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Canadian Olympic Team
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McGILL "RED MEN"

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"Barbara Ann Scott"



AIR MARSHAL W. A. CURTIS, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., E.D.

Message From Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, CB, CBE, DSC, ED.

"The Royal Canadian Air Force is tremendously enthusiastic about the hockey team that will represent Canada and the Air Force at the forthcoming Winter Olympic Games. We feel that it is a signal honour to have been selected and feel certain that

the team will do all in its power to uphold the prestige of Canada in international ice hockey.

To the team may I say that your comrades are indeed proud of you, and on behalf of them all I wish you godspeed in your endeavour to bring the Olympic hockey championship back to Canada."

First Presentation of N.A.A.A. Award To Miss Barbara Ann Scott

Given by National Council on Physical Fitness

This evening marks the first presentation of the National Amateur Athletic Achievement Award, an award newly instituted, to be presented by the National Council on Physical Fitness from time to time for outstanding achievement in amateur athletics.

It is only fitting that the first award of the medal should be to Ottawa's own Barbara Ann Scott, World's Champion Figure Skater, and Canada's outstanding contender in the Olympic Figure Skating Championships to be held in Switzerland in January and February of next year.

The medal accompanying the award was designed and executed by the Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa. The obverse shows the Canadian coat of arms surrounded by a narrow border of maple leaves and the name of the award. At the bottom is a scroll containing in French the motto: "Let the way be open to talent." "Que la voie soit ouverte au talent."

The reverse is bordered by a band of laurel leaves and bears the inscription: "Presented by the National Council on Physical Fitness to Barbara Ann Scott

for outstanding achievement in amateur athletics, 1947."

The award will be presented to Miss Scott this evening after her skating exhibition, and Canada may well be proud not only of Miss Scott's magnificent figure-skating ability, but of a very gracious lady.

This evening also marks the last performance of Miss Scott before she leaves for Europe to complete her training for the Olympics. She will give an exhibition of skating between the first and second periods of the game.

Between the second and third periods Miss Scott's coach, Mr. Sheldon Galbraith, will also present an exhibition of skating. Mr. Galbraith, too, is leaving tomorrow, to accompany Miss Scott to Europe.

Combined with their confidence that they will bring back the Olympic hockey championship to Canada, the R.C.A.F. team, to a man, will be among Miss Scott's most enthusiastic supporters in Switzerland.



BARBARA ANN SCOTT

Message from Mr. A. Sidney Dawes

President of the Canadian Olympic Committee

This is a pre-Olympic year, and before our Winter and Summer teams leave to participate in the games at St. Moritz and London, many things will be said about our Canadian effort, both favourable and unfavourable. It is well to remember that the principal purpose of holding athletic competitions is to inspire more and more people to take up sports, and to train, with a consequent improvement in the general health and happiness of those who participate. No country today can afford to be a spectator nation.

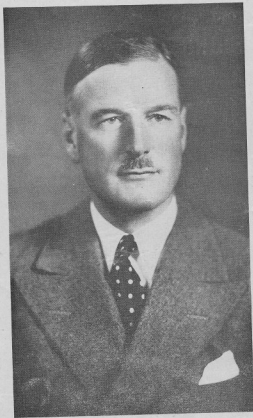
International Olympic competitions are held every four years for strictly amateur competitors. Having not long ago attended a meeting of the representatives of twenty-eight International Federations with the International Olympic Committee, I can tell you that it is their unanimous desire to maintain the highest ideals of amateurism at the Olympic Games.

When being briefed before sailing, all our athletes will be told that modesty—dignity—and good sportsmanship will be expected of them. This will bring prestige to our country, as much as by winning individual events.

When Baron de Coubertin revived the Olympic Games in 1894, he said that the importance of Olympic Games is not in winning, but in taking part, just as the essential thing in life is not to conquer, but to fight well.

The proceeds of this amateur performance being put on by your Ottawa Olympic athletes are for the benefit of our Canadian Olympic effort, and I want to thank you all very much for having supported it so loyally.

Congratulations are due to the City of Ottawa for its contribution to our Winter Teams; not only has the RCAF hockey team been nominated to represent Canada, but your competitors are also prominently represented on the Figure Skating and Skiing Teams. On behalf of the Canadian Olympic Association I congratulate these athletes, who are here tonight, and extend to them our very best wishes for their success in the forthcoming Winter Games.



A. SIDNEY DAWES

R.C.A.F. "FLYERS"



AC1 George Wilson

AC1 George Wilson, Forward.

Out of Regina junior ranks, Wilson is the second youngest man on the team. A recent enlistment in the Air Force, he is awaiting training as an electrician.



Cpl. Louis Bergeron, Forward.

A Quebec junior product, Bergeron dislocated his shoulder in the first Ottawa City League game and was out of action for a number of weeks. Back in action, he has shown speed and good team play, and was selected for one of the last two positions on the team.



Cpl. Louis Bergeron



Sgt. Dick Thomas

Sgt. Dick Thomas, Forward.

Thomas played intermediate and senior O.H.A. hockey in his native Whitby and in Galt. He is a fine playmaker and is steady defensively. He is stationed at the Winter Experimental Flight, Edmonton, where he is employed as an aero-engine mechanic.

R.C.A.F. "FLYERS"

F/S Louis Lecompte, Defence.

An able defenceman with the most deceptive stride on the team, Lecompte is fast and hard hitting. He played junior hockey in Ottawa and since 1935 has been playing on RCAF teams. A photographer, he is stationed at Victoria Island, Ottawa.



Flt. Sgt. Louis Lecompte



F/O. Trev Williams

F/O Trev. Williams, Goaltender.

An Ottawa boy, Williams played junior hockey with the Primrose Club in 1937-38. The following year played for Perth Blue Wings and then joined the RCAF. A Gunnery Officer, he is stationed at Rockcliffe.



Sgt. Andy Gilpin

Sgt. Andy Gilpin, Forward.

The third of the Montreal left wingers, Gilpin played pre-war hockey with Westmount Juniors. Stationed at Whitehorse, he is an electrician.

Who's Who with McGill Redmen

Despite the fact that the basic idea of ice hockey dates back to the fifth century B.C., McGill University lays claims to the earliest game of ice hockey, in a form similar to that played today, of which there is any authentic historical reference. The game was played in Montreal on March 3, 1875. Captains of both teams were McGill students, as were several of the other players.

Since that first game McGill has been well to the forefront in Canadian amateur hockey. This year they have one of the strongest teams in recent years, and at present are tied for leadership in the Senior Intercollegiate hockey loop.

Players you will see in action tonight include:

GOAL:

Jack Gelineau—Star goaler for McGill, this will be Jack's third season with the Redmen. Hailing from Town of Mount Royal, he starred with Catholic High, Mount Royal Juniors and Junior Canadians, and later played for various Air Force teams and Toronto Young Rangers. When not occupied with his net minding chores, he studies Commerce and plays intermediate basketball.

DEFENCE:

Doug Heron—Husky defenceman whose powerful body checks are renowned in the intercollegiate league, Doug is a football star as well. This will be his third year with Dave Campbell. He went to West Hill High and is now in second year Science.

DEFENCE:

Charlie Sanderson—A second year Phys. Ed. student who plays defence. Charlie hails from Regina.

DEFENCE:

Al Fischer—A welcome addition to the McGill defence, Al is a second year Science student who learned his hockey in Regina.

DEFENCE:

Gordie Gosselin—Another regular from last year, "Goose" will be back at defence for his third season under Dave Campbell. A Commerce student, he hails from Ottawa, where he attended St. Pat's.

FORWARD:

Cy Biegler—Will be playing in the wing position for his third year with McGill. Hailing from Regina, he spent three years with the Boston Olympics from 1938 to 41 and came to McGill after the war to study engineering.

FORWARD:

Warren Chippendale—A left winger from Westmount High, Warren played also for the Verdun Maple

Leafs and spent last year with the McGill Intermediates. He is now in third year Commerce.

FORWARD:

Reggie Sinclair—Another letterman with two years on the senior team to his credit, Reg is a scrappy right winger. He went to West Hill and now is in Commerce 2.

FORWARD:

Tom Hale—A familiar face to McGill puck fans, Tom is the remaining half of the goal-producing George and Tom brother combination of the past two seasons. Brother George has now graduated, but pivot man Tom is back in last year Medicine. St. Lambert is his home town and at various times he has played for the high school there, Montreal High, Junior Canadians and Lachine.

FORWARD:

Dave Hackett—A left winger, Dave is a product of Milton Academy in Boston. Last year he played for Dawson College in the intermediate loop, and this season he has moved in to McGill for second year Arts.

FORWARD:

Jim Atkinson—A science student from the west, Jim played Junior hockey in Calgary and last year played a few games with the senior Redmen. He can handle either wing position.

FORWARD:

Phil Henry—Fast skating centerman from Port Arthur, Phil has played with the Fort William Hurricanes, the Port Arthur Bearcats and spent the last two seasons as playing coach of the Dawson team. He is now a third year Science student at McGill.

FORWARD:

Jack Millar—The old man of the team at 27, "Pop" comes from Ottawa where he attended Glebe Collegiate. A third year Engineering student, this tricky pivot man is now starting his second season in Senior company.

FORWARD:

Ward Pittfield: Right winger and the fastest skater on the team, Ward played for Bishop's College School, and Junior Royals before joining the McGill squad two years ago. A student in fourth year Arts, he runs for the track team as well.

GOALTENDER:

Dick Currie—Now in fourth year Med., Dick will be understudying for Gelineau in the nets for the third consecutive year. He attended Mount Royal High School.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

This evening many honored guests are in attendance at the Auditorium. His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Alexander with their family and aides have graciously extended their patronage. His Excellency is Grand Patron of the Canadian Olympic Association.

Many of the Cabinet Ministers and their wives, including Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Hon. C. D. Howe, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Hon. Colin Gibson, Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Hon. Alphonse Fournier, Hon. Brooke Claxton, Hon. James A. Glen, Hon. Paul Martin, Hon. D. C. Abbott, and the Hon. Milton Gregg are in attendance.

The Chiefs of Staff of the three Armed Services lead a galaxy of military figures which includes the two top-fighter pilots of World War I and II, Air Marshal W. A. "Billy" Bishop, V.C., C.B., D.S.O. and Bar, M.C., D.S.C., whose record of destroying seventy-two enemy aircraft in World War I, topped Allied airmen of both wars, and Wing Commander J. E. "Johnny" Johnson, D.S.C. and two Bars, D.F.C. and Bar, R.A.F. ace with thirty-eight aircraft destroyed, will be introduced before the game begins. W/C Johnson, although he is a member of the Royal Air Force, led three Canadian Wings during the war, and was so impressed by his Canadian companions-in-arms that he wore "Canada" badges on his battle-dress. At present he is attending the R.C.A.F. Staff College in Toronto.

At least two former Olympic greats are in attendance. Dr. Joe Sullivan, goaltender of the famous Varsity Grads Olympic hockey champions in 1928, has come from Toronto to be present at the inauguration of this year's Olympic team. Dr. Sullivan served with the R.C.A.F. as a Wing Commander during World War II. The other is Tommy Gorman, well known Ottawa sportsman, who was a member of the 1908 Canadian lacrosse team, selected from various Canadian teams. The Canadian team that year won the Olympic championship handily.

Sir Alexander and Lady Clutterbuck are in attendance, representing Great Britain, host of the 1948 Olympics. Switzerland is represented by Mr. Kurt J. R. Forcart, Swiss charge d'affaires.

The members of Canadian Olympic Association Committee, who met in Ottawa today, are here in a body.

Other guests include Mr. Norman Dawe, first Vice-President of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association; Mr. N. V. S. Gregory, President of the Canadian Figure Skating Association; Mr. Stanley Lewis, the Mayor of Ottawa, and Mr. Raymond Brunet, Mayor of Hull.

These are but a few of the well-wishers who are here to see Canada's Olympic hockey team and Miss Barbara Ann Scott, in this preview of the Winter Olympic Games.

PROGRAMME



1. Selections by RCAF Band.
2. Introduction of Teams.
3. Introduction of Guests.
4. 1st Period McGill vs. RCAF face-off.
5. Exhibition of Figure-Skating by Miss Barbara Ann Scott.
6. Presentation of National Amateur Athletic Achievement Award to Miss Scott.
7. 2nd Period McGill vs. RCAF.
8. Exhibition of Figure-Skating by Mr. Sheldon Galbraith.
9. 3rd Period McGill vs RCAF.

TEAM LINE~UP



McGILL REDMEN

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| 1. Gelineau | 9. Hale |
| 2. Heron | 10. Hackett |
| 3. Sanderson | 11. Atkinson |
| 4. Fischer | 12. Henry |
| 5. Gosselin | 14. Meagher |
| 6. Biegler | 15. Millar |
| 7. Chippindale | 16. Pitfield |
| 8. Sinclair | Currie |



RCAF FLYERS

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| 1. King | 10. Brooks |
| 2. Lecompte | 11. Gravelle |
| 3. Molinski | 12. Wilson |
| 4. Seymour | 14. Taylor |
| 5. Maitland | 15. Gilpin |
| 6. Guzzo | 16. Bergeron |
| 7. Beatch | 17. Thomas |
| 8. Moore | 18. Tunney |
| 9. Forbes | Williams |

R.C.A.F. "FLYERS"



Cpl. Ross King

Corporal Ross King, Goaltender.

King hails from Portage la Prairie where he played with the well-known Portage Terriers. While serving with the RCAF at Debert, N.S., he played two seasons with Truro Bearcats in the APC League. King is now an Airframe Mechanic and is stationed at Whitehorse, Y.T.



Sgt. Stan Molinski, Defence.

212 lbs. of bodychecking, Molinski came to the Air Force from Winnipeg in 1940. An all round athlete, he is stationed at Air Force Headquarters.



Sgt. Stan Molinski



Flt. Lt. Jack Maitland

F/L Jack Maitland, Defence.

Maitland played junior hockey in Winnipeg and in 1944, while stationed at North Bay, played for the North Bay Flyers. Last year he played in the Winnipeg City League with No. 2 Air Command team. Maitland is a pilot and is stationed at 11 Group HQ, Winnipeg.

R.C.A.F. "FLYERS"

Cpl. Jack Seymour, Defence.

Seymour was moved back to defence by George Boucher who liked his fast skating, heavy checking style. He spearheads many offensive plays and has the hardest shot on the team. Seymour is one of the few members of the RCAF who played with the Allan Cup winners in 1942. He is stationed at Maintenance Command Headquarters, Ottawa, where he is an equipment assistant.



Cpl. Jack Seymour



LAC Tommy Moore

LAC Tommy Moore, Forward.

Moore is another Montreal player who learned his hockey in Montreal junior competition. Fast and shifty, he is very effective around the nets. Last year he played with the Air Force Headquarters team that won the Ottawa Service Championship. A canteen steward, he is stationed in Ottawa.



LAC Roy Forbes, Forward.

A Vancouver player, Forbes was a member of the Portage la Prairie Terriers when they won the Memorial Cup in 1941-42. During the war he served as a bomb-aimer and re-engaged for peacetime service as a meteorological observer. He is stationed at Trenton.



LAC Roy Forbes

R.C.A.F. "FLYERS"



Cpl. Irving Taylor

Cpl. Irving Taylor, Forward.

Another product of Ottawa hockey leagues, Taylor played here and with Perth Juniors prior to donning the Air Force blue. While stationed in Toronto he played one season of Senior OHA hockey. Taylor is an equipment assistant in the Air Force.



LAC Len Beatch, Forward.

Beatch is one of the three players from Whitehorse selected for the team. He played his pre-war hockey with North Battleford (Sask.) intermediates, and is serving in the RCAF as a wireless mechanic.



LAC Len Beatch



F.O. Hubert Brooks

F/O Hubert Brooks, Forward.

A Montreal boy, Brooks played junior hockey in that city and last winter was with the U.S. Army Allstars playing in Europe. He is a Navigator and is stationed at Air Force Headquarters.

R.C.A.F. "FLYERS"

Cpl. Patsy Guzzo, Forward.

Guzzo is well known in Eastern Ontario sporting circles as an all-round athlete. He played junior and senior hockey in Ottawa leagues and has been with RCAF Clubs since 1942. He is Secretary of the Eastern Ontario Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. An administrative clerk, he is stationed at AFHQ.



Cpl. Patsy Guzzo



A/C1 Orval Gravelle

AC1 Orval Gravelle, Forward.

One of the newest entries into the Air Force, Gravelle, an Aylmer, P.Q., boy, is the youngest man on the team. A product of Ottawa district junior hockey circles, Gravelle attended the New York Rangers' farm school prior to coming to the Air Force. A machinist, he is at present stationed at Air Force Headquarters.



Cpl. George McFaul, Trainer.

George has trained football and hockey teams in the Ottawa area for a number of years, and is regarded as one of the finest trainers in the country. He has worked extremely hard to have the club in the best condition possible. He is stationed at Maintenance Command Headquarters.



Cpl. George McFaul



SQUADRON LEADER WATSON

Message From Mr. Al Pickard

President of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association

"We feel that the choice of a Royal Canadian Air Force hockey team to represent Canada in the Winter Olympics will meet with popular approval both at home and abroad. During the war many armed services' clubs were affiliated with and played

hockey in our association. We now are most pleased to have an RCAF team represent Canada and our association at the Olympic Games, knowing that on this mission of good-will its members will win the respect and admiration which they and their comrades won in a sterner game."



GEORGE AND SGT. FRANK BOUCHER

RCAF Flyers' First Appearance

Tonight marks the first official appearance of the RCAF Flyers as a team. Since October 15, more than 60 hockey hopefuls have tried out for positions on the team that will represent Canada at the Winter Olympics, and then 17 players were tentatively selected. Players came to Ottawa from Patricia Bay, B.C.; Whitehorse, Y.T.; Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Centralia, Aylmer, Ont.; Camp Borden, Clinton, Trenton, Rockcliffe, Ottawa, St. Hubert, Moncton and Greenwood, N.S.

The RCAF were fortunate in having Mr. George Boucher, coach of the Ottawa Senators, and a former player and coach in professional hockey circles, offer his services as coach of the club. He was solely responsible for the selection of the team and is handling the coaching while the team remains in Canada. When they proceed overseas in January, his son Sgt. Frank Boucher, will take over the coaching. Frank is ineligible as a player as he played professional hockey south of the border before the war.

Manager of the team and the man who pushed

the selection of an Air Force club to represent Canada in the Olympics, S/LA "Sandy" Gardner Watson, is Senior Medical Officer at Air Force Headquarters. Early last summer he realized that, with the change in plans necessitated by a new reading of the amateur oath, it would be extremely difficult for Canada to send a team that would qualify for the Olympics. He also felt that from the thousands of airmen stationed across the country he should be able to find a team worthy of Canadian hockey. His load has been a heavy one and as a result he was forced to remain in hospital as a patient during the last ten days. In his absence his managerial duties have been handled by S/L Harry Lewis who doubles as coach of the RCAF entry in the Ottawa Senior City League. Lewis played pre-war hockey in England and on the Continent where he was working as a mining engineer.

Mention should also be made of the unceasing work of Corporal George McPaul, trainer of the club, and one of the "backroom boys". The fine condition of the club is due in no small way to the hard work of this young airman.

SPORT NOTES

S/L A. Gardner Watson, Manager.

"Sandy" is Chief Medical Officer at Air Force Headquarters and was prime mover to have the RCAF team represent Canada in the Winter Olympics. A native Hamiltonian, "Sandy" was with the Overseas Headquarters team, with Frank Boucher, that played on the Continent in 1945-6. Last winter he handled the AFHQ team that won the Ottawa Service League Championship.

The trip to Switzerland will also be a bit of "Old Home Week" for Manager Watson and Coach Frank Boucher. Winter before last they travelled to France and Switzerland with a hockey team from Overseas Headquarters in London. The team included players such as Johnny Mowers, Detroit goaler; Roy Giesbrecht, Hub Macey, Tony Licari, Norm Tustin, Bob Whitelaw, Bob Rebstock, Doug Norris and Frank Boucher, most of them National Hockey League performers, but the Flyers this winter will be in far better condition.

The above mentioned team went through their series with no losses and were acclaimed as fine players and real sportsmen. With such a reputation to uphold, the Flyers intend to do all in their power to keep the Air Force Rondel flying high.

On checking McGill Redmen statistics it was found that the average age of the team is 23 years and average weight of the players is 167 lbs. Eight of the players hail from Montreal and district, three from Regina, two are Ottawa boys, and the other three are from Calgary, Port Arthur and Boston.

The R.C.A.F. Flyers have an average age of 25 and an average weight of 154 lbs. Six of the 17 players are from Ottawa and district, four are from Montreal, two from Winnipeg, one from Regina, one from Portage la Prairie, Man., one from Vancouver, one from North Battleford, Sask., and one from Whitby, Ont.

The RCAF Flyers are the sixth Canadian hockey team to participate in Olympic competition since ice hockey was added to Olympic events in 1920.

Since that year Canadian teams emerged as champions four times out of five. The exception was in 1936 when the combined Port Arthur Bearcats-Halifax Wolves Club with a few selected players from other top Canadian teams lost to England in the finals.

Other Canadian teams to participate were Winnipeg Falcons in 1920, Toronto Granites in 1924, Varsity Grads in 1928, and Winnipeg in 1932.

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Mr. George Boucher, Coach, (In Canada).

George "Buck" Boucher, well known veteran NHL star, has played and coached hockey teams for the past 25 years. Last year he came out of retirement to take over coaching duties of the Ottawa Senators. In addition to his coaching chore with the Senators, he offered his services to the RCAF when they had been selected as Canadian Olympic representatives. Mr. Boucher has had complete control of the selection of the team and their success will be due in no small way to his coaching ability.

Sgt. Frank Boucher, Coach, (Overseas).

Frank Boucher played amateur hockey in the Ottawa area and professional hockey with Philadelphia Ramblers and Providence Reds before joining the RCAF in 1940. A clerk accountant, he served overseas and played with the Service team that won acclaim in France and Switzerland in 1945-6. Frank has been assisting his father as coach of the team and will take over full control when it sails for Europe.

Two of the Air Force Olympic hockey players, F/O Hubert Brooks, MC, and LAC Roy Forbes, will be visiting Europe under extremely different circumstances next month. Brooks and Forbes are members of the same forward line in the Flyers, and both are veterans of the wartime underground.

Brooks was shot down in April, 1942, and was captured by the Germans. Twice he escaped and was re-captured, until finally in May, 1943, he escaped and joined the Polish underground army with whom he served until he was liberated by the Russians in January, 1945. For his outstanding heroism and devotion to duty he was awarded the Military Cross as well as being decorated by the Polish government. Brooks is one of five RCAF officers to receive the Military Cross in World War II.

Forbes was bomb-aimer in a heavy bomber of 419 (Canadian) Squadron, stationed in Yorkshire, and taking part in the softening-up of the enemy-occupied territory prior to the invasion, when his aircraft was shot down. For four months he stayed with the Belgian-French underground before finally reaching safety behind the Allied lines. At the cessation of hostilities he left the service, but later re-engaged as a meteorological observer.

SPORT NOTES



The fact that Canada is being represented in the Winter Olympics by an Air Force hockey team is evidence of the emphasis placed by the RCAF, and the other two Services, upon a healthy, competitive sports programme. It may interest sports followers and it certainly will interest RCAF veterans, to learn that "PT" is out as far as the Air Force is concerned. In its place is a new sports programme, the major aim of which is to allow every man to take part in competitive sports with the best of equipment and with specially-trained coaches.

The Air Force is proud of its hockey team, and rightly so, but this does not mean that the officer or man not so highly skilled stands by and watches other men play. Professionally-trained coaches, each one a specialist, are being made available to every Air Force station in the country, and the new sports programme does not overlook the man who wants to play football, but who never made more than the third string water boy in high school. Whether he's an Olympic star or a happy dub, every airman has a chance to play competitive sports, in regular league competition, under expert coaching. Under the new programme, as the "happy dub" gains experience he moves up a notch, into stiffer competition, in his selected sport or sports.

Present plans call for a special coaching school, where selected junior officers will receive professional instruction in coaching methods. These officers will return to their stations to serve as coaches in various sports, with the intention of having every officer and man eventually proficient in one or more sports. Every man is to learn to swim, a move that will have the backing of all.

The Flyers have their living-quarters and training table set up at Beaver Barracks next door to the Auditorium, where all out-of-town players irrespective of rank, live and eat. This close team association has helped many teams in the past to work in order and harmony, and to date this has been well proved by the R.C.A.F. move. In addition their quarters

are next door to their place of practice. All airmen and officers are usefully employed by Air Force Headquarters authorities when they are not practising.

Highest rank of any player is held by Flight Lieutenant Jack Maitland, Winnipeg defenceman, and three are two ACI's, Orval Gravelle, Aylmer, P.Q., junior, who recently enlisted as a machinist, and George Wilson from Regina who joined the Air Force as an electrician. Longest service is that of Flight Sergeant Louis Lecompte, who has been in the R.C.A.F. since 1935 as a photographer.



McGill Redmen have a team almost completely veteran in war service this year. Seven of the 15 regulars were members of the RCAF with ranks ranging from Leading Aircraftsman to Flight Lieutenant. Two of the team are Navy veterans, one served in the Canadian Army, one in the American Army, and one with Ferry Command.

Dave Campbell, coach of the team, is a veteran of two wars and during the last struggle was a major in the Canadian Army. While serving overseas he took time out to lead the RCME hockey team to the Canadian Army Championship. Jack Steeves, manager of the club, served with the Air Force.

Jack Gelineau, ace goaltender of the Redmen, was an air gunner in the Air Force and in 1944 while on a training flight in Eastern Canada the aircraft he was in crashed. The plane immediately burst into flame and Gelineau sustained a painful back injury. Another student air-gunner lay trapped with a broken leg in the burning fuselage. Despite the flames and the danger of a possible explosion of ammunition and fuel tanks, Gelineau opened a jammed hatch and pulled his comrade to safety. Just as he pulled him free one of the tanks exploded, yet he returned to attempt to rescue the trapped pilot. Unfortunately the heat became so intense that he was forced to abandon the attempted rescue. For his complete disregard for his own safety, which resulted in saving the life of a fellow student, Gelineau was awarded the British Empire Medal.

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