

# Sports Corner

By Doug McLellan

No one can say that Johnny Stoy and won't play unless he is at the helm of a winning team. Not when you consider what Johnny will have when the first ball is thrown on June 5. Much to the surprise of everyone present at the Annual meeting of the Timmins Baseball League Stoy announced that he would field a team. It was an amazing statement when you consider what he has got to work with. The two star pitchers of former years, Hillman and Arnold Cooper are not to do the job this year. Stoy and his hope is that the pair will not make the Southern teams and return to the Lake but the chances are not likely that this will happen, especially in the case of Art Hillman.

Cooper may have trouble making it as he is over the hill but Hillman is a sure bet for a birth either as a pitcher or an outfielder, both of which would make him one of the most valuable players on the team. That pair are definitely gone, and there are rumors floating around that Vince Babin got the jump on the other Porcupine teams and signed every Kirkland left-over of any value. This bracket would include: Dick Lynott, Frank Melong, Danny Wilks and Frank O'Grady. There are six good ball players that have little Johnny Stoy and his list and yet he is going to field a team. More power to him if he can.

Another migrator is Jack Donlevy, the kid who could play the outfield, first base or catch, all with equal ability. Jack has gone to Halifax to play his ball this summer. This would leave Stoyard without a battery. His two pitchers, Hillman and Cooper have departed, and the three fellows on the club who could catch have left for greener fields also, Clayton Cooper who went to Brantford, Frank Melong at the Hollinger and Donlevy to Halifax. Well, that's enough on Stoyard's worries so we'll just let him figure everything out the best way he can, and wish him every success in his rebuilding job, although he may not have as big a job as these lines seem to indicate as a lot of his problems could be solved merely by refusing to release his players. It can be done but whether or not Stoyard will hold them

up remains to be seen. The other big news at the recent meeting is the retirement of Ike Solomon as League President, and the election of Bill Smith to fill his shoes. Smith took a step in the right direction in his new capacity when the first thing he did was to turn out the pay-off agreements for next Fall. This is aimed at correcting the misunderstanding that cropped up last Fall when no one but a few of the Executive knew until the last minute what teams were going to be allowed into the pay-offs. This action angered the Kirkland outfit to such a high pitch that they withdrew their team and said at the time that they wanted nothing to do with the T.B.L. from now on. All has been forgiven though and the greyhounds are back into the happy family once again.

**HERE AND THERE:** Here are a few lines of interest to Porcupine readers. They appeared recently in the Globe and Mail column of Bobbie Rosenfeld, who incidentally is a woman, but she can talk hockey with the best of them.

"Murph Blandford tells this one on his buddy Marty Burke, the gent who came out of the moth-balls to take over a coach of the Calgary Stampede this past winter. It seems that Burke, while on a recent scouting trip in the East, stopped off at Kirkland Lake to talk turkey with a goaltender he had good reports on. The preliminaries dispensed with, Burke and the goaltender soon were down to business. . . money business that is. . . Finally the Calgary coach made with his pitch. 'We'll pay you \$150 a week' he announced somewhat expansively. The fellow on the other side of the table never blinked an eye. Instead he came back with, 'And what job besides goes with this offer?' Imagine Burke's surprise, particularly when the netminder in question is still of junior age. They didn't sign the young hard to get name of Howes! That's right, the same cool, confident kid that guarded the twine for the Combines in their clashes with Barrie. . .

Every year about this time, Carlo Cattarello comes out with the statement that he has had enough of baseball and is going to see all the games from the stands from now on. Well, this year is no different from any

# HIGH LOWDOWN

By D. Hindson

Greetings friends how goes the battle? This time of year might be called memory time, reminiscing time, or some other such thing, for this is the time of year that we all look back and think now if I had just worked a bit harder, I might not have had to try that subject, or this time last year, I was floating free as the breeze on my hands won during the year, I regret that last remark much, I.

It makes it a good feeling— that of looking back and now of us seem to be spending our time at it. Well, we won't give up, we'll cheer. Carlo says that he is finished for certain this year, and from the one and determination of his voice, you'd be surprised if he means it. Should he call it quits, it will be the end of a long and brilliant career as he has been a ball o' fire for many years with his flying feet and all-round sparkling play. His loss will leave a gap in the Combines outfield that won't be filled for some time.

Last Wednesday was a big sportsman day in Toronto. In the afternoon the sporting fraternity turned out 23,000 strong to the Toronto opening of the International Baseball League and then at night thronged to the Ottawa-Regina hockey game. Quite a menu, ball for dinner, hockey for supper.

Beware of the Macmen ball club for the coming year. That is if present plans materialize. Right now they have three or four irons in the fire and if everything works out the way the Macmen hope, the Porcupine will get a glimpse of four Americans in action in the Mac livery this summer. They have been negotiating with a catcher, pitcher, infielder and outfielder, so if they land the prospects and add them to the other stars of the Macmen, the League may be eating their dust.

Jack Donlevy made his hockey year in Halifax pay off in more than the money angle, he got himself a wife. Rather, he found the girl to be his future Mrs. and they are going to be married later in the summer. He was in Kirkland for the All-Star hockey game a month or so ago, but has since returned to the coast where he will play ball for the summer. Congratulations, Jack.

most of us seem to think back and remember the picnic at MacDonald Lake and most of us not being idle reminiscers have decided to do something about it. That, if nothing else might be the motive or reason for the sudden revived interest in the picnic.

Speaking of picnics leads us to the important question of whether or not there will be a school picnic. Despite the rumour, there will be none, at least not as a whole school. There are however, going to be several class picnics. Someone has said something about there being a Fifth form picnic this weekend—we shall see—Fourth form students have also put their heads together and plans are underway for a fourth form picnic.

The Tri-Y and Hi-Y are also planning a joint picnic for the twenty-fourth of May. This one should really be fun. Speaking of fun there is going to be a picnic this Saturday that should be a lot of fun—real fun. We had a couple last year at the rocks and between deluges of rain, water fights and falling in the creek we got soaked—more darn fun. Several people almost missed the Choir and orchestra trip to Iroquois Falls on account of that one. Anyway getting back to the subject on hand, some fanatical group is planning another one of those for this Saturday afternoon.

Never for a moment do I wish you to believe that we prefer picnics to weiner roasts (to us a mild expression). Weiner roasts enable you to have just as much fun as picnics even more so if you will think back hard enough. (For some that should be easy for others not so easy—take heed this year.) Dancing can be added to the list of entertaining things that can be done at these royal affairs—Dancing on the best floors in the north—the picnic booth (with the tables and benches removed) at MacDonalds Lake and let the rocks fall out of it on the best and largest rocks in Northern Ontario. A description of these wonderful dancing meccas would not fully do them justice but they are somewhat comparable to the floor at the spring prom a couple of weeks ago the more slippery parts of the floor that is. Now that I have mentioned the spring prom (in a very diplomatic way don't you think?) I would like to announce with a note of pride that we made five cents on the dance—not a dollar seventy in the hole, as previously reported. Just on the side I think someone is privately going to abscond with the profits of the dance. To end up this subject of picnics and weiner roasts we might add that the choir and orchestra are looking forward to their annual do at MacDonald Lake. Hint Hint When Sir?

**TRIP - - BUT NATCH**  
As far as we know, and that is very definite (we hope), the choir and orchestra will be going to Kapuskasing—take it easy peoples we are not there yet. Plans have been made and if they are approved and enough money guaranteed we will be going. When will we go? Ah yes a good question my dear Watson. Naturally they will be glad to get us whenever we can come (it says here in small print at the bottom of the page in brackets etc.) but they would prefer to have us on the twenty-seventh of May. Yes that's right we can't go then because that is the date of the cadet inspection. What's that? "The heck with the cadet inspection" - - don't let Mr. Clark or Mr. Carriere hear you say that. Therefore another date must be selected. This would probably be the twentieth or twenty-eighth of May. In any case it will be in May some time. That is about all we can say for now but keep your hopes up and your fingers crossed and we shall be in Kap before you know it. Incidentally we would not be staying over night and that leads us to the conclusion that we would be travelling by bus. Yes it is a long way isn't it!

**REMEMBERANCE DAY**  
I wonder how many of us realized that a few years ago, four to be exact, last Sunday on May 8th, the German forces in Europe collapsed. A very momentous occasion you must admit and yet there was not one bit of public remembrance that I am aware of this year - - or in past years either as far as that goes. Is it not something we ought to remember - something we ought to look into? Such quick forgetfulness was the cause of this war. Are we to be caught with the same situation as before in another few years?

Had this ruthless instrument of death and destruction not been stopped when it did, I might not be writing this column now, you might not be studying in the schools as you are at present, you might not be planning picnics and weiner roasts as you are now! These are purely selfish thoughts and if you are not worried about them or about what happened or what will happen, do not at least the many thousands who gave their lives and their souls deserve a little remembrance? Perhaps our hearts were killed Mothers Day. I wonder if countless mothers were thinking of Mothers Day or of something else far more precious to them than a few boxes of candy or a bouquet of flowers.

This may seem a little off the track or a little behind time, but as the saying goes better late than never. How about a little remembrance now? How about doing something about it—say a little donation to some charitable organization or just simply a little prayer. Whether we realize it or not the world today is on that same precipice that we were a few years back in nineteen thirty-nine and we can fall either way.

If any of you are able at any time in the future to rectify this situation

and many of you will be how about trying to do something about it. At least we could remember the date by a simple programme in the schools or mention it in newspapers or on the radios. What do you think? What can you do?

### THIS AND THAT

Moving on to nothing much of anything this week is rather discouraging. I am frankly disappointed in spring. Nothing has really happened yet - - Life is not taking its normal course - I wonder if the letting off of all these atom bombs has anything to do with it? Well it's a thought you know. Of course there is still the possibility that something may happen yet - - after some of these picnics perhaps? The only real piece of gossip that I have picked up is the fact that Eddy Paslawsky was seen in the show last Saturday with Paulin Zudel. I bet several people would like to know what is going on in this little triangle.

What is happening in the boys locker rooms these days? From within closed doors can be heard the sounds of scuffling and general free for all. Spring fever I guess. Ask Wendall or Gabby.

This column and all its readers with the few other people in the school would like to welcome back two old soldiers of Timmins High: Carlyle Dunbar and Bill Macky. Howdy boys. How is University like treating you? Last weekend provided a host of activities which unfortunately I was not able to attend. However by way of the underground grape vine commonly known as girls, I understand that the roller skating at the Mac and the Commercial and Tech Dance at the High school were received in a somewhat contrasting manner. Shall we say that all had a good time and that the Mac was jammed and leave

it to that. The Open House at the Y was not held because the loud speaker system broke down, consequently no dance. Tennis is really coming in for its own now that the warm weather is here (touch wood and whistle). Sunday saw the courts well filled with juniors. Who will be glad to hear that?

It is said by someone that there will be an intermediate membership this year. This will allow those who work in the summer to enjoy the privilege of senior membership for only three dollars. This will be of definite advantage to most high school students as most of the boys procure jobs during the day and are thus only able to play at night. All in all things look very good for the tennis enthusiasts.

All boys interested in track and field are reminded of the Annual NOSSA meet at the Hollinger park on June 4th at 1:30.

We might close this weeks little discussion by mentioning that the exam time table is up. Unfortunately the exams are a little later this year and are not over till June 23. How-

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