

# WHERE THE STARS WERE

## Service Hockey in Western Canada in 1942–43

By Don MacEachern

**I**N THE FIRST TWO SEASONS OF HOCKEY played during World War II (1939–40 and 1940–41) very few National Hockey League players were called into service of their country. This situation changed abruptly in January of 1942 when the famed Kraut Line of the Boston Bruins, Milt Schmidt, Bobby Bauer and Woody Dumart, received their notice to report for medical examinations prior to induction into the Canadian army. The Krauts played their last game of the season with the Bruins in Boston on February 10, 1942, as the hometown team defeated the Montreal Canadiens 8–1. The Krauts had 12 points in the romp and were showered with gifts in a postgame ceremony at center ice.

The Krauts had decided to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force during a visit to Montreal a week earlier and were posted to Ottawa where they joined the Ottawa RCAF Flyers hockey team. According to eastern experts, the Flyers had been a fine well-balanced team with a shot at the Allan Cup even before the addition of the trio of Boston stars. Several other noted senior players were also added to the team and the Flyers proved the experts correct. They downed the youthful Port Arthur Bearcats three games to two to capture the Allan Cup, symbolic of the Dominion senior hockey championship.

Not everyone, however, was happy with the Flyers' victory. Squadron Leader Lionel Conacher, director of athletics for the Air Force, looking forward to the 1942–43 season, said: "We'll have no more of the practice employed at Ottawa last year when the hand-picked RCAF team skated to the Dominion championship despite the booing which filled the air each time they appeared." The hockey fans in the east responded to the mixing of the pros with the amateurs in the time-honored manner of rooting for the underdog.

For the 1942–43 season, Conacher explained that the Air Force policy would be based on the desire to utilize the recreational value of service athletes to the fullest extent. The Army and Navy were also following the Air

Force policy of providing competition among service personnel who were skilled athletes. This inter-service rivalry was growing steadily — a kind of rivalry that served a healthy purpose. The cooperation of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association was an important feature of the implementation of this policy.

George Dudley, president of the CAHA, understood that the government wished the CAHA to carry on so as to provide recreation for the men in the service and to stimulate public morale. Shorter schedules would be in order so that there would not be an adverse effect on men in war work. Mr. Dudley said that he didn't think that the CAHA could countenance physically fit men doing nothing but playing hockey. He further said that it might be necessary to reduce the number of men on a team from the present 13 to 10—a goalie, three defensemen and six forwards. This, in fact, did become the operating limit for the Allan Cup playdowns, although some leagues permitted more players during the regular schedule.

As one indication of how the situation had changed with respect to NHL players and their service obligations, eight of the 19 members of the Stanley Cup winning Toronto Maple Leafs team of 1941–42 were playing on service teams in 1942–43. They were Don and Nick Metz, Bob Goldham, Wally Stanowski, Bingo Kampman, Ernie Dickens, Johnny McCreedy and Pete Langelle. Langelle had scored the winning goal in the seventh game of the Leafs' stunning comeback victory over the Detroit Red Wings. By the time the 1943–44 season rolled around, an additional six members of that squad were in the services.

In western Canada in the 1942–43, season six leagues were formed with a total of 22 teams. The RCAF provided seven of these teams, the Army six and the Navy two. Three teams were war industry clubs and four were civilian teams. The Lakehead Army-Navy team also participated in the Allan Cup playdowns.

The teams in the various leagues were composed of

amateurs, reinstated pros and former professional players. According to CAHA regulations, as soon as a former professional player was on active duty in the services he was allowed to resume his amateur career immediately.

Each of the six leagues will be discussed in the following sections with the emphasis being placed on which past or future NHL players were performing in senior hockey in 1942–43. Names of such players are shown in boldface type with their career total of games played in the National Hockey League appended in parentheses. The final standings for each league are also provided. A summary of the scores of playoff games and a complete list of all NHL players in western Canada senior leagues follow the references.

### Vancouver Island Senior Hockey League

Final Standings	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Victoria Navy	20	12	5	3	119	73	27
Victoria Army	20	12	7	1	129	95	25
Nanaimo Clippers	20	8	10	2	92	110	18
Victoria RCAF	20	8	10	2	94	124	18
Victoria VMD	20	6	14	0	93	125	12

Victoria Navy, with **Chuck Rayner** (424) in the nets, topped the regular season standings. The team was made up of players from the prairie provinces with the top line being a trio of former Flin Flon Bombers, **Hal Brown** (13), **Bernie Strongman** and **Gordon Petrie**. Brown led the league in goals scored and in the opinion of Art Somers, veteran coach of the Victoria Machinery Depot (VMD) team, was the best player in the league. **Bob Goldham** (650) was added to the Navy team's roster for the playoffs. Goldham had played with Toronto Navy during the season and was posted to the Victoria Navy team after Toronto Navy was eliminated from the playoffs.

Victoria Army featured **Nick Metz** (518) from the Toronto Maple Leafs. Unfortunately for Victoria Army, Metz fractured his collarbone in the first game of the season and he was unable to return until the second round of the playoffs. Army's top line comprised Elmer "The Shadow" Kreller and a pair of former NHLers, **Bill Carse** (124) and **Joffre Desilets** (192). Carse was the playing coach of the team. He and Kreller tied for the league lead in points with 44 and in assists with 23. Kreller attributed his emergence as a scorer to Carse's playmaking skills at the center ice position.

The Nanaimo Clippers had won the western Canada intermediate championship in 1941–42 and had stepped up to senior company with many of the same players. The Clippers were handled by **Dave MacKay** (29), though the playing coach was under suspension by the CAHA at the beginning of the season for failing to report to the training camp of the Chicago Black Hawks. MacKay missed six games before his suspension was lifted. At the end of the season, he was named the outstanding player in Pacific Coast hockey. The Clippers were a civilian

team.

Victoria RCAF was sparked by two former NHLers, **Joe Krol** (26) and **Bobby Kirk** (39). Krol was another of the playoff wanderers, as he was posted to his hometown Winnipeg after the Victoria RCAF team lost out in the playoffs. Kirk was injured near the end of the season, which considerably dampened the airmen's playoff hopes.

The Victoria Machinery Depot team, a war industry club, finished in last place in the standings. VMD was paced by **Connie King** and **Maurice Duffy**, both in the top five in the final scoring statistics. **Red Beattie** (334) closed out a long hockey career, which included nine seasons in the NHL ending in 1938–39, by scoring six goals for VMD. Another VMD player who later spent a year with the Chicago Black Hawks was **Bus Brayshaw** (43). Brayshaw had an interesting season. He jumped from VMD to the New Westminster Spitfires in the Mainland senior league and when the Spits were eliminated in the playoffs he showed up in a Vancouver St. Regis uniform. Throughout his travels he was dogged by the question of his eligibility to participate. As the fates often dictate, all of his choices resulted in him joining another losing team.

In the playoffs, Victoria Navy defeated the Nanaimo Clippers while Victoria Army was taking the measure of Victoria RCAF. Victoria Army, with Art Rice-Jones in the nets and Nick Metz back as one of its three defensemen, claimed the Island championship by sweeping Victoria Navy. Victoria Army then won the British Columbia Allan Cup berth with a four to one margin in games over the Mainland champion Vancouver RCAF.

Victoria Army was the first Pacific coast team to represent British Columbia in the Allan Cup playoffs. The powerful teams from the interior of the province that had monopolized that slot, the Trail Smoke Eaters and the Kimberley Dynamiters, were casualties of the intensive Canadian war effort.

### Mainland (B.C.) Senior Hockey League

Final Standings	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vancouver St. Regis	11	8	3	0	49	31	16
N. West'm Spitfires	11	7	3	1	56	36	15
Vancouver RCAF	11	4	6	1	50	47	9
Vancouver Army	9	1	8	0	28	69	2

Two civilian teams squared off with Vancouver RCAF and Vancouver Army in the Mainland hockey league. Doubleheaders were played on Monday nights at Queen's Park Arena in New Westminster. The New Westminster Spitfires and hotel man Coley Hall's St. Regis team finished far ahead of the two service teams in the final standings. St. Regis edged the Spitfires for the top spot and a bye in the playoffs. St. Regis featured older players such as Ralph "Tiger" Blyth and Lude Palm from the defunct Pacific Coast Hockey League, as well as veteran NHLers **Jack Riley** (104) and **Bill Hutton** (64),

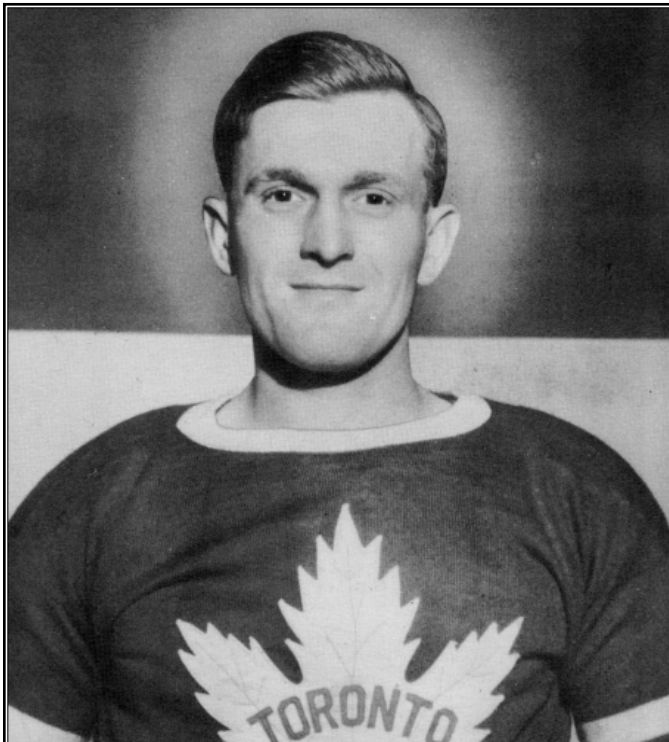
whose NHL days were far in the past. **Hec Highton** (24) played goal for New Westminster but Vancouver RCAF and Vancouver Army lacked prominent NHLers in their lineups.

In the playoffs, Vancouver RCAF upset both of the civilian teams, first ousting New Westminster and then following up with another upset in dispatching St. Regis. Vancouver RCAF's run came to an end as they suffered four crushing defeats by Victoria Army in the series for the British Columbia Allan Cup berth. A surprise was their 4-3 victory in the fourth game of the best-of-seven series.

**Alberta Services Senior Hockey League**

Final Standings	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Calgary Currie Army	24	19	4	1	173	81	39
Calgary RCAF	23	12	9	2	105	110	26
Lethbridge RCAF	23	8	13	2	77	99	18
Red Deer Army	24	5	18	1	97	162	11

The high-scoring Calgary Currie Army team averaged more than seven goals per game as they finished atop the final standings in the service league. Coached by **Tommy Anderson** (319), the NHL's most valuable player in 1941-42, the Currie Army team boasted seven forwards who amassed at least 30 points in the 24-game schedule. Anderson, **Kenny Stewart** (6) and Doug Lane formed the defense corps for the team. **Frank McCool** (72) played every game in goal. The seven high-scoring forwards were **Alex Kaleta** (387), **Don Deacon** (30), Tony Desmarais, Don Culley, Andy Chakowski, Whitey Rimstad and Dunc Grant. Kaleta led in points with 58



Don Metz.

and assists with 35. Desmarais had the most goals with 33. Anderson faced a difficult task when he had to choose the six forwards allowed during the Allan Cup playoffs.

The Calgary RCAF team adopted the moniker of Mustangs, referring to the wild horses familiar in Alberta's cattle country and also to the well-known fighter plane. An early report that Bobby Bauer had been posted to Calgary turned out to be a mistake. It was Bobby's brother Ray who was the airman involved. The Mustangs were coached by former NHL great **Tiny Thompson** (553), who was forced to appear in four RCAF playoff games when all three of his goalies went down with injuries. **Johnny Chad** (80) and **Jack Adams** (42) were the top forwards on the team. **Wilf Field** (219), who started the season in Winnipeg, anchored the RCAF defense.

Lethbridge RCAF Bombers had the outstanding defense pairing in the league with **Pete Slobodian** (41) and **Garth Boesch** (197). Both men had played with the senior Lethbridge Maple Leafs in 1941-42. Boesch had yet to make an appearance in the NHL while Slobodian, the playing coach for Lethbridge, never returned to the big time. Slobodian led the league in penalty minutes with 83. Boesch was named the league's most valuable player.

**George Pargeter** (4) was the sole member of the last place Red Deer Army Wheelers to make it to the NHL. He later played four games with the Montreal Canadiens. Jack Taylor, son of Cyclone Taylor, was another member of the Wheelers.

The league all-star teams chosen at the end of the season included McCool, Boesch, Slobodian, Deacon and Kaleta on the first squad and Field, Anderson, Chad and Adams on the second.

In the playoffs to determine Alberta's Allan Cup representative, Calgary RCAF took two out of three games from Lethbridge RCAF and faced Calgary Currie Army in the final. With the series tied at two games apiece, Currie Army won the deciding game 3-1, despite Thompson's heroics in the nets for RCAF.

Tommy Anderson was presented his NHL MVP trophy on the ice in Calgary during the final series. In April, Currie Army's playing coach was promoted to Second Lieutenant in the Canadian army.

**Saskatchewan Senior Hockey League**

Final Standings	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Regina Army Capitals	24	19	4	1	141	79	39
Saskatoon RCAF	24	10	11	3	75	82	23
Flin Flon Bombers	24	10	12	2	96	95	22
Yorkton RCAF	24	5	17	2	71	127	12

The senior league got off to a rocky start. The first difficulty arose from the unwillingness of the Regina Army Caps to participate with a civilian team in a service league. The Flin Flon Bombers were classified as an A1 war industry team. The Caps rejoined the league after the

matter was resolved by eliminating 'service' from the league name.

A second crisis popped up when the league's fifth member, Mossbank RCAF, playing its home games at nearby Moose Jaw, met the Army Caps in their first scheduled game. The Caps won by a score of 18–1, with its Big Five scoring all 18 goals and adding 20 assists. Mossbank withdrew from the league and the schedule was redrawn.

Regina's Big Five in front of goalie Tiger Mitchell consisted of **Murray Armstrong** (270), **Don Metz** (172) and **Bill "Red" Tilson** on the forward line and **Butch McDonald** (66) and Alex Sandelack on defense. The first four slots in the final scoring statistics went to Metz, Armstrong, Tilson and McDonald. Metz led in goals with 43 and points with 69. Tilson was the assist leader with 36. Armstrong was second in points with 61, Tilson was third with 60 and, in an impressive performance, McDonald, a defenseman, was fourth with 20 goals and 31 assists. In a midseason game, Armstrong, the team's first line center, left the game with an injury in the first period. McDonald moved up from his defense position to take his place and scored the final three goals of the game in a 5–4 win over Flin Flon.

**Eddie Wiseman** (456) was the playing coach of the Saskatoon RCAF team. His former Boston Bruin teammate **Roy Conacher** (490) paced the Flyers with 13 goals. However, the team never got untracked and finished well behind the powerful Army Caps in the standings.

Flin Flon's leading scorer was Bob Wiest who finished in fifth place with 34 points — well behind the numbers for Regina's quartet. **Jack McDonald** (43) and **Harvey Fraser** (21) were other Bomber mainstays. Although finishing a point behind Saskatoon RCAF in the standings the Bombers swept the Flyers in the semifinal series.

Yorkton RCAF had a lone civilian on its roster. He was **Archie Fraser** (3), a long-time Yorkton senior player and brother of Harvey. Yorkton RCAF was forced to pass up the playoffs due to a lack of personnel caused by postings of players to other training venues.

Regina Army Caps defeated Flin Flon four games to two in the Saskatchewan senior final. Their Allan Cup hopes suffered a huge blow when Butch McDonald's season ended with a leg injury in the Caps' first playoff game against Flin Flon. Murray Armstrong, playing coach of the Army Caps, was named the league's most valuable player.

### Winnipeg Services Senior Hockey League

Final Standings	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Winnipeg RCAF	13	10	3	0	81	48	20
Winnipeg Navy	13	7	6	0	86	63	14
Winnipeg Army	12	2	10	0	58	114	4

Winnipeg fans flocked to see the senior variety of hockey played in the three-team services league. Sportswriters

decried the fact that junior hockey was taking a back seat to their older brethren for the first time in ages. The opportunity to see NHL stars playing in their own community was undoubtedly a large part of the attraction.

Winnipeg RCAF Bombers looked like the class of the league on paper and this was borne out during the season. In the fall training camp, the Bombers could boast of a complete rearguard of former NHLers, **Wilf Field** (219), **Bill Juzda** (398), **Andy Branigan** (27) and **Wally Stanowski** (428). With **Pete Langelle** (136), Stanowski's teammate on the Stanley Cup champions of 1941–42 at center, the Allan Cup hopes for Manitoba looked very bright. Field, however, was posted to Calgary after two games with the RCAF Bombers. Winnipeggers were certain that someone in Calgary had called Ottawa to arrange the transfer of Field, who had been acting as the Bomber captain.

Winnipeg Navy was composed largely of local senior players with Ducky Skinner and Lou Medynski among the forwards and **Hugh Millar** (4) on defense. **Joe Bell** (62), starry forward for the Memorial Cup champion Portage Terriers in 1941–42, started the season with the New York Rangers but returned to Winnipeg to enlist in the Navy. **Bill Benson** (67) joined Winnipeg Navy during the playoffs under some protest from the RCAF Bombers. It was brother against brother when Bull Landiak, Winnipeg Navy defenseman, faced Pete (Langelle) Landiak of the RCAF Bombers.

Winnipeg Army finished last in the league, winning only two games despite having two of the scoring leaders. George Agar of Winnipeg Army shared the league lead in points with Pete Langelle. **Jim McFadden** (412) finished two points behind the leaders. Although the Winnipeg Army team missed the playoffs, Agar and McFadden would resurface with other teams later in the playoffs.

The final series for the Manitoba berth in the Allan Cup playdowns between Winnipeg RCAF and Winnipeg Navy lasted five games. Winnipeg RCAF won three games, lost one and tied one to capture the coveted slot.

### Port Arthur Senior Hockey League

Final Standings	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Port Arthur Bearcats	8	4	4	0	45	41	8
Port A. Shipbuilders	8	4	4	0	41	45	8

Plans for a four-team Thunder Bay senior league in 1942–43 did not materialize. The Port Arthur Bearcats had been the western Allan Cup finalist in 1941–42, losing to the Ottawa RCAF Flyers. The Bearcats split up into two teams, one retaining the name Bearcats and the other becoming the Port Arthur Shipbuilders. From the previous year's Bearcats, Bert and Edgar Laprade, Bill Maki, Waikko Koivisto and Don Gordon were members of the 1942–43 Bearcats, while Bill McKenzie, Lyn McDougall, Norm Wright and the third Laprade brother, Remi, joined the Shipbuilders.

The division into two clubs must have been equitable since in the resulting eight-game schedule each team won four games with the goal advantage of 45 to 41 going to the Bearcats. As planned from the beginning, an all-star team from the two teams would represent the Thunder Bay region in the Allan Cup playoffs.

A continuing story during the season was the attempt of the Montreal Canadiens to sign Bert and Edgar Laprade to professional contracts. Varying reasons were disclosed to the public for why the attempts failed. After the first round of the playoffs, Bert Laprade and three of his Bearcat teammates enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and were immediately posted to training schools. **Edgar Laprade** (500) finished the season with the Bearcats. He did not play in the NHL until 1945–46, when he joined the New York Rangers as a free agent. **Norm Larson** (89) of the Shipbuilders had played in the NHL with the New York Americans in 1940–41 and with the Brooklyn Americans in 1941–42.

The merger of the Bearcats and Shipbuilders found three Bearcats joining six Shipbuilders on the playoff squad. The Bearcat players were Edgar Laprade, Waikko Koivisto and Charley Dunn. The six Shipbuilders were Jimmy Hill (g), Norm Larson, Norm Wright, Stan Robertson, Bill McKenzie and Lyn McDougall. Bill Dinning of the Hamilton Majors and Butch Stahan of the Quebec Aces were playoff replacements.

The Port Arthur Bearcats defeated the Port Arthur Shipbuilders two games to one in the league playoff. A late addition to the playoffs was the Lakehead Army-Navy team. The Army-Navy team was bolstered by the addition of George Agar and Jim McFadden from the Winnipeg Army team, which had failed to make the playoffs in the Winnipeg Services league. Lakehead Army-Navy lost three straight games to the Port Arthur Bearcats playoff team. The Bearcats again became the Thunder Bay Allan Cup representative.

### Western Allan Cup Playoffs

With the five western Allan Cup berths decided, the playoffs began with Winnipeg RCAF meeting the Port Arthur Bearcats. The teams split the first two games in Port Arthur and the Bearcats took a game lead in the series by winning the first game in Winnipeg. However, the RCAF Bombers came back to win the next two and take the series three games to two. It was the first time in 10 years that a Winnipeg senior team had defeated a Thunder Bay team in the Allan Cup playoffs.

Meanwhile, Victoria Army had travelled to Calgary to take on Calgary Currie Army. Currie Army took the first and third games of the series with Victoria Army gaining wins in the second and fourth games. In the crucial fifth game, Victoria Army defeated their soldier counterparts 4 to 2 to move into the next round of the playoffs.

Winnipeg RCAF had little trouble with the Regina Army Caps, who were missing their blond defense star Butch McDonald. Winnipeg RCAF won the opener in



*Bill Carse.*

Winnipeg 5–1 by scoring four goals in the overtime period. The RCAF Bombers won the next two games, with the final win being a 7–4 victory at Queen City Gardens in Regina. Before the game Murray Armstrong was given his Saskatchewan league's most valuable player award, the Mickey McSherry Memorial trophy. It was presented by Mickey's mother, and Murray drew a great cheer from the crowd when he kissed Mrs. McSherry after receiving his replica.

After the defeat of the Army Caps, Armstrong, coach of the team, recalled that the club was organized to provide entertainment for the troops stationed in Regina. Servicemen in uniform were admitted free to all league games. The team decided to finish the season the way they had started, without bringing in replacements for the playoffs.

Victoria Army defeated Winnipeg RCAF three games to one in the western Allan Cup final. Victoria Army, however, lost the services of Bill Carse with an injury in the third game. George Agar was available to play in the final game of the series, won by Victoria Army 7–4. Agar replaced Carse at center on Victoria Army's top line for the Allan Cup final series against the Ottawa Commandos.

### Service Hockey in Eastern Canada

The Kraut Line members who had been part of the Ottawa RCAF Allan Cup champions in 1941–42 found themselves separated for the 1942–43 season. **Bobby Bauer** (327) spent the season with the Halifax RCAF team. His erstwhile teammates **Milt Schmidt** (776) and

**Woody Dumart** (772) were reported to be “somewhere in Britain” in the guarded newspaper language of the day. **Pat Egan** (554) and **Red Goupille** (222) were with Montreal Army in the Quebec Senior Hockey League. **Bob Goldham** (650) had been with the Toronto Navy team before joining Victoria Navy for the playoffs. Joining the Metz brothers, Pete Langelle, Wally Stanowski and Goldham from the 1941–42 Maple Leaf squad in the armed services were **Ernie Dickens** (278) and **Johnny McCreedy** (64), both with Toronto RCAF. The eighth Maple Leaf in service was **Bingo Kampman** (189), who played with Halifax Army until he was posted to Ottawa in time for the playoff run of the Ottawa Commandos. Across the border, **Art Coulter** (465) and **John Mariucci** (223) played with the powerful United States Coast Guard Cutters in the Eastern Amateur Hockey League.

The Ottawa Commandos presented a lineup that would have done well in the National Hockey League that year. In addition to Kampman, the Commandos could dress the New York Ranger forward line of **Neil Colville** (464), **Mac Colville** (353) and **Alex Shibicky** (324). In goal for the Commandos was **Sugar Jim Henry** (406). On defense besides Kampman were **Joe Cooper** (420) and **Kenny Reardon** (341). Additional forwards for the Commandos were **Eddie Slowinski** (291), **Jack McGill** (97), **Ken Kilrea** (91), **Gordie Bruce** (28) and **Gordie Poirier** (10).

Not surprisingly, the Commandos were the eastern representative in the Allan Cup final and travelled west to take on Victoria Army for Dominion honors.

### Allan Cup Final Series

The Ottawa Commandos were top-heavy favorites to win the Allan Cup. They entrained for Winnipeg and the first game of the final playoffs with a party of 19 players, coach Alex Smith and other team officials. The players included Jack McGill who had suffered a broken wrist in the Commandos' series against Toronto RCAF. The Commandos had won the eastern championship by defeating the defending Allan Cup champion Ottawa RCAF. All seats for the first game against Victoria Army in Winnipeg were sold out an hour after they went on sale.

The Commandos came away with a 4–3 victory. Neil Colville was the star of the game with two goals and an assist. Mac Colville and Ken Kilrea got the other Commando goals, while Joffre Desilets with two and Pinky Melnyk responded for Victoria Army.

A sellout crowd of over 6,000 fans watched the second game of the series in Regina. Sugar Jim Henry, the Commando goalie, was returning to Regina where he had been the netminder on the Allan Cup-winning Regina Rangers team of 1940–41. The Commandos scored their second victory with a 6–4 triumph. The two Colvilles and Alex Shibicky each had a goal, with the other Ottawa scores going to Ken Reardon, Ken Kilrea and Eddie

Slowinski. The start of the game was delayed for an hour as both teams had skate trouble with Victoria Army's skates needing to be resharpened. Nick Metz moved up to the forward line in the third period and had a goal and an assist in Victoria Army's closing drive. Victoria's other goals went to Desilets with two and Mel Lunde.

The series moved to Calgary for the third game. The city was gripped with hockey fever and a capacity crowd of 5,300 attended the game. Victoria Army won in overtime on Sam Kennedy's goal. Kennedy with two, Desilets and Lunde scored for Victoria Army, while Mac Colville, Kilrea and Bingo Kampman notched the Ottawa markers. Alex Shibicky left the game in the third period with an injured heel.

Fast-skating Syd Fenn replaced Shibicky in the Commando lineup for the fourth game, also played in Calgary. The Commandos closed out the series by shutting out Victoria Army 2–0. Mac Colville scored an empty-net goal at 19:42 of the third period to clinch the Allan Cup for the Ottawa Commandos in 1942–43, bringing to a close a remarkable hockey season.

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## SUMMARY OF PLAYOFF RESULTS

### **Vancouver Island Senior Hockey League**

Victoria Navy defeated Nanaimo Clippers 8–2, 1–2(OT), 4–1.

Victoria Army defeated Victoria RCAF 7–2, 5–2.

Victoria Army defeated Victoria Navy 8–4, 5–3, 8–3.

### **Mainland (B.C.) Senior Hockey League**

Vancouver RCAF defeated New Westminster Spitfires 8–6, 5–8, 5–3.

Vancouver RCAF defeated Vancouver St. Regis 6–5, 6–4, 2–3(OT), 1–1(OT), 3–1.

### **British Columbia Final**

Victoria Army defeated Vancouver RCAF 10–1, 18–5, 10–5, 3–4, 11–2.

### **Alberta Services Senior Hockey League**

Calgary RCAF defeated Lethbridge RCAF 11–0, 1–4, 2–1.

Calgary Currie Army defeated Calgary RCAF 4–2, 3–5, 7–4, 4–8, 3–1.

### **Saskatchewan Senior Hockey League**

Flin Flon Bombers defeated Saskatoon RCAF 5–3, 6–4, 6–3(OT).

Regina Army Capitals defeated Flin Flon Bombers 2–3, 6–5, 6–0, 5–8, 7–2, 5–1.

### **Winnipeg Services Senior Hockey League**

Winnipeg RCAF defeated Winnipeg Navy 5–3, 4–5, 3–2, 2–2(OT), 3–2.

### **Port Arthur Senior Hockey League**

Port Arthur Bearcats defeated Port Arthur Shipbuilders 2–6, 6–3, 3–2.

### **Thunder Bay Final**

Port Arthur Bearcats defeated Lakehead Army-Navy 6–4, 8–6, 7–5.

### **ALLAN CUP PLAYOFFS**

Victoria Army defeated Calgary Currie Army 4–6, 2–1, 6–9, 4–3, 4–2.

Winnipeg RCAF defeated Port Arthur Bearcats 6–2, 2–3, 3–4, 8–2, 4–3.

Winnipeg RCAF defeated Regina Army Caps 5–1(OT), 4–2, 7–4.

Victoria Army defeated Winnipeg RCAF 3–2, 1–4, 4–3, 7–4.

### **ALLAN CUP FINAL**

Ottawa Commandos defeated Victoria Army 4–3, 6–4, 3–4, 2–0.

PAST AND FUTURE NHL PLAYERS ON SENIOR TEAMS IN WESTERN CANADA  
AND THE OTTAWA COMMANDOS IN 1942–43 WITH TOTAL NHL GAMES PLAYED

**Victoria Navy**

Bob Goldham	650
Chuck Rayner g	424
Murdo McKay	19
Jack Tomson	15
Hal Brown	13

**Victoria Army**

Nick Metz	518
Joffre Desilets	192
Bill Carse	124

**Nanaimo Clippers**

Dave MacKay	29
Jackie Mann	9
Red Carr	5
Larry Kwong	1

**Victoria RCAF**

Bobby Kirk	39
Joe Krol*	26

**Victoria VMD**

Red Beattie	334
Bus Brayshaw*	43
Pete Leswick*	3

**Vancouver St. Regis**

Jack Riley	104
Bill Hutton	64
Bus Brayshaw*	43
Percy Jackson g	7
Sammy McAdam	5
Pete Leswick*	3

**N. Westminster Spitfires**

Bus Brayshaw*	43
Hec Highton g	24
Bus Zoborosky*	1

**Vancouver RCAF**

Bus Zoborosky*	1
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**Vancouver Army**

Lloyd Mohns	1
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**Calgary Currie Army**

Alex Kaleta	387
Tommy Anderson	319
Frank McCool g	72
Don Deacon	30
Stan Smith	9
Ken Stewart	6

**Calgary RCAF**

Tiny Thompson g	553
Wilf Field*	219
Johnny Chad	80
Jack Adams	42
Archie Wilder	18
Art Michaluk	5

**Lethbridge RCAF**

Garth Boesch	197
Pete Slobodian	41

**Red Deer Army**

George Pargeter	4
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**Regina Army Caps**

Murray Armstrong	270
Don Metz	172
Butch McDonald	66

**Saskatoon RCAF**

Roy Conacher	490
Eddie Wiseman	456
Shep Mayer	12

**Flin Flon Bombers**

Jack McDonald	43
Harvey Fraser	21

**Yorkton RCAF**

Art Strobel	7
Archie Fraser	3

**Winnipeg RCAF**

Wally Stanowski	428
Bill Juzda	398
Wilf Field*	219
Pete Langelle	136
Rene Trudell	129
Andy Branigan	27
Joe Krol*	26

**Winnipeg Navy**

Bill Benson	67
Joe Bell	62
Hugh Millar	4

**Winnipeg Army**

Jim McFadden*	412
Lin Bend	8

**Port Arthur Bearcats**

Edgar Laprade	500
Norm Larson*	89
Butch Stahan	0

**Port Arthur Shipbuilders**

Norm Larson*	89
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**Lakehead Army-Navy**

Jim McFadden*	412
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**Ottawa Commandos**

Neil Colville	464
Joe Cooper	420
Jim Henry g	406
Mac Colville	353
Ken Reardon	341
Alex Shibicky	324
Eddie Slowinski	291
Bingo Kampman	189
Jack McGill	97
Ken Kilrea	91
Gordie Bruce	28
Gordie Poirier	10

\*Player was with more than one of the above teams.