

# Toronto Optimists at the 1966 Nationals

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The Toronto Optimists, by putting on a super performance, won their ninth straight Canadian National Jr. title at the Expo. in Montreal. This was a performance that would have beaten any top corps in the U. S. and was one of the greatest shows they ever performed in their 9 years of championship. The Optimists have one of the best concerts on the field ,and backed by a great drum line and a wonderful color guard that proved very popular in the states.

Everyone is eagerly waiting for the return of the great "Green Machine" from Toronto, Ont. The highlight of the season was their victory over the Chicago Royal Airs; and the New York State champions, Mighty St. Joe's of Batavia, N. Y.

Looking ahead into '67 this corps will be greater than ever proving it against Top American and Canadian Corps. Canada certainly can be proud of the Toronto Optimists to represent them as their Canadian National Jr. Champs in its Centennial year. We salute you Optimists and wish you the best of luck in your quest for the tenth straight title.