

Steve Van Fleet receives Miami freshman award

Steve Van Fleet's first year at Miami University in Oxford Ohio was full of surprises, but the biggest and most pleasant surprise came to the Miami U. track coaches, when the powerfully-built Acton High graduate out-dueled some of America's best young javelin throwers.

Freshman track and field athlete of the year was the award Steve received, after he knocked off experienced hurlers like Danny Martin of Tennessee and broke the school record with a throw of 227 feet, while placing third at an AAU meet at Chicago's Soldiers' Field.

"There were 35,000 fans there. It sure felt good climbing up on the podium in front of all those people to accept the trophy," Steve recalls.

Third prize in the event took on added prominence since the 298 foot throw of winner Jim Coulson of Kansas State was just 13 feet shy of the world record.

Two firsts

Leading up to the record breaker were first place finishes in a meet with Ohio U. and at the

Ball St. relays and a second against Bowling Green. A torn muscle prevented Steve from competing in the Mid-American Conference championships.

Training for these meets had to be fitted into a busy day that included a full schedule of classes, study time and a part time job. Steve completed the first two quarters of his chemical engineering course with a brilliant 4.0 average, well above the 2.0 mark Miami requires students to maintain to stay in athletic competition.

"Both academically and athletically it was a tough first year," Steve says. "Miami sure destroys the myth about American universities. It's an accredited university. It's not as easy as a lot of people would think."

Looks ahead

In spite of the tough grind, Steve is looking forward to September 24 when he returns to Miami to begin his third quarter. The school has hired a new javelin coach, former AAU medalist Bill Schmidt who is

bound to help Miami prospects improve their athletic skills. A new sports complex on campus will also allow Steve to throw indoors during the winter.

To stay in condition Steve has been weightlifting three nights a week at the University of Guelph, running three to five miles one night a week and throwing and sprinting two nights during the summer. His competition has been limited however, in order to allow himself a rest before the college season begins. He will compete in the Ontario Seniors' championship in Ottawa this weekend for the newly-formed North Halton Harriers' club and will try the decathlon event at a meet in Dayton Ohio at the end of August.

While college competition and schooling are foremost in his mind now, Steve has his sights set on representing Canada in the 1976 Olympics. He hopes to be throwing in the neighborhood of the 270 foot mark by then. Andre Claude, last year's top Canadian reached the 264 foot mark.

"I'm looking forward to a good

season. I think I can go 240 this year, be up in the 250-260 area in another two years and with proper coaching be hitting 270 by 1976," Steve says.

The entire academic-athletic experience at Miami has been made possible by a \$25,000 four year grant in aid scholarship the university offered Steve after he graduated from Acton High.

"There's no way I would have passed up an opportunity like this," he says. "Scholarships are a once in a lifetime happening. I feel Canada is losing a lot of good athletes by not offering athletic scholarships."

A bonus incapable of being valued entered the picture when Steve met Beth Lisy, an education student and daughter of the Mayor of Maple Heights, a suburb of Cleveland. Steve and Beth became engaged this spring and will be married following final examinations next June.

For the summer Steve is working at Donlar Pine Papers in Georgetown and living at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bern Van Fleet, 35 Nelson Court.



STEVE Van Fleet with the plaque he won as Miami U.'s outstanding freshman track and field athlete and the trophy he won at an AAU meet in Chicago, when he broke the school javelin record with a throw of 227 feet. (D. Gibbons photo)

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 4 Stacy C.—L. Dixon
 5 Big Beaver—M. Hebert
 7 Prince Henry—C. Lawson
 8 Arwana Avanti—R. Given
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 4 MUDLILY—C. Lockhart
 5 ARMBRO JUTE—W. Oke
 8 MAX WYNWOOD—C. Lawson
 1 Laura Way Sultan—L. Swathfield
 2 Chatham Chip—R. Hill Jr.
 3 Select Freight—A. Hoffman
 6 Allan Wilmae—J. Skrich
 7 Mr. Gosl—W. Troy
 AE—Noral Royal—B. Davies
- THIRD RACE—1 mile pace—\$400
 4 WIL LOR BUTCH—R. Lackie
 3 LISA BELLE—B. Davies
 3 PORTAGE ANN—C. Lawson
 1 Chappy's Jane—R. Lawson
 2 Masquerader's Boy—A. Bastarache
 6 Myer's Creed—A. Hamilton
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 4 Yankee Alpi—G. Zak
 7 Gay Lynn Frost—E. Langan
 8 Tracy Beau—J. Dolding
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 3 FRIGID YANKEE—B. Davies
 1 RICKY'S PRIDE—A. Nickle
 5 CLAYBROOK KELLY—C. Lawson
- 2 Flyer Gal—A. Nichols
 4 Hugh's Hat—H. McLean
 6 Countess Rosa—R. Colvin
 7 Lady R. Express—O. Gibbons
 8 Bradley Gilroy—M. Corbett
- SIXTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$500
 2 JEANNEE CAPEL—C. Lawson
 3 ESTHER B. SOO—W. Troy
 6 BLOSSOM VAN—J. Redpath
 1 Lady Check—R. Hutton
 4 Abigailie Herber—R. Given
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 7 Argyle April—B. Fritz
 8 Raybro Ethel—E. Spurr
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 3 WEE CHELLE—C. Lockhart
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 1 Scott Meadow—E. Spurr
 2 Overdue Lou—J. Thompson
 4 Direct Valor—J. Redpath
 7 Little Hawthorn—G. Kingston
- EIGHTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$500
 3 SPRING CHIVVAIN—G. Larush
 8 DUCHESS DEAN ACE—L. Brown
 5 TOM BEAU AVE—R. Troy
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 2 Gentry Queen—R. Colvin
 3 Gentry Spirit—S. McKay
 6 Lady Hilda—K. Strain
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 7 PEREZ HANOVER—E. Arsenault
 1 Harper—C. Lawson
 2 Marchway—D. Shadlock
 4 Celerina—J. Kopas Jr.
 6 Nola's Girl—E. Butler
- TENTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$2500
 5 POPULAR BRAD—B. Fritz
 8 HOH RON HAL—C. Gagnon
 1 JOHNNY—C. Larush
 1 Amber Lud—M. Galbraith
 2 Wynsocky—W. Troy
 3 Mr. Grump—G. Kingston

Minor Soccer

by John Toebes
House League Action

Rockwood and Tornados fought to a 2-2 draw in a squirt division game. Mike Hudson scored two goals for Rockwood and Danny Gibson and Scott Allonby connected on one each for Tornados.

Also in the squirt division Angels and Tigers played to a scoreless draw.

In the atom division, all-stars won 2-1 in a close game over Centennials. Ricky Allan scored both all-star goals. John Semenek played an excellent game for the all-stars.

At Rockwood school Rangers defeated Rockwood 5-1. The improved Dynamoes won their mosquito division game over the Phantoms.

House League Standings

MOSQUITO-PEEWEE (July 24)

Team	G	W	L	T	PTS
Raiders	12	9	2	1	19
Dynamoes	12	6	4	2	14
Phantoms	12	6	6	0	12
Rockwood	12	5	6	1	11
Stars	12	2	10	0	4

ATOM

Team	G	W	L	T	PTS
Bombers	11	8	3	0	16
All-stars	12	6	1	4	16
Centennials	11	6	4	1	13
Rangers	12	4	6	2	10
Rockwood	11	2	8	1	5

SQUIRT (Aug. 1)

Team	G	W	L	T	PTS
Rockwood	11	6	2	3	15
Angels	10	3	3	4	10
Tigers	10	2	3	5	9
Tornados	9	1	4	4	6

Malton midgets best Rotarians

Acton Rotary midgets went down to a 9-4 defeat at the hands of Malton, league leaders in the Central minor lacrosse midget "B" league in Malton Thursday night.

John McAdam netted a pair of Acton goals. Ron Moore and Ron Turkosz tallied singles. Moore also earned an assist.

Rotarians, who now have an overall record of five wins and eight losses play host to Sparta A.C. of St. Catharines at the community centre tomorrow (Thursday) night.

Coach Bruce Sears is awaiting word from league officials about OMLA playoffs. It is understood the top four teams in won-lost percentage will enter the playoffs. Although exact standings are not available, coach Sears feels his team should be in



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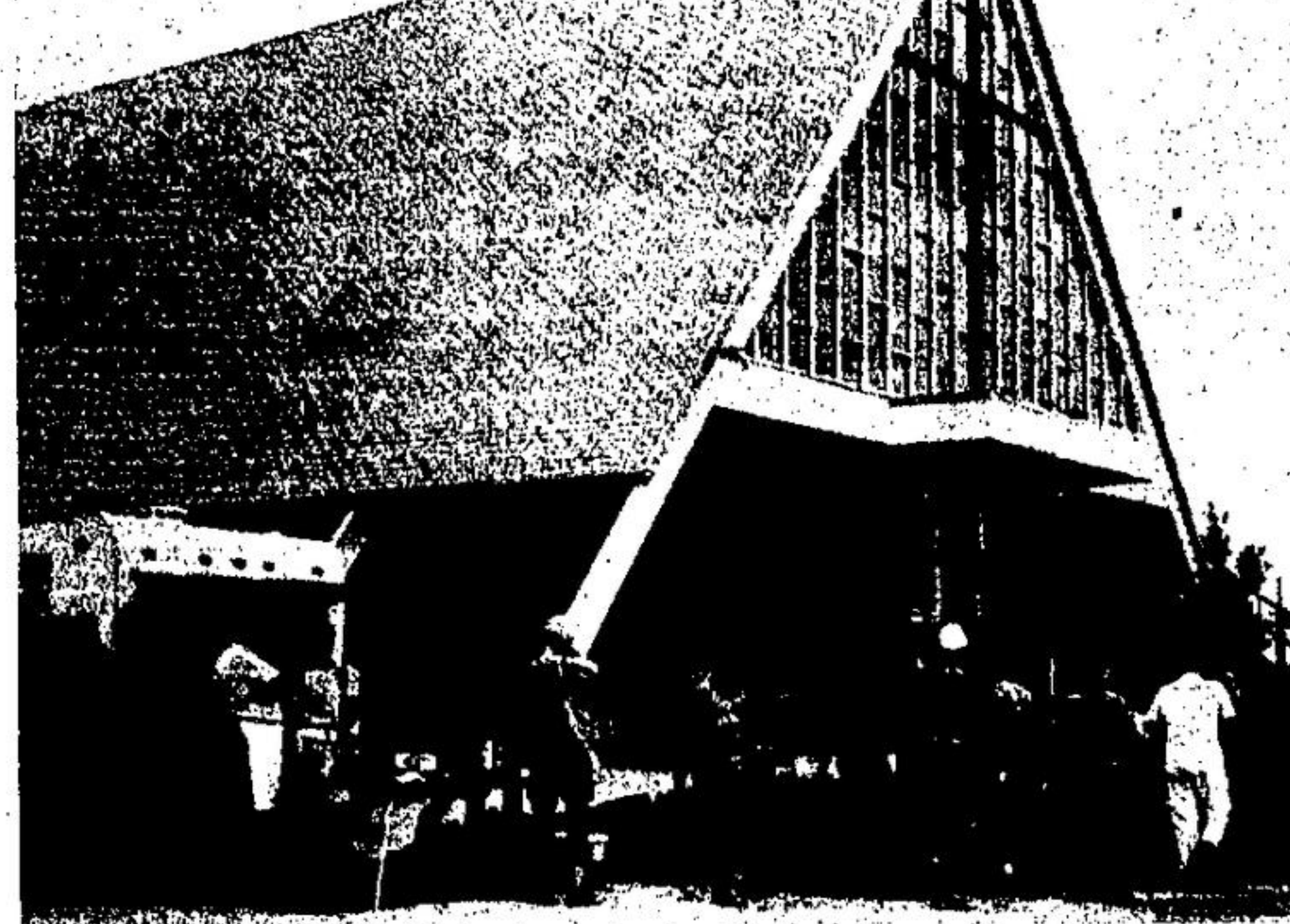
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YOU'RE OUT! Umpire George Wheeler of Hillsburgh makes the call for the final out of Thursday night's intercounty fast-ball league game in Rockwood. Belwood first sacker Bob McCulloch hurls in the throw just in time to beat Rockwood runner John Salmon. (D. Gibbons photo)



LINED UP for lunch outside Acton Christian Reformed Church Friday afternoon were 51 cyclists peddling from Quebec City to Michigan. The group included only 2 from Ontario with over nine American states represented in the entourage. (D. Pink photo)

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Tonelli hurls well but suffers defeat

Campbellville lost their third game in a row last Saturday night in Waterdown as Alan Baynton tested itay Tonelli in a tight pitcher's duel. It was a tough loss for Tonelli who allowed only three singles in the game. The final score was 3-1.

Baynton was in serious trouble only in the first inning. Peter Andrews led off with a single, advanced to second on a passed ball, and to third on Don Hearn's infield hit. He scored what proved to be Campbellville's only run when the Waterdown second baseman booted Wade Bekar's ground ball.

Then George Chester drew a walk to load the bases with none out and one run already in. However Baynton struck out two of the next three batters, and got the third man to pop to first. Baynton never again allowed more than one base runner in an inning and gave up only six hits altogether. He also struck out 10 men in the seven inning contest.

Rad throw

Waterdown scored all the runs they needed in their half of the third inning. With one out, Alan Baynton walked and went to second when Andrews' pick off attempt sailed into right field. He went to third on Terry Brush's

HALTON SENIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	GBL
Dundas	16	6	—
Oakville	15	9	2
Leaside	13	8	2 1/2
Burlington	14	9	2 1/2
Campbellville	14	10	3
Mississauga	11	12	5 1/2
Waterdown	5	19	12
Cambridge	4	19	12 1/2

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