

Marlene Stewart Named Top Can. Athlete Of '56

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TORONTO (CP) — Marlene Stewart, an amazing mite with an awesome putter, is Canada's outstanding woman athlete of 1956. A year's career of triumph in eight golf tournaments—climaxed with capture of the United States Women's Amateur championship—won her the recognition by the country's sports editors and sportscasters in the 22nd annual Canadian Press year-end sports poll.

Asked to list the three top women of sports in order, they eagerly endorsed the 22-year-old wonder from Fonthill, Ont.

She earned 243 points, based on a scale of three points for a first choice, two for a second and one for a third.

MARILYN BELL SECOND
Marilyn Bell, the indomitable distance swimmer who in August added the 18-mile Juan de Fuca Strait to her chain of conquests, placed second with 150 points.

Jackie McDonald, Toronto's pretty Olympic shot and discus welder, and skier Lucille Wheeler of St. Jovite, Que., first Canadian medal winner in the history of the Olympic skiing, shared third with 38 points.

It was a delayed honor for Marlene, who for the last two years trailed the ball-topping Marilyn in the poll. Her links achievements had been overshadowed by Marilyn's heart-clutching struggles against Lake Ontario in 1954 and the English Channel in 1955.

This year, however, the Fonthill girl's mastery on courses throughout North America captured public acclaim.

It was swelled to a peak Sept. 22 when, her putter clicking with the precision of an electronic computer, she fought back to take the U.S. title. Four down after 24 holes, she rallied to defeat Joanne Gunderson, 17-year-old U.S. junior champion, 2 and 1 in Indianapolis.

HAS MANY TITLES
The victory added another honor to her bumper collection of titles, including the British Women's Open, the Canadian Open and close and the Ontario Amateur.

Marlene, born in Cereel, Alta., moved with her family to Fonthill, a village near Welland, in 1946.

Marilyn Bell, maintaining a record of one heroic success each summer, stumbled out of the Strait of Juan de Fuca at Victoria Aug. 23 after 10 hours and 39 minutes in the tide-gripped channel.

Defeated in her first exhausting attempt on the strait two weeks earlier, she stroked across in record time to become the fifth swimmer and second woman to master the strip between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

DIVER IS FIFTH
Another story of water-borne courage earned Irene MacDonald of Hamilton fifth place in the poll. The 23-year-old diver became the first Canadian ever to win an Olympic medal in women's aquatic competition when, sobbing with the pain of a muscle-torn shoulder, she placed third in springboard diving at Melbourne.

The selectors named 17 athletes from the spheres of golf, tennis, swimming and diving, track and field, skiing and gymnastics.

Others nominated:
Olympic swimmers Virginia Grant, Toronto, Helen Stewart, Vancouver, Sara Barber,



MARLENE STEWART

bell, Fergus, Ont.; and Toronto and Brenda Fisher Grimby England; golfer Rae Milligan Jasper Alta.; Olympic gymnast Ernestine Russell Windsor, Ont.; and tennis star Mrs. Hanna Slack Montreal.

Record Year For Royal Bank

Assets pass \$3 1/2 billion mark—Deposits of \$3 1/2 billion at record level—profits increase 14.8 per cent—\$6 million added to Rest Account—Capital Funds now \$186 million.

New records in the field of Canadian banking are revealed in the annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada just issued. Covering twelve months ending November 30th, the statement shows deposits have climbed to well over \$3 1/2 billion with assets at the impressive total of \$3,571,298,320, an increase of \$287 million over the previous year's figure. A substantial increase in the volume of loans is also noted.

Profits for the year increased 14.8 per cent as compared with last year. After provision for taxes and depreciation, net profits amounted to \$12,467,268, equivalent to \$2.70 per share, on the average shares outstanding, as compared with \$2.58 in 1955.

Government of Canada securities, held by the bank, have been reduced from \$865,199,422 to \$653,888,295, a reflection of the bank's action in supplying funds for the ever expanding credit needs of the country. In accordance with the central bank's suggestion some months ago that secondary reserves should be at least 7 per cent of Canadian deposit liabilities, the bank's reserves in day-to-day loans and Government of Canada treasury bills have been increased from \$58 million to \$244 million. Commercial loans totaling \$1,295,093,026 show an increase of \$126 million. Call and short loans to brokers and investment dealers have risen from \$69,889,180 to \$123,189,376. Loans on residential mortgages have also increased substantially and have reached a total of some \$186 million as compared with the 1955 figure of slightly over \$101 million. The Royal Bank's traditionally strong liquid position is indicated by total quick assets of \$1,856,263,058, equal to 57.8 per cent of the bank's liabilities to the public.

The steady rise in deposits noted in recent years continued through 1956. At the bank's year-end, total deposits had reached \$3,278,375,435, an increase of some \$216 mil-

tion for the year and a new high mark in the history of the bank. Included in this figure are Canadian personal savings, amounting to \$1,303,230,479, an increase of \$91 million for the year.

The bank's statement shows that regular dividends of \$8,299,783 were paid to shareholders, plus an extra distribution of 25 cents per share amounting to \$1,260,000. Provision for income taxes this year amounts to \$13,410,000 as compared with \$11,215,000 last year, leaving \$2,907,485 undivided profits, which with \$918,133 carried forward from the previous year and \$3,000,000 transferred from inner reserves, resulted in a sum of \$6,825,618. From this amount the bank transferred \$6,160,000 to the Rest Account, leaving undivided profits of \$665,618. This is the seventh consecutive year the Royal Bank has transferred to the Rest Account a portion of the current year's earnings. Capital and Rest Account now stand at \$50,298,893 and \$135,737,122 respectively. These totals, together with undivided profits, bring the capital funds of the bank to \$186,701,633.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the bank will be held at the Head Office on Thursday, January 10th, at 11 a.m. Salient features from this year's statement, with the 1955 figures on a comparative basis, follow:

	Year ended Nov. 30, 1956	Year ended Nov. 30, 1955
Profits, after income taxes	\$ 12,467,268	\$ 10,858,490
Dividends, including extra	9,559,783	7,444,422
	\$ 2,907,485	\$ 3,414,058
From inner reserves after income taxes	3,000,000	—
Previous balance	918,133	1,504,075
	\$ 6,825,618	\$ 4,918,133
To Rest	6,160,000	4,000,000
	\$ 665,618	\$ 918,133
Income taxes	1956 — \$13,410,000	1955 — 11,215,000

ASSETS		1956	1955
Notes and deposits — Bank of Canada	\$ 195,656,924	\$ 205,234,843	
Other cash & bank balances (incl. Canada)	390,092,863	337,219,091	
Day to day loans	42,100,000	4,900,000	
Government of Canada treasury bills	202,432,391	53,496,671	
Other Gov't. of Canada and provincial government securities	512,573,316	891,190,277	
Other securities	492,218,188	356,820,517	
Call and short loans	123,189,376	69,889,180	
Other loans* (excl. Day to Day Loans)	1,295,093,026	1,168,841,182	
Mortgages insured	186,200,416	100,865,965	
Bank premises	30,690,073	27,119,386	
Letters of Credit	93,174,380	62,423,760	
Other assets	7,877,367	6,143,993	
	\$3,571,298,320	\$3,284,143,865	

LIABILITIES		1956	1955
Deposits	\$3,278,375,435	\$3,062,220,349	
Letters of credit	93,174,380	62,423,760	
Other liabilities	13,046,872	8,581,623	
Capital	50,298,893	42,000,000	
Rest	135,737,122	108,000,000	
Undivided profits	665,618	918,133	
	\$3,571,298,320	\$3,284,143,865	

Takes Month To Shovel Way Out

MANISTIQUE, Mich. (AP)—Snowbound for nearly a month in Michigan's north woods, a 65-year-old hunter shovelled his way out and was reported safe today.

Herman A. Simonds of Gregory Mich. was in good condition, state police said, although he lost 50 pounds during the ordeal.

Simonds went into the upper peninsula Nov. 20. He was trapped next day by a four-foot snowfall. His family reported him missing Dec. 9 when the hunting season ended and he failed to return home. State police had been searching for him with a plane.

Simonds, a retired railroad en-

Gets Year In Jail For Abusing Horse

SUDBURY, Ont. (CP)—Albert Villeneuve, 24-year-old lumber camp worker, Monday was sentenced to one year in jail at hard labor for wilfully killing a horse.

He was convicted Dec. 7 and remanded for sentence.

gineer, said he was "just caught" by the heavy snow but "kept shoveling a path" for his pickup truck and finally worked his way out Sunday. For shelter he had a sleeping cabin mounted on the back of the truck.

All he had to eat, he said were eggs, bread and dried sandwiches with melted snow for drinking water.

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AMATEUR APPROACH

British Made Best Olympic Showing Since 1924 Wins

By KEN METHERAL
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON (CP) — Britain's best sports year since the Second World War was topped by the fine showing of its athletes at the Olympic Games in Australia.

In keeping with the country's traditional amateur approach to sport, Britain's Olympic team went to Australia without state aid. It surprised even the most ardent British sport fan by capturing 21 medals—five gold, seven silver and nine bronze.

Not since 1924, when British athletes mounted the winner's rostrum in the coveted symbol of Olympic supremacy; Britain captured a gold medal at the Equestrian Olympics in Stockholm; and British footballers largely regained their position as the world's foremost exponents of soccer with a series of international victories.

The home front, however, produced a less happy picture. The all-important aspect of spectator support looked downright sombre with both soccer and cricket clubs reporting a marked drop in attendance. British hopes of producing a world heavyweight boxing champion appeared as remote as ever and foreign-bred horses galloped off with the major turf laurels, including the French colt Landevia's Derby victory.

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Yogi Berra, Whitey Ford, Sign For '57

NEW YORK (AP) — Two New York Yankee stars, catcher Yogi Berra and pitcher Whitey Ford came to terms today on their 1957 contracts at a meeting with George Weiss, general manager.

Although the club did not announce the terms, each was understood to have received a boost in salary.

Berra, who blasted three home runs and hit .360 as the Yankees defeated Brooklyn Dodgers in the world series, is believed to have signed for \$58,000.

Ford, 28-year-old southpaw, was reported to have signed for about \$35,000. His 19-6 pitching record and 2.47 earned run average was the best in the American League last season.

Patino Interests In Quebec Mining

TORONTO (CP)—The patino interests of Bolivia—whose fortune is founded on tin—have entered into Quebec's Chibougamau mining area with a commitment of \$16,500,000, it was announced Wednesday in a joint statement from Copper Rand Chibougamau Mines Ltd. Chibougamau Culet Mines Ltd. and Patino of Canada Ltd.

The agreement, the statement said, is designed to provide the per Rand and Jacluet into "profit-making necessary to bring copper production," and is subject to approval by shareholders of Copper Rand of an increase in the company's authorized capital from 3,000,000 to 6,300,000 shares.

Under the agreement Patino would purchase 300,000 treasury shares of Copper Rand at \$5 a share and also purchase, as funds are required, \$15,000,000 of six per cent bonds and 1,000,000 shares of capital stock—the bonds and capital stock for a total of \$15,000,000.

Patino would also provide a loan at six per cent interest any further funds which may be required to bring Copper Rand and Jacluet into production.

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The year also saw England retain the Ashes, coveted symbol of cricket supremacy; Britain captured a gold medal at the Equestrian Olympics in Stockholm; and British footballers largely regained their position as the world's foremost exponents of soccer with a series of international victories.

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FILLIP FOR BOXING

Britain in 32 years.

Finally, British boxing received a much-needed fillip when the country's seven-man boxing team won two gold, a silver and two bronze medals. Gold medalists were southpaw Dick McTaggart, 21-year-old Scottish lightweight, and flyweight Terry Spinks, 18, of London. They were the first British boxers to carry off Olympic titles since 1924.

On the cricket front, the big news was England's decisive victory over Australia. It marked the 22nd time England emerged victorious in the test series first played in 1867. Australia has won 18 of the series and three have been drawn.

Surrey also made cricket history taking the English county cricket championship for the fifth straight time.

Soccer produced some memorable feats. Manchester City won the Birmingham City 3-1 to win the English Cup with Manchester's great goalie, Bert Trautmann, finishing the game despite suffering a broken neck late in the match.

Manchester United completed the Lancashire sweep by winning the football league championship and Trautmann, by a wide margin, was voted football player of the year.

Hearts defeated Celtic 3-1 to win the Scottish Cup while the league championship went to Rangers.

England elevens turned in a sparkling international record against foreign clubs, defeating Finland 8-1 and Germany 3-1 early in the year and at the start of the new season turned back Yugoslavia 3-0 and Denmark 5-2. A fifth international against Sweden ended in a scoreless tie.

CANADIANS IN NEWS
Canadians hit the headlines in Britain consistently during 1956. Gordon Wallace, a trucker from Creighton Mines, Ont., and Brantford, Ont., captured the Empire Light Heavyweight title with a victory over much-publicized Ron Barton of Britain.

At Bielefeld, Canadian marksmen failed to win the coveted Queen's Prize, but LAC Victor Lynch of Mount Uniacke, N.S., won the Daily Telegraph Trophy and G. R. Ouellette of Windsor, Ont., placed first in the Secretary of

YOUNG GOLFING STAR

Peter Thomson of Australia won the British Open golf crown for the third time and 18-year-old John Beharrell of Birmingham became the youngest golfer ever to win the British Amateur Championship.

The most pressing problem facing British sport officials is that of halting the steady decline in fan support for regular league engagements.

In 1956, British fans turned out in near-record numbers for international soccer matches and the test series against Australia. But almost all members of the football league reported a drop in attendance at regular league games. Cricket officials set up a special committee to inquire into the future of first-class cricket after county championship games dropped to a post-war low of 1,174, 079—about 466,000 below the 1955 figure.

Take Option To Buy Hornets Of I.H.L.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP) — A group of local businessmen, headed by sports promoter Dick Duetsch, has taken an option to buy Huntington Hornets of the International Hockey League. The price was not disclosed.

The current owner is Ernest Berg of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The league franchise was transferred here this year from Grand Rapids, Mich. The Hornets are fifth in the six-team league.

Nat Turosky Dies in Hospital

TORONTO (CP) — Nat Turosky, for years a familiar camera-toting figure beside rink, gridiron, baseball diamond and race track, died in hospital Thursday.

The 60-year-old photographer, whose specialty was sport, did not recover after an operation Wednesday following a collapse, his second in two months. He suffered from a form of arteriosclerosis.

Last month Mr. Turosky had to be taken to hospital from Maple Leaf Gardens where he was photographing a hockey game. After two weeks he was released, apparently in good health.

During his career, Nat, who with his brother Lou ran a studio here, was seen at most major sports events including Grey Cup games, Queen's Plate races, Stanley Cup playoffs and world series games.

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Hungarian Signs With Rome Team

ROME (CP) — The Roma of Rome soccer team announced Thursday it has signed Josef Cibor, star left winger of the self-exiled Hungarian Honved team despite opposition from the International Soccer Federation.

A spokesman for Roma said Cibor has been hired on a "private contract" basis until it is possible to hire him "regularly" without the approval of the International or the Hungarian Soccer Federation.

That will be in January, 1958, after Cibor will have been abroad two years.

Awarded Trophy As Top Angler

FREDERICTON (CP)—William P. Munger of Far Hills, N. J., Thursday was named winner of a trophy presented annually to the angler netting the biggest salmon in a New Brunswick river.

Mr. Munger's catch, taken from the Ellis Pool on the Miramichi River Sept. 16, weighed 26 1/2 pounds. The trophy will be presented at a dinner meeting of the New Brunswick Fish and Hunt Outfitters' Association here Dec. 27.

Services announced their withdrawal from the Southern New Brunswick Senior Hockey League because of financial difficulties.

Joint Services joins Moncton Hawks on the sidelines. The Hawks threw in the towel 16 days ago because of financial trouble.

The joint services decision left Saint John, Fredericton and Sussex in the league which has been hampered by lack of support since it opened late in November.

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