 12:20  
5—Boston, Cain (Egan) 17:25  
Penalties: Clapper, Gelliffe.

### GOVERNMENT

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war because that is another question. At the time, said Mr. Slaght, John Bracken, national leader, was hiding behind the military cloak, but neither he nor Mr. Hanson, who spoke as acting House leader, had made any clarification. Slaght said he came to Ottawa prepared to vote against the Government if it did not take action to meet the needs of the country. He had demonstrated before that he did not hesitate to differ with his own party and was not afraid to raise political questions when the present Parliament ended.

Advice to McNaughton  
He was satisfied, however, that Prime Minister Mackenzie King and the Government had taken the right course and that the reinforcements would be assured. He would vote with the Government, but asked him to "give very special heed" to the following matters:

1. That he will require the commander-in-chief and the commanders in the two theatres of war and of the pool in England to make the most accurate reports of the exact conditions of the Canadian pools of reinforcements to be sent overseas. He said that these reports should come through to his desk in Canada as often as every 24 hours. 2. That ample advance reinforcement be sent forward from Canada to all the needs so reported to him from time to time. 3. That he should repeat and emphasize the instructions to responsible officers in the theatre of war that no men who have been wounded are permitted to return to the front line unless and until they have made entire and complete recovery with a proper period of convalescence. 4. That the men in the Canadian Army on active service, who have been abroad for years, and who have seen front line fighting should be granted home leave.

Other speakers during the afternoon sitting were Armand Choquette (BP—Stantead) who said his party was opposed to any form of conscription and so would vote against the Government, and Hon. Dr. H. A. Bruce (PC—Toronto) even though he wanted a change of government and an election.

Mr. Choquette said he was not impressed with the anti-conscription amendment moved by Joseph Jean (L—Montreal-Mercier). He said Liberals who voted for it and later voted for the Government on the main motion of confidence were "kissing the hand of their murderer before he strikes the final blow."

Dr. Bruce said Canadians wanted all-out use of manpower. The 16,000 Home Defence troops to be sent overseas under the Government's plan would not suffice.

Reflection On Cabinet  
Dr. Bruce said Mr. King had been prepared to take his place and carry on the government was a reflection on the members of the Cabinet. He said Mr. King had no right anyway to advise the Governor-General on the choice of his successor.

If a Prime Minister resigned the Governor-General could call

## REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press  
It was decided at the annual meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association 30 years ago today to divide the playing time of hockey matches into three periods of 20 minutes each. Previous to the games were split into two halves.

## Lewis Re-Elected Mayor Of Ottawa

OTTAWA, Dec. 5—(CP)—In one of the lightest votes ever polled in Ottawa, with only 30 per cent of the eligible 78,000 voters casting ballots, Mayor Stanley Lewis was re-elected to office for an eighth term yesterday in a municipal election which saw the board of control which served the city from 1912 to 1914 re-elected for a further two-year term.

Mr. Lewis' re-election was seldom in doubt, and he was re-elected by a comfortable majority over both his opponents for the Mayoralty, C. E. Pickering and V. C. Pielan.

## AUSTRALIAN SETTLEMENT

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## Declares Legion Was Crippled News 'Political Cat's Paw'

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 5—(CP)—Canadian Legion officials permitted their organization to be used as a "political cat's paw" during the reinforcement and conscription controversy, Hugh Cleary, Liberal member of Parliament for Hamilton, said in a letter to Legion officials in this area. The letter was made public today by John Goodwin, secretary of some eight of the Legion. Mr. Goodwin said the Legion is no person's cat's paw and its members have every right in the world to express their opinion on any subject of such national importance.

## British Seek To Halt Fighting In Greek Capital

ATHENS, Dec. 5—(CP)—British tanks and troops went into action today in an effort to halt fighting between rival armed Greek factions in the streets of Athens while Prime Minister George Papandreu offered to resign as head of the Greek Government in an effort to obtain "national unity."

## Old Law Permits Call-Up Substitute

OTTAWA, Dec. 5—(CP)—It is still part of the law of the land that a person conscripted for military service can be represented by a substitute, John Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative member for the Saskatchewan riding of Lake Centre, said today in the Commons.

## QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds  
"It's a genuine antique we picked up with a Guardian Want Ad—it goes 'hickory dickory dock' then the mouse runs up it!"

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### Agreement Reached At Air Conference

CHICAGO, Dec. 5—(CP)—The world aviation conference tonight gave speedy approval to a program for international cooperation in providing air transport services and opening the way to free skies for commercial aircraft. The documents accepted tonight represented a merging of the views of the leading air transport countries of the world. Representatives of 54 countries first met on Nov. 15 to hear the hopes of the major transport powers for the meeting, then expected to last three weeks. There were concessions and accommodations from all the big powers.

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LONDON—(CP)—Labor Minister Bevin informed parliament that about 88 per cent of all single women between 18 and 51 are now in auxiliary services, civil defence or industry.