

McIntyre Baseball Team Make Good Start for 1929

In Opening Match of the Temiskaming Baseball League the Schumacher Ball Players Win from South Porcupine with a 9 to 3 Score. McIntyre had Many New Faces on the Line-up. Good Baseball on Friday Last.

McIntyre baseball team, champions for 1928, celebrated the opening of this season's Temiskaming League, with a 9 to 3 victory over South Porcupine at the Timmins ball grounds last Friday afternoon. The McIntyres demonstrated enough superiority over the South Porcupine players to convince the fans that they will again be contenders for this season's championship in baseball. McIntyre had many new faces on the line-up. Alfie Noble did the twirling and allowed four hits, and is credited with fifteen strike-outs. Howard Bradley did the receiving. Earl Newkirk looked after the initial sack. Johnny Monaghan took care of second. Short and third were looked after by Hewitt and Smith. The outfield was cared for by Messrs Earl Monaghan and E. Angrignon, the latter making a spectacular catch of Mulvihill's fly in the



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Sixth, and hitting the pill to right field fence in the fifth for three sacks. South Porcupine had many of last year's line-up, with new ones the persons of Cross at second, and Cronin and Mulvihill in the outfield. Junior Thomas started in the box, and was relieved in the seventh by Gordie Spence. The pitchers were not at their best for this opening tilt, but will no doubt show up much better as the baseball weather continues and their arms limber up. Longworth at backstop made his first appearance since 1927 and handled the decker as well as could be expected.

It was good baseball, especially when it is considered that Friday's game was only two days after the snow storm here. Evidently the fans can look forward to class ball this summer, if and when the summer comes along.

At the game Friday the ump, Jimmy Deacon and Bill McIntyre, called them as they saw them, and there were no arguments. The game lasted two hours. There was a pretty fair crowd out, but there should be bumper crowds for future games as the chances seem all to the good for good baseball.

The following is the box score for the game:

	S.	C.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
S. Porcupine	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gagnon, R.F.	4	1	1	1	6	0	1			
Mason, I.B.	4	1	0	0	0	2	0			
Longworth, C.	4	1	0	4	1	3				
Cross, 2B.	4	0	0	0	0	2	0			
Cooke, S.S.	3	0	0	0	0	3	0			
Cronin, C.F.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Mulvihill, C.F.	3	0	1	1	0	0	0			
Fell, 3B.	4	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Mansfield, L.F.	4	1	1	2	0	0	1			
Thomas, P.	1	0	0	0	0	6	0			
Spence, P.	2	0	0	0	0	2	0			

	McIntyre	A.B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Hewitt, S.S.	4	0	2	1	1	1	2	
J. Monaghan, 2B.	5	0	0	0	1	0		
Smith, 3B.	5	2	2	4	0	0		
Angrignon, C.F.	5	1	2	1	0	0		
Munro, L.F.	5	0	0	0	0	0		
Noble, P.	3	2	1	0	6	0		
Bradley, C.	4	2	2	1	3	3		
Newkirk, I.B.	4	2	2	9	0	0		
E. Monaghan, R.F.	4	0	2	0	0	0		

	39	9	13	27	11	5
S. Porcupine	0	0	1	0	0	2-3-4-5
McIntyre	0	2	1	2	0	x-9-13-5

Results at Bidgood Mine Now Quite Satisfactory

"Shareholders of Bidgood Consolidated Mines, Ltd., received yesterday copies of the company's annual report to Dec. 31, 1928, and of a supplementary report dated May 14 last. Notice is given of the annual meeting and a special general meeting to be held in Toronto on June 17 to authorize an increase in capital to 6,000,000 shares to ratify the purchase of the properties of Cambro Kirkland mines.

"Since the report of Oct. 18 last, was submitted, says E. W. Todd, consulting geologist, the No. 1 shaft has been deepened and a crosscut driven to the No. 9 vein. Approximately 200 feet of drifting has been done along No. 9 vein on each side of the crosscut. To the east, the vein is enclosing in the coarse porphyry, the fractured red syenite area not having been reached at the time of writing. Judging from the angle at which this mass rakes eastward between the 300 and 600-foot levels, there is still approximately 100 feet to be driven before this favourable structure is reached.

"An unexpected development encountered in drifting to the west has been the disappearance of the tuff and graywacke, which occur in this section of the mine in upper levels. These rocks have been replaced by red syenite which was entered about 175 feet west of the crosscut, the rock up to this point being the coarse porphyry.

"The effect on the tuff and graywacke in upper levels was to cause a tightening of the fracturing and disappearance of vein material. On the 350-foot level, the vein shows immediate improvement in width and mineralization on leaving the coarse porphyry and entering the red syenite.

"In the No. 2 shaft area, the existence of two promising series of veins, enclosed in favourable wallrocks, has been established by underground work. This work, although limited in extent, has given encouraging results. The veins are strong, persistent structures with a sufficient gold content to make them extremely interesting. They undoubtedly merit much additional exploration. A vein zone, extending from Moffat Hall ground across Bidgood property, was tested by a single diamond drill hole last fall. The result indicated the presence of a wide section of ground containing interesting possibilities and demanding further investigation.

"He was puffing strongly on his evil looking pipe, when a representative of The Nugget called upon him this morning.

"A year ago, newspapermen found him still at work on his homestead, but when they visited his place this morning, they found his place padlocked. Fearing that in the interim the old gentleman might have passed to the great beyond, they searched the farm. There were many signs of life, his big collie dog one of them. But there was no trace of Mr. Birch. Enquiries at the home of a neighbour revealed that he had departed suddenly three days ago for the home of his daughter, Mrs. Morrissey, who lives about four miles away from the Birch homestead.

"He was carrying a suitcase and he told me he was going to visit his daughter," volunteered this neighbour.

"Yes," said Mrs. Morrissey, "he came here some days ago," having walked the four miles along the North Bay-Toronto highway. He carried his grip containing all his personal belongings. He had a little tiff with his son and decided to come here. He can stay here as long as he wants but I know he'll change his mind soon as he has often done so in the past, and suddenly start for home again.

"Yes, he's very active. He can chop wood, make bread and make better pies than I can." And judging from the tone in which Mrs. Morrissey said this, she takes considerable pride in her ability as a baker.

"How old are you?" was the opening question.

"How old am I?" he repeated. "Why I'm not old. Look," he suggested, opening his mouth very wide. "I still have all my teeth."

This is his annual joke with the press, never varied.

"The reported looked. Then looked again, but could discern no teeth, whereat the old gentleman burst into uproarious laughter, as he always does, his deep baritone voice booming in such volume that it was probably heard on the next concession. The joke was on the man who expected to find teeth in the mouth of one who had reached the age of 107.

"Just a little peevish, the reporter proceeded with the interview. "Do you drink?" he asked.

"Mr. Birch cupped his hand to his ear and replied "What's that?"

The question was repeated.

"Sure I drink," he replied, his remarkably clear blue eyes twinkling with merriment, but I don't drink anything stronger than tea, and nothing weaker than tea.

"There was a time when he liked something stronger though," interjected his daughter. "When he was younger he was one of the liveliest and best dancers in the North."

"I see you still stick to the old pipe," said the reporter.

"Smoke my pipe all day long, can't get enough tobacco to keep me going," laughed Mr. Birch.

"Ever try cigarettes?" as the interviewer took a deep inhale from a coffin nail.

"Never," was the reply in a tone that indicated that he never would.

"Well I'm not so supple as I used to be, but you saw that big pile of wood in my yard. Well I cut and split all that. There is easily a cord in that pile.

"I have kept this secret a long time," he continued, "but perhaps there's no harm in letting you in on it. The reason I have lived so long is because God likes me and the devil is afraid of me. When the Lord finds a place for me he will take me." And again that ancient frame was convulsed with laughter, as Mr. Birch proceeded to digest and enjoy the joke of his own making.

The Birch farm where the old man

The New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—"The Shower held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stephenson last week in honour of Miss Ruby Sullivan, whose marriage takes place next Wednesday, June 12, in the United Church, New Liskeard, was a most enjoyable one. The bride-to-be received many lovely gifts, tangible expressions of the kind regard of her friends."

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