

Manager of Toronto Maple Leafs Predicts for Them a Place in First Division

Manager of Bisons Says They are "Sure Bet for a Play-off Berth." Others Make Similar Prophecies. Some Notes on the Team and Its Galaxy of Players.

Toronto, May 18—(Special to The Advance)—Despite the Toronto Maple Leafs' present unimpressive position in the International League standing, there isn't a club in the league that doesn't respect them. After beating them in both ends of a double-header on May 12th in Buffalo, Manager Steve O'Neill of the Bisons described the Leafs as "a sure bet for a playoff berth." Others who have voiced the opinion that the Leafs will be in there at the finish are Ace Parker, star shortstop of the Syracuse Chiefs, and Roy Van Cralan, veteran umpire.

Parker, now in a Toronto hospital recovering from a serious leg injury, declares that the Syracuse players rate the Leafs "the best team we have met so far this season," while Umpire Van Cralan states that never in his career as an arbiter has he seen a good ball club suffer so consistently from bad breaks.

Tony Lazzeri, manager of the Leafs, who confidently predicted a place for his club in the first division before the season opened, is still of the same opinion. "You got to get the breaks to win," Tony says philosophically, "and we just haven't been getting them. But it's a long season and it'll all even up. We'll be in there before it's over."

Practically everyone who has seen the 1940 Leafs in action rates them 100% stronger than last year. The 1939 team failed because it lacked power, but there is not dearth of that essential in the present lineup. Harley Boss, secured from San Francisco to play first base, has a mean batting average of .302 over a 10-year span in Double-A baseball. At second is Dario Lodigiani, who is leading the Toronto hitters at the moment with a mark of .325. Fred Chapman, sprightly shortstop, is hitting the ball well but right at the fielders. His hitting can't help but improve and, along with Lodigiani, he gives the Leafs one of the best double play combinations in the league around second base. Flea Clifton, a flawless fielder but light hitter, and Mickey De Jonghe, who packs plenty of power but is an uncertain fielder, have been alternating at third. Carl Fairly, a smart all-around ball player, is the sixth infielder.

Milt Gray, a coming great, is splitting the work behind the plate with the veteran Tommy Heath. Gray has youth, speed, a great arm and he will hit, if his .317 average in the Eastern League last summer is any criterion. Heath supplies the experience.

Eric Tipton in left field is a line hitter who is belting the ball at a 310 clip. Buddy Estes, centrefield flash, has yet to strike his true stride. He finished the 1939 season with a .321 mark at Memphis. Fern Bell, who hit .286 with Pittsburgh last year, has just been purchased to patrol right field. Bell has never failed to hit above .300 in Double-A company. John Tyler, reserve outfielder, is a long ball hitter who drove in close to 50 runs for Buffalo last summer.

The Leafs have steady pitching to go with that power. Starting pitchers are Carl Fischer, Jim Walkup, Phil Marchildon, Jim Reninger, Lester McCubb, Pat McLaughlin and John Pezzullo. This is one of the best balanced pitching staffs in the entire league.

Fischer, a brilliant left-hander, proved his worth beyond doubt in 1939 and Jim Walkup, smooth curve-baller, after recovering from shoulder trouble has recently come through with two beautiful pitching efforts. Phil Marchildon, 1939's promising young rookie from Anenang, has been learning things from Coach Sad Sam Jones and looks a much improved hurler. Big Jim Reninger has already won 3 games and is a decided acquisition. Lester McCubb, an option from the Philadelphia Athletics, has shown plenty in his two appearances and looks as if he might win 15 games without straining himself. Pat McLaughlin had a great year in 1939 with the trailing Toledo club in the American Association. He has been purchased outright from Connie Mack. John Pezzullo, the other lefty on the staff, is a warm weather pitcher and will become increasingly useful as the summer wears on. John Berly and Earl Caldwell, veterans of the staff, are being used more and more in relief roles.

This completes the roster which Manager Lazzeri thinks will be good enough over the season to land the club in a playoff spot.

The Leafs are at home practically the whole last week in May. Returning on May 31 from a three-day stay in Rochester, they take on Buffalo in Maple Leaf Stadium on May 21, 22 and 23. A holiday double-header is scheduled with Rochester for May 24, the concluding game of the three-game series to be played the following day. Montreal comes to Toronto for games on May 31 and June 1. The Leafs then go on the road, not to return until June 10, when they open at home with Syracuse. Afternoon games in May commence at 3:30 p.m., double-headers at 2 p.m. Night games will start early in June, when the weather warms up.

The bad luck which has been hounding the Leafs this spring has struck a response chord in the memory of Tim Daly, who has been training the club for over 30 years. Tim sees a parallel between this year's club and the one which won a pennant for Toronto in 1912.

"We had a great club that year," Tim says. "Follows like Tim Jordan, Bill Bradley, Dicky Sudolph, Joe Delahanty, Billy Lush, Kid Mueller and Bill O'Hara. But we opened on the road and lost 17 straight games. We wound up that road trip with a series in Providence. Joe Kelly was managing the club then and he always hopped over to Boston when we were in Providence to see his relatives."

"The day we lost the second straight game to Providence, I walked into the club house looking for Kelly. I couldn't see him so I guessed he'd dressed in a hurry and gone to Boston. The fellows all had their dusters down and to cheer them up and get a laugh, said, 'Forget it, boys. We can't win them all.' With that Kelly stepped out of the shower, grabbed me by the neck and hollered, 'You cheap burlesquer. If we weren't going home tomorrow you'd be on your way tonight.'"

Tim went on to say that the 1912 club never caught on fire until the first week in August. But once it got hot it climbed from the cellar to the top in a few short weeks.

Eric Tipton, Toronto outfielder, was an All-America football player two short years ago. He is the same Tipton who starred for Duke University in the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena on New Year's Day, 1939.

When Dario Lodigiani, Toronto's star second baseman, socked a home run recently with the bases full at Maple Leaf Stadium, he put \$10 in his own pocket and in the pockets of each of his teammates. A fan immediately called up a jewellery store and arranged for credit cards up to \$10 for all the players.

ROLLER SKATING AT McINTYRE ARENA



roller skating is sweeping the country as a present-day pastime and recreation. The picture shows a group of happy roller skaters at the McIntyre Arena where a new floor and special roller skates supplied make the sport a genuine pleasure.

Good Scores at Shoot of the Porcupine Rifle Club

At the regular Friday night shoot of the Porcupine Rifle Club many fine scores were posted. Don Ramsay was again leader with a possible 100, while Jim Kelly paced him with a 93. These Friday shoots are becoming very interesting as the members vie with each other for honours. It is very satisfying to note the steady improvement of the boys. Two or three of the newcomers are beginning to take their place among the leaders.

During the evening the boys were treated to an exhibition of holding ability when their instructor fired seven consecutive "possible" scores, seventy "bullseyes."

The best scores for the evening were:

Don Ramsay	100
Jim Kelly	93
Peter Abrahams	97
Bille Ramsay	95
Stan Cohen	93
John Sullivan	93
Ralph Doling	90
Glen Code	88
Tom Harkness	80
Albert Fisher	79
Doug Delahunt	76
Allan Burnes	76
Bill Burnes	67

Trail Rangers and S.S. Boys to Hold Hobby Fair, May 30

The boys of the Timmins United Sunday School and the Trail Rangers are to hold a Hobby Fair on Thursday of next week, May 30th. The exhibits will include eight classes—Collections, Nature Study, Handicraft, Art Work, Mechanical and Technical, Camera Craft, Cooking and Camp Craft. The entries will be classified under three groups:—11 years and under; 12 and 13 years; and 14 years and over. The Hobby Fair should prove a very interesting event and should attract many to inspect the work of the boys.

Timmins Team Wins Lengthy Shoot-off at Rifle Club Event

Teams Made Shot for Shot in Following Contests.

On Thursday night the Porcupine Rifle Club invaded the realm of the Timmins Club to again try to teach their older rivals a few things about marksmanship. The match took the appearance of a Bisley shoot as the rival teams scored shot for shot. When the smoke of battle died away the result showed that each team had dropped 7 points for 5 men. It was decided to have the two low men shoot off to decide the winner. After ten shots were fired each marksman had posted 98's and new and smaller targets were substituted. Again the tie-breakers fired shot for shot and scored 44's each. It was decided to shoot shot for shot to settle the match. Each contestant scored bull's eyes on first shot but the second shot decided the match when the Timmins club representative proved the steadier.

In all it was a well-shot match and the younger boys of the Porcupine Club deserved a great deal of credit for their steadiness when the "clips were down." Because this match was so close another has been scheduled in two weeks' time. The scores for the match were:

Timmins Club	Porcupine R. C.
Mr. J. Kennedy	100
Mr. Emerson	99
Mr. Thompson	99
Mr. T. Lacoste	98
Mr. Braithwaite	97
Don McCulloch	493
Mr. Lacoste	96
Mr. Tupper	89
Mr. A. R. Fisher	100
Jim Kelly	99
Reg. Hagerman	99
Don Ramsay	98
Keith Powell	97
Billy Ramsay	493
Ralph Doling	89

Every marksman present was given further incentive to improve when they were shown the trophy for which all are striving. Mr. Thompson of Timmins Club is the marksman who has won the coveted trophy. This trophy, the "Expert's Shield," was won with the fine score of 5914 points out of a possible 6,000.

To win this trophy the marksman must score 20 targets 95 or better off-hand, 20 targets 98 or better kneeling or sitting, and 20 possible from prone position. When it is considered that only about 200 marksmen have secured this trophy out of some 30,000 competing in the Dominion, it rather magnifies Mr. Thompson's effort.

Blairme Enterprise—A wallflower is a girl whose romances have been nipped in the bud.

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Devils Receive at Least Six Cups and Medal May 24

Kirkland Lake, May 18—A definite program was lined up yesterday at a meeting of the various committees in charge of the May 24 celebration for the Lake Shore Blue Devils, Allan Cup Champions. The mine's testimonial will be held in the Arena one week from today, with both afternoon and evening programs at which the players will be present.

Commencing at 2:30 in the afternoon, a special matinee program will be conducted for Lake Shore school children only. A full session of entertainment has been lined up and the Blue Devils will be presented to their youthful followers in turn. As the youngsters leave the Arena after the festivities, they will be presented with miniature hockey sticks, commemorating the first Allan Cup championship to come to the T. & N. O. country.

North Bay Golf Club to Open on Friday, May 24

North Bay, May 18—The official opening of the North Bay Golf and Country Club will take place Friday, May 24, according to an announcement by Frank Jeffrey, club secretary.

A schedule of competitions is being prepared for the day, in order to start the golfers off on active season's program. The opening day is to be preceded by a stag party at the clubhouse on Thursday night.

A great many golfing enthusiasts have been testing their skill on the links already, according to the secretary. The course is dry and is rapidly assuming its full summer greenery. A season of keen activity is anticipated by club officials.

To-day's Stocks

Aldermac	17 1/2
Auncr	1.15
Base Metals	1.15
Beattie	95
Big-dog	22 1/2
Bralorne	8.50
Buffalo Ankerite	3.95
Broulan Porcupine	35
Canadian Malartic	50
Central Patricia	1.90
Central Porcupine	10
Coniagas	1.37A
Coniaurum	1.20
De-me	18.25
Hollinger	11.10
International Nickel	30.75
Howey	25 1/4
Kerr Addison	1.95
Leitch	55
Lake Shore	20.00
Little Long Lac	2.20
McLeod Cochshutt	1.40
Macassa	2.95
McIntyre	45.25
McKenzie Red Lake	1.02
McWatters	29
Mining Corporation	65
M-neta	52
Naybeb	15
Nipissing	1.20
Noranda	56.00
O'Brien	77
Pamour	1.10
Paymaster	25
Pickle Crew	2.60
Pioneer	2.20
Preston East Dome	1.69
Premier	96
San Antonio	1.80
Sherritt Gordon	69
Sullivan Con.	62
Siscoe	69
St. Anthony	11
Sylvanite	2.45
Teck Hughes	3.25
Waite Amulet	4.40
Waight Hargreaves	5.60

A New Explanation

An insurance company wrote out a \$1,000 life policy in the name of one Samuel Johnson. Premiums were paid promptly for a few years, but suddenly stopped. After sending a few delinquent notices, the company received this reply:

"Dear Sirs: Please excuse us, as we can't pay any more premiums on Sam. He died last May. Yours truly, Mrs. S. Johnson."—Exchange.

By One Vote Motion to Allow Coderre to Play With Macmen Defeated at T. B. L. Meeting

All Porcupine Delegates There but Representatives from Other End of League are Conspicuous by Their Absence. Blow a Bitter One for Macmen Inasmuch as They Counted on Little, Left-Handed Hurler.

Official Opening of Timmins Golf Club Saturday, June 1st

Mixed Two-Ball Foursome to Start at 1:30 p.m.

Although there have been rounds of golf enjoyed already this season, the official opening of the Timmins Golf Club for the 1940 season will not take place until Saturday of next week, June 1st. The feature for the official opening will be a mixed two-ball foursome. Golf will start at 1:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Toburn Mine Signs Walter Gerow as New Ball Coach

Kirkland Lake, May 18—Toburn Mine baseball officials announced yesterday that they had signed Walter Gerow as coach of the team for this season. The new boss had his boys out for a few practices at the mine already and hopes to have a good club ready for the opening two weeks from today.

Gerow, who has had considerable experience as coach of various teams in Southern Ontario, is well-known in the province. He headed such smart clubs as the Napanee Gibbards and Belleville during his time and brings a wealth of diamond information to the Toburn bench.

The Community Park diamond will be used by the Toburn club for practices, at least, and may be the site for Lake Shore and Toburn home games in the T.B.L. schedule. Men went out on the field in the last two days to put it in shape for the team. There is a good possibility that the first practice will be held on the Main Street diamond this week-end.

The park diamond is very dry, considering the weather, and only needs a little rolling and raking to put it in first class shape. If the league decides to use the field for the scheduled games, some improvements will be made to both infield and outfield.

Walter Gerow, Toburn's new coach, is father of Willie Gerow, who played hockey for the Toburn Beavers in the Gold Belt Hockey League two years ago.

Expended \$1,212,940 on Mine Roads Plans in 1939

Expenditures amounting to a total of \$1,212,940 were made by the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1939, in its continuation of its assistance toward the improving of transportation facilities into mining areas throughout the country. The figure does not include expenditures by the several provinces, which, by agreement contribute one-third of the construction costs of the projects. According to the Annual Report of the Department, which has been tabled in the House of Commons, construction work was carried out on a total of 178 projects during the fiscal year. During the calendar year 1938, the report advises, twenty-two mining properties commenced the production of gold in areas that have been assisted by mining road construction.

The maximum number of workers employed in all projects in the peak month was 4,360, and the total man-days of work amounted to 272,000. Direct employment alone resulted in the disbursement of \$940,000 in salaries and wages, the work having been given chiefly to persons classified as relief and needy cases.

Included in the construction activities of the year were: completion of the Bowsman-The Pas highway in

At a special meeting held in Kirkland Lake yesterday afternoon Temiskaming Baseball League delegates denied "Lefty" Coderre, diminutive French hurler who starred last year for Timmins, the right to play this season with the McIntyre.

The blow was a bitter one for the Macmen to swallow. They had been counting on using Coderre to reinforce their veteran hurler, McShane, this season. With the small scouthpaw the Macmen had great hopes of retaining their eastern Canada title another season.

"There was argument over the matter of Coderre at the annual T.B.L. meeting this year and finally the decision as to whether he should or should not be allowed to play for the Macmen was left to 'Hetch' Hotchkiss, league president.

However, the league proxy did not think he should be placed in the position of singly having to decide such a ticklish question, so he threw the onus of decision back on the T.B.L. executive.

A special meeting was called for yesterday to decide the matter. It turned out that only seven delegates were present. Of that number four were against Coderre's joining the Macmen and three for.

All Porcupine representatives were at the meeting but delegates from the lower end of the league were conspicuous by their absence.

At the same meeting the application of Beattie Mines for entry into the intermediate section of the T.B.L. was accepted. Application of Canadian Malartic for application to the T.B.L. senior division was refused.

SOME BOOK TITLES

Victoria Colman: Scripture seems to afford an inexhaustible source for book titles. Here is how the Lord's Prayer has been drawn upon: "Our Father in Heaven," by W. C. Richards; "Hallowed Be Thy Name," by E. D. Sedding; "Thy Kingdom Come," by A. Marrow; "Thy Will Be Done," by A. Murray; "As It Is in Heaven," by L. Larooc; "Give Us This Day," by L. Zana; "Our Daily Bread," by F. Grether; "Forgive Us Our Trespasses," by M. Loyola; "As We Forgive," by L. W. Sheldon; "The Trespasser," by D. H. Lawrence; "But Deliver Us From Evil," by A. Abdulla; "Thine Is the Kingdom," by E. D. Sedding; "The Power and the Glory," by G. M. Cooke; "Forever and Ever," by W. C. Lengel; "Amen," by W. Ryno.

Unconvinced

Friend—Your son is making good progress with his violin. He is beginning to play quite well.
Host—Do you really think so. We were so afraid that he merely had got used to it.—Montreal Star.

Manitoba, work in the Rose Lake winter road in Quebec, the Berens River-Favcurable Lake winter road in Manitoba and Ontario, and the opening of a winter tractor road in Alberta and the Northwest Territories from the Peace River district to Great Slave Lake. An all-weather road was constructed from Goldspine to the Confederation Lake area in Ontario, and considerable progress was made on the road from Fort St. James to the Manson Creek placer area in British Columbia, and on the York River road leading to an area in which mineral prospecting and development is taking place in Gaspé Peninsula, Que.





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