

# Local Schoolboy Athlete Takes Double Win at McGill Meet

## Public Claim Bobby Porter is Blazing Path to Majors

Young Canadian Star with Toronto Maple Leafs is Playing Brilliant Baseball for Dan Howley's Team. Club to Play Regular Saturday Night Games This Year.

Is Bobby Porter blazing a path to a major league baseball career? That is the question that Toronto fans are asking themselves these days. It can be answered with an emphatic affirmative judging by the way the Balm Beach boy, one of the few young Canadians in professional baseball, continues the brilliant play he has shown with the Toronto Maple Leafs during the past couple of weeks.

Porter, it will be remembered, was picked off the Toronto sandlots a couple of years ago and taken south with the Leafs. He impressed Ike Boone, then manager of the Toronto team, and was signed to a contract. He was optioned out to the Marshall club of the East Texas League, where he played most of the 1937 season, being recalled by Toronto late in August.

Bobby has been with the Leafs ever since. He started as a regular when the 1937 campaign opened, but alternated in right field with Adam Comorosky when the Leafs faced left-hand pitching. It was believed that Porter couldn't hit well against southpaws. But Bobby has disproved that theory convincingly this year. He has hit well against all kinds of pitching. His recent record of seven consecutive hits in as many times at bat was made against outstanding Rochester hurlers, including Oscar Judd, southpaw, who was born in London, Ontario, but now makes his home in Ingersoll where he first attracted attention as an amateur star. In the recent five-game series against Rochester, Porter made 11 hits in 18 trips to the plate, a .611 batting clip. His hits included three triplets and a double. His fielding was just as sensational as his batting, and he was easily the all-round star of the series.

It has been Porter's ambition to gain a major trial, and the Toronto youngster who was an outstanding football star with the Balm Beach club before he ever took up baseball seriously, is working hard with that end in view. Manager Dan Howley, of the Leafs, has insisted that Porter is one of the best major league prospects he has seen in years, and all he needed was the experience to make him a great ball player. It is likely that several major league clubs will be bidding for his services this year. The fact that "Goody" Rosen, another Toronto boy, has been playing so well for Brooklyn in the National League, has drawn attention to Canadian-born players, and major league scouts are combing professional and amateur baseball in Canada now in search for new talent.

Other Maple Leaf players are potential big leaguers in the making, but Porter's sensational climb to well over the 300 mark in the batting averages has focused the spotlight on him. Manager Howley is determined that the Leafs will be in the thick of the race all the way and is sparing no effort or expense to build the team into pennant contender. Howley insists that his players deliver the goods, or else. The Leafs have been hustling, and have sold themselves to Toronto fans. But bad weather, injuries and other circumstances have hampered the team in the early weeks of the campaign, and several games have lost that never should have been. But that's baseball, and the Leafs haven't let it discourage them.

The Toronto club is starting night baseball earlier than ever before since the floodlights were first installed at Maple Leaf Stadium. When the team returns home for a four-game series against Montreal Royals, starting June 1, all the games will be played under the lights, including that of Saturday, June 4. Saturday night baseball will be made a regular feature at Maple Leaf Stadium this season. Following the series with the Royals, the Leafs depart for their longest road trip of the schedule, three weeks. They return on June 27, and will be home all that week to play games against Buffalo and Rochester.

### Punchboards to Bring \$2,000 Fines in Rouyn

Four men appeared last week in Rouyn police court charged with the fierce offence of allowing punchboards to be operated on their premises. The court explained that because it was their first offence the minimum fines would be imposed but that if they

came before the court again it would be the maximum. The fines this time were \$5 and costs. The maximum fine, however, is \$2000, so that is something for punchboard operators to look forward to. The alternative is two years in jail. Evidently the authorities are frowning on punchboards in Rouyn. It would be nice to believe there was nothing worse than punchboards there.

### Formal Opening of Timmins Golf Club

Weather Interfered with the Golf, but the Dinner Event was a Delightful Success.

The weather was not favourable to golf for the formal opening of the Timmins Golf Club on Tuesday, May 24th. Play had been planned in the form of a mixed two-ball match. But if the weather was not the best for golf, everything seemed ideal for the dinner held in the evening. The largest crowd yet to attend the event was present, the overflow filling the new portion of the verandah. Director W. H. Pritchard was chairman of the meeting and his genial filling of that position added to the success of the occasion. There seemed one drawback in the thought that Mr. Knox would not be able to be present, but he and Mrs. Knox arrived home by motor just before the dinner.

After the brief but interesting and helpful address by the chairman, that official called on President John Knox, whose address made the usual hit. Mr. Knox said he was more than pleased to see so many out, the club house being just about overtaxed with the number present. He added that plans would be made this fall to make the club house larger and so provide for the growing popularity of the club and the game.

Mrs. Knox was also called upon for a few words, and specially asked all lady members to bring out the new members to the Friday afternoon opening of the ladies' section of the golf club.

A. W. Pickering, captain of the men's section, announced that a mixed two-ball match would be held on Saturday afternoon, June 4th, to make up for the match that could not be played on May 24th, owing to the weather conditions. He also outlined the different events for the ensuing season and asked for the co-operation of all.

Mrs. Eyre, captain of the ladies' section, especially asked that the lady golfers come out in good numbers on Friday afternoon to make the occasion a real success.

Other speakers included:—Mrs. John W. Fogg, A. G. Irving, V. Woodbury, John W. Fogg, R. E. Dye and Geo. Lake.

### Swimming Pool Idea Endorsed by M.H.O.

Dr. McInnis Suggests One Now and Others Later

In the second section of The Advance to-day there will be found a very interesting and informative report by Dr. J. A. McInnis, Medical Health Officer for Timmins. In this report Dr. McInnis intended to include a paragraph or two in regard to swimming pools for the children of the town. Dr. McInnis rightly considers the matter of special importance to the health of Timmins, and so within his special sphere as Medical Health Officer. As a matter of fact, as he suggests, it is in many cases a life and death matter, the toll from drowning accidents in recent years being most saddening. With swimming pool facilities in town many of these deaths could be avoided.

This is what Dr. McInnis has to say in this matter:—

Regarding Swimming Pools Timmins is still without the much-talked-of swimming pool. While no doubt it is more desirable to have the larger, up-to-date swimming pool, enclosed in a community building which would serve for both the summer and winter seasons, the funds may not be available for some time to come for an enterprise of this kind. In the meantime it would, perhaps, be more advisable to operate two or three open-air pools located in different parts of the town which could be constructed at a nominal cost. These would serve the summer requirements of the younger boys and girls and could be made both sanitary and safe.

The municipal outlay for open swimming pools is insignificant compared to the drowning tragedies which occur yearly in this community from a treacherous river. Moreover, Gillies Lake is not, in my opinion, a sanitary or even a safe swimming place.

I am sure that the parents of Timmins are very favourably disposed to the construction of swimming pools for the boys and girls and an attempt should be made this year to build at least one pool at Gillies Lake or some other suitable location.

—J. A. McINNIS, M.D., M.O.H.

### Ban on Chance Games Stops Two Sudbury Field Days

Recently the Sudbury city council put a ban on all games of chance, raffles, etc., in the city, and the effect of this ban was soon shown. The Sudbury Parks Commission had two field days planned for Sudbury grounds cancelled at the one meeting of the commission. The Sudbury branch of the International Association of Fire Fighters had planned a big day on June 9, but wrote the commission saying that the ban on all games of chance so interfered with the plans made that it would not be possible to go on with the events. The local branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses had secured the grounds for Labor Day for a big field day, but this date was also cancelled for the same reason. Mr. McKeown, on behalf of the V.O.N., gave a somewhat similar explanation of the necessity for the cancellation as that given in behalf of the fire fighters. While both days were sports days, with sports well featured, the special games planned were expected to be such natural money-raisers that it was not practical to proceed with the events when these games and raffles were barred.

### World's Sport Events (By F.J.H.)

**Davis Cup**  
The European matches are narrowing down. Britain was eliminated by Yugoslavia. Germany advanced into the next round by defeating Norway, five matches to nil. France made it a clean sweep of their series with Monaco, 5-0. Sweden nosed out Switzerland, four matches to one. Italy won from Poland, 3-2.

France is now fighting it out with Italy, Yugoslavia and Sweden are battling it out between them.

**Golf**  
British amateur championship are going strong at Troon, Scotland. Ross "Sandy" Somerville advanced into the fourth round yesterday by defeating Rutherford, 3 and 2. Rutherford had quite an edge on Sandy with four holes to go. Rutherford started to make mistakes and Sandy capitalized on them to win out. Today Sandy meets McLeod.

Mr. Sweeney, the holder of the Bri-

ish amateur crown was defeated yesterday by Mr. Robb, 5 and 4. The last South African entry in the British amateur tourney was ousted yesterday.

**Boxing**  
Tonight is the night when Henry Armstrong thinks he will carry off the welterweight crown against Barney Ross. All the scribes pick Barney and quote "a good big man is better than a good little fellow" is no match. The bout will be broadcast at 9 p.m., our local time.

**Tid-Bits**  
It is reported that the big Memorial Day even in N.Y. was called off early in the week owing to injuries to Sea-biscuit.  
Seabiscuit and War Admiral were to run a race-of-a-century Monday.

### Week-End To be Clear, Warmer

Three and a Half Inches of Snow Fell Here During Storm on Victoria Day.

Unsettled at first, but clearing and generally warmer for the week-end, was the reassuring prediction of S. C. Wheeler at Hollinger observatory this morning. Today will be mostly cloudy with cool winds and possible showers.

"That I think was the winter's last kick," said Mr. Wheeler, in describing the three and a half inch snowfall that occurred here during the morning of Victoria Day. The storm commenced about midnight and continued until 9.30 a.m., with intermittent flurries until 6 o'clock that evening. The flakes melted quickly and during the afternoon there were only slight traces of the storm in sheltered spots. Rain on Monday accounted for .08 inches precipitation while yesterday a storm lasting from 2.15 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. was recorded at .22 of an inch.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since last Sunday are: Monday, 59 above and 44 above; Tuesday, 42 above and 29 above; Wednesday, 54 above and 30 above; lowest last night, 39 above; 8 o'clock this morning, 40 above.

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### Hollinger Football Team Defeated 7-1

McIntyre Score Seven Goals in Second Half and Coast to Easy Victory.

Showing a complete reversal of form in the second half, McIntyre defeated Hollinger in a N.O.F.A. match at McIntyre Park on Victoria Day by a score of 7-1. Cold weather and a biting wind reduced the attendance to only a handful, but those who braved the elements were treated to a spirited exhibition.

Hollinger held the spotlight in the first period, Wishart scoring the only goal. Facing a deficit of one goal, the big McIntyre crew really steamed into the fray as the second half got under way. In quick succession Davis, Searle and Phillips scored for McIntyre, and Hollinger seemed to fade out of the picture. The sharpshooting Davis then took care of things and booted in two more to lengthen the lead for the Maes. Searle and Rogers scored the last two of the game to complete the rout.

### Annual Picnic of Northern Telephone

To be Held at New Liskeard Beach on June 18th.

For years the annual picnic of the Northern Telephone Company's officers, staff and friends has been a noteworthy affair. This year the event is to be held at New Liskeard Beach on Saturday, June 18. During the afternoon games will be carried on. At 6 p.m. there will be a banquet. The happy event will conclude with dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight. These annual "get-together" events—one of which was held some years ago in Timmins—are attended by members of the company and the staff from all parts of the Northland served by the company.

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### Leo Bandiera Wins Shot-put And High Jump at Montreal

Star Performer from Timmins High and Vocational School Sets Unofficial Record for Junior Shot-Put in Competitions Held on Victoria Day.

Leo Bandiera, outstanding young athlete at Timmins High and Vocational School, brought signal honour to his alma mater on Tuesday at a track and field meet at McGill University in Montreal when he won the junior shot put and the high jump events in a field of outstanding performers.

In the shot put event Bandiera tossed the weight a distance of 53 feet, one quarter inch, for what is generally regarded as a new Canadian junior record. While Bandiera competed in the junior class, he is over fifteen years of age and would therefore be classed as an intermediate in Dominion competition. He shattered the previous record for juniors that has been standing for twelve years. The record holder is D. Maudrell of Oshawa with a mark of 50 feet, eleven inches. Incidentally when Maudrell made the mark, the age limit at that time was under 16. Since that time the class for juniors has been set at under fifteen.

In the high jump event Bandiera also carried off first place with a leap of

five feet, two and seven-eighths of an inch. It was also expected that he would compete in the hurdle events but results of this competition have not been received.

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