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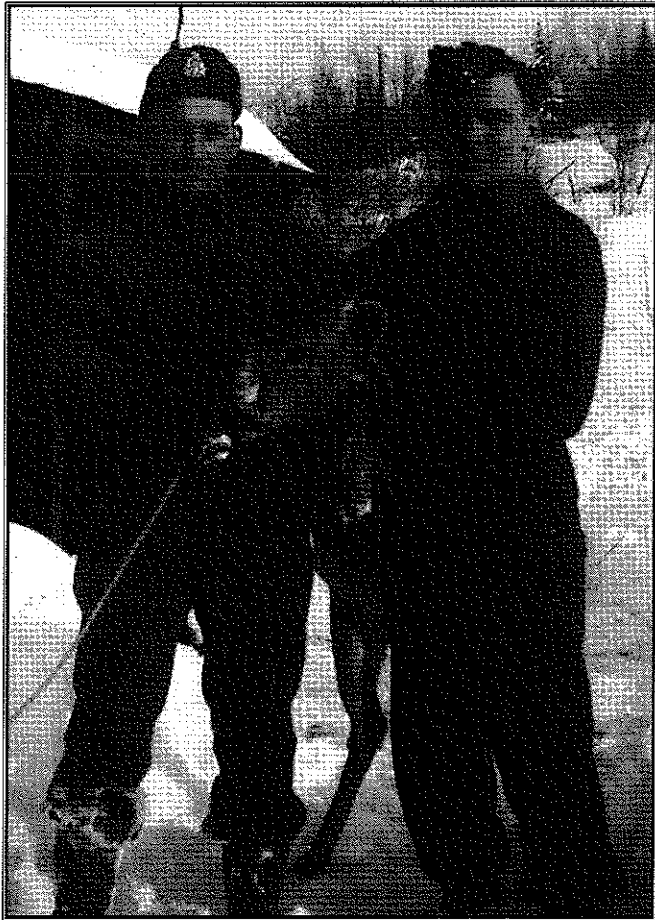
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"Une âme saine dans un corps sain" est sûrement la maxime favorite des nombreux sportifs de notre milieu. Nul besoin de vous expliquer les bienfaits de chacune des activités aux points de vue physique, intellectuel et social. L'important est d'aimer son sport pour qu'il soit source de détente et d'amusement; tant mieux si chacun atteint une bonne performance par rapport à lui-même. Voici les nombreux choix offerts aux Témiscaminois au cours des années en commençant par les plus anciens:

CHASSE ET PÊCHE

La chasse et la pêche ne manquent jamais d'adeptes et le gibier, au début, est à la portée de la main. Les



Jos Chénier et Albert Cécire au moment de la chasse.

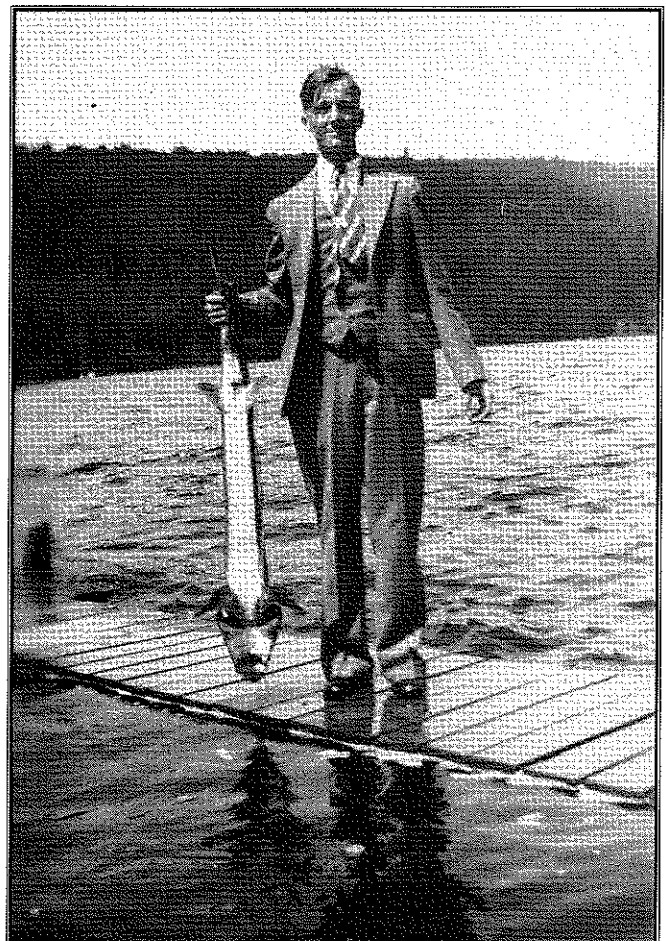


Maurice et Raymond Lalonde avec les lièvres capturés par leur père Aurèle.

lacs et les rivières ont attiré beaucoup de pêcheurs. Et que dire des amateurs de plein air?



Mécaniciens de l'usine, à la pêche à Kipawa en 1947.



Ted Bisson avec un esturgeon près du barrage.



Pêche au barrage. Adrien Pharand est fier de ses prises.



Passons maintenant aux sports organisés avec des façons de procéder et des objectifs bien précis.

HOCKEY

by Ken Collins

Hockey has been a major winter activity in Temiscaming ever since the construction of the mill began about 1917. In the 1920's and 1930's, a town league operated continuously with either three or four teams. Minor leagues operated as well, and ladies teams appeared from time to time. Town, Operation, Construction, Cafeteria, and Happy Boys were popular men's teams. Star players in the 1920's included Bo McGrath, George and Eddie Noffke, Harold Moore, Tony Merrifield, Jack Mulvihill, and goalie Bill Irwin. Mac's Darlings was the name of a ladies' team in the mid 1920's which played games against Mattawa. Edna Montgomery was the goalie, supported by E.B. Kelly, Alice Levis, Zeilla and Olive Kavanagh, Helen McGrath and Irene Benoit.

The 1930's saw many new hockey players and several important changes in the hockey scene. Temiscaming's first NOHA experience, the opening of the North Bay - Temiscaming highway, and the competition for the Grimmer-Bullbrook trophy heightened interest in hockey. After two successive years of going down to defeat at the hands of the North Bay Trappers in NOHA play, Temiscaming's Juniors of 1935-36 defeated them 6-4 in an exciting two game series. The first game was played in

Powassan's covered rink, which North Bay used as its home ice, before 1 100 noisy fans. Many of these fans had come by a special train from Temiscaming via Mattawa. Although play was ragged and tight checking, Temiscaming hung on for a 5-3 victory. Joffre and Ernie Freve and goalie Rene Doucette were the stars in the contest. Game two was played on slushy ice in Temiscaming as it had rained all day. The game ended in a 1-1 tie as Benny Tremblay and George "Speed" Thompson led the way.

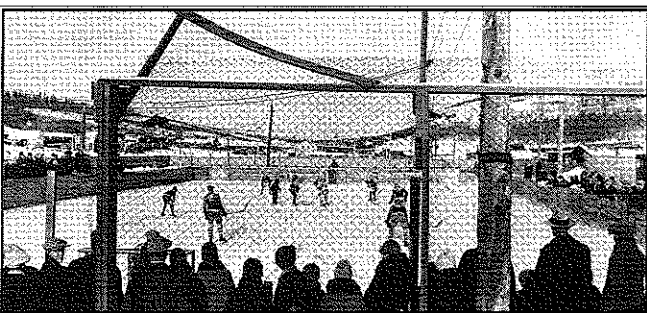
The joy was shortlived however, when the Juniors realized they had to play the powerful Sudbury Cub Wolves in the next round. Again, the two games, goals to count series started in Powassan as Temiscaming's natural ice was finished for the season. Sudbury claimed a 6-0 victory despite a great effort from the outclassed Temiscaming squad. A crowd of 1 300 spectators broke the previous attendance record, mainly due to the two special trains, one from Temiscaming and one from North Bay, which carried fans to the Powassan rink. Game two in Copper Cliff's Stanley Stadium saw the Wolves pound our Juniors 14-1. George "Pluggy" Behan counted the lone marker for coach Clarence Stargatt's squad.



1923-24 Temiscaming Shamrocks hockey teams.
Emmet Spooner, Joe Burke, Charlie Morel, Beulah Byrne (Mascot), Unknown, Unknown, George Noffke.
Hugh Byrne (Coach), Leo Kelly, Roy Ludgate, Tony Merrifield, Nelson Myles, Unknown and A.C. Thompson (Manager).



Early 1930's, Cafeteria Hockey Team, town league champions.
Joe Ryan, Others Unknown.
Ernie Ryan, Leo Kelly, Blair Moore, Unknown, Unknown, Harold Moore.



Early 1930's, Town League Hockey action on Kipawa Road open air rink.

The spring of 1936 also saw mayors A.K.Grimmer of Temiscaming and W.G. Bullbrook of North Bay donate a new hockey trophy for annual senior com-

petition between the two neighbours. The Town League all stars defeated North Bay's Hayman Garage squad 10-6 in the two game total series to become the first winners of the Grimmer-Bullbrook trophy. Outstanding for Temiscaming were Bo McGrath, Jerry Cummings, Mun Chaput, Harold Costello, Mansey Brown, Ham Comba, Marcel Clement, Henry Bale, and goalie Jack Washburn. By the spring of 1941, Temiscaming had won the trophy three times, equalling North Bay's record. No further Grimmer-Bullbrook competition took place until 1948.

In 1938, Temiscaming's NOHA Intermediate entry lost the first game 13-4, then conceded the series to North Bay. A ladies game between Gold Diggers



1935-36, Temiscaming Junior Hockey Team. Joe Ryan, Edwin Brown, Benny Tremblay, Joffre Freve, Bert Finch, Louis Lacourse, Joe Ladouceur, Ernie Freve, Rene Doucette, Clarence "Bill" Stargatt (Coach). Irish Forbes, Jerry Forbes, Jerry Cummings, Ray Johnston, George "Speed" Thompson and Doug "Jesse" James.



CIRCA 1938, Ladies Hockey Team.

Irene Turner, Corinne Lynn, Jeanne Lepine, Susan Behan, Unknown. Lucille Sauve, Doris Armitage, Helen "Babe" Miller, Maude Sheffler, Rita Sauve, Unknown and Jackie Thomas.



Late 1930's, Minor Hockey Team. Back L: Marty Ringrose, Back R: Frank Lefebvre.



1938-39, Canadiens Minor Hockey Team. Paul Sauve, Charlie Vaillancourt. Philippe I. Colette, Tony Johnson, Joe Cousineau, Roger Berube (Goal). George Lavergne, A. "Shorty" Myre, Doris Presseault, Rolly Violette, Del Viens, Alfred Sauve, E. Clement, Roland Charland.

and Darlings resulted in a 4-0 shutout for Johnson in the Gold Diggers goal. Scorers were Murray, Fletcher, C. Richards and A. Richards.

Rumors circulated that Temiscaming planned a 600 seat, 15 000\$ arena in 1939, but the outbreak of World War Two squashed the speculation. It wasn't until December of 1947 when nearly 900 fans jammed the new unheated, natural ice Temiscaming

Arena to see the first hockey game. North Bay Black Hawks senior team of the NBDA defeated Temiscaming 13-5. The "Molson" line of Leo Marcellus, Ron Halpin, and Brian Mulvihill were best for Temiscaming. Reg Watling and Jim Rathwell handled the officiating.

With the new arena, hockey interest exploded in Temiscaming. Competition was renewed for the Grimmer-Bullbrook Trophy, the Papermakers team was entered in the North Bay and District Hockey Association, minor leagues flourished, a hockey booster club was formed, and the Mill League operated.

In the fall of 1949, Jack Dyte was hired as the town's first full time recreation director. Dyte was a former NHL performer with the Chicago Blackhawks, and he became playing coach of the intermediate team. One of his first decisions was to change the team name from Papermakers to Royals. The Royals hockey team began a new and proud era in Temiscaming's hockey history. The Royals operated for fifteen years from 1949-50 to 1963-64 and brought home five NOHA intermediate championships, in 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, and 1962. As well, many team and individual honours were won in the North Bay and District, and Northwestern Quebec leagues. Early Royals teams featured such stars as Leo O'Rourke, Alex Shillinglaw, Ab Presseault, Lou Lavallee, George Mayer, Ab Kahl, Bud and Orv Kelly. Booster Club leaders were Bob Dye, Don Day, Speed Robinson,



1939-40, Temiscaming Juvenile Hockey Champions. Florian Presseault (Coach), Armand "Shorty" Myre (Mascot), Eddie Noffke (Manager). Ab. Presseault, Raoul Presseault, Roger Chenier, Maurice Page, Paul Emile Chenier, Harvey Presseault. Unknown, Olaf Gustafson, Delphis Chenier, Unknown, Leo Dupont, Bernard Frankham, Roger Lefebvre, Unknown.

Tom Lefebvre, George Nadon, Ernie Berube, and Dr. Gilbert Theberge.

In February of 1960, the roof of the Temiscaming Arena collapsed, flattening the entire seating area, three days after the Royals had played before a full house. Despite having to play the rest of the regular schedule and entire playoffs without a home rink, the Royals won the NOHA championship.

In the 1962-63 season, the Royals held their own in the NOHA Sr. "A" Northwestern Quebec league. Managing the finances, travel arrangements, schedules, fund raising and other duties during the late 1950's and early 1960's were volunteers such as Lou Bruce, Eddie Benard, Joe Ryan, Harry Sparling, Mac Kelly, Percy and Mansel Brazeau, Bob Weller, Wyman Jacques and George Page.

Long time members of the team included Billy Larochelle, Laurent and Joe Lemieux, Des Kelly, Bryan Jones, Ken Collins, Ward Schade, Dave Smith, Del Viens, Del Brown, Bob Reid, Keith Jones, and Stu Hogan. Many players from North Bay bolstered the Royals' lineups and contributed greatly to their success. Jack Leckie, Fred Valenti, Tom Callahan, Gary Lecour, Vic Jackson, Danny Wilkes, Jim Rankin, Tom Poeta, Billy White and Gary Edwards all wore the Royals' uniform proudly.

Final statistics for the 1961-62 North Bay and District hockey league regular schedule show Stu

Hogan as scoring champion with 22 goals and 36 assists, followed by three other Royals in positions two, three and four. Ward Schade won the goalie award, Gary Lecour was top defenceman, and Billy Larochelle was the league's most valuable player. As well, the Royals were NOHA Intermediate "A" champions, and first place finishers and champions of the North Bay and District League.

In January 1965, the Royals ceased operations. Players and executives found that age and other interests did not allow enough time to operate the team at the level to which they were accustomed. The Royals had brought success and honour to Temiscaming and an era had come to an end.

The 1960-61 Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey Champions were the St. Thomas University Tommies. The team included Temiscaming products goalie Keith Raymond, captain Bryan Jones, and Ed Hospodar.

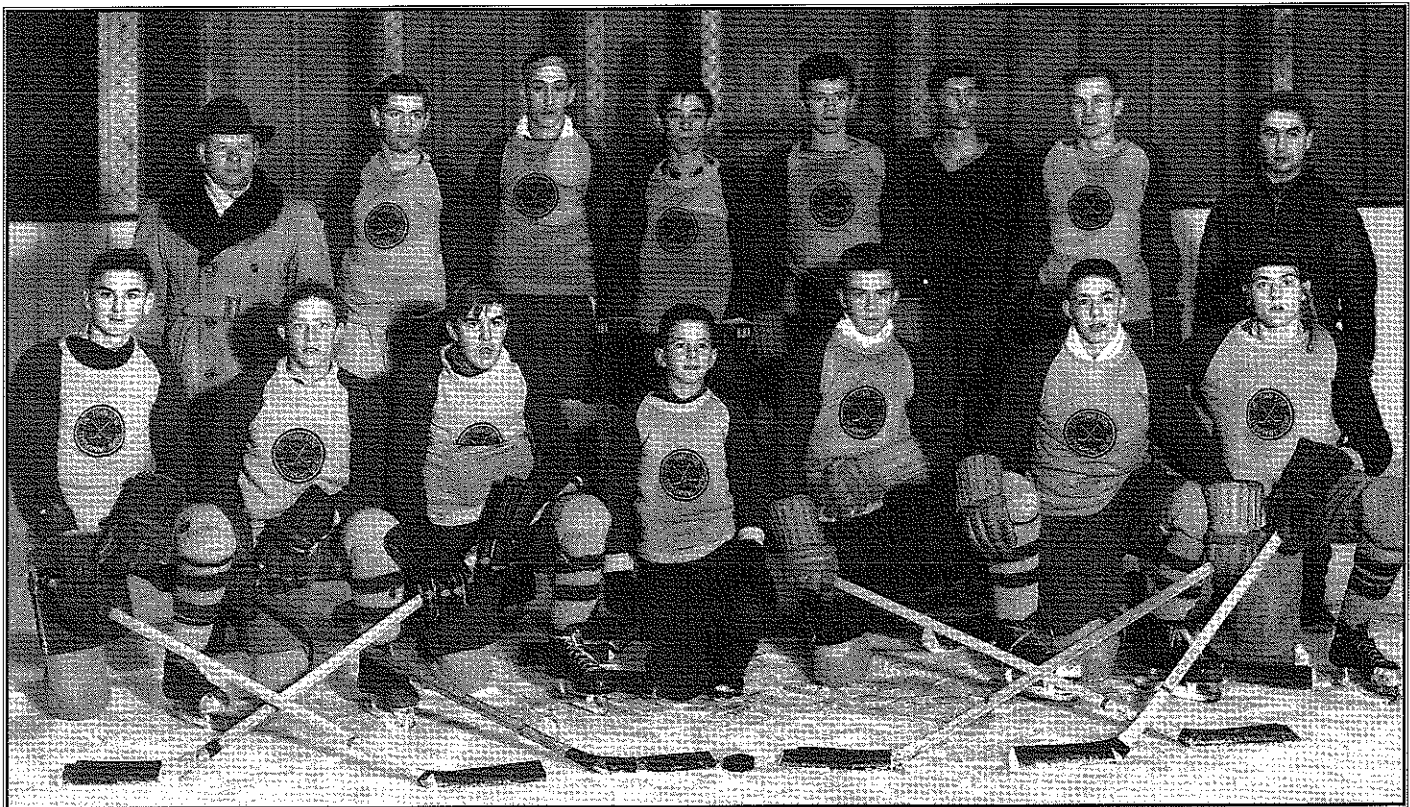
The Minor system continued to produce top prospects such as Ben Mainville, Richard Lemieux, Jack Rathwell and Andre Savard.

The midget Royals teams of the late 1960's early 1970's featured Marc Goulet, Marcel Labrosse, Luc Gelineau, Allan McCue, Nick Frenette, Denis Gingras, Rory McKay and Luc Gauthier.

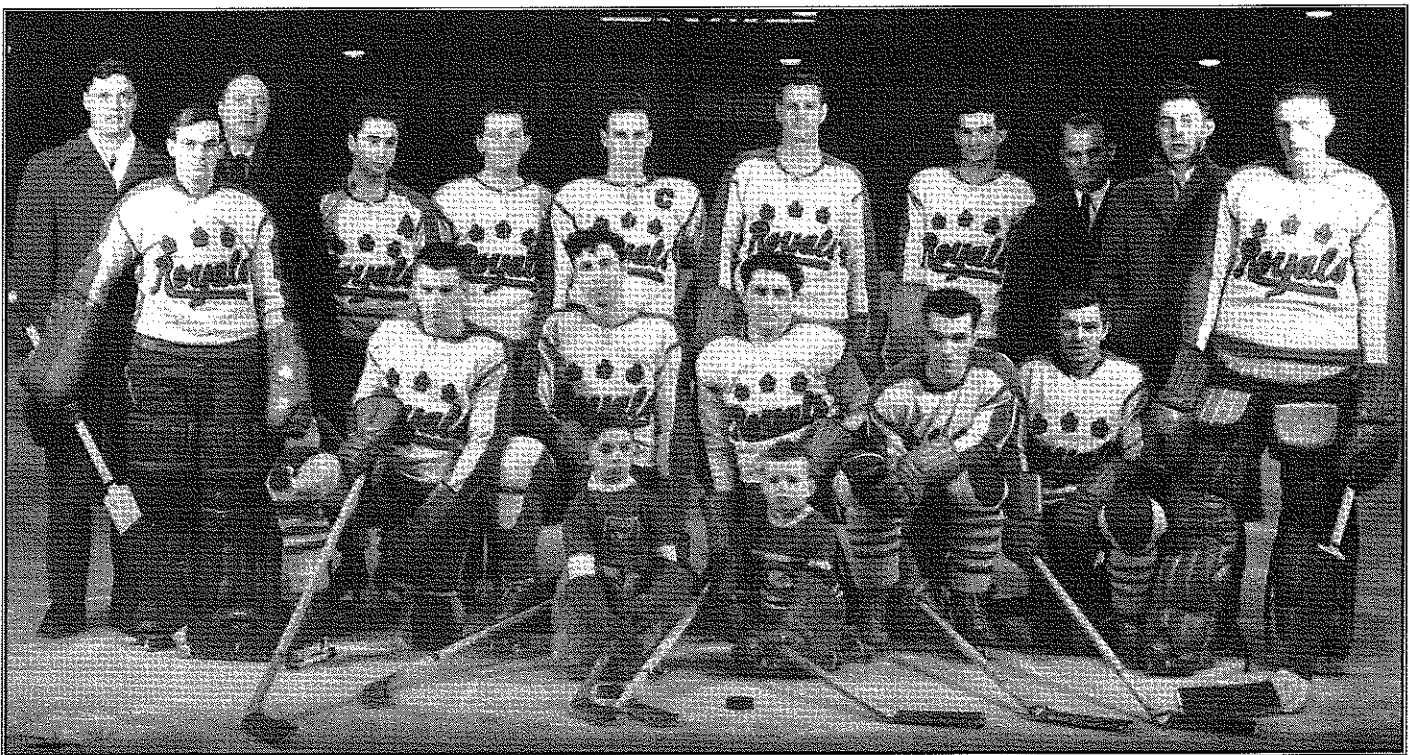
Richard Lemieux twice won the Memorial Cup, emblematic of the Canadian Junior Hockey



1946-47 Canadian Corps Hockey Team, Town League Champions. J. Freve, Roger Presseault, Marcel Violette, J. Hogan, A. Berube, A. Cousineau, Roger Chenier. W. Bailey (Man.), E. Berube (Coach), A. Presseault, Syd Ringrose, R. Berube (Goal), Vic Landriault, Doris Presseault, Del Chenier, C. Grant (Pres.).



1948-49, Town Juvenile Hockey Team, Town Champions. Rudy Grette, Rene Colette, Maurice "Mun" Parisien, Reynald "Bucko" Vaillancourt, Johnny Gustafson, Donald Labelle, Dave Smith. E. Vaillancourt (Sponsor/Manager), Marcel Cecire, John St. George, Edwin Woodbury, Des Kelly, Arnold Johansen, Ross Sparling and Stan Moore (Coach).



1949-50, the first Royals Hockey Team. Ronnie Ryan, Johnny Dyte (Mascots). Morley Maxwell, Johnny Gustafson, Ab Kahl, George Mayer, Doris Presseault, A. "Shorty" Myre, Gaetan Presseault. J.R. O'Grady, Harold Smith, Stan Moore, Alex Shillinglaw, Leo O'Rourke, Jack Dyte, Ab Presseault, Joe Ryan and Larry Vaillancourt.

Championship with the Montreal Junior Canadiens, then spent a five year NHL career with Vancouver, Kansas City, and Atlanta. He wound up his professional career with Calgary Cowboys of the WHA in 1976-77.

Jack "Jake" Rathwell played Junior "A" hockey with Verdun, Sherbrooke, Kitchener, Espanola, and North Bay before turning professional. He won the Western Hockey League rookie of the year honours with Salt



1958-59, Royals Hockey Club Executive. A. "Eddie" Benard, Lou Bruce, George Page, Percy Brazeau, Harry Sparling, Ab Page, Wyman Jacques.

Courtesy North Bay Nugget.



1958-59, Temiscaming Royals, N.O.H.A. Intermediate "A" Champions.

Ward Schade, Dan Szabo, Rudy Grette, Real Goulet, Laurent Lemieux, Keith Raymond. Joe Ryan (Manager/Coach), Ken Collins, Des Kelly, A. "Joe" Lemieux, Bob Joly, Alan Bale, Bill Brunton, Fred Turner. Gaby Langlois (Trainer), Dave Smith, Keith Jones, Del Viens, Ab Page (Equipment Manager).

Courtesy North Bay Nugget.

Lake City, then was a member of the 1972-73 Cincinnati Swords, American Hockey League champions and Calder Cup winners. He played one game for the NHL Boston Bruins where his team mate was Andre Savard, and one of his opponents was Richard Lemieux of Kansas City Scouts.

Andre Savard starred in Temiscaming minor leagues before joining the Amos juveniles, then the Junior "A" Quebec Remparts. He was Boston Bruins' first draft choice in 1973, and spent 12 years in the NHL with Boston, Buffalo, and Quebec. In 1987-88 he

was named head coach of the Nordiques where he lasted 24 games.

Gaston Gingras learned his hockey in Temiscaming's minor system and spent a year with North Bay Trappers in the provincial Major Junior "A" league. He turned professional in 1978-79 with the WHA Birmingham Bulls, as an under age player. When the W.H.A. merged with the NHL, he joined the Montreal Canadiens but was traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1982-83. He returned to the Cup. He finished his 10 year NHL career with the St. Louis Blues.



1954-55, Temiscaming Minor Bantam Team, Goderich Tournament Champions.

Unknown.

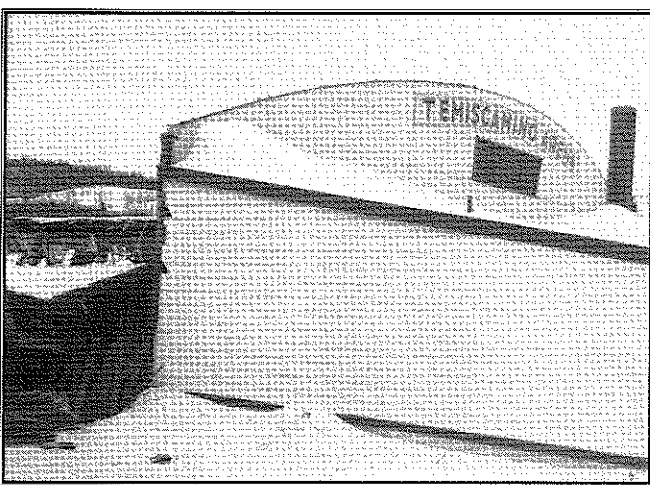
Claude St. Jules, Brian Collins, John Hospodar, Jim McLaughlin, Bob Thompson, Rene Mantha, Ron Ryan, Carmen Robinson.

D. Pigeon, Steve Lariviere, Floyd Cowper, Don Rose, Pierre-Paul Nault, Tom Marcotte.

Ken Marcotte, Stan Moore, Verl Robinson, Jim Rathwell, Vic Mantha, Bill Rousseau and Unknown.



Mid 1950's, Temiscaming Arena and Curling Club.



February 1960 Temiscaming arena after roof collapsed.



1960-61, Canadiens.

Pat St. Jules, Noel Savard, Larry Coyle, Gary Viens, Rory McKay, Ben Mainville.

Unknown, Richard Lemieux, Alan Bale, Malcom Richard, Dave Viens. Richard Labelle (Coach).

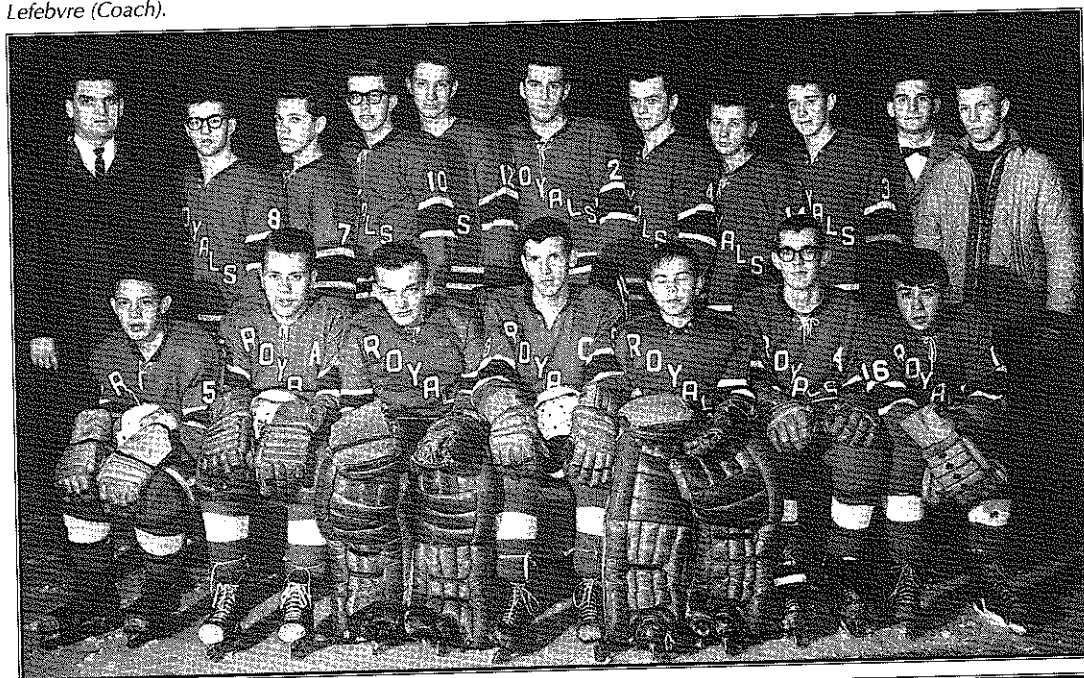
Casey Jones starred in golf, tennis and softball as well as hockey before he went to Cornell University, via North Bay midgets on a hockey scholarship. After four years at Cornell, Casey was drafted eleventh by the Boston Bruins in the 1987 draft. He became assistant coach at Cornell University, then Clarkson College, and in August 1995 accepted the position of assistant hockey coach at Ohio State University.



1960-61, Bruins. Pharand, Unknown, Tom Vaillancourt, Larry Coyle, Del Viens. Unknown, Unknown, Andre Savard, Others Unknown. R. Lefebvre (Coach).



1969-70, Pee Wee Champions. Back Left: Leo Roy (Coach). Back right: Blaise Raymond (Manager).



1962-63, Royals Juveniles. Raymond Mainville, Harry Frankham, Michael Mikita, Gilbert Ladouceur, Normand Blondin, Edward Bale, Donald Raymond. Bryan Jones, coach, Robert Lemieux, Dieudonné Nault, Maurice Morin, Laurier Mainville, Guy Desjardins, Gérard Chénier, Gérard Brunette, Paul Desjardins, Gérald Desjardins et Marcel Goulet.



1962-63, Town League Champions. Gerard Boissonneault, Dieudonne Nault, Gilbert Ladouceur, Don Condie, Marcel Sauve, Jack Gagnon, Denis Lajeunesse. Claude St. Jules, Guy Raymond, Robert Chenier, Gerard Chenier, Wayne Presseault, Bob Joly, Bo Lamarche and Don Rose.



1970-71, Canucks Bantams Champions.
Karl Kovalskie, Ernie Davidson, Luc Cécire, Dan Guindon, Guy Labrosse, Gilles Condie, Greg McKay, Robert Cousineau, Michel Dumas, Guy Laroque, Lorne Kovalskie, Robert Condie, Real Goulet (Coach).
Blaise Raymond (Manager), Clifford Ryan, Bernard Raymond and Brian Presseault.



Early 1970's, Canucks Bantams.
Danny Violette, Gilles Millette, Luc Rossignol, Michel Dumas, Ron Ladouceur, Michael Perreault, Roy Paul.
Gérald Chaput, David Gagné, Ricky Grette, Jacques Cécire, Greg McKay, Ken Hunter, Pierre Poitras, Delmer Laderoute, Richard Dumas.
Vaughn Kennedy, Lorne Packwood (Coach), Michel Chénier, Hubert Lefebvre.



Early 1970's, Canucks Bantams.
Larry Presseault, Unknown, Ron Ladouceur, Daniel Dumas, Jimmy Bélanger, Timmy Gagné, Ian Crawford, Michael Perreault.
André Paulin, Laurette Gagné, Michel Barbe, Gérald Chaput, Michael Lafrance, Delmer Laderoute, Glen Harrison, David Gagné, Guy Goulet, Robert Morin, Marc Pelletier and Maurice Morin.

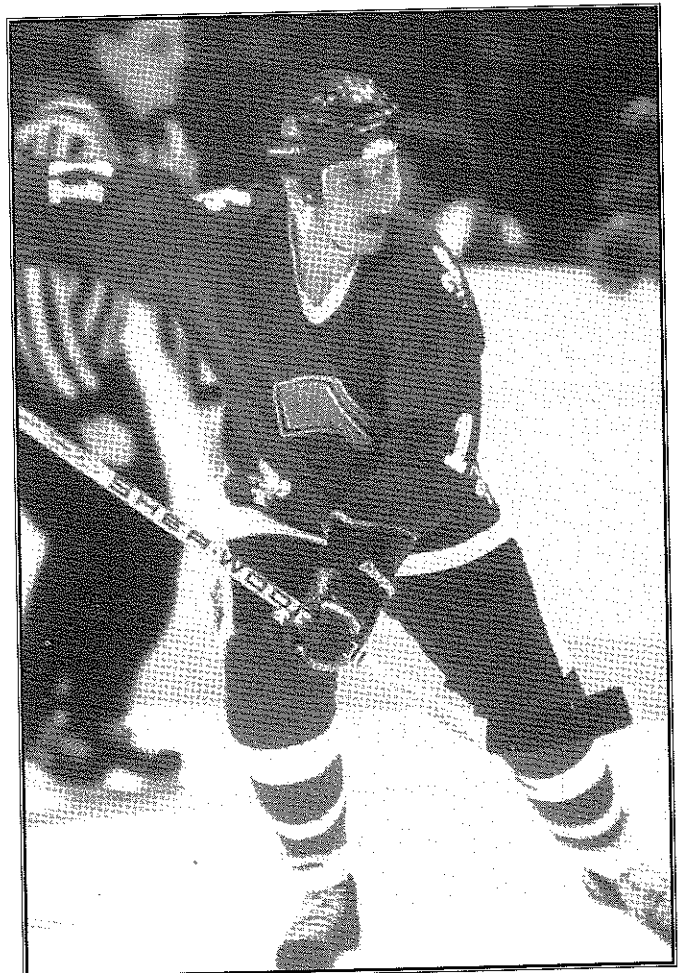


1977-78, Temiscaming Flyers at New Liskeard.
Unknown, Jean-Marc Raymond, Rhéal Viau, John Joly, Grant Brennan, Michael Perreault, Donald Larivière, Del Viens.
Marc Gauvreau, Eddy Cunningham, Unknown, Patrick Ducharme, Delmer Laderoute, Michel Lamarche, Glen Robinson, Richard Brunette, Leonard Robinson.
Gary Fletcher.



Richard Lemieux

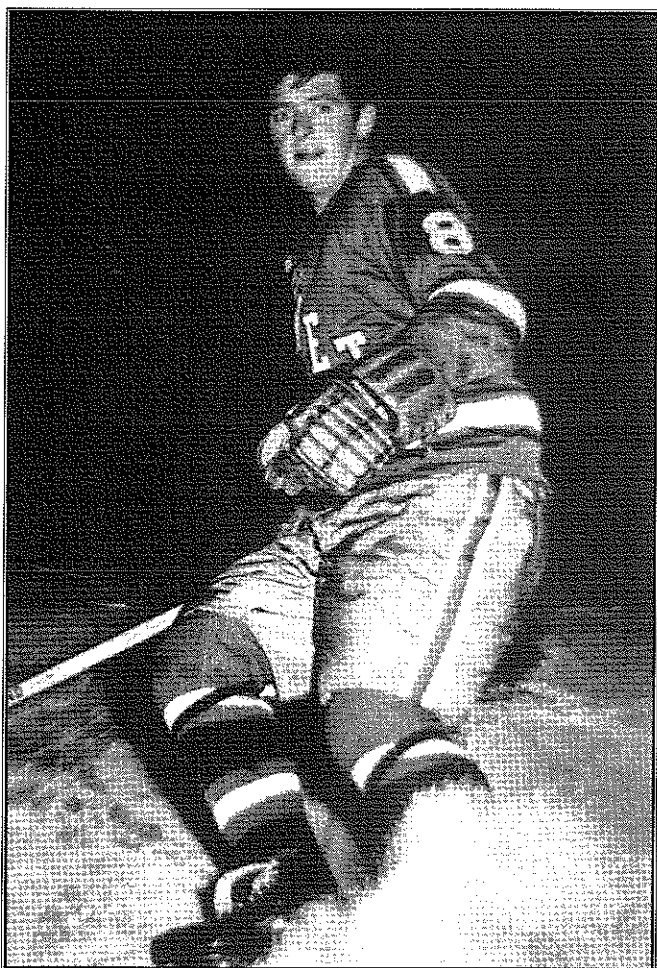
Luc Gelineau learned his early hockey in Temiscaming's minor system and in 1970-71 played for the powerful midget Royals team. That year the team finished first in the North Bay District league, won the league championship, and became grand champions of the prestigious Amos tournament. He was drafted by Sherbrooke of the Quebec Major Jr. "A" league but played in Amos, then Waterloo at the tier II Junior "A" level. He attended the University of Moncton where he played hockey with other Temiscaming products Denis Gingras, Marc Goulet,



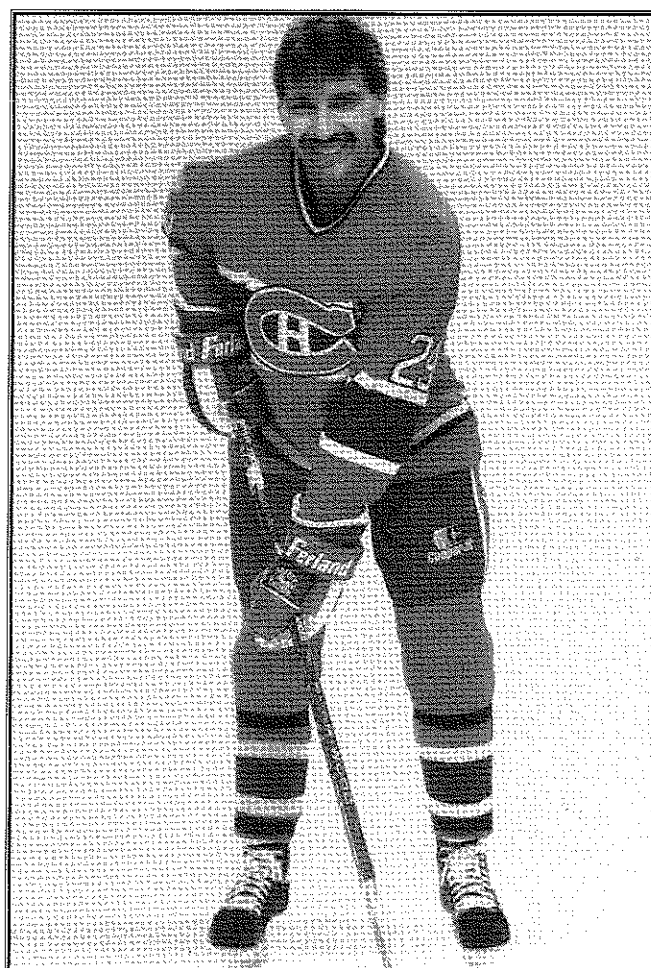
André Savard

Alan Robinson and team statistician Gil Laderoute. He taught physical education in the Outaouais area and during that time obtained masters degrees in physical education and business administration. After time spent on various projects for the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, as a consultant for Sport Canada, and duties with Sport Quebec, Luc was appointed Director of Sports Services by the University of Ottawa in August 1995.

Hockey continues to be a major winter activity in Temiscaming.



Jack "Jake" Rathwell

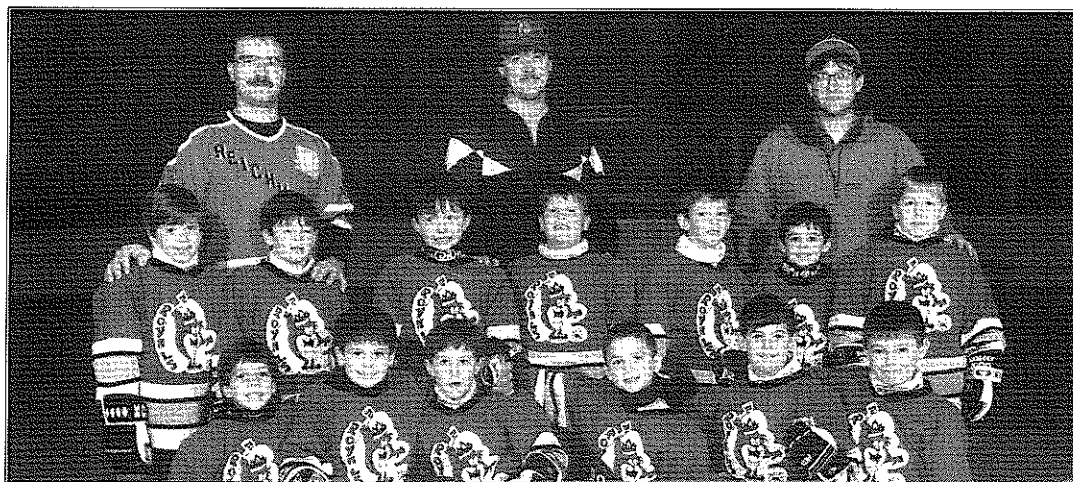


Gaston Gingras



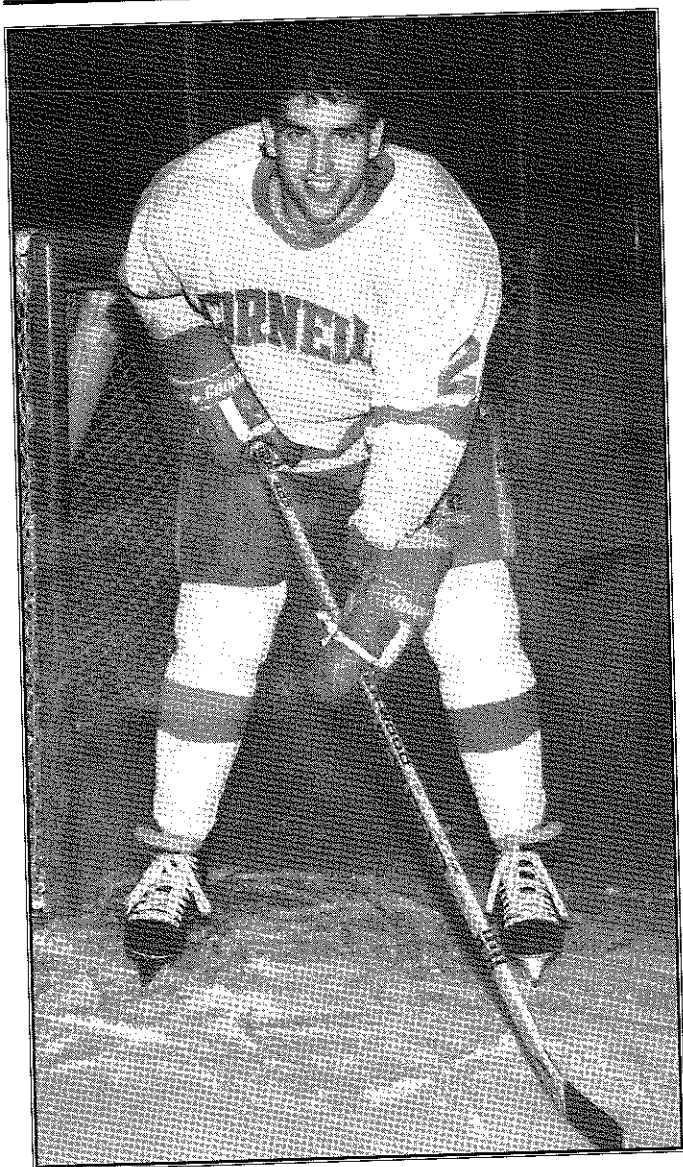
1991, Royals Bantams at La Sarre.
Scott Brunette, Cory Presseault,
Alain Lecompte, Martin
Raymond, Travis Gagnon, Eric
Vaillancourt, Martin Poitras,
Shawn Benoit.

Roger Seguin, Hugo Jollette,
Michel Lamarche, Corrie
Presseault, Roch Major, Louis
Lecompte, Marty McCue, Adam
McGowan, Eric Gauthier, Jamie
Robinson and Donald Raymond.



1992-93, Royals.

David Monteroso, Justin Roy, Eric
Lad route, Andr  Foucault, Kyle
Lamarche, Kevin Plouffe.
Colin Poulin, Derek Davidson,
Alain Gaudet, Kevin Janveaux,
Jordon Presseault, Corey Raymond.
Richard Roy, Serge Gaudet, Larry
McCann.



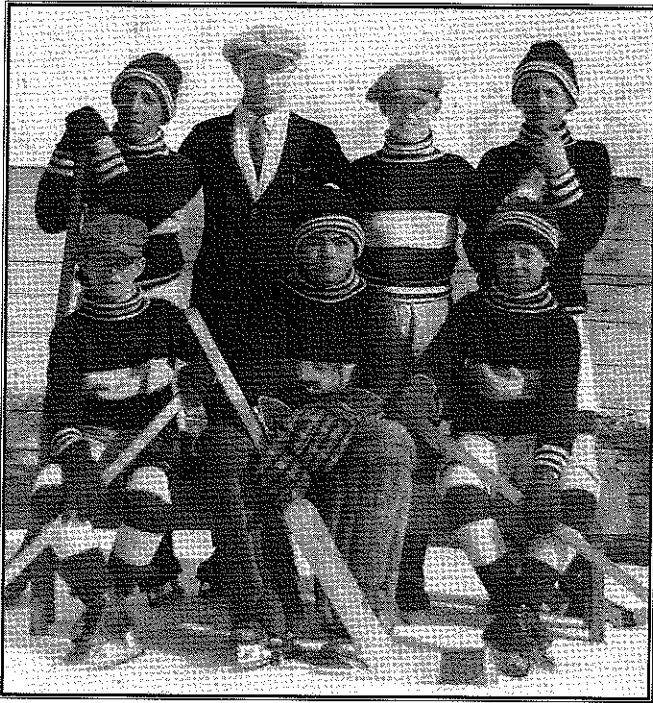
Casey Jones



Luc Gélneau



1924 Town Champions.
Unknown, Tom Clement, M.
Ringrose, Pug Joly, W. Irwin, M.
Kelly.
F. Atwood, Unknown, Rev. Letang,
Bo McGrath.



1921-22, Front row: far right, Bill Brazeau. Back row: far right, H. Forsberg.



CIRCA 1940, Balmoral Team.



CIRCA 1925, Ladies Hockey Action.



BASEBALL

By Ken Collins

Baseball in Temiscaming probably began the day that construction crews arrived here to build the mill and lay out the town. One of the first locations, where baseball was played, was on a flat area of the log yard at the north end of the present athletic field. Early in the 1920's a town league was established and games were played on a large flat area on Kipawa Road where the present post office and Town Hall are located. The 1925 town league champions were appropriately named the Black Flies, and were coached by Reverend E. A. Letang. Other teams in the 1920's included the Happy Boys, Operation, Construction and Town. Out of town games were rare because it was an overnight trip by rail to Mattawa, or a five hour boat ride each way to Ville-Marie or Cobalt.

An all star team from the town league entered provincial competition in 1930 and promptly beat

Kirkland Lake to win the Northern Ontario baseball championship. In the Eastern Ontario finals in Ottawa against the Ottawa Davidsons, the locals were edged 2-1 in games. Temiscaming apparently had some imported players with minor professional experience who were recognized in Ottawa. To avoid a protest and possible suspensions, Brousseau, Temiscaming's shortstop, was rumoured to have deliberately thrown a wild peg to first base in the last inning, allowing Ottawa to score the winning run. Nap Benard, Ted Baker, Jim Rathwell and George Noffke starred in this series.

In 1932, Temiscaming lost out in a three way battle with Ottawa Davidsons and Schumacher, for the Eastern Ontario title.

The town league continued to flourish in the 1930's. Bill and Ralph Ibey, along with Joe Ryan, George

Noffke, Jim Rathwell, Gerry Drury, "Ham" Comba, and Doc Taylor were the hurling stars. Prominent batters of the 1930's were Eddie St. Jules, Jim Rathwell, Bo McGrath, Mun Chaput, Reg Watling, Gord Drury, Ernie Souliere, Clayton Kelly, Jack Washburn, and Bill and Henry Bale.

Gunners won the Town league championship in 1936 led by Roy Beattie on the mound. Gunner Laframboise, Bert Finch, Bud Smith and Gord McGonigal all played prominent roles. By the summer of 1936 the highway to North Bay was passable, though still under construction, and several exhibition baseball games were played against North Bay.

The summer of 1937 saw the Temiscaming Crescents enter the North Bay and District baseball league and finish in first place. In the playoffs, Crescents eliminated the North Bay Pirates in three straight games to win the District title, then lost to Sudbury in the next round of the Northern Ontario intermediate playoffs. Ted Clement, Harold Costello, George Noffke, Jim Rathwell, Reg Watling, Mun Chaput, Larry Doyle, Eddie St. Jules, Jerry Cummings, Jack Washburn, Nap Benard and Ralph Ibey were members of the championship team.

A serious automobile accident ended the 1939 season for the Crescents in the North Bay and District league. Gunner Laframboise was driving a car, headed for home from South River, in which Jack Washburn, Jim Rathwell, Alex Day, Joe Day, and umpire Clayton Kelly were passengers. All suffered various disabling injuries and the Crescents suspended play for the rest of the season.

Verl Robinson and Tom Clouthier were prominent pitchers at the beginning of World War II. Joe Ryan

was an efficient field manager of the Crescents. In 1941, a new entry from Nobel was accepted into the North Bay District league. Nobel eventually became champions in their first year in the league.

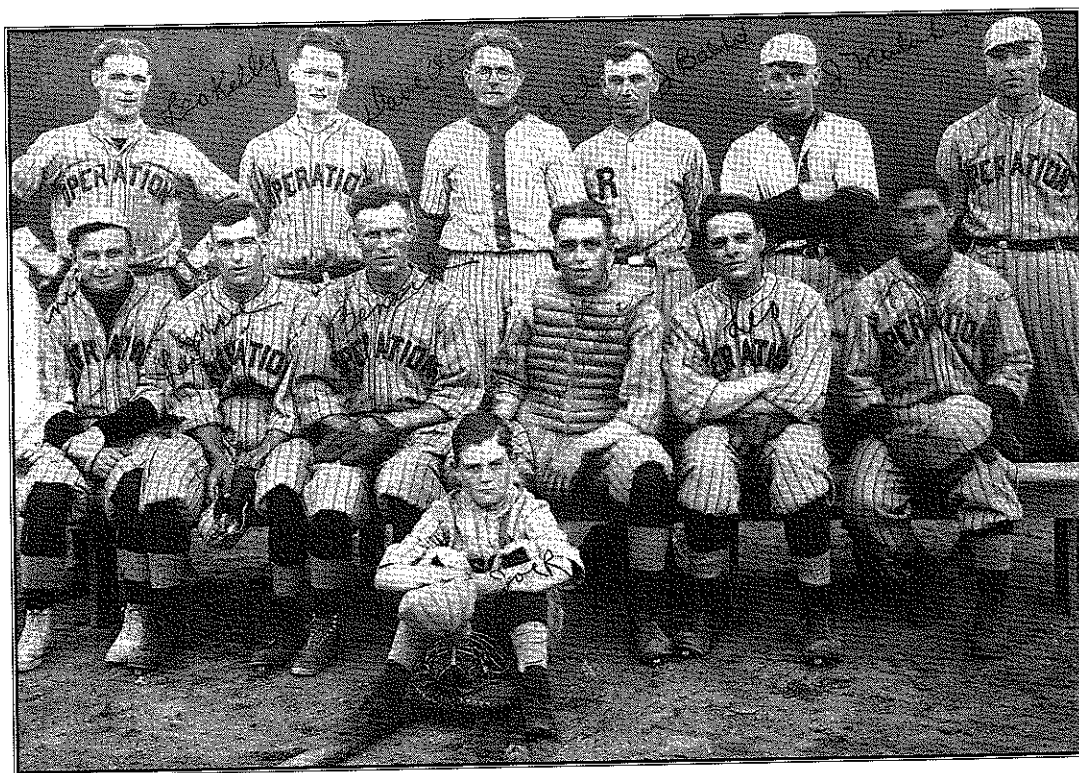
From 1942 to 1945, lack of top quality players and the gasoline rationing caused by the war, forced local players to play exhibition and charity games. Very young players, and older veterans often played in challenge games, with proceeds going to buy cigarettes or other needy items for the servicemen.

New faces with the Crescents in the 1946 North Bay District League were Gaston Rheault, Barry Behan, Mickey Ryan, Del Viens, Ken McNally and Stan Thompson. The Town league had Juniors, Royals, and Papermakers competing.

Crescents changed their name to CIPS for the 1947 season and then to Papermakers in 1948, but did not win a championship in these years. Orv and "Bud" Kelly, Shorty Myre and Del Viens attended a tryout camp in North Bay for the St. Louis Cardinals of the National Baseball League.

Prominent juvenile players at this time were Marcel Viens, Laurent Lemieux, Des Kelly, Cusson, Remi Page and Gilles Heroux. Other individuals involved in minor baseball in the early 1950's included coaches Kel Mechefske, Ab Kahl, and Ward Shade, and players Bob Moffat, Johnny Joly, Violette, Don Rose, Bob Smith, Bob Weller, Ron McGonigal and Reg Lamothe.

The 1953 season saw Temiscaming's senior team, now called the Royals, capture first place and the playoff championship of the five team West Nipissing Baseball League. Other teams included Markstay,

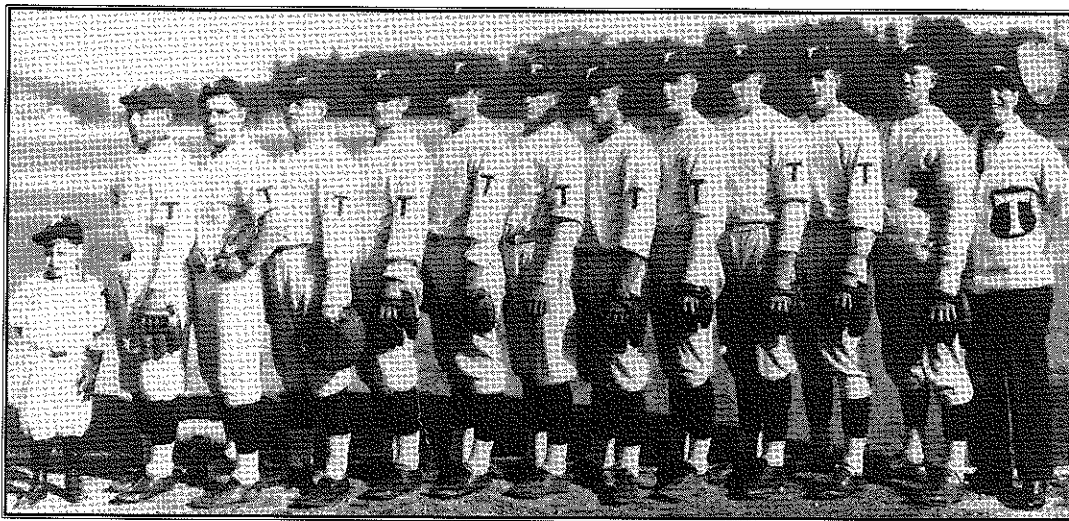


Mid 1920's Operation Baseball Team.

Joe Ryan (Batboy)
Unknown, Lauria Lemieux, Nap Benard, C. Carriere, Leo Landriault, N. Bigras.
Leo Kelly, Dave O'C., Oneil, J. Babbot, Jack Mulvihill and Harry Morgan.



Late 1920's, Black Flies Baseball Team.
P. Boucher, Pug Joly, M. Ringrose, Tom Clement, Bo McGrath, Unknown, Unknown.
Joe Bourque, Unknown, Harold Costello, Unknown and Mac Kelly.



1930, Temiscaming all stars.

Wahnapitae, Sturgeon Falls and St. Charles. Del Viens was the star of this team. Not only was he a dangerous hitter, he was an outstanding pitcher. With his brother Marcel or Joe Lemieux as catchers, Del struck out twenty-two Markstay batters in a ten inning game, and had other games of eighteen and eleven strikeouts. Jim Rathwell was manager and other members of the team were Des, Orv. and Bud Kelly, Don Labelle, Bryan Jones, Laurent Lemieux, Wyman Jacques and Ken Collins.

Minor baseball teams had plenty of promising players. Fred Turner, Peter Moffat, Pat and Gord McKay, "Buddy" and Keith Raymond, Dan Szabo, Ron Ryan and Paul Moffat were leading lights of the Dodgers, Indians and Yanks.

Emmett Mulholland, Temiscaming's recreation director, was fatally injured in an automobile accident in May 1954. He was returning from Montreal with a load of minor league baseball supplies when his car went out of control near Petawawa.

In July 1955, Marcel Rossignol of the North Bay and District Pony league pitched a no hit, no run 12-0 victory over Powassan.

Temiscaming had two teams in the Interprovincial Baseball League in 1958. The Junior Barons joined the Royals to compete against Powassan and South River. Del Viens, ace hurler of the Royals, broke an ankle in a game at Powassan.

The new athletic field, now called Irwin Park, was



Late 1930's, Gunners Team.
Bud Smith, Jim Rathwell,
Unknown, Bo McGrath,
McConigal.
T. Clement, Len Fleming,
Unknown, N. Benard, G. Noffke,
J. Hogan, Unknown.



Late 1930's, Crescents Team. Fritz Lund, Jack Washburn, T. Clement, G. Noffke, E. St. Jules. Unknown, Mun Chaput, N. Benard, Harold Costello. R. Ivey, G. Laframboise, Joe Ryan, J. Rathwell, R. Beattie.

officially opened by Mayor W. N. Irwin, on Labour Day 1959.

Senior baseball declined in interest in the mid 1960's as softball flourished, but minor baseball teams carried on. Prominent leaders of the minor program were Mansel Brazeau, Cliff McKay, Dave Smith, Henry Bale, Marcel Lemieux and Maurice Morin.

By 1964, the senior baseball Royals could not field a team, so they withdrew from the Northern Quebec Senior league.

Marcel Viens died from injuries suffered in a car accident in 1964. He was a prominent baseball and softball catcher and hitter, a fine swimmer, and a better than average boxer.

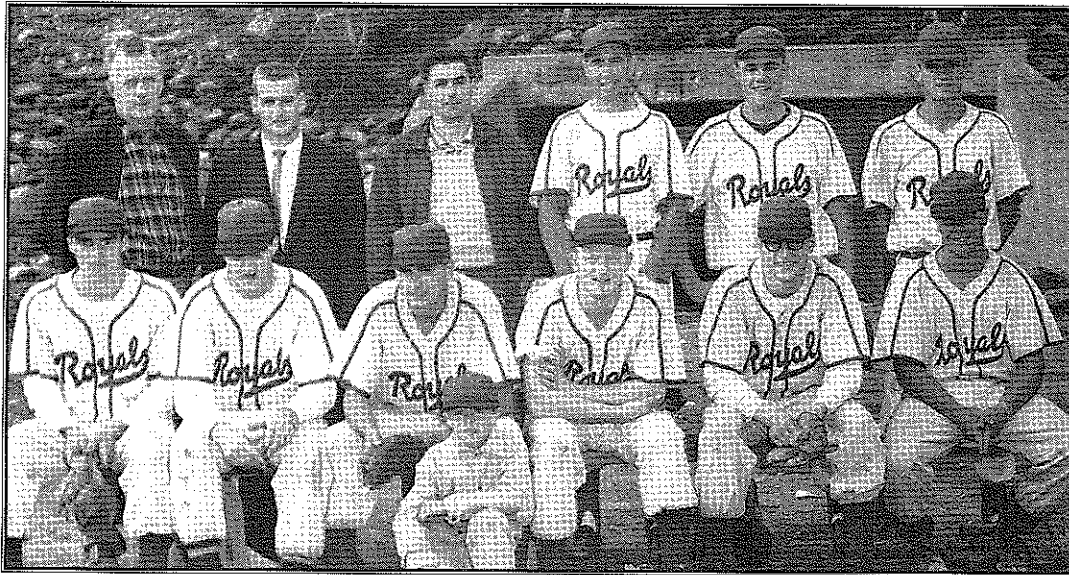
Little League baseball was going full tilt in the late 1960's as well as pee wee, bantam and Pony League clubs. Organizers included Jim Rathwell, Percy



Late 1930's, Gunners Team.
Jack Washburn, Alfred Cousineau,
A. "Shorty" Myre, T. Cloutier,
Louis Lacourse, E. St. Jules, Joe
Cousineau, G. Noffke.
Unknown, Jerry Drury, Reg
Watling, Armand Cousineau, Jim
Rathwell, Gunner Laframboise,
Joe Ryan.

Brazeau, D. Warwick, Ewart Blackmore, Don Condie, Syd McCann, Gord Turner, Gilles Gingras and P. Dunn.

By the early 1970's, softball became the overwhelming choice of ball players of all ages and baseball faded from the sporting scene of Temiscaming.



Late 1950's Royals Baseball Team. Ken Collins, Leo "Bud" Kelly, Wyman Jacques, R. Brazeau (Kneeling), Ron McGonigal, Keith Jones, Marcel Viens. Jim Rathwell, Andre "Joe" Lemieux, Del Viens, Mansel Brazeau, Dave Smith and Bryan Jones.



SOFTBALL

by Ken Collins

Softball was played on an irregular basis in the 1920's. Local teams competed and the highlight of the season was usually a home and home series with Mattawa. Much interest was shown by the ladies and boys teams.

By the 1930's, a men's league appeared with the LAB team finishing first in the six team league of 1933. Jack and Adam Cooper, Weldon Kavanagh, Wilfred Wright, and Gord Drury were prominent in the men's league. A ladies' league also operated during the 1930's. E. Frankham, E. B. Kelly, Vera



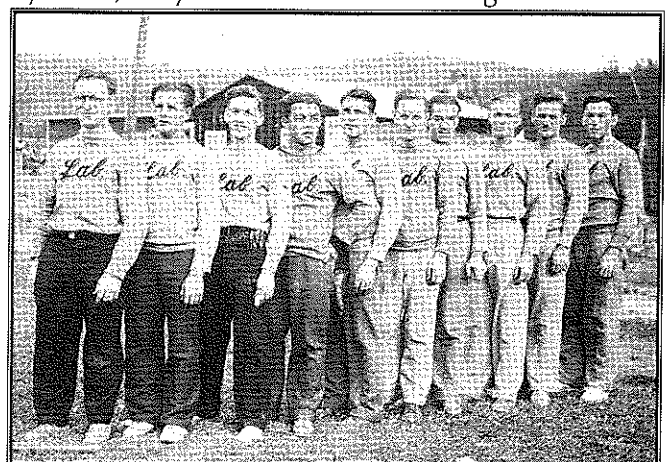
Mid 1930's, St. Theresa's Softball Team. Leo Landriault, L. Baril, Unknown, Harold Costello, Don Ryan. Rev. Father McKennirey, Mansy Brown, Cecil Duquette, Earl Daley and Rev. Father Letang.

Lund, M. Pickering, Marg Sparling, Jesse Gillies and Claire Ryan all were keen players.

By 1936 a five team men's league saw Beavers take the league title. Howard Rose led the Black Cats and was helped by Ken Thrasher, Ham Comba, and Tom Dunlop.

Herb Eastwood's Val's team captured the 1937 title, highlighted by Verl Robinson's stellar pitching.

League play continued through the late 1930's but by 1943, only a three team men's league remained.



1930's, Lab Softball Team. Unknown, Ted Clement, Unknown, Unknown, Ab Bale, Holger Forsberg, Ab Page, Unknown, Verl Robinson and Harold Costello.



Mid 1930's, Maroons Ladies Softball Team. Unknown, Leonide Heroux, Unknown, Hazel. Claire Ryan, Nivell Laframboise, Blondie Meloin, Unknown, Ruby Cowper and Erva Maxwell.

Many former baseball stars, now without competition, applied their skills to softball. Eddie St. Jules, Len Fleming, Gaston Rheault, Jim Rathwell and R. Chenier all switched to softball.

After the war, interest was rekindled and softball boomed again.

In the spring of 1950, led by recreation director Jack Dyte, the Temiscaming Royals team was accepted into the Gateway Fastball Association in North Bay. New faces included Hal Gibson, Kent Storey, Harvey Chappel, Jim Bullbrook and Bowser Cole. Although they finished in last place in the four team loop, the Royals gave a creditable showing in their first year.

In 1951, minor softball flourished with four minor leagues operating including a two team girls' league. The Royals were back in the Gateway Fastball League, with Bowser Cole as their top hurler. Ken Woodbury, Orv Kelly and George Abbott led the hitters, but the Royals missed the playoffs again.

Boys' and girls' leagues were very active in the 1950's, and a men's six team mill league operated. Richard Labelle, Bob Moffat, and Brazeau were having good seasons on the mound as Phil Kelly, Bryan Jones, Kel Michefske, Pat O'Malley, Dr. Scott, Gaetan Presseault, and Larry Plouffe, all had good years at the plate.

Phil Eaton, Ray Sauve, Bob Weller, Stu Hogan and Dave McKee were shining on the boys' minor teams. Sylvia Bale, Betty Blundin, Joan and Iris Perreault, Valery Manary, Valera Raymond and P. Lecour sparked for the girls. By 1958 the town league had five men's teams and five ladies teams as softball's popularity grew. Martina Almquist led her Downtown team 11-10 over High School in the ladies championship game in front of a large crowd. The High School edged the Town team to take the men's championship. Merrel Alyman coached the winners and had plenty of help from Keith Raymond.

Downtown ladies repeated as champions in 1959. The men's championship was won by Art Hunter's Town Molson team. Lorne Brewer and Keith Jones acted as convenors for both leagues. Although the new Athletic Field was used in the summer of 1959, it wasn't until September that it was officially opened. In 1960 Thorne captured the men's title over Town. Uptown ladies were champions over Lumsden.

Prominent behind the scenes in the late 1950's and early 1960's, as executives or umpires were Floyd Cowper, Butch McKay, Bud Kelly, Ken Mooney, Gord Turner, Norma Florey, Joyce St. Onge, Dave Smith, Bob Weller, and Rusty Rossignol.

Five team leagues in both the ladies' and men's sections continued throughout the 1960's. Art Hunter's "Molson" team, led by hurler Dan Reed captured the men's softball championship in 1962. Paul Ranger's "Adrien's Store" squad captured the ladies title over Richard Labelle's "Downtown" team. Dave Mitchell assembled a men's all star squad and entered tournaments in Manotick and Kemptville, where the team finished third and won \$25.00. Prominent players were Stu Hogan, Mike Banks, Bob "Moose" St. Jules, Keith Raymond, and Bill Hansen.

Interest declined in the late 1960's as only four men's teams and three ladies teams operated. Mansel Brazeau's Paul's Store captured the men's crown in 1964. Prominent female softballers at this time were Norma, Sandra, and Linda Florey, Hilda Ranger, Lucille Mainville, Anita St-Onge, Karen Almquist and Marguerite Chenier.

1965 saw general manager Ken Mooney and coach Mansel Brazeau enter the Paul's Store team in the Nipissing Mercantile league. Captain Stu. Hogan accepted the Carling Trophy emblematic of the championship. Jack Rathwell claimed the batting title. Otto Heinz, Marcel Rossignol, and Bob St. Jules also played prominent roles in the championship.

In 1966, Paul's Store repeated its Nipissing Mercantile league championship.

1967 saw a four team league which featured the pitching of Gerry Young, Rene Raymond, Bill Young, Gord Turner, Jerome Heroux, Richard Miness and Kent Almquist. Beaver Lumber appeared to have the strongest team with Chez Paul Motel close behind.

The four team, men's league continued into 1968 and in 1969, girls softball was organized under Norma Florey and Mrs. Laura Raymond.

Today, despite having the left field of the ball field shortened by the new bypass, softball continues to be a major sport in Temiscaming's recreational program.



SKI SAGA

by Gord McCulloch

When the Riordon People established a pulp mill at Temiscaming after the end of the Second World War, it attracted the seasoned pulp makers of the Scandinavian countries, especially those of Norway and Sweden. As a result the population of Temiscaming comprised a large Scandinavian colony.

They brought with them the skills of skiing and a deep interest in the sport spread among the Canadian residents of the town. It lasted almost 70 years but when the Scandinavians gradually moved from the town, interest in skiing also faded.

Paul Pharand, an outstanding skier himself and stalwart of the local club throughout the years, tried in vain to keep the flame of interest in the sport burning but, the days of skiing at Temiscaming had passed.

Old records kept by Paul Pharand show that a ski club was formed by a group of early Scandinavians in the town. (December, 1926)

Herlog Anvik, a Norwegian engineer and former manager of the Canadian International Paper Co. pulp mill at Temiscaming, was one of the early Scandinavians to migrate to the Quebec town. He was an ardent ski fan and spoke often of a hill that was cleared for skiing, on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River, north of the present town of Temiscaming, before a ski club was formally established.



Herlog Anvik, expert, et les skieurs: Aline Théberge, Marietta Freehand, Doris Watson et Gilbert Théberge.



Cette maison située au sommet de la montagne a servi de chalet pour les skieurs.

The old records of 1926, possessed by Paul Pharand show a cash balance of 17,93\$. Official activities of the local club at that time were held on the Ontario hillside at what was known as the Miller site. George Miller, a river-boat captain and employee of Gatineau Power Co., permitted ski club members to use part of his house which was located at the site. Two ski jumps, one for junior skiers and one for seniors were also located at the site. It was said the senior jump could accommodate jumps up to 100 feet.

In 1930, through the efforts of volunteers, a hill was cleared on the Quebec side of the river just over the hill north of the town and a chalet and ski jump were erected.

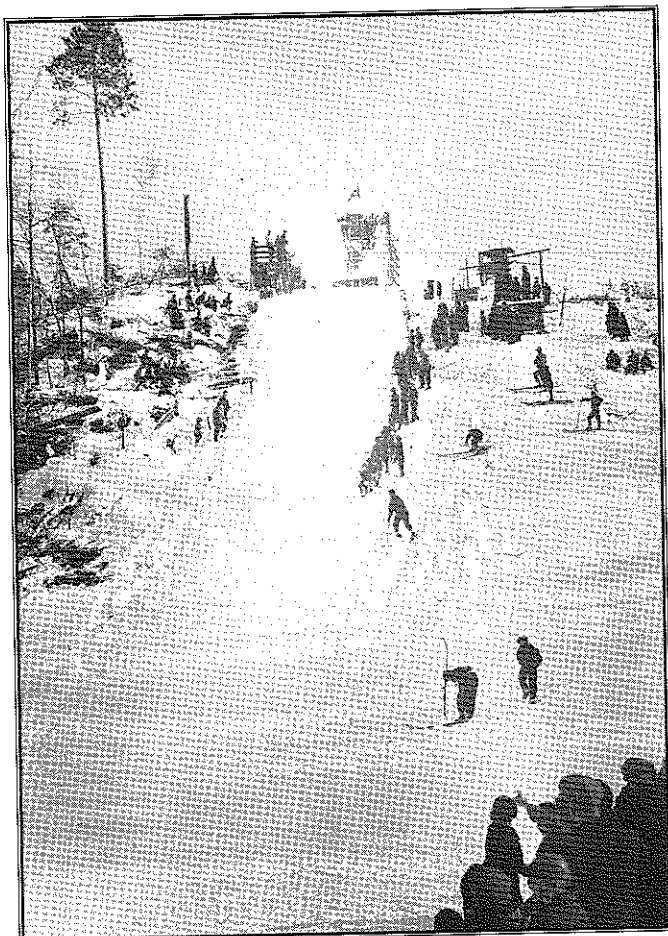
Paul Pharand tells of travelling by train from Temiscaming to North Bay via Mattawa, along with Haakon Opsahl, Sverre Skolseg and other local skiers, in order to compete at the North Bay Ski Club during 1933.

From club records of 1963 it is interesting to note, club membership fees were as follows: men, 5\$; women, 4\$; juniors, 2\$; family, 10\$.

Facilities at the Quebec hill eventually included, a chalet, electrical power, lights on the hill, a rope tow, and a ski jump that would accommodate jumps of 135 feet.



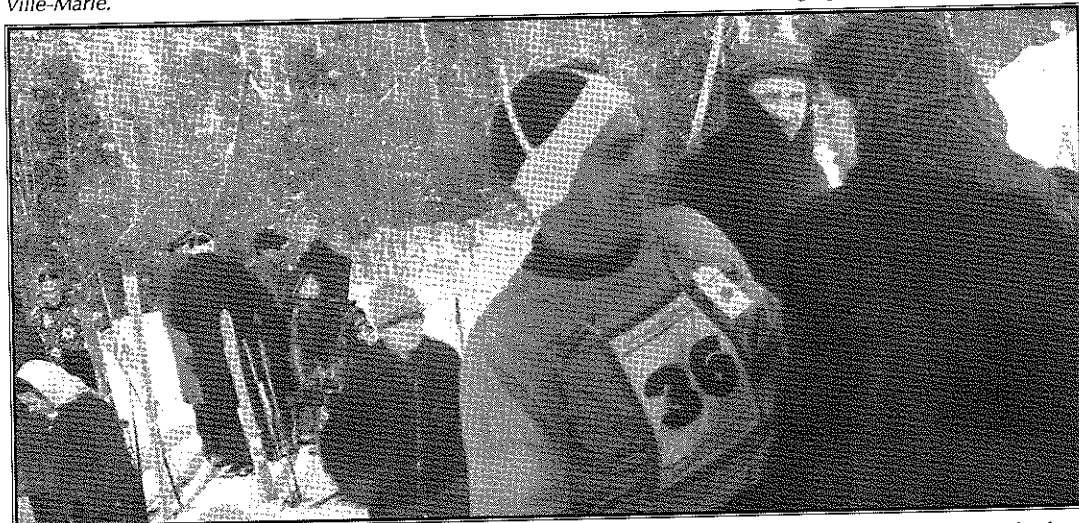
Deux copains de ski: Olaf Levander et Ole Bakkelund.



Saut de ski, situé dans la montagne en direction de l'ancienne route vers Ville-Marie.



Jean-Marie Pharand, Ernest Monette, Claude Beaudry, Armand Bourguignon: quatre habiles amateurs de sauts en ski.



Paul Pharand, au centre, a donné beaucoup de son temps pour la cause du ski.

A downhill run extending from the top of the hill, north of the town, across the Ville-Marie highway to the Ottawa River was cleared and used during the Northern Ontario ski meet, which was hosted by the Temiskaming club. The Temiskaming Ski club, although located in Quebec, was officially recognized as part of Northern Ontario Ski Zone.

Canadian International Paper Co. was a strong supporter of the club. When the jump tower was destroyed by wind just prior to the Northern Ontario ski meet, the company sent workmen to the site to help rebuild the structure.

During 1960, a chalet was established on the Ontario side of Lake Temiskaming along with both downhill and slalom facilities, through efforts of volunteers, but the people of Temiskaming never responded to the Ontario facilities as they had to the ones in Quebec and enthusiasm for the sport began to nosedive. Today, it is non-existent.

That, in brief, is the saga of skiing at Temiskaming.

THE KIPAWA TRAIL

by Gordon McCulloch

Long before there was an arena or a curling club, the Kipawa trail served as a recreational facility for the people of Temiscaming. It was simply a bush trail that stretched for approximately 13 kilometres between the town of Temiscaming and the village of Kipawa.

It was used extensively during the winter months by skiers. But it was also travelled during the fall by partridge hunters. It served the people at no cost for upkeep. Maintenance was almost automatic. As was the custom among the individuals who frequented the forest trails, those who used it cleared it of any trees that might fall across the path or brushed excess growth along its sides.

There were two approaches to the trail from the town. One began at the old CPR station, skirted the base of the big rock outcropping just west of the Lumsden's section of town and snaked around the edge of the houses at Lumsden's. The other was located almost in the centre of the built-up section of Lumsden's and extended southward between two of the old frame buildings, up the hill towards the forest.

The youngsters of this section of town used this slope for sliding. As a result, it was always hardpacked and slippery.

A skiing enthusiast of the time told a tale of returning from a jaunt up the Kipawa trail by this route. He lost

control of his skis on the hard-packed and slippery slope, fell and slid into the kitchen of one of the dwellings where the occupants of the house were sitting at the kitchen table eating supper!

Although the tale may sound absurd, it is not beyond understanding. The older houses at Lumsden's did not have basements and floors of the lower levels of the structures were at the same level as the ground outside the houses.

In any case this route required some tricky manoeuvring. Considerable momentum was gained on the incline from the tree line towards the houses and the somewhat narrow run between the frame dwellings ended on the street. This necessitated a sharp right angle turn and much ability on the part of the skier, especially when the snow was packed and slippery.

But the Kipawa trail was one of the popular winter attractions of the period. The run to Kipawa was not too long and the trail offered a variety of terrain, - some hills and some flat country. Every Sunday, the Kipawa Hotel offered a chicken dinner for 50 cents per plate.

Skiing on the trail also offered many opportunities to meet old friends and renew friendships. It was truly a people place.



SOCCER

by Ken Collins

Soccer in Temiscaming probably began in the early 1920's when many employees of the new pulp mill arrived from the British Isles, Eastern Europe, and Scandinavia. One report refers to an exhibition game in 1927 as part of Canada's Jubilee of Confederation celebrations. A program of those celebrations mentions that the Temiscaming Athletic Association arranged a soccer game between Dewars Specials under Captain J. Jones, and Usshers Green Stripes captained by A. S. Crawford.

By 1930, Temiscaming sent a soccer team to North Bay and lost a 1-0 exhibition game. Bracken, Westman, Birchall, Roberts, Cook and Opsahl appeared in the Temiscaming lineup. Exhibition games were played against North Bay in 1931 also, and it is assumed a town league was operating in Temiscaming at that time.

Soccer activity declined after 1931 until 1936 when Ramblers, Rovers, and Rangers formed a three team league. Rovers captured the Town League championship, led by George "Speed" Thompson, Roy Clark, Jack Snodden and Kurt Lovgren.

The following year the same three teams again formed the league, and Rovers again won the league championship. Charlie Grant, Haakon Opsahl, Barry Behan and Jerry Drury were best for the 1937 winners.

A five game series against North Bay for the Association Cup was played. North Bay edged Temiscaming's All Star team three games to two.

Interest began declining in 1938 as only two teams, The Reds and Blues, operated, although

exhibition games against North Bay were still featured. Two teams played each other in league play in 1939 also. As World War Two broke out, soccer players headed for the armed forces and ended the

golden years of soccer in Temiscaming. Attempts were made by John Gordon, James Brady and Jimmy Byers in the early 1950's to revive the game but it did not catch on.



1936, Temiscaming Soccer Team. Barry Behan, Jack Campbell, F. Hinte, J. Graham, Kurt Lovgren, O. Westman, Jock Bruce, George Thompson, D. Hannah, R.H. McDonald, A. Barr, J. Snodden and Billy Grant.



THE WATERFRONT

by Gordon McCulloch

It was one of the shabbiest spots in town, but the Temiscaming waterfront, like a magnet, drew almost everyone in the town to it at some time or other.

Floating docks and boathouses lined part of the shoreline. Before automobiles became the popular means of transportation locally, boats served the cottage owners at McLaren's Bay and Antoine's Point. A row of unattractive oilhouses stretched along the base of the hill in front of the White Oaks Inn, at that time known as Kipawa Inn. Oil seeped through the floors of these structures and found its way in small slow-flowing streams to the lake. A short distance downstream at the foot of the hill,

stood coal bunkers which served the big tugs plying Lake Temiskaming.

During the early 1930's a diving tower stood on the shoreline below the Inn. It was here that the canoe-tilting competitions, a popular activity of the annual aquatic program held each Labor Day, took place. George Miller, who couldn't swim, and his son, Tony, were regular participants in the tilting contests.

The waterfront was the swimming place for town residents and visitors. The swimming spot was on the rocks just upstream from the power house (Gatineau Power generating station) which provided power for the town and pulp mill.



Célébration à l'occasion de la fête du travail.



Diving board at waterfront.

A wooden deck at almost water level, covering part of the tailrace in front of the power house, extended well out from the shore. Swimmers used this for sunbathing and diving into the lake. At one period a long rope was attached to the deck, also extended into the lake and was kept afloat by the swift current of the tailrace. For swimmers, this was a popular play item. They would hang onto the rope and when tired, let go and drift with the current into the lake beyond the boat houses that bordered the tailrace.

Some of the more adventurous swimmers would climb onto the ledge in front of the power house windows and dive into the current which emerged in great boiling eruptions from the concrete outlets of the generator turbines.

Most of the swimmers gathered on the outcroppings of flat rock just upstream from the power house. During the early 1930's, there were no walkways or diving boards at the waterfront. Swimmers shallow-

dived from the shore (the bottom dropped off acutely) or waded into the cool water of the lake, trying to ease the discomfort of stepping on the sharp rocks which constituted the lake bottom.

It was often said Temiscaming kids learned to swim at an early age, otherwise they would have drowned, if they frequented the waterfront.

The flat rocks just north of the power house were ideal for swimmers. The water of Lake Temiskaming was cold and only warmed following an extended hot spell. The rocks warmed by the sun offered a comforting change from cold lake water. They were also clean. At that time, the pulp mill shut down almost every weekend. As a result, there was less demand for water and the forbay which was located on top of the hill above the power house, overflowed and this overflow rushed down the rocky hillside acting as an automatic cleansing agent. Not only did it clean the rocks on its way, it also changed

the water lying in the bay and along the shoreline where the people swam.

Two individuals, Fred Richards and Ian MacLaurin figured prominently at the Temiscaming waterfront. Fred was one of the stalwarts in teaching youngsters to swim. He also conducted the local Red Cross swimming and water-safety program. It was a result of his influence that improved facilities (a walkway, diving boards, stairways to the water and change houses) were provided at the waterfront.

Ian MacLaurin also changed the face of swimming at the waterfront. He introduced for the first time in the town, Royal Life Saving classes, a steam bath

and winter swimming. He formed a group of local paddlers among which was Barry Behan who won awards at the international level.

During the summer months of its heydays, the Temiscaming waterfront hummed with activity from morning until long after darkness fell. When Canadian International Paper Co. closed the pulp mill at Temiscaming in 1972, activity at the waterfront also faded.

Today only the concrete piers of the former facilities that existed, still stand as reminders that this for a period of time, was a focal point for the recreational pleasures of the Quebec pulp town.



C'est après avoir pataugé et suivi des cours de nage à la belle piscine de la rue Thorne que les plus âgés se baignent au "Waterfront".

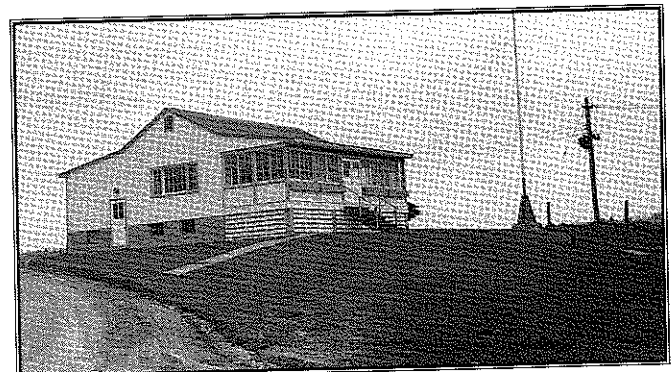
CLUB DE GOLF ET SKI TÉMISCAMING

par Gaye Léger

Le Club de Golf et Ski Témiscaming est une organisation à but non lucratif gérée par un conseil de 7 directeurs élus annuellement.

Le club débute très humblement en 1932. Le parcours comprend 3 trous seulement et le pavillon est une vieille bâtisse en bois. Les premiers membres du Conseil sont : Henri Beauchamp - E. Berglund - A. Davis - W. Dodd - J.G. McLaurin - M.F. Ringrose et M. Skinner.

Des détails pour les années 1930 et 1940 nous échappent puisqu'ils ont été perdus mais nous savons qu'avec l'aide de la CIP un nouveau pavillon est bâti en 1949. Dans les années 40, les membres agrandissent le parcours et vers 1950, il compte 9 trous. Les joueurs sont nombreux. La section des dames nommée "Ladies' Thursday Night Bridge and Golf Club" est très active. La plupart des membres font partie de l'ACT. Une grande amitié s'établit entre les clubs de golf et de curling.



Pavillon du club de golf et ski dans les années '60.

En 1963, le "Temiscaming Golf Club" est incorporé et une charte est rédigée.

En 1972, la compagnie "CIP" ferme ses portes et en 1973 la Ville de Témiscaming achète le terrain et les bâtiments.

Le club de ski s'associe au club de golf en 1984-85 pour devenir le "Club de Golf et Ski Témiscaming". Des pistes de ski sont tracées et une nouvelle charte est approuvée. C'est alors qu'un représentant du club de ski siège au conseil.

Le besoin d'un plus grand local se fait sentir. On fait des plans pour une construction nouvelle. Dans ce but, une levée de fonds s'organise. Le club offre à 15 membres une carte familiale de 10 ans au coût de 1 000\$. La réponse est favorable et les premiers fonds sont recueillis. Grâce à la générosité de la Ville de Témiscaming, de Tembec et des membres, la nouvelle bâtisse est construite en 1985.

En 1993, le vieux garage est démoli et un nouveau est construit par les membres grâce au financement de la ville.

1994 voit la réalisation d'un projet attendu depuis longtemps: un système d'irrigation qui fournit l'eau pour la grandeur du parcours et tout le cimetière. Encore une fois cette amélioration provient des contributions de la ville, de Tembec et du club.

Nous sommes fiers d'accueillir les visiteurs à notre club. L'extérieur du pavillon est fraîchement peint. De nouveaux poteaux indicateurs sont posés, les verts sont denses et les allées verdoyantes agrémentent le parcours.

Beaucoup de membres méritent des remerciements. Il suffit de mentionner le travail bénévole qui, depuis 1932, fait du club un lieu de divertissement où il fait bon se rencontrer et s'amuser.

En ce 75e anniversaire de notre ville, nous offrons nos félicitations, nos sincères remerciements et l'assurance de notre collaboration continue.

La direction 1996:

Président	Vianney Dumas
V. Prés.(golf)	René Raymond
V. Prés.(ski)	Raynald Vaillancourt
Trésorier	Ron Gaudet
Secrétaire	Gaye Léger
Chargé du parcours	Camille Levasseur
Chargé du "bar"	Steve Miness



*Tournoi Gaston Gingras.
Gaston Gingras, André Savard,
Wilfrid Paiement, _?_ _?_.
Louise Millette, John Brennan et
Vianney Dumas.*

THE TEMISCAMING GOLF AND SKI CLUB

by Gaye Léger

The Temiscaming Golf & Ski Club is a non-profit organization, owned by the town but run by the members under the leadership of 7 directors elected annually.

The course had its humble beginnings in 1932, on the present site, then owned by CIP. The course consisted of 3 holes and the clubhouse was a log cabin, possibly an old farm building. Members of the first executive were : H. Beauchamp - E. Berglund - Alfred Davis - William Dodd - J.G. McLaurin - M.F. Ringrose and Murdoch Skinner.

Details are sketchy for the 30's and 40's because

minutes were lost but we do know that with help from the CIP and through the Club's efforts, a new clubhouse was built in 1949. Members continued to enlarge the course and by the 1950's the course had 9 playable holes. At this time, the membership was high and the ladies' section was known as the "Ladies' Thursday Night Bridge and Golf Club". Most members belonged to the TCA and a close bond existed between the Golf Club and the Curling Club.

In 1963, the "Golf Club" was incorporated and a charter of by-laws was introduced.



Golf party at Gilphiling's Hillside Hall on November 9th 1934.

H. England, Ken Opsol, F. Mc Dairmid, M. Bothwell, F. Meskelly, A. Thornbloom, L. Berchall, Annette and Tom Dunlop, Nelson Montgomery, ? Cloutier, ? Mrs L. Montgomery, Mrs. Gilphiling, ? C. Barnett, Irene McGrail, S.B. Keil, Audrey Brown, Doc Forster.

Mr. L. Montgomery, Marjorie Cooper, John McNutt, Mr. Gilphiling, Mrs. N. Montgomery, Rev. W. Burnett, Ethel Adams, I. Evan, B. O'Burn, Bruce Campbell and Mr. Bakkelund.

CIP closed its doors in 1972 and in 1973 the Town of Temiscaming purchased the land and the buildings.

In 1984, the Ski Club became an affiliate of the Golf Club. Ski trails were built and a new charter was drawn up. The "Ski Club" now had a representative on the board of directors. The club was renamed "The Temiscaming Golf and Ski Club".

Due to the growth of the club, plans were made to build a new clubhouse to accommodate both clubs. To this end, a "Ten Year Membership" drive was organized to help the club finance this project. Fifteen (15) members were offered these memberships at a cost of 1 000\$ each, therefore providing a good start in the funding of the building. Thus, in 1985, with major contributions from the Town and Tembec, the new clubhouse became a reality.

1993 saw the old eyesore garage torn down and a new one built. The Town provided the funding and the labour was supplied by club members.

In 1994, a much needed automatic water system was installed on the course. The Town, Tembec and the club became partners to make this project feasible. This water system irrigates both the golf course and the cemetery.

In 1995, the clubhouse was repainted and new signs were installed at the entrance to the club. As the new irrigation system permits lush greens and also greener fairways, we now have a beautiful course to which we are proud to welcome visitors.

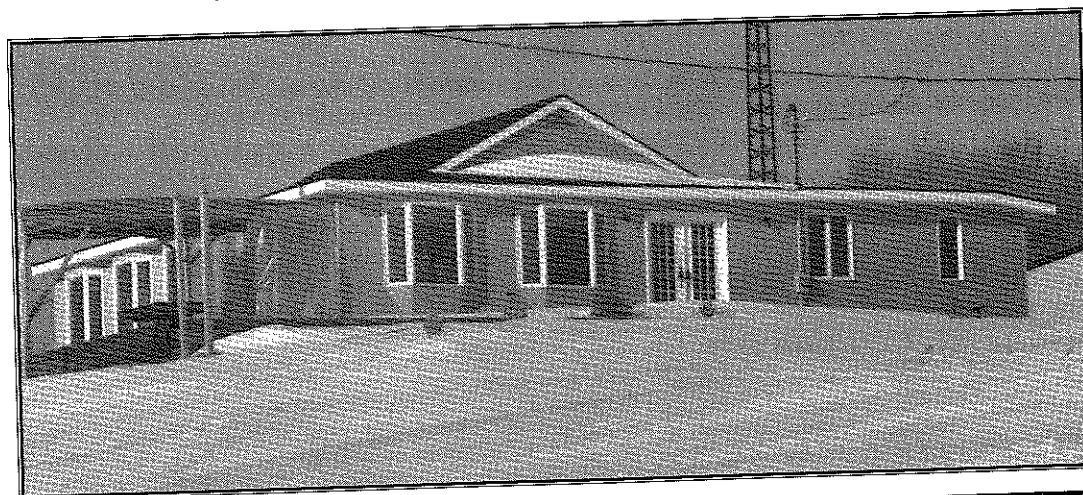
We have purposely omitted listing names since too many people are deserving of recognition and to forget any would be unfair. Suffice to say that since 1932, the members and directors of the Golf Club have strived to make the club a part of Temiscaming that we can all be proud of.

On this the 75th anniversary of our town, we offer our congratulations, our pledge of continued co-operation and our sincere thanks.

The 1996 Executive:

President
V. Pres.(Golf)
V. Pres.(Ski)
Treasurer
Secretary
Greens' Keeper
Bar Chairman

Vianney Dumas
René Raymond
Raynald Vaillancourt
Ron Gaudet
Gaye Léger
Camille Levasseur
Steve Miness



Winter 95-96. The actual Clubhouse.

TEMISCAMING TENNIS CLUB

by Lucille Bélisle Hill

1946 - 1950



CIRCA 1950, Temiscaming Tennis Team at North Bay.

Rhea Ryan, Ab Presseault, Lucille Belisle, Mun Lavigne, Irene Gauthier.

John Blanchard, D. Blanchard, Leo Bisson, Jeanne Bisson, Albert Berube, Martyna Almquist, Alice Presseault, Carl Almquist.

Courtesy North Bay Nugget.



Labour Day at the Tennis Club.

The Temiscaming Tennis Club was a very active club during those years. As a Junior, I met a lot of super people. A few of the players I remember as a teenager are: Rhéa & Joe Ryan, John & Dee Blanchard, Bob & Marjorie Brown, Hazel Morse and Albert Bérubé.

The fees for Seniors were \$5 and Juniors paid \$2. The club was quite involved with other city clubs such as North Bay, Copper Cliff, Sudbury and Ville-Marie. Tournaments were also held within the club itself. Albert Pagé and Joe Ryan were team captains and organizers.

Labor Day was an invitational tournament with many outside teams participating in the event. The Ladies of the club provided a "Pot Luck" supper followed by a

social evening and presentation of trophies.

Over the years, I recall the following members of the tennis club: Albert & Alice Presseault, Carl & Martyna Almquist, Margaret Sparling, Albert & Virginia Pagé, Raoul Presseault and Paul Gélinau, Mun Lavigne, "Abbie" Kahl, Audrey McLeod, "Mimi" Pagé, Hélène Beauchamp, Norma Moore, Maureen Russell, Freddie Dupont and Marjorie Scott. I have fond memories of the good old days at the Temiscaming Tennis Club.



August 1949. Turning on the new lights at the Temiscaming Tennis Club.

L. Wilson, Mrs. K. Price, Unknown, Albert Berube, Marjorie Holmes and Albert Presseault.



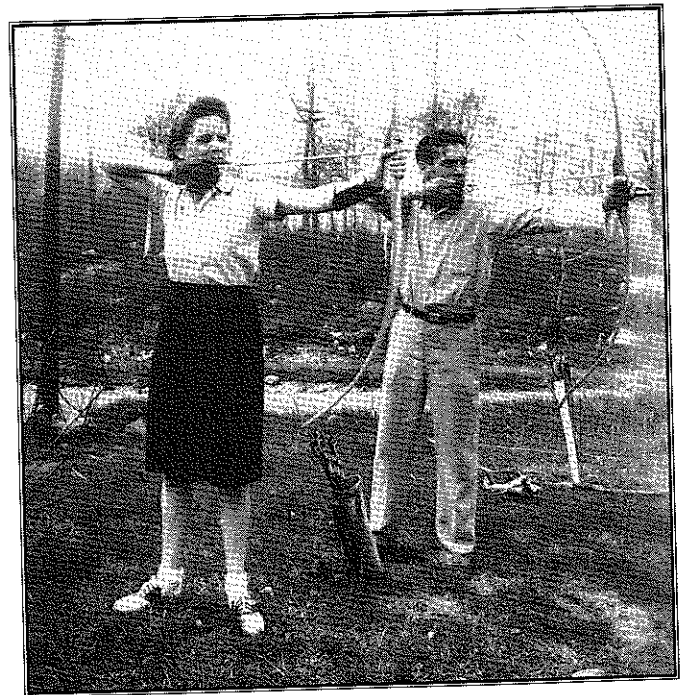
ARCHERY

By Ken Collins

In May 1942, archery made its appearance in Temiscaming when George Crawford became president of the Archery Club. Other members included Bill Bale, Bunny Collins, and Bill Bailey, but the outstanding player was Pete Jensen. Competition against North Bay was the highlight of the season.

1943 saw new faces in Floyd McKay, T. Douglas, and A. Wilson, as interest grew in the sport. The Club facilities were next to the pipeline on Kipawa Road, across from the present Caisse Populaire. A new trophy donated by McDonald and Sons, represented the Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec championship. Temiscaming downed North Bay to win the trophy in its first year of competition. Team members were Pete Jensen, George Crawford, Bill Bale and A. Wilson. 1943 also marked the organization of the Northern Ontario Archery Association. George Crawford of Temiscaming became its first president, with Fred Coutu acting as honorary president. In the club competition, Pete Jensen became champion with George Crawford second.

Pete Jensen was elected president of the Temiscaming Club and Nelson Miles was Northern Ontario's representative on the Canadian Archery Association. North Bay won the McDonald and Sons trophy while Shorty Myre and Steve Prosenyak emerged as prominent new players.



Mid 1940's, Temiscaming Archery Club. Gelta Bale, Bill Bale.

Pete Jensen was a director of the Canadian Archery Association in 1945, T. H. Douglas was chosen as the president of the Temiscaming club and Joan Friel became its first female member.

The 1945 McDonald & Sons trophy and Northern Ontario championship was won by the Temiscaming team of Pete Jensen, Bill Bale, Floyd McKay, and George Crawford.

T. H. Douglas was reelected president of the Archery Club in 1946. Pete Jensen was top shooter in a meet which included teams from Oshawa, North Bay and Temiscaming. Highlight of the year was Temiscaming's repeat performance in retaining possession of the McDonald and Sons trophy.

The club continued to operate but by 1949 was unable to field a team in a meet in North Bay. Interest dropped off, was revived briefly in the late 1960's at Irwin Park, then disappeared from Temiscaming's sporting scene.



Far Left, George Crawford. Far Right, Bill Bale.



THE TEMISCAMING FIGURE SKATING CLUB

by Julie Phillips Gauvreau

The Temiscaming Figure Skating Club (TFSC) began in 1951, holding its first Ice Show on March 16th, 1951. Claire McDougall, originally of the Ottawa Minto Club, was Temiscaming's first coach.

The first few skating seasons were quite short, lasting from mid-December to mid-March. Without artificial ice, the weather dictated the ice conditions. However, in a referendum, in 1954, the townspeople voted to spend \$55 000 of the town's welfare fund on ice-making equipment to be installed in the arena. By December of that year, the plant was operational and from then on, the club could hope for a longer and more stable season.

In 1956, the club became a member of the Canadian Figure Skating Association (CFSA). This meant that our skaters could now try CFSA official tests. The first skaters to pass preliminary figure tests were Dorothy Perrault, Roe-Enid Klus and Dawn Pagé.

During 1960, disaster struck. The roof of the arena collapsed on Feb. 20th, 1960! Fortunately there were no injuries, but this event cancelled the skating carnival and the season. The following year the arena was rebuilt by mid-December but the TFSC held only pre-school lessons on a recreational level.

Until 1963, the club had difficulty finding coaches, but Mrs. Christina Blair was hired in 1963 and stayed with the club for 6 years. During this time, the club flourished and the abilities of the skaters grew tremendously with many skaters passing preliminary figure tests and dance tests. In 1969,

Lizanne Vaillancourt passed her 1st figure test. This accomplishment encouraged other skaters to work hard and the following year, 12 more skaters had passed the 1st figure test.



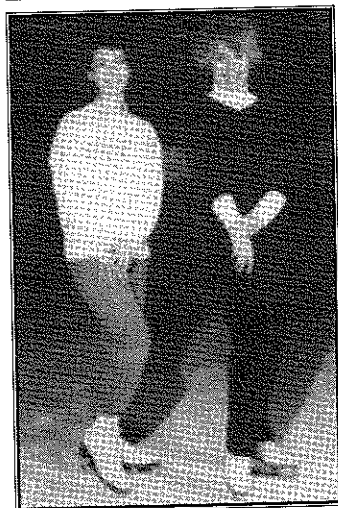
Mrs. Christina Blair coached the Temiscaming figure skating club for six years, beginning in 1963.

In 1971, under club professional Betty-Jo Bowes, many more compulsory tests were passed including, for the 1st time, Bronze Free Skating tests. The skaters who succeeded at these tests were: Ann Charron, Danielle Frenette, Michelle Gionet, Danielle Larocque, Carole Massie, Jocelyne Plante, Denis and Lizanne Vaillancourt. At the same time, Denis and Lizanne also completed the Senior Bronze dance level.

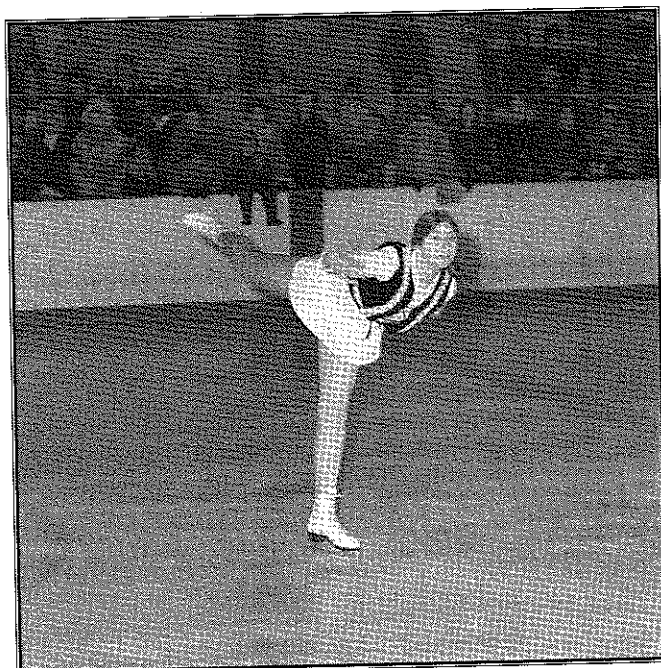
Mrs. Janet Marcotte began coaching in Temiscaming in 1974 and is still with us today. She has seen many skaters go through her classes and is now meeting the second generation.



Miss Betty Jo Bowes, figure skating coach in 1971.



1987, Micheline Cowper (left) and Janet Marcotte, long time club professional.



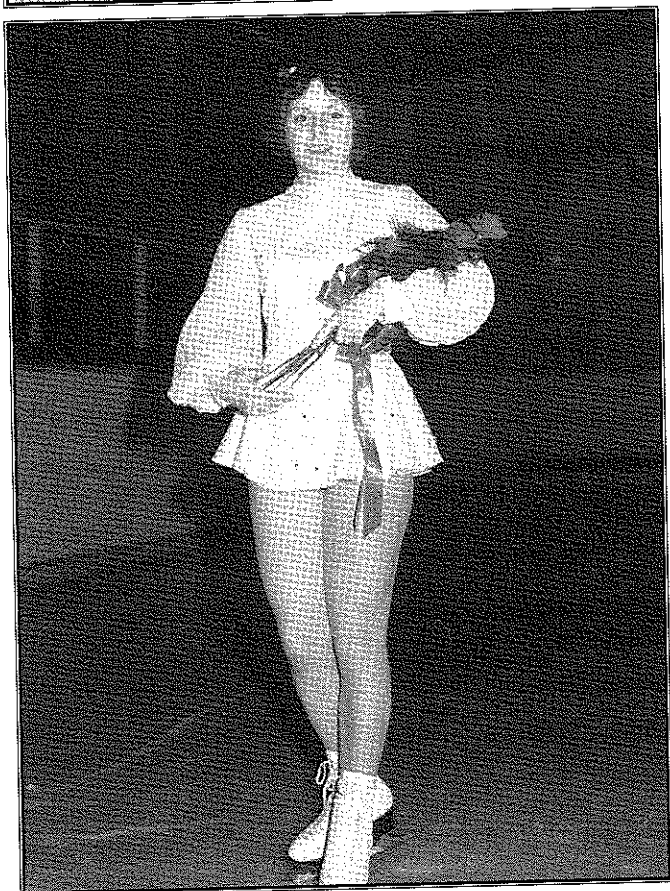
1971, Jocelyne Plante shows her form.

In 1985, the Temiscaming Figure Skating Club had another serious setback. The ice plant exploded and damaged the back wall of the arena. This happened in February when most of the expenses had already incurred for the season. It cancelled the annual ice show which was the club's major fund-raiser. It took several years of concerted effort, by a sometimes very small board of directors, for the club to get back on its feet. During these years, test days were held in other communities.

In 1987, the club reinstated test days in Temiscaming and by doing so, perked up the interest of the local skaters. Since 1992, the club has held two test days per season, giving the skaters both the incentive and the opportunity to further their skills. In 1995, Josée Gauvreau and Amanda Woodbury became the first skaters to pass Gold level dance tests within the Temiscaming club.

There has been mention of our club professionals throughout this article, but there has been no mention of amateur instructors. Quite early on, there was a need for assistance with beginner level skaters. These tiny ones need a lot of encouragement and require an instructor with an enormous amount of patience. Micheline Pagé was one of these patient people. She began helping with the beginner skaters when she was a skater herself. She coached our young ones intermittently from 1971 for approximately 20 years. During these years and afterwards, we also enjoyed the services of Carmen Ippersiel, Tina Gilbert, Josée Gauvreau, Robyn Lemieux and Cindy Lamarche.

In 1994, the club saw the need for a full-time coach to work with the beginner skaters. Connie McCue was hired to fill this need and also to serve the increasing needs of the older skaters. The Temiscaming Figure Club now employs both Janet



Après un spectacle de patins de fantaisie, Marie Gélinau reçoit des fleurs, de la part de ses élèves. (1975-76).

Marcotte and Connie McCue as full-time coaches and we hope that they will be with us for many more years.

The Temiscaming Figure Skating Club has grown and changed tremendously in its 45 years. Despite many setbacks, it has continued to prosper. In the past 45 years, there has been a skating carnival annually, except for two years. We have also held several fun competitions and activity days, as well as many fund-raisers. Thanks to the dedication and support of parents and community organizations, the club has survived.



1929, Gerry Irwin (left) and unknown friend show off the latest skating clothes.



HISTORY OF THE TEMISCAMING CURLING CLUB 1953-1996

by Danielle Frenette Gravelle

The Temiscaming Curling Club was founded to provide the people of our town with an opportunity for physical activity, to promote good fellowship and to engage in friendly competition with other clubs. It certainly achieved its goal since a great many people of all ages have played the sport over the past 43 years.

Before the first stone had even been thrown, the Temiscaming Curling Club already had over 100 members. The idea of building a curling club was initiated in 1952 by a special committee composed of F.X. Guimond, R. Prescott, F. Presseault, H. Emerson, E. Perreault, G. Theberge and R. Horner. 46 people attended the first meeting to learn more about the project and view films. To gauge the interest in the sport, questionnaires were circulated to

both mill and town employees. So, in December 1952, after a plebiscite was held favoring the construction of a curling club, the curling rink site was transferred from CIP to the Town of Temiscaming for the sum of 1\$. Estimated cost for the construction was 35 000\$.

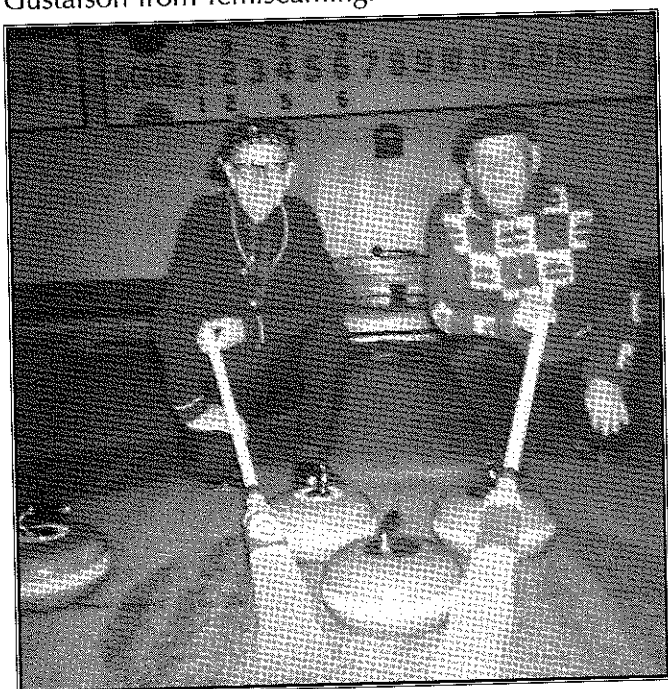
The Club's first executive was elected at a general meeting held in December 1952. Elected to office were F.X. Guimond, R. Prescott, J. Blanchard, A. Heron, H. Emerson, C. Hellstrom, G. Fleming, E. Perreault, Leo Kelly, H. Anvik, H. Ryan, Dr. G. Theberge and C. MacRae. The ladies' section of the club elected to office Miss K. McNabb, Mrs. G. Fleming, Mrs. A. Booy, Mrs. H. Anvik, Mrs. R. Prescott, Mrs. R. Friel, and Mrs. D. Day.



Équipe de Curling en 1960.
Lionel Presseault, Vern Leacy,
George Thompson et Holger
Forsberg.

The Curling Club opened for the first time during the January 9th weekend of 1953 with a competition between a team from Hawkesbury, Ont. and a local team. Exchanges with our neighbours from North Bay, Ontario, began early in the history of the Temiscaming Curling Club and have continued since then.

The Club's official opening was held on Feb. 7th with Mayor A.K. Grimmer and Club President F.X. Guimond officiating the symbolic ribbon cutting ceremony while Ron Prescott, who would later be known as Mr. Curling, threw the opening stone. The Canadian Legion Pipe Band from North Bay added color and atmosphere to the event. 17 local and 7 visiting rinks participated in this first bonspiel. Rudy Steski of North Bay, who would later go on to play in the Briar Championship, emerged as the "A" division champion. The runner-up team was composed of Ron Prescott, A. Raymond, J.H. Moore and O. Gustafson from Temiscaming.



1968-69 Curling season. Earl Cowper and Eldon Collins.

During the Club's first year, membership included 129 men and 86 women. The yearly fee for TCA members was 10\$ for men, 5\$ for women and 15\$ for couples. Non TCA members paid a few dollars more. A junior section for youngsters 14 years of age and over was also established during the first year of operation. Tom Prescott and Beverly Montgomery were co-chairmen. Other executive members were Anne Guimond, Robert Vezina, Joyce Raymond and Ron McGonigal.

The Curling Club has always been an independent organization which sustained itself through the profits from the bar. In addition, the members were in charge of making and maintaining the ice surface. Mr. Eldon Collins did this for many years. He passed the torch along to Ike Nunn who later passed it on to Carl Woodbury.

The Ladies' section was a vital part of the Curling Club over the years. They organized bonspiels, social events, took care of the ladies' dressing room and often served meals. In the later years, they helped out the Men's executive financially with fund raising events to purchase items such as furniture, dishes and special expenses. In 1982, the Ladies' section was dissolved and joined with the men's executive as a subcommittee.



Ladies' section. Kay Kavanagh, Alice Sauvé, Sheila Thompson and Mary Presseault.



Afternoon curling. Sonia Frenette, Mamie Cowper, Thérèse Presseault, Ethel Frankham, Gwen Harper and Mary Burbridge.

The ladies' bonspiel was a popular event for many years, attracting teams from the surrounding areas. These events were alive with themes, decorations, costumes, skits and pot luck suppers. In the 1980's, Home Hardware sponsored an annual ladies' bonspiel to introduce new players to the game of curling. This practice lasted well into the 90's. Unfortunately, the ladies' section gradually dwined.

died away. In 1996, there are only two ladies' teams who curl on a regular basis and the ladies' bonspiels have been abandoned due to lack of participation and interest.

The mixed bonspiels also took a plunge during the 90's. During many years, the annual invitational event would attract up to 32 teams, but there hasn't been a mixed bonspiel in years. The men's curling bonspiels are the only invitational events that have not disappeared. In 1959, the Men's Open Bonspiel attracted 32 rinks. In 1996, 12 teams took part in the annual Sportsmen's Bonspiel which began in 1980 with the sponsorship of Air Kipawa. The men also continue to host the annual potato seniors' bonspiel and the Wood's bonspiel on an alternating basis.

Bonspiels are one of the great aspects of curling. A quote from a column by Gord McCulloch in the *Tem Times* sums it up well: "Temiscaming had a reputation for putting on good bonspiels due to the sociability encountered and the fact that everyone participating seemed to join in all aspects of the event renewing old friendships and meeting new acquaintances".

The heydays of junior mixed curling were seen in the 1960's. For example, a bonspiel once attracted 12 teams, among them curlers from Mattawa and Sturgeon Falls. The success of high school curling depended largely on the involvement of the school and club members who were willing to give time to teaching the younger element the fundamentals of curling.

Membership dropped from 128 members in 1977, to 60 in 1995. Many attributed the decline to a change in lifestyles with many women working out-

side the home, which affected the ladies' and mixed draws. More recently, the dilapidated state of the curling club discouraged several curlers from joining the club.

In 1978, over 85 000\$ was spent to renovate the curling club facility. The Town installed a new roof at a cost of 65 000\$ while the Club itself spent 20 000\$ to renovate the bar and kitchen area. A few years later, the ice plant was replaced and the floor was repaired. In April 1978, over 125 active and former members commemorated the Club's 25th anniversary at a celebration banquet.

Competition was not a goal for the majority of curlers at the Temiscaming Curling Club, but there have been teams who have tried to take their curling skills further by entering the Tankard Playdowns in an attempt to represent Northern Ontario. The Club has never belonged to the Quebec Curling Federation, mostly because of the distances to travel to compete with other teams. A few skips made it past the zone (North Bay) and competed in the Association playdowns. They include Lorne Packwood and Rene (Gibou) Raymond in the men's division and Ike Nunn and Lefty Gravelle in the mixed division.

In the first 30 years of the Club, seniority determined the positions on the teams, but changing times and a desire for more competitive teams ended this practice in lieu of a more open approach.

The sport of curling has survived in Temiscaming, despite all the ups and downs. The fact that 4 rinks have been integrated into the Town's recreation and cultural centre proves that it is here to stay and will no doubt help rejuvenate the Club.



1977, 25e anniversaire du Club de Curling.

René Vaillancourt, Mary Burbridge, Gilbert Th  berge, Sonia Frenette.

Gilbert Vaillancourt, Mary Presseault, Ruby Cowper, Th  r  se Presseault, Mrs. Anvik, Flo Presseault, Marguerite Vaillancourt, Eldon Collins et Erva Maxwell.

LA MOTONEIGE CHEZ NOUS

par Nil Guillemette et Régis Bérubé

Le club de motoneige de Témiscaming est fondé en 1972 et le président est Edouard Moreau. Son successeur est Earl Robinson. En 1974, Régis Bérubé, l'actuel président, entre en fonction.

Lors de sa fondation, le club **SNOW VOYAGEURS** compte une vingtaine de membres et cela augmente à 125 en 1974.

À cette époque, le club assure l'entretien d'environ 40 km de sentiers et possède un relais au Temkin. Ce dernier est le point de rassemblement où se déroulent plusieurs activités du club : rallyes, soirées sociales, journées familiales, parades aux flambeaux.

En 1977, désormais connu sous le nom de **VOYAGEURS SUR NEIGE DE TÉMISCAMING INC.**, le club apporte une amélioration considérable à son réseau de sentiers en les élargissant de six à dix pieds. Pendant quatre ans, le sport de la motoneige jouit d'une grande popularité.

Cependant, au début des années 80, la motoneige subit un recul important, le nombre de membres diminue de façon significative; en 1984, on en compte 40 à Témiscaming. Par contre, cette année-là, des démarches sont entreprises pour utiliser la voie ferrée désaffectée et en faire un sentier qui permette aux motoneigistes de se rendre à Laniel, Béarn et Ville-Marie.

Un tournant important pour le club se produit en 1989, quand le président Régis Bérubé fait des démarches en vue de l'achat d'un tracteur et d'une grappe pour l'entretien des sentiers de façon beaucoup plus efficace.

À partir de ce moment, le club progresse. Les sentiers sont grandement améliorés et beaucoup plus sécuritaires.

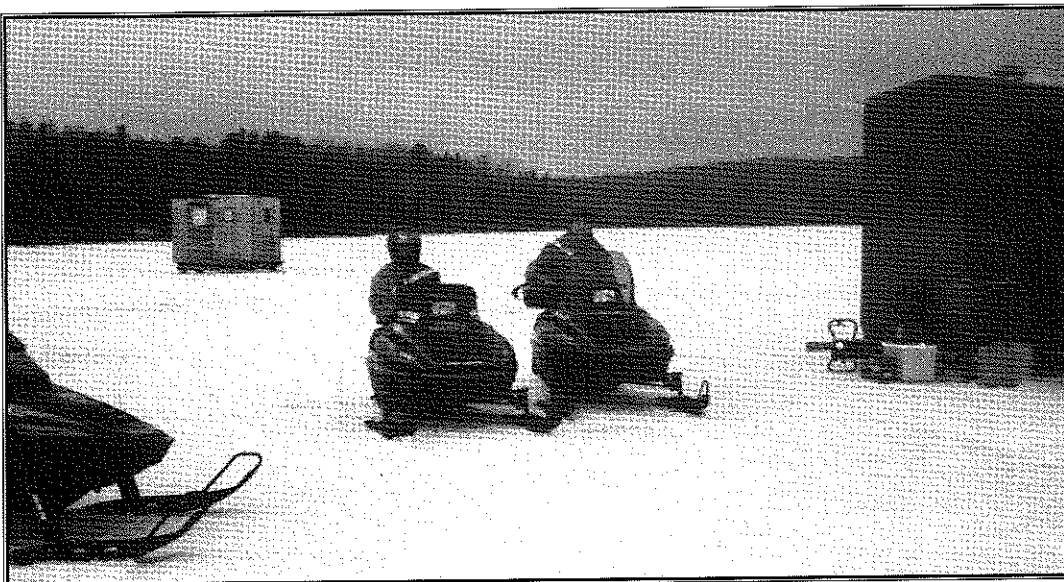
Durant la saison 1994-95, avec l'aide d'une subvention du plan de relance de Témiscaming et du Bureau fédéral des affaires régionales, le club achète une nouvelle surfaceuse et construit un nouveau relais au Temkin.

La motoneige jouit d'une popularité sans précédent. Durant la saison 1995-96, le club attire pas moins de 450 adhérents. Cet essor apporte des retombées économiques importantes pour notre région. Plusieurs commerçants jouissent d'une clientèle touristique hivernale comparable à celle des autres saisons. De fait, les retombées économiques générées par le sport de la motoneige à travers le Québec sont de 560 millions \$ durant la saison 1994-95, chiffre qui est largement dépassé en 1995-96.

L'ampleur de ce sport étonne les non-initiés. On compte au Québec 265 clubs de motoneige qui entretiennent 32 000 km de sentiers, leurs 145 000 membres jouissent de véritables autoroutes sur neige.

Nouvelle de dernière heure: Vous connaissez la montagne où se trouve la tour pour la télévision à Témiscaming?

Eh bien! le 22 février 1996, le club "Voyageurs sur neige" a nommé officiellement cet endroit "Le mont Guillemette" en présence des caméras et des techniciens de la Radio Diffusion Internationale. Véritable surprise pour le Père Nil! Par ce geste, le groupe veut lui démontrer sa reconnaissance pour sa généreuse implication au sein du club.



Robert Beaudry et Richard Gagnon.

AUTRES ACTIVITÉS SPORTIVES

Les Quilles



Quilles, remise des trophées. Claire Raymond, Laura Raymond, Adrien Raymond, Simone Cuillerier, Rolland Cuillerier, Albert Raymond et Ted Vaillancourt.



Tournoi de quilles. Dan Dufresne, Jos Chénier, Aurèle Boucher. Wilma Dufresne, Lina Chénier et Juliette Boucher.

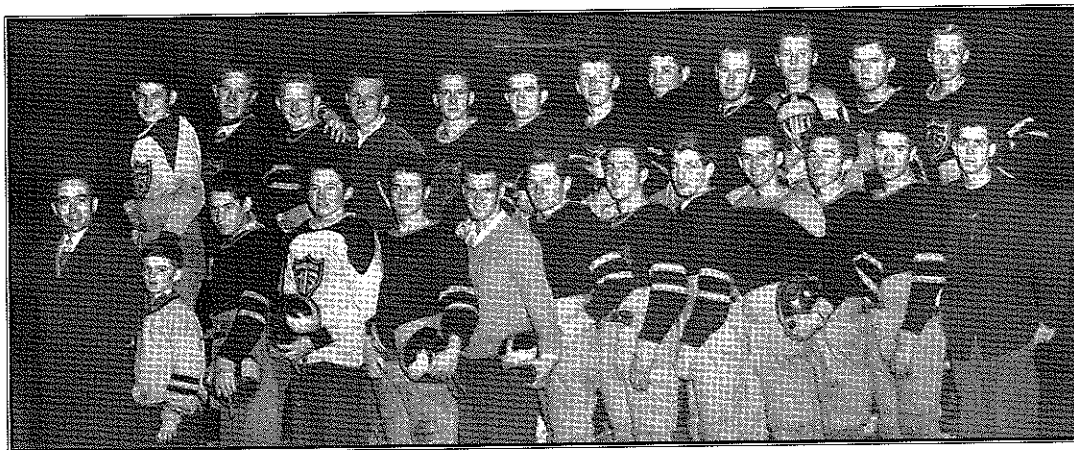


Championnat de quilles. Marguerite Sauvé, Armande Lagrois, Hélène Gingras. Hélène Piquette, Rita Robinson et Claire Raymond.



Quilles, Remise de trophées. Irène Lauzon, Thérèse Desjardins, Valerie Trépanier, Helen Courchesne, Arveline Labrosse. Margaret Drouin et Linda Morin.

Le football



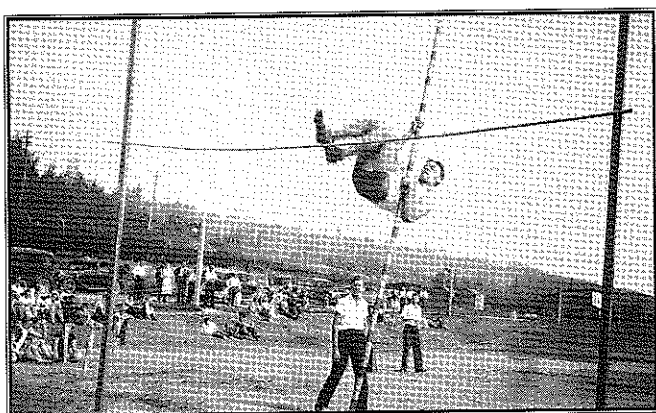
Temiscaming High School Football Team, early 1950's.

Eldon Raymond, Bob Moffat, Brian Richards, Johnny Joly, Johnny Gustafson, Gary Crawford, Robert St-Georges, Keith Jones, Bobby Smith, Frank McCue, Merrel Alyman, Irenée Morin.

Phil Kelly, trainer.

David Rose, Jim Rothwell, Ronnie McGonigal, ? Hay, Raynald Vaillancourt, Marcel St-Jules, Danny Violette, Bob Weller, Robert Vézina, Johnny Johansen, Harold McNally, Johnny Pedersen.

Piste et pelouse / Track and Field



Compétitions Piste et pelouse dans les années 1920. Saut à la perche.



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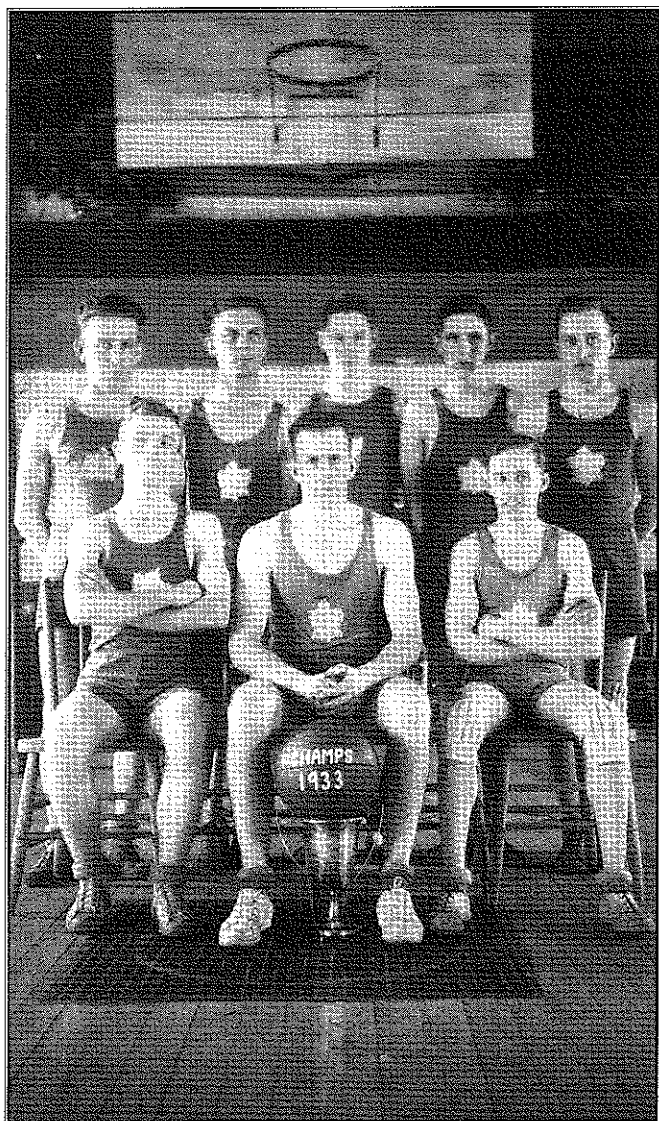
Cheerleaders



Temiscaming High School Cheerleaders, 1955.

Iris Perreault, Janet Manary, Linda Kelly, Bonnie Thompson, Marilyn Prescott and Gail Vaillancourt.

Basketball



1933, Champions. Paul Presseault, James Rathwell, Adam Stewart, Thomas Dunlop, Clarence Burbridge, Blair Moore, Alfred Sauvé and Holger Forsberg.

Broomball



Ballon-balai. Vianney Dumas, Reg. Presseault, Bernard Dumas et Eugène Dumas.

Course de chiens



Maurice Lessard participe à une course de chiens, 1960.



La première Banque de Montréal, située au barrage du côté du Québec. Elle fut construite en 1919.